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MISCELLANEOUS

THE 2,300 DAYS

(The following communication was addressed to a brother who is very much confused over the perusal of a book written by M. E. Kellogg combating our position on the 2,300 days, and which is being widely circulated. We hope that all our readers will give this letter a careful perusal, and instead of permitting anything to loosen their hold on the grand fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message, will fasten them more securely in their hearts and minds, and so be able to withstand these sophistries as they continue to multiply.—ED.)

Dear Brother: Since talking with you last evening, my mind has been burdened because of the danger in which you are placing yourself through wrong interpretation of the Scriptures. You are not so much to be blamed for this as those who have taught you, but this does not lessen the danger.

There are many reasons why Antiochus Epiphanes can not be the "little horn" of Daniel 8. In the first place the time of his possession of the temple, as stated by Josephus, was exactly three years not 2,300 days, nor 2,200 days, nor 2,400 days. Neither was it one-half of any of those numbers. There can be no reasonable doubt, however, that the term "evenings and mornings" means days. The Douay version says, "Unto evening and morning, two thousand three hundred days." History bears record to the actual fulfilment of the prophecy on that basis. The entire scope and purpose of the sanctuary and its services had been obscured and its truth trodden under the feet of the oppressor of truth, and it was not even appreciated and understood by God's people until the end of the 2,300 year-days in 1844.

Secondly, Antiochus was not "exceeding great" as compared with either the Medo-Persian or Grecian kingdoms even when the application is limited to the "south and east and the pleasant land." On the other hand, he was not the equal of the kings of his own time in many respects.

Again, when Alexander's kingdom was broken, four distinct kingdoms or dynasties arose to take its place. The kingdoms of Seleucus and Ptolemy were as distinct as England and France. Antiochus was simply a member of one of these dynasties or kingdoms, and can not in any sense be called "another horn" or kingdom, as he was only the man who for a few years ruled the Syrian horn.

The Angel Gabriel said that this vision would extend to the "time of the end." Dan. 8: 17. The 2,300 days terminated according to your interpretation almost 2,300 years before the beginning of the time of the end.

The prophecy distinctly states that the four kingdoms should not have the power of Alexander's kingdom, but this king of fierce countenance should be "mighty" in power, should "destroy wonderfully" which was not in any sense true of Antiochus.

The close analogy between the work of the "little horn" of Dan. 8: 9, 12, 23-25, with the work of the dragon of Revelation 12, especially verse 4, shows that the standing up "against the Prince of princes," etc., is much more far reaching in its scope and consequences than anything that Antiochus ever did. The Prince of princes can refer to no one but Christ.

You will notice that Daniel 11 also speaks of polluting the sanctuary and placing the abomination that maketh desolate. This chapter proves conclusively that these events are much more far reaching than the Grecian empire, for they bring us down to the time when the next event is the coming of Christ and resurrection.

The opinions of commentators and Josephus count for nothing in an interpretation of prophecy when they are cast aside and proved false by the inspired comment of Christ himself, "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (*whoso readeth, let him understand*;) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains." Matt. 24: 15, 16. This proves beyond question that this prophecy had not been fulfilled hundreds of years before by Antiochus Epiphanes, but its fulfilment was still future.

In view of these things and many

others that I might mention I ask you in the fear of God to beware how you forsake the solid ground of truth which has been from the first a fundamental part of this Message, to plunge into the quicksands of sophistry that have been put forward by the Roman Catholic Church as a part of its work of "casting down the truth."

Attempts have been made before to destroy different pillars of our faith. Even those who have been among us have at various times started out on side tracks claiming to have new light. But without a single exception their plans have failed and their efforts have come to naught. Many among those who are now pulling away from the demonination, while professing great loyalty to the Sabbath, are teaching things that in fact are subversive of the fundamental truths of God's character and the plan of salvation. Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools through listening to the delusive teachings of the enemy of righteousness. I am not speaking unadvisedly, for I have known this Message for all my life, and have been for many years watching the career of those movements, and I know some of the things taught by those who are their leaders.

Praying that God may help you to discern the sophistries of Satan and plant your feet on the eternal truths of the Third Angel's Message, I am, most sincerely, your brother,

B. F. KNEELAND.

"Power is not measured by noise or display. The blare of a trumpet or the blast of thunder would not lift a stone that is thrust up by the growing plant; neither would it split the rock which the little wedge of wood and the little water rend apart."

"So many people live on the mere edge of their privileges and possibilities! If the apostles of Christ had lived no deeper in the purpose of their gifts and offerings than do thousands who are prominent in the churches to-day, the western hemisphere would not yet have heard of a Redeemer."

Honesty is the best policy.

"FATHER, TAKE MY HAND"

The way is dark, my Father! Cloud on cloud
Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud
The thunders roar above me. See, I stand
Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand,
And through the gloom
Lead safely home
Thy child!

The day goes fast, my Father! and the night
Is drawing darkly down. My faithless sight
Sees ghostly visions. Fears, a spectral band,
Encompass me. O Father! take my hand,
And from the night
Lead up to light
Thy child!

The way is long, my Father! and my soul
Longs for the rest and quiet of the goal;
While yet I journey through this weary land,
Keep me from wandering. Father, take my
hand
Quickly and straight
Lead to heaven's gate
Thy child!

