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MISCELLANEOUS

THE WEAKNESS OF WEALTH

Not all the gold of all the world
Can buy a grain of grace,
Not all the silver here untold
Can buy an ounce of faith.
Not all the rare and precious stones,
That sparkle as the sun,
Can purchase truth, but stand alone
And helpless every one.

Not all the fame esteemed above
All riches here, when placed
Beside an atom of true love
Sinks down as worthless waste.
And all the honor held so high
By mortals here below,
Compared with virtue ere must die
Nor lasting value show.

True riches surely do not lie
In silver or in gold,
Or precious gems or honors high
So long esteemed of old.
But principle is mightier far
In heaven's glorious plan,
The mind 's the true and guiding star,
The portals of the man.

How oft we see the wealth of earth
Put to a shameful use,
Surrender and all helpless lie
And hoist the flag of truce.
But virtue, honor, truth and love
All earthly wealth outvie,
Bestowed upon us from above
As things that cannot die.

No riches here can be compared
Unto these heavenly things
We're told in God's true, holy word,
They take to themselves wings
And fly away as eagles do
Towards the heavens so high,
And disappearing from our view
They wither, fade and die.

Oh! may we all true wealth attain,
My brothers, sisters dear,
Then shall our living not be vain
Upon this earthly sphere.
But for our every brother's need
And welfare ever strive,
And for all sorrow pity feel
Is wealth that will abide.

—Selected.

"You cannot follow after Jesus until you have first come to him."

THE CANVASSER'S HABITS

The canvasser really makes two exhibitions—one of himself, the other of the paper or book he happens to be introducing. The former is in some ways the more important of the two; for a man who is thoroughly in earnest and alive to his finger-tips, and neatly and appropriately dressed, and of pleasing deportment will be able to sell any worthy book. He will make an appeal to the hearts of his customers that they cannot resist.

I begin with the canvasser's dress. Let it be clean and tidy, and as good as he can afford. Boots should be polished, linen changed frequently, and coat, waistcoat, and trousers, and hat well brushed. The clothing should fit the calling, and should not attract undue attention to itself, nor give a wrong impression as to the business of the wearer. The book agent is a Christian business man or business woman, and the dress should be in keeping with this idea—plain, neat, well-fitting, and unobtrusive. To affect the clerical garb, and endeavor to get people to buy a paper or book regardless of contents in order to help on "the cause" is to lower personal dignity and to do injustice to a highly creditable calling.

With reference to personal cleanliness; it is not next to, but a part of, godliness. "Be ye clean," reads the inspired Word, "that bear the vessels of the Lord." The book agent, coming as he does into close contact with his customers, should of all men be scrupulously clean. The morning ablutions should be thorough. The wet hand or cold towel rub applied to the whole body is desirable, and once or twice a week a hot bath with plenty of soap and water is required. Do not overlook the finger-nails when making the morning's toilet. Long nails with their deposit of filth showing through are most revolting to a person of refinement, and are also dangerous as carriers of disease germs.

The tooth-brush is another of the agent's friends. Keep the teeth white and cleaned, and you are less likely to have toothache, while your breath and general appearance will greatly improve. Nothing is more unwholesome

and repelling than a set of decayed and neglected teeth.

I wish now to take up a matter of much urgency, the canvasser's use of his time. If you knew a man who was in the habit of throwing away a dozen sixpences more or less daily, you would think him, no doubt, extremely wasteful. Yet many men and women throw away moments and hours which could be exchanged for sixpences without the least trouble.

The canvasser's time is his capital stock, which he should guard with extreme care. Laying aside nine hours for sleep and meals, we have about fifteen hours for the active use of which we shall sometime give an account. How shall we make the most of this time? First, we must work systematically. We must have a plan for each day. There should be a regular hour for rising, and after the making of one's toilet, a quiet time for prayer and reading a portion of Scripture; then follows breakfast, after which the definite work of the day should begin promptly, all the necessary preparations having been made the night before. It is well, however, to go further than this, and mark down quite definitely the different things that are to be done, as far as possible, in the order in which they are to be taken up; then every hour of the day will be occupied with fruitful activity. When one duty has been performed another will stand ready to be taken up, and so on. Then in the evening the list may be gone over conscientiously, and if it has not been lived up to, a resolve made to do better on the morrow. Of course, there will be times when such plans have to be changed, but if the practice is adopted in earnest, it will be found a very great saver of time, and will enable one to rise above indolent feelings, and to form the habit of going steadily forward with one's work, no matter what obstacles may arise.

Many people are excellent at *putting in time*, however, but are nevertheless poor workers. I heard of one man recently who canvassed for a whole day, walking ten or fifteen miles, and sold five papers. He worked his legs, but not his mind. The successful canvasser must be alert, wide-awake, energetic, and whole-hearted, obeying

the command, "Whatsoever thou findest to do, do it with all thy might." He must apply his whole spirit and soul and body to the task in hand. The philanthropist, Howard, when asked how he was able to accomplish so much, replied, "By being a whole man to one thing at a time." Mere half-hearted effort is not worthy of the name of work, and does harm rather than good. Moreover, it is in some ways much more tiring than energetic, whole-hearted work. The lazy man really has the hardest time; and the man who is looking for an easy place often spends as much energy in trying to get it as would be necessary to accomplish a really hard one.

