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RESURRECTION

When nature wakens from her sleep,
Her winter's nap—
And dons her cheery blooms,
And this and that
Comes bursting into life so sweet,
The orchard all the land perfumes.
My soul is thrilled to newer life
While I rejoice
In fragrance of the growing fields,
And list the voice
That speaks so plainly, I'm the life—
And this the beauty that my presence yields.
If God can clothe, so clothe the field
With life and bloom,
Then he can bring the loved who sleep
From out the tomb.
When he shall speak the grave shall yield
The treasures up, it now doth safely keep.
MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.
Mount Vernon, O.

THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND*

"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

These words are found in the fourth chapter of the first epistle of Peter, the seventh and eighth verses. The one thought I wish to dwell upon this morning is found in the first part of the seventh verse, "The end of all things is at hand."

These words are prophetic, and they have a twofold application. Being written in A. D. 60, just a few years before the destruction of the city of Jerusalem, they referred to the approaching end of the Jewish age; but their primary application is to the time in which we now live. This will appear as we read on further in the chapter. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if it first begin at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God."

*Synopsis of sermon delivered by Elder E. E. Andross in the College chapel, Sabbath morning, May 2, 1908.

You will remember the words of the Saviour himself as recorded in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." He speaks of the end, but he says that prior to the coming of the end, the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.

To-day we stand in the presence of the accomplishment, or at least of the progress of this work, in a very remarkable way. When has there been such an effort made to carry the gospel to all the world? Not only have men been moved upon to go out into the heathen world, but others have been impressed to organize societies for the spreading of the word of God, to carry the Bible to all the various countries of the world. The British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society have accomplished a wonderful work, so that to-day more than nine-tenths of the people of the world have the gospel in their own language.

Then too, there is a renaissance among the nations, an awakening, a desire for knowledge, that is spreading to the uttermost parts of the earth. The increase of learning within the last few years is remarkable, so that to-day there are very few people of the civilized world who are unable to read. God is in this movement, preparing the way for the accomplishment of his work. We have increased knowledge in the arts and sciences. We have inventions that enable us to reach the different parts of the earth in a very short time. News can be carried all over the world very quickly. By all these means God has been preparing the way for the accomplishment of his last work in behalf of sinful men.

Witness the rapid growth of the movement that is to warn the world that "the end of all things is at hand." Within fifty years it has been spread through the earth. In 1874 our first missionary was sent out, but to-day in almost every nation under heaven there are representatives of this work established. I know of only one country in all Europe, the little principality of Montenegro, that does not

have at least one representative of the truth; and I am sure that God will soon send some one there. In different parts of the earth companies are springing up without our knowledge: recently a company of ninety Sabbath-keepers was found away down in the borders of Persia, the truth having been carried to them some years ago by some exiles going out of Russia for the truth's sake. The Lord is certainly preparing the way, and soon this work will be finished.

But now I want to look at another phase of this question, some other signs that are very significant indeed to show us that the end is upon us.

You remember the words of the Saviour in Luke 21:25, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." Have we discerned these signs of the approaching end? Yes, thousands have embraced the truth through the evidences that have been presented convincing them that we are nearing the end.

Notice the words of Christ, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Now it is true that the nations of the earth are in a condition of distress. There is a mighty movement that is swelling every year with great power; and that is socialism, the warfare of the classes and the masses. In a recent discourse the Rev. R. J. Campbell, the leader of the New Theology, said that before long the people of every civilized country will have to make their choice between the forces of socialism on the one hand and those of capital on the other. This is certainly an evident token of the overwhelming conflict that is to engulf the world in the very near future.

While these two great elements are thus at war with each other, the nations themselves are preparing for a conflict as they never were before. Everyone is trying to outdo every other one in the preparations for the vast, universal war that they see is approaching. The heathen nations, with their mighty millions, are awakening to take part in this mighty con-

flict that is to usher in the coming of Christ and the setting up of the everlasting kingdom.

Where do we stand in relation to that event? To-day these nations are making almost superhuman effort to prepare for that awful conflict. To-day the East and the West are lining up the one against the other and soon will meet midway in the battle of Armageddon. O, as we look over the whole world, as we consider the signs of the end, we see evident tokens of its dissolution. We see signs of the decomposition everywhere. But you speak of the end—of the end as coming sometime in the future; but the prophet says that the end of all things is at hand. O, what is there to be accomplished ere the change shall come. As we look out over the field we see many, many hundreds and thousands of souls that are just as precious in the sight of God as we are, who are longing for the truth just as much as we would long if this Message had never come to us. They know that God has something more for them. With longing eyes and burning hearts they are lifting their voices to God to send them the light of truth. It seems to me that the Macedonian call ought to appeal to us with a good deal of emphasis to-day, and especially it ought to appeal to these young people in our colleges, that they may go out in this last hour of probationary time to help carry the truth to the dying world. Young men, young women, I appeal to you to give yourself to God to-day to help rescue the perishing, to save souls for the kingdom of Jesus. Then mothers and fathers, who cannot go, you are called upon to sacrifice that dearly beloved daughter, that son of yours. With Abraham you must place them upon the altar, the altar of consecration. It may not be for death, but still it may be just that. Do not hold your child here in this land. If he is prepared to go, send him forth. Do not say that you are old and need his help, but send him forth to any portion of this earth where God has called him. It may be that he will go to some foreign land, and it may be there that he will be sacrificed upon the altar of his faith, but oh, remember the altar sanctifieth the gift. Oh, if you will be a child of Abraham and enter upon his possession, do not draw back from the sacrifice. Give your son, give your daughter to God, and you will see them in the kingdom with many other dear children whom they may bring.

