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## MISCELLANEOUS

### A FAITHFUL TITHE

#### Undue Carelessness Permitted

Many presidents of State conferences do not attend to that which is their work,—to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches, seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury. Malachi has specified that the condition of prosperity depends upon bringing to God's treasury that which is his own. This principle needs to be often brought before the men who are lax in their duty to God, and who are neglectful and careless in bringing in their tithes, gifts, and offerings to God. "Will a man rob God?" "Wherein have we robbed thee?" is the question asked by the unfaithful stewards. The answer comes plain and positive, "In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Please read this whole chapter, and see if words could be spoken that would be more plain and positive than these. They are so positive that no one who desires to understand his whole duty to God needs to make any mistake in the matter. If men offer any excuse as to why they do not perform this duty, it is because they are selfish, and have not the love and fear of God in their hearts.

#### No Excuse for Neglect in Payment of Tithes

The Lord has always required this response to his arrangements in carrying forward his work in our world. He has never changed his own devised plans. He lays claim to all as his own, and of that entrusted to men, he claims his portion. "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and

have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Those who claim that they cannot understand this plain and decisive statement,—which, if they are obedient, means so much to them in blessings which will be received when even the windows of heaven will be opened and blessings poured out to overflowing,—are not honest before God. Their excuses that they did not know the will of God will be of no avail for them in the great day of judgment.

#### All to Do Their Duty

Let the neglected tithe be now brought in. Let the men be honest in their deal with God. Let those who have withheld their tithes send them in . . . that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed of God. Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your own words, but a plain "thus saith the Lord." Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse.

Let all who fear God come up to the help of the Lord, and show themselves faithful stewards. The truth must go to all parts of the world. I have been shown that many in our churches are robbing God in tithes and offerings. God will execute upon them just that which he has declared. To the obedient, he will give rich blessings: to the transgressor, a curse. Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty, which is a robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent.

The Lord will not hold guiltless those who are deficient in doing the work that he requires at their hands,—in seeing that the church is kept wholesome and healthy, spiritually, and doing all their duty; in allowing no neglect which will bring the threatened curse upon his people. A curse is pronounced upon all who withhold their tithes from God. He says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In

tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby his work may be sustained and carried on in the world. God help us to repent. "Return unto me," he says, "and I will return unto you." Men who have a desire to do their duty have it laid down in clear lines in this chapter. No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord.

The Lord bestows his gifts abundantly upon us. He "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Every blessing we have comes through Jesus Christ. Then shall we not arouse, and do our duty toward God, upon whom we are dependent for life and health, for his blessing upon our crops and fields, our cattle, our herds, and our vineyards? We are assured if we give to the Lord's treasury we shall receive of him again; but if we withhold our means, he will withhold his blessing from us, and send a curse upon the unfaithful.

God has said, "Prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." What a wonderful presentation in promised blessings he is giving us! Who can venture to rob God in tithes and offerings with such a promise as this? "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before her time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"Well - directed personal efforts might have been put forth, and have saved a soul from death, and hid a multitude of sins, but there was no one to make the effort. The negligent ones will have to meet their neglect in the day of God."—"Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," page 27.

## OUR WORKERS

Charleston, W. Va.

The Message is finding its way to some honest hearts in this wicked city. For years our brethren have labored for this city, and while the laborers have ardently toiled, publicly and from house to house, for reasons known better to these laborers than any one else, the results have not been all that we might have desired to see. In justice to these consecrated laborers, we desire to say to our people throughout the Conference, that these brethren labored faithfully, untiringly, and we believe God was with them, and has accepted them in the Beloved as laborers in the vineyard. We are made glad to read their letters expressing their interest in the work in this State.

For many reasons, the work has been somewhat perplexing. As the result of much hard work, and continual seeking of the Lord, it has seemed good for our Heavenly Father to give the laborers fruit for their hire. At the recent general meeting, several were taken into the church, four of whom were new converts. We hope to have as many more at our next quarterly meeting. Through house to house Bible work, many are being reached that could not be reached in any other way. Several are keeping the Sabbath in the city who have not as yet united with the church. Most of these are Bible readers of Miss Cummings and Mrs. Sufficool. We believe they will soon be ready for church membership.

By the time this report reaches the reader, our large tent will be pitched and the summer tent meetings begun. We have felt the heavy responsibilities involved in carrying on this series of meetings, but as we have sought the Lord for guidance, believe that the location of the tent is in harmony with the divine mind, and personally our workers associated with us never opened a series of meetings more confident that the Lord was going to give us a harvest of souls, than we are at this time.

We trust that our brethren will remember the work in Charleston before the throne of grace. We need your prayers, brethren; we need your encouragement. We have reached a time when this Message must go as it never has gone before: Let us come up into the yoke; God is with us; and victory is sure.

