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AN HOUR WITH THEE

My heart is tired, so tired to-night—
How endless seems the strife!
Day after day the restlessness
Of all this weary life;
I come to lay the burden down
That so oppresseth me,
And shutting all the world without,
To spend an hour with thee,
Dear Lord, to spend an hour with thee.

I would forget a little while
The bitterness of fears,
The anxious thoughts that crowd my life,
The buried hopes of years;
Forget that mortal's weary toil
My patient care must be,
A tired child, I come to-night
To spend an hour with thee,
Dear Lord, to spend an hour with thee.

A foolish, wayward child I know—
So often wandering:
A weak, complaining child—but O,
Forgive my murmuring,
And fold me to thy breast,
Thou who hast died for me,
And let me feel 'tis peace to rest
A little hour with thee,
Dear Lord, one little hour with thee.

—*The British Weekly.*

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Are the watchmen giving the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds caring for the flock as those who must give an account? Are the ministers of God watching for souls, recognizing in them the purchase of the blood of Christ?

Too often in the past our people have had much sermonizing and little prayerful instruction in how to labor for others. The different lines of labor in which believers can engage have not been laid before them in such a way that they have been led to understand their duty, and been constrained to take up their work. Had the work that has been done in our churches met the needs of believers, a company of self-denying workers would have been raised up in every place where churches have been established to work for unbelievers.

Church members need to be taught that the measure of their success in

ministering to souls will be the measure of their self-denial and their faithfulness in following Christ's example. Those who, while claiming to be Christians, think they have no church responsibility but to sit and listen to the preaching, fail of realizing the privileges of the children of God. What can be said to the idlers, that will lead them to understand, and arouse from their do-nothing position! Oh, that Zion would arouse and put on her beautiful garments! Brethren and sisters, as members of the church, let us act our part faithfully. Let us not allow the light that is in us to go out because we refuse to give that light to others.

God has given to every man his work; no one is excused from service. All should seek for an education that will enable them to give the truth of the gospel to their fellow men. Every agency in the church should become a channel of light to the world. There are many who will receive the evidences given, and will accept the truth. The youth are to take hold of this work of soul-saving. All our talents are to be used to the glory of God. I saw One standing with outstretched arms, saying in a clear, ringing voice, Come into line, come into line.

Ministers, do not think that you have met all your responsibility when you have delivered a long sermon in the church. It is your duty to train young men and women to do work for the Master. The Lord calls you to put forth all your ingenuity, that every church member may become a working member. Even the children should be encouraged to work. The children, the youth, and those of middle age should be taught to labor in missionary lines. Then call upon them in the missionary meeting to report what they have done and to tell of their success. The missionary meeting should be full of interest and life. "Ye are the light of the world," said Christ. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Those who heed the light God has given, line upon line and precept upon precept, will be endowed with the Spirit of God for their labors. Heavenly influences will go with them to help them meet the emergencies that will arise in their work. If church

members will work, and watch, and pray, they will have light to comprehend and appreciate the work to be done for this time.

Will the ministers and the presidents of our conferences allow church members to continue in their inefficient condition? Those who stand as overseers of the church of God need to arouse to their duty, and set souls to work. There is an abundance of work to be done, and the end is near. God calls upon the ministers to educate the people in various lines of labor, and set in order the things that remain. Ye are laborers together with God. My ministering brethren, angels of God will be with you as you thus become mediums of strength and blessing to uphold and encourage the church of God.

We are certainly living in the closing days of this earth's history. We need to devote much time to our spiritual interests, if we would experience the spiritual growth that is essential in this age. We are to make decided reforms. The voice said: The watchmen need to awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. The morning cometh; and also the night. Wake up, my watchmen. Voices that should now be heard presenting the truth, are silent. Souls are perishing in their sins, and ministers and physicians and teachers are asleep. Wake up the watchmen!!

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

SUNDAY AND LIBERTY

Rockport, Dec. 28.—Mr. H. F. Staple, editor and publisher of the *Atchison County Mail*, a member of the last legislature, and recently mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination as governor, has given vigorous expression as to his views on the recent agitation for the closing of theaters on Sunday. In a letter to Hon. Colin M. Selph, of St. Louis, declining an invitation to attend the annual holiday entertainment of the Democratic club of that city, he says:—

"One thing I have on my mind and which I have wished to express myself upon is this: Why should so well-learned and good a man as our Democratic judge at Kansas City forbid the people's going out to baseball games

or theaters on Sunday afternoon, or from going to parks or to other sports, or keeping druggists from disposing of cigars, ice cream, etc., on Sunday? Is there any law in this State forbidding these small privileges and enjoyment to our people? If so, why did the would-be reformers have a bill introduced in the last legislature of this State asking for the abolishment of Sunday theaters or sports of any kind?

"I had the honor of being upon the committee of criminal jurisprudence, and when that bill came before us (in the last Missouri legislature) I made a motion that the committee recommend that the bill do not pass, and the motion was seconded by a good man from your city. The committee almost unanimously turned down the bill and it suffered the same fate when it came up in the house, regardless of policies or politics.