Fortunately, energy is a thing which can be cultivated; it is one of the graces of character which we may well pray for. A sense of responsibility helps one to put more energy into one's work. When we realize that God has called us each to work for him—to spend and be spent in his service, to burn our bridges behind us, and go onward and upward day by day, regardless of hindering circumstances—this in itself helps to fill us with energy and holy zeal. Jeremiah was a man of energy because he was a man with a message. And when he was tempted to hold back, he could not, for the message, we are told, was as burning fire shut up in his bones.

I must pass on to drop a few closing words on the canvasser's mental improvement. No doubt most canvassers have not had as thorough an education as they would like, but if they will make proper use of their evenings, and their spare moments through the day, they can continually grow mentally, and store up much useful knowledge. In this time and age of the world, education is needed in all lines of work. Culture is on the increase, and to reach the people of the higher classes, who are just as much in need of our literature as others, we must have canvassers who have trained their minds by study, and know how to present their book or paper in an intelligent manner.

The determination to master the science of canvassing, and be able to present our literature in a telling and convincing manner, as well to leave the best possible impression behind, will prove a fruitful one in the life of every canvasser. In general the canvasser is too easily satisfied with his efforts, and sometimes he blames his territory or the hard times, when the real blame lies with himself. God adds his blessing to consecrated toil, and the successful canvasser must *make* openings for

himself and his book when he does not find them ready to hand. It is sometimes said that circumstances make times but *the strong man makes circumstances*. One who really thirsts after knowledge will get it somehow, even though everything is against him, and the very process of getting it under difficulties will make it all the more valuable. Finally the canvasser must persevere. It is not enough to work hard for one day, or two days, or a week; the process must be continued week after week. The man who would have success must form the habit of working; he must know what it is to get a grip of things and hang on. Dogged persistence has enabled many men of moderate ability to accomplish far more than men of brilliant intellect who lacked staying qualities. It is the continual dropping that wears away the rock. Bull-dog tenacity is absolutely essential to the highest success. It was said of our Saviour, "He shall never fail nor be discouraged."—*M. E. Olsen, in Missionary Worker.*

THE USE OF TITHE

"Thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure olive-oil beaten for the light to cause the lamp to burn always." This was to be a continual offering that the house of God might be properly supplied with that which was necessary for his service. The people of to-day are to remember that the house of worship is God's property and that it is to be scrupulously cared for. But the funds for this work are not to come from the tithe. The tithe is to be used for one purpose—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has anointed to do his work. It is to be used to support those who speak the words of life to the people, and carry the burden of the flock of God.

Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep these buildings in good repair, but this money is not to come from the tithe.

A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said the tithe is to be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God's arrangement. God will judge them for these things.

One reasons that the tithe may be appropriated for school purposes;

still another would reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe; but a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers. There should to-day be in the field one hundred well-qualified laborers where now there is one. God cannot look upon the present condition of things with approval, but with condemnation. His treasury is deprived of the means that should be used for the support of the gospel ministry in fields nigh and afar off. Those who proclaim the message of truth before great congregations, and who do house-to-house work as well, are doing double missionary work, and in no case are their salaries to be cut down. The use of the tithe must be looked upon as a sacred matter by our people. We must guard strictly against all that is contrary to the message now given.

The impression is becoming quite common that the sacred disposition of the tithe no longer exists. Many have lost their sense of the Lord's requirements. The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for himself. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work. God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasures unless they repent.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

On the whole, I rather like the venture of Simon Peter out of the fishing-boat to walk to Jesus on the waves; for though he began to sink, he also began to pray. He found that sinking times were praying times; and when we learn that, we know where to reinforce our own weakness by laying hold on the infinite Strength.—*Cuyler.*

Dwight L. Moody wrote, "I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.' I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."—*Selected.*

OUR WORKERS

THIS GENERATION

This is a common expression among Seventh-day Adventists especially. What does it mean? "Ye have read, ye have heard, ye have thought, give answer what have ye done?" Those who are acquainted with our Lord's great prophecy know that we have reached the last generation living on the earth prior to his second coming. Knowledge spells obligation; possibility implies responsibility. God's people in every country are better informed on the subject of missions than ever before; they have a more intimate and exact knowledge of the needs in the mission fields. The gifts are increasing, but we should seriously ask ourselves, are we doing all that we ought for the evangelization of the world? Are we fulfilling our duty to our generation?

We all know the parable our Lord spoke regarding the king who was going to make war, that he sat down in the council of war and reckoned whether he was able with the force at his command to defeat his enemy. A king so considering counts on every resource of his kingdom, and will call for all if the need arises.

Our Lord and King is engaged in a great campaign; he has been preparing his forces through all the centuries and it has been his plan to reach each generation. If it has not been done, it is not our responsibility. Our responsibility is to this generation, when the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, then (not a long time after) shall the end come. How will we meet that solemn event? The majority who will read these words are well on in life; are we satisfied that what we are doing will be ground for joy and satisfaction in the last day, when we are called to account for the talents intrusted to our care? How do we look on the heathen world? Opportunities are passing with us never more to return.

