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"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUMILITY

"No gate of pearl, nor branch of palm I merit,
Nor street of shining gold.

"Some humble door among the many mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease,
And flows forever through heaven's green expansions

The river of thy peace.
There, from the music round about me stealing,

I fain would learn the new and holy song,
And find at last, beneath the trees of healing,
The life for which I long."

—J. G. Whittier.

CHURCH AND STATE THE CLIMAX OF MYTHOLOGY

"And he spake as a dragon". A symbol with "horns like a lamb" (denoting the principles of Jesus the "Lamb of God"); yet speaking as a dragon (Satan, Rev. 12:9) is very peculiar. It should engage the attention of every thoughtful reader. The symbol sets before us a contradiction, as there is nothing in common between the principles taught by Christ (here represented by the horns, and the speaking of the dragon (Satan). Daniel saw three horns "plucked up by the roots" to give place to a horn with "eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things". Three kingdoms had to be removed on account of their opposition to the Papacy. But in this scene there is no plucking up as in Daniel's vision. The horns stay, and the dragon voice is heard. As this strange creature is in this text set forth for the first time, it may be well to compare the dragon voice with the hornlike principles. When the dragon was known as Lucifer he spake as follows, "I will be like the most High". "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God". Isa. 14:12-14. And according to Luke 4:5, 6, he boldly asserted that he was in possession of the kingdoms of this world. Jesus the "Lamb of God", and "being in the form of God", yet

did not meditate a usurpation to be like God". Phil. 2:6. He made no claims to the kingdoms of this world, but said, "my kingdom is not of this world". John 18:36. Since the dragon purpose and voice all the time has been to make a substitute for God and to usurp his authority; for this nation to so speak could only mean for this nation to put itself in the place of God and require obedience that should be rendered only to God. And all this can be accomplished without plucking up these horns, as the Supreme Court has very cleverly interpreted these grand principles, for which the horns stand, to mean that this is a Christian nation. Thus the prophet saw no plucking up, but there has been a smoothing over and mounting with brass that serves the same purpose. And these representatives of grand principles will no longer divide church and state.

Now Jesus has always spoken against the making of images. Ex. 20:4 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image".

It is the dragons voice that is always heard suggesting that an image be made. The dragon was the authority for the famous image set up by Nebuchadnezzar, and to whose worship the Hebrews were invited. (Dan. 3:) In Revelation 13:14 we find him again "saying to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast". The image of this chapter, as it will be his last, is designed to be his masterpiece. An image, which is mans conception of the Diety, is in reality Satans misrepresentation of God. The history of this world from the tower of Babel to the present time sets forth the rapid developement of a gigantic system of confusion, (designed by Satan), from the things of nature, even to mans ideas of God. The divine plan is "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith" (Eph. 3:17.); while the heathen theory is that God's "dwelling is not with flesh". (Dan. 2:11). "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things". (Rom. 1:22, 23.)

Having lost sight of God's attitude

toward men, heathen mythology must represent diety as part man and part animal.

The god Pan was the head and shoulders of a man and the body of a goat. Dagan was half man and half fish. The god Pluto had the triple headed watch dog, Cerberus; the three swift winged Harpies, with "faces of virgins, the bodies of vultures, and the claws of lions; and the Furies with "their heads wreathed with snakes". Bellerophon rode upon Pegasus, the winged horse, when he slew "the fire vomiting Chimera, with the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a dragon". The Centaurs were half man and half horse. Strange as it may at first appear to the reader, the union of church and state is the climax of all this mythology. But this is evident from the fact that the nondescript beast, representing the union of church and state which John saw "rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns", "was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion". In this symbol we see the history of the four universal empires, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome; also the outline of heathen mythology in this union of church and state. To effect this union the church is deprived of her true head ("Christ is the head of the church". Eph. 5:23.); "and that man of sin is revealed. . . who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God. . . so that he as God sitteth in the temple (church) of God, showing himself that he is God". (2 Thess. 2:3, 4.). The Bible symbol of the church is a woman, and this woman (church) with the unnatural head becomes the head of the government (beast).

The true purpose of government is to secure to man his unalienable rights, with which he was endowed by his Creator. It is not the duty of the government to set up a standard of religion, but to make secure to every man his unalienable right to worship or not as he chooses. The government when united with the church is shorn of this distinguishing feature and becomes only the ally of the church to do her bidding. This is

the master piece of idolatry; nondescript as to its symbol; mythological in its formation; and in its reality, an unnaturally headed church presiding over a state that is shorn of all that constitutes a true government. And of it all it is written that "the dragon gave him his power, and his seat and great authority". (Rev. 13:2.) This is his highest ideal, representing six thousand years of rebellion, and voices his sentiments. "He shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws" (Dan. 7:25.) of the most High, taking away the seal (the Sabbath) and substituting the mark (Sunday).

Sunday is the very appropriate emblem of all this, for it too is a monstrosity, being not one day, but a part of two days.

This is the beast, and the purpose of the great deceptions of these last days is to lead men to make an image to this beast, and "to give breath unto the image" that it should speak with that dragon voice that in the dark ages was heard marshalling the allies of the apostate church to "wear out the saints of the most High".

