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THINGS IMMORTAL

The pure, the bright, the beautiful,
That stirred our hearts in youth;
The impulse of a wordless prayer,
The dream of love and truth,
The longing after something lost,
The restless spirit's cry,
The striving after better hopes—
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need;
The kindly word in grief's dark hour
That proves a friend indeed;
The plea of mercy softly breathed
When justice threatened high,
The sorrow of a contrite heart—
These things shall never die.

The memory of a clasping hand,
The pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles sweet and frail,
That make up life's first bliss;
If with a firm, unchanging will
And holy trust and high,
We feel and act a better part—
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand
Can find some work to do;
Lose not a chance to waken love;
Be firm and just and true.
So shall a light that cannot fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices whisper thee,
"These things shall never die."

—Selected.

HOW PARENTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN MAY CO-OPERATE WITH SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

Parents

PARENTS, help your children. We are living in an unfortunate age for them. A heavy current of evil is setting downward to perdition. The first lesson to be taught them is that "God is their father." Impress upon their young minds that "God is love." Teach them that he has manifested this love in the inestimable gift of his only begotten Son, who has loved us, and "washed us from our sins in his own blood." Let the keynote of this instruction be, "Behold, he com-

eth with clouds; and every eye shall see him." Emphasize the fact that "he is the Prince of the kings of the earth." Their first training should be that they should render cheerful obedience to God, and that to obey their parents is well pleasing to him.

God has established the church and the Sabbath-school in the earth. There is no more important work than the Sabbath-school. All who are interested in the salvation of their children, and the promulgation of the truth, should do all in their power to make it prosperous. Co-operation is necessary to make the work a success and an honor to God. Let parents accompany their children to the Sabbath-school. Always be there at the appointed hour so the superintendent may begin on time. Let there be neatness and order in everything. Manifest an appreciation of the unselfish work of the teachers and officers of the Sabbath-school for the salvation of your children. This will encourage them to do better service. Let all work together while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work. Pray with your children around the family altar for those who have been chosen to bear responsibilities in the Sabbath-school. Let the divine influence of the Spirit guide you. We are living in the days of the latter rain. Let the multitude of them that believe be of one heart and soul, so that the angels of God may be in the home and the Sabbath-school. The true light now shineth. The darkness is past. The light of the Third Angel's Message is now shining through the medium of the church and the Sabbath-school. Parent, are you doing all in your power to glorify God through this agency? The object of this convention will not be met unless you bring this question home to your own heart in all seriousness.

Youth

"I write unto you, young men, because ye are strong." Let the word of God abide in you. Let your life be a pattern of good works. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Dedicate your life to his service. The Lord is calling for laborers in his vineyard. Be ready to say, "Here am I, send me." This

spirit must first be manifested in the Sabbath-school. He has said that if we are faithful over a few things, he will make us ruler over many things. Make the word of God the food of the mind and the life of the soul. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." Give thyself wholly and unreservedly to the service of God. This will make your example in the Sabbath-school of inestimable worth. Put no confidence in the flesh. Glory only in the cross of Christ. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Children

"I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father." You have been taught the love of God around the family altar at your mother's knee. The city will be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. Attend the Sabbath-school, obey your parents, learn to do well so that you may be one of that happy number. The Lord has appointed teachers in the Sabbath-school to teach you the principles of righteousness, that you may grow up into him in all things. Disobedience to parents and teachers characterizes the children of the last days. They are fast going down to perdition. God is calling you to come out from among them. He wants you to be connected with the Sabbath-school where they are all taught of God.

He wants you to learn in the school of Christ. This will please God. When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Let your ways in the Sabbath-school and in all places please the Lord. This will bring great satisfaction to your teachers, and boundless joy to your parents. Parents, youth and children, be of good courage for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. R. R. KENNEDY.

COLUMBIA UNION CAMP MEETINGS

Ohio, Mansfield, O., Aug. 13-23.
New Jersey camp-meeting at Woodbury, N. J., Aug. 20-30.
Virginia,
West Virginia, Aug. 27-Sept. 6.

ADORNMENT

CHARACTER is the adornment that in the sight of God is of great price. It is the only thing that we can take with us from this world to the kingdom. How important, then, that we who are looking for the soon coming King, and are preparing to be subjects of the kingdom, should have that adornment which is regarded so highly by God.

The Bible abounds with instruction to people who are preparing to meet their God. It also portrays in unmistakable terms the conditions prevalent in the world in the last days. The apostle, in summing up a catalogue of sins that will be predominant in the last days, mentions among others selfishness, covetousness and pride. In other scriptures the Lord has spoken expressly concerning pride. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride and arrogancy and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate." Prov. 8:14. "These six things doth the Lord hate, yea seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19.

We would all do well to give much thought and prayer to a consideration of the sins here mentioned. Especial attention is called to the first. The Lord mentions pride as one of the things he hates. Most people manifest pride by their attire—by the putting on of useless and gaudy apparel. Some, however, manifest it by lack of proper attention to personal appearance, and by their slovenly dress.

The Bible and the "Testimonies" abound in wholesome, good-common-sense instruction and advice along the line of proper dress for the Christian. To some of these statements we desire to call the reader's attention. It is not a desire to criticize or find fault with any, but to call our attention to the standard which we believe the Bible and the "Testimonies" sustain. Seventh-day Adventists, as a people, have endeavored to recognize and maintain this standard.