Niagara has been running to waste for centuries. Every drop of water that has fallen down that height has gone never to return. It does no good to sit down and mourn over the loss of world power that has gone on for this long time. The men who have harnessed the falls may have given a moment's thought to the past, but only a moment's, and they have determined that they would use the power passing over in their own generation.

"The children of the world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." The children of the kingdom are wiser in material matters than they are in the work of the Lord. Let us arise and be doing! Every day that passes sees thousands going down to the grave without hope—men and women for whom we are responsible. Think of God's ideal for each and every man born into the kingdom of grace, as stated by Paul in Eph. 4: 13. We should hasten the Message to the unsaved that opportunity to accept salvation may be given them. What would be required to reach this generation? Others have gone into the question, and have set the matter before the church, under God, to reach the whole world in this generation, if only the obligation is realized and accepted and if the manhood and womanhood and wealth and every resource of the church militant are devoted to the work. Why should it not be! What cause or enterprise is there that should take precedence of the work of the Lord as is said to us, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." Let these questions be ever before God's people. What is needed to carry out our orders and fulfil our duty in this generation? And are we doing our utmost to discharge our duty? L. F. STARR.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Dear VISITOR: May 5 found me at Dunkirk. The few members who love the truth at this place are desirous that some work be done, and we hope to give this later. The next night we met with the Lima church, and although the weather was bad, a part of the church was out and gave good attention to the word spoken. The members are planning a campaign with tracts in the near future.

May 7-10 was spent with the brethren at Conant. These new brethren are growing in faith and the knowledge of the truth, and are having some precious meetings.

May 11 I spoke to the Elgin church. I visited most of the members of this church, and found them of good courage. The next night I spoke to quite a number at Ohio City. Brother L. R. Williams had been doing good work here, and also at Conant, this past winter, and so I found some new Sabbath keepers. While there are only a few of our people of Ohio City, yet they have secured a lot and building, and will soon have a church fitted up as a witness for the truth. I believe that there are others who will take their

stand if the work is continued for a time. I also visited the homes of Brethren Stripe and Welch, but on account of rain could hold no meeting at Van Wert.

I spent May 14-21 with the Charloe church, and found them rejoicing because their church family is growing. Sabbath we held quarterly meeting. The Holy Spirit came in, and hearts were touched, confessions made, and testimonials borne which would indicate greater faithfulness in the future. Three were accepted into the church on profession of faith. Monday afternoon four willing souls were buried in baptism. There are others who, we hope, will be ready to join God's people on our return. Seven have thus been added to this young church, and as they are all in the prime of life, if faithful they may be the means of bringing others to the knowledge of the truth.

The only way we can go grow spiritually, and do the Master's will is to witness in our daily lives the power of the Holy Spirit; and when we receive it, our lives will show the fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5: 22-28. Many to-day are claiming the Holy Spirit, but their lives reveal the fruits of the flesh. Gal. 5: 19-21.

I take this opportunity to thank all my friends who have helped me on the Chair Fund. W. E. BIDWELL.

Newport News, Va.

We are glad to report the interest of the people of Newport News, and to ask the prayers of our brethren in the great work which is yet to be done here. The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts at this place, and as the result we assembled ourselves on the banks of Salter's Creek and witnessed the baptism of eight members. It was a solemn ordinance and every person felt impressed that the Spirit of the Lord was present, and that they truly were being baptised in his death. We have two more awaiting baptism.

Our interest in the meetings is steadily increasing, and people are glad to know the tent is coming over here. The school Sister Thornton started has developed wonderfully, and from three scholars she now has fourteen enrolled. She is expecting three or four more within a week or so. She thought it would be good to start a Young People's Society, so she and Sister Christian started a meeting every Sabbath at 3 P. M. At first we had an attendance of ten, but at the last meeting, which was very interesting, we had an attendance of thirty.

Sister Thornton and the older persons have now relinquished the meetings into the hands of the young children and they carried on the meetings in their entirety. We expect Brother Zeidler to begin a canvasser's institute this week. We hope it will be very interesting, and that many will go into the vineyard of the Lord and scatter the precious Message as the leaves of autumn. We desire your prayers.

LESTER MUNCE.

Plimpton, Ohio

Dear VISITOR: I spent Sabbath and Sunday with the scattered Sabbath keepers at Plimpton. I found a few faithful souls holding up the banner of truth.

We held Sabbath-school at Brother E. D. Bates's home. I spoke to the children and youth, closing with a few remarks on the importance of organization in the Lord's work to the older members. We organized a Sabbath-school of twelve members. Several more would have been present, but were detained by the inclement weather, and the distance from Brother Bates's home. We decided to hold services Sunday evening at some place, and on being informed that a Sunday-school would be held in a nearby school house at 2:30 P. M., decided to attend for the opportunity it might afford to announce our meeting. This I did, and, with permission, at the close of the school announced our meeting to be held at Brother Bates's. After the school was dismissed, the people came to me in a body, asking that the meeting be held in the school house. I accepted the invitation, and although the notice was short, the people came out and nearly filled the house. I spoke on the great underlying principles of religious liberty. Most excellent attention was given, and at the close of the meeting the director came and invited us back again, saying that we could have the house any time we wished. We expect to accept this invitation in the near future.

Pray for the work at this place.