"I hold that the freedom of the individual is limited only to the freedom of other individuals, and is sacred; and that the legislature can not equitably put further restrictions upon it, either by forbidding any action which the law of equal freedom permits, or taking away any property save that required to pay the cost of enforcing the law itself. I assent that the sole function of the State is the protection of persons against each other and against a foreign foe. That, as throughout civilization, the manifest tendency has been to continually extend the liberties of the subject and restrict the functions of the State, there is reason to believe that the ultimate political condition must be one in which personal freedom is the greatest possible and the governmental power the least possible; that namely, in which the freedom of each has no limit, but the like freedom of all; while the sole governmental duty is the maintenance of this limit.

"If a law should be passed preventing people from enjoying themselves at innocent amusements on Sundays, so long as they did not interfere with the rights of others, we could not only be violating the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the State of Missouri, but that of the United States as well. The framers of these instruments, the greatest documents ever written, guaranteed to the people the greatest liberty consistent with public order, and it was their intention that all of our people should have a greater portion of liberty and freedom in the United States than anywhere else on the face of the earth."—*Workers' Bulletin*.

WATCH. WORK. PRAY

Our dear Saviour had been telling the disciples what was to happen to their beautiful temple, and they asked him this question, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" In Luke 21, after telling them of the terrible things which will come to pass, he urges them to "take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and the cares of this life, so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Then he gives further caution, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

The Saviour has gone to prepare a home for his people, and while he is away, are we working, watching, and praying for him as we should? He is preparing the beautiful city, the New Jerusalem. While his subjects are on this earth, he molds their characters, as they let him, to fit them for the beautiful place he is preparing for them. Are we letting him do this? When trials come to us do we glory in the tribulation? or do we fret and complain, and not learn the lesson?

We have been told that the work planned before the foundations of the earth were laid will be carried out. Are we developing the right character as we journey through this world? Are we watching, praying, and living the truth before others, and telling it to them that they may become children of God, and with us look for the blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

There are many precious souls who are glad to hear the Message, and God will hold us responsible if we fail to do our duty. Do we neglect to pray? Jesus says, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always." Do we remember at the throne of grace our workers in the foreign field, our home missions, ministers, Bible workers, and those who are hearing the truth for the first time? our brethren and sisters who may be in trial and temptation? And last but not least our young people, that they may be kept from the snares of these last days and prepared for service in the fields calling so loudly for workers? Let us pray also for the unconverted in our families, and for ourselves that we

may be kept faithful and true to principle, and our Lord and Master. Your sister in the truth,

MRS. CARRIE RANKIN.

Cleveland, O.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

A traveler overtaking another person in the road, said to him, "Well, my friend, I suppose we are going to the same place; but if we should both be going to the same heaven, it will be still better for us." The man, looking very earnestly at the traveler, replied: "Do you speak of going to heaven? Surely I am going nowhere else."

He meant that his thoughts were so fixed upon getting to heaven, that he scarcely thought of the earthly journey on which he was then engaged. He looked further on than to the town to which he was then going; just as the man who has a thousand miles to go from New York to New Orleans, does not say he is going to Philadelphia, or Baltimore, or Charleston, though all these places may be in his way; but he will say he is going to New Orleans, for that is the end of his journey, and he passes through the others to reach that city. So the Christian ought to keep heaven so much in view that his life in this world may seem to him but the journey to heaven. That is his home—there is his Saviour and his God. There he is to dwell, not as a pilgrim or a stranger, but as a son who has reached his father's house, never more to wander.

It is this disposition the Bible means when it speaks of looking not at the things which are seen, but at those which are unseen; of walking by faith, and not by sight; of having our conversation in heaven. It was this character that Abraham had, of whom the Bible says he sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And so of many other faithful saints it is said that they saw the promises of God afar off, and were so persuaded of them that they confessed that they were only pilgrims and strangers on the earth. And it is declared of all who have the same faith now, that they desire a better country, that is an heavenly, therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

Where are you going? Are your thoughts fixed upon this life? Or are they constantly going forward to heaven as the end of your journey? Stop and think.—*Youth's Friend*.

It is well to think well; it is divine to act well.—*Horace Mann*.

OVER IT ALL

Over it all—the care and the fret,
The mixture of joy and the sad regret,
The anxious thought and the burdened
heart,

The bitter loss and the cruel smart—
Over it all — this puzzling dream —
His glad love shines with holy beam

Over it all — the hope and the fear,
The struggle for right when wrong is
near,

The kind intent, tho' the words be
cold,

The prayer for patience and love's
sweet hold—

Over it all his justice lies
Unchanged by sudden or dark surprise,

Over it all — the day and the night —
The hours of dark, and the seasons of
light,

Mistakes and blunders and faults and
all

The pitiful cries from those who fall—
His kindness waits to help and bless
With a father's touch of tenderness,

—Selected.

EXTREMES

"In every important move, every decision gained by God's people, some have arisen to carry things to 'extremes.' This is especially true of the great health reform movement.

An extremist is one who, to support an extravagant position, will take an extreme view of certain statements or texts regardless of their context and the instruction on the subject found in other texts. We are taught to study line upon line, precept upon precept. To form our opinions after carefully weighing all the evidence.