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in *modest apparel*, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair [margin "plaited," an ancient custom of plaiting threads of gold in the hair], or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:9, 10. "Whose

adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not contemptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:3, 4. These texts are certainly clear and explicit in their teaching that true adornment is not the dress we wear, but the character we bear. God's purpose for his people is that their apparel should be for comfort and neatness, and not for outward show,—pride.

"One of the points upon which those newly come to the faith will need instruction is the subject of dress. . . . Are they vain in dress? Do they cherish pride of heart? The idolatry of dress is a moral disease. It must not be taken over into the new life. . . . There should be no carelessness in dress. For Christ's sake, whose witnesses we are, we should seek to make the best of our appearance. . . . Our appearance in every respect should be characterized by neatness, modesty and purity. But the word of God gives no sanction to the making of changes in apparel merely for the sake of fashion,—that we may appear like the world. Christians are not to decorate the person with costly array or expensive ornaments. . . . Even the style of the apparel will express the truth of the gospel."—Vol. 6, p. 96.

Much more might be quoted from the "Testimonies." How sensible and reasonable are their instruction and teaching! While we should guard ourselves in neatness and good taste, yet we should refrain from those things which are simply worn for show and ornamentation; such, for instance, as the wearing of jewelry, feathers, and artificial flowers. These things are specifically mentioned in the "Testimonies," and the principle is laid down in the Bible. "But," says one, "I see no difference between the wearing of a hat with flowers on it than one neatly trimmed with ribbon." There must be a difference, or the "Testimonies" would not make it. So let us look to the Bible for it. We profess to be commandment keepers. "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." The second commandment says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, of any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath. . . ." Certainly, then, the adorning of the body with artificial flowers is the making unto thee the "likeness" of something that is in

the earth; but the trimming of a hat neatly (and it is just as serviceable and comfortable) with ribbon is not making or wearing the "likeness" of anything in heaven or earth.

It is a pleasure to see so many of our people living up to the standard recognized by our denomination. Is the standard too high? Is it a right standard, according to the Bible? If so, why should not all recognize it?

In some of our churches which we visit, the standard is recognized and maintained by all the members. That it might be so in all the churches, and that this article might be a help toward reaching this end is the hope of the writer.—A. R. Ogden, in *Kansas Worker*.

SOME BENEFITS OF A COLLEGE LIFE

DOES a course in college really do anything toward fitting the individual for the stern realities of after life, beyond helping him to gain knowledge from books? In these days of intensity and strenuous effort, this question often presents itself for serious consideration. A candid view of the subject can hardly fail to convince the inquirer that it does give the student much more than this.

The real aim of education should be to gain a symmetrical development of all the powers of the individual, and the influences which surround the student at college tend to this growth in character which is essential. The student is taught how to investigate for himself, and to form his own conclusions. Independent thought is encouraged, and the individuality of the student is brought out.

The enthusiasm which comes from contact with earnest teachers, those who are themselves striving for improvement, is often a greater factor in the work of the student than is realized. A few minutes talk in class may do more toward giving the student a clear idea of the subject under consideration than several hours' study of books would do. Many who would become discouraged and fail with books as their only teachers are awakened to the possibilities before them by the work of the sympathetic, discerning teacher.

The broadening influence which comes from contact with other minds should not be overlooked. Where classes and teachers meet to exchange ideas, different points are brought out by different ones and the views of each are thus broadened. Each student has the benefit of the thoughts of the others and can, in a measure, see himself as others see him.

The influence which the social life of a college exerts, where teachers of culture and refinement mingle with the students and give their direction and supervision, helps to prepare the student to discharge the social duties which come to all in the various walks of life. He is better fitted to enjoy the privileges of later years. The friendships which are formed in college, being founded on the solid basis of real acquaintance with the thoughts and character which the association in working together gives, are usually true and lasting. They bring out the noblest and best in our nature. A prominent business man, who has a son in college, in discussing this point with a friend recently, said, "I would send my boy to college if it were only for the friendships which he would form." The friends which are gained during school days form links which bind the life of after years to the early aspirations, and bring the earnest efforts fresh to the worker of later years.

The years spent in college are looked upon as being the greatest factor in their success by many men of great attainments in life.

EDITH GIDDINGS.

SAVING ONE'S SELF BY SERVICE

A MAN was traveling over an Alpine pass. He went over the glaciers, sinking in the snow step by step, upward, until he was weary. High on the summit of the pass a desire to sleep overcame him. He could hardly put one foot before another.

Just as he was almost sinking down into the sleep which would have proved the sleep of death to him he struck his feet against an obstacle which proved to be the body of a traveler who had preceded him. He bent down and found that the heart had not ceased to beat, and began at once to rub the frozen limbs and to do his best to reanimate the body. In his effort he was successful. He saved the man's life; and in the effort he banished his own desire to sleep, and so saved his own life in saving another.—*Herald and Presbyterian*.

"FOR God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
—*John 3:16*.

