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WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith and not by sight
Along life's journey new and strange;
Why fear the day or why the night,
Since God foreseeth ev'ry change?
The darkness is not dark to him,
The danger cannot come too near;
So trust him though the way be dim,
He saith, "Fear not; be of good cheer."

We walk by faith and not by sight,
But Jesus pilots o'er the deep
To yonder haven where 'tis light,
He slumbers not nor doth he sleep;
The tempests cease at his command,
They heed his voice, his "Peace, be still!"
The storms cannot his pow'r withstand,
The winds and waves obey his will.

We walk by faith and not by sight,
The Saviour ~~ever~~ by our side,
We know that all his ways are right
And that he will his children lead;
He knoweth all, he watcheth all—
Yea, e'en the sparrow in his flight;
Fear not to heed his loving call
To walk by faith and not by sight.

SUSAN C. UMLAUF.

WILL A MAN ROB GOD?

"WILL a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have have robbed me, even this whole nation.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me *now* herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour *you* out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:8, 10. Malachi is a latter day prophet. Notice the first verse of the fourth chapter:—

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble. And the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

"But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise

with healing in his wings." If ever there was a time since the fall of man that we have needed divine protection, it is to-day. Living in the closing scenes of this world's history, with the judgment in session, when one wrong act may prove our eternal ruin, Satan has come down with great wrath and power, because he knows he has but a short time to work.

Will a man rob God? Yes, some men are robbing him. The rich in this world's goods, those who have never tasted of the world to come, the infidel and the hardened sinner, they are robbing God, but can it be possible that any of us who love God, or profess to love him, and keep his commandments, can it be that *we* are robbing him? Yes. He says we have *robbed* him both in tithes and in offerings. It is an awful thing to rob him who is our best friend, the one who lends us every breath we breathe. And while we peacefully rest at night, he watches over us. And in the morning as soon as we arise, his tender care is ours to enjoy, for he counteth our steps, every step we take he counts. The farmer in the field, the canvasser on the dusty streets, and the tired mother whose work is never done, yes, every step that is taken by any of us he counts. And if the burden is too heavy for us, he, as in days of old, helps us by placing underneath his wounded hands. And when trouble thickens around us and the heart is broken with grief, and the tears fall thick and fast, his heart of love yearns over us, for he bottles our tears.

At this writing I remember where this blessed truth found me,—a wanderer in the world of sin, lost, and without hope in God. And when I try to count his many blessings, they are more than I can number.

Through darkness he leads the way, and over the steep pathway of life his loving hand doth guide. In Isa. 40:5 we read, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." In Exodus 33 the Lord declares that his glory is his character. And when we give back to God his own, the unfallen worlds rejoice, and the heart of the heathen is made glad.

A million a month in China alone are dying without God. And from every nation, kindred and tongue we hear them calling for help.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

Yes, we can *hear* the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," from every direction.

I am glad the calls are coming, and that Ethiopia is reaching out after God. I am thankful for the blessed assurance that this generation, although over sixty-five years of age, shall witness the end of the dark reign of sin, and the coming of the Saviour. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens." Lam. 3:40, 41. And in the same chapter, verses 19, 21, we hear the Man of Calvary say, "Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall." The Lord has borne long with our imperfections, and it is because of his tender mercies that we are not consumed,—because his compassions fail not.

My dear brethren, in the few remaining days of this preparatory life, let us be honest with our God and with his dear Son. The last great struggle between the powers of good and evil will soon forever close. The muttering storm is fast approaching. The sun will soon set never to shine again in this world of sin. Could the veil be lifted for a moment, and we be privileged to see things as they really are, there would be a shout of victory ascend from every honest heart. We all *need* the blessing pledged by the Lord in Mal. 3:8, 10, a blessing that will run over and fill the hearts of our neighbors and loved ones for whom we have prayed so long. Your brother in the fast closing Message,

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

"WHERE the river is the deepest,
the water glides the smoothest.
Empty casks sound most."

OUR WORKERS

Philadelphia, Pa.

TO THE VISITOR: On Sunday evening, July 12, Elder O. O. Bernstein and company began a series of tent meetings, which, under the Lord's blessing, we believe will result in a large number accepting the present truth message. If attendance and continued interest count for anything, we shall not be disappointed at the close of the effort. Last Sunday evening our audience numbered about 400; at other services it has frequently exceeded 200 and 300.

After much prayer and consideration, it was decided to locate the tent at 52d and Locust streets, on a desirable lot within one block of the church. We believe that many of our neighbors, who heretofore could not be induced to enter our church, will be glad to attend our public service after our tent effort is closed, and those who accept the truth will have a church-house near them.

The testing truths of the Message have just been presented, and many are now in the valley of decision, and several have vowed to obey the Lord in Sabbath keeping. We have the names of 150 individuals on our free reading list, with whom our workers are keeping in touch as far as possible.

We are confident that among this large number of interested ones there are some who will yield obedience to God's truth for this time.

Elder Bernstein has been greatly blessed of the Lord in presenting the various phases of the Message; and has had good attention on the part of the people.

The life size prophetic symbols, formerly used by Elder W. W. Simpson, of California, have been secured by Elder Bernstein, and have been a special drawing card and a feature in prophetic lectures.

The beasts were exhibited for a week in five prominent store windows in the vicinity of the tent and served as an attractive advertisement of our meetings.

Our tent is 75x35 feet, comfortably seated and well lighted with electric lights.

On Saturday evening we have no service, but about thirty workers visit nearly 4,000 homes with invitation announcements of our meetings. We earnestly ask the prayers of our people in behalf of this effort.

The workers associated with Elder Bernstein are Brethren I. M. Martin, William T. Hilgert and Charles S. Baum; Sisters Sue M. Andrews and Nellie B. Underwood.

WILLIAM T. HILGERT.

Wellsboro, Pa.