This is the message; and the purpose of the everlasting gospel of these last days is to lead men to "fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come" when "they shall take away his (the beasts) dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end".

A. C. SHANNON.

WHO WILL BE DECEIVED?

FROM God's word we learn that a little time from this almost the entire world shall be deceived by Satan. At first thought this seems impossible; but upon careful investigation we find people educating themselves for this very thing. In Heb. 3:13 (last part) we have the following, "Lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." It is sin that is so deceitful, and by it—perhaps unwittingly—people educate themselves to be deceived.

While Satan is responsible for sowing the seed and watering it as opportunity affords, man must be held accountable for the way it is digged about and encouraged to grow until it becomes a plant of such enormous proportions that he will have neither the desire nor the power to root it out.—*Selected.*

THE industrious are the successful.

THE FIELD

REPORT OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA CAMP-MEETING

THE following officers, etc., were elected and the following resolutions passed by the West Pennsylvania Conference at Oil City, June 18-28, 1908.

Officers

President, F. D. Waggoner; Vice President, I. N. Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, A. V. Williams; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. V. Williams; Field Secretary, I. G. Bigelow; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss Fannie Fondersmith; Religious Liberty Secretary, N. S. Ashton; Educational Secretary, F. H. Robbins.

Constituency

I. N. Williams, W. F. Schwartz, J. W. Watt, L. M. Talbott, F. D. Waggoner.

Executive Committee

F. D. Waggoner, I. N. Williams, W. F. Schwartz, F. H. Robbins, J. E. Veach, C. A. Scholl, F. C. Owens.

For Credentials

I. N. Williams, B. F. Purdham, W. F. Schwartz, C. A. Scholl, J. E. Veach, N. S. Ashton, F. H. Robbins, J. W. Watt, W. H. Green.

Ordination and Credentials

E. W. Durkee.

Ministerial License

I. G. Bigelow.

Missionary License

L. L. Stone, George West, Fannie Fondersmith, Marian Teates, Laura Patton.

Resolution 1.—*Whereas*, In the light of recent events, it is of the highest importance that the *Review and Herald* be carefully read, therefore,—

Resolved, That definite means be taken to place the *Review and Herald* in the hands of all Seventh-day Adventists in our Conference, and—

Whereas, No Seventh-day Adventist home is complete without the Conference paper, be it further—

Resolved, That we endeavor to place the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR into the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Conference.

Resolution 2.—*Whereas*, In this Conference a large percentage of the German nationality is found, be it therefore—

Resolved, That as a conference we pledge ourselves to advance and encourage the German work, and that we recommend our English laborers

and churches to provide themselves with our German literature, especially the *Christian House Friend*, in order to bring the work to their fellow men of this nationality.

Resolution 3.—*Whereas*, The Spirit of prophecy tells us that to a large degree the circulation of our publications will be a mighty factor in proclaiming the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message, and—

Whereas, A great revival is coming in on the circulation of our large books, therefore—

Resolved, That we as workers, church elders and delegates, put forth a strong effort to build up this branch of the work, either by actual service or by encouraging others to canvass.

Resolution 4.—*Whereas*, The periodical work is a potent factor in proclaiming the Third Angel's Message to every kindred, tongue and people, and—

Whereas, It is the voice of this committee that the best results can and will be obtained by systematically canvassing and selling our periodicals on their merits from house to house weekly, therefore be it—

Resolved.—1. *That we recommend* to all who love this Message, that they pledge themselves to advance and encourage the periodical work and workers.

2. *That we recommend* that the Conference encourage suitable persons to take up our periodical work and carry it forward everywhere, but especially in towns and cities.

Resolution 5.—In view of the fact that seven years ago a "Testimony" came from the Lord to this people saying that the time had come for us to take our children out of the public schools, therefore—

Resolved, 1. That we as a conference do all in our power to encourage the establishing and maintaining of church schools in this Conference.

2. That it is the voice of this conference that no church or company should start a church school without first seeking the advice and counsel of the conference committee.

3. That we create a church school fund by asking all to contribute to this fund, the same to be used to assist our churches in the support of our church school teachers, and that said fund be disbursed under the direction of the conference committee.

4. That we encourage all of our people in this Conference to study the "Testimonies" on the subject of church schools and the education of our children.

Resolution 6.—*Whereas*, The Lord has gone before this people, opening

doors in all nations, so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the Third Angel's Message to all the world, and—

Whereas, We believe that this Message is to go to all the world in this generation, and—

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the opening providences of God seem to demand; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions.

2. That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for our church membership, and that we do all in our power to encourage our churches to raise this amount.

Resolution 7.—Whereas, The Sabbath-school Worker fills an important place as an educational factor in our Sabbath-school work that is essential to its highest success; therefore—

Resolved, That we make earnest endeavor to encourage not only every officer and teacher in our schools, but every family to take a copy of the Worker.

Resolution 8 —Whereas, God has said, "Young men and women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work." Therefore—

We recommend, 1. That all gospel workers pray and labor for its success, that every one put forth earnest effort to encourage, strengthen and firmly establish this work by increasing the interest in the societies already formed.