OUR WORKERS

WEST VIRGINIA

I WISH through the UNION VISITOR to thus early say a word to my brethren and sisters in the West Virginia Conference. The matter is settled as to West Virginia holding a camp-meeting this fall. The date is fixed for August 27 to September 6. And the city in which it is to be held is Charleston. Charleston, the capital of the State, is not only a beautiful city but a very important one. It is situated on the Great Kanawah River, about fifty miles above its mouth, and is accessible by rail on either side of the river, and by steamboat from any point on the Ohio River to Point Pleasant and up the Great Kanawah River to Charleston.

A beautiful piece of woodland has been secured in which to pitch our camp, and the street cars run within two blocks of the ground. We expect to have ample tent room for all who will come. There will be no leaky tents this year. We expect to overhaul all of our old tents and paraffine them, which will prevent their leaking, and then we have purchased a number of new small tents for the camp.

A new middle strip has been purchased for the fifty-foot tent, making a tent fifty by one hundred feet, which will be used for the large pavilion. We have also purchased a beautiful tent 35x50 feet made from ten ounce Khaka duck, which will be pitched on the grounds. It will be seated with thirty-five canvas benches, and will be used for youths' and children's meetings. The other large tent will be used for dining tent.

Now we feel as a committee that we have done all in our power to arrange a good and beautiful camp, which we feel sure will attract all who will attend our meetings. However, all this expense and all these beautiful structures will be of no avail without our people to occupy them. I hope none will begin to complain of "such hard times," or that money is so close that they can not attend. My brethren, if this keeps you away from the camp-meeting this year, you will never attend another camp-meeting as long as you live if you stay away because of the closeness of the times, for from this time on, every year will cramp us a little tighter, so we must make sure of our presence at the camp-meeting this year, with our wives, our children and our little ones. You need not be

afraid to leave your homes to come up to our annual feast, for the Lord hath said, "No man shall desire thy land when thou goest to a feast before the Lord." He will care for all. Shall we not all begin to lay by a little each day so that when the date of our meeting comes we will be ready to go?

This is the most important year we have ever had in our Message, and those who absent themselves from the camp-meeting this year will suffer a great loss.

I am glad to say to you that the cloud is rising here in West Virginia, and I trust we may all follow its leadings.

You will also remember that at our camp-meeting our annual conference will be held. The business of the Conference will be transacted for the year. The officers of the Conference will be elected, and you will all want a part in that I am sure; and may every one take a great interest in the King's business. J. M. REES, *Pres*.

Faber, Va.

WE came to Faber May 26, and were joined May 31 by Brother B. E. Manuel. We commenced preparations for our tent effort that was to begin Sunday, June 7. The time of the first meeting was later changed to June 14 in order to give people a chance to attend the Methodist meeting that was to begin on the night of the former date. I think it was well that we did so on account of conditions peculiar to this community.

The meetings have been well attended excepting two nights when the weather was not good for getting out.

We think that there is an interest that is increasing as we progress in the study of present truth. Many have expressed themselves in a way that shows interest in the cause that we all love so dearly.

Elder Herrell joined us in the battle June 23. His presence, council and good sermons have been appreciated by us all. We are sorry to lose his help. He leaves us July 1.

We have not yet reached the point in our work at this place where we can begin to predict in regard to the outcome of the effort. Yet we feel certain there are honest souls that will find their greatest joy in this blessed threefold Message.

Pray for us that we may so labor that many may rejoice with us in the greatest and best Message that God has given to the present and last generation. Our courage is good in the work.

L. L. FRENCH,
B. L. MANUEL.

Roanoke, Va.

DEAR BRETHREN: The work in this city has been making progress, though not as rapidly as in some places. This field is said to be, by the leading men of the Conference, the hardest field in the State. Yet by the grace of God a few names are being gathered out for enrollment in the Lamb's book of life, and are rejoicing in the blessed truth as we teach it for this last generation.

The population is largely made up of railroad people. There is comparatively little employment other than that which is either directly or indirectly dependent upon the railroad company. Therefore when one takes hold of the truth, he is almost sure to loose his job. In that event he must get out of the city for rents and cost of living are very high.

Notwithstanding this some have stepped out by faith and have left the city or are planning to do so. Each faithful one has found that the way opens for them as they move on. This leaves just a few behind to work, and pray for more dear souls. But the work done does not show up much in the city. Yet the work is gaining steadily. The church has gained seven members. Some of these by letter, others by baptism. There are several that are awaiting the time when they too shall obey their Lord by being immersed as was their Master. There are eight that have begun to keep the Sabbath since last fall. Among these are two noble young men that are in the canvassing work and doing splendid work for the Master. They expect to become ministers in this cause, and will study at Mount Vernon College. We are confident that if they trust in God they will succeed nicely.

There is also a sister who is canvassing in the city, preparing herself for Bible work. The Lord is blessing her in that work, and we are confident that with consecration and prayer she may become a strong worker in this cause.

One great need at present is a permanent place of worship. We hope and pray that we shall be able before a great while to get a neat little house of our own. It certainly would give us a better standing before the people; yet the few are all poor in this world's goods.

We have met with considerable opposition, especially by two ministers that preached against the Sabbath truth. We replied by a neat handbill offering \$25 reward for certain Bible texts that prove Sunday Sabbath to be of divine origin, and not even

the ministers have attempted to get the money as far as we know. They do not care to have the subject agitate the people's minds. But yet there are many stirred all over the city.

