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RESURRECTION

The days, now short and shorter grow,
And cooler blows the ev'ning breeze:
Bright summer smiles a kind farewell;
And soon must rest the busy bees.
The mornings soon, will white appear.
The soft green leaves, be brown and dry.
The birds, their roofless homes desert,
And bleak become the mild blue sky.

'Tis golden summer's ev'ning tide,
And shades of night are drawing near;
But parting year its blessing leaves
In treasured stores, for winter drear.
But winter too must pass away,
And sun, and leaves, and birds appear;
And flow'rs, and fruits, and grains be wrought
By busy root, another year.

Will spring bring forth? and winter blight?
While on the ceaseless ages go?
Was death the end God's wisdom planned?
The highest gift love could bestow?
Eternal, our Creator's name.
And everlasting all his good.
'Twas life he gave, and never death,
His love unchanged has always stood.

When blooms the desert like a rose,
And wolf, and lamb, together feed;
Sweet summer, then, will come to stay,
And winter pass away indeed.
Immortal, man; immortal, beast;
Immortal, bird and flow'r and tree;
No brown dry leaves, no more decay;
No death in all Christ's realm shall be.

J. E. WALKER.

Liberty Center, Ohio.

WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

This question comes repeatedly to my mind as I think of the possibilities soon to be afforded all loyal Seventh-day Adventists in the proposed line of work for Nov. 22-28, 1908.

The plan briefly outlined is this: A special issue of the *Review and Herald* is to be printed giving an interesting account of our work in all parts of the world. This special is to be handsomely illustrated and furnished free to all our people if ordered through the State Tract Society. The members of our churches will then take this paper in quantities ranging perhaps from six to ten copies each, and present them free to neighbors and friends soliciting from them an offering in return to assist in the further

prosecution of our foreign mission work among all nations.

When this plan was presented at the camp-meeting it met with the hearty approval of those assembled, and we sincerely hope that when the hour comes to strike, nothing will have been overlooked or left undone necessary to insure for this effort a most blessed success. That this may be the realization of our hopes, it will be well to remember that great achievements are not usually obtained without corresponding preparations. The success of an army depends more on its organization and discipline than on its numbers. The plan of battle may be perfect; the officers thoroughly qualified; but unless the private soldiers are loyal, and promptly and cheerfully respond to the call of duty, defeat will surely follow. So it is with the plan we are soon to put to the test. The plan itself may be splendid; the officers from the president of the General Conference down to the local church elder may be competent and enthusiastic over this matter; but unless there is a spirit of co-operation on the part of the laity; unless every member of the church will stand at his post of duty and faithfully perform the part assigned him, the cause of God will fail to realize the benefits that otherwise might have been gained by this effort.

While it is true the enemy will seek in every way to defeat us in this undertaking, if the people of God present a united front they will have no need of fear as to the outcome. In Vol. 8, page 11 of the "Testimonies," we find these words of encouragement: "The church of Christ is God's agency for the proclamation of truth; she is empowered by him to do a special work: and if she is loyal to God, obedient to his commandments, there will dwell within her the excellence of divine power. If she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. If she will be true to her allegiance the forces of the enemy will be no more able to overpower her than is the chaff to resist the whirlwind."

Very much indeed will devolve upon the local church elder in talking up this plan and in making all necessary preparations so that when the ap-

pointed time comes, the whole church may be ready for united action.

One of the first things to be decided is the number of papers each local church or company will need and then place this order at once with the Ohio Tract Society. The division of territory may also be found expedient, and comparing of notes by the individual members necessary, in order to avoid confusion in effort.

Let us begin now to pray, plan and work that the coming season of Harvest Ingathering may prove a great blessing to the cause of God both spiritually and financially.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE THANKSGIVING INGATHERING FOR MISSIONS

Never before in the history of this people were there so many opportunities to proclaim the Third Angel's Message as there are in this year, 1908.

Our publications have gone to the world for many years, and have, no doubt, been the means of carrying the Message to a great number of its adherents, especially to isolated believers. Now in the providence of God a new and exalted opportunity is to be given us during Thanksgiving week—a large illustrated missions edition of the *Review* is to be published and supplied in quantities without cost to all our people for missionary work. This missionary work will be such in the truest and broadest sense of that term—both home and foreign.

As the paper is given to an individual, its character shown and the purpose of its circulation explained, a request for a Thanksgiving Offering is to be made. In most cases the individual thus solicited, who is given an intelligent understanding of our foreign missionary work, will not decline to give a dollar or more to the cause.

If all our people take hold of this heaven-born project to aid our foreign missions, what can we not see accomplished? Surely each one of our faithful missionaries in foreign lands will not only receive their small monthly wage when it is due, but many recruits will be hasting to the needy fields with assurance of support.

What may we expect as a reaction upon the home mission work and the workers thus engaged? Surely an unprecedented revival in all our local churches and in every individual member's life. This scheme affords opportunities to give the Message for the first time to inquiring truth-seekers without exciting prejudice. Would to God that we appreciate this time of favorable visitation and use and improve it!