We are very much pleased to have Brethren Hall and Halstead associated

with us. These brethren are two of our faithful canvassers and they will thoroughly canvass the city and assist in the meetings in the evening. Our company is quite complete, and we expect to have a grand, good time together with the Lord. We shall be glad to welcome others into our company at any time.

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

Culloden, W. Va.

VISITOR Readers: On Friday, June 1, we went to Walker to hold a few days' meetings with the church at that place and remained with them until the following Monday. Our meetings were well attended and a good degree of interest manifested by the people generally.

They have employed a singing teacher and are trying to improve their talent in this direction, which we trust may have a tendency to increase their interest in the Sabbath-school and meetings.

Before our meetings closed we had the pleasure of seeing six precious souls follow their Saviour in the solemn ordinance of baptism.

We pray the Lord that this church, that has passed through so many dark seasons, may stand firm, manifest true love for one another and labor together harmoniously for the advancement of the cause of present truth in that part of the Master's vineyard.

W. R. FOGGIN.

Salisbury, Md.

Dear VISITOR: I have been laboring in this field for three months. The Lord has, by his kind providence, opened the way for the good books that contain the truth for this generation. My earnest prayer is that the good seed of truth that is being sown here in Wicomico County may develop and bring forth good fruit and at last be gathered in the great garner of the Lord.

I find in this field, as well as in other places, there is opposition to the truth, but the Lord says that if he is with us, he is more than all that can come against us. A Presbyterian minister told me, after finding I was an Adventist, that I did not know anything about the Bible unless I could understand Greek and Latin, and get the meaning of what Christ says, and only take it secondarily. I told him according to his theory the common people could never get the gospel unless they got it through some learned man. I told him I studied the Bible for myself, and when the Lord says

anything I am just simple enough to believe it. When he saw he could not bluff or discourage me, he acknowledged that I was right in my convictions. At last he said, "I guess the Adventists have truth enough to save them at any rate." I thought at first he would hinder the work, but when I remembered the great promises of the Lord, I rested content, because I met a similar experience like this in Oxford last October, and the God of Israel overruled and the good work went steadily on, and is still going on. I can say with full assurance it can not be stopped by poor, weak man. The evil host would have us recant and give up the battle and surrender all to him. But as I am one of the Gideon band, I intend to break my earthen vessel on the Rock, and let my light shine out bright, and give the blast of the trumpet a certain sound that will put the enemies of the truth to flight, and then press the battle to the very gates of the city.

"O Christian awake! 'tis the Master's command;

With helmet and shield, and sword in thy hand,

To meet the bold tempter, go, fearlessly go,  
And stand like the brave, with thy face to the foe.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES

Dear VISITOR: I reached Laura the evening of May 21, and found Brother J. I. Cassell waiting at the depot for me. He went at once to the church where most of the members gave me a hearty welcome. I remained with them until May 25, speaking each night to the church, only a few outside people being present. Each night found nearly all members present.

Sabbath, May 23, after a good meeting, we went to Ludlow Creek, near Brother Fortner's, where four willing souls were buried with Christ in baptism. The scene was a fine one; a nice, bright day with the bright green of early summer, with the clear waters of the creek flowing softly by, made a picture that reminded me of the promises that are given us in the Bible of a land where all will be peace and beauty. Brethren, we are called to receive an inheritance in that land through Christ. Then let us arouse to the duties of the hour and do the work that is before us that we may show our love for Christ and our fellow men.

That evening the Laura church received the four baptised into the its membership. Thus the light is increased in that little town, and may it

grow brighter from day to day with the hope and faith that comes by doing the will of God until Christ shall call us to enter into the joys of our Lord.

May 30 I held services with the Cygnet church. It being a very stormy day, only a few were out, yet we had a real good meeting.

May 31 I went to Delta, where I found Brother John Shultz ready to take up tent work. The next morning Brother Chough and his boy helped us put up our tent in the east part of town on a good location. We have held four services with rather a small attendance, but we look for larger audiences in the future.

Our people are doing all they can to make the meetings a success: also the brethren at Liberty Center and Wauseon are showing quite an interest in the meetings. We are glad to meet them all, and glad to witness for the truth at Delta, and we would ask your prayers for the success of the work that God may receive glory in the salvation of souls.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Meherrin, Va.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: In answer to friends, allow me to say through your columns, that it was May 20, while I was crushing stone to do some cement work around the spring, that a splinter of steel from the hammer flew off and struck the center of the sight of my right eye. I have had three operations, and the doctor says I will never recover the sight as it was before. The inflammation is not yet reduced and my vision is much impaired. It was my best eye. I cannot read or see to do any fine work.

We have been working hard and our garden stuff looks well. Paul's health is improved. This hot climate is an excellent anti-fat remedy. I have lost fifteen pounds and feel the better for it.

