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### OUR FATHER'S CARE

Days are filled with naught but sadness  
To the heart by sin oppressed,  
But the soul is filled with gladness  
If its sins are all confessed.

Blessed promise God has given  
To us mortals here below,  
That from him our strength deriven  
Helps us conquer every foe.

Thick the arrows of temptation  
Pass us swift on every side;  
Day by day, the realization  
Jesus ever is my guide.

Though we loose our guide and wander  
Into paths we should not tread,  
And though everything we squander  
For the goods that are not bread,

Yet, if we but look above us,  
We will see his smiling face,  
It will show that he does love us  
And will e'er supply his grace.

He, in his own word has told us  
That if we accept our King,  
He will gladly, freely fold us  
'Neath the shadow of his wing.

As the hen her chickens gathers,  
When the evening draweth nigh,  
Close beneath her breast of feathers  
To the frost and wind defy,

So the Lord in his great kindness  
Calls us to his sheltering care,  
But so often is our blindness  
For his home do not prepare.

Oh, how sad if in the ending  
Of this world of strife and sin,  
When the sun is low descending  
O'er the toil and awful din,

O, how sad if in this ending  
One of us should fail to stand,  
Where the Lord so condescending  
Through the land does so demand.

Let us each with firmness working  
Press our footsteps through the shoal;  
Never fainting, never shirking,  
Till at last we reach the goal.

CHARLES STERLING.

"If we would not have God put us off with a Pharisee's portion, we should not put him off with a Pharisee's performance."

## THE DIVIDE\*

Concluded

All that pertains to this world is subject to decay. The things that we see, no matter how enduring they may appear, are but temporal. The unseen things alone are enduring and eternal. Great nations have passed away. Their armies have died and their navies have rotted. Their subjects, numbered by millions, to-day sleep in forgotten and unknown graves. The iron monarchy of Rome, described by one writer as the greatest incarnation of power which has ever appeared upon the earth, with her idols and abominations, is no more. Her deities are worshipped no longer. The mighty empire of the Cæsars has perished. Vast ruins and deserted palaces alone remain as grim reminders of her former greatness. An historian has traced her "Decline and Fall." The pharaohs, the Assyrian monarchs, the proud rulers of Babylon and Medo-Persia have all gone into the tomb of oblivion. Upon the sepulcher of all human greatness is written by the finger of inspiration, "All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field."

But the invisible kingdom of Christ lives and thrives, and in every land under the sky its subjects are found. The "Eternal City" has been sacked by her enemies, her idols destroyed, and her laws abolished, but the law written on stone, and handed down amid the grandeur and glory of Sinai still abides, and has been translated into many languages. The messengers of this kingdom have been hanged, burned, nailed to gibbets, and fed to the wild beasts in the arena, but the kingdom "which can never be moved," and will stand forever is their heritage.

Are you looking for a name which will endure? Then set your face toward the work of God. Cæsar was a mighty emperor, Napoleon and Alexander were great conquerors, but the humble fishermen who followed Christ are far more widely known

than these. The words of Peter and John, though but humble fishermen, are more widely read than those of all the philosophers and poets of that time.

What a field of thrilling interest and usefulness lies before us in the work of the gospel! Its limits are the limits are of the world itself. From every land a Macedonian cry is being heard from hearts which are longing for the light of the gospel. Through the providence of God there is to-day an open door into all mission fields. For many years China stood as an acknowledged Gibraltar of the heathen world. As one missionary lay dying of fever off her forbidden coast, he is said to have exclaimed, "O rock, rock! when wilt thou open?" Another, as he gazed at her inaccessible mountains, said, "O mighty fortress! when shall these impenetrable brazen gates of thine be broken through!"

In 1819 when the translation of the Chinese Bible was completed, Robert Morrison said, "I trust that the gloomy darkness of pagan skepticism will be dispelled by the Dayspring from on high, and that the gilded idol of Buddha and numberless images which fill the land will one day assuredly fall to the ground before the force of God's word, as the idol Dagon fell before the ark."

The hope of this missionary hero has come to pass. The non-Christian fortress has been captured, and there is an open door in dark Sinim which is calling for laborers to come and tell them the news of the soon coming Saviour.

There are two hundred millions of Mohammedans in the world. Less than a century ago there was not a Christian worker in any Moslem land. To-day almost every Moslem city is being entered. The Bible has been translated into every language in the Mohammedan world, whereas the Koran is only in the Arabic. Here also is an open door for the Message.

Our Saviour admonishes us to look on the fields, white already to harvest. We have come down the stream of time to the days when the Saviour is soon to return. This glorious day to which the faithful children of God

\*Commencement Address delivered by Elder G. B. Thompson at Mount Vernon College, May 25, 1908.

have long looked forward to is soon to be ushered in. The greatest event of all the ages is at hand, and the warning Message which announces the end of all earthly things is being sent to every nation under heaven. If ever we should study mission fields, it is now.

For more than a century the Lord has been especially preparing the way for the proclamation of the last gospel Message. For more than a hundred years consecrated workers have been pioneering the way in the dark, heathen lands. Such men as Carey in India, Judson in Burma, Morrison and others in China, Livingston and Moffat in Africa have done a great and noble work in translating the Scriptures into the various languages, and in various other ways diffusing the rays of light amid the grossest darkness. The way has thus been prepared to speedily finish the mystery of God, and bring an end to the sin and woe which fills the earth.