Is it asking too much that every member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference to a man do his utmost to raise the standard for missions, and aim to make this the banner conference in the Union? W. H. HECKMAN.

THE THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

FROM the inception of the idea of a week of ingathering from those not of our faith for foreign missions, I have said this kind of work and how to work it is surely of the Lord. Since the very first, it is evident the Lord has led our leaders out in a path we have not trodden before. The start being made by men who never thought of its reaching such gigantic proportions. Then followed the getting out a great missionary number of the *Review* which meant much to us to send this number all over the world at regular postage paper rates, but the Lord sent us the Gentiles in the form of the Post-office Department which allowed the entire issue of the Thanksgiving Ingathering *Review* to be mailed at the regular pound rates. This surely is the Lord's work.

We read in Isa. 62:62, "say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh, behold his reward is with him, and his work before him." In this move, we see salvation from the Lord coming, and in this ingathering the Lord is going before us by his spirit to soften the hearts of the people and make them ready to receive his children with open arms, and to share their means with us to carry the closing Message to every corner of the earth.

Our ministers, workers, church elders, Sabbath-school officers, and all will want a part in this noble work which has come to us. As for myself, I can hardly wait for the time to come to enter this special line of work for a few days. I expect to lay down every other line of work and take our good missionary number of the *Review* and visit many homes and people in the interest of means to carry the truth to the world, and

I expect to make a success of the work.

Now brethren of the West Virginia Conference, how many of you will join in this good work in helping to show how this people have entered every country, and how we hope to reach the world in this generation? If all will enter this work wholeheartedly, we will see thousands of dollars come into our foreign mission treasury and this will be a great blessing to our work.

We have missed thousands of dollars by not having asked for them. The Lord has promised that the riches of the Gentiles shall flow unto us. Now shall we not tap the vein and see God's promises fulfilled?

J. M. REES.

AN ADDED OPPORTUNITY

JUST sixty years ago, November 18, while bowed before God asking his blessing upon our pioneer paper, the *Review*, Sister White saw in vision this paper as a steam of light, encircling the world. As a foundation to all of our literature, this paper, the beginning of which was bathed in tears, and blessed through prayer, has borne a message of truth through all these intervening years. Sixty years ago it was sent out free to all who would receive it, and in response, money flowed in to more than defray all expenses.

How fitting then, upon the sixtieth anniversary, to again in faith send out this pillar of truth free upon a mission of light and love to all who will receive it. Through the Thanksgiving number of the *Review* an opportunity will be offered for a most blessed experience to all who, in faith and prayer, avail themselves of it. As a consecrated offering to foreign missions, this effort will place in the home of friends, neighbors, and the public at large, several hundred thousands of this truth-filled paper, and bring into the depleted treasury of the Foreign Mission Board a large sum of money with which to carry forward the many missionary enterprises now under way in the world's most needy fields. Surprising results are awaiting all those who, in faith, follow the plan outlined by the General Conference Committee for this great Missionary Campaign. It means far more than many are able to comprehend.

It has been demonstrated that nineteen out of twenty among all classes respond to our invitations when soliciting for missions. Men and wo-

men everywhere are waiting and are ready to help us for the asking, at this time. How consistent, then, upon this Thanksgiving anniversary, to let the dear, old *Review* fulfil the words of the angel to Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house, and his hand shall finish it." Under God the *Review* has been an important factor in establishing and maintaining the gospel of the Third Angel's Message. It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that it should bear an important part in this closing work. Those who take part in this Thanksgiving missionary effort will reap some of the blessings and the power of God in their lives that has attended the *Review* since its dedication by tears and prayer sixty years ago. They will also bring a knowledge of the Message, and through this, salvation to some who may never be saved in the Kingdom without the work they may do at this time. Let all plan to have an active part in it.

JASPER WAYNE.

GOD'S LOVE TO MAN

Broader than the mighty ocean, deeper than the fathomless sea, is God's love to lost humanity. Christ is the divine expression of God's love to the children of men. God loved the world, and as a result of his wonderful, matchless love, Christ was the sequel.

It would have been utterly impossible for fallen man to gain any true conception whatever of the love of God, if there was no tangible, visible manifestation of that love in our lost world. But there was such a manifestation. Hence, when Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, it was man's undenied privilege to lift his mortal voice in sweet accord with that of celestial beings and cry, Behold the love of God!

In his ministry here on earth, it was ever the anxious desire of the man of Galilee that sinful man might know and feel that great love which God has toward him,—that love which is beyond all human comprehension,—that passeth all understanding.

Whether it was in the healing of the leper, or giving sight to the blind, or restoring a withered hand, or casting out a demon, or feeding the hungry with bread, or raising the dead of the bereaved,—all these were simply infallible indications of the love of God to the lost sons of Adam. All these were proofs by which man might be convinced that Jehovah

still loved him, and that his mercies toward him were still extant.

Lazarus of Bethany is dead. Jesus having perfect knowledge of the incident, informs his humble disciples. The disciples leave the place of their abode and enter Bethany with their Master. Jesus is shown the place where Lazarus lay. About the sepulcher stand some Jews who feigned that they had come to mourn for the deceased. The Jews see Jesus stand before the sepulcher and weep. Their unbelieving hardened hearts are touched as they see the Son of God weeping, and in the ears of the bystanders they utter these words of truth, "Behold how He loved him!"