I enjoy the weekly visit of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR. As ever with Christian greeting,

D. E. LINDSEY.

## THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING

This important offering is to be taken up in our churches, Sabbath, July 4, 1908. We believe that this Message is to go to all the world in this generation. Therefore let us all rally in the strength of the Lord, and seek him earnestly to know what we should give to this worthy call. The General Conference brethren, after

careful consideration, have gone ahead, and sent laborers to the foreign fields, and they are now in need of means to support them in their respective fields. Unless we all do our part, in the name of the Lord, they will be compelled to recall them home. Surely we can never let them do this, as we know it would not be pleasing to the Lord. Many thousands of dollars are needed to carry forward the work in foreign fields, and God has given every one a part, a work to do, in giving this last, closing Message. If we cannot go ourselves, we can, through our means, send the Message by someone in the field.

When God led Israel over the Jordan, all went; now God is leading Israel to the promised land; all have a part, all must rally to the standard, and then we'll soon pass over "to the promised land."

There will be nearly \$325,000 needed to carry on the work in mission territory in 1908; and we feel confident that our brethren and sisters in Virginia will respond willingly to the call. May the Lord's richest blessings attend you all. Yours for the Master,

H. W. HERRELL.

Richmond, Va.

## A WORD TO OUR BRETHREN IN WEST VIRGINIA

It is generally known by our people that Friday, May 16, the Senate passed the Johnson Sunday Rest Bill. We are very glad that the bill was not acted upon by the District Committee of the House. About six months now intervene before Congress meets again.

It seems to the writer that in this act we may see the hand of the Lord holding in check the four winds until his people are sealed with the seal of the living God. Should not this delay appeal to us at this time? We trust our people will carefully study the chapter in "Testimonies," No. 32, entitled, "The Coming Crisis." This chapter is timely and should be studied by all just now. Let us consecrate our every power to the Lord and his work in the earth as never before.

To remain inactive just now is perilous. Storm clouds are gathering, all heaven is astir; let us not settle down at ease in the enemies' land, for we are on the borders of Canaan. The pillar of cloud is leading Israel, and we are on our way to our Father's house.

We feel very anxious that all our county officials, city officers and leading citizens be supplied with the last number of *Liberty*. There is no more important work before us as a people

at this time. In so doing we shall be educating the people that none will act ignorantly. Please see that this is done at once. L. E. SUFFICOO.

## SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

Our State Conference Academy, located at New Market, Va., is nearing completion. We are planning to have this Academy dedicated during the special meetings to be held at the Academy, September 8-13. We are desirous of having as many as can, plan to attend this meeting, especially those living in the Valley.

We expect to have with us the president of the Columbia Union Conference, Elder E. E. Andross, and others of the General Conference laborers, if possible. We want those who come, to come praying, and also to bring their Saviour with them. Let us all pray that the Lord will especially bless in these meetings, and that the school may prove a great blessing to all of our people, especially to the young people.

This school is to be a preparatory school, in which students will be prepared to go to our colleges. We invite our neighboring State Conferences to send their youth to this institution, as it will no doubt be more convenient than schools farther away. It has been suggested to us, that our sisters in the State, no doubt, would be pleased to help the school in some ways, which would not involve much cash to be expended.

Now if the different families would, while canning fruit and vegetables for their own use, just put up an extra can or two, for the school, it would be doing good missionary work, and be helping the school at the same time, and they would not miss the same. Let us seek the Lord to know his will in the matter, and he will guide us in his ways.

For further information address Elder R. D. Hottel, New Market, Va.

May the Lord's richest blessings attend us in our daily walk. Yours for the Master, H. W. HERRELL.

President Virginia Conference, Richmond, Va.

WANTED.—A boy between the ages of ten and fourteen years, to do chores and assist on a farm, with Sabbath and public school privileges. Our children are married. Would like some one with us to brighten our home. Solomon Brown, Fleetwood, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.

## WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS

Elder Foggin baptized six at Walker, Sabbath, June 6.

Elder Steele is the proud father of a new West Virginia girl baby.

A. J. Bush is out selling small books, and writes that "they just sell themselves."

Brother Foote is at Moundsville this week, assisting Brother Marlatt in his delivery.

After a successful delivery, Brother Logan has gone for a short visit to Pennsylvania to visit relatives.

Harry Metcalf and wife, of Blaine, are visiting relatives and friends in Kanawha and Parkersburg.

Lesson Quarterlies for next quarter are now in stock. Order at once that you may have them the first of the quarter.

Do not forget the offering to be taken up for the Tent Fund, Sabbath, June 20. Everyone in West Virginia should have something in this fund.

David Haddix, one of the first canvassers in the State, called at the office the 9th inst., and told of some interesting experiences the early canvassers had in this State.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Each week, as the mail man leaves our little Union paper, we immediately look for some word from the battle in West Virginia. We thank the good Master that we are not always disappointed, for once in a while some good brother or sister will pen a few words for this excellent little sheet. Let us do more for this paper in the future than we have in the past. May we feel that this paper is our paper, and we share in the responsibility involved at this time in making this paper a live and interesting periodical, always welcome in our homes. Let our canvassers tell us of their courage in the Lord and of their experience. We love to hear it. Has the Lord been watering some precious soul? Tell us all about it, that we may share in the rejoicing with you.