My path is rough, my Father! Many a thorn
Has pierced me; and my weary feet, all torn
And bleeding, mark the way. Yet thy com-
mand
Bids me press forward. Father, take my
hand;
Then safe and blest,
Lead up to rest
Thy child!

The throng is great! Many a doubt
And fear and danger compass me about,
And foes oppress me sore. I cannot stand
Or go alone. O Father! take my hand,
And through the throng
Lead safe along
Thy child!

The cross is heavy, Father! I have borne
It long, and still do bear it. Let my worn
And fainting spirit rise to that blest land
Where crowns are given. Father, take my
hand
And, reaching down,
Lead to the crown
Thy child!

THE GRACIOUS ANSWER

The way is dark, my child! but leads to light;
I would not always have thee walk by sight.
My dealings now, thou canst not understand.
I meant it so; but I will take thy hand,
And, through the gloom
Lead safely home
My child!

The day goes fast, my child! But is the night
Darker to me than day? In me is light!
Keep close to me; and every spectral band
Of fears shall vanish. I will take thy hand,
And through the night
Lead up to light
My child!

The way is long, my child! But it shall be
Not one step longer than is best for thee:
And thou shalt know, at last, when thou shalt
stand
Safe at the goal, how I did take thy hand,
And quick, and straight
Lead to heaven's gate
My child!

The path is rough, my child! But oh! how
sweet
Will be the rest, for weary pilgrims meet,
When thou shalt reach the borders of that
land
To which I lead thee, as I take thy hand;
And safe and blest
With me shalt rest
My child!

The throng is great, my child! But at thy side
Thy Father walks: then be not terrified:
For I am with thee; will thy foes command
To let thee freely pass; will take thy hand,
And through the throng
Lead safe along
My child!

The cross is heavy, child! Yet there was One
Who bore a heavier for thee; my Son,
My Well-beloved. For him bear thine; and
stand
With him at last; and, from thy Father's hand,
Thy cross is laid down,
Receive a crown,
My child!
In Bible Training-school.

ularly Jeremiah and Ezekiel. The connection between the predictions of Jeremiah as expressed in this twenty-fifth chapter and the threatening of the Third Angel's Message is quite evident. Jeremiah speaks of the time when the slain of the Lord will be from one end of the earth to the other. The nations are working zealously in their warlike preparations to bring about that definite end, and soon all will drink of that unmixed wine of fury. Let us prepare to avoid it.

F. D. STARR.

SCHOOL IS OUT

Delightful task! to rear the tender thought
And teach the young idea how to shoot;
To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind,
To breathe the enlivening spirit and to fix
The generous purpose in the glowing breast.

As spring advances schools close
and the teacher's delightful task is at
an end for one school year.

As the teacher reviews his work
and meditates, he is made to rejoice
as he dwells upon the things the child-
ren have accomplished during the
time he has been with them. One of
the teacher's chief joys is to witness
the shooting forth of "young ideas."
Then it is his duty and privilege to
nurture true ideas, until they unfold
and promise a steady growth, all the
while pruning away anything which
would hinder the growth of the true
idea.

On the last day of school as the
Christian teacher gently and carefully
lays aside his responsibility for awhile,
nature wells up and fills his heart with
regret that he has to be separated
from the children with whom he has
been so closely associated. In ad-
dition to the regret, a longing to see
these children engaged in the Lord's
work, plus the longing to meet them
in the earth made new, fills his breast.
And as he bids them "good bye" he
commits them to the heavenly
Father's care, and prays that he will
give the parents water, from the
fountain of life, to water the seeds of
truth, which have been planted in the
hearts and minds of the children, that
they may take root, and develop and
bear fruit to the Master's glory.

All my class! if one be missing
In the glorious gathering day,
How shall I account to Jesus?
What shall I with weeping say?

ANNA FRANKLIN.

THE UNMIXED WINE

In Rev. 14:9, 10 occur these words,
"If any man worship the beast and
his image, and receive his mark in his
forehead, or in his hand, the same
shall drink of the wine of the wrath of
God, which is poured out without
mixture into the cup of his indigna-
tion." The expression "without mix-
ture" seems to be without a parallel
as far as our English translation is
concerned, but in the Greek version,
the Septuagint, from which the ma-
jority of the quotations from the Old
Testament as found in the New, are
taken, the very same term is found.

If the reader will turn to Jer. 25:15,
he will find the expression. The
verse reads thus, "For thus saith the
Lord God of Israel unto me; Take the
winecup of this fury at my hand, and
cause all the nations, to whom I send
thee, to drink it." The word *fury* in
this verse is in the Greek the very
identical word that is translated *with-
out mixture* in Rev. 14:10. That word
is *akeraton*. Without doubt reference
is made in this passage in Revelation
to the prediction of the prophet Jere-
miah. Close study will show how ex-
tensively expressions in the writings
of the seer of Patmos are taken from
the utterances of the prophets, partic-

The conscience is the most elastic
material in the world. To-day you
cannot stretch it over a mole-hill, to-
morrow it hides a mountain.—*Bulwer-
Lytton.*

OUR WORKERS

OUR TEACHERS

Paterson, N. J.