To-day we see in progress the greatest religious movement since Israel came out of Egypt. The Third Angel's Message, heralding the commandments of God and the coming of Christ, has reached out into all lands. This Message, which began in weakness a little more than fifty years ago, without influence, money, colleges, printing houses, or sanitariums, has made its way into all lands. The invincible power adherent in its truth has successfully met the obstacles which it has encountered, and believers in every land are rejoicing in the blessed hope which it brings to their hearts.

In 1874 Elder J. N. Andrews, our first foreign missionary, crossed the seas for Europe. To-day; in the land where our brother sleeps, believers have been greatly multiplied, and thousands of Sabbath-keepers are found in the various European countries. In cold Siberia, and across the Caucasian Mountains, churches have been organized. Believers are found in Rome, in Spain and Portugal, throughout Europe, up in Iceland, and as far south as the Cape of Good Hope the Message is being preached. In Africa, China, India, Japan, and the islands of the sea we have made a beginning.

But it is only a beginning. We must have scores and hundreds of strong, consecrated young men and women to pioneer the way into all these lands, and strengthen the forces already in the field. The most urgent calls are coming to the Mission Board from all these fields for recruits to help them in the work. Volunteers who will en-

list till the end of the war are wanted by the Board to send to these "regions beyond," not alone to man the garrisons already established, but to open new territory. Ministers, Bible workers, canvassers, physicians, nurses, editors, translators, stenographers, and helpers in all lines of the work are needed, and my appeal this evening, not only to the class which is to finish a college course, but to all these students and others, is to place yourselves on the altar to be used in advancing this Message in some part of the earth.

The most encouraging reports come from our mission fields, telling of the work. In a recent letter from India, Elder Shaw sends cheering words concerning the advancement of the Message in that dark land. But with it he sends a most earnest plea for more laborers to come at once and help open the work among languages of many millions where we have not, as yet, made a beginning. The same is true of China, where one-quarter of the population of the globe are waiting for us to come to them with the Message. Africa is also waiting. Some laborers have recently been sent to this field, but scores more are wanted. My heart is touched when I think of Elder Anderson, whom most of you perhaps know, alone many hundreds of miles up in the interior. His wife has recently died. Writing concerning this sad event, he says:—

"How can I write you the awful news! And yet I know that you know all long before this. My house is left to me desolate. O, the loneliness! I cannot describe it. Poor little Naomi's heart is broken.

"What the future has in store for me I do not know. I now go back to the work that we both loved so well and to the people for whom she laid down her life. I do not see my way clear to leave the work just now. I know that Nora would not want me to. I will do my best to do what I have to do and do what she would have done had she been spared yet a little longer. The greatest problem for the present is how to continue the training of our child. How to continue that training her mother gave that, under God, made her the innocent Christian that she is, is a problem, however, that I will have to solve. Pray for me that I may solve it aright.

"May God comfort your hearts as he has comforted mine. May he bless you as he has blessed me. May this be another tie to bind us to the world that is to come, for it is but a short time until all will be over.

Only a little longer and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

"Then I shall clasp my loved one in my arms again. Then we shall have the home we have so longed for here. Then we shall walk the streets of the New Jerusalem together. Then this aching heart will be comforted. Then sorrow and crying shall be no more. Then we shall see the fruit of our labor. Then we shall see the result of our sacrifice. Then we shall be satisfied, for we shall awake in his likeness."

Will not some of you respond to the call from these needy fields? Here in the home land we have schools, churches, and many laborers, while in these populous lands they have nothing. Are there not those here who will definitely consecrate themselves to the work in Africa, in India, or in China? It will mean a sacrifice, and hard toil. The work in mission fields is not romance, or dress parade, but real work. Men in worldly callings may take their ease, but not so with the faithful missionary. The things of the world will make a bid for your soul, but the only work that will insure you a sure reward, and make your life a real success is that of the Third Angel's Message.

My mind is engaged in sober reflection as I look upon this large assembly this evening. None of us can read the future and know what she carries in her womb for us. Changes come rapidly. Before me are many students, some of whom no doubt are already engaged in the work, and others are planning to do so. I trust that another year will see all these bright, strong young men and women in school with many others who ought to be here. Some of these fathers and mothers present may be called upon to give up some of their consecrated sons and daughters for the mission fields. It will be like giving all. I well remember when I bid my father and mother farewell to go to Africa. Though fifteen years have passed and both have fallen asleep, I can yet see my mother's tearful eyes and hear her cry as I bid her farewell; but I am glad I went. Some of those who go may never return until they come at that last great day with rejoicing, bringing with them sheaves gathered from the fields of sin. It will be a glad reunion in the air when the Saviour returns. It is a glorious privilege to give ourselves and children to the Lord for service. Our heavenly Father did this; he gave his only

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## OUR WORKERS

### EN ROUTE TO ENGLAND

*On Board Steamship "Cedric."*

Dear Friends of the Columbia Union Conference: This is the first word of good will that we could send to you and this will be started toward America before we disembark at Liverpool. Mail will be taken off at Queenstown, Ireland.