There are great differences of opinion as to what constitutes an extremist in health reform. The reason for this is that we are prone to form opinions before we have learned God's description of one. It might be profitable for us to consider a few statements on the subject found in the "Testimonies." In volume 6, p. 374, we read that it is an extreme "to reduce the quantity and quality of food to a low standard." On page 373, we read that "some have limited themselves to a diet that cannot sustain them in health."

Unfortunately those who practice this extreme are prone to ride their hobbies at most inopportune times, often becoming stumbling blocks in the way of inquirers and those new in the truth.

On page 373 we have the other extreme presented—"intemperance in eating and drinking." While this is a characteristic of the people of the world, it ought not to be seen in Seventh-day Adventists. Temperance is the right use of things that are good and total abstinence from things that are harmful. God has definitely told

us that flesh foods, tea and coffee are harmful. Therefore it is intemperance—"the opposite extreme"—to use such things.

Between these two extremes are those who totally abstain from everything that God does not wish us to use, providing instead properly combined and prepared wholesome food in the right quantities to maintain health.

While it cannot be proved that one is an extremist who believes that it is wrong to indulge perverted appetite, the Lord has warned us that "clothed as an angel of light Satan will quote Scripture to justify temptations he places before men to indulge the appetite." "Life of Christ," No. 2, p. 72.

"Our habits of eating and drinking show whether we are of the world or among the number whom the Lord by his mighty cleaver of truth has separated from the world." "Testimonies," vol. 6, p. 372.

H. M. Jump.

THE BIBLE AS A DICTIONARY

We are constantly using words without giving a thought to their original meaning. The dictionary gives the common every-day meaning, but the Bible gives the Lord's meaning. An illustration of this is seen in the word *darling*, so common as a term of endearment. The dictionary defines *darling* as "one dearly beloved," but the real meaning of the Hebrew word as first used in the Bible is "*my only one*." The term is applied to Christ in the prophecies in the Psalms. Ps. 22:20; 35:17 [margin]. It is not a term to be applied to *every one*, but to the *only one* dearly beloved. Meat is another word that has become perverted from its original meaning. The dictionary defines meat as "flesh food," and that is the generally accepted meaning; but the original definition as given in Gen. 1:29, where the word is first used as fruits, grains and nuts. Meat, as originally used, meant food; because flesh has become almost a staple article of diet for the larger portion of the so-called Christian world, is no reason why the word, meat, should be limited to flesh food, when the original term did not include flesh.

If you wish to know the real meaning of any word or sentence used in the Bible, find the time it is first used and you will generally find a simple definition of the term either in the text itself or in the marginal reading.—*Bible Training-school.*

Ability involves responsibility.

CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING

"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

"For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants and to every man his work." These truths call for consecrated men and women. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." This fact emphasizes the need of church officers being thoroughly instructed, having a proper understanding of the relation they should sustain to the members of their church.

To meet this need the church officers of Districts 3 and 8 convened at Akron, March 27-29, and the words of appreciation, the happy faces, the spirit of unity, and the willingness to receive the straight testimonies, which pointed out mistakes as well as needs, bespoke a desire to walk in all the light and council which the Lord is pleased to send his people.

Several Conference laborers were in attendance. Elder Burkholder, being present, presided, and gave scriptural evidence that those who would triumph in the closing work would be in harmony with every phase of the Third Angel's Message, and that this harmony will cause God's people to stand shoulder to shoulder in the unity of the faith.

The Sabbath-school work, Young People's work, and Church Schools were considered in papers on each department by Sister Bessie E. Acton which, with the discussion which followed, expressed many good thoughts, and much timely instruction was given.

The subject of healthful living was presented by Dr. H. M. Jump who made strong appeals for the adoption of right principles by all our people, and especially should these be practiced and taught by all church officers.

The question box proved a very interesting feature, introducing a variety of subjects which gave opportunity for much practical instruction in local church work.

As a whole, the meetings were a grand success; and if those in attendance will convey with them the lessons taught, looking to God for his blessing and asking for the promised wisdom, their influence will be broadened, the work strengthened. "According to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the council of his own will; that we should be to the praise of his glory."

J. J. MARIETTA, *Church Elder.*

OUR WORK

Cincinnati

Dear VISITOR: It was my privilege with others from Cincinnati, to attend the good church officers' meeting held at Springfield, O., March 13-15.

From Springfield I went to Defiance, where I visited the company there and held nearly a week's meetings with them. This visit was a timely one, and also with good results. Friday night, March 20, we had a consecration meeting. The Spirit of the Lord came into our midst and wrongs were confessed and made right. Once more the members became a unit in Christ, and thus were prepared for the ordinances of the Lord's house to be celebrated on the morrow. Once more, and with a glad heart, was I permitted to hold these services with this little company so dear me. Not only because of having lived there but because of having been the instrument, in company with my brother, of bringing them into the truth. We rejoice when we see them still faithful. But greater will be the joy by far when we shall see them saved in the kingdom of heaven, where the possibilities of falling away will be in the past.