We are very glad to see that the young people in the various churches are organizing themselves for service. Last Sabbath it was my privilege to be present when the Paterson Missionary Volunteer Society was organized. Judging from the fact that two of the members are already in the field as canvassers, we feel sure this will be a missionary society in fact as well as in name. Sister Rambo was with us and her instruction was greatly appreciated. Brother J. H. Carroll and four of our canvassers were also present. These young people seemed anxious to be in an attitude where God could use them, and we were much pleased with their willingness to bear burdens. While there is not so much show and expense connected with burden-bearing, faithfulness will bring the approval of heaven. We trust that this society will be a strong factor in presenting the Third Angel's Message in Paterson and vicinity.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Delta, Wauseon, O.

Dear VISITOR: April 20 found me at the home of Sister Clough at Delta, O. We held no service that night but the two following evenings a nice little company gathered to hear the word of God. There was freedom in giving the Message and all seemed to enjoy the points brought out and expressed themselves freely in favor of the truth.

Our sisters at Delta have been faithful in living out the truth, and also in seeking to interest others. I believe that the tent effort will be a success. Several of them showed an interest in the work for others by making a nice little donation for chairs to be used in hall work.

April 23 I spoke at Wauseon to about twenty-five or thirty that gathered at Sister Leslie's home. I was glad to find all faithful and of good courage. The next day I went to Sherwood where I remained until the 27th, speaking each night but one, when it stormed, to our own people. This church is small and yet they are paying a good tithe, showing that they believe in showing their faith by their works. If all were faithful in this respect how much faster the everlasting gospel could be carried to the world, and it also would bring a blessing upon the faithful. While at Sherwood

Brother Behnfeldt drove me over to Farmer where I visited Brother Charles Fairchild and his father, and also Brother Sewell's family there are of good courage and are rejoicing in the spread of the truth.

I stopped over one night at Defiance, but owing to a misunderstanding only a few were out to the service that was held. W. E. BIDWELL.

Elizabeth, N. J.

To the readers of the VISITOR, greeting: The following lines will keep you informed of the efforts that are being put forth in this section of the wide harvest field, to the end that the precious wheat growing hereabouts may be in readiness for the reapers; when they are revealed at that great day; when our Lord shall send them to gather his elect from the four corners of the earth.

Our missionary society is in charge of our church librarian. Each and every member of our church is a member of our missionary society *ex officio*. Our missionary society is conducted strictly along parliamentary lines, as follows:—

1. Meeting called to order by the librarian.
2. Singing of missionary hymn.
3. Reading of Scripture by librarian.
4. Prayer by one of the members.
5. Reading of minutes of last meeting and approving of same.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Open discussion along missionary lines.
10. A short but interesting talk on the progress of the Message in the foreign field.
11. Motion to adjourn being in order, the secretary takes up the collection, singing of hymn, and dismissal with prayer.

We have placed yearly subscriptions to the *Signs* as follows: Elizabeth General Hospital,—7; Union County Poor House,—2; Elizabeth Free Library,—1. Six month subscription to the *Signs* in Engine Houses Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Engine House No. 6 refusing to accept them. One year subscription to *Liberty* to the mayor; to twenty-four councilmen; to five judges and two prosecutors; to twenty prominent lawyers; to thirty ministers and Jewish rabbis; to two daily newspapers; to the free library, making a total of eighty-five *Liberties*. Besides this single copies to the public school principals and higher grade teachers.

We have one tract rack in operation

and plans are developing for the use of three more.

We have one steamship agency using our foreign tracts in eight languages, as souvenirs, giving them out to its customers.

One way of distributing English tracts is by strolling through the city parks in the evenings, and giving them to the men found there.

Brethren, the clouds of the final storm are fast gathering around us. Look in what direction we may, we see the everdarkening sky. There is but one bright blue spot in the heavens, and that is in direct line of our vision as we look to Christ, our great high priest, now in the heavenly sanctuary. Soon the door of mercy will be closed, and then that one bright spot will be overcast. Now while it is still bright is the time to work for those around us. Now is the accepted time; to-day is the day of salvation. Even now the lightning-flashes can be seen; and ere it is too late, let us be up and doing. Let us make sure that the words found in Jer. 8:20 will not apply to any on account of our slackness. Yours in the work of the Third Angel's Message,

THE ELIZABETH CHURCH OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

VIRGINIA

We are planning to place four tents in the field this summer. Three for the white people, and one for the colored people.

Elder B. L. House will be in charge of one at Richmond. Elder G. C. Stevens, and Brother C. Hennage will be with the one at Montrose, Westmoreland Co.

Elders H. W. Herrell, L. L. French and Brother B. E. Manuel will hold a tent effort at Faber's, Nelson Co.

Elder Leslie Munce and Elder F. G. Warnick will be charge of one at Newport News.

We trust that all of the members throughout the Conference will remember these tent companies before the throne of grace.

We fail to praise the Lord for the many ways in which he is a blessing us as a conference and as individuals. May the good work continue until the threefold angel's message shall have been proclaimed throughout the entire field. Yours for the Master,

H. W. HERRELL.

Route 3, Box 28, Richmond, Va.

Some Christians are like the well of a man I know. The well is all right, with two exceptions—it freezes up in winter and dries up in summer. —Moody.