While it is a fact that it was because of the hypocritical actions of these Jews that Jesus wept and not so much for Lazarus, yet the fact remains unchangeable—Jesus loved Lazarus.

Paul of Tarsus, the great apostle to the gentiles, in his epistle to the Romans, says, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8. The Saviour says, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13. But Jesus laid down his life, not only for his friends, but also for his enemies; for all sinners are enemies to God. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. John 3:8. We are friends of Jesus when we keep his commandments. We are his enemies when we disobey his precepts.

John, the beloved disciple, in contemplating on the love of God, in his general epistle to the church exclaims, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

Wonderful indeed is the love of God toward poor sinful fallen man! Christ, the express image of the Father, by whom and for whom all things were created, empties himself of all his glory; forsakes his companionship with the Father, and the adoration of holy angels, takes upon himself the form of Adam, and dies an ignominious death, that we, who like sheep have gone astray from our Creator, might be brought back to him, and become the sons of God. "For as many as received [believed on] him [Jesus], to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

PUBLIC DRINKING-CUPS

In a recent issue of the *Mansfield (Ohio) Daily Shield*, their Washington, D. C. correspondent said, "The cup of death might well be applied to many of the cups and glasses used in public places in this city, according to an official of the health department. It is alleged that promiscuous use of drinking-cups by large numbers of persons, especially by children in schools and passengers in trains, where the cleansing is insufficient, is responsible for much communication of disease."

"The chief avenue by which bacteria enters the body is the mouth. And the drinking-cups, it is said, are the usual means by which disease-producing parasites are transferred from one person to another. Health officials say recent investigations show that the germs of diphtheria and la grippe frequently remain from one to three months in the mouths of patients after they have recovered from the disease."

In the October number of *Life and Health*, a prominent health journal of the same city, appeared the following wise suggestion:—

"Teach your child to shun the public drinking-cup. Men and women having filthy mouths, and suffering from the most loathesome of contagious diseases have access to these cups. A leper is now quarantined in the city of Washington. His disease was discovered by accident. How many public drinking-cups, think you this unfortunate man drank from before his disease was discovered? Recent examinations of public drinking-cups by means of the microscope show that they are literally lined with dead skin from the mouths of those who have used the cups, and the cells composing this skin are swarming with germs, many of them more or less dangerous!"

Seventh-day Adventists have been greatly favored with special light on health reform. But with this light comes also additional responsibilities. God does not purpose doing for his own people what he has left for them to do for themselves. It is both unwise and unsafe to presume on God's mercy. Light is given that we may discern our dangers and avoid them.

Why then should we not agitate the use of private drinking-cups? The writer has carried one for the past twelve years and has found it to be both safe and convenient. Will you try it? H. H. BURKHOLDER.

A HAPPY REVIEW

It may be interesting to some of the VISITOR readers to know what God hath wrought during the past eighteen months in the sale of the printed page in the Chesapeake Conference. During this time, forty-four different persons have reported more or less sales of books. There have been \$11,366.35 worth of orders taken and \$6,880.48 worth of books delivered.

During nine months of last year, it was my privilege to have charge of the work in Washington D. C. also, when \$1,884.92 worth of orders were taken and \$916.07 worth of books delivered; making a total of orders of \$13,251.27 and deliveries of \$7,796.55. The delivery figures would have been many hundreds of dollars more if all reports had been forwarded.

The largest report for one week was forwarded by Brother Johns—\$98.25

The highest percentage of delivery was reached by Brother Wright who has delivered 99½ per cent of all his orders.

Brother Wirth has taken the largest amount in a given time. In fourteen weeks, he secured \$723.53 worth of orders and delivered \$538.20 worth.

Brother J. E. Jones has worked the longest and has taken the most orders—\$1,647.55 worth and delivered the most books \$1,187.15.

We can all thank God and take courage. Let us press on to still greater victories in the future.

G. H. CLARK.

CANVASSERS' WAGES

Dear VISITOR: I take pleasure in writing a few lines that they may convey to the minds of the people some of the good things deducted from the reports of our canvassers. Four canvassers reported that in 255 days they worked 1707 hours, taking orders to the value of \$1926.80, an average of \$7.52 a day, or about \$1.12 an hour. In the same time they delivered \$1121.65, an average of \$4.39 a day, or about 65 cents an hour. This is better wages than many are commanding at their trades in the best shops. Taking it from a commercial standpoint, these workers have received better pay than those get who work in factories. However this was not the incentive that brought these men into the field. They came because they loved God to the extent that they wished to become better fitted for his service and for the saving of souls.

While these brethren have had good

success they do not claim that they have any special talent that has given them these orders. They each feel that it is what God has wrought, and to him be all the praise. Others can, through the indwelling of the love of God, be used to carry this message just now. The winter months are coming when many will have some idle hours on their hands. Will you not go and call their attention to the message for this time, and invite them to read? In this way you may be used of God to get these people interested in the truth.