2. By forming Young People's Societies where there are a few young people devoted to the truth.

Resolution 9.—Whereas, Very important religious legislation is now pending before the national Congress and will be brought to an issue in the next session, therefore—

Resolved, That suitable persons be selected, as far as possible, to visit each congressman in his home, and that all of our people be encouraged to write to them and present the dangers of religious legislation before them in the proper light. Be it further—

Resolved, That this Conference cooperate with the Religious Liberty Bureau and with the East Pennsylvania Conference in supplying the

law-makers of this State with the Liberty magazine.

Resolution 10.—Whereas, We have voted to establish a church school fund for the support of the church school teacher, be it—

Resolved, That we encourage each one of our brethren and sisters in this Conference to pay into the Church School Fund a sum of not less than two cents per week.

Resolution 11.—Whereas, The meeting of all Conference expenses depends wholly upon the tithe and offerings from the laity and—

Whereas, These expenses must be met monthly, be it—

Resolved, That our church treasurers be instructed to send in all funds in their hands to our Conference treasurer on or before the tenth of each month.
I. N. WILLIAMS.

CAMP-MEETING NOTES, SCRANTON, PA.

The annual camp-meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference was held at Scranton, Pa. June 11-21.

Long before the camp opened, the brethren and sisters came pouring in from all parts of the conference, so that at the opening meeting the tents were filled to overflowing.

Aside from the regular workers, the services of the visiting brethren, Russell, Andross, Wilkinson, Kneeland, Lukens and others greatly added to the success of the meetings.

Three meetings were held daily, and as the business was transacted at a previous meeting, the campers enjoyed one thing. Many expressed themselves to the effect that this was the best camp-meeting they ever attended.

The weather was ideal throughout, making camp life very pleasant. The outside attendance was fine. Large crowds gathered nightly around the large tent, listening to some stirring lectures on present truth. A good interest was awakened. Elder Baierle will remain to follow up the interest with a tent effort.

While Bro. Holman was busy drilling canvassers, Professors Butler and Craiger from the Mt. Vernon College were encouraging the young people to earn a scholarship through canvassing and enter school next fall. They reported a large number who

would take hold of this plan. We trust that the VISITOR family will remember these young people in their prayers, that God may give them success in their noble work.

Sabbath, June 20th was a good day in the camp. The Lord was there to bless His people. Battles were fought and victories won. In the afternoon a large company went to the place of baptism where twenty-four souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Truly this camp-meeting did much to unite and strengthen those of like precious faith, and with our new set of officers, we can look for the message to go with greater power than ever before. C. S. BAUM.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS

We trust that our people everywhere in our conference will pray for and bear each one of these efforts before the throne of Grace.

Elder E. E. Andross made this office a call last week. We are glad to welcome him among us, and know his coming will result in good to this Union.

Elder W. H. Heckman left for Mt. Vernon, Ohio July 5, to attend the session of the Union Conference Committee. He expects to make Michigan a visit before he returns.

Elder Charles Baierle writes that they had quite an interesting experience with their tent the first two nights in Scranton. The first night, just as they closed their meeting a storm broke and tore out the splice of their tent. They were able to put this together, however, and were ready for meeting the next evening when another storm, worse than the first, completely riddled the tent, making it necessary to secure a new one. This will delay their meetings a week.

This conference will have five tent companies in the field this summer. There will be two efforts in Philadelphia, one in English conducted by Eld. O. O. Bernstein, pastor of the West Philadelphia church, assisted by I. M. Martin, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, with Brethren Baum and Hilgert as tent masters, and Sisters Andrews and Underwood as Bible workers.

The German effort will be conducted by Elder Henri Meyer, assisted by his German workers.

Elder A. R. Bell will conduct an effort in York, Pa. with Bro. Robert Beckner as tent master. Elder Charles Baierle, with Bro. Fred Lee as tent master will have an effort in Scranton, Pa. to follow up the camp-meeting which was held there.

Brethren C. S. Wiest and B. M. Heald will conduct an effort in Wellsboro, Pa.

We were pleased to see ten more of our young people dedicate themselves to the canvassing work, and with these added to those already in the field, we can look for good results.

These canvassers need our prayers and words of encouragement, and we trust wherever our people can, they will welcome them into their midst and give them words of cheer.

The revised edition of "Steps to Christ" is now ready. Prices are as follows: Paper 30 cents; cloth, 60 cents; gilt \$1.00. There will be also two styles in leather, price to be announced later.

A. L. Bayley, Sec.

INDIA is suffering an intensely hot summer, hotter than has been experienced in twenty years. The work is becoming well established in the hill country—Mussoorie. The sanitarium is overflowing with patients. Doctor Menkel performed a very successful major operation recently. Arrangements are perfected for holding a series of meetings in the city. People are accepting the truth. One man who had been opposing his wife for keeping the Sabbath has himself yielded, and will henceforth exert his influence—being a well-to-do man of influence—in its favor. Brother Burgess is now making rapid recovery to health, his fever having abated. Plans are being laid for moving the printing office from Karmatar to Lucknow, the fourth city of India, which has splendid transportation facilities to all parts of India. While there is a constantly growing unrest, bordering on an anarchistic uprising, yet our workers are of good courage, and are earnestly seeking to bring the truth to the attention of the people.

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.