G. C. QUILLIN.

Northeastern Ohio

As we do not often hear from northeastern Ohio, a report of a visit with some of the brethren will, no doubt, be in place. We visited the church at Chagrin Falls, and held meeting upon the Sabbath with them. Although the roads at that time were very muddy, and a part of the day a

snow storm, amounting almost to a blizzard, raged, the attendance was good, a large number driving several miles. We believe all are of good courage at this place. It was also my privilege to visit the brethren at Bainbridge.

On my way to Conneaut, I stopped at Jefferson to visit Brother Atwell and family, who, in their sad bereavement of loving, faithful wife and mother, are comforted by the blessed hope of the soon coming of him who "hath brought life and immortality to light."

At Conneaut the meetings were enjoyed because of God's presence. The attendance of people not of our faith was good, and there seems to be an opening for work at this place. After these meetings, isolated Sabbath keepers were visited at Ashtabula, Austinburg, Eagleville, Windsor Mills, Windsor, and Orwell. Ashtabula is a city with but two Sabbath-keepers. Surely here is opportunity for missionary work. May the Lord of the harvest send forth reapers. As we visited these isolated people, we found them of good courage, and where "the good old Review" is taken and read, they are well acquainted with the progress of the Message throughout the world.

While at Orwell we had the pleasure of meeting Elder I. J. Hankins' daughter from South Africa. She and her brother are in the States to finish their education, and in a short time they hope to return to the dark continent and have a part in the closing work.

J. J. MARIETTA.

Conneaut, O.

Dear VISITOR: The Conneaut church is very thankful for Brother Marietta's visit here May 8-11. Four services were held only during his stay over Sabbath and Sunday (two each day, afternoon and evening). A number of outsiders were present at each service, and a good interest was manifested by all. The Lord came very near to bless. We gathered many new thoughts from God's word as spoken through his servant, and we felt it was good to be there.

We had been praying that the Lord might send us someone and he always hears and answers the prayers of the needy. Praise his holy name. We hope to be favored again in the near future, and also wish to be remembered in the prayers of God's people, that we may be successful in winning souls for his kingdom. Yours in the closing work, MRS. L. E. FULLER.

THE CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Not having reported through the VISITOR since coming to my new field, I thought a word from this part of the vineyard might be of interest.

Having passed through the experience of getting located after two or three moves makes us feel thankful indeed to know that we are settled and now prepared to look after the work.

I am now visiting the churches and isolated ones in the conference. My acquaintance with the brethren and sisters so far has made me feel at home, and we believe with the co-operation of all we shall see the cause advance. The present working of the conference is another great source of encouragement to the future success of the work here. I am glad to find a class of energetic workers here. The Iowa Conference sent two of their active young men, and will support them for two years. Ohio sends two men and supports one for one year, and the Northern Union Conference supports the other. This move has greatly encouraged our brethren in this field. We are planning to send six tents into the field the coming summer. From the present outlook, everything is encouraging except the finances, but we are praying that God may move the hearts of all our dear people to pay a faithful tithe. How can we be God's loyal people and believe in the Third Angel's Message and not give to the Lord his own?

Our camp-meeting will be held in Wilmington, Del., June 25 to July 5. We have secured a beautiful grove in the north part of the city near Twenty-first Street and Boulevard, and in a nice resident portion of the city. Let all the brethren begin at once to prepare to attend this meeting.

L. F. STARR.

"A MERCHANT'S MAXIMS"

On the tombstone of John Donough, of New Orleans, the following maxims are engraved as the merchant's guide to young men on their way through life:—

"Remember always that labor is one of the conditions of our existence.

"Time is gold; throw not one minute away, but place each one to account.

"Do unto all men as you would be done by.

"Never put off till to-morrow what can be done to-day.

"Never bid another do what you can do yourself.

"Never covet what is not your own.

"Never think any matter so trifling as not to deserve notice.

"Never give out what does not come in.

"Do not spend, but produce.

"Let the greatest order regulate the actions of your life.

"Study in your course of life to do the greatest amount of good.

"Deprive yourself of nothing that is necessary to your comfort, but live in honorable simplicity and frugality.

"Labor, then, to the last moment of your existence."

"NO TIME"

"Isn't that lovely?" asked a young girl, holding up a large and most elaborately embroidered table mat for the admiration of a friend.

"It is very pretty, indeed," said the lady. "It must have taken you a long time to embroider it."

"Indeed, it did," was the almost triumphant reply. "Why, do you know, I kept an exact account of the time I spent on that cloth, and it aggregated nearly four weeks, allowing eight hours to each day!"

Later in the conversation the fact was developed that this young lady had given up a class of little girls in the primary department of a mission Bible school because she "simply had no time in which to prepare the lesson."—*Selected.*

PUT IT OFF

Put what off?

That tale of faultfinding and criticism. Don't tell it yet. Save it. If it is really worth telling, it will keep; and if it should prove untrue, and uncharitable, and bitter, and something you would be ashamed to remember to have spoken, how glad you will be that you put it off.

Sometimes you will be tempted to engage in some questionable amusement. Put it off. Wait a little. If right and perfectly proper, time will make it all clear and plain. You will lose nothing by giving your conscience the benefit of the doubt.

The hasty, angry word.

