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THE WALK TO EMMAUS

Come, dear Cleopas, let us go to Emmaus:
This day has been so very sad;
Perhaps the walk will cheer the awful gloom.
O that we could find something bright and
glad!
What think you of the story, he is risen?
Could it be?
We know he did such wondrous things,—
O, would it not be joy his face to see?

Then one who had drawn near asked why
this sadness:
"Art thou a stranger here?" Cleopas said,
"And knowest not what things have come to
pass?"

One dear to us in whom we hoped and
trusted

Has been crucified. And now they say
Has risen from the tomb."

The stranger said, "O slow of heart
To know the world!"

He told them not of dark Gethsemane;
The scene at Pilate's hall he mentioned not;
The smiting of his brow, the mocking and
the shame:

Nor did he tell them of the cruel thorns,
Nor how he passed that crucible of woe—
The death on Calvary.

He did not say, "Rejoice with me:
I have redeemed the world: and now
These scenes are in the past,
And death is vanquished,
And I am going home to my own glory."
But ah! their hearts burned as he told
Of what the prophets said,—
How Christ must die and rise again.

The evidence of things which they had seen
Now burst upon their vision as he walked
And preached to them the word,
The written word, on that first day
This side the empty tomb.

And so, my brothers, you may tell,
Yes, even more than he:
Tell what the prophets said,
And all the story of the wondrous cross,
And how by love and suffering
We were redeemed.

MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.
Academia, O.

"GOD is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble."

A SOLEMN FAST

WHEN the Feast of the Tabernacles was past, one day only having intervened, the children of Israel kept a solemn fast. This was held not merely at the command of the rulers, but by the desire of the people. As they had from day to day listened to the words of the law, they had been deeply convicted of their own transgressions, and also of the sins of their nation in past generations. They saw that it was because of their departure from God that his protecting care had been withdrawn from them, and they had been scattered in foreign lands. And they now determined to seek God's mercy, and to pledge themselves to walk hereafter in his commandments.

Before entering upon the services of the day, they carefully separated themselves from the heathen who intermingled with them. This being done, "they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one-fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshiped the Lord their God."

The people prostrated themselves before the Lord, humbly confessing their sins, and pleading for mercy and pardon, each for himself individually, and for the entire congregation. Then their leaders encouraged them to believe that God, according to his promise, had heard their prayers. They showed them that they were not only to mourn and weep and repent of their transgressions, but to trust that God had pardoned them, and to evince their faith by recounting his mercies and praising him for his goodness. Said these teachers, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God forever and ever."

Then from the gathered throng, as they stood with hands outstretched toward heaven, arose the song of praise and adoration: "Blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all thy host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all, and the host of heaven worshipeth thee."

In this portion of sacred history is a precious lesson of faith for all who are convicted of sin, and weighed down with a sense of their unworthiness. When they compare their characters with God's great standard of right, they see themselves condemned as transgressors. There is no power in law to free them from their guilt. But as they confess their sins, they can find pardon through Christ. From him flows the cleansing stream that can wash away the stains of sin. When the sinner has come to Christ with contribution of soul, confessing his transgressions, it is then his duty to appropriate to himself the Saviour's promise of pardon to the repentent and believing. He who seeks to find goodness and cause for rejoicing in himself, will always be in despair; but he who looks to Jesus, the author and finisher of his faith, can say with confidence, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

Following the song of praise, the leaders of the congregation presented the history of Israel, showing God's great benefits and their ingratitude. Tracing the record from the days of Abraham, they called attention to God's design to preserve his name upon the earth by preserving for himself a people pure amid the general corruption; they recounted the mighty manifestations of his power in their deliverance from bondage in Egypt, and showed also how backsliding and apostasy had caused the blessing of the Lord to be withdrawn from Israel.

Then the whole congregation entered into a covenant to keep all the commandments of God; and that the transaction might be as effectual as possible, this covenant was written out, and those who were thoroughly in earnest in the work of reformation, affixed their names and seals. They wished to preserve for future reference a memorial of the obligation they had just taken upon themselves, as a reminder of duty and a barrier against temptation. Thus it was that the people took a solemn oath to "walk in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our God, and his judgments and his statutes." The oath

taken also included a promise not to intermarry with "the people of the land." This had often been done by the people; and sometimes the rulers, as Solomon and Ahab, had formed such unions; and these marriages, by introducing idolatry, had resulted in the ruin of thousands.

The Lord had strictly forbidden the intermarrying of his people with other nations. This would prevent the Hebrews from marrying idolaters, and thus forming connections with heathen families. But the heathen were less guilty than are the impenitent in this age, who, having the light of the gospel, persistently refuse to accept it.

Before the day of fasting ended, the people still further manifested their determination to return unto the Lord. With one accord, all pledged themselves to cease the desecration of the Sabbath. Nehemiah did not at this time, as at a later date, exercise his authority to prevent heathen traders from coming into Jerusalem on the Sabbath, for the sale of provisions and other articles; but to save the people from yielding to temptation, he engaged them, by a solemn covenant, not to transgress the Sabbath law by purchasing of these venders, hoping that this would discourage them, and put an end to this traffic.

Provision was also made to support the public worship of God. A pledge was given by the congregation to contribute yearly a stated sum for the service of the sanctuary, as well as to bring the tithes and the "firstfruits . . . to the house of our God." . . .