Give your mans to God. Place all

that you possess upon the altar of sacrifice, else in a little while the devastation that is to come upon this old world will sweep your possessions to ruin; you will see them perish, and it may be that the chords that bind you to them will draw you into the vortex of ruin. May we surrender all to-day, and prepare for the end that is right here. May we hear the words, when the conflict is ended, the battles have been fought, and the victory won, the cherished words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

GOSPEL ORDER

"And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them; and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord." Num. 16:3.

We are forcibly reminded of these words of Korah and his companions, by the utterances of some who put forth special claims of holiness and the possession of the Spirit, while rejecting, and endeavoring to destroy confidence in God's appointed leaders.

"There is order in heaven. There was order in the church when Christ was upon earth, and after his departure, order was strictly observed among his apostles. And now in these last days, while God is bringing his children into the unity of the faith, there is more real need of order than ever before; for, as God unites his children, Satan and his evil angels are very busy to prevent this unity and to destroy it." "Supplement to Experience and Views," p. 12. These words clearly state not only the necessity of gospel order, but also the source of all opposition to it.

The officers of our churches and conferences are chosen in harmony with the Lord's directions, as given in "Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 236, last paragraph. As a means of preserving the unity of the faith, and protecting the church from false teachers, the Spirit of God has given definite instruction that the brethren of experience and of sound minds should assemble, and following the word of God and the sanction of the Holy Spirit, should, with fervent prayer, lay hands upon those who have given full proof that they have received their commission of God, and set them apart to devote themselves entirely to his work. This act would

show the sanction of the church to their going forth as messengers to carry the most solemn Message ever given to men." "Supplement to Experience and Views," p. 16. But the Lord has told us in connection with this that "those men who are not called of God are generally the very ones that are the most confident that they are so called, and that their labors are very important." . . . "These self-sent messengers are a curse to the cause." *Id.*, pp. 13, 14.

When brethren of experience and sound mind, guided by the word of God and his Spirit, and appointed by the church in harmony with the instruction which God has given, are obliged to withhold their sanction from the course of these self-willed men, such manifest the real spirit that controls them, by taking an independent course, attacking the leaders and organization and seeking to divert the tithe from the place where God has told us to put it—his storehouse, or treasury. Mal. 3:10; Neh. 13:12, (margin). "While endeavoring to destroy the confidence of the people in the men of God's appointment, they really believe that they are engaged in a good work, verily doing God's service." "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 404.

Truly we are in the shaking time. Some are being shaken out, and left by the way: not the Davids who fear to touch the Lord's anointed; not the Aarons and Hurs who hold up the hands of God's appointed leaders, but the gainsaying Korahs, the covetous Judases, and the world loving Demases. But, as foretold by the servant of the Lord, their places are "immediately filled by others taking hold of the truth, and coming into the ranks," and this same people triumph gloriously. W. C. MERRITT.

Cambridge, O.

"O happiness! our being's aim and end. Most people act and speak as though they thought this to be the teaching of the Scriptures. It is not, however. What we are taught in the word of God to strive for above all else, is the glory of God in a good and righteous life. The Westminster catechism is in line with the Bible in its answer, 'Man's chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy him forever.' The sure result of righteousness, or living to glorify God, is happiness. But it must be a subordinate matter with us as we go along through life. We must be determined to do right whether it is pleasant and makes us happy at the moment or not."

THE LITTLE THINGS

It is "the little foxes that spoil the vines." And it is the omission of many little duties that count up against us. It seems that we forget that there are sins of omission as well as sins of commission. Perhaps we do not stop to think that "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

A true Christian cannot knowingly and wilfully do a wrong act. But should it not cause us feelings of regret to think how often opportunities come to us of doing good to some one and we neglect them? Pressed by what we call the weightiest matters of duty, we so often neglect what seems to us things of but little importance, forgetting that while the weightier matters we ought to do, the seemingly smaller things should not be left undone. We should not forget that—"he that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in much." The cup of cold water, the kind word, the kind act, the friendly visit, the expression of sympathy, and many other little things that lie in our power to do without going far beyond one's own doors, would be a power for good as well as a blessing to ourselves. "Good deeds are twice a blessing, benefitting both the giver and the receiver of the kindness." O how neglectful we are! Should we not watch for opportunities of doing good? How often we might place in the hands of someone a good paper, tract or a good book that might be the means of converting a soul. How many doors of usefulness are open before us! Can we think of those lost opportunities of doing good to others without a feeling of condemnation? And if our heart condemns us, will not God condemn us? The past, however, we cannot now bring back to improve upon. But we can be wiser and more faithful in the future by not neglecting the little opportunities we have of doing good. O the good we might do if we would only accept of the opportunities! The life of Jesus, was it not one of doing good to all with whom he came in contact? This is the work of those who are learning of Christ. Are we watching for opportunities to help others? If so, we shall surely find plenty of them, and by improving them be what the Lord designed his followers should be,—a light and a blessing to many. And our own souls would be refreshed daily. If the love of Jesus is really in our hearts we cannot neglect these little opportuni-

ties of doing good to our fellow men. And as we improve them, we shall know of the joy there is in being faithful in the many little things that reveal the true character of a man. Let us heed the exhortation, "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed." A Christian is at his best only when he makes himself an object lesson of his doctrine."—*Selected.*

ADAPTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

How marvelous is the adaptation of Scripture for the race for whom it was revealed! In its pages every conceivable condition of human experience is reflected as in a mirror. In its words every struggle of the heart can find appropriate and forceful expression. It is absolutely inexhaustible in its resources for the conveyance of the deepest feelings of the soul. It puts music into the speech of the tuneless one, and rounds the periods of the unlettered into an eloquence which no orator can rival.

It has martial odes to brace the warrior's courage, and gainful proverbs to teach the merchant wisdom; all mental moods can represent themselves in its amplitude of words. It can translate the doubt of the perplexed; it can articulate the cry of the contrite; it fills the tongue of the joyous with carols of thankful gladness; and gives sorrow words, lest grief, that does not speak, should whisper to the heart, and bid it break. Happy we, my friends, who, in all the varieties of our religious life, have this copious manual divinely provided to our hand.—*W. M. Punshon.*

"A Christian business man of Buffalo, N. Y., wanted to do something to help others, but found that his busy life gave him but little opportunity to do so. At last it occurred to him to place tracts in three different languages in every package that left his store. One day he was much encouraged by receiving a letter from a man in the State of Washington who wrote that while passing through Buffalo he had had occasion to purchase a trifle from his store, and that on opening it he had found the tracts. He began reading them on the train, merely to while away the time; but had been greatly benefitted by them, having been induced to give himself to the Lord."

Continuous industry leads generally to a competence.

OUR WORKERS

Newark, N. J.

The Church Officer's Meeting held at Newark, N. J. April 2-5, was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Nearly all the churches in the northern part of the State were represented, though we were very sorry that all could not get the benefit of the entire meeting. We greatly appreciated the counsel and encouragement given us by Elder A. G. Daniells who was present the greater part of the meeting. The conference laborers present were Elder W. H. Smith, Elder J. G. Hanhardt, Brother J. H. Carroll, D. K. Royer, Sister A. W. Welch, and the writer. As we studied the different phases of our work and recounted God's blessings, the hearts of all were made to rejoice at the glorious triumphs of the Third Angel's Message, and we were led to pray earnestly for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We were all greatly encouraged by the many new faces seen. During the winter the churches have been blessed with many new accessions to the ranks of those who are determined to stand loyally with the people who are giving the Third Angel's Message. Some of these we hope will soon develop into valuable workers. As the elders of our church sound the note of advance, we see our churches rallying loyally to their support. Discord and strife have no part in the kingdom of God either in heaven or on earth, and those who fail to respond to the call of God and enter heartily into the work for this time will not receive the approval of God when the great examination day comes.

On Sabbath the hall was packed with interested listeners while Elder A. G. Daniells spoke on the needs of the field. Our brethren noted the marked contrast between the spirit shown at this meeting and that manifested at a similar meeting held at the Newark church just one year ago, and their hearts were made to rejoice at the wonderful goodness of God to his chosen people. B. F. KNEELAND.

Ohio City, O.

Dear VISITOR: Our hearts are made glad as we see those for whom we have labored take their stand for the truth. The enemy has been working hard, but the Lord has not left us alone at this place. The little company here have been faithful in help-

ing carry on the work. We have been holding Bible studies in the homes of the people since our meeting closed at the hall, and some are beginning to keep the Sabbath as the results of these meetings, and we hope to see many more.

The writer had the privilege of spending last Sabbath with the little company at Conant. I found them of good courage. Nearly all were out to Sabbath meetings. We had a Bible study and social meeting. It did me good to hear their testimonies. That evening I attended a Bible reading given by a brother that has lately come into the truth. He is anxious that his neighbors shall know of the truth that he holds so dear. May the Lord bless the little company at that place, and may others be added to their number.

A few Sabbaths ago I met with the little church at Van Wert, and enjoyed quarterly meeting with them. They are endeavoring to do what they can to advance the truth, and if they continue faithful they will see souls in the kingdom as a result of their efforts.

Brethren, remember the work here in your prayers. Your brother in the blessed hope,

L. R. WILLIAMS.

Meherrin, Va.

Dear VISITOR Readers: We are now located as above. The condition of Mrs. Lindsey and Paul became such that we thought it advisable for us to seek a warmer climate. The General Conference consented, and kindly moved us South.

It was with great regret that I left Canada. I was just getting acquainted with the dear people there, but it seemed imperative that we should make the change. We are located a mile from town, in what is known as the "black belt" of Virginia. Our labors will be on a self-supporting basis. We have bought a few acres of land, and are living in "Uncle Tom's" cabin. I shall be pleased to hear from any of the dear Ohio people.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Uniontown, Pa.