We embarked from New York on the steamship "Cedric" of the White Star Line, at 10 A. M., Thursday, May 20. During all of the first three days we had very beautiful weather, with but gentle breezes. During the fourth and fifth days strong winds caused the sea to be somewhat tempestuous, but the great boat—700 feet long, 75 feet wide and 49 feet deep—has plowed her way through the billows very steadily. There has been but very little sickness, and with the absence of ill feelings physically, all on board have been in apparently good spirits. If I hold out for two days longer, I shall have the satisfaction of having avoided seasickness the last three passages I have made across the Atlantic.

We are grateful for so pleasant a voyage to him who holds within bounds the restless elements.

We expect to arrive at Liverpool on Friday, the 29th instant. We shall enter our new field with good courage, and shall find pleasure in entering into the work of the summer.

After being in England a little over a week, I shall pass to the continent to attend meetings in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The meeting to be held in the last named country will be the joint session of the Swedish local and Scandinavian Union Conferences. I will return to the work in England about July 1.

We earnestly request the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union to remember the British Union before the throne whence cometh grace and power to those who seek and serve God. Faithfully yours in service,

W. J. FITZGERALD.

Gloucester, Va.

It was my privilege to make a visit at the home of Brother H. S. Weaver, at the above place, May 25-28. Brother Weaver moved from Baltimore, Md., about three years ago to Gloucester, Va., his former home. He is engaged in the printing business, thus giving him many opportunities to come in contact with people, and also speak to them in regard to present truth. He is loaning out much reading mat-

ter, and has been holding meetings, one night each week, for the last two months, in a school house. He has been having in attendance from twenty to twenty-five each night he held meeting.

While I was there the gentleman who secured the school house for meetings, received a notice from the school board to stop holding meetings any longer, as there has been, and is now a complaint made against the same. He stated he was afraid that some one might burn it down if the meetings were not discontinued. At the close of the meeting, a lady who had been attending the meetings opened her house for the meeting the following week. We believe some of these precious souls will step out, and obey God. Let us pray to that end. Brother and Sister Weaver are of good courage in the Lord. Their two little girls, Ruth and Naomi, are well as usual. Let us remember this family, and the work there before the throne of grace. Yours for the Master,

H. W. HERELL.

Richmond, Va.

Cleveland, O.

Not having reported through the VISITOR since coming to my new field, I thought a word from me might be of interest. Having passed through another experience of moving and getting located since our return from Brazil, makes us feel thankful indeed to know that we are settled, and now prepared to look after the German work in this large city.

Our acquaintance with brethren and sisters so far has made us feel at home, and we believe with the co-operation of all we shall see the cause advance.

The working of our Lord in this place is a great source of encouragement to the future success of the work here, for he is leading the false teachers out of our way, which were trying to work hard for us in this place.

We find very much to do, nearly more than we can attend to. Wish we could have a German sister to help us in giving family Bible readings. A sister can do more in this line than a brother. Many have asked my wife to come and hold Bible readings with them, but feel not free to invite me for fear of their husbands. Besides this a sister can sell more papers than a brother. My wife and I have tried it. We are out on the street every day from morning till late in the night, but she can sell ten where I sell one. On Saturday evening she goes into the saloons

and sells many papers, and into such places, you see, I can not go at all.

We have been praying that the Lord might send us a helper in this so needy field and he always hears and answers the prayers of the needy. Praise his name.

As we go on the street distributing papers, we talk with the people and invite them to come to our nice church where we will tell them what Jesus has done for us. And this we do on every Sabbath forenoon and Sunday night and Wednesday night.

We 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 of our dear Master. H. F. GRAFF.

1704 Brainerd Ave.

Springfield

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: It has been some time since we have given a report of our work in Springfield. We are glad to say the Lord is blessing our efforts and is adding to our number from time to time such, we hope, as shall be saved. The work is moving steadily along, and the most of our members are of good courage. The Sabbath-school is, I believe, a model one, and the favor of our heavenly Father is with us.

The most of our people in Springfield are faithful in the paying of their tithe, and we are sure that God will bless the one who is faithful in giving the Lord his own.

Our minds are stayed upon Jesus, and we look for a city not made with hands. We were sorry to lose Sister Talmage, as her efforts have been crowned with success in the city; but we trust our loss will be but gain to the cause of God and the little company in Marion. Your brother in the fast closing Message,

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Barberton, O.

A Sabbath-school Convention was held at the Akron church, May 23 and 24. We aimed to have it a District Convention, inviting the Sabbath-schools of the district to be present also and participate in the program. However, only the Sabbath-schools at Canton and Orrville responded to the invitation. While we were disappointed in the presence and help of other schools, we were not disappointed in him who is present to help "in time of need," furnishing us with a number of willing workers, whose help was very much appreciated. Questions relating to work in the Sabbath-school were considered,

and as the Convention closed we all felt a greater determination to do more effectual work, that in time to come we may be able to say, "The Lord hath wrought wondrously for us, for many souls have been brought to the Master, as precious sheaves for the heavenly garner."—*Sabbath-school Worker*.  
CORA M. SUITS, *Supt.*

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: Realizing the interest that our people have in each worker, we felt it our duty to drop you a few lines.

We commenced pitching our tent on June 1. On June 5 we held our first public service with about forty present. Two meetings have been held since then with an average attendance of fifty at each meeting.

We have an ideal place for our tent. The people are very friendly thus far, and ready to do all they can to make our meetings a success. We ask for the prayers of God's people that God's name may be glorified here in the salvation of souls.