It would be a scene well-pleasing to God and angels, would his professed followers in this generation unite, as did Israel of old, in a solemn covenant to "observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our God, and his judgments and his statutes."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE SOUTHERN WORK

OUR brethren and sisters will soon be expected to contribute their offering to our Annual fund, which is to be used for the advancement of the work for the colored people.

We have a great work on our hands in the South, and only a short time in which to do it. Nearly nine millions of colored people are to be warned of the soon coming Saviour, and we are instructed that the work in the South is to be closed first. There are many influences noticeable, which indicate that if our work is not quickly done, it must be carried forward under great

difficulties. God is holding in check many evil agencies, and is asking us to improve the golden opportunity which is graciously extended to us. Race prejudice is growing. Many difficulties are arising, and statesmen are vainly striving to solve the great Southern problem; but one thing is needful to relieve the situation with those who will accept it and that is the Third Angel's Message. Shall we give it to this people just now?

Oakwood Manual Training school must have immediate assistance that it may do a successful and speedy work in training ministers, teachers, Bible workers, and other laborers for the field. A small sanitarium should be erected to meet the demands of the school. A fund must be provided for the payment of teachers who are devoting their whole time and interests to the school. We hope our brethren and sisters everywhere will see the present great need of this work, and make their gifts very liberal.

We close with a quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy: "Now, just now, is our time to proclaim the Third Angel's Message to the millions living in the Southern states, who know not that the Saviour's coming is near at hand."

I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to do your best. . . . By willing liberality let us prepare the way for the laborers in the South to do a work of mercy for this people. I urge you in the name of the Lord to do something, and to do it now. I pray that God may open your hearts, and help you to do justice to the needs of the work of the colored people."

W. M. BLAKE.

THE JAMAICA SCHOOL

THE relief work for the Jamaica school is onward. Several societies have boxes ready for shipment and others are still working. The boxes together with a list of their contents and money for ocean freight should be sent to the *Review and Herald*, 32 Union Square East, New York. The minimum freight rate to Kingston is three dollars for forty or fifty cubic feet.

On receipt of names and addresses of leaders of the societies interested in this work, we shall be glad to send them a letter recently received from Brother Hughes giving information as to what is most needed. MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

NEW JERSEY CAMP-MEETING

THIS meeting was held August 20-30 in the beautiful city of Woodbury. The location was excellent, being in a quiet spot, though only three blocks from the center of the city. There was a splendid interest and attendance on the part of the citizens of Woodbury. A number were present at nearly every service, even getting out to the early morning meetings. The protecting hand of God was apparent from the day we began to pitch the camp, and the miraculous way our large pavilion was kept standing during a severe storm gave us additional reason for gratitude to a kind providence.

This was the first camp-meeting that the New Jersey Conference had ever held, except the joint meeting with the Greater New York Conference, held at Elizabeth last year. The attendance of our people and the spirit shown at this meeting was very gratifying to us all. Over fifty living tents as well as many rooms were required to accommodate those in attendance.

Several laborers from abroad were present during a portion of the meeting, most of them, however, only remaining a few days. Very efficient help was given by Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and Elder L. F. Starr, president of the Chesapeake Conference. Elder I. H. Evans made us a short visit over the first Sabbath and Sunday which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by our people. Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Columbia Union, was with us during the greater part of the meeting and his efficient labors contributed largely toward its success. His early morning studies on the Spirit of Prophecy were very helpful. Elder Morris Lukens and Brother I. D. Richardson labored with Brother French, our state agent, in the interests of the book work. One of the most inspiring meetings held on the grounds was the one on Monday afternoon when twenty of New Jersey's faithful canvassers occupied the rostrum and told some of their experiences in the field. Several of these will soon return to school, but we hope to see their places filled with other valiants who will keep the work advancing.

Educational interests were well represented by Prof. S. M. Butler, of Mount Vernon College, and Prof. H. R. Salisbury, of the Foreign Mission Seminary. A number of our young people will attend these schools during the coming year. Prof. M. E.

Kern was present a greater portion of the meeting and rendered valuable aid to Elder Smith in the work for the young people.

Our temperance rally was held the first Sunday of the camp-meeting and was very successful. As the pastors of the city were all either sick or out of town, we secured the services of Mrs. Sparks of the W. C. T. U. who gave an excellent address. Elder Morris Lukens and Elder D. E. Lindsey also gave stirring addresses on the evils of intemperance and our duty is opposing the saloon. The attendance from the city at the rally was good and an excellent impression was made which we believe was very helpful to the success of the camp-meeting in reaching the citizens of Woodbury. The advantage of having the rally early in the meeting was evident. A large number attended the closing service and listened with marked interest to a powerful sermon by Elder Andross on the change of the Sabbath. I am glad that we are learning how to present the testing truths of the Message in a winning way, and that the fighting, debating spirit is a thing of the past.

It was evident to all who attended the meeting that God has been showering blessings upon the New Jersey Conference. Our brethren are poor, nearly all being wage-earners, and very few owning their own homes; yet their loyalty to the Message is shown by the increase of tithe in a time of financial distress. The Sabbath-school offering the last Sabbath was \$46.31. The missionary sermons by Eld. W. G. Kneeland, president of the Jamaica Conference and Eld. J. H. Evans, of the General Conference, were greatly appreciated. After Elder Evans had presented the plan of campaign with the *Review and Herald* during Thanksgiving week, it was unanimously voted that the New Jersey Conference would take and use ten thousand copies of the special mission *Review*. This is about twenty copies per capita for our enrolled membership. Still it does not seem like a large number to circulate among the two and a quarter million people living in the state. Eld. K. C. Russell spent part of a day with us on his way to another meeting and gave a stirring talk on the religious liberty work.