OHIO CAMP-MEETING

It will be remembered by many that three years ago we held our annual camp-meeting and conference on the Fair Grounds at Mansfield. With the average attendance of our brethren and sisters from within the State, and the good ministerial help furnished us by both the General and Union Conferences, the meeting proved to be a very profitable occasion.

The citizens of Mansfield, however, were disappointed in not getting to attend on account of the continuous and heavy rainfall, have repeatedly requested that another camp-meeting be held in their city.

This season, after giving to this question due consideration it was unanimously voted by the Conference Committee to locate the next camp-meeting which is to be held August 13 to 23 at Mansfield.

This city has a population of over twenty thousand and is easy of access from all parts of the State either by steam or electric railways.

We have also been assured that the General and Union Conferences will provide us with necessary help so that we may keep step and move forward with the advancing columns in the closing conflict with the powers of darkness.

Now, let every member of this conference who can possibly do so, plan to attend this meeting. The benefits to be derived from these annual convocations are very much needed by the people who have to grapple with the enemy at this time. The injunction of the Apostle "Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching," should come to us with greater force than to any other people who have preceded us in this work. Confidently expecting the special presence and blessing of God at this meeting, I shall look forward to the occasion with the deepest interest.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

W. Va.

No doubt many of the brethren and sisters remember that at our camp-meeting last September at Pennsboro, we voted to adopt the plan in our Sabbath-schools of giving the entire donations to missions, paying for supplies by special contributions. I confess that I felt a little doubtful of the plan working very well in West Virginia, as so many in the past had

opposed any such plan, but I knew that if it was in harmony with God's will, he could bring it to pass, and I was willing to leave it with him and do what I could to encourage it,

When the reports came in for the last quarter of 1907, I was indeed glad to see that there had not been one penny of the regular donations used for supplies, but the entire amount was given to missions, this was very encouraging indeed, and I hoped that the standard would never be lowered, but report for the first quarter of 1908 showed that \$1.23 had been used for running expenses. Brethren and sisters can't we again return to the appointed plan, that nothing be lacking when the reports come in again? I believe this must be the Lord's plan, or he would not have so quickly brought so much harmony into it, and now we hope that every officer, teacher and scholar will work in harmony with his will and with each other, till the work is completed. The Sabbath-school is not something that naturally springs into life, growing vigorously without any effort, but to make the school all it should be, every one connected with it must be diligent to help all they can to make it interesting and profitable.

The Lord has told us that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church. None of us who understand growing trees, would think of neglecting the small tender trees that are to fill such important places in our orchards in after years. Then the Sabbath-school is really the place where our children and young people are trained, that they may some time be competent to bear responsibilities in our churches, when the older ones must lay them down. Does it not seem necessary that we give them the best possible advantages to become acquainted with God's word, and gain an experience which will fit them for usefulness in some branch of the great work?

May the Lord bless us all in doing the part of the work he has given us. Your Sister in the work,

MRS. M. L. MEREDITH, S. S. Sec'y.

"We know we must toil, if ever we win

Some other day;

But we say to ourselves, There's time to begin

Some other day;

And so, deferring, we loiter on,

Until at last we find withdrawn

The strength of the hope we leaned upon

Some other day."

"It is the duty of every Christian to acquire habits of order, thoroughness, and dispatch."

OUR WORKERS

THE SECOND S. D. A. CHURCH

Pittsburg, Pa.

Perhaps our readers of the VISITOR would be pleased to hear a word from us. We are very thankful to the All Wise Father for the many blessings we have and are receiving. We have been blessed with additions to the Church, Sabbath School and Young People's Society. Also notwithstanding the tightness of the times; we have kept up very well with tithes and offering and the sale of papers and books—with a little gain over the past year as to the sale of literature.

With a membership less than thirty a part of the time for the past year, ending June 1, 1908, and too, with some of them not pay anything and some as little as they could, it seems; we collected tithes and the several offerings, \$960.28. Of which \$544.40 were tithes. Also sold and gave away literature to the value of a little over \$1,000. Beside visiting many homes and giving many readings. While most of the members have, in some way assisted in the literature and Bible work; yet I think it proper to mention those who have given special attention to that work: Sisters Laura E. Patton, our Bible worker; Claudine Smith, our assistant Bible worker and the writer. The two ladies are to leave about the September 1 for some one of our schools—to better prepare for the work.

The Elder of the church, Bro. J. W. Witcher, has given good assistance to the cause both when I am here and while away. He too is planning and expecting to attend some one of our schools.

Recently, there has been organized in the church a *Dorcas Aid Society* to help some phase of the Southern work—with Sisters M. M. Bond and Annie Witcher as President and Vice President and Fannie Lucas, as Sec'y.

We are about lined up for work and hope to do more work in the future. So pray for us and the work, to the end that the Lord may prosper us according to his good will.

W. H. GREEN.

God will not alter the course of justice to give you rest before you have labored, or the crown of glory till you have overcome.—*Baxter's Saint's Rest.*

STUDY diligently that you may be wise.

Cape May Court House, N. J.

DEAR VISITOR READERS; I thought it might be interesting to you to know how the Lord has been blessing us in our work in this part of the great harvest field since the close of our canvassers' institute at Trenton in April.

