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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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Our Canvassers.

Columbus, O., March 1, 1902.

Dear Welcome Visitor—Our institute closed Feb. 20. The blessing of God was with us. We now have some classes at night to study "Christ's Object Lessons" and canvass during the day. Several of the brethren started out last week to canvass for "Christ's Lessons" and as far as I have been able to learn forty-five or fifty books were sold and perhaps more. I can assure you that we had a spiritual prayer meeting last Wednesday evening. What a breath of life was brought in the meeting. Those who have had the experience know what a blessing there is in this work. There is still "honey in the rock" if we will go at it in a way to find it. I went to the German ministers in the city, but it seemed that I could not get hold of the work right, for every step I took I met with unbelief and opposition. I went to the Lord in prayer. I would waken in the night and pray. I remembered the statement in "Manual for Canvassers," "Humble fervent prayer will do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishment of the world." I carried out the instruction and success was mine. I now get hold of a different class of people. The last minister I went to gave me a recommendation card. It is not best to give up. The Lord will help when He sees that we are in earnest. At first I had a task to get into the houses, but with the help of the Lord I found a plan that works well for me. I tell the people that I am working in the interest of a Christian Educational work and that I have a plan that I would like to lay before them in a few words. It makes them smile and they let me in. I then tell them about the book and they soon get interested. It is one of the easiest books to sell that

I have ever canvassed for, that is, if you can get in the home.

I have seen the tears roll down their cheeks when I have read to them about the prodigal son. Oh the blessing that has come to me in this work, I wish I could tell, but time and space will not permit. May each one go out and find honey in the rock. I believe that I can truly say that the past week has been the best that I have ever experienced.

Yours in the work,

G. P. GAEBDE.

South Brooklyn, O., March 1, '02.

Dear Visitor—While at the institute at Columbus we all faithfully promised to let you know of our whereabouts and our success in the work, so I will now write a few lines. First I must say that we were all greatly blessed at the institute. We learned of the way which the Lord would have us go. Daily we studied the precious thoughts given in "Christ's Object Lessons," drinking in the very essence of life until it become a part of us. While we were there studying the word of God and preparing for the work before us, we received the Spirit of God in great measure. Especially Monday morning, Feb. 17, when Elder Haughey, as it were, gave the solemn charge and in all earnestness asked the Lord to guide and bless us all. We all felt richly repaid for the time spent at the institute. Now I am fully trusting in the Lord for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." I ask Him to go before me and prepare the minds of the people and to lead me in this work. Every time I sell a book I give God the glory. I have many blessed experiences. One I will relate. One lady told me as soon as she saw the book that she had no use for that kind of reading, and that she did not believe many passages in the Bible, and that God was unjust and gave some of her reasons. I told her that she did not understand the plan of salvation and the love of God. I read some of the

Portage, Ohio.

Dear Editor—I am a girl of thirteen years, and I here mail you a poem (composed by myself) to be printed in the "Welcome Visitor." I never wrote any poetry before, so it takes a great while to think of a very large one. If you print this one small poem it will help a little. I go to school.

I remain, Yours in Christ,

E. E. SHINEW.

P. S.—Ma takes your little paper. It is a "Welcome Visitor" at our home.

THE SABBATH.

There is a Sabbath
That is holy and blest,
God made this day
To be the day of rest.
The Sabbath is not known
By all the people of this wide earth,
For when told of this holy day
They receive the message with great mirth.

So let the message be spread,
About this precious day,
And the Lord will come
Without delay.

—E. E. Shinew.

(We give the Visitor readers the benefit of this letter and poem, for we want them to enjoy it with us.—Ed.)



"Men and women are wandering in the mist and fog of error. They want to know what is the truth. Tell them; not in high-flown language, but with simplicity of children of God."

"The heart of God yearns over His earthly children stronger than death. In giving up His son, He poured out to us all heaven in one gift."

THE WELCOME VISITOR.

beautiful passages that are found in the book, and explained some the passages that she referred to. She then invited me in. I talked to her nearly one hour. The Spirit of God worked upon her heart in such a measure that tears came to her eyes. Said she had never had any one to explain the Bible to her so fully, and expressed the desire to know more.

Last week I took ten orders for Christ's Object Lessons, amounting to \$12.50. I pray that the Lord may guide and bless every worker that effectual work may be done in His cause.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

We quote the following extract from a letter written to A. G. Haughey: "Our church has not taken up the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' as it should. When I read your letter to the brethren I told them that I thought Elder Haughey had given us a gentle hint to go to work for ourselves. I am sure that is what we need. I have not done this work as I should, for I thought that I did not have time. I have been trying to get orders for the 'Life Boat.' I went out one afternoon and thought that I would canvass for the 'Life Boat.' I took 'Christ's Object Lessons' with me not expecting to canvass for it. I canvassed about one hour, made 4 calls, took three orders for 'Object Lessons' and none for the 'Life Boat.' I thought, 'I guess this is what the Lord wants me to do.' I hope that each one of our little company will take up this work."