VIRGINIA ITEMS

Sister Rice reports a good interest among her Bible readers. One lady has begun to observe the Sabbath, and attends the Sabbath meetings with Sister Rice.

Elder Leslie Munce reports a good interest in his meetings at Newport News, and several are ready for baptism.

Elder F. G. Warnick is having a good attendance at his meetings in Richmond, several have joined recently, and others in the valley of decision.

Elder G. A. Stevens, who has been laboring recently at Clermont, reports several conversions, and two or three baptized.

Elder L. L. French of Roanoke has been doing some good work in his field. Several have decided to obey the truth, and walk in the ways of the Lord.

Elder H. J. Farman, who has recently been called from Richmond to unite with the work in Vermont, reports several individuals who are interested in the Truth.

Elder A. J. Painter, of the Stanley church, reports two more accessions to the church there.

Sister Watkins, of the Portsmouth church, who has been doing some house to house work, reports two who have begun to observe the Sabbath.

We are pleased to learn that Elder Lindsey has located in our State.

We believe the above is only the beginning of the good work which the Lord wishes to do for us. May we all relate ourselves to the Lord, and his work, so that we may not see the work hindered. H. O. HERRELL.

Route 3, Box 28, Richmond, Va.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Orwell church May 1-4. Seven services were held during the interval. He reports a very interesting and profitable time. The ordinances were celebrated.

May 9 was spent with the Northumberland and Sunbury church, at which time Brother Stevenson was ordained deacon of the church.

The Bloomsburg company was visited on Sunday, May 10, and before returning he also found time to seek out several isolated Sabbath keepers. His visits were greatly appreciated.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald who with his family will set sail for England, on the

20th of this month, will preach his farewell sermon on Sabbath, May 16, in the church at 17th and Norris Streets, Philadelphia. Elder Fitzgerald served this congregation as pastor for a number of years prior to his accepting the presidency of this conference. His many friends in the city and throughout the conference unite in wishing him Godspeed in his new field of labor.

E. R. Brown, our Union Conference auditor, is spending a few days with us, in the Tract Society office, opening up a new set of books.

A Sabbath-school convention was held last Sabbath, May 9, by the North Philadelphia Sabbath-school. A profitable time was spent in the consideration of questions relating to the work in the Sabbath-school. Among those present, aside from the regular members of the school, and who took part in the program, were Brother Bayley, of the West Side school, and the Conference Sabbath-school secretary.

Elder Heckman spent a few days in Scranton last week making preparations for our camp-meeting.

One of our workers in relating his experience when visiting among the churches says, "One thing impressed me very much. There was one dear brother and family present who came nine miles with horse and carriage for the afternoon and evening meetings; and this same brother and his son-in-law walked seven miles to—last Sabbath to enjoy the services at this church. Even though it rained all Sabbath morning they could not be discouraged, but walked these seven miles in the rain. These brethren preached a more powerful sermon to me than I have heard for many days."

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.

A. L. BAYLEY, Sec.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CAMP-MEETING

The Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Camp-meeting will be held in the city of Scranton, June 11-21, preceded by a four days' workers' meeting.

In many ways this will be the most important camp-meeting ever held in Eastern Pennsylvania, and nothing of a trivial character should hinder our attendance. Three times annually did ancient Israel appear before the Lord in general gatherings. How earnestly are we admonished by the New Testament apostle not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more as we see the day (Christ's coming) approaching. We must awake, cut loose from the world, seek the Lord and find the blessing which will prepare us for life's duties, and save us from the snares and deceptions of the devil.

We expect some help from the General Conference. Our own force of workers will be present, and the presentation of the progress of the work, its needs and the exposition of prophetic fulfilment will make the meeting a beneficial and interesting one.

We hope to secure railroad rates on all the principle roads. Decide now to attend, and send your order for tents to A. L. Bayley, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Come praying that we may receive copious showers of the latter rain.

W. H. HECKMAN, Pres.

Cumberland, Md.

Dear VISITOR: We are glad to use your columns to tell our Ohio friends that we like our new field of labor. It is now eight weeks since we left our home in Ohio, and the time has passed very rapidly. My time has been given quite largely to using the *Family Bible Teacher*, going from house to house; and while I find quite a large percentage of the people of foreign birth, they seem to be glad to receive the literature. I have just ordered 100 copies of the special number of the *Signs*, and am planning on selling them to the readers of the *Family Bible Teachers* and thus carry them farther in the Message.

This city contains about 25,00 inhabitants, whom we desire to quickly warn and pass on to other unentered places. Our tent effort, which we were planning to start in July, we hope God will abundantly bless, and make fruitful for the saving of many precious souls. May the Lord help us to arise and shine, and send forth the glad Message of the coming Saviour, and reign of peace.

FRED. M. FAIRCHILD.

Read your Bibles frequently and seriously, and digest well what you have read.