Dear VISITOR: While I love to read reports from others, I must also remember that it is my duty to report the work in my part of the field. April 8 to 20 I was with our people at Washington, Pa. The Lord gave us good meetings, and quite a number not of our faith attended and manifested an interest in the truths presented. We believe that others in this place will yet cast their lot on the side

of God's truth for these last days. We hope to follow up this interest in the near future, and trust the Lord may add to our number such as shall be saved.

I have also recently held meetings at Adah and at Uniontown. We have distributed a large amount of reading matter, and believe it will eventually bear fruit to God's glory.

I am now holding some meetings at Belle Vernon, and trust the Lord may bless in the work. Pray for the cause of truth in this part of the field.

I am of good courage in the Lord, and am sure that this truth will soon fully triumph over all difficulties and foes, and those who are true and faithful will triumph with it. The hours may be dark and sad at times, but thank God, "the morning cometh." Yours in the blessed hope,

B. F. PURDHAM.

162 Morgantown St.

Farnham, Kilmarnock, Va.

We had the privilege of once more visiting the above churches. We spent a week with the Farnham church, holding meetings nightly, with a full house in attendance, excepting one or two nights. With few exceptions they gave good attention to the preaching of the word.

We were much pleased to see the interest manifested in the meetings. The members at this place, we believe, are making advance steps in the ways of the Lord. May the Lord's richest blessing attend them daily.

At Kilmarnock we only had the privilege of being with them from Friday until Monday. This little church has not held any meetings since I was there one year ago. We had a good quarterly meeting, and we feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for his presence with us. During the past year, Brother Kenith Gould's wife was laid away to rest until the resurrection morning. Before we separated, all agreed that they would plan, as far as possible, to attend the Sabbath services each week in the future. We were sorry to see that Sister Davis, the wife of Brother W. F. Davis, was still sick, and seems to be getting worse all the time. Let us all remember these churches daily in our prayers.

H. W. HERRELL.

Richmond, Va.

Newark, N. J.]

We are now quite comfortably settled in our new home, and are just getting a little knowledge of the great

field for labor that is before us. Every day we are having convincing evidences of the guiding hand of the Lord in bringing us to this place. Although we were wonderfully united to the dear people with whom we had spent so many years of our labor in Pennsylvania, yet we are glad to find many warm hearts, that beat in sympathy with the same precious truth in New Jersey; and are looking forward with the same earnest desire for the coming of that glad day when State lines will be unknown.

We earnestly ask all readers of the VISITOR to remember us at the throne of grace, that we may have heavenly wisdom to know how to co-operate with the Lord in all things, so that the purpose of our coming here may be fully met.

My address is 192 Myrtle Ave., Newark, N. J. Yours in the blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour,

W. H. SMITH.

REPORT FROM VIRGINIA

Dear VISITOR: It was my privilege to meet with the little company at Buena Vista from April 10 to 13. We held quarterly meeting. All present were of good courage. We had an excellent meeting. One was baptized and received into the church. The outside interest was also very good.

From the 17th to 20th I was with the company at Mount Williams. This church was organized nearly twenty-five years ago. Very near one-half of the members have fallen asleep. The members present seemed to enjoy the meeting and were of good courage in the Lord. There was one sister present, who walked about ten miles to the meeting. On Sunday night a goodly number of outsiders were present.

A. C. NEFF.

Quicksburg, Va.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Brother A. R. Padèn has begun canvassing in Frederick, and is having good success.

A few days ago, while helping a new worker, we had a most precious experience. We called at a place where there were two ladies—one a professed Christian, the other not. We began canvassing them and soon saw that they were very much interested, especially the non-professor. We showed them the precious things in that good book, the "Great Controversy." Tears came to their eyes as they listened to the message contained even in the canvass. When

we finished they expressed their gladness that we had called. They gladly gave us two orders, and I believe that they will be benefitted by them. Oh! that many more of our brethren and sisters might enter this good work and help save the souls that are longing for the light. G. H. CLARK.

Cleveland, Ohio

Dear WELCOME VISITOR: I send just a few lines in regard to the German work to take along with you on your journey. April 19 and 20 we had baptism in the Cleveland church, and fourteen precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Six of these are Germans from the West Side. Four of our converts did not go forward for various reasons. One dear brother who was sick at the Lake Side Hospital expressed his regret at not being able to go forward at this time. One sister desired to wait for her husband and his mother. Others are not quite ready, but will be in the near future. Last Sunday a German sister promised the Lord that she would keep the Sabbath of Jehovah. A number of others are deeply interested, and are contemplating keeping the Sabbath. We pray that they may take their stand for the truth.

Elder Graf and wife are now here to take up the German work in Ohio. The Lord has blessed in their locating on a nice street, in a good home with reasonable rent. We have also been able, with the Lord's help, to secure a nice church on the West Side, where nearly all the Germans live, for a very cheap rent. We can now invite outsiders to come to a respectable place to hear the Third Angel's Message in their own tongue, which cannot but assure success for the German work in this great city. Elder Graf, my former dear Bible teacher, with his experience in college work, and twelve years as missionary in South America, will be well fortified to give this people the Message. I was indeed glad of the privilege to introduce him to the work here, and those interested in the truth. We enjoy our work together very much, and I am sorry that we must part so soon. I have always longed for an opportunity of working with an experienced German worker. But the Lord has other needy places that must be worked.