Satan is working in every conceivable way to draw souls away from the truth. He is trying to make some believe in an instantaneous sanctification, so they can sin no more, and need not put forth any more effort but rest satisfied forever. How easy that would make the life of a Christian! But we are told that Satan will transform himself into an angel of light, in these last days, so that if it were possible he will deceive the very elect. So it is hard to discern the hypocrisy. But "by their fruits ye shall know them." "Thanks be unto God which causeth us to triumph in every place."

I left this company rejoicing in the truth, returning to my old field of labor in Cincinnati. Here the work is onward. There have been sold and distributed between 3,000 and 3,500 copies of *Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Bible Training-school, Hausfreund*, etc. and many pages of tracts during this winter. The Bible workers are as busy as they can be. Some are desirous of uniting with the church. The Young People's work, church-school work and the church itself are getting along very nicely.

Sundays, I hold meetings in Addyston, a village down the river. At first I held Bible studies at the home of one of our sisters. The interest

grew, so now we are holding meetings in the town hall, with a fair interest, and a stout opposition. There are six souls that are so much interested that they talk the truth everywhere they have an opportunity. They have now gone so far that they are threatened to be cast out of their synagogues.

Last Sabbath the Cincinnati church held their regular quarterly meeting. It was a meeting long to be remembered, because of the cheering testimonies and letters responding to the call of their names. We thank the Lord for the spirit of love and unity. Yours in the cause of God,

JOHN P. GAEDE

DISTRICT NO. 6

Dear VISITOR: After spending two days at Piqua, I left for Bellefontaine March 25, and found them all well excepting Sisters Taylor and Samms. Both are recovering from their illness.

I was with this church nearly a week, and although the weather was not the best, yet nearly every member was out each night. While there I visited Brother and Sister Hanger at West Liberty, and found them well and enjoyed my visit with them. I also went to Lewiston, where I took dinner with Brother Graham. He and his wife expressed themselves as of good courage.

I made several calls on others, and rather expected most of them out to the Sabbath meetings, but only a part of them were present at the good quarterly service held at Bellefontaine. I could not help but wish that all could have been there to have shared in the blessing God gave us. These services are of great importance and only sickness or death should prevent us from taking part in them at every opportunity. Nearly all that I visited seemed to be of good courage and seemed to be desirous of coming up to a higher standard.

Sabbath two young men who have been searching the Scriptures for some time broke down, and said that they were going to keep the Sabbath. The church should encourage these new ones to be true to Christ.

April 1, I went to Saint Mary's. Brother William Potts drove me over to Walnut Grove, where I was glad to meet Brother Williams and many of the brethren. This church is in much better condition than it was a year ago. There are much better days in store for this church if they will fully do their duty, even if it does cause pain and regret. God is calling us out of the world and away from its sins; but if we yoke up with those who

love the follies of this world, we must expect to grow cold and indifferent to the cause of Christ. I know there are many who have followed this course that have stood in the way of others for a time and have finally left God's people and gone to the world.

We had a fine quarterly meeting in which twenty took part. I wish all could have been present. While here Brother Henry Tinnerman was ordained as deacon.

I reached home April 5, having been away five weeks among the churches. I have enjoyed my work as I have met my brethren of the different churches. I desire to say to all that selfishness is more to be dreaded than death itself, and I am praying that all may be ever on the watch that they may not be deceived by the bait the enemy presents in so many tempting ways.

I am now at home for a few days. My next visit will be with the churches in the northern part of the State.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Coshocton, O.

DEAR BROTHER MILLER: I am glad that we can send another report of the work being done here in Coshocton. We are happy to know that we have a part in giving the truth to those who know it not.

I think that literature containing the precious truths of God's word has been placed in over half of the homes in this town, and we hope the time will soon come, when every home has been presented with it. We pray that heaven will reveal the fact that souls have been saved as a result of our prayers and labor. Hoping to grow in good works and fruitful faith, and begging your prayers in our behalf as well as the rest of God's people and work, I remain yours in the Master's service,

RAY CORDER.

PRAYER

Many of the brethren in their prayers take one-third of the time to get started and another to stop. Why not with your first sentence plunge into what we most want and stop when you get through without any circumgrations? Men keep on after they ought to stop, because they do not know how to let down brakes. We have a recommendation to make. If any isolated "Amen" would sound abrupt at the time you want to close, do as the Psalmist did when the prayers of David the son of Jesse were ended, exclaiming "Amen and Amen!"—*Talmage*.

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own heart had prepared him for their coming. They pleaded with him to undertake to talk—not to preach—but just to talk to them on Sundays when there was no other service, and so help them to establish regular worship in the community. With fear and trembling and many misgivings he consented to try it for a few Sundays.

The experiment was successful. The people were edified and encouraged, and the old schoolmaster began to dig in his garden with a new spirit, to feel new life in his veins, and to preach with growing power. At length he gathered a church, and when it was fully organized it voted down his protest, and called him to be its minister. A council was called; the case was laid before the venerable body, and the council declared that the teacher had been called of God to that work, and they laid hands on him and ordained him to the work of the ministry.

