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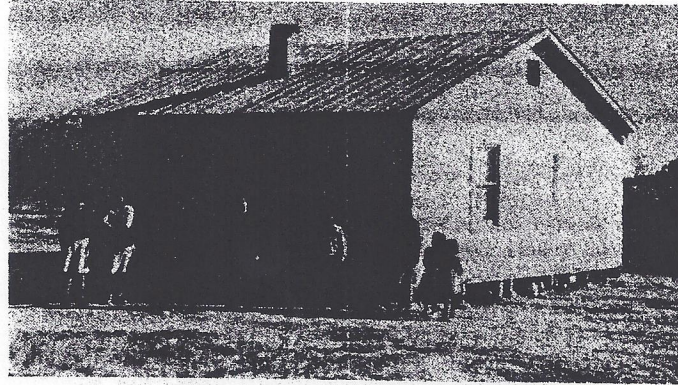
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MARICOPA MISSION SCHOOL

Some nineteen months have passed since Mrs. Stahl and I connected with the Maricopa Indian Mission School. While our major responsibility is teaching, we also endeavor to promote the general interest of the Message on the entire Reservation. We appreciate the conferences having furnished funds to build a modest mission home, thus enabling us to gain the confidence of the Indians by living among them.

tested every inch of the way and has staged that there would be no school today because we would be attending a meeting in Phoenix, one girl who has been a real trial to us, came to Mrs. Stahl and said, "Why couldn't we have had our prayer bands this morning so we wouldn't miss any?" When I heard that, I thanked God, and took courage.

In closing, I wish to say that Satan has not been asleep in our field. He has con-



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Our first contact with our Indian friends convinced us that a wave of discouragement had swept over the members. Having been without a missionary for some time, they seemed to be in the "Slough of Despond." But at such times the ambassadors for Christ must move forward by faith. At present I am happy to report our present membership is 27. While a few have lost their way, the Spirit of God has impressed others who are now regularly attending Sabbath services.

Although the financial aspect is not the sole criterion of Christian growth, a liberal offering does show the heart's love for the Master. The Sabbath School offerings for the past year and a half have totaled \$192.85, and with Harvest Ingathering offerings of \$27.04, makes a total for the year and a half of \$219.89.

The present enrollment of our mission school is 17, with prospects for more. Several children on the reservation have expressed their desire to be with us next year. While there have been many problems and heartaches, a good spirit prevails, and every child in the school seems almost as dear to us as our own. Just last week during our Wednesday prayer bands I asked the boys what they thought we ought to pray for and one response was "I think we ought to pray for a new school house." And just yesterday morning when it was learned

many counter attacks. But, thanks be to God, our Captain has never lost a battle nor given a needless or blundering command, and has never ordered a retreat. The Indian work has barely been touched with the tips of our fingers as yet. I do not believe it will ever be self-supporting. But shall we recoil from it on that ground? Perhaps our Saviour was looking clear into the twentieth century in North America when He said, "The poor always ye have with you."
—IRA F. STAHL, Teacher

We are sure our readers will be interested in the above good report. This little mission school is soon to close its fourth year, and it has been a success from the start as measured by the usual experiences in the Indian mission work. We all greatly appreciate the loyal support given both this and the Navaho mission school in Northern Arizona by the Union Conference brethren. These problems are too large for small local conferences to carry. Missions of other denominations in the field are sponsored by national organizations, and it is with such strong organizations that our work is obliged to compete.

Our special need now is for a consecrated teacher to take Brother Stahl's place in the Maricopa Mission School, for we need his assistance in the evangelical and medical part of our Indian mission program among the many unwarned tribes of Southern and Central Arizona. We must not leave Brother Stahl's statement to go unchallenged when he says, "The Indian work has barely been touched with the tips of our fingers as yet," for the Message must go to all, and one lone man in so large a field is not sufficient for the job. Brethren, pray for this needy field.
—EDITOR

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