Dr. W. H. Smith, the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium gave valuable assistance in the health and temperance work. His public talks and medical advice were greatly appreciated, and it was voted in har-

mony with special instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy that we earnestly engage in the work of selling "Ministry of Healing" for the benefit of the medical missionary work. All were gratified to know that the sanitarium management stands loyal to the Third Angel's Message and our denominational work. Dr. Smith is himself a capable surgeon, and he has succeeded in securing the services of some of the very best surgeons that Philadelphia can furnish, who are in sympathy with our work and stand ready to operate with him at any time. Of course the great object of the sanitarium work in teaching the people how to avoid disease and point them to the Great Physician will not be overlooked.

The Sabbath revival services conducted by Elders O. O. Bernstein and E. E. Andross were seasons of great refreshing. More than a score made a start for the first time and many backsliders were reclaimed. Seven received baptism during the meeting and others will be baptized in their home churches. Let us pray that the blessing of the camp-meeting will give a new impetus to the work of God in this state.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

NEW JERSEY CAMP NOTES

THE many friends of Elders D. E. Lindsey, of Meherren, Va., and C. B. Haynes, of Wilmington, Del., former laborers in the New Jersey Conference, were glad to meet them at the camp and renew acquaintance. We were also glad to greet a number of friends from New York and Pennsylvania, and trust that the association together was mutually beneficial.

AN appeal was made for money and pledges to replenish the tent fund of the New Jersey Conference, and enable us to get needed equipment. In response to this call, the sum of \$531.64 was subscribed in a few minutes. This sum, if paid promptly, will enable us to pay the deficit in our Tent Fund, and get some tents and equipage which are very necessary for the carrying on of the work in this conference.

THE New 40x60 Gospel tent purchased by the Paterson church and donated to the Conference was pitched for the first time on the grounds, and is a very fine addition to our list of tents. We wish to thus publicly thank the Paterson church for the generous assistance which enables us to place another company in the field.

We are now operating tent companies in the following localities: Woodbury, Elder G. W. Spies, Bro. E. E. Pennington and wife, and Sisters A. W. Welsh, Anna Cooper and Anna Cately; Vailsburg, Elder W. H. Smith, Brother C. E. Tickner and wife, Miss Bessie Smith, organist; Union Hill, Elder J. G. Hanhardt, Brother John Koenig; Hoboken, Brethren P. E. Brodersen, and Louis Halswick; Little Falls, Brethren J. H. Carroll, and D. P. Boersina. We earnestly ask the prayers of God's people for the success of these efforts. We have greatly increased our force of workers since last year and must depend on our brethren to support the work not only by prayers, but by tithes and offerings.

SEVERAL hundred copies of the Temperance number of the *Watchman* were circulated in Woodbury in connection with the Temperance Rally.

THE following letter will speak for itself:—

WOODBURY AUG. 24, 1908

Elder B. F. Kneeland,

Dear Sir: The W. C. T. U. would like to express its appreciation of the courtesy you extended to it on Sunday last. We are always glad when an opportunity is offered to present the temperance cause to the people, and pleased to learn of the attitude of your organization toward it, also for the generous contribution which will aid us in our work.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) MRS. ANNA K. WALTON, Cor. Sec. W. C. T. U.

It will do the world good to know our attitude toward all true reform.

The canvassers who attended the Camp-meeting all report splendid success in their September deliveries.

B. F. KNEELAND.

NOTES FROM THE COLLEGE

ANOTHER school year has commenced at the College, and the students have already settled down to their studies. Wednesday morning, September 9, the school opened with a short chapel service, and the large number of bright young people present assured the success of the school year. Ninety-five enrolled the first day. A number have come since, making the enrolment to date 105, not counting the children of the church school department. Quite a number more have written that they will come soon. This is an excellent showing for the College as it begins its first year as the Columbia Union Conference training school.

The interest the students are manifesting in the religious meetings at the College indicates that the great majority are earnest Christians. With only a very few exceptions, the entire school was in attendance at the Friday night meeting, and more than ninety were present at the first Sabbath-school.

Every room in the College is fully occupied, and several students have had to take rooms in private homes in the village. It is thought that the College will be able to rent enough rooms from residents to accommodate all students who are yet to come.

The College paper, *The Columbian*, makes its initial bow to the public this week. It is a bright, newsy little journal of sixteen pages, and is meeting with a hearty welcome from old students and patrons of the College.

The College building is being wired throughout for electric lights. The building will be bright with electricity before many nights.

When you pray, don't forget the teachers and the large army of young people at the College.

The teachers and students, together with a large number of the people of the village, enjoyed a reception at the College Saturday night. A pleasant social hour was spent, and the following program was given:—

Double Quartette,	Union Anthem
Prayer,	Eld. O. F. Butcher
Piano Solo,	Miss DeSpelder
Welcome to New Teachers,	Prof. D. D. Rees
Response,	Elder Butcher
Welcome to New Students,	Warren Barr
Response,	H. S. Holdom
Male Quartette,	Sweet Galilee
Closing Remarks,	President Butler
	D. D. REES.