The institute was a great source of encouragement to me, and I came away from it with a new and greater determination to be faithful, as far as I knew how, to every duty that presented it's self. I can see room for improvement in the work done since the institute, but in spite of all shortcomings the Lord has greatly blessed.

Before coming here I had a personal experience which led me to see how weak the flesh is. Satan tried hard to discourage me with this but as I laid it all upon the great burden bearer, I was enabled to realize as never before that Jesus understands it all, and that his great heart of love is in touch with ours in all our efforts to be overcomers.

How hard it is to die to self, and how few are willing to give up all, reputation and everything else for Christ. Reputation is what the people think of us, but character is what we really are or what God thinks of us. How few of us are willing to do as our Saviour did, who took upon him the form a servant and became of no reputation. It was not until I became willing (and it seemed as though the Lord had to make me willing through trial) to do this that the Lord was able to pour out his rich blessing upon me in the canvassing work.

All the glory for my success belongs to God, and I can see him leading in everything now as never before. This can be seen almost every day in different and varied ways. For example, Friday I was walking along a country road near a saw-mill and just as I came near the mill the belt flew off and the work stopped. I at once saw through the situation and immediately informed the foreman that I believed his mill had been providentially stopped because I had something very important to say to the crew. I called their attention in a few words to the judgements of God, which are even now filling the land, and then told them I was interested in the circulation, of a work which makes clear what these things mean and pulled my book from under my coat and commenced to canvass the crowd.

I didn't get more than half way through the canvass when the boss became impatient to start the mill

again and gave me an order, two of the crew (one a local preacher), followed his example and likewise gave me their orders.

The Saviour's great love was so signally pointed out in our move from Pleasantville to Cape May C. H. that I must make mention of it. During our stay at Pleasantville we rented a room (Brother Taylor is my partner in the work) and boarded ourselves, once in a while getting a little something at a nearby restaurant. This was a very unhygienic-way of living, but it was the best we could do under the circumstances.

When we got ready to leave Pleasantville our physical powers were about ready to give up the chase under such ill treatment; but of the two I was the worst, having contracted a heavy cold on top of the poor diet, etc.

We spent Monday in looking up a new location, and late Monday evening decided to come to Cape May C. H., and the Lord led us right to an Adventist sister's house, that we had not heard of before we landed in the place, and who we found to be very much interested in our work. This sister (Mrs. John Applegate) is the only Adventist in this county that would be likely to be able to accommodate us and it certainly was an immediate and remarkable answer to prayer. I could help you all to see this much plainer if it wasnt for taking up to much space.

Sister Applegate is a firm believer in the Message and has tried to do something to give it to her neighbors who do not realize the importance of the times in which we are living. Many of the sisters in other small churches would be condemned if they could only see what this sister has done under such trying circumstances to give her neighbors the truth. Her work served as a forerunner to help us sell D. and R. Here is a sister that needs the prayers of all God's people, and I take this opportunity to ask the readers of the VISITOR to remember her before the throne of grace. Her husband pays a faithful tithe but has not taken his stand for the Sabbath truth. She also has a son 8 years old that is speechless and insane This boy is an endless amount of trouble and grows worse as he gets older. It seems almost impossible to get him into any kind of an asylum so far. Several other sisters have also done faithful work with our papers and tracts in Cape May Court House.

Yours for the finishing of the Message,
DAVID W. PERCY

\$125.00 IN FORTY HOURS

THIS is the result of a week's work in Alloway, N. J. by Bro. H. E. Province who is canvassing for Daniel and the Revelation. It goes ahead of all past records. Brother Province writes:

"Praise the Lord for what he has given me this week. The Lord has been with me, and I have had good success in every way. The heat has been something terrible, but the Lord has promised to be with us in his work. I can only praise his holy name for it."

D. K. ROYER, Sec. & Treas.

Florence, Pa.

Dear Visitor: I am selling mottoes to help a young lady earn her scholarship to enter the Mt. Vernon College this fall. I am sending in a report of my work for week ending July 3.

Signs sold, loaned and given away 23. Pages of tracts loaned and given away 150. Missionary letters written 2. Mottoes sold 19. Cash received \$5.10.

I received my first copy of the Columbia Union Visitor, and I am sorry that I did not take it sooner.

Yours in the Master's work,

Mrs. Hanna Siebert.

AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE

ON June 8 the writer of this article began canvassing for Daniel and the Revelation in the eastern part of Berkeley Co., W. Va. This place is a Protestant Methodist neighborhood. In nearly all of the forty houses visited I was met by opposition and prejudice.—only one book being sold and that to a man not professing to be a Christian. The third day of my work there, two men passing along the pike talked after the following manner "That man is telling that the world is coming to an end. Think of a man being wiser than God." Many seemed to think that nobody knows anything about the event.