F. H. HENDERSON,  
W. C. MOFFETT.

Middlefield, O.

Dear VISITOR: Kindly grant me a little space in your columns in which to report the good meetings it has been the privilege of this church to enjoy. Brother Marrietta came here June 5, holding five services. Some outsiders were present to the services. Sunday evening there was a good attendance of outsiders, and all listened with interest to the words spoken upon the millenium.

MRS. S. M. GASSETT.

## NEW JERSEY

While the report of our canvassing work for the week ending June 5 is not as large as it might be, for the reason that several of our canvassers had some personal duties to perform which took most of their time last week, yet we are pleased thus far to have been able to report a steady gain in the canvassing work in this State. This has been true ever since our Institute last April, as will be seen by our weekly reports in the VISITOR. It shows that God is in this work, and that the Lord is truly going before the workers. It would do our readers much good to see the excellent words of praise to God for the success which he is giving them. One strong in the faith says, "Surely the Lord has heard our prayers. The Lord has blessed me this week. Praise his name. You will be sur-

prised to see the work I have been able to do. I feel very much encouraged and feel as if the Lord has shown me that he will be with me henceforth."

Brother David W. Percy, canvassing at Pleasantville, N. J., for the week ending May 22, took orders for "Daniel and Revelation" in forty-one hours aggregating \$104.90, thus establishing a record in the East for this book.

Success is not confined to any one single locality; but all our canvassers, from nearly every corner of the State of New Jersey, sing praises to God. The time is ripe now for the success of this very important part of God's work in the earth. The hardships endured while canvassing after all are not nearly what our Saviour endured for lost humanity; and it is the canvassers who can esteem it a privilege to endure hardship for the sake of him who is their captain. I might mention one experience of two new canvassers, who, in company with our State Agent, went out into their new field. As night came on, they had been unable to secure a lodging place, and rather than give of their limited means to a hotel keeper, they managed to crawl into an empty piano box at the freight station late that night,—and of course got out real early next morning. However, they awoke with renewed courage, and one of them in the first six hours canvassing ever done in his life took \$23.25 worth of orders for "Daniel and the Revelation." Another brother, who has just located in Burlington, coming from the Foreign Mission Seminary, took orders for the same book in twenty-six and one-half hours amounting to \$29.00. He canvassed Edgewater Park, the population of which place is made up largely of rich Philadelphians, and in relating one of his experiences at this place he says, "In Edgewater I approached a fine house by the side of the river; there were two ladies sitting on the porch finely dressed, and for a time I thought I could not canvass them; but by the Lord's help I did. She gave me the order for the book, and a good dinner, and a quarter for carfare."

We will have four tent companies in the field. Elder J. G. Hanhardt (German), will have his tent at Union Hill, N. J., just across the Hudson River from New York City, while Brother P. E. Broderson (Swedish) will erect his tent nearby in Hoboken. Elder W. H. Smith will locate with his workers at East Orange, while El-

der George W. Spies and Brother E. E. Pennington will begin work at Woodbury, N. J., the southern part of the State. Let us pray earnestly that many souls may be brought to an abiding knowledge of the truth as a result of these efforts.

We were made sad to learn the news of death of Brother Smith of Harrisonville, N. J., who died a few weeks ago as a result of a paralytic stroke which he received a year ago. He was a member of the Paulsboro church.

D. K. ROYER, *Sec. and Treas.*

## CHESAPEAKE

The Wilmington institute produced five new canvassers.

We are glad to see Brother Joseph Paden, an old canvasser, back in the work.

Four students from the Foreign Mission Seminary have begun work in central and southern part of Delaware.

Mrs. Lukens and son, Harold, are to work in Hagerstown and vicinity this summer. Sister Lukens is an experienced and successful canvasser and we are expecting some good reports.

Brother Mitchell, who is working in Carroll Co., writes, "Up to to-night my orders amount to \$21.50. All praise to God! \$13.50 to-day. I am of good courage in the Lord. As I started out this morning, I asked the Lord to lead me to those he wanted me to see. I believe he did so, and out of the first thirteen calls, I took ten orders."

We are planning for special help for all who desire it at our camp-meeting which comes June 25 to July 5. Brother I. D. Richardson, the Union Conference Agent, will be with us throughout the meeting. Let all who desire help plan to attend.

We can praise the Lord for the great revival of this work that is coming upon his people everywhere. It shows that our redemption is drawing nigh.  
G. H. CLARK.

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Son. They are as near the throne of God in a foreign land as here. God's work is the safest place on this earth for them.

To those who have finished their course in the College and are now to take your departure from the institution that you love, permit me to say a few personal words. This will mark

a new era in your life. Your exit from the institution may be final. Tender ties begotten by association together have been formed between yourselves, your teachers, and fellow students. The separation will be an effort. Your instructors have done their best, through prayer and hard work, to direct your mind in the acquirement of knowledge, and your feet in the pathway of integrity and virtue. I am sure they will ask no higher reward than to see you a worker in the cause, and saved finally in the new earth. Uphold the principles upon which this school is founded, by upholding in your life the virtues of a consecrated Christian. Set your mark high, and be determined that somebody will be blessed through your being in the world.