"EVERY increase in responsibility is a call to a place correspondingly nearer in the confidence of the Master. The Sabbath-school teacher may be assured that what God has called him to be he is able to make him to be."

It sometimes occurs that a church is burdened with an individual who delights in occupying the time of the social services in "scoring" the church and "parading" his own self-righteousness. Such testimonies are like "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

OUR WORKERS

Youngstown, O.

DEAR READERS: It was decided that we return to Youngstown and hold another series of tent-meetings, and continue the interest developed here in the forepart of the summer. Some doubted whether it would be profitable to hold tent-meetings in a city of this size, but we firmly believe it is if we find the right way, and then preach the peculiar Third Angel's Message which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people before Jesus comes. We believe the Lord wants us to come back to the old paths and preach the old-fashioned Third Angel's Message.

We came to Youngstown on Thursday, August 27, and the next morning found a beautiful location which was given us free of charge. In the afternoon we had our tent outfit hauled on the ground, pitched one of the tents, and stored the goods in it. On Monday we pitched the large tent and other small ones, and by Wednesday evening everything was in readiness for the first service. Invitation cards were given to three hundred homes in the neighborhood of the tent.

Over one hundred people attended our first meeting, and the average attendance since has been 150 or more. The tent is well filled with intelligent men and women who are interested in the subjects presented. On the third evening we presented Daniel 2, and have been preaching from the prophecies ever since, and the interest is increasing. We give the Lord all the praise.

We want to keep humble and do the work of the Master in just the way the Spirit directs, so we may see a good harvest of souls as the result of the work during these meetings. Remember us in your prayers.

F. E. GIBSON.

JOHN W. SHULTZ.

Sonora, O.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Lord has richly blessed my work. Although the territory is very hilly, and the houses are few, yet the blessing of God has been with me. Brother Corder and I are tenting together in an open field where Brethren Moffett and Henderson are holding tent meetings.

The interest is very encouraging, and the people are very kind. We expect to see several converts. Hoping that God may guide all the workers who are spreading his message, I remain, your brother in Christ,

L. H. WATERS.

Sonora, O.

DEAR VISITOR: At this writing, Thursday night, September 10, we have just closed our first week of tent meetings in the village of Sonora, seven miles east of Zanesville. From the first night the interest has been good, the night attendance during the week running up to one hundred and twenty-five with every indication of greatly increasing. Our own hearts are deeply stirred as we see people coming in for miles around and eagerly drinking in the truths of this last Message of mercy to the world.

Our faith in the speedy triumph of the Message was never stronger. We pray continually for the success of our workers in all parts of the great harvest field, and trust this little corner of the Masters's vineyard may be remembered at the throne of grace, especially by our acquaintances.

FRED H. HENDERSON,
WALTER C. MOFFETT.

Burlington, N. J.

Dear Brethren: I am glad of the privilege of writing a few lines to the VISITOR, and telling of some of my experiences in the Lord's work.

It is now ten weeks since I first began to canvass. As I had no companion with me, and this was my first experience, I felt rather lonely at times; but as I would seek the Lord early in the morning, for strength for the day's work, I knew that the "friend that sticketh closer than a brother" was with me.

My first course was along the Delaware river, beginning on the outskirts of Burlington, N. J. which was the county allotted to me. This is a very pretty place, many large houses lining the river banks; their smooth lawns stretching in a gentle slope to the water's edge. Many of these mansions are owned by rich Philadelphians, who come down for the summer, as Philadelphia is only twelve or fifteen miles away.

I found it difficult to enter the homes of these people; who seemed to think that they were "rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." I began to realize how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, and felt a sorrow for them.

I must state one good experience, however, with these rich people. As I began to approach one large house, I noticed two finely-dressed ladies sitting on the porch. For a moment I thought of turning back, but the voice of the Lord told me to press forward; for the Gospel is to go to the rich as

well as the poor. When I reached the porch, I did not approach them in the usual way; but I believe that the Lord gave me words to use. The lady of the house kindly asked me to be seated, and I showed them the book, and took the order. They then took me into the kitchen and gave me a good dinner, and some money for car fare when I left.

One day I went to a large house, and a young woman, probably not out of her teens, came to the door. When I began to talk of the word of God, her father, who was within, shouted out to me that they were Catholics, and did not want any such thing. He said that the Bible tells lies, and cannot be believed. I tried to get a few words to the young woman, telling her of the soon-coming Saviour. I could see that this was something new to her. She told me that she had been in a convent, and that when she wished to know anything, she asked the priest. I was not permitted to stay there any longer, but my heart was filled with sadness when I thought of the way the truth had been kept from them.

At one place I met a man who told me that I was wasting my time by selling a book telling of the Lord's second coming. He said that no one believed it. I told him that is the reason we are trying to get the books into their homes. He advised me to get into some better line of work.

The next morning's experience however, made me forget the one of the previous evening. As soon as I mentioned "Daniel and Revelation" she said "That is the book I have been longing to get for a long while, I would love to get it." I could see, as she turned over the pages of the prospectus, that she very much desired to have the book; but as her husband had not been working for several months she could not order it. I intend to get a book to her, or at least some reading matter before I leave here.