THIS is the third week since we entered the work in this town. The interest has been very encouraging from the very beginning. Almost all knew who we were, but this did not hinder the people listening to the truth. We have an average attendance of about one hundred, and Sunday nights the tent is too small to accommodate the hearers.

Last week the testing truth was given which, of course, always stirs the hearts of sincere souls. Many are deeply interested, the convicting spirit is working, and we believe a goodly company will take their stand for present truth. Four have thus far stepped upon the platform, and we are confident others will follow, for God is working upon the hearts of the people.

We are now in the very heights of the effort. It is needless to say that we solicit the prayers of every sincere Adventist, and feel confident that our friends will specially remember us and these people at this time.

C. S. WIEST,
B. M. HEALD.

York, Pa.

THIS city is an interesting place of about fifty thousand souls. It is the third manufacturing city in Pennsylvania. We came here immediately after the camp-meeting in Scranton, commencing our effort Thursday, July 9.

It seemed to us that, coming into a city which never had any work done in it before, after we had thoroughly advertised, and bent all our energies to getting the people to know about the tent and the services, surely we would hardly find accommodation for all who would attend. But we have learned a lesson. We have learned that virgin soil is just as full of souls as hard to reach with the truth of God as any other place.

Not many attended the opening service, but our hearts have been gladdened, because the meetings have been growing in interest. We are having a good attendance each evening, the same individuals coming regularly. Quite a number have spoken favorably of our work, and have given in their names and addresses, requesting us to call on them. We are in the

midst of the Sabbath question, yet the attendance has not fallen off. We feel that the testing truth is doing its work, and that the Spirit of God is searching out the jewels. Our hearts are filled with courage to press on.

Dear reader, as you remember at the throne of grace the work and workers in other places, we beg of you do not forget York. Yours in the Master's service,
A. R. BELL,
R. R. BECKNER.

Cambridge, O.

DEAR VISITOR: July 19 we closed a six and one-half weeks' tent effort at Cambridge. The Lord enabled us to secure a corner lot in a section thickly settled by people of the middle class. The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a fair attendance in spite of the strenuous efforts of several ministers to keep their flocks from hearing the truths of God's word.

While it is not possible at this writing to state definitely what the results will be, some are deeply interested, and as the work is followed up we trust that they will take their stand for the whole truth.

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

Cumberland, Md.

DEAR VISITOR: I know you are interested in the work in this city, and although we cannot furnish a very glowing report, still our hearts are of good courage in the Lord.

July 25 we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. Our numbers were few, there being only seven adults present. But the Lord has promised to be in the midst and bless even where two or three are gathered in his name; and we can truly say that the Lord did meet with us.

Our Sabbath-school is growing. Previous to last Sabbath the number present ranged from eight to fifteen. We had only five scholars in the children's division, and at times there were not enough present to place in a class by themselves. Last Sabbath there were twenty-four in attendance and fourteen of these were children. We organized a class in the *Youth's Instructor*, and also one in the *Little Friend*.

The attendance at the tent meetings has varied from fifteen to forty. Those who attend do not come regularly. For several nights in the beginning of the meeting, the faces were almost all new ones. There are a few, however, who have expressed their determination to come every night. There are many amusements to attract the peo-

ple, also lectures at one of the groves in the city, and the Millennium Dawn people have begun meetings in the city council chamber. Last week a company erected a merry-go-round on the same grounds and about one hundred yards from our tent. The music from this does not harmonize very well with our beautiful hymns, nor is it very easy for brethren to speak with such an accompaniment. But when the Lord is for us, even these things cannot stand in the way of the work. Many people who must pass our tent in order to visit this amusement, either stop outside and listen or else come in and sit with us.

Though many of these things look discouraging, still we believe there are many earnest souls whom the Lord will call to his service. Brethren and sisters, pray earnestly that the effort here may be crowned with success.

MRS. E. R. BROWN.

Richmond, Va.

SINCE his last letter to the VISITOR, the writer has spent twelve weeks in special meetings. During the last part of April and all of May, five weeks were given to the Richmond work. Three accepted the Message, and there are twelve others deeply interested in the truth. The first Sunday in June he baptised three in the James River. The first Sabbath in August one more united with this church.

June 4, we joined Elder Munce in the tent effort at Newport News. The results have not been as great as we had hoped, yet we praise the Lord for what has been accomplished and for the loyalty of the church to the meetings. Elder Herrell visited our meeting and delivered a very impressive discourse. All were very much helped.

The writer recently spent three Sabbaths with the Norfolk church. The ordinances were held on Sabbath, July 4, and on Sunday, July 19, we had the pleasure of planting five precious souls in the baptismal waters. This church shows signs of growth. Brother Kirby is regaining his health, and Sister Emily McGlocklin is being used of the Lord in canvassing and in winning souls for the truth. The attendance was good at each service.

Everywhere there seems to be a general awakening. Souls are eagerly asking the way of life. Workers are pleaded for here and there. Every sign points to the speedy close of the work in this generation. Brethren, pray for us. May the end find us loyal to the truth and watching for the Bridegroom. Yours in the Message,

FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

Martinsburg, W. Va.

It was my privilege to spend a week in connection with Brother I. D. Richardson, with Brethren Jennings and Waggoner in their field of labor at Martinsburg, July 26 to August 3.

These brethren moved to this field early in the season and have been doing faithful work, the Lord blessing them in placing many truth-filled books in the homes of the people. They have now finished their first canvass of Berkeley County and are beginning work in Morgan.

Monday was spent canvassing in the city of Martinsburg. Tuesday morning all went into the country territory where a thorough canvass was made, Brother Richardson assisting Brother Waggoner while I worked with Brother Jennings. The experiences gained here were of benefit to all, and we trust the books which were placed with the people will work for their eternal salvation. The people of Morgan County are friendly and access to their homes is quite readily obtained. We look for good reports from the brethren as they work among these people.