God alone who reveals the future as an open book knows what is before you. We are living in a solemn and terrible time. The end is at hand; Jesus is soon coming; the destruction of nations, with all the greatest achievements of proud, ambitious man, is impending. The church is about to enter upon the most terrible struggle in her history. The conflict with the beast and the image will be a close contest, and valiant soldiers are needed.

"We are told that the Roman youth of noble family approaching years of maturity entered alone into a private apartment, amid the statues of the gods and of eminent men. In that august and solemn presence he divested himself of the raiment of his boyhood, and put on the manly *toga*. Then and there he makes a vow to imitate the virtues of the great, to rival them in deeds of power, and to make for himself a name worthy of his kindred and ancestry."

There is a work for you to do. Before commencing the duties of life which now await you, like this Roman youth, enter into the secret place, and in the presence of the Unseen, divest yourself of the robes of sin, every fiber of which is selfishness, and put on the raiment of righteousness, and vow to imitate the virtues seen in the lives of the holy prophets and apostles.

As you go from school into the strife and bustle of the world, let heaven record vows of faithfulness, and let your life be one of earnest toil and labor in the vineyard of the Master. There are dangers before each of you. Snares are set for your feet by the enemy. I shudder when I think of the possibility that in the soon coming day of eternal deliverance, some of you might be missing. But

this need not be so. Cultivate a firm, unwavering faith in God. Be a good soldier. You will need courage that you may not fly from the field of conflict when the battle rages. You should pray much, for great sacrifices and trying experiences will call for deep piety and consecration. Call to your aid the unseen, yet mighty agencies, at your command. Angels of power will be sent to succor you in answer to prayer. Make God your counsellor. Live as though in the presence of him whose eyes are as a flame of fire, and whose countenance is as the sun shining in its strength. Resolve in the strength of Jehovah, that the gospel message spoken by your lips shall not be spoken in vain.

The world will seek to turn you from the worship and work of the true God. But like Bunyan, when fleeing from the City of Destruction, you must stop your ears and run. Remember the words written by the aged seer, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." It is to the enduring heavens that the Lord directs us in order to behold the imperishable and enduring reward prepared for the righteous. Millions of these celestial orbs, suns and systems all circling the throne of the Eternal, shine in the firmament. We are overpowered with the immensity of space filled with these vast globes. Through all the vast extent of the Creator's empire, starry world's unmarred by sin, and filled with human beings unfallen, move in their orbits. It is to these God bids us look.

To forsake the cherished plans of life; to give up the pleasures and riches of the world to labor in a mission field, under perhaps a tropic sun, amid dangers and disease, away from your kindred and friends and perchance to fall asleep and be buried in a strange land, ere the work is done, may seem like a sacrifice. But falter not. An exceeding great reward awaits you. The promise is that they that turn souls to Christ shall shine like the stars forever and ever. O blessed thought! O happy day! May it soon dawn. Here all things earthly gather the mold of age and the odor of decay. But the stars are not marked with the decrepitude of age; they shine with the same luster as on the morning when God spoke order from chaos, and the morning stars sang songs of triumphant joy. The stars we behold are the same Adam gazed upon from his paradise home, and that Abraham beheld from the

plains of Shinar. It is to these same heavenly orbs that pagans in every clime burned incense from the mountain-tops. There they stand unchanged, fixed, eternal, imperishable, —a prophecy of eternity, an emblem of the unending, unfading, dimless glory prepared for those who labor to turn men from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. They speak to the faithful missionary bivouaced on the field of battle of a crown that will never fade, of life, joy and pleasures that know no end. I urge you to make certain of this eternal reward, by devoting your life to the work of finishing in this generation the work of the mystery of God.

It is mercy's last hour. The shadows have lengthened; the sun of human probation is near the horizon, the Message has reached out into all lands, but a Macedonian cry yet greets our ears from the unwarned millions of other lands. It calls for the sacrifice of life, property, friends; it will take all to buy the field. But throw all the energies of your being into this closing work. Your reward is sure. No eye has seen it, no tongue has ever described it as it really is, no human heart has ever formed a true conception of it. It is like the stars forever and ever.

With a pure and a noble purpose, settle it that in the great controversy so long waged, but so soon to be decided, between sin and eternal righteousness, your life will be spent in the Master's service, and your tabernacle thus pitched on the right side of the "Divide."

## THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Our Summer School at Mount Vernon is again in progress, the first session being held June 11. We were glad to welcome the students of past summers, who are gathering together once more for earnest work. Many new faces also appear among our number. All are eager to prepare for better service in the field in the near future.

Classes have been formed in different common branches, Bible, psychology, literature, algebra, bookkeeping, physical geography and drawing.

We feel that this summer's work is of great importance, as our educational work is just beginning in the Columbia Union. But with the spirit of consecration which is being manifested by those assembled, we are confident that earnest effort will be put forth, that this branch of the Lord's work may grow rapidly.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

## West Pennsylvania

Some are wondering why they have not received the "Christ in Song" yet. We just received word from the publishers that they were not ready.

July 5 is the date set for the dedication of the Erie church. The brethren have worked faithfully to get the church ready for dedication.

We wish to thank the friend in Mount Vernon, O., who so kindly sent us the \$1 to help put the Temperance Number of the *Watchman* in the hands of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

By the time this reaches the readers our camp-meeting will be in session at Oil City, and though it is the best to plan to go and stay all through the meeting, if you find that it is possible for you that could not leave at the commencement, to go, by all means do so. You will never regret the sacrifice made, as the benefit derived from attending more than pays one back.