I have known many to be sorry for having spoken angrily, but have never known of any one who expressed sorrow for having waited until afterward to speak. Put it off. All the unhappiness and bitterness, the jealousies and heart-burnings, the strifes and contentions, the evil surmisings and evil speakings, are better to wait till to-morrow. Put them all off.—*T. H. Jeyes, in Report of Progress.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1908

Sabbath-schools	Membership	Donations	Expense	Missions
Allegheny.....	16	\$32.11		\$32.11
Pittsburg, No. 1.....	54	24.30		24.30
Coudersport.....	40	17.56		17.56
Erie.....	59	18.56	\$2.40	16.16
Bradford.....	34	11.20		11.20
Warren.....	29	9.08		9.08
Clearfield.....	49	7.98		7.98
Six Mile Run.....	42	9.45	1.21	8.24
Lock Haven.....	20	6.50		6.50
Pittsburg, No. 2.....	37	6.49		6.49
Roulette.....	8	6.26		6.26
Altoona.....	46	6.22		6.22
Corydon.....	24	6.06		6.06
Johnstown.....	26	5.93		5.93
Indiana.....	32	5.41		5.41
Edinboro.....	9	4.89		4.89
Titusville.....	8	4.86		4.86
Meadville.....	12	4.50		4.50
Belle Vernon.....	10	4.01		4.01
Eldrid.....	8	3.84		3.84
Conneautville.....	14	3.74		3.74
Allegheny (German).....	22	3.58		3.58
Beaver Falls.....	8	3.30		3.30
Huntingdon.....	19	3.29		3.29
Union City.....	7	2.82		2.82
Cory.....	17	2.66		2.66
Duncansville.....	16	2.46		2.46
Wrightsville.....	13	2.41		2.41
Uniontown.....	7	2.30		2.30
Raymond.....	7	1.79		1.79
Albion.....	10	1.74		1.74
Duke Center.....	8	1.53		1.53
Oil City.....	7	1.45		1.45
Greensburg.....	9	1.00		1.00
Sunderlinville.....	22	.25		.25
Midway.....	19	.25		.25
Washington.....	20			
Port Allegheny.....	12			
Russell.....	12			
Shingle House.....				

HOME DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Industry.....	\$2.23
Freedom.....	1.58
Inez.....	1.25
Punxsutawney.....	1.15
Harold.....	1.00
Brookline.....	.53
North East.....	.16

Total Contributions to Missions.....\$34.55
FANNIE FONDERSMITH, Sec.

A copy of the ninth Prisoner's Number of the *Life Boat* has reached our desk, and is full of good reading especially adapted to this class of readers, many of whom have been brought to a saving knowledge of the gospel of Christ through a perusal of its pages. A good missionary work can be done in supplying the jails and penitentiaries with this magazine. Address the *Life Boat*, 471 State St., Chicago, Ill.

"Simplicity of dress will make a sensible woman appear to the best advantage. We judge a person's character by the style of dress worn. Gaudy apparel betrays vanity and weakness. A modest, godly woman will dress modestly. A refined taste, a cultivated mind will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire."

Richmond, Va.

Dear Brethren: Our hearts were made glad by the information that two more had taken their stand for God in the Richmond church No. 1, and are keeping the commandments. Several additions have also been made to church No. 2, and there is a general spirit of interest manifested by those not of our faith in regard to what we believe. One dear sister, who is inquiring, has asked if there were not some tracts containing the truth which she could buy that she might scatter them among her friends and relatives. This is a good example to keep before us, and I hope it will revive the once fervent love for the spread of the Message that we had when we first heard it. One sister proposes to place at least three tracts containing present truth in every home in the town where she lives.

We have visited several of our old canvassers, and they feel that they can do more in the future than they have in the past, by putting in forty hours' work. May all our canvassers study this plan, and put it into immediate practice, and note the result.

We are glad to note the live interest that is being taken in getting the Message before the people. At Portsmouth the members are working among their friends, and one sister has prepared herself to canvass for "Great Controversy." At Newport News we find a similar revival, and several sisters are about to begin to canvass. As the good work has begun let us get right in the way, and help push it on to the final completion.

I have been carefully studying our conference map, and notice that we have workers in the extreme east and west, but none in the center. I have been praying that the Lord will move upon the hearts of some of our people to volunteer to enter some of these counties and canvass them. We do not ask you to form colonies, but to scatter in every part of them and be lights by selling the truth. Who will answer the call of God to get out of the cities and localities where our numbers are large, and enter these fields? May God impress hearts to answer quickly, "Here am I; send me."

W. H. ZEIDLER.

1300 N. 28th St., Richmond, Va.

"The patient heart,

That bears its heavy cross apart,

And still makes known

Its burden unto Christ alone,—

To this one his sweet Spirit brings

Most dear and gracious comfortings."

THE NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE

The New Jersey institute opened April 12 and continued for two full weeks. The president, Elder Kneeland, and several good, faithful ministers, worked hard for a good attendance, and succeeded well, as it was as large as any institute held this spring in the Columbia Union Conference except Ohio. We had fifteen canvassers in attendance, all of whom were deeply interested in the instruction afforded, and went out fully determined by the Lord's help to be faithful in their service to the Lord and lost humanity. When we finished the institute and made up the number of canvassers in New Jersey to be added to the "Columbia Union Conference Gideon Band," we had seventeen to add. This is very encouraging, as New Jersey has been badly in the background for several years.