We have about ninety counties in Virginia that are yet to be canvassed. Come, and let him that heareth say, "By the help of the Lord I will." The winter months, we hope, will be as fruitful as were the summer months, and by united effort they can be made more so.

Those who hear will get all the information they desire by writing to
W. H. ZEIDLER.

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

THE PETITION WORK

THE right of petition is guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the same amendment which guarantees religious freedom to all so far as national legislation is concerned.

The object of our petition work is three-fold,—to preserve as long as possible the blessings of liberty; to prevent the passage of measures that would restrict religious liberty; and above all to enlighten the people upon the great issues involved in religious legislation, particularly in Sunday legislation.

The blessings in the petition work are likewise three-fold,—a blessing to those who are interviewed and asked to sign the petitions, a blessing to those to whom the petitions are sent; and a blessing to those circulating them.

The petition work affords an excellent opportunity to converse with the people in regard to the truth for this time.

Petitions and memorials played an important part in the great struggle for religious freedom in this country fought out in old Virginia in Revolutionary times. Instance the many earnest and able petitions and memorials of the Baptists and Presbyterians, and Madison's masterly memorial and remonstrance.

Petitions and protests against religious legislation had much to do in defeating the Blair and Breckinridge

Sunday-rest Bills in 1888, 1889, and 1890.

Accompanied by earnest efforts, appropriate letters, and the free distribution of literature, petitions may yet be the means of accomplishing much good in the closing work of God in the earth.

W. A. COLCORD.

Sec. Religious Liberty Bureau.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

The following clipping from *The Echo*, Tuesday, August 20, one of the India newspapers, will explain itself, and also indicates the spirit of the times in far-off India.

Mussoorie;

20th August 1908

Sunday Observance

Sir,—Last Sunday while on my way to the church, I was surprised to find a number of European inhabitants of Mussoorie engaged in playing tennis and badminton. Being a strict Sabbath observer myself, and not expecting to witness such a sight in a Christian station on Sunday, I was quite horrified. It was always suggested to me that Mussoorie, in spite of being called a *frivolous place*, had a deep regard for Sundays, but I am sorry to state to my great disappointment, I find it otherwise; our churches too of late have been scantily attended. I cannot very well account for this draw-back, which is certainly stopping people from meeting together to worship in the "House of God," but one thing I know, and am certain of, as being one of the chief reasons for this, is, that there has recently been introduced among us as a class of people, who instead of observing Sunday as the Sabbath, observe Saturday as the same and have also succeeded in persuading many from keeping the *true Sabbath*, which has resulted in their keeping no Sabbath at all. One is offended beyond measure at seeing so many of this community engaged in shopping on Sundays. In fact the first thing a Christian man sees when entering the Landour Bazaar on his way to the church, is one or two of these people absorbed in their shopping; the same sight may be witnessed when coming back from church: this is indeed a bad example to set the Hindus and Moslems. The doctrine of this community has worked its way successfully among many of the weak Indian Christians and Bengalis. This doctrine is also spreading very steadily among many of the Europeans here, and has done a great deal of harm. First, it tries to cancel the doctrine of the New Testament; second, it has

lured away many from among the "True Sabbath observers" into its teaching, so that they observe no Sabbath at all, and consequently worry those who try to stick to the true doctrine by keeping the Lord's Day; third, it is a great stumbling-block to the heathen world around us, who, seeing such things going on on Sundays, contrast their religion with ours and finally arrive at the conclusion that Heathenism is much better than Christianity, and so the untiring efforts of the missionaries in trying to reach them, to a great degree prove fruitless.

A SABBATH OBSERVER.

COUNT IT ALL JOY

When? When ye fall into divers temptations. How easy it is to praise the Lord when we have been through a trial and come out a grand conqueror. How often we hear the testimony, "Oh I have had such a temptation, and the devil pressed me so sore; but now I praise the Lord that I have the victory."

Anyone can be light-hearted when they have triumphed. But what saith the Word? Count it all joy when ye come out of temptation? No. But count it all joy when ye fall into temptation. Aye, faith that will bring joy when down with trials. We sink when the clouds are thickening and the storms are fierce. To believe that the everlasting arms are beneath, and that the hand of a loving Father is ever leading the child of love, will bring joy even when the darts are coming thickest. Trust him ever, and so gain courage for all times: even when we count it all joy—even when we fall into temptation. So we will live in the admonition of the Lord.

"Rejoice, and again I say rejoice."

ELD. C. B. RULE.

Cardwell, Va.

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell everybody it does. The light will be its own witness. Lighthouses don't ring bells and fire cannons to call attention to their shining—they just shine.

By the light of nature we see God as a God above us; by the light of the law we see him as a God against us; but by the light of the gospel we see him as "Immanuel, God with us," in our nature, and, what is more, in our interest.—*Matthew Henry*.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA W. C. T. U.

The following resolutions were adopted by the committee on resolutions of the State W. C. T. U. at Huntington, W. Va. This was probably the largest gathering of this order ever held in the State.