Toward the last of the week, Brother Richardson was called to other portions of the field. We were sorry to see him go, but feel thankful for his good, practical help and timely instruction while he could be with us. The brethren feel strengthened and encouraged in the work, and are determined to press the battle even to the gates of the enemy. They feel that they have in these three counties sufficient territory for a vast amount of work, as they are planning to use other books as soon as they have finished with the ones they are now working with.

Sabbath evening we were pleased to meet Brother and Sister Kidwiler and family, the only other Sabbath keepers in the city. A very pleasant evening was spent in a study from God's holy word. Sabbath afternoon we all met again at Brother Waggoner's for Sabbath-school. We are glad to see this little company of witnesses faithful in meeting together for worship and Bible study, for they thus gain new strength to meet the battles of another week.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is wonderfully blessing in his work, and we are living in a time when he calls every one to service. Are there not some of you who read this who are willing to answer his call and allow him to lead you into his work? West Virginia offers you a wide field for labor, and the Lord promises, "Whatsoever

is right, that shall ye receive." May the prayers of God's people arise as one voice that he will "send forth laborers into his harvest."

C. J. FOOTE.

Westmoreland County, Va.

KNOWING the desire of our people at home to learn the progress of the Message in the field, we send a few lines of Westmoreland news.

My husband, assisted by Brother C. Hennage, commenced a tent effort, June 7, at Montross, the county seat of Westmoreland, the county in which George Washington was born.

Several difficulties confronted us at Montross which would be interesting to relate should time and space permit. Suffice it to say that God's blessing was upon the effort. The attendance the first night was about 100. The following Sunday night there was an overflow, people sitting around the platform, and many standing outside, in all, about 250. The meetings during the week were usually well attended.

As the time is short, we closed this effort in about a month, or July 5, two souls, a man and his wife, having taken their stand for God's truth.

I said, "We closed," but might better have said, we *continued* these meetings at Chiltons, about three and a half miles distant, as there was an urgent call to come to this place, and it was near enough for the interested ones at Montross to follow.

We boarded at Montross, and our endeavor to live the truth was so respected by the lady of the house that she had our food prepared on Friday for the Sabbath, and also gave us good vegetarian diet.

At Chiltons we could find no boarding place, so pitched a family tent. The people show a kindly feeling and keep us supplied in donations of fruits and vegetables.

The effort at Chiltons has been even better attended than at Montross. The tent has often been nearly filled on week nights, and on Sundays usually more than filled with people.

The Baptists have a church in the same grove that we are in, and on the day of their picnic, they invited us to the dinner, and then had my husband speak for them in their church in the afternoon. Many of them remained over, and came to our night service at the tent. They show a friendly spirit.

We enjoyed a week's visit from Elder Herrell, who left here last Thursday.

Sunday, August 2, we had an all day meeting, or rather a morning and an afternoon service, the people bring-

ing their lunches and remaining over. There was a large attendance and God's presence was felt. The testing messages were given and will be continued several nights this week. At Chilton's eight have already taken their stand for God's Sabbath, making ten in all. Several more manifest a deep interest. We are expecting great things from God. Please pray with us to this end.

MRS. GEORGE A. STEVENS.

Glenburnie, Md.

It has been my privilege to meet with this little company and conduct some meetings. The brethren at this place are members of the church in Baltimore, and some who had recently accepted the truth desired baptism. Meetings held there in the past brought forth the fruit we now see.

It was my privilege Sunday, August 2, to baptise five dear souls in harmony with the Saviour's commission. Our hearts were made very sad, however, as just preceeding the meeting one of the young sisters was laid to rest. She was ill but a short time. Death is no respecter of persons, and even the young and strong fall at the approach of the old tyrant. These sad reminders make us anxious for the Saviour's return when the last enemy, death, shall be destroyed. While they are sad now, a glad day is coming when the people of God will bid a long farewell to all the ills of this mortal life, and when the glory of God, like a molten sea, bathes the immortal company. We sincerely pray for the prosperity of this little company.

L. F. STARR.

Cincinnati, O.

DEAR VISITOR: Thursday evening, July 30, we closed our meetings in order to get the tents off for the camp-meeting, although we felt the interest demanded another week's meeting; this, of course, was impossible under the circumstances.

Our location was one that was not very alluring, as far as personal comforts were concerned; for example, on each side, within about three blocks, ran two railroads with a continual running to and fro of trains leaving behind them volumes of smoke to help make true the saying that Cincinnati is a dirty place. On one side, about the same distance away, was a distillery, and on the other side was a brewery, and whenever the wind would veer in the right direction, we would obtain the benefit of certain unpleasant odors that arose from the same.

In front of us was the continual passing back and forth of three different street car lines, combining their noise with the bump and racket of the wagons. We did not lack for variation along this line. The children, the heat and various other things we will not mention.

Oh! the wickedness and intemperance of this great city! Surely now the great city! Surely now the great cities should hear the warning cry of the Third Angel's Message that the faithful may be gathered out before it is too late. This location was chosen with the object of going where the people were.

There are between fifteen and twenty who are intensely interested and who have been attending regularly every night. We feel quite confident that out of these there will be some who will not only believe all the truth, but will step out and obey as well. When we see this, our hearts are made glad, and we feel amply repaid through it all.

JOHN P. GAEDE,

DR. W. J. VENEN.

NEW JERSEY CAMP-MEETING

As the time for our annual encampment draws near, we feel more and more impressed with the necessity of our brethren and sisters all over the State fully co-operating with the spirit of the meeting in order to secure the best results. In view of the times in which we are living, and the necessity of a great work being done for our churches, if the Lord's purpose is accomplished, we have decided to ask all our brethren and sisters in the State to make Sabbath, August 15, a special season of prayer and fasting. Let us seek God most earnestly that his blessing may especially rest upon our brethren and others who assemble at the camp-meeting. As we near the end, the necessity of a close connection with God and the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of each believer becomes more apparent. We trust all our brethren will enter heartily into the spirit of this occasion, and that it may be a season of refreshing to our churches. The Spirit of God has plainly told us that the success of our camp-meetings depends very largely upon the spiritual condition of our brethren and sisters as they come up to this annual gathering. Let all doubts, murmurings and disputings, which are the result of the efforts of evil angels to blind our minds and prevent our receiving the blessing of God, be put away by earnest prayer and confession of sin, and let us all with humility join

in the work of preparation for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

Dr. W. H. Smith, the new superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, will be on the grounds during a considerable part of the meeting, and will give special attention to any who may desire medical advice or treatment. Dr. Smith is a competent and experienced physician, and we have arranged so that his services will be given without charge to those who attend the camp-meeting. This is an opportunity which should not be overlooked. Dr. Smith will also give special studies on simple treatments and care of the body.