Columbus, Ohio.

Some time ago I sold my quota of Christ's Object Lessons and then dropped the matter, thinking that my part was done and that the Lord was waiting on others to do their part. But since our good canvassers' institute I have decided to again canvass for Christ's Object Lessons and to work until the work is completed, our schools out of debt and then we can all sing the "Song of Jubilee" together. I have recently sold three books and taken orders for twelve. I would like to sell this number each week. I find that Christ's Object Lessons brings the Spirit of the Lord into the homes of the people and that there is no difficulty in appointing Bible readings with those to whom the book is sold, or from where or-

ders are taken. The work of the Lord is onward and all have a part in it. Let us work as well as watch and pray.

IDA M. WALTERS.

To the Readers of the Welcome Visitor—While at Columbus we agreed to furnish an item relative to our work. I can say that the Lord will co-operate with us in our work. I find that our part of the work is to do the walking and talking and the Lord will sell the book. Brethren, let us go forward.

J. O. MILLER.

Cambridge, O., Feb. 28, '02.

We have visited many of the ministers and have found most of them much interested in our work. We find the people quite favorable to our work. We think that we have a good beginning toward placing many of our books in this place. We find the people starving for the truth which we are able to give them by selling them the books. Surely the angels of God have been here to soften the stony hearts. We are of good courage, have many evidences of the leading hand of God.

O. T. REDFIELD.

We are of good courage in the Lord. He is blessing us in our new field. We have no discouraging report to send. We are in the "forward movement" and by the help of the Lord we mean to be found at the front.

F. H. HENDERSON,
Cambridge, O.

We quote the following extract from a letter written by Sister Retta Weatherby: "The Visitor is welcome at our fireside. I often regret that we do not get reports from our old Ohio canvassers in its pages. Are they all dead or have they just dropped out of the canvassing work? My next birthday I shall be sixty years of age; so I expect that my canvassing days are about ended; but I watch with interest the younger brothers and sisters who have entered this branch of the work in Ohio. I do hope and pray that there may be a revival of the canvassing work in Ohio."

TO ALL CONCERNED.

It seems that the idea is prevalent that the Ohio Tract Society does not

handle the "Good Health Publications." Where or how this idea originated we do not know. However, we wish to inform all the brethren in Ohio that we DO handle the "Health Books." While we do not have a large stock at present, but will order them for all who wish to canvass for them. We must have two weeks' notice in order for the canvassers to receive them in time.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

M. C. Kirkendall—Orders, 10 Christ's Object Lessons, 10 Steps to Christ. Value, \$17.

G. P. Gaede—Orders, 22 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 4 Gospel Primer, 1 Coming King, 4 Glorious Appearing, 2 The Stomach, 1 Every Day Dishes. Value, \$34.80. Delivered, 1 Christ's Object Lessons. J

F. E. Wagner—15 orders. Value, \$15.00.

Mary Hubble—Orders, 5 Christ's Object Lessons, 3 Great Controversy, 4 Coming King. Value, \$19.25.

Mrs. C. Bush—15 Christ's Object Lessons, 4 Steps to Christ, 2 Sunbeams. Value, \$22.75. Deliveries, 1 Christ's Object Lessons, \$1.25. Total, \$24.00.

John P. Gaede—Orders, 10 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$12.50.

C. L. Wilson—Orders, 11 Coming King, 5 Best Stories. Value, \$12.25. Value of deliveries, \$17.08.

E. S. Opdyke—Orders, 3 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Ladies' Guide, 4 Bible Readings for H. C., 1 Subscription for Good Health. Sold 9 copies of Good Health. Value, \$15.90.

Carrie English—5 orders. Value, \$4.50.