CHANGE OF DATE OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Owing to the National Educational Association holding its meeting this year at Cleveland from June 29 to July 4, which is to be followed by a convention of principals and presidents of our own schools, and as several of those who are to take part in the Summer School wish to be in attendance at one or both these meetings, it has been decided to postpone the opening of the Summer School till July 7, and continue the work through to August 13. This will give time for a brief rest for those who have been teaching all through the winter; also it will give time for some needed work in the building in getting it ready for the Baptist Assembly, and for the next school year. We hope that all those interested in the Summer School will note the change and plan their work accordingly. By the time this notice reaches its readers, the Announcement will be ready for distribution.

We will be pleased to send a copy of this Announcement which gives an outline of the subjects which may be taken, expenses, and other information usually desired, to any one who will send their name and address.

Let all come expecting a pleasant and profitable time, and with a purpose to make the best of every opportunity and through the blessing of the Lord, we look for good success.

J. B. CLYMER, *Ed. Sec.*

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: The District of Columbia Committee of the Senate have reported favorably on a Sunday bill for the District of Columbia. This means that it will be brought before the Senate to be acted upon by all of the senators in the very near future. While a bill is before a committee there is not much interest taken in it, only by those who may compose the committee; but now every senator must act upon it. This bill has gone farther than any Sunday bill which has yet been before Congress. This is another signal for quick action by our people.

We would urge that all of our people write their senators, earnestly protesting against the passage of this bill, the latest bill introduced by Senator Johnston, and asking the senators to use their influence against it.

This bill may come up for action soon, so our people should not delay writing. We will announce in the *Review* when it is too late to write. Very faithfully yours, K. O. RUSSELL.

A TEMPERANCE NUMBER

Never before in the history of this country has there been such widespread and intense agitation over prohibition. Temperance workers throughout the length and breadth of the land are arousing to the necessity of immediate and determined action. They are greatly encouraged over the success which has attended their efforts within the last year. The liquor interests realize that unless a desperate fight is made their business will be greatly curtailed.

Nowhere is the temperance fight being waged more persistently than in the Southern States. The publishers of the *Watchman* are preparing a special temperance number of that paper. It will be dated June 2, but will probably be ready for distribution by the middle of May. This issue will be wholly devoted to temperance. The president of the National W. C. T. U., the president of the Tennessee W. C. T. U., the medical superintendent of the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium, and other prominent and influential writers, are contributing for this special. It will be printed in two colors, with an appropriate cover-page illustration.

We as a people have failed to exert our efforts in behalf of temperance as fully as we should. Now is our opportunity to strike a telling blow for true temperance reform, and at the same time show the noble bands of temperance workers throughout the country that we are heartily in sympathy with the temperance movement. The good results of our association with other temperance workers in this special campaign will become more and more apparent as the perils of the last days increase. This issue of the *Watchman* will sell readily. Agents who make it their business will have no difficulty in selling it by the thousand and at ten cents a copy. It will be supplied to workers at the following prices:—

1 to 4 copies, all to one address,	
each	\$.05
5 to 24 copies, all to one address,	
each03½
25 to 99 copies, all to one address,	
each03
100 to 500 copies, all to one address,	
each02½
10 or more copies mailed singly....	.04

A neat *Watchman* badge will be sent free, if requested, to each person who orders fifty or more copies. Order at once through the Ohio Tract Society.

The truly good are happy.

CANVASSING WORK

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Brother Bryant, writing from South Lancaster, says that he has a class of seventy studying the canvass for "Great Controversy." He expects one hundred to enter the work this summer from the school. He speaks very encouragingly of the work in the Atlantic Union Conference and says they are selling three cases of "Great Controversy" each week, but after the school closes hope to sell at least one case a day. This will mean over one hundred copies of "Great Controversy" daily to put into the homes of the people in that Union Conference.

Encouraging reports are coming from all our general field missionary agents of some successful institutes being held. Brother Blosser writes that the outlook in the Lake Union Conference is brighter than for several years.

Brother Richardson, field agent of the Columbia Union Conference, has just closed a series of institutes which have proved highly successful. Among other good things taught at these institutes has been impressed upon the students or canvassers the importance of working forty hours a week and trying to take orders to the amount of one dollar an hour. This plan is being carried out with good results by many. MORRIS LUKENS.

THE OHIO INSTITUTE

The Institute for Ohio has just closed, and we are glad to report a good attendance and a lively interest in the work. Between thirty and forty were in attendance at the different classes. The canvassers in training were of the stable, substantial class, many of whom, we trust, will stand by the work the year round. Besides the resident canvassers, a number of the students are planning on entering the work.

We were glad for the privilege of having with us Elders Palmer and Lukens. The very timely and encouraging talks given during the chapel hour were an inspiration to the entire school, and the classes in practical work which were conducted in the afternoon covered the many little perplexities which the beginner must meet as he enters the work; and if the instruction given in these classes is carefully followed, we feel certain that the workers in Ohio will be able to do much more efficient work for having attended.

Brother Foote, of West Virginia, was also present and assisted in some of the classes.

The last day of the Institute was spent in practical work in Mount Vernon. The canvassers went out two and two. Each one of the new men was placed with one of the experienced workers. All seemed to enjoy the work and met with fairly good success.

While some will not be able to begin work until their vacation, others are going from the Institute directly into the field.

Brother Van Gorder expects to work in Sandusky County, Brethren Corder and Waters in Mahoning County, Sharp and Weak in Lawrence and Ross Counties, Horst and Oberholtzer in Wayne and Medina Counties, Goss in Geauga County, French in Harden County, L. D. Gallion and D. R. Gallion in Holmes County, Fritz in Highland County.