We have reorganized our Sabbath-school, and elected new officers. Our membership is forty-five, with five classes. With the Lord's blessing we expect to gather in many more.

We have been sowing the seed by scattering papers, tracts, and books

which will surely bring its results in due season. We will be patient, and wait until the day of harvest. My parents helped us two months, and gained quite an experience in city work, and were loth to leave Cleveland; but they obeyed the call to go across the water. They sailed from New York, April 25, on the President Lincoln of the Hamburg-American Line. They will go to Elberfeld, Germany, then later to Wilna, Russia, where my brother, D. P. Gaede, is working.

We are all of good courage. Pray for the work in Cleveland, that it may prosper. G. P. GAEDE.

Indiana, Nanty Glo, Strangstown, Oakland, W. Pa.

After the Convassers' Institute at Johnstown, I spent one Sabbath with my home church (Indiana) then started for Strangstown going via of Nanty Glo, a small mining village eight miles from Strangstown. One sister lives near this place. I found Brother Ivor Lawrence at Nanty Glo canvassing for books and giving Bible studies in the homes of the people in the evenings. I could be there but one evening but had the privilege of speaking to a little company assembled in a private house. Three or four families seem interested to hear the Message,—one family has had the *Signs of the Times* for a year, I think, and like it well.

I had expected to hold services again at Strangstown, but when we reached the place we learned that the Lutheran church, which we were permitted to use heretofore, was now closed against us, and as no other place was open to us, all we could do was to visit a few families. We hope two ladies who began to keep the Sabbath at Strangstown, may be able to stand firm for the truth. One of them was a Lutheran.

At present writing I am at Oakland where we have a church and a few members. We had hoped that a short effort here might add to our numbers at this place, but the interest is not what we had desired to see. Quite a number have been convinced of the truth for a long time, but do not seem willing to step out and obey. It is sad indeed to find souls in this condition.

A word with reference to the Indiana school building. About fifty dollars of the pledges made to this fund last year at camp-meeting remain unpaid. We still owe some on the lumber bill, and if those who made pledges could send in the same, it

would be appreciated by those interested in this school enterprise. If any others feel clear to assist this school by a donation, it will be greatly appreciated. We feel very thankful to God and grateful to our brethren for the help given the school thus far.

Brethren, remember the work in this part of the field in your prayers.

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa., R. F. D. 8

ITEMS FROM EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Sister Mary Thomas of Catawissa, Pa. sold 100 copies of the special *Watchman* in one week. What this sister did others can do.

Both the West and North Philadelphia churches will take 1,000 copies of the Temperance Number of the *Watchman*. We hope all our churches in this conference will manifest the same enthusiasm.

We were pleased to have with us last week Elder R. A. Underwood, who was president of the Pennsylvania Conference for a number of years. Although advancing in years, yet his heart is still young, and his whole life is bound up in this grand old Message.

A copy of the Naval Number of the *Signs* has just come to our desk. It is an attractive number and full of good subjects on present truth that should be in the hands of the people. We hope our churches will give it a wide circulation, as this will be a means of spreading the Message. It sells for ten cents a copy; 25 to 100 copies, 3 cents; 100 copies and over, 2½ cents. Send all orders to the office of the Tract Society.

The Northside Sabbath-school will hold a Sabbath-school Convention Sabbath, May 9, at which time several interesting papers will be read relative to the importance and value of Sabbath-school work.

A. L. BAYLEY, Sec.

"A false balance is abomination to the Lord; but a just weight is his delight." Prov. 11:1. This idea was one of the first impressions that came to the mind of a Chinese convert to Christianity. He was a pottery manufacturer at Yuenchan, and used false balances in buying materials for his work. But on experiencing a change of heart, he immediately corrected his purchasing scales. This is the true Christian principle. It is he that not only confesses, but forsaketh his sins that finds mercy. Prov. 28:13.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

As soon as Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," he was given something to do.

The world is dependent on Seventh-day Adventists for pure literature which is not found in the world.

The first printing was done on the Bible by the Waldenses. The printing press is the greatest invention to increase knowledge.

E. R. Numbers, field missionary agent of Ohio, and C. J. Foote, field agent of West Virginia, attended the canvassers' institute at Mount Vernon College, April 27 to May 6.

In one of our conference papers I read, "Tuesday, April 21, was field day for our institute. The sale for about four hours' work totaled \$170.00. Moral—Be sure to have at least one field day in connection with your institute.

Brother G. H. Clark, State agent of the Chesapeake Conference, writes very encouragingly of the work in his field. The remarkable success of some there has inspired others to give up secular business to engage in the Lord's vineyard.

A canvasser writes, "My courage is good and I intend to put in forty hours a week hereafter. Thursday I walked four and one-half miles out in the country before I began, and then put in eight hours, so I surely can do it when I get an early start."

The following item appeared in one of our Union Conference papers:

One of our canvassers delivered ninety dollars' worth of books last week and sent eighty-seven dollars to the office. He can get books any time he desires.

Would it not be well for other canvassers to deposit their money with the tract society? Then they will always have enough on hand to pay for their books in advance. This can be done by making a little effort.