Whereas, Our beautiful mountain State is still under the baneful influence of the iniquitous liquor traffic, our press and in some cases our pulpits failing in their duty to the people in the advancement of good and the suppression of the evil, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it be the united sentiment of the W. C. T. U. convention in session to express its utter contempt for and its hearty denunciation of the lawless desecration of the Sabbath by baseball games:

Resolved, That this convention adopt a corresponding committee whose duty it will be to correspond with the ministry of the State urging them to redouble their efforts against the high-handed desecration of the Sabbath;

Resolved, That the law-abiding voters of the State urge upon their representatives and senator the necessity of a law for the preservation of the Sabbath;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the papers. MRS. L. E. SWANN, *Chairman*.

Committee { MRS. M. ANNA HALL,
MRS. J. F. HARROLD,
MISS E. BONNETT.

Charleston Mail, Oct. 7, 1908.

We call attention to the third resolution: "That the law-abiding voters of the state urge upon their representatives and senator the necessity of a law for the preservation of the Sabbath." Would it not be wise for liberty-loving brethren or sisters to seek opportunity to meet some member of the legislature, placing timely literature before them? Would it not be well for our brethren to correspond with their respective senator and representatives, carefully bringing before them the great issue now before the people of this State? It seems to the writer that silence at this time is perilous. The enemy is not idle, the forces of evil are confederating preparing for the last great conflict. The church, robbed of that divine power she once enjoyed through Christ, separated from her true husband, now leans upon that arm that cannot save, the civil power of the state.

The time has come for the church

of the living God to shine forth. We are ever to remember that God is in the midst of Zion. His down-trodden law is to be exalted. We are to witness the manifestation of the wrath of the dragon, as we point the world to God's law, especially as the great Sabbath truth is brought before the people. Many will yet accept the Message, and as Satan's ranks are broken, he will bring such influences to bear upon statesmen, as will cause them to yield to the demands of the apostate church. Liberty will yet be sold, even as our blessed Saviour, for silver and gold.

We are to know no fear in this auspicious hour but the fear of our God. We are to know that we are in the right, and there take our stand. As we boldly stand upon this platform, let us cast fear behind our backs.

For over sixty years we have been getting ready for this hour. We have been talking about it; we have been preaching about it; we have been writing about it. The year 1908 finds us in the grandest hour for the church in the dark history of the world.

Oh, that our eyes might behold the martaling of the hosts of evil. Satan is now uniting his forces preparatory to the great conflict. He has finally consummated a union between the professed Protestant bodies. He has been a successful mediator between fallen Protestantism and the Papacy. Here he has restored reconciliation, and now, he seeks to lay the hand of this iniquitous woman in the hand of the state. His plan will not be complete until this union is consummated, and then the beast will speak as the dragon. This very act is of itself the formation of the image to the beast. "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

We shall never have such liberty to work as we now enjoy. Stand no longer idle, but in the worthy name of Jesus let us take hold of this work.

Yours for the cross,

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

The vision of the divine presence ever takes the form which our circumstances most require.—*Alexander MacLaren*.

The trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character.—*"Mount of Blessing."*

OUR WORKERS

Cape May, N. J.

Dear VISITOR: Since I came to Cape May I believe the Lord has some people to be delivered from Babylon. Every one I canvassed last week seemed interested in the book "Daniel and the Revelation." I canvassed the wife of an elder of the Presbyterian church. She would have me call in the evening and see her husband. When I went back in the evening he was looking for me. It seemed his wife had made it clear to him that I had the very book he wanted, something that would explain Daniel and the Revelation. He looked at the book with a great deal of interest and gave me an order. Then we talked on the fulfilling of the prophecies relative to the coming of the Lord for about an hour. He invited me to their Christian Endeavor meeting Friday evening, and when I came to the meeting I learned he had been waiting on the church steps about fifteen minutes for me.

It was a monthly consecration meeting and each one responded to the roll call with a testimony, text of Scripture or prayers. It seemed very much like one of our Sabbath evening meetings, yet none of them knew they were holding meetings on Sabbath evening. There were about sixty earnest young people present. After meeting I was introduced to the other elders and a number of young men, and the book given a good commendation.

Pray for me that the Lord will give me wisdom to place the book in the homes of the people and press the battle to the front.

GEORGE G. TAYLOR.

Charleston, West Va.

Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6, it was a privilege of the writer to meet with the Charleston church in quarterly meeting. In many respects it was one of the best meetings we have attended for some time. There are times when the enemy will in some way endeavor to separate the brethren, sowing seeds of dissension in the hearts of those who may be, at some thoughtless moment, failing to keep their eyes centered upon Jesus. Notwithstanding the fact that such influences had been brought to bear upon this church it was a source of courage to know that all present felt the need, as never before, of standing shoulder to shoulder in the great battle of our

Lord. Satan often turns great victories for the church into shameful defeats by turning the weapons of warfare toward the brethren instead of the one common foe. If we are not united, marching as one man against the enemy, we are facing certain defeat. We may turn our defeat into victory; we may put the enemy to flight; we may possess the promised land,—so let us rally to the work before us.