"I love to tell the story,  
'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love."

In the next issue, we shall have a report of the work which has been and is being done in Charleston.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

## "WHOSO READETH LET HIM UNDERSTAND"

In these times when so many things tend toward the subversion of the basic principles of this government regarding church and state, it is of interest to note the strange features of that Apocalyptic symbol of this nation, seen "coming up out of the earth." Rev. 13:11. It was not a strange feature that this symbol should have horns, other symbols were so represented, but that it should have "horns like a lamb" was worthy of note. Horns evidently denote power, and these horns represented power so strange and unusual that John, the bosom friend of "the Lamb of God," was reminded of the power in the teaching of his beloved Master. When the Herodians came with their carefully worded questions touching church and state, Jesus met them with that pointed, hornlike declaration, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's." Matt. 22:21.

This declaration is "quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder" (Heb. 4:12) the duties we should render unto God from the duties we should render unto the civil power. "No one thought of vindicating religion for the conscience of the individual, till a voice in Judea, breaking day for the greatest epoch in the life of humanity, by establishing a pure, spiritual, and universal religion for all mankind, enjoined to render to Caesar only that which is Caesar's. . . . Vindicating the right of individuality even in religion, and in religion above all, the new nation dared to set the example of accepting in its relation to God the principle first divinely ordained of God in Judea."—George Bancroft.

Relying upon these grand principles of truth, this new nation, once the wonder of the world, now the admiration of all nations, has enjoyed a development and attained to power greater than could have been gained by armies and navies. But now shorn of this power by no longer adhering to these principles of which our flag should still be the standard, dependence must be placed in the creation of an army and navy, and thus this nation becomes like all others.

The great truth, "my kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36), is replaced with the sentiment that "Christ shall be this world's king." *Woman's Christian Temperance Union.* The governmental statement of a cen-

tury ago that "the government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion," has given place to the delusion "that this is a Christian nation." The constitutional safeguard which wisely provided that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," has lost its force, and now Congress stands committed to religious legislation.

It can no longer be said that "our government is a civil and not a religious institution," as the United States Senate declared in 1829.

The religious world to-day, according to their own statements, "has one vital organic thought, one all-absorbing purpose, one undying enthusiasm, and that is that Christ shall be this world's king," and that "the kingdom of Christ must enter the realm of law through the gateway of politics." The spirit of to-day should remind us of that time, so long past that many seem to have forgotten it, "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone." John 6:15. As Jesus is "the same yesterday and to-day, and forever," it is assured that the same disappointment awaits the repetition of the efforts that once resulted in the Saviour departing out of their midst.

He who would avoid this certain disappointment must discern these times by becoming familiar with the history of the past.

A. C. SHANNON.

## A LETTER

SPOKANE, WASH., JUNE 14, 1908.

It is a privilege to me to communicate to the readers of the *VISITOR* a few items concerning our journey to the West. Leaving Chicago, June 1, over the Burlington route, we found the broad prairies of the Mississippi valley partially submerged by the recent heavy rains, which seemed to have been the more severe the farther we traveled. When near the Black Hills in South Dakota, we were detained several hours by the bad condition of the railway on account of the high water. When we reached Helena, Mont., we learned that the tracks of the Northern Pacific railway were so demoralized farther on that we were to be sent over another line to Haver, 220 miles north and go the rest of the way to Spokane over the Great Northern railway, making about 400 miles extra travel. When near

Concord, Mont., we were met by the rushing waters of a cloud burst, that in a few minutes tore out the track in front of us so that we were compelled to halt. In a few moments more, the track behind us was undermined so that we could go neither backward nor forward. After our train had stood there twenty-seven hours, the large force of workmen employed in repairing the roadbed had the track put in condition so that the train was cautiously moved out and proceeded about forty miles, as far as Cut Bank. Here we learned that by washouts and landslides in the mountains ahead of us, the railway was so ruined that we were to be detained indefinitely where we were. West bound trains of the Great Northern and of the Northern Pacific railways continued to roll in till seven long passenger trains, comprising nearly forty coaches, and containing well toward 1,000 passengers were sidetracked and massed in together, where we all waited nearly four days before we could be moved on toward our destination. As we afterward passed slowly over the road and could see the awful havoc of the terrific storms and rushing torrents, carrying down earth, rocks, large trees, bridges, timber of all sorts and railway tracks, we were grateful that we came safely through such perils. At one place a tunnel fell in soon after our train passed through it, so we were told. When passing around a bend along the upper Missouri River, we came so near rolling into the river that the engineer and brakeman were several times ready to jump, and several passengers declared that in one place after our last coach had passed over, some of the track slid into the river. One gentleman said he would not go through that experience again for \$10,000. We sing the words, "Smite death's threatening wave before thee," and it seemed to me as though God had literally answered that prayer in our cases. In our car there were among the passengers several clergymen, a colored Methodist presiding elder, a Presbyterian minister, and a Baptist preacher. Religious services were held in our car, and the occupants of other cars were invited and came in to attend. When my turn came to speak, I took for my subject 1 Corinthians 13. I took occasion to show how I agreed with my associates by quoting word for word some selections learned by one of our Bible classes in Mount Vernon College the past year. These quotations were from the Methodist Discipline, the Baptist Church Manual and the Presbyterian Confession of Faith