MORRIS LUKENS

THE SECOND NUMBER OF "LIBERTY" FOR 1908

This number is full of the best things that have been written upon the proper relation of the church and state; religious liberty; evil results of religious legislation; Garrison's plea for religious liberty; Judge Cooley on religious liberty; America as a Christian nation; a strong protest against religious legislation; religious liberty in

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending May 1, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. Fritz, Highland Co.,		CK	3	24	16	\$22.00	\$ 5.50	\$27.50	
L. D. Gallion, Holmes Co.,		DR	3	7			9.75	9.75	
C. V. Leach, Guernsey Co.,		HM, COS	4	27	16	19.00	4.00	23.00	\$15.25
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.,		Misc							59.80
Totals				10 58	32	\$41.00	\$19.25	\$60.25	\$75.05

Virginia†, Week Ending April 17, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,		CK		32	16	\$18.50	\$ 3.15	\$21.65	\$9.15
J. A. Hayes, * Norfolk,		DR		55	4	15.00	11.25	26.25	15.70
Adolph Schenk, Roanoke,		GC		24	3	7.50	.35	7.85	.35
E. McGlocklin, Richmond,		DR		11					6.95
Kaspar Oertly, Roanoke,		SP		29	8	8.00	2.80	10.80	
Totals				151	31	\$49.00	\$17.55	\$47.90	\$32.15

Virginia, Week Ending May 1, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,		CK		33	16	\$16.00	\$ 3.50	\$19.50	\$ 3.50
Adolph Schenk, Roanoke		GC		21	55	15.75	.70	16.45	
Kasper Oertly, "		SP		29	12	15.00	5.40	20.40	
R. C. Wirth, Richmond,		CK		3	12	12.00	2.50	14.50	14.50
E. McGlocklin, "				12			3.75	3.75	1.20
Clara Pease, "		CK		6	7	7.00	1.75	8.75	.70
Mrs. Zeidler, "		CK		8	8	8.50	5.60	14.10	
Isaac Thornton, Newport,		CK		27	4	4.00	8.20	12.20	7.00
J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,		DR		23	2	6.00	10.55	16.55	9.15
Totals,				162	66	\$83.25	\$42.95	\$126.20	\$36.05

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 25, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. E. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,		CK	5	40	39	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$45.00	\$3.50
H. G. Scott, Mount Zion,		CK	4	31	24	25.00	2.10	27.10	2.10
G. H. Clark, Frederick,		CK	3	18	29	32.00		32.00	
Totals				12 89	92	\$97.00	\$7.10	\$104.10	\$5.60

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 2, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. E. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,		CK	5	36	32	\$33.00	\$ 5.50	\$38.50	
D. W. Johns, * Ellicott City,		CK	6	50	32	32.00	2.80	34.80	\$5.80
A. R. Paden, Frederick,		CK	3	24	24	27.50		27.50	
H. G. Scott, Annapolis,		CK	2	16	15	17.00	.70	17.70	4.20
Totals,				16 126	103	\$109.50	\$9.00	\$118.50	\$10.00

New Jersey, Week Ending May 1, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
William Ambs, Bergen Co.,		GC	5	43	15	\$49.00		\$49.00	\$5.75
Sadie Winter, Orange,		GC	2	8	2	5.50		5.50	
Chas. Dumeke, Little Falls,		CK	3	18	9	10.00		10.00	
Geo. W. Blinn, Trenton,		GC	2	16	15	42.75	\$.50	43.25	
Anna Hugg, Paterson,		GC	4	18½	14	40.50	.40	40.90	
Sam'l Paul, Gloucester Co.,		GC	5	32½	17	50.75		50.75	
Mrs. J. Jenssen, Paterson,		GC	3	14½	4	12.00	2.00	14.00	7.25
Totals,				24 150½	76	\$210.50	\$2.90	\$213.40	\$13.00

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 24, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. Spangenberg, Lackawana,		COL	4	23	31	\$38.75		\$38.75	
Elsie Swingle, Northampton,		COL	5	32	15	18.75	\$ 3.00	21.75	
Bessie Donachy, "		CK	5	27	22	23.00		23.00	
N. Bigart, Lackawana,		HM	4	19	10	17.50		17.50	\$2.25
Walter Garrett, "		HM	4	20	10	17.50		17.50	
Harry Gerhart, Hatfield,		DR	3	26	4	7.00	1.00	8.00	
H. J. Detwiler, York,		DR	5	46	21	37.50		37.50	.70
A. S. Miller, York,		DR	5	48	26	62.50	1.00	63.50	
Totals,				35 241	139	\$222.50	\$5.00	\$227.50	\$2.95

other lands; the Baptist memorial against Sunday legislation; notable waymarks in parliamentary history; Macaulay on the Puritan Parliament; Judge Holbrook's vigorous protest against Sabbath legislation in the District of Columbia; religious toleration and rights; a strong temperance address by a Woman's Christian Temperance Union evangelist, drink and crime; prohibition; results of drink in France, and much other good matter too numerous to mention.