One day, after Brother Armor had joined me, we set out to work Mount Holly, a town eight miles from Burlington. As we had no car-fare we walked there. We put in a good day, but could not find anywhere to stay unless we had money to pay for it, and so we determined to walk home again. We had not long been walking when a young man in an automobile came along, he was going through Burlington, and told us to get into the car, which we very readily did, thanking the Lord for his never failing love.

Although my experiences have been

numerous and varied, I thank the Lord for them all, and for the privilege of taking the truth to the people. The joy of finding one soul who really desires to know the truth far outweighs the experiences which we would call unpleasant.

I am of good courage in the Lord, as I am sure all my brethern are. My desire is, that when I take up the work again next vacation, I may be able to give still better service, with the Lord's help than this year.

Wishing you all much of the Lord's blessing, Your brother in the last Message.

FRANK H. LOASBY.

HE ISN'T DEAD YET

Who? Satan. We, Brethren Charles Zimmerman and Rorar with the writer, visited Morrison's Cove for a good experience in the canvassing work, and we got it. I said Morrison's Cove, but we are sure that it is wrongly named, for the Adversary is strongly enraged there. As noted above, we got the experience, but fell short of orders, the three of us working there about fourteen hours and only taking orders to the amount of ten dollars, starting out on the third day, early in the morning, we found that the people were using the telephones against us and knowing that we could do no further good in that locality on this visit, we walked out a few miles to one of the little towns in the Cove and found in a short time that we had touched the town at the wrong time, for we were surely not met with a brass band and neither did the town turn out enmassed to receive us, we left as quietly as we entered, and as our time was about up for this appointment we made an appointment with these brethren for another date, and the writer went on to Johnstown. We had the assurance however from Brother Zimmerman that the orders would be delivered, one, a "Daniel and Revelation," is to go to one of the ministers in the Cove and who knows how much good this one book will do to reach the honest of heart in that stony ground. The brethren also resnnrected two "Daniel and Revelation" that had been lying on the shelves in two of the homes there and being advised by the brethren, promised to read and study them; so we felt that although only a few orders were taken, yet a good work was done.

At Johnstown we found Bro. John Zimmerman ready for the field, and although it was Friday and we had only a few hours to work, we spent

three hours in house-to-house work and the Lord blessed us with three orders for "Great Controversy" and we felt repaid for getting out even if it was Friday afternoon.

We had a good meeting with the Johnstown church, and one other brother here has promised to take up the work on my return in the near future.

We met Brother Lawrence there also and found that the Lord had blessed him with two good deliveries; out of nearly two hundred dollars worth of books he only reported the loss of one order. I suppose this success is due to the hard times.

A good report is just in from Brother Dunham of Indiana; \$133 in he past two weeks.

We haven't heard from Brethren Jack, Chas. Zimmerman, and Rorar this week but trust to see their names on the list again soon.

WONDER where Brother Nollinger is? We are missing his good reports that used to quite materially swell the West Pa., weekly summary. It would do us good to see his name on the list again.

THE five days, forty hours and forty dollars per week average is the point to which we are working, and we hope to see all after this record which means success. We would like to hear from others.

I. G. BIGELOW. *Field Agent.*
99 Rockland Ave.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: It is with pleasure that we note the progress being made by the many laborers who are carrying the Message for these days to the homes of the people. Above all else, I believe the missionary spirit our canvassers exhibit is the most pleasing to our heavenly Father. We take the following extract from the letter of one who is in the field: "The report for the week is not much from a financial standpoint, but I hope that at least one soul may accept the truth as the result of the effort." This seems to be the trend of all the letters of those who are actively engaged in the work. It is not so much what we receive as what we may be able, by the grace of God, to give to others of the blessings that God has given us.

We are truly grateful for the way God has blessed those who have so faithfully labored in Virginia the past few months. The many pages of truth sold and delivered during this year encourages us to believe that

much more can be accomplished along this line. We are admonished that the work will first close up in the South. It is true that we are living in the closing scenes of this world's history, for all things that the Scripture foretold are rapidly fulfilling. Brother, how much does it mean to us that it "will first close up in the South"? Virginia is not so far south as some of the other states, yet there is no state that is less connected with the southern situation than is Virginia. In another testimony relating to the Health Reform work, the closing sentence says "In the year 1908 we are to do all in our power to advance the work of God in every line."

We have been blessed by God in the past few months of the year because we had a mind to work. We still have four months of the year in which we can show by our works, our faith that this Message is to go to the world in this generation. There is nothing that encourages one to continue in the work like success, and this we have seen the Lord is willing to give to the faithful worker. He can use you to-day in his vineyard; tomorrow may be too late. We have seen that the old, the middle aged, the young, and the children can be used in the work of carrying the Message. To all God has given a work.

Besides the noble work done by the book canvassers, there have been a number who have been selling papers. Two sisters on their way to Norfolk sold 700 copies of *The Bible Training School* here in Richmond. Sister Wilson also sold a large number of the *Signs and Watchman*. In Newport News Sister Scheuerman has been engaged in the same work. Several sisters in Roanoke have done the same. Thus you see that while all cannot leave their homes, many may engage in work for the Master by scattering the printed page.

Do not get discouraged because times are hard from a worldly standpoint; this is the Lord's work, and there are no times with him. His work will go on until the last willing soul is found. As we look back over the past nine months in which the panic has been in the land, we see how God over-rules in the affairs of men. During this time our canvassers have been taking more orders than in prosperous times.