There are many more interested in the truth than at any time since I have been connected with the work in this field. Many thousand pages of books, papers and tracts have been sold, besides sermons, Bible readings and hundreds of visits. We trust that some day this seed will bring an abundant harvest in the soon coming kingdom. Shall we have the prayers to this end of all in the VISITOR family?

We closed our work in the city May 22 in order to assist in conducting a tent effort near Faber, Nelson Co., Va. Yours in the Master's work,

L. L. FRENCH.

Buena Vista, Va.

To the students of the Foreign Mission Seminary now out in the field I send greeting.

Three weeks have passed since Brother C. P. Haskell and I began work at this place and the Lord has blessed beyond expectation and our hearts are filled with praise to him.

When we arrived, we found the factories running short handed and one of them closed, thus many are out of work. The outlook was discouraging but we went to God in prayer and cast aside everything but to work, and the hard times are now swallowed up in praise to God. Our orders have run over \$50 a piece each week, and one day I took \$23.20 worth of books.

It hardly seems possible to me, for I have always been very timid when meeting strangers, and had at one time declared I would never canvass. It seemed quite hard to get started the first week.

Brother Haskell has met with a number of opportunities for prayer. One lady was troubled to know if she was accepted of God or not. Another, a widow and crippled daughter, he found in abject poverty, the only thing in the house being a fireplace and kettle. Her despair was changed to peace as she heard the Message of a soon coming Saviour and the reward for her, if faithful.

I met a young colored woman who had just lost her mother. I could sympathize with her and after giving a few words of cheer passed on. At one place I was asked my denomination and there was a strange look of surprise on the lady's face as I told her. She said she had never heard the name before. When I started to go,

she said she had never seen an agent with such a good book, and told me the names of all the neighbors, wishing that I might sell "lots of them." I have been turned down many times, but I have enjoyed the good times so much, that I have forgotten the bad ones, and so can't tell them.

Brother Haskell and I are very fond of buttermilk and many are glad to give it to us and then we go on rejoicing. I find in the majority of cases that it is true, honest souls who take the books and I am glad there are still so many and most of these are among the poorer class of people. Those who have plenty do not see the importance of the soon-coming Saviour. It is of greater moment than they think to those who refuse to listen to one of God's messengers.

In spite of good success, I find my enthusiasm is up and down and I have to keep praying to keep the lamp burning, for enthusiasm has much to do with getting orders. At times we may not succeed because "it is a long road that has no turn," and we must be a Jacob and not let go till we receive a blessing.

As we meet the different people we can understand that Jesus knew human nature in the parable of the sower. In either case of the honest or hardened soul, it behooves us to be kind and considerate and keep on the "never wear out smile."

I find that the oft repeated canvass gets old and worn out and it is better to change an expression here and there from day to day as new thoughts present themselves to you.

On last Friday evening, before we closed the day's work, I was taken quite sick and Brother Haskell was a great help and comfort to me. And I thought how good was God's plan of sending out the workers two by two. I don't know what I should have done alone.

On last Tuesday we saw the Natural Bridge, one of the wonders of nature which shows the power of God. All last week we were in the country and among the mountains and enjoyed it very much, though it was quite hot and we did not fail to sweat. We went ten, and sometimes fifteen miles a day.

I know of no better way for a student to spend his vacation than in the canvassing work, and hope to meet each one of you next year with bright faces and singing that "song of victory." May God's richest blessing be with you all and give you courage is my prayer. Your unworthy brother,

C. A. STEBBINS.

Youngstown, O.

DEAR VISITOR: Our tent meeting will open July 1, with Brethren John J. Marrietta and F. E. Gibson in charge. We have been somewhat delayed by various things, but hope we may have the prayers of God's people throughout the State that the result of these meetings may be a victory for truth in the city of Youngstown.

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.

Dayton, O.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: We thought that a brief report from this part of the field would not be out of place at this time.

We arrived here Monday, June 15, and after locating our tent on Hedges Street begun meetings Wednesday evening, June 17. Our attendance has been very small from the beginning, but there are some very precious souls who are deeply interested.

We are praying that the Spirit of God may impress these honest souls with the importance of the last warning Message to the world.

While we have had many difficulties to encounter, yet we are of good courage in the Lord. We desire to so relate ourselves to the Lord that he can use us as instruments in his hands to gather precious souls from this place.

We realize that our cities are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah and their doom soon awaits them. Oh! may we hasten to carry this last Message of warning to the world and "cry aloud and spare not," and thus hasten the glad day when Jesus shall come. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Truly your brethren,

W. E. FREDERICK,
J. I. CASSELL.

MY BEST WEEK

A LADY student giving her testimony in the Seminary prayer meeting recently said, "This has been the best week of my life."

What made it the best week of her life? Why, she had been working in the circulation of our truth-filled literature. She had come in contact with the people and had been able to pass on to them a blessing, and she had been blessed in doing it. It was the blessing of service.

Going from door to door, meeting people in their homes where the mask of conventionality is laid aside and they appear in their natural moods, she was able to stretch out the helping hand and point them to the Light.

Is every week the "best week in your life?" It should be. It may be. If you improve your opportunities for spreading the light of the truth, each week will give you a larger field of usefulness and add opportunities for service.