At the close of the Sabbath two followed their Lord to baptism, uniting with the church. Others in the city are keeping the Sabbath and will unite with the church at the next quarterly meeting if not before. On account of the absence of the deacon, the church clerk and treasurer at this time, the business meeting will be held later.

May the Lord continue to bless this church, adding to its membership such as will be saved L. E. SUFFICOL.

Parkersburg, W. Va.

The church at this place held its quarterly meeting Sabbath afternoon October 3. Owing to the scattered membership; there was not a very large number present, but there was enough present to claim the promise as we engaged in the ordinances of feet washing and partook of the emblems of our Lord's death for sinful man. The Lord came near and we realized to some extent what our sins have cost. I hope that none of us will ever, by our sinful course, crucify the Son of God afresh: but that we may all live so close to the Lord that we will continually be fitting up characters that will reflect the image of Jesus, and the promise of Rev. 3:10 be verified in us.

Brethren and sisters, let us be faithful in whatever position the Lord has given us in which to labor for the advancement of this great cause.

MRS. M. L. MEREDITH.

Pleasant City, O.

Dear VISITOR: As I have not written you for some time I will now write a few lines.

Since my coming here I have had many good experiences. I have been selling and giving away quite a number of our papers during the time I had to spare to this work. I have sold and given away seventy-five of the Temperance number of the *Watchman*, forty of *Signs of the Times* and seventy-five of *Life and Health*, and have given thirty Bible readings. Much interest has been taken in the meetings.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. Oberg, N. Pittsgrove,		DR	5	45	11	\$36 00	\$ 75	\$36 75	\$107 50
G. Taylor,† Cape May		DR	1	8					17 50
" " " "		DR	5	32	20	49 75	2 25	52 00	2 25
Mrs. Smith, Vailsburg,		DR	3	13	6	16 50	1 00	17 50	
P. Province, Salem,		DR	2	10					30 25
H. Murphy, E. Windsor,		DR	1	5	1	1 50	4 90	6 40	
G. Blinn, Trenton,		GC	5	33	13	39 75		39 75	
W. Hirst, " "		GC	1	8					12 00
R. Funk, Irvington,		GC	2	21		3 75		3 75	8 25
B. H. Welsh, Elizabeth,		BR	5	31	3	8 25		8 25	16 10
F. Welsh, " "		BR	3	15		12 00	35	12 35	35
P. Valenia, Caldwell,		BR	3	21	3	10 25	25	10 50	3 25
Totals,			36	242	57	\$177 75	\$9 50	\$187 25	\$197 45

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 2 1908

E. Casselmeyer, Bucks Co.,	DR	5	35	12	\$26 25		\$26 25		
R. Spangenberg, Lackawanna,	DR	4	19	5	12 50	\$1 50	14 00	\$25 00	
" " " "	DR	5	14	5	12 50	2 50	15 00	12 50	
H. Gerhart, Bucks Co.,	DR	4	35	5	12 50		12 50		
M. Campbell, Lebanon	DR	3	11	1	1 50	1 00	2 50	1 50	
A. Pulis, Dauphin,	DR	5	19	3	4 50	40	4 90	7 50	
L. Randall, Susquehanna,	HM	3	17	8	16 00	4 90	20 90		
G. Hackett, Schuylkill,	HM	3	23	4	8 00	2 25	10 25	2 00	
M. Hackett, Luzerne,	HM	3	23	2	4 00	1 00	5 00	9 25	
W. Seigle, Lycoming,	CK	4	25	15	15 50	9 90	25 40	8 00	
" " " "	CK	5	40	15	15 50	7 20	22 70	11 65	
S. Diehl, Union,	BS	4	30					15 70	
Totals,		48	295	75	\$128 75	\$30 65	\$159 45	\$93 10	

Chesapeake, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

C. Jones, Howard Co. Md.,	OK	3	24					\$40 00	
J. Howard,*Prince George's Co.	OK	5	43	37	\$45 50		\$45 50	17 50	
E. Mitchell, Carroll Co., Md.,	DA	4	26	1	3 00	\$15 50	18 50	2 50	
R. Dennison, Odenton, Md.,	GC	1	8					60 50	
J. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,	CK	4	39	17	25 00		25 00	84 75	
D. Johns, Bowie, Md.,	DR	3	29	5	13 75	8 00	21 75		
Totals,		20	169	60	\$87 25	\$23 50	\$110 75	\$205 25	

Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

L. Overstreet, Riverton,	CK		20	13	\$15 50	\$4 40	\$19 90	\$ 2 40	
O. Overstreet, Riverton,	CK		22	10	11 50	1 75	13 25	35	
C. Stebbins, Staunton,	CK		13					27 35	
J. Woody, Staunton,	CK		49					83 65	
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP		30	7	8 75	35	9 10	25	
Totals,		134	30	\$35 75	\$6 40	\$42 25	\$116 90		