Time is short and the work is great. Who are willing to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

W. H. ZEIDLER.

THE Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 4, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. Gerhart, Bucks Co.,		DR	4	36	18	\$48 00		\$48 00	
" " " " " "		DR	4	33	14	29 75		29 75	
R. Kimble, Chester,		DR	4	32	16	34 00		34 00	
" " " " " "		DR	3	22	6	18 50		18 50	
N. Bigart, Chester,		DR	4	31	11	26 00		26 00	
A. Pulis, Dauphin,		DR	5	23	9	21 50	\$ 50	22 00	\$ 8 00
H. Gauker, Berks Co.,		DR	5	32	6	14 00	70	14 70	70
M. Campbell, Lebanon,		DR	3	12	1	1 50	1 50	3 00	
R. Spangenberg, Lackawanna,		DR	4	22	5	13 75	1 00	14 75	9 25
M. Edwards, Tioga Co.,		GC	2	8					24 00
H. Minier, Luzerne,		GC	5	35	2	7 50	2 65	10 15	24 40
L. Randall, Susquehanna,		HM	5	50	17	29 75	9 45	39 20	
M. Hackett, Luzerne,		HM	4	33	7	12 25	50	12 75	17 50
G. Hackett, Luzerne,		HM	4	33	2	3 50	50	4 00	12 50
E. Swingle, York,		COL	3	15	3	3 75	4 50	8 25	19 25
B. Donachy, Dauphin,		CK	3	18	10	10 50		10 50	
S. Diehl, Union,		BS	3	24	11	5 50	50	6 00	50
Totals,			65	459	138	\$279 75	\$21 80	\$301 55	\$116 10

New Jersey, Week Ending Sept. 4, 1908

V. Mann,† Millstone,	DR	2	20	12	\$33 00	\$1 50	\$34 50	
" " " " " "	DR	3	26	7	19 25	1 50	20 75	
D. Percy, Cape May C. H.,	DR	4	36	2	5 50		5 50	\$385 00
G. Taylor, " " " " " "	DR	3	18					119 00
S. Oberg, Salem,	DR	4	27	12	33 00	75	33 75	141 25
H. Province, Salem,	DR	4	40					125 00
F. Loasby, Burlington,	DR	3	23					113 75
C. Armor, " "	DR	3	18					24 75
J. Rambo, Cumberland,	DR	5	29	3	7 00	1 00	8 00	43 25
D. Boersma, Camden,	DR	1	10					8 00
R. Funk, Union,	GC	4	31					34 00
A. Hugg, Paterson,	GC	1	8					13 00
P. Valenta, Nutley,	GC	4	26	2	5 50	50	6 00	
Florence Welsh, Westfield,	BR	5	31	3	10 25		10 25	
B. H. Welsh, Westfield,	BR	4	17	3	8 25	70	8 95	
Totals,		50	360	44	\$121 75	\$5 95	\$127 70	\$1107 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending Sept. 4, 1908

W. Wright,† Harford Co., Md.,	DR	4						\$186 30
D. Johns, Gaithers, Md.,	CK	2	14	2	\$ 3 00		\$ 8 50	
" " " " " "		5	46	2	3 00		3 00	139 00
S. Lush, Sussex Co., Del.,	GC	5	9	12	36 00	\$12 25	48 25	
J. Siler, Rocky Ridge, Md.,	CK	4	36	30	41 00		41 00	
J. Jones, Wetquin, Md.,	GC	5	42	34	46 75		46 75	
C. Jones, Howard Co., Md.,	CK	5	38	38	52 50	3 85	56 35	
I. Porter, *Montgomery Co. Md.,	DR	10	67	9	24 75		24 75	57 00
M. Buell, Mountville, Md.,	GC	4	36	32	8 25	25 00	32 25	13 50
J. Mitchell, Carroll Co. Md.,	CK	3	22	3	4 00		4 00	
E. Mitchell, Bird Hill, Md.,	CK	5	35	13	15 50	25	15 75	1 50
Totals,		52	374	175	\$234 75	\$46 85	\$281 60	\$397 30

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept 4, 1908

C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	2	5½	2	\$ 6 50		\$ 6 50	\$40 75
I. Lawrence, Johnston,	GC	2	16	4	13 00	\$ 75	13 75	
A. Brownlee, Harmony,	DR	2	16			1 95	1 95	49 51
J. Glunt, Edinboro,	BR	5	50	2	2 00	4 50	6 50	89 25
Totals,		11	87½	8	\$21 50	\$7 20	\$28 70	\$179 51

West Virginia, Week Ending August 21, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	35	5	\$10 00	\$5 50	\$15 50	\$25 25
H. Waggoner, *Morgan Co.,	CK	10	82	28	28 00	8 50	36 50	34 50
G. Golden, Berkeley Co.		3	8			4 75	4 75	1 50
Totals,		18	125	33	\$38 00	\$18 75	\$56 75	\$61 25

*Two Weeks.

†Week ending August 21.

‡Week ending August 28.

NOT SO BAD

WE just received a report from Brother John Zimmerman of that notable city, Johnstown, and it brings Johnstown to the front again. Brother Zimmerman canvassed a number of years back with a fair degree of success but has been working at his trade for a few years. Feeling that the Lord was calling him again to the canvassing field, he determined to try it again, and on ending the week of September 5, found that the Lord had given the following results for honest time put in: in five days, fifty two hours he took thirty orders for "Great Controversy," value ninety-six dollars. The above shows what God will do for those who will enter his service. Many who are hesitating now can have this blessing.