Some time ago we were invited to place a few thousand of the Temperance Number of the *Watchman* in the hands of the Women's Christian Temperance Union throughout our territory. Not being in a position financially to do this a call was made to the brethren and sisters throughout the Conference to help. We are very thankful to say that in response to this call nearly four thousand copies have already been distributed.

A letter received from Elder C. F. McVagh, our former colaborer, says in part, "It is hard for me to realize that the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting is at hand. It is the first camp-meeting in Pennsylvania that I have missed entirely since I accepted the Third Angel's Message. Many changes have taken place in Pennsylvania and in the Union recently. I hope the Lord has directed in all of these changes and that great prosperity will come to the work. We are facing many perplexing problems here, but we also receive many words of encouragement from the Lord for the Southern field, and we would be faithless indeed if we could not see victory ahead. . . . I hope you will have a successful meeting at Oil City. Brother McVagh also sent greetings and kindest regards to the members of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

Brother Quillin spent a few days in Academia last week getting the tents ready for shipping to the various tent companies.

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending June 5, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. M. Horst, Medina Co.,	GC	1	1	1	\$ 2 75	\$1 00	\$ 3 75	\$93 85	
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	52	34	87 00			87 00		
Ray Corder, Mahoning Co.,	DR	5	45	10 27 50		4 90	32 40		
V. O. Panches, Hardin Co.,	DR	4	30	10 27 50			27 50		
C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co.,	DR	5	36	6 18 50		4 00	22 50		
L. H. Waters, Mahoning Co.,	DR	5	44	6 17 25		35	17 60		35
L. Gallion, Coshocton Co.,	COS	3	16	11 9 50			9 50		
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,	CK	5	50	45 50 50		8 00	58 50		
W. C. Van Eman, Hardin Co.,	CK	4	25	20 20 50			20 50		
H. Weeks, Ross Co.,	CK	4	19	17 17 00			17 00		
W. Goss, Cuyahoga Co.,	CK	5		12 12 50		1 50	14 00		
E. Sharp, Scioto Co.,	BF	4	40	43 43 00			43 00		
N. Coffman, Miami Co.,	BF		35	11 16 50		4 75	21 25		3 75
H. Oberholtzer, Wayne Co.,	BF	3	20	13 13 50		2 50	16 00		
Totals,			48	413	239	\$363 50	\$27 00	\$390 50	\$97 95

New Jersey, Week Ending June 5, 1908

D. W. Percy, Pleasantville,	DR	5	31	23	\$66 25	\$1 65	\$67 90	\$ 60	
G. G. Taylor, Pleasantville,	DR	4	30	16	43 05	2 80	45 85		
D. P. Boersma, Camden Co.,	DR	5	34	14	40 50	25	40 75		2 75
F. Loasby, Edgewater Park,	DR	4	26	9	25 75	3 25	29 00		
W. C. McCoy, Flemington,	DR	1	6	7	23 25		23 25		
G. Webber, "	DR	1	7	1	2 75		2 75		
J. Rambo, Fairton,	DR	1	10	3	6 50	50	7 00		7 00
T. Hilgers, Bergen,	GC	4	25	1	2 75		2 75		5 50
W. Ambs, Carlstadt,	GC	4	40						68 25
Totals,			29	209	74	\$210 80	\$8 45	\$219 25	\$84 10

Virginia, Week Ending June 5, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,	CK	3	31	13	\$13 00	\$ 2 45	\$15 45	\$ 1 00	
C. Grey, Richmond,	GC	5	29	12	38 00	3 10	41 10		75
A. Schenk,* Roanoke,	GC		32	6	16 50		16 50		13 00
K. Oertley,* "	SP		60	36	40 50		40 50		29 10
J. Hayes,* Norfolk,	DR		68	1	4 75	17 25	22 00		16 65
E. Wilson, Richmond,	DR		12	8	22 00		22 00		
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,			16			3 85	3 85		4 90
Totals,			8	248	76	\$134 75	\$26 65	\$144 80	\$65 40

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 5, 1908

J. Jones, Delmar, Md.,	CK	5	40	23	\$24 00	\$11 00	\$35 00	\$19 50	
J. Paden, Wolfville, Md.,	CK	5	40	24	24 00		24 00		
E. Matthews, Cecil Co., Md.,	CK	4	30	23	32 50		32 50		
E. Mitchell, Woodbine, Md.,	DA	4	29	5	15 00	33 50	48 50		
D. Johns, Mt. Zion, Md.,	CK	5	29						20 65
H. Scott, East Port, Md.,		4	26						37 80
L. Lush, Seaford, Del.,	GC	3	27	11	32 25	3 00	35 25		
A. Williman, Cannon, Del.,	GC	4	29	14	45 50	3 00	48 50		
C. Thompson, Cecil, Md.,	CK	3	17	10	13 00		13 00		
W. Wirth, Dover, Del.,	DR	2	17	4	10 50		10 50		
B. Arkebaure, "	GC	2	14	14	33 00		33 00		
A. Paden, Frederick, Del.,	CK	5	32	12	12 50		12 50		46 00
F. Rawcliffe, Wilm'gt'n, Del.,	CK	3	9	2	2 50		2 50		
W. Mansfield, Cordova, Md.,		3	26			3 15	3 15		3 15
Totals,			52	365	142	\$244 75	\$53 65	\$298 40	\$127 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 6, 1908

I. Lawrence, Windber,	COL	5	32	14	\$17 50	\$7 75	\$25 25	\$15 75	
A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls,	DR	5	40½	2	5 50	8 50	14 00	31 50	
C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	2		2	5 25		5 25	10 75	
W. Hawkes, Bradford,	HM	2	19	1	2 00		2 00		
A. Ness, New Castle,	SP	4	17	1	1 25	2 15	3 40		60
I. Bigelow, Bradford,	HM	2	9	1	2 00	1 00	3 00		
Totals,			20	107½	21	\$33 50	\$19 40	\$52 90	\$58 60

\*Two weeks.