Whatever your occupation, you are serving someone. If self is served, the experience becomes barren and joyless, but if you give yourself to the service of others, the return will be a hundredfold, the experience fruitful, and the life full of joy.

"To every man is given his work—not merely work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls. . . . Do the work that lies nearest you, do anything, however humble, rather than be like the men of Meroz, do-nothing."—Mrs. E. G. White.

Begin now with your nearest neighbor. Loan a tract, a paper or a book and speak a few words. You will find a "joy unspeakable" and each week will be the "best one of your life."

S. W. CURTISS.

GOOD BOOKS

A CANVASSER in New Jersey, who has been doing good, steady work, putting in full time, and reporting promptly, writes:—

"I was glad to take an order from a man who has been in the book work for fifteen years. I visited his home in the morning, and his wife asked me if I would call at night when her husband was at home. I did so, and found that he had been in the book work as I have said, and had worked in all its branches. He looked at the work carefully, and examined it well, and then wrote his name in the back for a sheep binding. He said that it was a book that he could recommend from a standpoint of good workmanship also, and said it would sell on its merits. He said that he was well known in the town and I could use his name. I am glad that our books are so good from all standpoints."

D. K. ROYER, Sec. and Treas.

BLESSINGS AND TRIALS

IN company with another brother it has been our privilege to serve the Lord; to sleep in the open field arm in arm, and admire stars, systems and the milky way; again to faithfully canvass all day, and just before the day closes, to receive four or five orders in a few minutes. In company with our State agent, we took \$52 worth of orders in six and one-half

hours, and if "Great Controversy" were in the Dutch language, they would have footed up \$70 in the same length of time. The next day I canvassed faithfully all day, meeting with nothing but curses, and hearts of stone, and not receiving one order. Then the tempter comes like a flood, and it is our privilege to bear for the Master. The canvasser feels the day of the Lord drawing very nigh in meeting the above two classes. Yes, it is very close, the Spirit of God working the hearts of the former, and the allegiance with Satan in the latter class.

I met a lady who had taken Bible readings ten years ago, and received an order and prayed with her. A gentleman had read "Great Controversy" in Sweden, and I delivered a "Daniel and the Revelation" to him. Remember the canvassers in prayer.

THEO. HILGERS.

Hoboken, N. J.

MISSION NOTES

SINCE the beginning of the present year, over fifty persons, including missionaries and their families, have been sent on to the waiting fields. Approximately this will mean \$25,000 additional outlay in getting these people to the fields and supporting them the first year.

ONE brother, in writing to the Mission Board requesting a copy of the second Sabbath readings sent to him, says, "Our church is taking hold of the ten-cents-a-week plan in earnest, and I believe will carry it out faithfully." This sounds good, coming, as it does, from one of the officials of a local church.

IN a recent letter, Dr. W. S. Swayze, who is in charge of the Mexican field at the present time, writes, "New interests are springing up in different parts of the republic. A young Adventist brother, a Mexican, writes that two are now keeping the Sabbath with him. They are poor, but want a school. It seems the Lord is opening more ways for the truth to go than we can follow up." And so it is in every field.

ELDER J. L. SHAW, in a recent letter, mentions the Tamil Sabbathkeepers in southern India. He says, "I do not think our correspondence has overestimated the opening there. I have never seen such an opening anywhere in India. My only fear is that we will not meet the situation and do what should be done. They

are ready to deed us a little land upon which to build. If we can get in among them, and teach them the truth, taking on as little responsibility otherwise in the way of taking over their school work and putting up buildings, etc., as is possible, I believe our work will make far more permanency in the end." A good man and his wife should be sent to connect with Brother James in labor for these Tamil Sabbath keepers. But the man and the funds—?

A MISSIONARY says of Changsha, the principle city of Hunan province, China, writes, "Unlike many Chinese cities, Changsha is quite prepossessing. Its clean, broad, and very busy streets, with their well-equipped stores; its well dressed people; its well built and substantial houses; its numerous heathen temples, many of them works of art—all these things appeal to visitors as expressing comparative luxury, wealth and ease." But as one who knows the Third Angel's Message views such a city in the heart of China, very different feelings surge through the mind than are experienced by the common visitor. He thinks of reaching these unwarned souls with the light of this glorious truth. In this city five laborers have their headquarters, with millions of people in the province all around them outside this city, with its vast population for whom they are also expected to labor. But the Sabbath-message truth must reach all these in some way, and we have the sure word of the Lord that it shall.

NAMES OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR WEST PENNSYLVANIA

IN harmony with the ninth resolution passed by the West Pennsylvania Conference convened at Oil City, Pa., June 18-28, requesting that our brethren and sisters write their representatives concerning the Johnson Sunday Bill that has already passed the Senate and is now before the House, we submit the following names of Representatives: Benjamin K. Focht, Lewisburg; Charles Frederick Barclay, Sinamahoning; George Franklin Huff, Greensburg; Ernest Francis Acheson, Washington; Arthur Laban Bates, Meadville; Joseph Grant Beale, Leechburg; William Harrison Graham, Allegheny; John Dalzell, Pittsburg; James Francis Burke, Pittsburg; Dr. Andrew Jackson Barchfield, Pittsburg.