Ohio, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

L. Waters, Trinway,	BF	5	46	3	\$ 3 00		\$ 3 00	\$143 20	
R. Corder, Sonora,	BF	4	32	25	26 00	\$3 00	\$29 00	8 00	
C. Pember, Pemberville,	DR	2	14	3	8 25	8 75	17 00		
M. Coleman, Chicago Jc't.	CK	1	4½	3	4 00		4 00		
S. Ragon,† Cleveland,	CK	4	14	12	13 00	4 10	17 10		
Totals,		16	110½	46	\$54 25	\$15 85	\$70 10	\$151 20	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

C. Zimmerman,		2	22					\$135 65	
A. Brownlee, Butler,		3	11	6	\$14 50	\$3 50	\$18 00	1 10	
J. Glunt, Edinboro,		5	35	2	2 00		2 00	30 50	
W. Hawks, Keating,		2	12	2	4 00	3 75	7 75	7 75	
Totals,		12	80	10	\$20 50	\$7 25	\$27 75	\$175 00	

*Two Weeks.

†Week ending September 25.

The members of the Derwent church are all of good courage and are pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God. Yours in the Master's service,
H. W. WEST.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

If you have not ordered your lesson quarterlies, it is not too late yet. We still have a supply on hand.

The tent-meetings at Parkersburg are still continuing and the attendance is still good considering the cold weather we are having.

We are sorry to note that another member of our Conference has been laid to rest since our last issue. Old Brother Ross, of Walker, died last week and was buried Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The first money received on the Foreign Mission pledges made at camp-meeting was ten dollars from a sister who has made it by selling our papers since camp-meeting. Why do you not do something in this line? You can if you try.

From a letter from Elder Sufficool, we quote the following; "While our meetings have not been as well attended as we should like to see, we are glad to say that they have not been fruitless. We shall add new members to our church, and leave several keeping the Sabbath who will unite later."

Several were asking for copies of the "Testimonies" at camp-meeting and also the new edition of "Christ in Song." We shall be glad to fill orders for these now. You can get the full set of "Testimonies" bound in cloth post-paid for \$7.50 and the song books are flexible 45 cents, cloth 60 cents, half morocco, \$1. We also have a good supply of books on which you can have 40 per cent discount. Write us for particulars.

"In seeking wisdom," runs an Eastern proverb, "thou art wise; in imagining that thou hast attained it, thou art a fool." The like rule holds with holiness. We are wise to seek it, and struggle towards it; but the man or woman who believes it in his or her own goodness, except as daily sustained by the grace of God, is as much in danger as the lowest outcast. Humility is the sign of the true disciple. Self-righteousness is the sure badge of the Pharisee.

"True character is not shaped from without, and put on; it radiates from within."

West Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1908

J. Jennings, Morgan Co.,	DR	6	43	3	\$ 5	75	\$18	50	\$24	25	\$4	50
Mary Metcalf, Charleston,	DR	2	10	10	27	50	10	20	37	70	7	20
E. Metcalf, Parkersburg,							13	40	13	40		
Totals,		8	53	13	\$33	25	\$42	10	\$75	35	\$11	70

Report of Virginia Conference Treasurer, Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1908

Churches	Tithe	F. D. Off.	S. S. Off.	For. Miss.	Mid. S. Off.	Aged and Orphans
Arlington.....	\$63 14	\$1 00	\$2 88	\$2 37		
Alexandria No. 1.....	34 66	2 30	5 20	3 64		
Alexandria No. 2.....	38 02			5 00		
Buena Vista.....	22 80					
Claremont.....	12 16		3 84		\$ 50	
Cardwell S. S.....			1 00			
Farnham.....	18 50	1 50				
Hebron.....	25 75		30		1 45	
Individual.....	48 20		6 27	1 75	5 10	
Kilmarnock.....	25 00					
Lynchburg.....	84 54			2 74	2 35	
Mt. Williams.....	10 40				2 00	
Newport News No. 1.....	129 91		4 38	4 92		\$1 15
Newport News No. 2.....	47 83	1 00	2 24	4 95		
Norfolk.....	33 88				7 00	
News Ferry.....	10 09			2 56		
Naruna.....	14 01		20		3 50	
Portsmouth.....	106 47	2 90	7 14	5 10	13 25	
Quicksburg.....	177 82	7 00	3 38	1 43	13 10	
Richmond No. 1.....	148 64	7 71	16 39	7 83	13 33	
Richmond No. 2.....	36 44		3 28		1 27	
Roanoke.....	26 86		3 63			
Stanleyton.....	75 68		3 24	2 68	4 53	
Spencer.....	5 30		1 40		56	
State S. S. Sec.....			8 57			
Totals	\$1,196 10	\$23 41	\$73 34	44 \$97	\$67 94	\$1 15

A general meeting was held during August at Kozu, Japan. This place is the one the brethren have in mind for locating their new sanitarium. Brother Field writes: "We are looking forward with much expectation to our meeting at Kozu. It ought to mark a decided advance step in the work here, and I believe that it will.

We have a carefully arranged program, covering the various lines of our work, and have divided the meetings among the workers, that the best results may be secured. We plan to have the workers spend some time each day in getting out among the people with our literature. The evening meetings will be planned with special reference to outside attendance." This will be the first camp-meeting for Japan.