We have also received word from several others who were not able to attend, but who expect to join us in the work very soon.

As a whole we feel that the institute was a success and believe that the Lord will bless the effort of his people to increase the circulation of the printed page in Ohio. We are of good courage, and look forward to a prosperous year.

E. R. NUMBERS.

Souderton, Reading, Pa.

On Sabbath, April 11, I visited the Souderton church. The attendance was good, and all were of strong faith in the Lord. I spoke from Eph. 2:10, showing that we will be working Christians; also that God has a definite work for all who claim to be his children; and the result of neglecting to heed his call.

One dear brother, a carpenter by trade, has promised to enter the canvassing work in a few weeks. This company of about twenty-five believers already has two noble brethren in the Lord's vineyard going from house to house, and soon they will have the third one going to the front. God wants working Christians—not to work for the gentiles, but for the saving of souls. Twelve have already entered the canvassing work within the past few months; others are planning to enter soon. The work is onward. It will soon be finished. Let all whom the Lord has called take hold of the work, and we will soon get our reward according as our work has been.

Sabbath, April 25, was spent with

the Reading church. It being missionary day, that is, the day of the month set apart for the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers, the importance of circulating our literature was brought before them. Many expressed their desire to do more than ever before to bring this last warning Message to those who know it not in the form of the printed page. One of the brethren went out the following week selling "Daniel and Revelation," and sold \$35.75 worth in five days. Others expect to enter the work soon.

The Lord is stirring up the hearts of many and showing them the importance of this good work. There are now twelve talented young men and women that have given their entire time to this work within the past four months. He is rapidly fulfilling his word. He will make a quick work upon the earth, and cut it short in righteousness. G. W. HOLMAN.

Lancaster, Pa.

NEW JERSEY

We receive many encouraging letters from canvassers now in the field, and we believe the readers of the VISITOR would be interested also; Miss Anna Hugg, who is stationed at Paterson, N. J., writes, "I have found it a great privilege to be a co-worker with God, and I can also say that he is blessing me in every particular. I am thankful that the Lord has called even me to have a part in this last Message to a dying world, and my desire is that souls may be converted through the means of my work. I also feel that I can of my own self do nothing, but I can do all things through him which strengtheneth me."

Samuel A. Paul, who is at Gloucester, N. J., writes, "I feel that God has been very near me this last week, and every day brings me to realize more and more the great need of laborers—truly the harvest is great. May God help us all who have started in this good work to stick to it till this gospel of the kingdom is carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people and the controversy ended and Jesus comes to gather his loved ones home."

Charles Duenke, of Little Falls, says, "I had some good experiences this week. Although I did not take many orders, this is my first week and I am not discouraged, for I know that we will have trials, and I do want to stand firm for God."

Brother C. L. Woodward, of Hamonton, says, "The dear Lord has given me eight orders the past week

as a result of a very little work. I expect shortly to put in forty or forty-five hours' time each week instead of such fragments of time. I have been thinking about what consecration means, and I have been seeking God for a better understanding of how to consecrate myself to him. I believe we have not sensed the fact that all our time is given us by the Lord for use in his service; so I have asked God for wisdom to spend this time to glorify him. Satan will assault the canvasser on this point with his heaviest guns because this has proved to be a very weak spot in myself and others; so ask God to strengthen the canvassers to get the victory on this point,—that each canvasser may consecrate each hour to God and each working hour to his service."

Others who have recently entered the canvassing work in this State report good courage and a determination to press forward. They all ask an interest in our prayers.

D. K. ROYER, Sec.

Richmond, Va.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: It is my glad privilege to again write a few lines to you, hoping that they will prove a help and encourage some dear souls who are laboring in the canvassing work.

Brother Luther Overstreet writes that he is finishing the territory that was assigned him, and is considering going to Augusta County to canvass there. We are hoping to have some brother connect with him at this place. Brother Overstreet accepted the Message since the beginning of the present year, and while but a youth in age, the orders he has taken show that the angels have accompanied him, going before and preparing the hearts of the people to receive him. Best of all, he has the presence of the Saviour with him, and thus has continual joy in his work.

Brother Oertley writes that he is canvassing in the country, and as the houses are further apart, it takes more time to canvass fewer houses. He says that on last Tuesday morning, in three hours, he took seven orders for "Seer of Patmos," taking one in almost every house. He says, "The dear Lord blessed me greatly. I am of good courage. It is the Lord who does all the work. To him be all the praise."

The work in general in Virginia is progressing very favorably, and the tendency is upwards. There is a more general interest being taken in the distribution of our literature, more

being engaged in this work than at any former period. I believe we will see this interest increasing until the final work is completed. May we as a people who profess to believe, become thoroughly enthused with the Message, and be active so that those who come into the truth from now on will have an example that will encourage them to take right hold of the work and help finish it quickly.

The following letter is from a sister, a native of the West Indies, who is giving her attention to the colored people in Virginia. May God bless her, and all others who are interested in her race.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

Richmond, Va.