For twenty-one years he preached to those people, and seemed younger at the end than at the beginning. When at length he died, and they laid him away amid the tears of the community, it was with grief for one who died young; but he had done a full life-time of work in laying the foundations of a growing town.

This is a true story, and it has its lessons for other than old men.—*Youth's Companion*.

HOLY GHOST STORIES

As one of our faithful *Bible Training School* workers was going from door to door in a great crowded city, she entered a business office and laid the special *Bible Training School* down on the desk in front of a gentleman. The word "Bible" at once arrested his attention, and with an impatient air he said, "The Bible, I have no use for it. The Bible is only a lot of ghost stories." There was a moment's pause and the worker replied in an earnest tone: "I thank the Lord that the Bible is full of Holy Ghost stories," and turned to leave the office; but the words had struck home to the heart of the hearer. He called, "Come back," and there followed an earnest conversation. The worker told what those "Holy Ghost stories" had done for her soul, and of the joy and peace in believing the Bible to be the words of the living God. The gentleman bought the paper and promised to read it.

To the one who ignores the mighty power of God the Bible is truly full of strange stories. The sun and moon

standing still, the Red Sea dividing, and the resurrection of the dead, are more wonderful than the most fanciful ghost stories, and to the one who knows nothing of our God, they can not be comprehended, but to the child of God they are precious truths, teaching us of the power of our God to save from sin. We too, "thank the Lord that the Bible is full of Holy Ghost stories."—*Bible Training School*.

DOING GOOD

How often do we overlook the service we might successfully perform to and for others, especially for the Lord, by waiting for some great thing to arise, thinking we may possibly receive more praise or notice in large enterprises.

Again, while recognizing the need of systematic labor, we are told that we are "so long in devising, and planning, and getting ready for the work, Satan preoccupies the field with bewitching fables, and the attention of men becomes absorbed in the delusions of the master-deceiver. These very minds were unsettled and inquiring in regard to the Bible truth, and had the opportunity been improved, they would have given unprejudiced attention to the Message; but after receiving error, it is doubly hard to induce them to give a candid investigation to the evidences of our faith."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 336.

In many cases have we not lacked faith—faith in God that he would bless us in our work, and faith that the people would receive the Message? Let us notice some—

Ways of Working

"The most successful toilers are those who cheerfully take up the work of serving God in little things."

"Thousands of hearts can be reached in the most simple, humble way. The most intellectual, those who are looked upon and praised as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words that flow from the heart of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as naturally as the worldling speaks of the things which his mind contemplates and feeds upon. Often the words well prepared and studied have little influence. But true, honest words of a son or daughter of God, spoken in natural simplicity, will open the door to hearts that have long been locked."—*"Testimonies for the Church,"* vol. VI, p. 115.

"Do that which is the nearest you, right at your own doors, however humble and uncommended it may

seem. Work only for the glory of God and the good of men. Let self sink out of sight, while with earnest purpose and solemn prayers of faith you work for him who has died that you might live. Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray for them, watch for opportunities to do them good. Do not neglect speaking to your neighbors, and doing them all the kindness in your power, that you may 'by all means save some.' We need to seek for the spirit that constrained the apostle Paul to go from house to house, pleading with tears, and teaching 'repentance toward God, and faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ.' Let them see that your heart is burdened for the salvation of souls."—*"Gospel Workers,"* pp. 336, 337.

Words of Encouragement

"To reach the people, wherever they are, and whatever their position and condition, and to help them in every way possible,—this is true ministry. By such efforts you may win hearts, and open a door of access to perishing souls."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* page 156.

"Peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place, and God's people are to be endowed with the Holy Spirit, so that with heavenly wisdom they may meet the emergencies of this age, and as far as possible counteract the demoralizing movement of the world. If the church is not asleep, if the followers of Christ watch and pray, they may have light to comprehend and appreciate the movements of the enemy. The end is near. God calls upon the church to set in order the things that remain. Work together with God; you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom."

"In this age, a new life coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of every faithful laborer."

Then in the fear of God and with a love for souls let us seek this life, and work with resolute purpose while it is day.—*F. M. Dana, in Atlantic Gleaner*.

"He who in his work meets with trials and temptations, should profit by these experiences, learning to lean more decidedly upon God. He should feel his dependence every moment. "No complaint should be cherished in his heart or be uttered from his lips. When successful, he should take no glory to himself, for his success is due to the working of God's angels upon the heart."

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA NOTES

The first Seventh-day Adventist church of Philadelphia was favored by a visit from Elder A. G. Daniells last Sunday night, April 5, and listened to a very able discourse by him on "Church Organization." The North Philadelphia church joined in the service.

We have a supply of the new 1908 "Year Book." This "Year Book," to my mind, is the best that has ever been put out by our denomination. It gives a map of each Union Conference and other additional features. Anyone desiring a copy of this interesting pamphlet may address the office, 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, twenty-five cents.

We also have a number of copies of the "Convention Report" still on hand. These should be in the hands of Sabbath-school and Young People's workers. It furnishes the best help that we will have for some time on our Missionary Volunteer work, and no one in any way connected with this work should try to get along without it. We urge those who have not yet done so to send in at once for a copy. Price ten cents, and four cents additional for postage.