## RELATION WHICH SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
And storm-clouds gather in the threatening west;  
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;  
The bird hies to her nest;  
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest  
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;  
Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearthstone;  
Are all the children in?"

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.  
O, 'at the last it biteth like a serpent!' Poised  
Poisoned are stolen sweets.  
O mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,  
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!  
O, shut the door of love against temptation!  
Are all the children in?"

Do we realize their danger? Here is a work required of God's people which we must perform on our part to show our faith by our works in the great deliverance God is bringing about for us. In order to escape the overflowing scourge which is coming upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon those who are his people indeed, to prepare for that event. The dark night of sin is falling. Let us work while it is day.

To parents God sends the warning cry, "Gather your children into your houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education."

This cry comes not to parents alone, but to the churches as well. All are to work together for the salvation of the children. The world is full of iniquity and disregard of the requirements of God. The cities have become as Sodom, and our children are daily exposed to many evils. Their hearts are easily impressed. Dare we disregard God's command and leave them exposed to Satan's onslaughts? O, when will we awake to the dangers around us, and realize how we ourselves are being influenced by the world? Many, many do not realize the necessity or importance of this movement, and even dare to attempt to set aside the command of our heavenly Father concerning the matter.

### West Virginia, Week Ending June 5, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	37	3	\$5 50	\$8 50	\$14 00	\$5 00
W. Logan, Upshur Co.,	DR	5	48					122 75
J. Hall, Kanawha Co.,	BR	3	21	2	5 50	3 25	8 75	
H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co.,	CK	4	38	4	5 00	2 50	7 50	54 00
Totals,		17	144	9	\$16 00	\$14 25	\$30 25	\$181 75

Although God wishes us to study the subject carefully, it is not to the end that we may avoid obedience, but that we may the more successfully carry out his will. This is no new condition that God is imposing on his people. From the very beginning he has wished to keep them from the influence of sin. And through the whole history of the church, its prosperity has depended upon the education of its children. And now, just at the close of the conflict are we to prove untrue to our trust?

It is indeed true that many difficulties confront our people when they attempt this work of reform. We need to seek most earnestly for that wisdom which Jesus is ever ready to give. Taking up this work in our own strength means certain failure, for we have an adversary who with all his forces is seeking to destroy our efforts. God wishes his church to rouse to its duty; to make every sacrifice possible in order that his work may go forward.

We are far behind in this matter. Schools should be established if there are no more than six children to attend. In localities where believers are few, two or three churches should unite in erecting a humble building for a church school. God commands us to work as if we were working for our lives to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world. It is high time for Sabbath keepers to separate children from worldly associations, and place them under the very best teachers, who will make the Bible the foundation of all study.

When properly conducted church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established, for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. "As children sang in the temple courts, Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last Message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older members can-

not do, because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare children for this great work. Then let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock. Let the children be educated and trained to do service for God, for they are the Lord's heritage.

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
The night of death is hastening on apace;  
The Lord is calling, 'Enter thou thy chamber,  
And tarry there a space,'  
And when he comes, the King in all his glory,  
Who died the shameful death our hearts to win,  
O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,  
With all the children in!"

BESSIE E. ACTON.

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Immediately at the close of the church school at Tacoma Park, Miss Sadie E. Clark, one of the teachers, left Washington for the home of her brother in Hudson, N. Y., accompanied by Mr. Henry S. Prener who has been connected with the Lansdown, Md., tent; and on Sunday, June 7, at 1:30 P. M., they were united in marriage. Her brother, Elder A. J. Clark, performed the ceremony. Brother and Sister Prener are to return to Lansdown, and will be connected with the Chesapeake Conference until fall, when they will go to Brazil to give this precious truth to the unenlightened of that field. May the blessing of God go with these dear young people, and make them valuable in the spread of the Message.

At the same time and place, Mrs. Prener's mother, Mrs. M. E. Clark, a Bible worker in the Central New England Conference, was united in marriage to Mr. W. S. Jenkins, and they together will labor in the New York Conference. Elder DeVinney, president of the New York Conference, united this couple. A. J. CLARK.

Brother E. R. Brown, the Columbia Union auditor, was in Academia last Wednesday on Conference business. While here he learned that his little daughter was ill with typhoid fever at the home of her grand parents in Indiana where she and her mother are visiting.

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

Mrs. Clarence Miller is recovering from an attack of measles.

The address of Elder W. E. Bidwell for the next two months will be Delta, O.

Brother J. M. Levering has been confined to the house by an attack of tonsillitis.

The address of Brother B. L. House and family is 2808 Fairmount Ave., Richmond, Va.