At night our stopping place was with man who, with his family, heard the canvass on the book patiently, even sanctioning the Message: but a student from Cumberland Theological Seminary, their preacher in the above neighborhood, sat at the supper table. When he had learned that I was canvassing for a book which tells of Christ's coming, and opens the visions of Daniel which were Closed and sealed to the time of the end, he began to object, intimating that His coming

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending July 3, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. Province, Alloway,		DR	5	40	44	\$125 00		\$125 00	
S. Oberg, Quinton,		DR	5	44	28	84 25	\$ 75	85 00	\$ 75
D. Percy, Cape May C. H.,		DR	5	38	33	98 50	75	99 25	50
G. Taylor, " " "		DR	4	50	21	48 50	2 25	50 75	2 25
F. Loasby, Bridgebow,		DR	5	43	15	43 25	20 15	63 40	
J. Rambo, Fairfield,		DR	3	20	11	17 75		17 75	1 50
A. Perez, Haddonfield,		DR	4	33	14	34 50	50	35 00	4 25
D. P. Boersma, Clementon,		DR	5	41	2	5 25		5 25	25 25
S. Paul, Gloucester City		GC	5	37	3	8 25		8 25	87 25
C. Woertz, Westfield,		GC	5	40	25	69 75		69 75	
G. Blinn, Lanice,		GC	4	31	3	8 25	1 50	9 75	81 00
W. Ambs, Franklin Lake,		GC	5	48	2	7 50		7 50	85 25
C. Woodward, Hammonton,		GC	1	6	1	2 75		2 75	26 70
Anna Hugg, Paterson,		GC	2	9					31 25
J. Jenssen, Paterson,		GC	5	14	2	5 50	50	6 00	21 00
M. Stein, Franklin Lake,		GC	3	17	3	10 25		10 25	
T. Hilgers, Berge,		GC	3	16	2	5 50		5 50	2 75
B. H. Welsh, Summit,		BR	5	23	8	26 00		26 00	22 10
Florence Welsh, "		BR	5	23	18	49 00		49 00	3 00
Totals,			79	573	235	\$649 75	\$26 40	\$676 15	\$394 80

Ohio, Week Ending July 3, 1908

V. O. Panches, Hardin Co.,	DR	5	42	10	\$29 50	\$ 50	\$30 00	
C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co.,	DR	4	37	3	9 25	4 00	13 25	\$52 00
A. Bassler, Richland Co.,	DR	2	8½	2	3 00	3 10	6 10	
W. Goss, Geauga Co.,	DR	2	14					29 00
L. Waters, Mahoning Co.,	CK	5	46½	44	50 00	85	50 85	85
F. Evans, Pike Co.,	CK	5	17	15	16 50	5 50	16 50	
W. C. Van Eman, Hardin Co.,	CK	3	23	14	14 50		20 00	
E. Sharp, Scioto Co.,	BF	4	34	49	49 00	5 25	49 00	
R. Corder, Columbiana Co.,	BF	5	43	22	22 25		27 80	
Totals,		35	265	159	\$194 30	\$19 20	\$213 50	\$81 85

Virginia, Week Ending July 3, 1908

E. Wilson, Richmond,	GC	29	5	\$13 75		\$13 75	\$22 00
C. Grey, Richmond,	GC	34	11	31 25	6 75	38 00	70
A. Schenk, Roanoke,	GC	29	3	8 25		8 25	5 50
J. Wilding, Richmond,	CK	3	8	5 00		5 00	
N. Carpenter, Richmond,	CK	10	11	12 00		12 00	1 00
Mrs. Neff, Quicksburg,	CK	5	5	5 50	1 00	5 50	50
C. Stebbins, Buena Vista,	CK	50	40	52 50	1 75	54 25	1 05
C. Haskell, Buena Vista,	CK	50	30	40 50		40 50	
K. Bertley, Roanoke,		32					17 30
Totals,		242	110	\$168 75	\$9 50	\$178 05	\$54 35

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 3, 1908

H. Albright, Berks Co.,	DR	3	20	3	\$ 7 50		\$ 7 50	\$87 00
M. Hackett, Hazelton,	HM	4	29	5	8 75	\$ 2 00	10 75	
G. Hackett, "	HM	4	29	6	10 50	1 00	11 50	
W. Houck, Lancaster,	HM	5	55	9	24 00		24 00	58 00
W. Garrett, Jermyn,	HM	3	22	11	19 25		19 25	
R. Kimble, Chester Co.,	HM	4	14	1	1 75	14.35	16 10	5 25
N. Bigart, Chester Co.,	HM	5	24	4	7 00	12 60	19 60	4 90
R. Spangenberg, Scranton,	COL	1	6	3	3 75		3 75	11 50
W. Seigle, Lycoming,	CK	5	29	15	15 00		15 00	31 60
Totals,		34	228	57	\$97 50	\$29 95	\$127 45	\$198 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 3, 1908

C. Danham, Indiana	GC	4	21	2	\$ 5 50		\$ 5 50	\$43 00
A. Brownlee, New Brighton	DR	5	36	8	19 25	\$3 85	23 10	7 90
W. Hawkes, Foster Brook,	HM	7	42	11	22 00	4 75	26 75	11 50
Totals,		16	99	21	\$46 75	\$8 60	\$55 35	\$62 40

West Virginia, Week Ending July 3, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	35	5	\$8 50	\$22 75	\$31 25	\$3 25
H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co.,	CK	3	27	8	8 00	8 50	16 50	5 00
C. Midkiff, Morgantown,	SP	2	9	5	7 50		7 50	
E. Metcalf, Parkersburg,	BF	4	30	2	2 00	9 05	11 05	
Totals,		14	101	20	\$26 00	\$40 30	\$66 30	\$8 25

might be a thousand years off; and saying that he was thankful that the people here are nearly all Protestant Methodists. When out of that neighborhood, the Lord gave me success again and a fine delivery the following week in another place.