showing how all these leading demonstrations had taken their position firmly on the unchangeable nature of the law God, and squarely against Antinomianism.

In all we were detained about seven days on our road, arriving at Spokane June 11, instead of June 4, to enjoy the last four days of the camp-meeting, being most heartily welcomed back again to the company of the workers in the Upper Columbia Conference. A most excellent camp-meeting is now closing here, and we are most devoutly grateful to God for his preserving care, by which we have been permitted to reach it. The work and the many friends in Ohio shall never be forgotten, but remembered with sincere gratitude.

It seems like an incomprehensible providence by which our lot has been cast among the workers in Ohio during the past year, but we hope it has not been a mistake. We were very glad yesterday when Brethren C. F. Glasscock and Blaine Kennedy walked into the camp. We shall be glad to hear from any of our friends in the East at any time, and may God's rich blessing continue to attend the work there.

F. D. STARR.

Forest, Ida.

### THE PROPER USE OF THE "SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER"\*

In this age of facilities, appliances and helps for the prosecution of all kinds of work, it surely is the part of wisdom to avail ourselves of every useful device to shorten work and improve its character and results.

God in his providence has given us a beautiful organization, in which every branch may be properly officered, and means provided for the best results in every line, by the instruction of helpers and encouragement of the backward. One of these means in the line of the Sabbath-school is the *Worker*, by which those in charge of the oversight of the work can come in touch with those who do the actual teaching in the schools, giving them the cream of their experience and knowledge gained by much study. The teacher or Sabbath-school officer who would not avail himself of this instruction would surely be very improvident. How else can he keep up with the advancing line of educational light and knowledge which God is graciously sending to this people, and through them to the world? In making use of the *Worker*, it would be well,

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first, to read it straight through. Then when preparing the Sabbath-school lesson, the Lesson Helps furnish an excellent aid. There we notice such books mentioned as "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," "History of the Sabbath," "Eden to Eden," "Easy Steps in the Bible Story," etc., with reference to page and paragraph in each. These books should be consulted, thus getting the Lord's thoughts on the lesson. The suggestions, central thoughts and notes on separate questions are of great value to the true teacher, giving a quick grasp on the underlying principles and the application of the lesson, thus preparing for efficient work when before the class. The directions for blackboard and object lesson work, enables her to bring various points out clearly, so that they take hold upon the mind of the learner, never to be forgotten.

The Practical Lessons develop the thought, expanding, illustrating and applying the principles to be brought out.

The Suggestive Helps are things new and old gleaned from the pages of history and current literature, giving many interesting facts and particulars in regard to the location and general history of the lesson territory, thus giving material to keep up a good interest in the lesson, embellishing and widening the view. The material given the Children's Division, with Blackboard Hints, Table Scenes, Occupation and little verses for memorizing form, we might say, the crowning glory of the *Worker*, as the labor for the children should engage the best talent, and should be diligently prepared for and carefully studied. The kindergarten work undoubtedly solved the problem of winning and keeping the interest of the children, and above all of making lasting impressions on the plastic minds of the little ones, which will remain with them through life. As is said in "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 244, "We may not have to carve in marble or paint on canvass, but the work of a godly teacher is to impress on a human soul the image of the divine." On the whole, we may be grateful to our Heavenly Father, that he has done all in his power, giving us every facility to enable us to be good teachers. Praise God for the *Sabbath-school Worker*, and let us make use of it! MRS. H. C. OBERHOLTZER.

We wish to call the attention of the readers of the VISITOR to Elder A. C. Shannon's article on page 4. Read it carefully and thoughtfully.

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE CAN- VASSERS

Along with the weekly reports, we are getting some very encouraging letters from our canvassers. They are doing some hard work and the Lord is blessing their efforts. It has been a source of encouragement to see our young people take hold of the work with such vigor. In many respects the canvassing work is much like other lines of work. There are some little difficulties to be overcome, and it is the man who determines to win that meets with success providing, of course, that he has consecrated himself to God for service and is trusting him for guidance. One young brother, who is working for a scholarship, said recently that he found as a rule, when starting out in the morning determined to sell, he usually got a good list of orders. Some have found that they were tested in various ways and from the testimonies we are receiving, it is evident that the work is developing faith and confidence on the part of our young people. While the canvasser opens the word of God to the hungry soul seeking for light, he himself is being drawn closer to God and will go forth from that home realizing that it has been good for him to be there. We are told that he who takes up the work of canvassing as he should must be both an educator and a student. While he tries to teach others, he himself must learn to do the work of an evangelist. As canvassers go forth into the field with humble hearts full of earnest activity, they will find many opportunities to speak a word in season to souls ready to die in discouragement. After laboring for these needy souls they will be able to say, "Ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." Eph. 5:8.