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

NEW JERSEY TITHE REPORT Quarter Ending September 30, 1908

Atlantic City.....	68 78
Bridgeton.....	132 79
Burlington.....	
Camden.....	234 43
Cape May Court House.....	25 03
Elizabeth.....	84 22
Hackensack.....	45 85
Jersey City First.....	109 27
Jersey City Second.....	90 30
Jersey City German.....	149 09
Morristown.....	9 90
Newark.....	265 10
Paterson.....	70 44
Paulsboro.....	11 50
Perth Amboy.....	45 05
Plainfield.....	
Salem.....	116 52
Trenton.....	457 47
Vineland.....	35 97
West Hoboken.....	81 58
Individuals.....	112 15

Total, \$2,145 44
D. K. ROYER, Sec. and Treas.

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OHIO NOTES

Several new students arrived at the College last week, and several old ones are expected to return this week.

Brother Anthony Williams has a fifty-acre farm for rent, five miles north of St. Marys' church. The church is on the farm and the church school nearby. For further information address him at St. Marys, O., R. R. 2.

The Sabbath-school quarterly report blanks were enclosed with the contribution envelopes, and sent to all secretaries about ten days before the last quarter. If any secretary has not received the supply for her school, please notify us immediately, and they will be furnished. We are very desirous that all the reports shall be in by November 1.

It would greatly facilitate the work in the office, and be much more satisfactory if the superintendent of any Sabbath-school would inform the office of a change in the secretaryship. Frequently we find that the secretary to whom the supplies have been sent, is not acting in that capacity, and the supplies are lost. Now while these supplies are furnished the Sabbath-school without any charge, there is considerable expense incurred by some one, and their generosity should be appreciated by taking care of these supplies.

MARRIED

On the evening of Oct 7, 1908, Mr. Wm. J. Cullum and Miss Margaret E. Pieper were united in marriage.

The ceremony was performed at the beautiful home of the bride's parents near Wheelersburg, O. The evening was fine, and all were made happy by the good cheer that prevailed. The newly-wedded couple have the best wishes and the earnest prayers of all that were present, together with their

many friends and kin-folks, for their future success and happiness. They are planning to spend the coming winter in Scioto Co., O., making their headquarters at South Webster.

After consummating their business in our State they are planning to make their future home at Simmons, Tex., where Mr. Cullum has been engaged in business. It is their united determination to hold up the truth in their future home, and to let their light shine by precept and example, to all who may come under their influence, "counting all things loss that they may win Christ."

R. R. KENNEDY.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

SEPTEMBER, 1908

Akron.....	\$ 40 23
Alliance.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	13 60
Beaver.....	27 13
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	18 80
Bowling Green.....	75 00
Brokaw.....	5 00
Broughton.....	3 67
Camden.....	125 59
Canton.....	19 05
Chagrin Falls.....	12 19
Charloe.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	81 79
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	220 88
Cleveland German.....	.....
Clyde.....	68 42
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	148 82
Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	8 79
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	.....
Cygnat.....	.....
Dayton.....	291 01
Defiance.....	12 30
Delaware.....	75
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	2 94
Dowling.....	4 50
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	2 20
Elgin.....	40 46
Fairfield.....	.....
Farmer.....	.....
Findlay.....	21 46
Fostoria.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Greenspring.....	.....
Hamilton.....	39 88
Hamler.....	.....
Haskins.....	.....
Harpersfield.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....
Home Department.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Kirtland.....	.....
Killbuck.....	18 12
Lake View.....	15 00
Lagrange.....	.....
Laura.....	3 40
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....

Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	14 42
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	12 37
Marion.....	49 44
Marshfield.....	222 80
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	11 15
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	13 15
Middlefield.....	17 62
Mount Vernon.....	71 98
Morrow.....	.....
Nashville.....	.....
Newark.....	89 63
Norwalk.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	.....
Ohio City.....	.....
Orrville.....	.....
North Fairfield.....	.....
Olivett.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	49 62
Pleasant Hill.....	32 82
Palmpton.....	.....
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	2 80
Rio Grand.....	.....
Rows.....	1 93
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	7 00
Shreve.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Spencerville.....	.....
Springfield.....	220 92
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Steuben.....	.....
Swanton.....	.....
Tiffin.....	.....
Toledo.....	44 77
Trinway-Dresden.....	.....
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	.....
Unionport.....	3 80
Van Wert.....	18 02
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waseon.....	.....
Waterford.....	14 15
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	14 84
Wilmington.....	.....
Youngstown.....	23 95
Zanesville.....	12 63
Individuals.....	26 55

Total.....\$2,296 65

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES

SEPTEMBER, 1908

Tithe.....	\$2,296 65
Tract Society.....	903 71
Weekly Offerings.....	141 25
First Day Offering.....	.....
Sabbath-school Donations.....	178 07
Missionary Volunteers.....	31 86
Religious Liberty.....	.....
Orphans and aged.....	10
\$150,000 Fund.....	4 18
Southern Field.....	9 78
Guatemala.....	10 00
Mid-Summer Offering.....
Oakwood Industrial School.....

Total.....\$3,600 68

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