Any who expect to attend and have not ordered tents should correspond immediately with D. K. Royer, 619 William St., Trenton, N. J.

B. F. KNEELAND,

Pres. New Jersey Conference.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Eastern Pennsylvania

ELDER HECKMAN reports excellent meetings held with the different churches in the Conference. At Allentown three united with the church at the last quarterly meeting, and others await baptism. The same is true of the other churches.

WORD comes from Elder A. R. Bell at York that despite the rainy weather which they have had to contend with the last week, they have had an attendance of one hundred every night and that they can see many are interested. The Sabbath question has not yet been presented.

ALL will remember that the effort in Scranton has been laboring under difficulties on account of the storm tearing their tent all to pieces, and then having to wait for another one to be shipped to them. However, Brother Baierle writes that they are not discouraged amid all this, for they remember the words of our Saviour when he said, "For all things work together for good to those that love the Lord."

BRETHREN WEIST and Heald report four as having begun to keep the Sabbath this early in the effort, and that the whole town seems to be stirred. Two Baptist ministers are very much interested. One of them told his audience last Sunday morning that "there are times in a man's life that are perplexing and that he hardly knows where he stands." The attendance at all the meetings is very large, in fact the tent is not large enough to hold all that come.

WE are glad to report that five more have entered the canvassing work in this Conference. This means that many homes will be entered with the truth of the Third Angel's Message. One of our canvassers sold a "Daniel and Revelation" to a Baptist minister and he was so well pleased with the book that he said he would give him the names of those in his congregation, and would announce it in his Sunday morning service. This is certainly a good opening for this canvasser.

THE August number of the *Signs of the Times* magazine has reached our desk. It is certainly a neat magazine and one worthy of a wide circulation as it is full of timely topics for this present day, and we hope that our people will do all they can in this Conference, to place this paper in the hands of the people, as it is especially adapted for those not of our faith. For example, the leading theme in the August number will be an article entitled, "War Preparations and Their Meaning." In September will be the wonderful increase of destructive insects, etc., as spoken of in the prophecy of Joel. The article will be fully illustrated. The October number will be on the subject of finance, the heaping together of riches, etc. Here will be presented a formidable array of figures that will be really startling. Following are the prices:—

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West Pennsylvania

BROTHER EARL CARR made the office a visit this week. We are glad to hear the good reports of the work in Western New York.

THE brethren in the tent effort in Oil City write that the interest there is growing slowly, and ask our prayers that work may be done there that will glorify God.

BROTHER PURDHAM writes encouragingly of the work in Homestead where he and family and Brother N. S. Ashton are associated in the tent effort. He says that though the tent is not filled, from fifty to one hundred are in attendance every night, and that the interest is good. Some being deeply interested. One lady and her daughter have already taken their stand for the truth and kept the Sabbath last week for the first time. The mother renounced Catholicism three years ago. Pray for the work at this place.

ELDER F. D. WAGNER who, at the annual meeting held in Oil City June 18-28, was duly elected president of the West Pennsylvania Conference, has arrived in this field, and he and family are temporarily located in Pittsburg. Brother Wagner spent a few days at the office this past week getting acquainted with the work. We trust that all will give Brother Wagner their most hearty co-operation and support in the work, and we gladly welcome him and his family to our Conference, trusting that God will abundantly bless them in the work here.

ONE of our brothers who is in the canvassing work writes us some interesting experiences he has had the past week, which are in part as follows, "The Lord is surely working. Got two ministers on my list last week. I was left without a place to lodge one night and had to sleep in the field. A man intended to give me a bed but his wife refused, we had a very interesting talk and I left him at 10:30

P. M., so it was too late to try another place. He was very sorry. I met him early next morning and on learning that I staid out all night in the field, gave me an order, and got another man, that had refused, to give me his order, so all things work together for good. The next evening another lady refused to keep me, and the husband gave me an order. After staying all night with another family, they gave me two orders for 'Coming King.'"

A. V. WILLIAMS.

Virginia

BROTHER OERTLEY is planning to locate in Radcliff, and canvass Montgomery County.

BROTHER E. T. WILSON is now busily engaged at Portsmouth canvassing for "Daniel and the Revelation." He writes that the people tell him, with tears in their eyes, that they are going to study these things more, now their attention has been call to them.

BROTHER C. E. GRAY is rejoicing because of blessings received in delivering many of our books to the people near Richmond. He and Brother William Genter are now working in Accomac County, and are taking many orders for books. Brother Le Roi Wilding is planning to join these brethren. Brethren L. A. and E. Overstreet are also about ready to take up the work again in a new field.

A STRANGER at Salem writes for territory that he may sell "New Testament Primer." He entered this work by people asking that some one get these books for them. He said he had taken twelve orders in two and a half hours. His orders amount to nearly twenty dollars. Let us take fresh courage as we see what God has wrought, and press together to finish the work committed to us.

BROTHERS HASKELL and Stebbins are closing up their work in Rockbridge County. These brethren have traveled over a large section that is very thinly settled, yet they are extremely glad they had it to do, and for the experience gained. Brother Stebbins is expecting James P. H. Woody, of West Virginia, to join him. This young man is investigating the truth, and is anxious to become useful to God and his fellowmen.

Richmond, Va. W. H. ZEIDLER.

"SOME make religion a stirrup to mount into the saddle of popularity."