A class composed of members of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Philadelphia, and a few others, members of the church, were examined last Sunday afternoon in the church, on Bible Doctrine and Denominational History. All agreed that it was time very profitably spent. We hope that our young people in other churches will form classes and strive to reach the standard of attainment.

Brother A. R. Bell has begun a series of meetings in Lancaster. Brother J. W. Hirlinger, the elder of the church, together with his wife, has been very faithful in the work with this excellent company, and have long looked forward with a great deal of anticipation to the effort. We trust and pray that many souls may be added to the church as a result of the effort.

We are glad to report that every room in the Pennsylvania Sanitarium is occupied at this writing. We have been having quite a prosperous spring season, and at times we have been short of help. However, by all working industriously, we have managed to keep things going nicely. If the patronage keeps on increasing as it has been for a week or so past, we will soon be crowded beyond our capacity.

A splendid Canvassers' Institute was held at Scranton. About eighteen were in attendance. A more enthusiastic and zealous company of young people would be hard to find. We were proud of them, and believe that everyone has in them the element of making the work a grand success.

Brother A. L. Bayley, the newly elected secretary and treasurer of the Conference has arrived and is now fully established in his new duties. We cordially welcome Brother Bayley and family to the work here.

At present there are three patients in the Sanitarium who are Seventh-day Adventists. We have had from three to five of our own people in the house almost constantly.

We are sorry to announce that the mother of Elder J. H. Krum, and Sister Christman, widow of the late Dr. C. D. Christman, died a few weeks since. Our sympathy goes out to them, but comfort is theirs in the thought that they need not sorrow as others who have no hope.

The office was glad to receive a visit from Brother William Dysert, of Reading, last Sunday. Brother Dysert spent the day in the city.

Although we have been doing considerable advertising for the Sanitarium this season, we find that most of our patients are those who are recommended to us by a former patient while en route to the Isthmus of Panama. This patient came to us from South America. He is an influential mining engineer. We also have a State senator from Delaware, a partner of one of the largest department stores of Chicago, with his wife; and have had several other influential patients this spring. A shoe manufacturer of this city was so well pleased with his treatment here that he purchased a hundred tickets to distribute among his friends, especially those who are unable to pay for their treatments. As a result of this, we have quite a new list of patients, and these are recommending still others as they go away satisfied with their treatment; and we are just beginning to realize the benefit of this sort of advertising. W. H. HECKMAN.

"The new earth is not awarded like charity gifts, parceled out to the poor of earth; it is not bought, but men are born into the family of God, and as joint heirs with Jesus Christ, they receive the new earth as an inheritance."

"None of us liveth to himself."
"For we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men."

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

Elder J. M. Rees went to Mason City to meet with the church there over Sabbath and Sunday.

Brother H. W. Waggoner is in Clarksburg this week making preparations to move his family to his canvassing field in Berkeley County.

One of our workers in Charlestown recently sold twenty-five copies of the late number of *Liberty* in one and one-half hours. Are there not others in our Conference who wish to begin work with this most excellent magazine?

We have received notice of a special Naval Edition of the *Signs* which will be issued early in May. This will be a very attractive number and will sell readily at this time when the eyes of the whole world are upon the American navy. We hope our people will circulate it freely throughout West Virginia. C. J. FOOTE.

RENEWING HIS YOUTH

He was sixty-two years old, and a retired schoolmaster. He had carried his little savings from New England to the West, and had prepared a home and garden in which he hoped to spend a few years in peace. His work had been constant, trying and monotonous. He was worn out, and he wanted nothing so much as to retire from public responsibility and enjoy the sunset of life.

But he could not hold himself entirely aloof from public concerns. The new community in which he had cast his lot was beginning to hold religious services, and at these infrequent and irregular meetings he was a faithful and unobtrusive worshiper.

One day, when the people had gathered for service and no preacher appeared, they besought the old man, whom they had come to know as a man of character and culture, to conduct the service. Reluctantly he did so, and as he stood face to face with the settlers, and felt their poverty, their struggles and their hopes for their children, his heart was warmed and his tongue was loosed, and he spoke with great earnestness and helpfulness.

The people crowded about him when the service was over, and pleaded with him to preach the next Sunday; but he refused. He was no preacher; he was old and broken down; he could assume no responsibility for regular service. And so he made his way home. But later in the week a committee came to see him, and his

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Youngstown, O.

Sister T. A. Kay sends the following encouraging report along with her quarterly report.—Ed.:—

“Just a few lines to let you know that we are all of good courage in the Lord. We praise his holy name for his care over us through the past quarter, and for his many blessings.

We are so glad that workers have been sent to Youngstown at last. We have waited so long for some to come.”

NOTES FROM THE CANVASSERS

One brother writes, “I have had some very good experiences this week. I made an effort to do something each day, and the Lord has blessed my work. I sold a copy of ‘Daniel and the Revelation’ to a lady who said she did not intend to let me come in but was very glad she did for the visit had done her so much good. When leaving she gave me her hand and invoked God’s blessing upon me and my work.”