A. V. WILLIAMS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending June 26, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. Oberg, Hancock's B'dge,		DR	5	45	21	\$61 75	\$4 50	\$66 25	
H. Province, L. Pennsneck,		DR	5	41	21	57 75	3 50	61 25	
F. Loasby, Palmyra,		DR	5	45	15	46 25		46 25	
W. C. McCoy, Pattenburg,		DR	5	34	5	17 75	35	18 10	
G. Webber, Union,		DR	4	32	4	13 00	70	13 70	
D. Percy, Cape May C. H.,		DR	3	20	14	36 50		36 50	
J. Rambo, Down,		DR	4	32	16	25 25	2 00	27 25	
D. P. Boersma, Clementon,		DR	3	36	6	10 00	25	10 25	7 00
S. Paul, Delawan,		GC	5	37	20	55 00	75	55 75	
R. Funk, Union,		GC	5	41	22	67 50		67 50	
C. Woertz, Crawford,		GC	5	42	19	55 25		55 25	
G. Blinn, Lanice,		GC	4	35	15	41 25		41 25	
Anna Hugg, Paterson,		GC	5	25	17	46 75	6 50	53 25	
J. Jansen, Paterson,		GC	4	16	4	11 00	2 85	13 85	
T. Hilgers, Washington,		GC	5	42	13	38 75		38 75	
W. Ambs, Mitland,		GC	3	24	3	10 25		10 25	2 50
Sadie Winter, Irvington,		GC	4	23	1	2 75		2 75	9 25
B. H. Welsh, Summit,		BR	5	46	9	27 25	85	28 10	
Florence Welsh, "		BR	5	27	2	5 50	15	5 65	
" " "		HH			3	9 00		9 00	
Totals,			84	643	230	\$638 50	\$22 40	\$660 90	\$19 45

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 19, 1908

S. Lush, Bethel, Del.,	GC	5	48	25	\$72 75	\$ 3 00	\$75 75	\$ 75
J. Paden,* Wolfville, Md.,	CK	9	72	58	63 00		63 00	
B. Arkebaur, Dover, Del.,	GC	5	44	16	44 00	3 75	47 75	2 25
J. Jones, Hebron, Md.,	CK	5	43	17	20 50		20 50	108 65
W. Wirth, Dover, Del.,	DR	5	42	1	2 75	44 25	47 00	
D. Johns, Sandy Sp'ngs, Md.,	CK	4	42	63	83 50	6 05	89 55	
A. Williman, Seaford, Del.,	GC	5	40	22	68 50	3 75	72 25	
E. Mitchell, Woodbine, Md.,	DA	5	37			7 00	7 00	77 50
Mrs. Lukens, Hagerst'n, Md.,	GC	5	35	18	56 50	4 50	61 00	
Harold Lukens, "	GC	5	34	6	17 50	3 50	21 00	
W. Wright, Harford Co., Md.,	DR	5	34	9	26 75	2 50	29 25	
Mrs. RawcliffeN. Cas'eCo. Md.	CK	3	17	20	30 00		30 00	
A. Paden, Wash. Co., Md.,	CK	3	15	4	4 00		4 00	
E. Matthews, Ch'ry Hill, Md.,	CK	2	12	7	9 50		9 50	
C. Thompson, Elkton, Md.,	CK	2	12	12	15 00		15 00	
Totals,		68	527	278	\$514 25	\$78 30	\$592 55	\$189 15

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 26, 1908

D. Johns, Montgom'y Co., Md.,	CK	5	54	65	\$92 50	\$ 2 50	\$95 00	
S. Lush, Seaford, Del.,	GC	5	51	21	58 75	6 00	64 75	\$ 75
B. Arkebar, Marydel, Md.,	GC	5	44	10	27 50	4 50	32 00	75
W. Wirth, Hartley, Del.,	DR	5	42	1	2 50	61 35	63 85	
A. Williman, Atlanta, Md.,	GC	5	40	20	60 00	1 90	61 90	65.
W. Spicer, Princ's Anne, Md.,	CK	5	39	65	93 50		93 50	
E. Mitchell, Winfield, Md.,	DA	5	30	1	3 00	25 00	28 00	2 50
W. Mansfield,* Easton, Md.,		7	49			11 30	11 30	
Mrs. Lukens, Hagerst'n, Md.,	GC	5	28	25	73 75	2 50	76 25	2 25
Harold Lukens, "	GC	5	25	17	47 50	75	48 25	
E. Matthews, Leslie, Md.,	CK	2	18					41 50
D. Stout, Worthington, Md.,	CK	1	8					13 50
J. Jones, Delmar, Md.,	CK	2	17	7	9 00		9 00	5 00
C. Thompson, Bayview, Md.,	CK	1	6					10 50
Totals,		56	451	232	\$468 00	\$115 80	\$583 80	\$77 40

Eastern Pennsylvania, Three weeks Ending June 19, 1908

H. Gerhart, Bucks,	DR	2	14	9	\$ 22 25	\$ 22 25	\$ 33 85
H. Detwiler, York,	DR	4	33	10	17 50	\$ 70	18 20
W. Garrett, Uniondale,	HM	3	24	8	14 00		14 00
W. Houck, Lancaster,	HM	12	105	70	164 00		164 00
R. Spangenberg, Scranton,	COL	5	32	16	20 00	50	20 50
Elsie Swingle, Penargyl,	COL	5	29	25	31 00	5 75	36 75
Kate Peiffer, Palmyra,	GC	10	54	2	5 50	20 00	25 50
W. Seigle, Lycoming,	CK	8	57	19	21 50	3 00	24 50
Bessie Donachy, Penargyl,	CK	4	25	22	22 50	2 00	24 50
Totals,		63	283	181	\$318 25	\$31 95	\$350 20

*Two weeks.