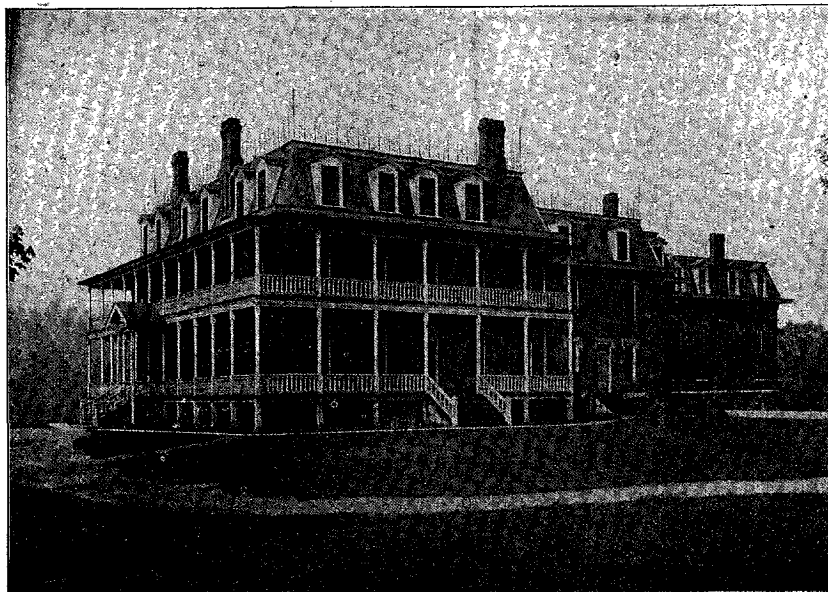
J. O. Miller in two and one-half days took 13 orders for Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$16.25.

C. C. Webster—Orders, 18 Christ's Object Lessons, 6 Steps to Christ. Value, \$25.50.

Fred C. Webster—Orders, 17 Christ's Object Lessons, 4 Steps to Christ. Value, \$23.25.



"God desires His people to be vitalized for work as they have never been before, for their good and for the upbuilding of His cause. Ministering angels will be round about the workers."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

THE SALE OF CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS DEVELOPS CANVASSERS.

When the plan to have our church members everywhere take hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons was first inaugurated, we firmly believed that the work would not only prove a sweet blessing to all those who engaged in it; but that it would eliminate the bitterness between brother and sister, and bring unity and peace into our churches, but that it would also inspire our people with a love for the work of placing our publications in the hands of their friends and neighbors.

We are glad to learn that our expectations concerning this phase of Christ's Object Lessons work are being met at the present time in Oklahoma territory, and that a canvassers' institute is being held there with an attendance of forty-five persons, who are preparing themselves to go forth to sell our regular publications. Elder Rupert, the president of the conference, in a recent letter states that these people have received their love for the canvassing work and desire to go into it from having taken hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons; and then he adds: "Our whole conference seems to be on a boom in the book business at present."

Many times have we been told by the Spirit of Prophecy that the plan for Christ's Object Lessons was given by God himself. Not only did God give the plan, but when He gave

it He told us what the result would be. We are reaping the first fruits of this blessed work and the joy of the experience is welling up in many thankful hearts. The hearts of humble brethren and sisters who have gained an experience in selling these books are going forth in praises to God for what He has wrought. The hearts of some of the managers of our publishing houses and the presidents of our conferences are also making melody to the Lord, as they see this work raising up strong men and women to carry our other publications to the world.

We must all join in returning thanks to our Heavenly Father who has stirred our hearts to do this work in the words of two ancient prophets: "This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts: He is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in work. Behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm. There is nothing too hard for thee. Thou showest loving kindness unto thousands and recompenseth the iniquity of the fathers in the bosom of their children after them. The Great, the Mighty God and Lord of Hosts is His name. Great in counsel and mighty in work."

PERCY T. MAGAN.



"Instead of becoming like the world, are to become more and more distinct from the world."

"God does not require us to give up anything that is for our best interest to retain."

Tidings From the Field.

Waterford Church, Knox County, Ohio, March 3, 1902.

It is truly marvelous to note what the Lord is willing to do for us, if we will only trust Him. For some time our little church has seemed like a dry tree forsaken and forgotten. We have been praying the Lord to remember us and send some one (filled with His spirit) to present the message to this people. Some have heard the message over and over again, but to a large number it is something new. We are pleased to say that the Lord has heard and answered our prayers, and sent us showers of blessings so great that there was not room enough to receive the people that came to hear the message. We not only invited, but urged Elder L. C. Sheafe to come and spend as much time with us as possible. At the second meeting it was apparent that our church (which will seat one hundred and fifty persons) would not accommodate the people. Those not of our faith said that they would pay for the hall if we would hold the meetings there, so we accepted the offer. We could seat between two and three hundred people in the hall. The Lord added His blessing. The people came from all quarters. Some came as far as fifteen miles. The attendance was large. The last Sunday night many went away for the lack of standing room. The Lord was with Elder Sheafe in speaking and singing. Two sisters took their stand and others are almost persuaded. We have never seen a deeper spiritual interest in our town. And not only in our town but from different towns around us, the urgent call is, "come over and help us." The message was presented in a clear and powerful manner, and although this place is considered one of the worst in the state, every one present gave good attention. We feel to take courage. The meetings has revived our hearts, healed wounds, opened hearts and doors of the people, and awakened sinners in and out of Zion. But the work is not finished, it is only begun. If some good consecrated Bible worker would come into this place we feel that much good could be accomplished. In the past our church has been a strong church.