It also contains some very rare illustrations, among which are photographs of prominent lawmakers and other noted men of the United States; a full page cut giving late photographs of all the members of the United States Senate; another full page cut containing photographs of the diplomatic corps of Washington, D. C., and a cartoon on the inside first page cover, representing "A Reign of Terror." This cartoon will teach the present case as related to enforced religious legislation better than it would be possible to present it in type.

The entire number is filled with bright, sparkling truths that will be appreciated by a large class of citizens, and will insure our workers good success in the sale of this number of *Liberty*.

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WEST VIRGINIA

We feel that the readers of the *Visitor* will be interested in the following article taken from the Parkersburg *Dispatch-News* under date of April 28, 1907. The same spirit which actuated the papist during the dark ages is now actuating Protestants and we may expect to see many of the same visible manifestations of the wrath spoken of by John. "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." We are glad to report that our church in Parkersburg is alive to the situation and will place *Liberty* in the hands of the city officials and appear personally before the city council to protest against religious legislation in their midst.

A SWEEPING PROTEST

At a regular meeting of the Ministerial Alliance yesterday morning at their rooms in the Y. M. C. A., the first step was taken towards action

A. S. Miller, York Co.,	D R	2	12	4	\$10.00		\$10.00	
H. J. Detwiler, York Co.,	D R	5	44	20	32.00	\$ 1.05	33.05	\$ 1.05
H. J. Albright, Berks Co.,	D R	5	38	20	35.75		35.75	
E. Kasselmeyer, Phila.,	D R	5	24	13	27.50		27.50	
Geo. B Unger, Lehigh,	D R	1		8	25.15		25.15	
Mrs. Roberts, Lackawanna,	H M	2	6	5	8.75		8.75	
W. Garret, Lackawanna,	H M	2	9	2	3.50		3.50	33.25
R. Spangenberg, Dickson,	C O L	4	16	14	17.50		17.50	1.25
Elsie Swingle, N'thampt'n,	C O L	4	23	14	16.25	4.00	20.25	22.50
B. Donachy,	C K	4	22	11	11.00	1.00	12.00	9.00
Bertha Garrett, Lackaw'na,	O P H	3	13	29	7.50		7.50	
Totals;		37	207	140	\$194.90	\$6.05	\$200.95	\$67.05

J. O. Nolinger, Clearfield,	D R	1	19	14	\$23.00	\$6.30	29.30	\$.70
Chas Dunham, White,	G C	4	30	10	27.50	.50	28.00	
I. G. Bigelow, Beaver Falls,	D R	4	24	7	19.25	8.00	27.25	
Totals		11	73	31	\$69.75	\$4.80	\$84.55	\$7.00

W. L. Logan, Lewis Co.,	D R	5	42	8	\$16.00	\$ 8.50	\$24.50	
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley,	D R	4	32	4	8.00	5.75	13.75	\$2.00
H. W. Waggoner, Berkeley,	C K	3	26	8	13.00	.75	13.75	4.00
F. M. Gardner, Dodridge Co.,	C K	3	14	3	3.00	10.35	13.35	3.80
J. L. Hall, Kanawha Co.,	B R	2	9	5	18.75	5.10	23.85	
D. M. Whitmire, Hardy Co.,	D R	4		4	10.00	8.00	18.00	.50
Totals,		21	123	32	\$68.75	\$38.45	\$107.20	\$10.30

*Two weeks. †Delayed in post-office.

which the clergy declare will result in the absolute enforcement of the "blue laws" in this city. The question of absolute and unqualifiedly compelling the enforcement of the letter and spirit of every Sunday closing law was discussed and it was decided that the step should be taken. To this end a committee was named to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Important Question

The Sunday closing question was the most important one before the alliance; and it occupied most of the time. Since the majority of the saloons have, without enforcement of the law, determined to obey that law faithfully which prevents Sunday business, the ministers are determined that the news-stands, cigar stores, ice cream and soda stands, fruit stores and all similar forms of business establishments shall be placed under the same restrictions.

They say that the righteousness of the saloon business has nothing to do with Sunday selling, and that if licensed saloons are closed on Sunday in obedience to a law against Sunday work and Sunday amusements, then the law should operate just the same against other business establishments. In fact it is declared that the carrying on of other business is a very good argument against special restrictions against the saloons.

Base Ball, Too

Incidentally the ministers also discussed the question of Sunday base ball and determined to start a crusade on that. They propose to stop this sport if it is possible and they believe that within a few weeks it will be possible. The law on this question will be investigated and a move made to have it enforced by the authorities. One minister said that they "intended having a clean Sunday or raise a row."

Committee Named

After all had thoroughly discussed the subject, and all had placed themselves of one accord as regards Sunday closing a committee of two, consisting of Dr. M. F. Compton and Dr. W. E. Henry, was appointed to investigate the State law and the city ordinances, and to report a resolution in the form of a vigorous protest to the authorities at the meeting next Monday. It is understood the ministers will not stop with the protest, but will have the proper committees appear before the authorities and in every way use their influence toward bringing about the desired end.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

Wanted to correspond with an all-round printer, to take charge of a printing outfit in connection with our school at New Market. Write to R. D. Hottel, *Manager*, New Market, Va.

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at the Postoffice at Mt. Vernon, O., under the
Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sister P. Alderman is visiting relatives and friends at Madison, O.

Sister N. S. Miller and daughter Doris have gone to visit friends in in Cleveland and Fredonia, N. Y.