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OUR INFLUENCE

A LAD trained in a godly home, to whom the theater was a forbidden place, crept once into a theater and sat there with an accusing conscience, looking around with furtive eyes. For him to be in that place was disobedience to parental law and disloyalty to a tender conscience. But he looked up and saw in the gallery a face that he saw every Sunday in the church choir behind the minister. The sudden vision of that face served as an opiate to the lad's conscience. It helped to confirm him in what, for him, was a wrong course. How little the member of the church choir, as he sat in the theater, dreamed that his face was registering itself as a force for evil on a lad's conscience.

An organist of a little country church told the present writer the following story: He was playing a voluntary for the afternoon service. The day was hot; the air was sleepy; the congregation was small. There was nothing at hand to inspire anybody. At that moment the preacher opened the vestry door and passed into the little pulpit. He was a young man of intense earnestness. He came into the church from an atmosphere of prayer, and brought the atmosphere with him. There was a look as of other worlds on his grave, uplifted face, as he passed into the pulpit. The look of the preacher's face thrilled the organist. The music under his fingers grew fuller; the little building seemed to be charged with a new atmosphere. And all this was wrought by the look on the preacher's face. The preacher himself was unconscious of it; but by his mere countenance, he was touching with spiritual and enduring forces those who looked on him.

In this way, and at a thousand points, we are unconsciously writing our own history on the lives and characters of all about us. We forget the records, or we are unconscious of them. But they endure. No art can destroy them. And at some coming moment they will leap into vision. — *Southern Cross.*

A SUCCESS MOTTO

"Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream, and shirk,
Don't think of your worries, but think of your work;
The worries will vanish, the work will be done;
No man sees his shadow who faces the sun."

Ohio, Week Ending June 26, 1908

E. Horst, Medina Co.,	GU	1	8					\$4 00	\$ 4 00	\$4 00
V. O. Panches, Hardin Co.,	DR	5	41	24	\$68 00			50	68 50	
C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co.,	DR	5	41	11	33 25			5 75	39 00	1 50
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,	CK	5	41	35	37 00			7 00	44 00	
L. Waters, Mahoning Co.,	DR	5	44	36	41 50			75	42 25	75
W. Goss,* Cuyahoga Co.,	CK	8	67	19	25 00			1 00	26 00	
H. Weeks, Ross Co.,	CK	3	20	21	21 00				21 00	
W. C. Van Eman, Hardin Co.,	CK	5	34	18	18 00				18 00	
F. Evans, Pike Co.,	CK	4	21	13	14 00				14 00	2 50
Ray Corder, Mahoning Co.,	DR	5	44	30	33 15			6 90	40 05	
E. Sharp, Scioto Co.,	BF	4	27	28	28 50				28 50	
D. Gallion, Holmes Co.,	COS	3	21½	15	9 75			50	10 25	
J. Gallion, Holmes Co.,	COS	1	6	8	6 25			50	6 75	
Totals,		54	415½	258	\$335 40	\$26 90	\$362 30			\$8 75

Virginia, Week Ending June 26, 1908

A. Schenk, Roanoke,	GC	29	7	\$19 25			\$19 25			
C. Grey, Richmond,	GC	33	114	40 50		5 50	4 00			
E. Wilson, Richmond,	GC	23	7	22 25			22 25			
J. Allran, Lynchburg,	DR	30	7	20 25			20 25			
C. Overstreet, Roanoke,	CK	8	5	5 00			5 00			
L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,	CK	27	6	6 00		1 75	7 75		1 70	
Mrs. Neff, Quicksburg,	CK	3	2	2 00		1 70	3 70			
N. Carpenter, Richmond,	CK	13	15	17 00			17 00			
C. Stebbins, Buena Vista,	CK	43	44	55 00		2 10	57 10		1 05	
C. Haskell, Buena Vista	CK	46	45	62 50		50	63 00		50	
K. Oertley, Roanoke,		30	2	2 50		1 05	3 55		35	
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		26				14 95	14 95		8 25	
Totals,		305	154	\$252 25	\$27 55	\$279 80				\$11 90

West Virginia, Week Ending June 26, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	35	2	\$ 3 00	\$13 25	\$16 25	\$11 60		
A. Halstead, Boone Co.,	DR	2	16	7	17 75	15 90	33 65	5 00		
J. Hall, Lincoln Co.,	BR	2	14	3	8 25	50	8 75	8 75		
H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co.,	CK	5	39	7	7 50	75	8 25	12 75		
C. Midkiff, Monongahela Co.,	SP	4	20	8	12 00		12 00			
D. Whitmire, Hardy Co.,		5	42			14 40	14 40	8 70		
G. Golden, Berkeley Co.,	BS	5	17	15		8 75	8 75			
Totals,		28	183	42	\$48 50	\$53 55	\$102 05	\$46 80		