We were pleased to have with us, besides Elder Kneeland, who was ever ready to put his shoulder to the wheel, Elder G. W. Phillips and Brother J. H. Carroll, who rendered excellent help by way of Bible studies. Elder Spies and wife had charge of the home, thus everything was properly conducted.

We were pleased to have with us for a short time Elder Morris Lukens, of the Review & Herald at Washington, D. C., and Brother L. W. Granam, of the New York branch of the Review & Herald Publishing Association. These brethren gave us some valuable instruction from the publishing house view point, and put forth an earnest effort to come very close to the workers and to assure them that the canvassers in the field are considered the larger end of the publishing work. Their words of courage and co-operation were a source of great encouragement to all.

The conference committee met during the time of the institute and much time was given to the question of a suitable man to take charge of the canvassing work in New Jersey. All members of the committee felt deeply concerned over the matter, as the situation seemed so serious; seventeen canvassers, many of whom had had no experience. Finally an effort was put forth to secure a man from Ohio, and Brother Raleigh French was asked to take the work and is now in the field. Brother French passed through Washington a few days ago, and was very anxious to get on to his new field of labor, as there has been very little help rendered the workers in the field since the institute. Brother French, I am pleased to say, is one of those who believes in helping a canvasser from

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending May 15, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. M. Horst, Wayne Co.,		G C	5	35	4	\$12.00	\$11.75	\$23.75	\$1.40
E. J. C. Sharp, Scioto Co.,		B F	4	34	54	54.00		54.00	1.00
L. H. Waters, Mahoning Co.,		B F	4	38	15	16.00	.70	16.70	.70
H. Oberholtzer, Wayne Co.,		B F	4	28	13	13.00	3.00	16.00	
W. W. Goss, Geauga Co.,		D R	5	40	4	11.00	3.50	14.50	
Ray Corder, Mahoning Co.,		D R	5	41	8	22.00	6.35	28.35	
L. Gallion, Coshocton Co.,		D R COS	3	18	2	3.50	3.75	7.25	21.70
D. R. Gallion, Holmes Co.,		COS	1	9	7	4.75	.50	5.25	
Totals,			31	242	107	\$136.25	\$29.55	\$165.80	\$24.80

Virginia, Week Ending May 15, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,		CK	5	40	6	\$6.00	\$3.15	\$9.15	\$77.65
Mrs. Zeidler, Richmond				8					11.20
Adolph Schenk, Roanoke,		G C		25	3	8.25	.70	8.95	.70
Kaspar Oertly, Roanoke,		S P	5	36	12	14.00	.70		
Totals,			10	109	21	\$28.25	\$4.55	\$18.10	\$89.55

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 16, 1908

J. E. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,		CK	5	48	15	\$15.50			\$115.35
A. R. Paden, Frederick, Md.,		CK	2	11	5	6.00			
H. G. Scott, Baltimore,			2	7					5.55
D. W. Johns, "			4	11					6.00
Totals,			13	77	20	\$21.50			\$126.90

New Jersey, Week Ending May 15, 1908

Geo. W. Blinn, Trenton,		G C	4	30	18	\$51.50		\$51.50	
Geo. W. Blinn, "		"	2	17	8	22.00		22.00	
William Ambs, Secanus,		"	5	35	11	31.25		31.25	\$2.25
Theo. Hilgers, Bergen Co.,		"	2	10	4	11.00		11.00	
C. Woodward, Hammonton,		"	3	15	3	16.50		16.50	
Mrs. J. Jenssen, Paterson,		"	3	16½	4	12.00		12.00	2.75
Anna Hugg, Paterson,		"	4	16	5	13.75	16.00	29.75	
Sadie Winter, Irvington,		"	3	15½	1	2.75	2.00	4.75	
Sam'l Paul, Audubon,		"	4	39	8	22.00		22.00	
D. P. Boersma, Haddon H'ts,		D R	5	37	3	5.75	.75	6.50	1.50
D. Percy, Pleasantville,		D R	5	34	25	59.50	1.80	61.30	1.05
Geo. Taylor, Pleasantville,		D R	5	34	17	42.75		42.75	
Chas. Duneke, Little Falls,		CK	4	17	6	9.00		9.00	
Totals,			49	316	116	\$299.75	\$20.55	\$320.30	\$8.45

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 8, 1908

R. Spangenberg, Olypharist,		COL	3	22	18	\$22.50		\$22.50	\$23.75
H. J. Detwiler, York Co.,		D R	5	41	22	36.75	.70	37.45	.35
H. J. Albright, Berks Co.,		D R	3	25	6	10.25		10.25	
Wm. Seigle, Lycoming,		CK	5	27	19	21.50	2.10	23.60	11.50
A. Robertson, Carbondale,		H M	3	14	3	5.25		5.25	
W. Houck, Lackawanna,		H M	11	56	10	22.00		22.00	12.00
Elsie Swingle, N'thampt'n,		COL	4	25	14	17.50	4.00	21.50	13.25
B. Donachy, "		CK	3	24	13	14.00	4.50	18.50	
Bertha Garrett, Lackaw'na,		O P H	3	19	38	10.25		10.25	.50
Totals,			40	253	143	\$160.00	\$11.30	\$171.30	\$61.35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 8, 1908