On the 22nd. I went back to the place, and tried again. This time being careful to canvass one man in particular with the Coming King and trying not to raise prejudice, but he stopped me asking "What is the purpose of that book any how." Not getting an immediate answer he pressed the question and added "Is not the Bible good enough." His answer went from my head to my feet as if he was determined not to be instructed. We went to another house and could not get a hearing, then walking one fourth of a mile sat down under a shade tree, and prayed to the Lord, telling him all about the trouble. A few stones had been hauled and a small excavation made for a new church in the place. We said to the Lord that we believed it would be for His glory if that church should never be built, and if so, to defeat every purpose in building it. Two days after, two cyclones went through this place, one entirely through the neighborhood named, tearing down trees all along the road and wrecking buildings; the other blew down one of the walls of the new church at Bedington which had just been enclosed, the roof not being completed. Otherwise, the storm was not equal to the first. Not far from this place six families have turned me away from their doors before I could find a place to stop over night. Still in other places we meet many good people who treat us kindly receiving the Message. The Lord will surely give victory to Israel and save his honest-hearted servants. Let us all take courage. The work will very soon be finished. J. H. JENNINGS

THIS power in Christ Jesus is resurrection power. *Men* counted him only man, of the seed of David. Living without sin in God's sight, well-pleasing to him who judges perfectly, he died adjudged guilty of blasphemy by his own people, and of sedition by the world. He was buried; but on the dawn of that first-day morning he arose from the grave, because he could not be holden of it (Acts 2:24); and that resurrection from death, the ripened fruit of sin, "declared him to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness.—*Signs of the Times.*

CHURCH DEDICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

THIS meeting held from June 26 to 28 proved a great help and blessing to all present, and many of the members of both the Springfield and the Powell churches, with a large number of our interested friends of the city enjoyed this occasion with us.

The opening address was given by Elder H. H. Burkholder. He taking for the subject of his discourse "The object of this convention". Sabbath morning after a very interesting review and profitable study of the Sabbath-school lesson, we had the privilege of witnessing the long looked for event by the Columbus church, the dedication of our church to the cause of God. This was a most solemn and impressive service, and all present felt and realized the presence of God.

Eld. R. R. Kennedy gave the historical report of the work in this city leading to the development of a church organization and its continuous advancement to the present time. Notwithstanding the church having passed through some most trying and perplexing experiences since its beginning.

The dedicatorial address was given by Eld. H. H. Burkholder. The important place in the great advent cause given the church by God, was clearly shown in this address by a study from both the Bible and the Testimonies. The high and sacred calling extended to each individual uniting with the church, and the importance of embracing and living up to this calling as shown in this discourse, caused all hearts to exclaim "who are worthy for these things."

Eld. Jas. E. Shultz offered the dedicatorial prayer, and all feeling the need of dedicating anew their hearts to God and His Cause made the occasion most impressive and brought a rich blessing from God long to be remembered. All rejoice not alone from the fact that our church was dedicated free from debt, but that God accepted the rededication of our lives to Him for the giving of the Third Angel's Message to all the world in this generation.

Sabbath after-noon the Sabbath-school convention proper began, and the following are some of the interesting subjects which received consideration: "The influence and possibilities of the Sabbath School" was spoken to by Eld. Jas. E. Shultz.

"How the Parents, youth, and children may cooperate with the S. S. officers and teachers" was introduced

and presented in an interesting way by Eld. R. R. Kennedy.

"The daily study of the S. S. lesson" was shown by the reading of a paper by Eld. F. M. Fairchild to be inseparable to success in the "church at study" service. "How to properly classify a Sabbath School" was treated in a profitable way by Eld. H. H. Burkholder.

Sunday morning the time was very profitably spent in considering further some important questions bearing on the Sabbath-school and Young People's work. The opening of the question box in the afternoon brought no little enthusiasm into the meeting, making it an interesting meeting to all present.

Sunday evening marked the close of this profitable meeting to a large concourse of people present by fifteen minute discourses from four speakers on "The signs of the times." "As seen in the Nations" by Eld. F. M. Fairchild "As seen in the religious world" by Eld. R. R. Kennedy "As seen in the development of the Three Fold Message" by Eld. Jas. E. Shultz "Our individual responsibility in view of these things" by Eld. H. H. Burkholder

As a church we are glad to find ourselves in a normal condition after having enjoyed this good meeting; and having sold during the past six months 6,500 periodicals, Liberty, Life and Health, and The Signs of the Times, for the purpose of paying off our church debt of \$300.00, which had brought us as a result of this effort at the time of the dedication, over \$35.00 in the treasury as a profit over and above and paying off of the old church debt, besides paying for all the papers used.

We also had the privilege of having with us at the time of the dedication three souls who had recently embraced the Truth, and who had been found and first interested in the study of the Third Angel's Message by individuals engaged in this paper work. These results, with the good effect this undertaking has had on the church, after considering the matter carefully and counseling with others of more wide experience in the Cause, have led us, since the convention, to lay some definite plans for continuing this good work. We rejoice in that we have the privilege of becoming co-laborers with God in this soon to triumph Cause. C. T. REDFIELD.