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 26, 1908

A. Miller, Ephrata,	DR	3	24					\$147 25		
H. Minier, Wilkes Barre,	CK	2	9	4	\$ 6 00	\$1 05	\$ 7 05			
R. Spangenberg, Scranton,	COL	1	7	6	7 50		7 50	31 75		
W. Garrett, Jermyrn,	HM	3	25	11	19 25		19 25	7 00		
G. Hackett, McAdoo,	HM	3	18	4	7 00	1 25	8 25			
O. Hackett,	HM	3	18	2	3 50	2 75	6 25			
Totals,		15	101	27	\$43 25	\$5 05	\$48 30	\$186 00		

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending June 26, 1908

A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls,	DR	5	45½	8	\$22 00	\$7 70	\$29 70	\$31 70		
C. Dunham, Killaning,	GC	6	21	10	30 50		30 50	24 75		
I. Lawrence, Windber,	COL	6	48	17	21 25	8 50	29 75	30 00		
A. Ness, New Castle,	SP	8	23	9	10 20		10 20	12 75		
R. Wheeler, Allegheny Co.,	CK	9	65	30	32 50		32 50			
Totals,		34	202½	74	\$116 45	\$16 20	\$132 65	\$99 20		

SHALL THE LIQUOR CURSE BE
CONTINUED?

THIS is the title of a new four-page leaflet which has just been published by the Southern Publishing Association. It gives facts and figures for honest inquirers. It compares the amount of liquor used per capita in the United States from 1840 to 1906, showing that in this time the increase has been five hundred per cent. Nine reasons are given for the suppression

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN has returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Madison, O.

THE West Virginia camp-meeting and conference will be held at Charleston, August 27 to September 6.

SEVERAL of the teachers attended the convention of the National Educational Association held in Cleveland, O., last week.

WE hope that the Sabbath-school secretaries will be prompt in sending in their reports. Quite a number have been received and we are glad to notice several new schools giving all donations to missions.

BROTHER FRED M. FAIRCHILD, who is laboring in the Chesapeake Conference, is still desirous of selling his property located about one mile from the College. This property consists of ten acres of land all tiled. There is a good orchard, a fine barn for three head of stock, and wagon shed for three vehicles. The house has eight rooms and pantry, with both well and cistern water in the house. A living spring supplies water for the stock. Brother Fairchild will sell cheap. Address him at Cumberland, Md., R. F. D. 1.

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and friends? How many know that true religion and the laws of health go hand in hand, and that it is impossible to work for the salvation of individuals without teaching them to discard sinful gratifications which prevent spiritual things from impressing their mind? Who among our readers are being impressed with the fact that all who believe the special Message for this day and age are obligated to do all they can in the circulation of our health literature?

Let none forget that the circulation of *Life and Health* will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept the special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of man.

Send for sample copy and special rates to agents.

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JUNE, 1908

Akron.....	\$25 00
Alliance.....
Ashland.....
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Bellefontaine.....	51 65
Bellville.....
Bowling Green.....
Brokaw.....	7 00
Broughton.....
Camden.....
Canton.....	16 27
Chagrin Falls.....	16 73
Charloe.....	5 63
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	91 97
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	146 48
Cleveland German.....	13 85
Clyde.....	11 95
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	142 00
Conneaut.....	6 36
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	36 20
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	68 85
Defiance.....	26 20
Delaware.....	.....
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	8 48
Dowling.....	17 42
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	1 45
Elgin.....	24 68
Farmer.....	.....
Findlay.....	11 50
Fostoria.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Greenspring.....	38 29
Hamilton.....	91 07
Hamler.....	.....
Haskins.....	.....
Harpersfield.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....
Home Department.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	.....
Kenton.....	7 00
Kirtland.....	.....
Killbuck.....	7 72
Lake View.....	.....
LaGrange.....	.....

Laura.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....
Liberty Center.....	43 96
Lima.....	18 65
Locust Point.....
Mansfield.....	25 55
Marion.....	35 53
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Massillon.....
Medina.....
Meigs.....
Mendon.....
Middlefield.....
Mount Vernon.....	35 32
Morrow.....
Nashville.....
Newark.....	91 09
New Antioch.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	.....
Ohio City.....	.....
Orrville.....	.....
North Fairfield.....	.....
Norwalk.....	.....
Olivett.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	10 00
Pilgrimage.....	.....
Powell.....	7 81
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	2 24
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	3 33
Shreve.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Spencerville.....	.....
Springfield.....	279 01
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Steuben.....	.....
Swanton.....	.....
Tiffin.....	.....
Toledo.....	125 57
Trinway-Dresden.....	5 40
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	.....
Unionport.....	2 15
Van Wert.....	7 00
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waseon.....	.....
Waterford.....	35 00
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Whealersburg.....	36 70
Wilmington.....	35 86
Youngstown.....	62 90
Zanesville.....	23 85
Individuals.....	40 41
Total.....	\$1,833 91

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

JUNE, 1908

Tithe.....	\$1,833 91
Tract Society.....	637 30
Weekly Offerings.....	129.64
Sabbath-school Donations.....	153 67
Missionary Volunteers.....	4 25
Southern Field.....	3 59
Religious Liberty.....	5 76
Orphans and aged.....	20
\$150,000 Fund.....	8 00
Mid-Summer Offering.....	2 03
Total.....	\$2,778 34