Another testifies, “The Lord has helped and blessed me every hour that I have labored for him and I am very thankful that he can use me and hope that many more will work for him.” This is mostly the testimony of those who have since tried the work.

One of our canvassers wrote to the representative of his district in regard to Sunday legislation, and received the following very encouraging reply:—

House of Representatives, U. S., Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1908.

“Mr. ———

“Dear Sir: I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant received to-day, and to thank you for your expression upon the matters in question. I may add that there are some other bills to which you may apply that which is said in your letter. There has been such a voluntary uprising against the Penrose bill that from present indications it will die in committee. As I understand your views on any legislation even so much as tending towards any union between church and state, I may say I heartily concur with you. Very truly yours, M. R. Dennett.”

We fear that as a people we have not been as energetic as we should have been in using our influence to counteract the work of the enemy in this respect. Let us lift wherever there is a need, and do with our might what our hands find to do.

E. R. Numbers.

WHY DON'T YOU?

Why don't you answer that friend's letter at once? It will have double value if written promptly, and will take no more time now than by and by.

Why don't you make that promised visit to that invalid? She is looking for you day after day, and “hope deferred maketh the heart sick.”

Why don't you send away that little gift you have been planning to send? Mere kind intentions never accomplish any good.

Why don't you speak out the encouraging words you have in your thoughts? Unless you express them they are of no use to others.

Why don't you follow in the steps of him who “came not to be ministered unto, but to minister?”

Why don't you?

—Selected.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE
TITHE RECEIPTS

For Three Months Ending March 31, 1908

Atlantic City.....	\$ 189.52
Bridgeton.....	122.96
Burlington.....	65.42
Camden.....	244.00
Cape May Court House.....	28.52
Elizabeth.....	141.08
Hackensack.....	59.83
Jersey City No. 1.....	101.26
Jersey City No. 2.....	182.21
Jersey City, German.....	120.20
Morristown.....	15.15
Newark.....	150.00
Paterson.....	111.99
Paulsboro.....	5.88
Plainfield.....	36.80
Salem.....	115.28
Trenton.....	422.18
Vineland.....	62.29
West Hoboken.....	62.71
Perth Amboy.....	24.75
Individuals.....	39.70
Total.....	\$2,301.73

D. K. ROYER, Treas.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending April 3, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. S. Lindsay,*	Licking Co.,	D A	4	38½	12	\$42.00	\$ 2.88	\$44.88	\$110.78
W. T. Weeks,	Youngstown,	G C	4	27	7	20.50	1.25	21.75	
C. VanGorder,	Youngstown,	D R	4	32	7	17.50	10.00	27.50	
R. French,	Wood Co.,	B R, C K	5	41	35	41.25	7.25	48.50	
L. Waters,	Columbiana Co.,	C K	5	39	34	41.00		41.00	8.00
C. Fritz,	Highland Co.,	C K	5	40	37	39.50	3.50	43.00	
Totals			27	217½	132	\$201.75	\$24.88	\$226.63	\$118.78

New Jersey, Week Ending April 3, 1908

D. P. Boersma,	Camden,	D R					\$ 6.00		\$17.50
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Virginia, Week Ending April 3, 1908

L. Overstreet,	Stanleyton,	C K	29	10	10	\$10.00	\$ 3.90	\$13.90	\$2.45
B. R. Jenkins,	Stanleyton,	C K	14	5	5	6.00	.70	6.70	.70
J. A. Hayes,	Norfolk,	D R	26	2	2	7.00	5.25	12.25	3.65
Adolph Schenk,	Roanoke,	D R	13	2	2	7.00		7.00	5.00
Kasper Oertly,	Roanoke	S P	12	10	10	10.00	1.05	11.05	
Mattie Jemerson,	Richmond,	C K	13	6	6	6.00	.35	6.35	1.80
Totals			107	35	35	\$46.00	\$11.25	\$57.25	\$13.60

West Virginia, Week Ending April 3, 1908

W. L. Logan,	Upshur Co.,	D R	5	44	14	\$32.00	\$ 5.50	\$37.50	
J. H. Jennings,	Berkeley,	D R	5	40	5	9.50	23.35	32.85	\$ 4.35
H. W. Waggoner,	Berkeley,	C K	3	19	14	16.00	.75	16.75	17.75
A. T. Halstead,	Kanawha,	B R	2	4	1	2.50	7.25	9.75	
J. G. Marlatt,	Marshall,	D R	5	35	6	12.00	.50	12.50	11.00
O'Del Fletcher,	Marshall,	S P	5	14	4	5.00	.20	5.20	8.20
A. J. Moyer,	Upshur,	C K	4	35			3.50	3.50	
Totals			29	191	44	\$77.00	\$41.05	\$118.05	\$25.30

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending Mar. 27, 1908

J. E. Jones,	Salisbury, Md.,	C K	10	76	84	\$89.50		\$89.50	
C. B. Engram,	Barclay,	C K	6	39	16	19.00	\$21.25	40.25	\$15.75
H. G. Scott,	Braodneck,	C K	4	32	9	10.50	1.40	11.90	59.50
D. W. Johns,	Baltimore,	C K	3	19	29	30.00		30.00	
Totals			23	166	138	\$149.00	\$22.65	\$171.65	\$75.25

*Two weeks.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Brother J. W. Richardson and family of Mansfield, O., will spend the summer with Elder C. A. Smith and family.