AS SEEN BY THE FIELD AGENT

Erie

At Erie we found Brethren Robbins and Watt quite hopeful as to the outcome of their work. After the meeting on the Sunday night on which the writer was present, we had a number of queries by some of our staunch members of the Erie church in regard to book work, and some will yet take up this work.

Sister Maud Watt, who is assisting in the work there, and the writer, who had gone there to catch a train for Allegheny, took ten papers each and started out. I had some opportunity of seeing just how hard the work was at this place, there being 50,000 Catholics in a city of 70,000 population. However, these papers were put out in about one hour and a half. The writer was impressed how much can be done while we are waiting for an opportunity to do something. Sister Watt will continue in the paper work. Brother Robbins is interested in the book work and we expect him soon to make a call to start some one there. Homestead

Brethren Ashton and Purdham, who are handling the interest there, both expressed themselves as "going to do all they can to find canvassers for us." Pittsburg No. 1 has some good canvassers in it. Word came from Brother Painter last week that his heart is still in the work, and that he does not intend that his name shall always remain off the canvassers' list. We hope to see all the interested ones there again in the field. Time is too short to think otherwise.

German Tent

Brother Scholl is having a splendid interest in Allegheny. We had the pleasure of a longer visit there, because of our visit at the same time to Brother R. B. Wheeler of the same place. As we looked upon the interest manifested by the audiences, we were led to wish that we, too, were German. When asked how many believed the Message (Sabbath question) nearly every hand went up, and four were out on the Sabbath to prove that they believed it.

This interest has not come without hard work. Brother Scholl from time to time takes a company into a private neighborhood and after singing and prayer, he preaches to the people who gather on the porches, the street and behind lace curtains. The writer counted from thirty to thirty-seven at the close under the sound of the speaker's voice. Many are reached in this way.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending July 31, 1908

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| W. McCoy, High Bridge, | " | DR | 5 | 48 | 18 | \$68 75 | | \$68 75 | |
| G. Webber, | " | DR | 5 | 40 | 5 | 17 75 | \$ 35 | 18 10 | |
| S. Oberg, Alloway, | " | DR | 4 | 43 | 21 | 57 75 | | 57 75 | |
| F. Loasby, Florence, | " | DR | 5 | 41 | 11 | 30 25 | | 30 25 | |
| C. Armor, | " | DR | 5 | 32 | 10 | 27 50 | | 27 50 | |
| J. Rambo, Hopewell, | " | DR | 5 | 30 | 9 | 24 25 | 1 75 | 26 00 | \$13 75 |
| V. Mann, Upper Freehold, | " | DR | 5 | 53 | 19 | 56 25 | | 56 25 | |
| C. Woertz, Fanwood, | " | GC | 5 | 40 | 14 | 40 00 | | 40 00 | |
| G. Blinn, White Horse, | " | GC | 2 | 15 | 4 | 13 00 | | 13 00 | |
| W. Hirst, | " | GC | 2 | 15 | 2 | 5 50 | | 5 50 | |
| Sadie Winter,* E. Orange, | " | GC | 3 | 8 | 3 | 8 25 | 5 00 | 13 25 | 3 75 |
| " " " " " " | " | GC | 2 | 15 | | | 3 50 | 3 50 | 50 |
| T. Hilgers, Somerses, | " | GC | 3 | 25 | 1 | 2 75 | 75 | 3 50 | |
| F. McKeen, Trenton, | " | GC | 1 | 5 | | | | | 8 25 |
| B. H. Welsh, Crawford, | " | BR | 5 | 30 | 9 | 24 00 | 35 | 24 35 | 11 35 |
| Florence Welsh, | " | BR | 4 | 22 | 5 | 15 75 | 75 | 16 50 | |
| Totals, | | | 61 | 462 | 131 | \$391 75 | \$12 45 | \$404 20 | \$37 60 |

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 30, 1908

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----------|---------|--|----------|----------|
| H. Gauker, Berks Co., | DR | 4 | 30 | 14 | \$38 50 | | | \$38 50 | |
| H. Albright, Berks Co., | DR | 5 | 36 | 10 | 20 00 | | | 20 00 | \$11 50 |
| A. Pulis, Lebanon, | DR | 5 | 28 | 9 | 13 50 | \$ 3 25 | | 16 75 | |
| W. Garrett, Lackawanna, | DR | 3 | 19 | 6 | 15 50 | | | 15 50 | 21 00 |
| H. Minier, Luzerne, | GC | 5 | 36 | 7 | 21 25 | 9 15 | | 30 40 | |
| R. Albertson, | GC | 3 | 21 | 1 | 3 75 | 10 75 | | 14 50 | |
| W. Houck, Lancaster, | HM | 5 | 47 | 10 | 19 75 | | | 19 75 | 38 50 |
| J. Dixon, Berks Co., | HM | 5 | 33 | 5 | 8 75 | | | 8 75 | |
| E. Swingle, York, | COL | 4 | 24 | 6 | 7 50 | 9 25 | | 16 75 | 73 25 |
| B. Donachy, Lebanon, | CK | 5 | 23 | 21 | 21 50 | 1 25 | | 22 75 | |
| B. Garrett, York, | CK | 5 | 21 | 4 | 5 00 | 2 00 | | 7 00 | 11 50 |
| G. Seigle, Tioga Co., | CK | 4 | 30 | 8 | 8 00 | | | 8 00 | |
| N. Bigart, Chester, | OPH | 5 | 29 | 67 | 23 25 | | | 23 25 | |
| R. Kimble, | OPH | 5 | 29 | 65 | 22 75 | | | 22 75 | |
| Totals, | | 63 | 406 | 233 | \$229 00 | \$35 65 | | \$264 65 | \$155 75 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 31, 1908