These experiences remind us of the work of the Waldenses in the Dark Ages, as they labored from home to home, not daring to work publicly. They would often find some family or possibly several families together seeking for light, and endeavoring to obtain peace of conscience by the most severe forms of penance, until in many cases exhausted nature was almost ready to give way. To such the Waldenses opened the plan of redemption. The promises of God were read. Such verses as John 3:16, and others showing God's love for sinners, were eagerly read and reread and the truth was accepted with joy inexpressible. Then the messenger would speed on his way, just as our canvassers have to do, for the King's business

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 12, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Wirth, Leipsic, Del.,	DR	5	49	2	\$ 5 50	\$63 15	\$68 65		
B. Arkebaur, W. Grove, Del.,	GC	5	46	12	33 00		33 00		
S. Lush, Seaford, Del.,	GC	5	45	28	81 00	1 50	82 50		
A. Williman, " "	GC	5	44	18	57 50	75	58 25		
J. Jones, Hebron, Md.,	CK	5	42	17	21 00	5 50	26 50		
E. Mitchell, Woodbine, Md.,	CK	5	40	26	35 00	3 00	38 00		
C. Thompson Ch'ry H'l, Md.,	CK	5	37	38	53 50		53 50		
E. Matthews, " "	CK	5	37	36	50 00		50 00		
W. Wright, Darlington, Md.,	DR	5	37	15	45 25	3 00	48 25		
Mrs Lukens, Hagerst'n, Md.,	GC	4	25	8	27 00	3 00	30 00		
Harold Lukens, " "	GC	3	12	8	22 00	7 00	29 00		
H. Scott, Armgers, Md.,	CK	3	12						\$12 81
D. Johns, Baltimore, Md.,	CK	2	9			2 20	2 20		1 50
Mrs. Rawcliffe, Wilm'gt'n, Del.	CK	1	5	6	8 00		8 00		
D. Stout, Dover, Md.,	CK	1	4	2	3 00		3 00		
D. Stout, Baltimore, Md.,	CK	2	8	2	3 00		3 00		
A. Paden, Hagerstown, Md.,	CK	3	14½	4	4 00		4 00		
<b>Totals,</b>			64	466½	222	\$448 75	\$89 10	\$537 85	\$14 31

New Jersey, Week Ending June 12, 1908

G. Blinn, Mercer Co.,	GC	4	40	28	\$79 00		\$79 00		\$2 75
T. Hilgers, Fairview,	GC	5	40	13	39 75	\$1 00	40 75		
W. Ambs, Bergen Co.,	GC	5	41	13	42 75	50	43 25		
Sadie Winter, Irvington,	GC	2	13	2	5 50		5 50		3 00
C. Woertz, Elizabeth,	GC	5	38	3	9 25		9 25		
R. Funk, Elizabeth,	GC	5	38	3	9 25		9 25		
C. Woodward, Hammonton,	GC	2	6	3	8 25		8 25		
S. Paul, Camden Co.,	GC	5	43	10	27 50		27 50		
D. P. Boersma, Camden Co.,	DR	5	38	5	13 50	25	13 75		2 00
D. W. Percy, Pleasantville,	DR	5	33	13	36 75		36 75		42 00
G. G. Taylor, Pleasantville,	DR	5	35	15	40 25		40 25		29 00
W. C. McCoy, Flemington,	DR	5	40	23	79 25		79 25		
G. Webber, " "	DR	5	37	12	35 00		35 00		
F. Loasby, Delenco,	DR	5	40	13	35 75		35 75		
S. Oberg, Salem,	DR	4	28	21	65 75	3 25	69 00		
H. Province, Salem,	DR	3	21	15	42 25	35	42 60		
<b>Totals,</b>			70	531	192	\$569 75	\$5 35	\$575 10	\$78 75