Elder A. G. Haughey stopped at Academia on his way to attend the spring council of the General Conference Committee.

Elder H. H. Burkholder has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend the Spring Council of the General Conference Committee.

PRINTER WANTED.—Have at least six weeks work, particularly straight matter setting. Must be able to come at once. State wages expected. Address H. O. LeFevre, Mt. Vernon College, Mt. Vernon, O. Printing Dept.

Elder C. F. McVagh and wife of Nashville, Tenn., made a short visit at the College, while on their way to Washington, D. C. They were accompanied by the mother of Brother V. H. Cook, who will remain here for a visit.

A middle aged Seventh-day Adventist sister would like a home in an Adventist family somewhere in the West Virginia Conference, where she can do light housework all the time, or have a room and work when not canvassing. Address Mrs. Sue F. Herring, Masontown, W. Va.

Word has reached us indirectly of the death of Sister Lucy Atwell at Jefferson, O. Sister Atwell was an earnest, devoted Christian. Her communications to the office always expressed the desire to aid and in every possible way to have the Message go quickly that the coming of the Saviour might be hastened. May the dear Lord comfort the sorrowing family and friends.

NOTICE

Undoubtedly many who will read this notice have ere this received a letter from the writer concerning the circulation of the magazine *Liberty* throughout the West Virginia Confer-

ence. We trust that our brethren now realize the importance of this work, the great need of sacrificing effort on the part of all unto whom the Lord has entrusted the light of this closing Message, that the Message may now speedily go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We would urge our people throughout the Conference, now in days of peace and liberty, to avail ourselves of the golden opportunities, to scatter this literature as the leaves of autumn in our community.

In our letter, we have asked that each member dispose of five copies. This is a very small number, yet if each one will act well his part promptly, hundreds of copies will be placed before the people of West Virginia in one week; even in a day.

We shall be pleased to hear from any concerning the work. Send all orders to the Tract Society office, 1200 7th St., Parkersburg, W. Va. Please act promptly at this time.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

A MOTHERS' NUMBER OF
"LIFE AND HEALTH"

The April number of *Life and Health* is principally a Mothers' Number. The articles contained in the Household, Mothers', and Home Treatment Departments pertain entirely to the home. These articles discuss the privileges and responsibilities of parents, and deal with many practical questions in the relation of the mother to her child.

In this number of *Life and Health* appears the first article of a series by Dr. Lauretta Kress on the care of children. This article is entitled, "Babys First Six Months of Trouble." "The Mother's Sacred Charge" is an inspiring article by Mrs. E. G. White.

A very interesting and practical lesson is "Woman's Place in the Home," by Nannie Beauchamp Jones.

The training of the child for a life of usefulness is considered by Mrs. D. A. Fitch under the subject, "The Mother's Privilege."

The eyes of many will be opened by reading the article by Dr. G. H. Heald, in which he asks in a very forcible way "Some Questions for Parents to Answer."

The suggestions of Mrs. M. C. Wilcox on "Entertainment for the Young" will be of interest.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey's "Childhood and Labor" needs no comment.

This is not all. We haven't room to mention the other good things contained in this number. If you have never seen a copy of *Life and Health*

send for a sample. Are you a subscriber? If not, send in your order at once. You will miss much if you do not. Order a quantity of this number to sell to your neighbors and friends.

Prices

Yearly subscription, 75 cents. Two to twenty-five copies, five cents; twenty five to five hundred copies, four cents. Address your State tract society.

IT WILL SELL

The Naval edition of the *Signs of the Times* will be one of the most attractive numbers ever issued, and will sell at sight. The illuminated cover, printed in colored ink, will be very striking. On the first page is a portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans in full dress uniform; on the last page, the battleship fleet.

In speaking of this remarkable voyage, one leading paper says:—

"No voyage heretofore undertaken has ever, to anything like equal degree, enlisted the attention and awakened the interest of the world. It is just now the most extensively interesting event transpiring anywhere in the world."

This naval number will be especially adapted to sell in the large cities and towns, on the street, and from house to house. With the liberal commission offered, agents will do well in handling it.

This number will bear date of May 13, 1908, and will be ready to mail not later than April 24.

Orders should be sent in at once that there may be no delay.

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OBITUARY

GRAY.—Died of pneumonia at Killbuck, O., April 4, 1908, aged 61 years, 9 months, and 23 days, Emma M. Gray, sister to Brother G. C. Quillin. She embraced the Third Angel's Message nine years ago, and became a charter member of the Killbuck Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a faithful and active member until death. She leaves four sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. She bore her suffering with Christian fortitude, looking forward with increasing hope to the day of the coming of the Lifegiver. The funeral services were attended by many sympathizing friends and neighbors, all of whom showed a deep interest in the promises read from the Word as to the hope of the true child of God. Rev. 14: 13 and Job 14: 14 were used as a basis of the remarks made
C. T. REDFIELD.