It has sent out five ministers and several other workers. To God be all the praise. He has been with us in the past, and is with us now, and will be with us in the future. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

GEORGE A. CEMER.

353 Johnson Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Please ask through the columns of the Visitor for clean late copies of the "Signs." I need them very much in my hospital work. If those who have the Signs realized how much they would be appreciated by those who are sick and helpless they would be glad to take a little extra trouble. It is a long walk but I feel repaid for going by the words of gratitude of one person. The Saviour said, "In as much as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." A missionary band here called the "Sunshine Band" are quite anxious to have me join them. They offer the daily paper, but that is of no use to one who needs the word of Life. Their idea of missionary work is to amuse the people. The Lord is blessing the work here. Your sister in Christ.

JESSIE B. MAYBERRY.



OBITUARY.

RHONEMUS.—Jane M. Rhonemus, wife of Elwood Rhonemus, was born near Wilmington, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1857, died Feb. 23, 1902. Sister Rhonemus united with the Friends' church at the age of thirteen. Her life was that of a devoted Christian. June 18, 1899, she was baptized and united with the S. D. A. church in Dayton, Ohio. She was faithful until death. Her aged mother, three brothers and one sister, together with her husband and five children are left to mourn their loss. The "Blessed Hope" of the resurrection and eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus was held up as the one hope, the one faith to all who will accept it.—Text. 1 Cor. 15:22, 23.

ELDER J. G. WOOD.



"Let our institutions make every effort to free themselves from debt. Let every family arouse. Let the ministers of our churches and the presidents of our conferences awaken. Then He will tell you what to do next."

"Ask and ye shall receive."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"While the work of the Spirit is silent and imperceptible, its effects are manifest."

The Review and Herald Publishing Co. recently shipped 2,000 copies of Christ's Object Lessons to Indiana.

"Manual for Home and Church Schools" is a book that should be every home. Prices, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents.

The Oklahoma Conference, with a membership of 1,300, in two weeks have sold 2,300 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons."

The answers to the questions on Sabbath-school work for March will be found in "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," pages 62-66.

The "Review and Herald" should visit every Seventh Day Adventist family in Ohio. Does it visit your home? We do not want you left out of the "Forward Movement."

The prayer meeting at the Mt. Vernon church Wednesday evening, March 5, was one of interest. Some of the brethren had been canvassing for Object Lessons. You know the rest.

The Ohio Tract Society received 1,000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" last week." We hope that the orders will come in rapidly so we can ship them out and make room for another lot.

Do not fail to read the letter from Sister Mayberry. We trust that you will comply with her request. It is much better to give away our papers after we read them to leave them on the shelves to be in the way and collect the dust.

"Will you please send me a statement of my account? I owe a few dollars on 'Object Lessons.' I want to straighten things up and get some more books and pay cash, as this is the best way to do business." We are glad to see that our brethren are getting hold of Bible business principles.—Rom. 12:11, 13:8.

A sister at Holton, Mich., who has been on crutches for some time and in feeble health was impressed that she ought to enter the canvassing work. She thought she could not because of her condition, but the impression was so strong that she said, "Lord, if you will heal me I will go." The Lord answered her prayer.—Field Echoes.

TITHE REPORT.

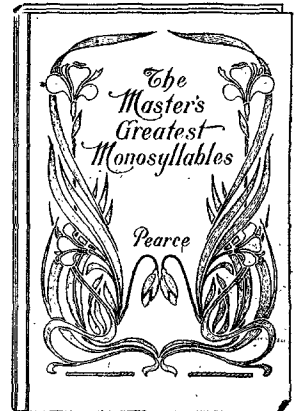
Tithes received during month of February, 1902:

Bowling Green	\$ 95.33
Bellville	13.25
Camden	32.10
Cincinnati	101.81
Canton	18.11
Columbus	152.72
Cleveland	134.14
Delaware	10.00
Dayton	54.59
Elgin	74.60
Fairfield	40.64
Findlay	34.80
Geneva	35.00
Greenspring	8.00
Grand River	6.50
Laura	2.88
Marion	46.49
Meigs	4.35
Mt. Vernon	69.33
Marshfield	2.75
Newark	23.27
New Antioch	14.00
Nashville	11.00
Spencer	34.84
Springfield	19.74
Toledo	24.31
Wilmington	6.77
Wheelersburg	5.00
Isolated Sabbath-keepers ..	11.35

Total \$1,097.59

BESSIE E. RUSSELL,

Treasurer.



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