The Sanitarium has been enjoying good patronage being full most of the time

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DEAR READER:

I want to tell you of the goodness of God. I do praise His dear name for the blessings he bestows upon me. Several times while coming through the woods I engaged in prayer to God for His blessing and guidance. He has answered my prayers by opening the hearts of the people, and at this writing I am in the home of a Quaker family who gave me a nice bed for the night, and an order for Great Controversy, and besides took two orders from the hired men. It does pay to wait on the Lord. May God bless all who are in the canvassing work, and help us to watch and pray lest we enter into temptation. This is God's work, and it cannot fail; but I am weak and sinful and can not do anything of myself. Pray for me that I may be His obedient and faithful servant in His Work till the Saviour is seen coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and we shall all be gathered home. S. A. PAUL.

A PLEASANT OCCASION

It was our privilege to conduct wedding services for Prof. Fred R. Thornton and Miss Pearl Hallock Wednesday, 8:00 P. M., June 24th. This marriage was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents in Loyal, Wis. About eighty friends and relatives were present, and all seemed interested and happy. It has seldom been our privilege to officiate on a more happy occasion than this one was. We are sure that the blessing of the Lord was enjoyed in connection with the service, and we believe these young people will lead a happy and useful life in connection with the work which they are called upon to do. We certainly left them very happy indeed. They will make their home at Bethel, Wis. WM. COVERT.

Prof. Thorntons' Ohio friends will be glad to add their good wishes for the future.

NEW JERSEY

Report of Tithe Received from Churches for
the Quarter ending June 30, 1908:

Atlantic City,	\$ 97.97
Bridgeton,	152.56
Burlington,	129.48
Camden,	372.21
Cape May Court House,	20.38
Elizabeth,	139.92
Hackensack,	71.87
Jersey City First,	138.31
Jersey City Second,	146.80
Jersey City German,	118.37
Morristown,	9.78
Newark,	152.57
Paterson,	68.05
Paulsboro,	6.00
Perth Amboy,	29.00
Plainfield,	
Salem,	87.78
Trenton,	494.05
Vineand,	202.21
West Hoboken,	72.87
Individuals,	97.25
Total,	\$2,607.43

D. K. Royer, Sec. & Treas.

A DECEPTION

A NUMBER of our brethren and sisters in Indiana have received printed matter sent out by an apostate by the name of J. M. Garmire. On the envelopes containing this literature he has written the names of different workers in the Indiana Conference, in order to deceive the ones receiving the literature, and causing them to believe that these workers have sent them the literature, and that they endorse it. Some of our brethren receiving this literature thought at first that some of our workers were being carried away with Garmire's views and were thus sending this literature on to them. Anyone that will resort to such deceptive means to advance his peculiar views should be stamped at once as a deceiver, and his literature thrown into the fire. This is not our Lord's manner of working. We wish to warn all our brethren against the influence of these deceptive leaflets.

—W. J. STONE. in *Indiana Reporter*.

All that Elder Stone has said about Garmire's deceptive work in the Indiana Conference is also true of Ohio. A cause that is driven to adopt such methods in order to exist and secure attention is unworthy the least degree of consideration. This poor man is laboring under a delusion and is no doubt worthy of our sympathy, but his literature, as Elder Stone suggests, should be cast into the fire on sight. There is no light in it for Seventh-day Adventists. Other productions of like character should share the same fate. To be more specific I will mention

"Saved by the Power of God or Denominationalism Which?" and "The Platform." H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE MOTHERS' COUNSELLOR and THE BABY'S FRIEND.

The hot weather season being the time of the greatest infant mortality, the July number of LIFE AND HEALTH has been especially prepared with a view of bringing to mothers, instruction bearing directly upon the proper care of children and babies. It will be a blessing to every home where there are children. The leading feature of this entire issue is the care of the health of the young and old during the heated season, when sickness is most common especially among children. Associated with this counsel are important suggestions that blend with it so consistently that the whole combinations forms a very practical number, and will prove to be very helpful to all who are favored with it. Let all our readers consider their duty in connection with its circulation.

THE JULY NUMBER OF "LIFE AND HEALTH"

THIS issue of *Life and Health* brings instruction that can be easily applied in the daily life, and that will greatly help in prolonging life and rendering it more possible "to live twice as long, and twice as well." It cites the application of the principles of natural health laws in the life of Daniel and his companions; John the Baptist; and, in modern times, Louis Cornaro who lived to be over 100 years old; the Honorable David Wark, of the Canadian senate; and Captain Diamond, all of whom attributed their long, happy, and useful lives to their conformity to the true principles of health and temperance.

Miss Mary Moffett is nursing a typhoid patient in town.

Miss Jessie Estep has gone to Dayton to spend her vacation

Mr Hayes of Centerburg Ohio had a slight operation last Friday and is doing nicely

Mr Royer of Bellefontain returned home Sunday after a short stay at the Sanitarium.

Miss Furry who has gone home for a short visit, expects to return by the last of the week.

Bro Wm. Campbell is staying at the sanitarium for rest and treatment. He plans to stay with us till C. M.