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|----------|---------|--|----------|---------|
| B. Arkebaur, Odessa, Del., | GC | 5 | 48 | 46 | \$59 75 | \$ 75 | | \$60 50 | \$ 1 50 |
| W. Spicer, Oriole, Md., | CK | 5 | 45 | 24 | 34 00 | | | 34 00 | |
| W. Wirth, Odessa, Del., | CK | 5 | 40 | 49 | 67 10 | 75 | | 67 85 | |
| Henry Scott, Marion, Md., | CK | 5 | 41 | 53 | 61 50 | 8 75 | | 70 25 | |
| S. Lush,† Seaford, Del., | GC | 9 | 73 | 33 | 98 75 | 25 75 | | 224 50 | 75 |
| D. Johns, Montgomery Co. Md., | CK | 5 | 40 | | | | | | 75 35 |
| I. Parter, Clarksburg, Md., | DR | 5 | 38 | 8 | 24 00 | | | 24 00 | |
| E. Mitchell, Marriottsville, Md., | CK | 5 | 40 | 30 | 41 00 | | | 41 00 | 4 50 |
| A. Williman, Bethel, Del., | GC | 5 | 31 | 8 | 30 00 | 5 00 | | 35 00 | |
| R. Dennison, Odenton, Md., | GC | 3 | 30 | 15 | 43 25 | | | 43 25 | |
| J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md., | CK | 4 | 26 | 14 | 14 50 | | | 14 50 | |
| J. E. Jones, Hebron Md., | CK | 5 | 31 | 18 | 25 50 | | | 25 50 | 2 00 |
| C. Paden, Hollandsville, Del., | CK | 2 | 15 | 13 | 18 50 | | | 18 50 | |
| Totals, | | 63 | 498 | 311 | \$517 85 | \$41 00 | | \$558 85 | \$84 10 |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 31, 1908

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|-------------------------------|----|----|-----|----|----------|---------|--|----------|--------|
| C. Dunham, Indiana, | GC | 3 | 23 | 18 | \$49 00 | | | \$49 00 | |
| J. Glunt, Edinboro, | BR | 5 | 46 | 26 | 33 00 | \$ 6 00 | | 39 00 | \$ 50 |
| J. Purine, Cannonsburg, | DR | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 75 | 1 00 | | 3 75 | |
| A. Ness, New Castle, | SP | 8 | 37 | 1 | 1 25 | 11 25 | | 12 50 | |
| A. Brownlee, Ellwood, | | 5 | 46 | 12 | 27 25 | 9 35 | | 36 60 | 2 35 |
| C. Zimmerman, Morrisons Cove, | DR | 4 | 29 | 7 | 16 50 | 19 25 | | 35 75 | |
| H. Rorar, | DR | 4 | 29 | 4 | 9 00 | 8 05 | | 17 05 | |
| Totals, | | 30 | 212 | 69 | \$138 75 | \$54 90 | | \$193 65 | \$2 85 |

Ohio, Week Ending July 31, 1908

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|------------------------------|----|----|-----|----|---------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| E. Horst, Wayne Co., | GC | 4 | 12 | 1 | \$ 2 75 | \$2 50 | \$ 5 25 | \$20 40 | |
| C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co., | DR | 2 | 22 | | | | | 76 00 | |
| H. Weeks, Ross Co., | CK | 2 | 10 | 8 | 8 00 | | | 8 00 | 6 00 |
| E. Sharp, Scioto Co., | BF | 3 | 16½ | 40 | 40 00 | | | 40 00 | |
| R. Corder, Columbiana Co., | BF | 5 | 39 | 21 | 21 75 | 4 55 | | 26 30 | |
| Totals, | | 16 | 99½ | 70 | \$72 50 | \$7 05 | | \$79 55 | \$102 40 |

*Week ending July 24, 1908.

†Two weeks.

Virginia, Week Ending July 31, 1908

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|------------------------------|----|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| C. Grey, Parksley, | CK | 32 | 21 | \$25 75 | | \$25 75 | |
| W. Genther, Parksley, | CK | | 49 | 58 50 | \$ 4 75 | 63 25 | |
| L. Wilding, | CK | 27 | 13 | 13 50 | | 13 50 | |
| W. Butler, Chase City, | CK | 17 | 20 | 20 50 | | 20 50 | |
| N. Carpenter, Richmond, | CK | 2 | 3 | 3 00 | | 3 00 | \$ 3 00 |
| C. Stebbins, Lexington, | CK | 36 | 18 | 22 50 | 6 00 | 28 50 | |
| C. Haskell, Lexington, | CK | 36 | 27 | 37 00 | | 37 00 | |
| J. Woodly, Lexington, | CK | 24 | 16 | 20 00 | | 20 00 | |
| R. Green, Edge Hill, | CK | 34 | 28 | 26 50 | | 26 50 | |
| J. Hayes & Bro., Alexandria, | DR | 71 | 9 | 29 50 | 18 15 | 47 65 | 11 10 |
| E. Wilson, Portsmouth, | DR | 24 | 9 | 27 75 | | 27 75 | |
| T. Moore, Staunton, | | | | | | | 77 50 |
| K. Oertley, Radford, | SP | 3 | 1 | 1 25 | 1 05 | 2 30 | |
| Totals, | | 306 | 224 | \$285 75 | \$29 95 | \$317 70 | \$91 60 |

West Virginia, Week Ending July 31, 1908

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|----------------------------|----|----|-----|----|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| J. Jennings, Berkeley Co., | DR | 5 | 37 | 7 | \$11 75 | \$18 50 | \$30 25 | |
| A. Halstead, Boone Co., | DR | 3 | 16 | 3 | 7 00 | 6 60 | 13 60 | \$1 40 |
| H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co., | CK | 4 | 45 | 37 | 38 00 | | 38 00 | |
| F. Gardner, Barbour Co., | CK | 5 | 29 | 3 | 3 00 | 7 75 | 10 75 | 9 75 |
| A. Bush, Ritchie, | | | | | | 17 70 | 17 70 | |
| E. Metcalf, Wood Co., | | | | | | 12 00 | 12 00 | |
| Totals, | | 17 | 127 | 50 | \$59 75 | \$62 55 | \$122 30 | \$11 15 |

Brother Scholl is deeply interested in getting our books before the people, and we believe we will have some German canvassers soon, for Brother Scholl is after them.