Ohio, Week Ending June 12, 1908

E. Horst, Wayne Co.,	GC	3	25	5	\$14 75	\$3 35	\$18 10		\$1 00
V. O. Panches, Hardin Co.,	DR	4	32	8	22 00	9 75	31 75		
C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co.,	DR	5	35	5	13 75	11 50	25 25		2 00
Ray Corder, Mahoning Co.,	DR	5	46	6	16 50	5 25	21 75		
H. Weeks, Ross Co.,	CK	5	40	51	51 00		51 00		
H. Forsythe, Logan Co.,	CK	5	39	27	40 00		40 00		
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,	CK	3	26	24	24 50	4 00	28 50		
W. Goss, Cuyahoga Co.,	CK	5	36	16	17 00	50	17 50		
W. C. Van Eman, Hardin Co.,	CK	5	31	8	9 00		9 00		
E. Sharp, Scioto Co.,	BF	3	20	29	29 00		29 00		
H. Oberholtzer, Wayne Co.,	BF	3	7	5	5 50	50	6 00		
<b>Totals,</b>			46	337	184	\$243 00	\$34 85	\$277 85	\$3 00

Virginia, Week Ending June 12, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,	CK	44	6	\$ 6 00		\$ 6 00	\$83 95		
C. Haskell, Buena Vista	CK	43	30	33 00	\$2 50	35 50	50		
C. Stebbins, Buena Vista,	CK DR	53	31	41 00	4 20	45 90	70		
J. Hayes, Norfolk,	SP	40	4	8 90	8 90	12 90	5 55		
C. Grey, Richmond,	GC	37	3	8 25	2 15	10 40			
E. Wilson, Richmond,	DR	22	8	22 00		22 00			
M. Philips, Port Norfolk,	GC	1	1	4 75		4 75			
<b>Totals,</b>		240	79	\$119 00	\$16 75	\$137 55	\$90 70		

West Virginia, Week Ending June 12, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	40	4	\$ 6 00	\$ 9 25	\$15 25		\$6 00
J. Hall, Putnam Co.,	BR	2	18	2	5 50	1 35	6 85		
H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co.,	CK	4	37	15	16 00	13 50	29 50		4 00
<b>Totals,</b>		11	95	21	\$27 50	\$24 10	\$51 60		\$10 00



requires haste. To the little companies it seemed that an angel from heaven had been sent to visit them. They knew not from whence he had come nor whither he went; but alas, it was too often the case that in a few days he would be languishing in a prison cell, or perhaps he had been martyred on the spot where he had witnessed for the truth; but the work he did still lived on. It might be well if we, when we are tempted to think that the work goes hard, would recall the experience of those who have labored before us. But as the persecution of that time was powerless to stay the progress of the work, so to-day in spite of the opposition of the enemy, which we must sometimes encounter, the work of our missionary canvassers continues to move forward.

When the printed page is placed in the home, it is read and reread. It is often loaned to others and sometimes sent from one State to another. Wherever it goes, it has an influence for good which in many cases will live on and on through all eternity.

E. R. NUMBERS.

Roanoke, Va.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: We are glad to note the great army of workers who are carrying the precious truths contained in the books they are handling, and we are still more encouraged to note how the students in our colleges are laying aside their study books, and entering the field. It makes one think that the ranks are filling up, and then 100 will be in their places, instead of the lone one. We have a God who hears when we pray. Why should we not be a people who will respond when he calls?

Our ranks in Virginia are filling up, and the work of carrying the books to the people is progressing. Yet we have an immense field to work. Virginia is a very large State, and some parts of it are very thinly settled, for this part of the field we need some good, strong, hardy men, who can stand hard, fatiguing work. The people in these isolated places are to be hunted for, because some of them may be children who are heirs to the kingdom. We would invite those who can afford to do colporteur work to this field.

Our canvassers are of good courage and are meeting with some pleasant experiences. One brother says, "It is a great satisfaction to know how the Lord is working. For instance, one man who bought a book of me, says that he read only some parts of it, but that he had already gotten enough to

repay for the price of the book." A lady borrowed one of the books and said she learned that there were a great many things in the Bible she was ignorant of before.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

1312 N. 28th St., Richmond, Va.

## THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER OF THE "WATCHMAN"

This number is now out. It is neat and attractive, although not elaborate in appearance. The splendid spirit of its timely articles stands forth as a prominent feature on every page. The reader feels that he has before him a magnificent array of facts and principles bearing on a most vital topic. The simple and forceful language inspires interest and solicits confidence. This number will accomplish much for the cause of prohibition and for the salvation of precious souls, if it is given the circulation it deserves.

The first article is that of Elder A. G. Daniels, entitled "Christianity Against the Liquor Traffic"; the second article, "Is It Right?" is a contribution from Mrs. Stevens, National President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union; "Beer Drinking" is the title of a plain word picture by Doctor Kress. The President of the Tennessee Women's Christian Temperance Union has contributed, "The Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Temperance Movement." This is accompanied by a map showing the progress of the prohibition movement in the United States. A stirring selection from Mrs. E. G. White is the "Plea for Prohibition." Elder G. I. Butler has written under the title, "Bible Temperance." Other noble presentations of the temperance cause are given under such titles as the following, "The Price of a License;" "D. L. Moody on Moderate Drinking;" "A Scene That Appalled the Heathen;" "Freedom's Call;" "President Lincoln as a Temperance man;" "The Devil's Substitute;" "Does Prohibition Prohibit?" "Woman's Part in the Cause of Temperance;" "What They Say, Some Striking Statements by Eminent Men;" "The Crest of the Wave;" "The Name;" etc., etc. There are two striking illustrations, one "Belshazzar's Blaspheamous Feast" with striking comments; the other showing a young man taking his first "drop" and later after he had "dropped" everything good in his life receiving as his compensation the last "drop." The numerous notes are truth clinchers. Temperance

principles are carried into the advertising of a few of our most choice books on the second page. This number is printed with a beautiful blue ribbon badge, and with titles and initial letters in blue and black. It contains sixteen pages.