Four months ago I left New York and came to this city to canvass. I came just as the Lord sent his apostles—without purse or scrip, asking God to use me as he did Aaron's dry rod.

I am thankful to say he has answered my prayer. Time and space will not permit me to give all my experiences in the canvassing work. Eternity alone could reveal all that has been done. I am thankful to say that one soul has accepted the Message, and joined the church, and her five children have been added to the Sabbath-school.

There are five others who are ready to take their stand, but need more faith. We hope that God, who has commenced a good work in them, will bring them through, as I must take the printed page somewhere else. In a few weeks I will be leaving for Norfolk, where I hope to canvass the whole summer, all being well. Pray for me. I will stay in the field until the Lord comes.

EMILY MCGLOCHLIN.

FOR SALE

Ten acres of land one mile from Mt. Vernon College. Good, newly painted house of eight rooms, large cellar, well, cistern, hen house, wood house, corn crib, pine barn, large wagon shed, and good orchard. The above described property can be bought for \$1,500, as the owner has left the State to labor in the Chesapeake Conference. The property lies in the natural gas belt, a line running by on the roadside which can be piped to the house, and is only two miles from the county seat. All correspondence should be addressed to—

F. M. FAIRCHILD,

Cumberland, Md., R. F. D., No. 2.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending May 8, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,		CK	4	35	29	\$30.50	\$4.50	\$35.00	
R. French, Ottawa Co.,		CK	1	8					\$14.75
L. D. Gallion, Holmes Co.,		DR	1	8			.50	.50	18.50
Totals			6	51	29	\$30.50	\$5.00	\$35.50	\$33.25

Virginia, Week Ending May 3, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,		CK	4	27	10	\$10.00	\$1.75	\$11.75	\$ 3.85
J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,		DR	5	40		9.00	5.50	14.50	141.60
Kaspar Oertly, Roanoke,		SP	2	18	7	8.75	.35	9.10	
Mrs. A. C. Neff, Quicksburg,			1	12					17.75
Clara Pease, Richmond,		CK		5	4	4.00	1.05	5.05	2.35
Mrs. Zeidler,		CK		5	2	2.00	5.25	7.25	.35
Totals,			12	107	23	\$33.75	\$13.90	\$47.65	\$38.90

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 9, 1908

J. E. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,		CK	5	36	25	\$26.00	\$5.50	\$31.51	\$3.35
H. G. Scott, Baltimore,		CK	1	10					3.00
D. W. Johns,		CK	3	9					2.00
Totals,			9	75	25	\$26.00	\$5.50	\$31.50	\$8.35

New Jersey, Week Ending May 8, 1908

William Ambs, Bergen Co.,		GC	5	39	11	\$30.25		\$30.25	\$2.00
Mrs. F. McKeen,* Trenton,		GC	3	8½	5	13.75		13.75	
Eugene McKeen,* Trenton,		HM	1	3	1	2.00	\$4.31	6.31	
Eugene McKeen, Trenton,		HM	3	18½			6.55	6.55	
D. P. Boersma,* Berlin,		DR	3	16					5.25
D. P. Boersma, Haddon H'ts,		DR	2	18	2	5.00	1.75	6.75	.50
D. Percy,* Pleasantville,		DR	3	21	7	19.25	.70	19.95	.35
D. Percy, Pleasantville,		DR	4	30	17	49.25	1.35	50.60	
Geo. Taylor, Pleasantville,		DR	4	28	18	49.75		49.75	
Sam'l Paul, Gloucester,		GC	4	32	9	26.75		26.75	
Sadie Winter, Irvington,		CK	2	9	4	4.00	.20	4.20	
Chas. Duneke, Little Falls,		CK	4	18	2	3.00		3.00	
Anna Hugg, Paterson,		GC	3	15	9	24.75	7.50	32.25	
C. Woodward, Hammonton,		GC	4	14	8	25.00		25.00	.35
Mrs. J. Jenssen, Paterson,		GC	2	12	2	6.50	5.15	11.65	.75
Totals,			47	282	95	\$259.25	\$27.86	\$287.11	\$9.20

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 8, 1908

R. Spangenberg, Lackawana,		COL	4	27	27	\$33.75		\$33.75	\$21.25
H. J. Detwiler, York Co.,		DR	5	36	16	32.00	2.10	34.10	1.40
H. J. Albright, Berks Co.,		DR	3	17	6	9.00		9.00	
E. Kesselmeier, Phila.,		DR	2	6	1	2.50		2.50	
Wm. Seigle,† Tioga,		CK	9	71	20	23.00	6.50	29.50	11.00
G. Seigle,		CK	8	62	10	10.50	1.55	12.05	1.00
Elsie Swingle, N'thampt'n,		COL	4	25	21	26.25	2.50	28.75	
B. Donachy,		CK	4	23	13	14.00	2.00	16.00	
Bertha Garrett, Lackaw'na,		OPH	3	20	56	14.00		14.00	1.00
Totals;			42	288	170	\$165.00	\$14.65	\$179.65	\$35.65

West Virginia, Week Ending May 8, 1908

W. L. Logan, Lewis Co.,		DR	5	41	7	\$13.50	\$10.50	\$24.00	
Jas. Marlatt,† Marshall Co.,		DR	7	49	3	7.00	2.80	9.80	\$.25
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley,		DR	5	30	4	8.50	8.50	17.00	6.00
H. W. Waggoner, Berkeley,		CK	5	28	11	11.50	7.50	19.00	3.75
Mrs. Sue Herring, Preston,		CK	1	6	3	3.00	1.50	4.50	13.50
A. J. Wright, Roane Co.,							13.90	13.90	
A. J. Bush, Richie Co.,							14.20	14.20	
Totals,			23	154	28	\$43.50	\$58.90	\$102.40	\$23.50

*Week ending May 1, 1908.