BROTHER LAWRENCE is from Johnstown, and has been sending in some good reports, having some fine deliveries.

BRO. J. S. GLUNT who has been working up in Erie County, has just made a very successful delivery of nearly one hundred dollars and his report does not show one order lost.

Brother Glunt writes that even "if he were rich in this world's goods that he would like to do some canvassing, as there are so many blessings gained. He further adds, "I think that the canvasser has more blessings than any other worker in the vineyard." This is not only the right spirit, but true. Don't you, too, want some of these blessings? You can have them. You know how.

WE may miss Brother Brownlee's report for a week or two as he has sickness at home. Nevertheless you will notice that he, too, has just had another successful delivery of about ninety dollars worth of books. He reports the loss of only two books, and one of these because the party was not at home. Let us pray for Brother Brownlee, that the Lord may be the physician in his home that he may soon be in the field again.

BRO. CHARLES DUNHAM has also had another good delivery and his report is clear of any loss of orders. This is encouraging. It is pleasing to see large reports, and still more gratifying to see good deliveries, and this is the blessing that the Lord is giving to all our workers this summer.

BROTHER HALL, of Bradford, is in training for the work, and we hope to see his name on the list in another week.

Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 4, 1908

C. Grey, Parksley,	OK	40	44	\$60 50		\$60 50	
W. Genther, Parksley,	OK	35	39	42 50		42 50	
J. Woody, Staunton,	OK	37	11	12 50	\$2 80	15 30	
E. Wilson, Portsmouth,	DR	28	3	8 25		8 25	
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	38	12	15 00	3 75	18 75	
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		11			5 70	2 80	8 50
Totals,		189	110	\$138 75	\$11 75	\$150 50	\$8 50

Brother Jack, of Indiana, also sends in his first report this week. You will note it in the canvassers' reports. This is a good beginning and we welcome Brother Jack among us.

AT this writing we are corresponding with others who will soon appear on the West Pa. list.

BROTHER WILLIAM HAWKS thinks that he would rather canvass for "Great Controversy," so is laying aside "Heralds of the Morning" to take up this good book that ought to be in every home.

You will find Brethren Brownlee and Glunt still on the list, and there is still room for more.

SOME of you, no doubt, have been thinking of writing. Do not delay any longer but let the writer hear from you immediately. I am at Bradford, Pa., 99 Rockland Ave.

I. G. BIGELOW.

WORK WITH THE TEMPERANCE WATCHMAN

"Send 1,000 Temperance Number of the *Watchman*." —Telegram from Elder Luther Warren.

"Will you kindly send me five hundred Temperance *Watchman* as soon as possible? I have sold one lot of five hundred. The Lord gave me many precious experiences." —Ethel Hunt.

The above are samples of numerous communications received by the publishers of the *Watchman*. This excellent journal is being used to a good advantage in all parts of the country.

One worker says, "I sold papers this week as follows: Monday 149, Tuesday 196, Wednesday 164, Thursday 211." People frequently give this worker extra pay to help along the good work in which he is engaged. He says of the Temperance *Watchman*, "It takes well and is just what we need. I am selling six hundred or more each week, and may continue with this paper for six months. In that event, I will want twenty thousand copies." He has already had five thousand papers, and has been working with the Temperance *Watchman* only a few weeks.

This special issue is entirely devoted to the temperance question, is attractively printed in colors, and is filled with the very choicest articles along temperance lines. It will help the temperance cause, and aid in placing the Third Angel's Message in a proper light before people wherever it is systematically distributed.

While miscellaneous orders have come from all parts of the country, nearly thirty leading Conferences in the United States have already ordered large quantities for distribution, and other Conferences are planning for similar orders. Who will take hold of this work with earnest purpose for the salvation of souls?

1 to 4 copies, to one address, each 05
5 to 24 copies, to one address, each 03½
25 to 99 copies, to one address, each 03
100 to 500 copies, to one address, each 02½

A neat *Watchman* badge will be sent free, if requested, to any person who orders fifty or more copies.

Orders should be forwarded at once, and may be sent through the usual channel, or direct to *The Watchman*, Nashville, Tenn.

"TRUE education consists of a development that all the powers of being are called into active and proportionate exercise. The highest civilization is attainable only under such conditions. Among savage peoples the physical being cultivated to the neglect of the mental and moral nature. The tendency among civilized notions is to give disproportionate attention to the mental training, neglecting the moral and physical. Neither of these systems can produce the idle man. The Christain system aims to develop the whole man,—body, mind, and heart,—and fit him to perform the most perfect work."

"The heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

"He who will not reason is a bigot; he who cannot is a fool; he who dares not is a slave."

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor

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 D. D. Rees and family
have a new eleven pound boy.

John Hubbard is recovering nicely
from the wound received while hand-
ling a loaded revolver.

Professor and Mrs. Clemen Hamer
have gone to Washington, D. C., and
are pleasantly located in the Seminary
dormitory.

Mrs. H. O. LeFevre and little daugh-
ter arrived in Academia last Friday,
and are located in Brother Chas. E.
Welch's house.