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## A LETTER FROM SISTER WHITE

The following is taken from a letter concerning the importance of the present opportunities for missionary work along temperance lines:—

"I have words of encouragement to speak in regard to the special number of the *Watchman*, which the Southern Publishing House is soon to bring out. I shall rejoice to see our conferences help in this work by taking a large number of this issue for circulation. Let there be no forbidding placed upon the effort, but let all take hold to give this temperance number a wide circulation.

"There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such widespread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. Let everything possible be done to circulate strong, stirring appeals for the closing of the saloon. Let this paper be made a power for good. Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them, but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms. My husband and I in our labors united with these temperance workers and we had the joy of seeing several unite with us in the observance

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

The publishers of the *Watchman* have prepared a suggestive canvass for the Temperance Number of that paper; it will be sent free on request. Ask for it; also ask for particulars about this timely issue of the *Watchman*.

Those desirous of using the Battle Creek Sanitarium health foods in their homes may have freight prepaid on orders amounting to five dollars or more (cash accompanying the order) by sending to the Sanitarium Health Food Co., Cleveland, O.

The publishers of the *Watchman* feel that the Lord is blessing in the circulation of this Temperance Number of the *Watchman*, and are receiving some very encouraging letters and orders. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union people seem to be very much pleased with the paper and are taking hold of its circulation with much interest wherever the matter has been brought to their attention. A recent letter from Charles R. Jones, Chairman of the National Prohibition Committee, in regard to the Temperance Number of the *Watchman*, reads, in part, as follows: "I have looked over this issue with much interest, and congratulate you upon the appearance and effectiveness of this paper. I wish that you would be able to get many friends of the temperance cause to assist you in working up a larger circulation."

### SIGNIFICANT NAMES

Did you ever consider the significance of the names of places connected with the earthly career of Jesus Christ? He was born at Bethlehem, the house of bread. He is the living bread for our souls. He was brought up at Nazareth, the place of shrubs or sprouts. He is a tender shoot out of the stem of Jesse. He agonized at Gethsemane, the oil press. He trod the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with him.—Dr. John Hall.

Is the VISITOR read in your home?

## A NEW PUBLICATION

Signs of the Times

MONTHLY

Ready July 15, 1908

In response to repeated and earnest calls from the field, the publishers of the *Signs of the Times* have decided to issue a monthly journal, covering all phases of the Message, for the use of agents and pioneer missionary workers. It will be printed in magazine form; pages about 6x9 inches; and will contain 52 pages, including cover. The cover will be printed in two or more colors, and the whole magazine beautifully illustrated throughout.

This new monthly magazine is in nowise intended to take the place of the regular weekly *Signs of the Times* which has been used so effectually for over a quarter of a century. That will be published the same as heretofore.

The weekly paper is for home study, free distribution among friends and neighbors, in reading-racks, and in connection with missionary correspondence and Bible work.

The monthly magazine is for sale from house to house and on the streets, by children, young people, old people, sisters, and others who are not sufficiently experienced, or have not had the training to sell books.

At the late meeting of the General Conference Committee held in Washington, D. C., April 14 to 26, the whole question was carefully considered and the following resolution adopted:—

"Whereas, There is a strong demand from the field for a monthly magazine covering all phases of the Message, to be used by agents in pioneer missionary work; and,—

"Whereas, For over a quarter of a century the *Signs of the Times* has been recognized as the pioneer missionary paper of this denomination; therefore,—

"Resolved, That we approve of the action of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Co. in deciding to issue a monthly edition of the *Signs of the Times* in magazine form, with cover, to retail at ten cents per copy. This edition to be used especially by agents to sell on the streets, in the stores, and from house to house.

"And We Further Recommend, That the Pacific Press continue to publish the regular weekly edition of the *Signs* for general missionary work, the same as heretofore."

The first number of this new journal will be dated August, 1908, but

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of the true Sabbath. Among them there is strong prejudice against us, but we will not remove this prejudice by standing aloof. God is testing us. We are to work with them when we can; and we can assuredly do this on the question of utterly closing the saloon."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.

A shekel of gold was \$8.

A talent of silver was \$538.30.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

A firkin was about eight and seven-eighths gallons.

An omer was six pints.

A cab was three pints. —Selected.