On account of shortage of stock in the printing office, it was possible to print only six pages in last week's VISITOR.

The article entitled "Rome," on the first page of last week's VISITOR was written by Brother Gurnie Young, a student at the College. By an oversight his signature was omitted.

A very interesting parents' meeting was held by the members of the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath, at which it was decided that a careful study be given the "Testimonies" in regard to the duties of parents, and that all endeavor to come into harmony with the instruction given, and thus a mutual benefit be derived.

A worker wrote to one of our State papers recently, "I broke three records this week,—\$86.95 for four days' work, \$27.95 for one day's work, \$10.10 for an exhibition. The Lord being my helper, I am going to break it again. Just think of the truth put into the homes! My only prayer is that honest hearts may be found, and that I may keep humble at the feet of Jesus, continually drawing from the fount of living water. I am so glad I am in this work."

Elders Morris Lukens and E. R. Palmer, of Washington, D. C., attended the Canvassers' Institute recently held at Mount Vernon, and their help was much appreciated, not only in the Institute work, but in the public services which were an inspiration to all who were present. Elder Lukens's last meeting took the form of a revival service, and quite a number of the students improved the opportunity to give themselves to the service of God. Pray for our College and its young people that a work may be accomplished here that will yield a hundred fold in the kingdom of God.

The custom of having a school picnic has been followed in the College for several past years. On May 13 the picnic was held at Lake Hiwatha Park. As the VISITOR went to press, all seemed to be enjoying themselves.

OHIO, NOTICE

If the Lord is willing, a Church Officers' Meeting for District No. 4 will be held in the Camden Seventh-day Adventist church, May 22-24.

While these meetings are called Church Officers' Meetings, they are for all our people who may find it possible to be present, because those who are not attending as such just now may be chosen to serve at some future time. We all need the instruction given at these meetings. Every such meeting held has proved a great blessing to those who attended, and, as upon one occasion the best was not given out until the last, we hope that this meeting, the last for the year, will prove no exception. So come, brethren, and let us seek the Lord together.

G. C. QUILLIN,
Supt. Dist. No. 2-4.

SUGGESTIVE PRESENTATION OF NAVAL "SIGNS"

(Cheerful greeting). I believe you are interested in the great battleship fleet. (Show back cover page first). Here it is leaving Hampton Roads for California. This gives the names, weight, and speed of each ship. (Turn to front). Admiral Evans in uniform. (Open to pages 10 and 11). His flag-ship, the Connecticut. Intensely interesting figures and facts showing the marvelous development which has been made in battleships and guns since the Civil War, and the naval strength of each of the great nations, are here given. (Page 14). The interior of the factory where these great guns are made. (Page 12) Here is a photo and description of each type of ship in our navy. (Page 14) Program of the fleet's movements. This beautiful twenty-page souvenir number for a dime.

Special Points

1. *Holding Paper.* It is well to hold the paper in the left hand, with the fore finger between pages 10 and 11, with the back page toward the customer. Then the first page and the special article can be referred to very readily.

2. *Talking Points.* Become just as familiar with your paper as possible. Get thoroughly in mind for *talking*

points some of the striking comparisons between the warfare of ten years ago and that at the present time as shown in the article entitled, "The Marvelous Advancement of Naval Power." You will have necessity for these in meeting some whose interest needs awakening. Here are several:

1. Admiral Evans's flagship, the Connecticut, is three times the size of Admiral Dewey's ten years ago.

2. The terrible English Dreadnaught, built two years ago, is now far outclassed by three ships just being completed for the English navy.

3. A projectile thrown from the present-day war gun if allowed to continue for twelve hours at the same rate at which it leaves the end of the gun, would go the distance of around the earth.

4. The present-day gun strikes with one-third greater force, twice as accurately, and three times as fast as the guns a few years ago.

5. In many cases reference to the fact that this paper takes up these conditions from a Bible standpoint, giving their true significance in the light of divine prediction, will interest.

OBITUARY

PORTER.—Died in Washington, Pa. April 13, 1908, John N. Porter, aged 72 years, 1 month, and 28 days. In his last days he was not a member of any church, but was a believer in the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and frequently expressed a bright hope of immortality when Jesus comes to gather his people. A large number of friends and neighbors attended the funeral, to whom words of comfort were spoken by the writer from the words, "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty." 1 Sam. 20:18.

B. F. PURDHAM.

FREDERICKS.—Died at her home in Hamler, O., April 29, 1908, Mrs. Ellen Fredericks, aged 59 years, 1 month and 10 days. Sister Fredericks was formerly a member of the United Brethren Church, but became interested in the Third Angel's Message during a tent effort conducted by Elder O. F. Guilford and the writer at Hamler in the summer of 1880. Sept. 27, 1884, she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Hamler, where she retained her membership and remained steadfast in the faith until summoned by the messenger of death. She was an active worker in the church and will be greatly missed. Two sons and five grandchildren remain to mourn their loss. The esteem in which she was held was evidenced by the beautiful floral offerings and the large attendance at the funeral service which was held May 1, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Hamler, conducted by the writer assisted by Dr. H. M. Jump. Text: 2 Cor. 1:3, 4.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.