Brother Clarence Miller's property,
consisting of five acres of land, a
splendid barn and good house is for
sale. Address him at Mount Vernon,
O., R. F. D. 1.

Bother J. I. Cassell and family are
spending a few weeks in Academia
while Sister Cassell is taking treat-
ment at the College Springs Sani-
tarium.

THE articles on the book of Nehe-
miah which will appear in the VISITOR
from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White,
were delayed in reaching us. How-
ever we hope that a careful study will
be given them from week to week.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sterling ar-
rived safely at Avera, Raitea, Society
Islands, in the South Pacific Ocean.
They are very favorably impressed
with their new field, and have
promised the VISITOR a letter at an
early date.

ELDER JAMES E. SHULTZ, formerly
of the Ohio Conference, who has been
compelled, for reasons already stated
in the *Review*, to return from the far
East, has accepted an invitation to
labor in the city of Washington, act-
ing also as pastor of the M Street
church. Brother Shultz and family
have already arrived, and he has en-
tered upon his work. His address is
1528 Ninth Street, N. W. Washington,
D. C.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS AUGUST, 1908

Alba.....	\$	....
Allentown .....		....
Ariel	40.31	
Bloomsburg .....		....
Carbondale	7.35	
Cherry Flats .....		....
Fleetwood	31.00	
German Company	47.50	
Harrisburg	79.87	
Hawley-Honesdale	15.71	
Jersey Shore	21.43	
Kulp .....		....
Lancaster	10.20	
Lebanon	40.91	
Lorenton	31.00	
Norristown .....		....
North Philadelphia	314.99	
Northumberland .....		....
Orwell	47.07	
Reading	39.17	
Roaring Branch .....		....
Scranton	198.55	
Shunk .....		....
Stroudsburg .....		....
Wade	8.00	
Williamsport	79.34	
West Philadelphia	91.97	
Wilkes Barre	59.65	
Individuals	50.04	

Total.....\$1,124.06

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe ..	1,124.06
Tract Society	411.54
Midsummer Offering	17.55
Sabbath-school Donation	136.86
First Day Offering	28.18
Donations	194.16
Poor Fund .....	.25
Tent Fund	25.00
Foreign Missions	27.40
Missionary Volunteer Fund.....	.90

Total.....\$1,966.34

A. L. BAYLEY, *Treas.*

NOTICE TO CANVASSERS

Important Change of Price to Take Effect
September 15, 1908

"COMING KING"

In harmony with the styles adopted
by our publishing houses and on ac-
count of the increased cost of pro-
duction, "Coming King" will be ad-
vanced in price Sept. 15, 1908. We
will furnish three styles of bindings:—

Plain, \$1. Will be bound in a
light gray cloth and stamped in blue;
marbled, \$1.50. Will be bound in
blue cloth, stamped in two colors,
similar to the present plain book, and
will have marbled edges; gilt, \$2.
Will be attractively bound in a combi-
nation of two styles of cloth with full
gilt edges. Prospectus showing the
new styles will be ready September
1st.

"HERALDS OF THE MORNING"

The price of the cloth style of "Her-
alds of the Morning" will be raised to
\$2. This will not cause any serious

trouble, for many of the agents have
been selling it at this price for some
time past. This is, in fact, the price
which has appeared in the prospectus.
The leather style will remain at \$4.

GOD presents us with many mercies
we never besought him for, that our
praises may exceed our prayers.
—John Trapp.

OBITUARY

FLETCHER—Died, Aug. 25, 1908,
Ralph Webster Fletcher, infant child of
Sophia and Guy Fletcher of Wakeman, O.
Thus another little one is laid away to rest
until Jesus, the Life Giver shall come. At
the grave Brother Thomas Rusk offered
prayer and read the fifteenth chapter of First
Corinthians. * * *

VANCE— Homer Vance, son of Levi
and Nettie Vance, was born June 15, 1895,
and died July 22 1908, aged 13 years, 1
month, and 7 days. Homer was one of the
charter members of the Charloe church, and
when the writer baptised him less than a year
ago he little thought that he would be the first
to be laid to rest until the Life-giver comes.
He leaves a father, mother, and four sisters to
mourn their loss, but they have hope of meet-
ing him again on the resurrection morning.
His experience as a Christian was bright, and
not only his family will miss him but the
church and community as well. Words of
comfort were spoken by the writer from Job
14: 14 W. E. BIDWELL.

PORTER.—Wm. Niel Porter was born
Aug. 1, 1905, and died Sept. 6, 1908, aged
3 years, 1 month, and 6 days. He was the
son of W. F. and Mary Porter, near Duke
Center, Pa. The service was held at the
home which was crowded with relatives and
freinds who had rejoiced with these who now
were bereaved and were now "mourning
with those that mourned." The large gath-
ering was evidence of the love and respect in
which the parents were held by their neigh-
bors and friends in that community. While
the vacant chair will cause some pangs of sor-
row, yet God has blessed this sister and her
husband with othet dutiful children. Three lov-
ing daughters and a bright boy, who remain
to comfort their parents. The little one whose
departure is mourned, was a patient sufferer
during the three weeks affliction that finally
resulted in its death, and was the embodi-
ment of the verse he loved to repeat: "Jesus
loves me" and then add "I love him too."
Although from such young lips, it is a good
proverb for all of us that remain. Words of
sympathy and exhortation were spoken by the
writer. I. G. BIGELOW.