A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls,		D R	10	55	11	\$30.25	\$19.65	\$49.90	\$1.65
C. Dunham, Armstrong C'n'g,		G C	4	29	19	57.75		57.75	
Andrew Ness, New Castle,			5	24	3	3.75	4.65	8.40	1.00
Totals,			19	108	33	\$91.75	\$24.30	\$106.05	\$1.65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 15, 1908

A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls,		D R	5	38½	2	\$5.50	\$11.40	\$16.80	\$1.80
I. Lawrence, Windbur,			2	7	2	2.50		2.50	

house to house by personal work until he is making a success of his work. Brother French will have the best of support in New Jersey, as the committee and conference workers are deeply interested in the success of the canvassing work. I am pleased to see this spirit manifest in other conferences besides New Jersey.

The Lord has said that the work was to return to the East, and he is manifesting his power in fulfilment of this in a marked measure; for the Atlantic and Columbia Unions, with Ohio included, sold more than double the amount of books that were sold in the same territory one year ago for the month of April. The Columbia Union sold \$3,737.05 worth of books in April; and now that New Jersey is coming up so well, we hope that all our conferences will catch the spirit and that from month to month this summer we shall move on toward the \$10,000 mark; not to the glory of the man but that these millions of the East may see the way and walk in it.

I. D. RICHARDSON,
General Agent, C. U. C.

NEW JERSEY

Sabbath, May 16, it was our privilege to meet with the Bridgeton church. This church has a number of young people, some of whom are fitting themselves for service. The solemn responsibility of all church members, especially those who have known the truth for years, was impressed upon us as we studied the needs of those dear young people. How careful the young should be to imitate the character of Christ. In all matters of dress, deportment and personal conduct, he was a model that we should always follow. The "appearance of evil" seen in one who professes godliness may prove a snare to some struggling soul and stain the individual with the blood of souls. May our young people prove a bulwark of strength to our churches.

Brother Raleigh French, of Ohio, who has recently accepted the position of State Agent for the New Jersey Conference, arrived in Trenton a few days ago, and immediately entered upon his duties. After the excellent institute, conducted by Brother I. D. Richardson, our canvassers have profitted so well by the instruction given that New Jersey has lost its place at the tail end of the canvassing work. However, we have parted from it with no regret, and have no feelings of envy toward those who may in future fall heir to the position. Let God's people all pray

Andrew Ness, New Castle,	S P	5	22	22	2.50	6.50	8.55	1.00
J. O. Nollinger, Clearfield,	D R	2	14	14	4.50	1.05	5.55	
I. G. Bigelow, Windbur,	C O L	2	11	12	16.25	2.25	18.50	
Totals,		16	92½	22	\$31.25	\$20.65	\$51.90	\$2.80

West Virginia, Week Ending May 15, 1908

W. L. Logan, Braxton Co.,	D R	4	37	9	\$13.50	\$3.50	\$17.00	\$1.00
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	D R	4	35	5	6.60	14.30	20.90	5.00
J. L. Hall, Kanawha Co.,	B R	2	13	2	5.50	2.25	7.75	
John Moyer, Richie Co.,	G C	4	67	8	22.00	11.35	33.35	
F. M. Gardner, Dodridge Co.,	C K	3	20	4	4.00	21.50	25.50	9.15
H. W. Waggoner, Berkley Co.,	C K	5	38	12	12.00	7.00	19.00	1.50
Mrs. O'Del Flecher	S P	5	12	1	1.25		1.25	5.20
Totals,		27	222	41	\$64.85	\$59.90	\$124.75	\$21.85

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that God will grant success in large measure to Brother French and his fellow workmen. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Trenton last Sunday. Various places for the summer's work and the annual camp-meeting were discussed, Elder W. H. Smith and Mrs. A. E. Rambo were present, by invitation.

Elder W. H. Smith spent last Sabbath with the Camden church. His visit was much appreciated. The same day Elder Spies spoke by invitation in the West Philadelphia church and in the afternoon gave a very instructive sermon to the Trenton church.

A number of the friends and workers in New Jersey gathered at the home of Sister Schneider in Jersey City last Tuesday evening to bid farewell to Elder and Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald, who are just leaving for their new field in England. They sailed in company with Brother and Sister Carl Hansen of the Foreign Mission Seminary on the steamship Cedric, May 20.

B. F. KNEELAND.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE CAN-VASSING ITEMS

Brother W. A. Mansfield, of Fords Store, has entered the work and is selling helps in Easton, Md. He is confident that the Lord is leading in this matter.

Brother Edward Mitchell, of Lansdowne, has lately started with "Desire of Ages" in Carroll County. He is having good success with this most excellent work that should be placed in every home. He has a very good territory, and is meeting some interested people.

Brother J. E. Jones is pleased with his last delivery, which was a good one, \$115. He also reports orders for the week that the delivery was made to the amount of \$15.35. This brother conscientiously puts in forty hours

each week, and some weeks considerably more. What else but good deliveries could we expect?

A short canvassers' institute has been held in Wilmington for the benefit of a few who expect to enter the field at once. Only a small number have taken advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the great work committed to this people, but we hope that great good may be accomplished by the pages that the few will scatter among the needy souls that they meet. Elder Starr was with us at the beginning of the institute, and gave us some valuable help.