Elder E. E. Andross stopped at the College a few hours while on his way to the Scranton, Pa., camp-meeting.

Elder E. E. Andross was elected president of the Columbia Union Conference by the Union Conference Executive Committee, which met at the Mount Vernon College, June 10.

### STERLING-KLOPFENSTEIN WEDDING

Tuesday evening, June 2, one hundred and fifty-three friends gathered at the home of George Klopfenstein, two miles south-east of Bowling Green to witness the marriage of their daughter, Maybelle, to Mr. George L. Sterling, of Paw Paw, Mich.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Chester Williams, and Mr. Sheldon Shetzer, the bridal party took their places beneath an alcove, on the lawn, which was overhung with vines, and decorated with pink and white peonies and ferns, where the ceremony was performed by Elder H. H. Burkholder. Miss Mabel Andre, of Mansfield, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. Warren Barr, of La Grange, acted as groomsmen, while the bride's little sister, Nora, made a charming flower girl.

Immediately after the ceremony a delicious marriage feast was spread; the guests being served on the lawn.

The occasion was one of more than usual interest, for it is probably the last time many of the guests will see Mr. and Mrs. Sterling. They both, having recently graduated from the Mount Vernon College, are under ap-

pointment of the Mission Board, and expect to sail for the Society Islands, their future field of labor, July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were recipients of many useful presents, remembrances of their many friends, who join the VISITOR in wishing them the most abundant success and the blessing of the Lord as they depart for the "regions beyond." \*\*\*

### NEW JERSEY

We are in receipt at our office of literature published by J. M. Garmire, which has been sent out to workers and people throughout our State, enclosed in envelopes bearing the return address of various Seventh-day Adventist Conference presidents,—all addressed in the same handwriting and mailed at the same office.

This is one of the most despicable attempts to deceive our people that I ever heard of, and we wish to warn our people against this sneaking attempt to use the influence of our leading brethren in an effort to tear our work to pieces. Enclosed with this literature is a note which says, "These papers are being sent out by instruction of the Lord through the Spirit of prophecy." To attribute the sanction of God to such dishonest dealing seems to be blasphemy of the deepest dye. B. F. KNEELAND.

### COLUMBIA UNION CAMP- MEETINGS

Chesapeake Conference, Wilmington, Del., June 25-July 5.  
East Pennsylvania, Scranton, Pa., June 11-21.  
West Pennsylvania, Oil City, June 19-23.  
Ohio, Mansfield, O., August 13-23.  
New Jersey camp-meeting at Woodbury, N. J., Aug. 6-16.  
Virginia,  
West Virginia,

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

MAY, 1908.

Hawley.....	\$ 47.39
Fleetwood.....	41.47
West Philadelphia.....	210.80
German Company (Philadelphia).....	48.00
North Philadelphia.....	243.07
Alba.....	11.66
Kulp.....	28.02
Wilkes Barre.....	176.91
Lancaster.....	30.03
Orwell.....	43.99
Stroudsburg.....	16.22
Individuals.....	8.00
Williamsport.....	34.02
Jersey Shore.....	16.15
Harrisburg.....	20.47
Reading.....	5.25
Scranton.....	58.72

Total.....\$1,035.17

A. L. BAYLEY, Treas.

### OBITUARY

GARGETT.—Fell asleep in Jesus, at Richmond, Va., June 1, 1908, of kidney trouble, Odelia W. Gargett, widow of James Gargett. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Richmond, Va., in 1896. Safe at last from the attacks of a cruel disease, she now sleeps until her Master's voice calls her to a land where there is no more sickness, neither sorrow, nor crying. One brother and four sisters are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving sister. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14: 13.

H. W. HERRELL.

SELLERS—Jessie Sellers was born June 11, 1893, died May 26, 1908, aged 14 years, 11 months and 16 days. For almost five months she was a patient sufferer, and through her entire sickness she manifested to all who witnessed her suffering that her hope was anchored on the Rock of Ages. As her parents mourned for her she would encourage them by saying, they ought to be willing to give her up for Jesus. God has called another of his children to lay down life's burdens, its sorrows and its sufferings to await the sound of the Life Giver's voice, when we believe she will come forth from the prison house. This is the third one of the little company, so newly organized in Piqua, less than six months ago, who has been called to meet the record of their lives. May our heavenly Father give the needed grace to those who are called upon to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rom. 8:18.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

CHARLTON.—Died in Du Bois, Pa., May 12, 1908, as the result of an accident, George Charlton, aged 18 years and 2 months. A faithful son to his parents was struck by a train while crossing a railroad track with his father. Both were struck; but the father escaped, while his boy was run over and died a few hours later in the hospital. The father and mother are members of the Philipsburg church, and the boy attended Sabbath-school when they were living there. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. Words of comfort were spoken from John 14: 1-3. Glad will be the day when such experiences will be forever in the past.

ELDER W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Brother S. N. Curtiss, treasurer of Review & Herald Publishing Association, writes, "We are pleased to learn that the prospect is that the book sales in the Columbia Union Conference during the month of May will be a thousand or so dollars greater this year than for the corresponding period in 1907. We believe that when the force of student canvassers gets into the field this year we will see some records made in the distribution of Seventh-day Adventist literature. All of this means that the good work is being hastened on, and for it we rejoice."