†Two weeks.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

A Sabbath-school was organized at Sandusky, O., May 16.

Elder Shannon spent two days with the brethren at Clyde last week.

The blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

Brother Van Gorder is now canvassing in Sandusky Co., and will assist in the church school work at Clyde.

We have been unable to furnish the VISITOR for the last two weeks to our exchanges as we failed to receive our full quota from the printer.

Brother and Sister E. E. Mackin, of Lima, O., and Sister Underwood, of Sandusky, have been visiting Brother and Sister Brien of Clyde.

Sister Fox, of Green Spring, is dangerously ill, and requests the prayers of God's people. Remember this sister's request. The prayers of the righteous availeth much.

Owing to the serious illness of Brother John Rose, his wife has found it necessary to offer their home for sale. They have a farm of ten acres just outside the city limits of Clyde, a nice six room house, a new barn, wagon shed, good well and cistern, a fine cherry orchard of about three acres, besides a quantity of small fruit. It is favorably situated for a family that desires to avail themselves of church and church school privilege. This place will be sold soon. Those interested should write at once to Mrs. John Rose, Clyde, O.

CHESAPEAKE, ATTENTION!

There are a few persons at Wilmington, Del., who are desirous of taking instructions and immediately entering the canvassing work; and for their benefit and all others in that church and elsewhere, who may wish to attend, we shall hold a short Canvassers' Institute or course of instruction beginning Sunday, May 17, and closing Sunday, May 24. The place of

holding it will be in the church on King Street, in Wilmington, Del. We hope that all who desire to get a preparation for this good work will rally to this call and immediately perform their long neglected duty.

For further information please address—

G. H. CLARK.
1909 Lansdowne St., Baltimore, Md.

LIFE AND HEALTH

The June number of *Life and Health* comes out with a bright and attractive new cover design, and filled with practical instruction for the hot season. Special attention is given to the prevention and treatment of the prevailing summer diseases, especially typhoid fever and the common maladies to which children are subject. With these are associated some very practicable hints on subjects of holidays; vacations—their uses and abuses, the cause for the constantly increasing demand for stimulants; the unhealthy properties of the flavors of summer drinks; pure milk and water supply; dangers from ice; and much other timely matter that renders this issue of great value.

This number of *Life and Health* is of a nature that will appeal to the good judgment of all, and will only be of great value to those who read it, but will be financially beneficial to those who sell it. Those who sold 150 copies a day of the May number will do even better with the June number.

If any of our readers have not investigated the spiritual and financial effectiveness of *Life and Health* work, we advise them to write for full information and special instruction to agents. The Ohio Tract Society will supply sample copies, and fill all orders.

THE TEMPERANCE REFORM

"There needs to be a great reformation on the subject of temperance. The world is filled with self-indulgence of every kind. Because of the benumbing influence of stimulants and narcotics, the minds of many are unable to discern between the sacred and the common. Their mental powers are weakened, and they cannot discern the deep spiritual things of the word of God.

"The Christian will be temperate in all things,—in eating, in drinking, in dress, and in every phase of life. 'Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.' We have no right to indulge in any-

thing that will result in a condition of mind that hinders the Spirit of God from impressing us with the sense of our duty. It is a masterpiece of Satanic skill to place men where they can with difficulty be reached with the gospel.

"Shall there not be among us as a people a revival of the temperance work? Why are we not putting forth much more decided efforts to oppose the liquor traffic, which is ruining the souls of men, and is causing violence and crime of every description? With the great light that God has entrusted to us, we should be in the forefront of every true reform. The use of drugged liquors is making men mad, and leading them to commit the most horrible crimes. Because of the wickedness that follows largely as a result of the use of liquor, the judgments of God are falling upon our earth to-day. Have we not a solemn responsibility to put forth earnest efforts in opposition to this great evil?"

The statements above are from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White. The present is the most favorable opportunity we have ever had to strike a telling blow for temperance reform. Shall we not awake to the situation? The special Temperance Number of the *Watchman* has been prepared for this very time; it is attractive and will sell well.

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The address of Elder George W. Spies is Westville, N. J.

OBITUARY

NARY.—On Friday, January 17, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nary, of Waseon, laid away their infant daughter, Sophia Izzetta, to await the call of the life-giving Saviour when he comes to gather to himself his own. For a short time only was this treasure entrusted to their care, but in their sorrow they submit their wills to him who doeth all things well, and are willing to be admonished by this affliction to live with reference to that grand time of re-union, when there shall be no more death. Words of comfort and admonition were spoken by the writer, from Job 14:10, to the relatives and kind friends. Through the kindness of the United Brethren congregation, we used their church for the funeral services.

A. C. SHANNON.