Oh! that we had the slightest conception of the importance and greatness of the work that needs to be done in warning the people of their danger, and the great love of God in preparing a way of escape for lost and guilty men. It seems sometimes that no power in the universe will awaken some people that even profess to be ready, or getting ready, for the Lord to come. May the Lord have mercy upon the writer and all others, and forgive us for our neglect of duty, and help us to cease to do evil and learn to do well."

G. H. CLARK.

COLUMBIA UNION CAMP-MEETINGS

Chesapeake Conference, Willmington, Del., June 25-July 5.
East Pennsylvania, Scranton, Pa., June 11-21.
West Pennsylvania, Ohio, Mansfield, O., August 13-23.
New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia,

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

Brother James Shultz and family are visiting friends at Lagrange, O., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, and little son Stanley, are stopping at Sister Flack's during the closing exercises of the College.

Brother Roscoe Lindsay and wife left last week to engage in the Lord's work in Alabama. The good wishes of many friends accompany them.

Miss Winifred Ford, who took the part of Ruth in the cantata rendered by the College choral class last Wednesday, has been visiting at Brother C. V. Hamer's.

Elder J. M. Rees, president of the West Virginia Conference, delivered the baccalaureate sermon last Sabbath to the graduating class, and an appreciative congregation.

Miss Bessie Acton has been assisting in giving the final examinations in the Clyde church school, and also enjoyed the picnic given by the teacher and scholars.

The advanced class in vocal music gave a very creditable rendition of the cantata, Ruth, Wednesday evening, May 20. The chapel was tastefully decorated, and its capacity tested by patrons of the College and friends from the city.

The recital on Monday evening, May 18, was especially good. The Kitchen Symphony, rendered by the children of the beginning class in instrumental music, was a delightful surprise, and by request was repeated at the close of the cantata Wednesday evening.

Brother N. S. Miller has sold his place to Brother U. E. Whiteis, of Columbus, and will leave Ohio, with his family, about June 1, for California. Brother Miller's health is such that the change of work and climate is necessary for a time at least. In his departure Ohio loses a faithful, efficient worker. He has always given his work for the Conference the same careful, conscientious thought and management he would his own business. The

Lord has blessed his work, and he leaves the Ohio Tract Society in first class condition—no debts and a good bank account. May the Lord bless them as they shall leave for their new home, and restore the health of himself and wife that he may continue in his work.

NOTICE

Since the announcement of last week that the date of the Summer School to be held at Mount Vernon College would be changed to July 7 to August 13 was made, some objections to the new date have arisen which make it seem better to hold the Summer School at the date first announced, that is, from June 10 to July 22.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CHURCHES, NOTICE

No doubt ere this all will have received credential blanks for State Conference Delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, also one for each ten members. Please see that these blanks are filled out and returned to the secretary at Corydon, Pa., so as to reach him in plenty of time before the conference meeting which is to be held at Oil City, June 18-28 inclusive. We would urge all members, that possibly can do so, to be present at this coming camp-meeting. We are planning on a most profitable meeting, and any sacrifice made on the part of our brethren and sisters to attend will be well repaid in a feast of good things. Come up to this meeting and receive the blessings God has for you. A. V. WILLIAMS.

NOTICE—WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Another annual conference and camp-meeting is near at hand for West Pennsylvania, June 18-28. It will be the most important meeting we have ever held in this conference. We are one year nearer home and the closing of the last Message, than ever before. We all need a fitting up, and a preparation to meet our Saviour. This is the most important work any of us can be engaged in—the salvation of our children and those around us. How many are planning to attend the camp-meeting and bring their families along to be at the feast? All who expect to be there and will need a tent, please notify us immediately, as we will have to hire part of our tents direct from the manufacturers. Address all communications to the office at Corydon, Pa., or to the writer. I. N. WILLIAMS.

THE NAVAL "SIGNS"

SOVENIR EDITION

Fifty thousand copies of the first edition of the Naval Number of the *Signs of the Times* were sold before the battleship fleet reached San Francisco harbor.

This was followed immediately by a Souvenir Edition of one hundred thousand copies, and a large part of these have already been disposed of. The flags on the first cover page of this souvenir edition are printed in three colors,—red, white, and blue,—and the effect is very striking.

Agents are having remarkable success selling this number. One agent in Portland, Ore., ordered 400 copies last week. She sends at once for 500 more, and says they are going well.

One sister who had never before sold a paper resolved to have a part in the work with this number. She began work with thirty copies in a small town where the opinion was papers could not be sold. Before she completed the territory she sold 110 copies.

Two young ladies drove from Healdsburg, Cal., to the Lodi camp-meeting. On the way, by working in the towns through which they passed, they sold 400 copies.

In San Diego, Cal., although the fleet has come and gone, the church is pushing the work with the naval *Signs*, and 1,000 copies were just ordered.

The fleet will remain on the Pacific Coast several weeks before it starts on its long journey around the world; and as long as the battleships are here, yes, until they return to the Atlantic Coast, from which point they started,—they will attract attention, and a deep interest will be taken in their movements, therefore the Naval Number of the *Signs of the Times* can be sold to advantage for weeks to come.

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