Work for the Colored People

Pittsburg No. 2 is alive and well—we must say in good health. If you could but visit Brother Green's room you would think that you were in the Tract Society office, or that Brother Green was the Field Agent and that he could get no further than Pittsburg. We had the pleasure of looking at nearly one hundred and fifty dollars' worth of books in his room, there to sell, and the pile was going down too. This is what was left of a fresh order since camp-meeting, and they have ordered 3,000 copies of the *Signs Magazine* to put out. Brother Green says this is only the beginning.

We also had the pleasure of meeting with the church on the Sabbath and had an appreciative audience. An intelligent young man of fine appearance, just late of the West Indies, and who understands the Spanish language, was present. The writer spoke on Revelation 13, evidence of its fulfillment. This was the first Seventh-day Adventist sermon he ever heard and he was able to understand it more fully, from the help that had recently been given by Sister Patton, our colored Bible worker. The young man was on the point of joining the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, but being persuaded to come to our church on the Sabbath, said after the sermon, "This is the truth." On shaking hands at parting he said, "I hope when you see me again, I will be an earnest

worker in the Message." We hope he will begin by selling books. Brother Green, with the Lord, is taking him in hand, and as everybody around Brother Green has to sell something, or buy it to give away, we feel that he will do something in this line.

May God bless these brethren. Let us all pray earnestly that this summer's work will not only make some Seventh-day Adventists but some Seventh-day Adventist canvassers. Brethren and sisters, pray for this work.

I. G. BIGELOW.

ACADEMY DEDICATION AND LOCAL MEETING

A LOCAL meeting of five days, beginning September 8 and closing September 13, will be held at New Market, Shenandoah Valley, Va. During these meetings our new school building, the Shenandoah Valley Academy, will be dedicated. We hope as many of our people as can possibly do so will attend this meeting. Tents will be pitched on the grounds, prices of tents ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Cots will be rented at \$.25 each. Meals will be furnished in the school building for those who desire board. Every one will be made as comfortable as possible.

We expect Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Columbia Union Conference, to be with us, and also Prof. Frederick Griggs, chairman Educational Department. And as the school term begins September 15 we expect quite a number of the students will attend the meeting. Those wishing to attend will please write at once to

Dr. A. M. Neff, New Market, Va., ordering tents, cots, etc.

H. W. HERRELL,
President Virginia Conference.

MISSION NOTES

OF his recent visit to Burma, Elder J. L. Shaw, in a recent letter, says, "I had an interesting trip to Burma, and found the work going forward in that field in a very encouraging way. The Message is really getting root there, and some time I hope that a conference may be organized in Burma. I visited Rangoon, Moulmein, and Meiktila. In all these places a short series of meetings was held, and in all eight souls were baptised. The workers in Burma are an earnest little band. Our prayer is that God may double the number of Sabbath keepers there this year. This is rather a large request, but it shows the faith of the workers in that part of the vineyard."

Let all join with them in prayer that this addition may be made in the land of Judson.

OBITUARY

NEFF.—Died very suddenly, near Keezletown, Va., Aug. 2, 1908, Lewis William Neff, aged 68 years, 6 months and 20 days. Brother Neff had not been very well for some time, but on the day of his death was quite well and cheerful. He lay down on the lounge in the parlor to sleep, and was found dead a couple of hours later. There was no indication of the least struggle. He was a member of the Quicksburg church for twenty-eight years. He leaves a wife, three children, and many friends to mourn their loss. Funeral was conducted by the writer from his home. Text, Rev. 22:1.

R. D. HOTTEL.

HUNSTER.—Edward R. Hunster was born in the State of Georgia, March 27, 1815, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Baily, at Springfield, O., July 31, 1908, aged 93 years, 4 months and 3 days. Brother Hunster witnessed the falling of the stars in 1833, and the great excitement among the people. Many thought the end of all things had surely come. He was connected with the Adventist movement of 1844, and never lost the zeal of that inspiration. As advance light came from the Holy Word, he gladly accepted God's Sabbath with all its connected truths. He was highly respected by all who knew him. His last illness was brief, being confined to his bed but a few days, and with little pain. Brother Hunster was a constant attendant at church every Sabbath, when able to go, even to the day of his death. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rom. 5: 23 to an attentive audience. Peace be to his sleeping dust.

J. G. WOOD.

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Entered as Second Class Matter March 25, 1908,
at the Postoffice at Mt. Vernon, O., under the
Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

PROFESSOR CRAGER and wife are now
located at the College.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Le-
Fevre, July 20, a twelve pound girl.

MRS. CHARLIE CLYMER and children,
of Holly, Mich., are visiting friends in
Academia.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. ROBISHAW are
taking a two weeks' vacation with
friends at the old home in Huron
County.

ELDER FRANCIS FAIRCHILD, while
assisting in repairing the Springfield
church, had the misfortune to fall from
a scaffold and break his arm.

ON account of the camp-meeting
there will be no VISITOR next week.
All mail intended for the VISITOR, the
Ohio Conference, or Ohio Tract Soci-
ety should be addressed to Mansfield,
O., care of Seventh-day Adventist
Camp Ground, until August 21.

We greatly regret the inexcusable
and numerous mistakes which have
appeared in the VISITOR for the past
four weeks. Previous to this time the
Editor read over the copy only to
eliminate anything which, in her
judgment, should not be published, as
the correcting of copy and proof-read-
ing were considered a part of the educa-
tion of future printers and publishers.
This order of things was changed,
however, without her knowledge, and
the manuscript was given to the com-
positors with orders to follow "copy,"
regardless of the charity that covers
mistakes. Moral, all contributors to
the VISITOR prepare their articles as
carefully as possible, and we will en-
deavor to "catch" the rest.

NEW JERSEY

ON account of our camp-meeting,
please note that from August 16 to
September 2 all communications in-
tended for the Conference, Tract So-
ciety or myself should be addressed to
Seventh-day Adventist Camp Ground,
Woodbury, N. J.

D. K. ROYER, Sec. and Treas.

COLUMBIA UNION CAMP- MEETINGS

Ohio, Mansfield, O., Aug. 13-23.
New Jersey camp-meeting at Wood-
bury, N. J., Aug. 20-30.
Virginia, New Market, Va., Sept. 8-13.
West Virginia, Charleston, W. Va.,
Aug. 27-Sept. 6.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

JULY, 1908

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Akron..... | \$108 06 |
| Alliance..... | 35 39 |
| Ashland..... | ..... |
| Barnesville..... | ..... |
| Beaver..... | 8 72 |
| Bellefontaine..... | ..... |
| Bellville..... | 27 45 |
| Bowling Green..... | 150 00 |
| Brokaw..... | ..... |
| Broughton..... | 3 00 |
| Camden..... | 53 99 |
| Canton..... | 10 52 |
| Chagrin Falls..... | 21 69 |
| Charloe..... | ..... |
| Chillicothe..... | 25 80 |
| Cincinnati..... | 168 88 |
| Clarksfield..... | ..... |
| Cleveland..... | 185 51 |
| Cleveland German..... | ..... |
| Clyde..... | 56 41 |
| Columbiana..... | 35 14 |
| Columbus..... | 181 54 |
| Conant..... | 25 00 |
| Conneaut..... | ..... |
| Corsica..... | 65 95 |
| Coshocton..... | ..... |
| Cygnets..... | 11 48 |
| Dayton..... | 39 54 |
| Defiance..... | ..... |
| Delaware..... | ..... |
| Delta..... | 30 60 |
| Derwent..... | 8 11 |
| Dowling..... | 4 00 |
| Dunkirk..... | ..... |
| East Liverpool..... | 11 46 |
| Elgin..... | 26 94 |
| Fairfield..... | 4 00 |
| Farmer..... | ..... |
| Findlay..... | 9 25 |
| Fostoria..... | ..... |
| Geneva..... | ..... |
| Gilboa..... | ..... |
| Greenspring..... | ..... |
| Hamilton..... | ..... |
| Hamler..... | 68 71 |
| Haskins..... | ..... |
| Harpersfield..... | ..... |
| Hicksville..... | 67 34 |
| Home Department..... | ..... |
| Jackson..... | ..... |
| Jefferson..... | 5 43 |
| Kenton..... | ..... |
| Kirtland..... | 7 00 |
| Killbuck..... | 42 66 |
| Lake View..... | ..... |
| Lagrange..... | 215 84 |
| Laura..... | 47 29 |
| Leesburg..... | 23 50 |
| Lewistown..... | 10 70 |
| Liberty Center..... | 22 27 |
| Lima..... | 14 45 |
| Locust Point..... | ..... |
| Mansfield..... | 18 06 |
| Marion..... | 45 98 |
| Marshfield..... | 4 45 |
| Marysville..... | 6 50 |
| Massillon..... | 34 00 |
| Medina..... | 7 85 |

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| Meigs..... | |
| Mendon..... | 4 18 |
| Middlefield..... | 10 79 |
| Mount Vernon..... | 155 31 |
| Morrow..... | |
| Nashville..... | 15 09 |
| Newark..... | ..... |
| New Antioch..... | ..... |
| New Philadelphia..... | 21 41 |
| Ohio City..... | ..... |
| Orrville..... | ..... |
| North Fairfield..... | ..... |
| Norwalk..... | 15 25 |
| Olivet..... | ..... |
| Pemberville..... | 15 52 |
| Piqua..... | ..... |
| Pleasant Hill..... | ..... |
| Pilgrimage..... | ..... |
| Powell..... | ..... |
| Ravenna..... | ..... |
| Reedsville..... | 3 09 |
| Rio Grand..... | 5 00 |
| Rows..... | 11 26 |
| Sandusky..... | ..... |
| Sherwood..... | 41 00 |
| Shreve..... | 3 15 |
| Sidney..... | ..... |
| Six Points..... | ..... |
| Spencer..... | 8 25 |
| Spencerville..... | ..... |
| Springfield..... | 138 87 |
| St. Clairsville..... | ..... |
| Steuben..... | ..... |
| Swanton..... | ..... |
| Tiffin..... | ..... |
| Toledo..... | 1 35 |
| Trinway-Dresden..... | ..... |
| Troy..... | ..... |
| Troy (Ashland County)..... | 9 00 |
| Unionport..... | 4 45 |
| Van Wert..... | 2 50 |
| Wadsworth..... | 1 14 |
| Walnut Grove..... | 69 15 |
| Washington C. H..... | ..... |
| Waseon..... | ..... |
| Waterford..... | 55 50 |
| Wellsville..... | ..... |
| West Mansfield..... | ..... |
| Wheelersburg..... | 133 43 |
| Wilmington..... | ..... |
| Youngstown..... | 18 21 |
| Zanesville..... | 22 30 |
| Individuals..... | 246 13 |

Total.....\$2,962 29

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

JULY, 1908

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Tithe..... | \$2,962 29 |
| Tract Society..... | 418 99 |
| First Day Offering..... | 134 88 |
| Sabbath-school Donations..... | 310 25 |
| Missionary Volunteers..... | 55 |
| Southern Field..... | 5 63 |
| Religious Liberty..... | 21 41 |
| Orphans and aged..... | 6 59 |
| \$150,000 Fund..... | 34 65 |
| Mid-Summer Offering..... | 403 77 |
| India..... | 5 00 |
| Tamil Mission..... | 5 00 |
| China..... | 5 00 |
| Life Boat..... | 50 |

Total.....\$4,313 32

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

"LEARN to do well; seek judgment,
relieve the oppressed, judge the fa-
therless, plead for the widow."