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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

It does not matter what it means, poor heart,
The dear Lord knows, to bear it is your part;
Nor think some strange thing happens unto
you,

Which he would not allow so, if he knew.
He does know. In his all-wise Fatherhood
He knows it and allows it for your good.
He is not hard, you do not think he is
When in the dark you find your hand in his.
When it was light you tried to walk alone,
And thought the strength he gave you, all
your own.

You did not ask what that last blessing meant,
Just smiled and took it, satisfied, content.
You did not think it strange, you thought he
knew,
And planned the sweet surprise that came to
you.

Tried one, then do you take life's sweet and
good,
Yet cannot trust that Fatherhood,
But think it makes mistake when'er it sends
Some hindrance, which your eager haste
offends?

Or when it lets the wicked plot you harm,
And stir a whirlwind when you seek a calm;
You think it strange, this trial swift and keen,
And in your weakness ask, "What does it
mean?"

I think the language of God's heart would
read:

"I love my child, I note his slightest need;
I long to prosper him in all his ways,
To give him quiet nights and peaceful days,
But if I do he'll loose himself from me,
My outstretched hand he will not wait to see;
I'll place a hindering wall before his feet,
There he will wait, and there we two will
meet.

I do it not in wrath for broken laws,
Or wilful disobedience, but because
I want him nearer, and I cannot wait
For him to come, for he might wander late;
My child will wonder, will not understand,
Still, half in doubt, he'll clasp my outstretched
hand,

But when at last upon my heart he leans,
He will have ceased to wonder what it
means.

—Anon.

MAKE A SUCCESS OF SOME- THING

If a man can write a better book,
preach a better sermon, or make a
better mousetrap than his neighbor,
though he builds his house in the

woods, the world will make a beaten
path to his door."—Emerson.

Merit nearly always wins. Lack of
it never does. We all want to succeed
in life. Many of us hunger for great
success, and hope to accomplish great
things. Some even go so far as to
think that only great successes are
worth while. Some who fail to be-
come masters in great fields have no
ambition to become the master of
any. Some who look enviously but
hopelessly at positions high up and
afar off, realizing the improbability of
ever reaching them, make no effort
to advance.

Every person should be filled with
the determination to make a success
of something, no matter how unim-
portant it may seem. Rest assured it
only seems unimportant. There is
work to be done all around you.
Pick out one of the many things to
do, and resolve to do it successfully.
Do it better than you ever saw it
done. And in choosing your task, be
wise. Don't take up something be-
cause it may look easy, and don't
refuse a task because it looks difficult.
Measure the task only by your abili-
ties. If you believe you can do the
task, and have good reasons for your
belief, go in to win, stick to it, and
win you will. And having made a
success of one thing, you will find
that you have attracted a new power,
and opened the way to an opportu-
nity a little larger! This is not mere
talk or theory. It is the common ex-
perience of those who have reached
the top.

The person who labors on the farm
has an opportunity to succeed. Yes,
a dozen opportunities. Make a suc-
cess of something. Are you in a corn
country, or a wheat country, or in the
South where cotton grows? Then set
out to make a success of your work.
Learn your business thoroughly.
Find out just what is needed to make
the crop. Then set about putting the
right things in the right place at the
right time. If you are a cotton
grower, you have to have cotton-
growing material—plenty of it, and in
the right condition. Learn how to
make one acre produce as much as
two did before. It can be done. It
must be done if you are to succeed.

Are you a clerk or secretary or em-

ployee in a factory or business? Make
a success of your work. Get out of
the notion that you are doing the
work for someone else. You are not.
The work you do is your work. The
position you occupy is your business.
Do it right—make a success of it, and
watch your business grow. Does your
business pay? Yes, it pays you your
salary. Have you an ambition to
have a better paying business? Then
make your business pay better.
Make a success of it. If you do you
will have a better business offered
you in a better position as soon as you
have made your old business pay as
well as it can be made to pay. So
many employees consider themselves
only as doing someone else's work
for him, and feel no personal interest
in their work. They are misfits of
the worst imaginable sort. It is
most unfortunate for both them-
selves and their employers. But, my
dear friend, if you have a position,
you are as independent as anyone.
Your work is before you; it comes to
you to be taken care of, and turned
over, finished, complete, perfect, to
the next move in the business. Your
work is your own. Master it. Im-
prove it. Love it, and success is
yours. If you are capable, you will
not find your employer insensible of
the value of your ability, your knowl-
edge and your judgment. So, though
only a cog in a machine, be a success-
ful, independent cog. Call your de-
partment your business, and build it
up. Make a showing. Make a success.
Unless you can succeed in mastering a
portion of a business, you could never
succeed in mastering the entire busi-
ness. If you cannot make a part pay,
you could not make it all pay.

"Be thou faithful in a few things,
and I will make thee ruler over
many."

It makes little difference what
your ambitions may be, so long as
they are not misfits. I mean, your
ambitions must be suited to your
abilities if you are to realize them.
But it is not essential to your success
that you be given an opportunity to-
day to work out your ambition in your
chosen field. Circumstances may
keep you from it for years. But do
not become discouraged or hopeless.
Be patient, for your time has not yet

come. "Learn to labor and to wait," and while you are waiting, make your labor successful. Succeed in the work immediately at hand and this success will be a stepping-stone to the greater success beyond.

Make a success of something, and begin right now. *The Model Magazine*.

NOTICE!

To the Workers of the Various Conferences of the Columbia Union Conference

Dear brethren and sisters:—I regret very much that it is necessary for me to write you in circular form, the important matter contained in this letter; but as there are over one hundred and twenty-five workers in the Columbia Union Conference territory, you can readily see that a personal letter to each worker would be a tremendous task. I trust that you will read this letter, and weigh its contents with as much care as if it were personal, for that is what it is intended to be.

For years, we, as bookmen, have been very much burdened for our own people; realizing that if they do not go out and labor for their neighbors from house to house, the characteristic of charity, or love, without which it will be impossible for them to be saved, will not be developed. They may give their means to the poor or their bodies to be burned, but if they have not charity (love), it will profit them nothing.

Our greatest difficulty has been to get those who have made a success in their various professions or occupations before they were called to give the Third Angel's Message to the world, to enter the field as canvassers. We realize that such persons would make a grand success of the canvassing work should they enter it.

Such persons as those who have been successful in life are those who are careful to get the best of counsel before giving up their present occupation to engage in a new and strange line of business. They generally go to those who have brought the truth to them, or rather to some one of our ministers or Bible workers for such counsel. Then, too, our conference workers are looked to by most of our people for advice as to what line of work they should engage in. Consequently, as you can readily see, it is absolutely impossible to build up the canvassing work without our conference workers to pray with and persuade those who are called to enter the canvassing work.

Therefore, a solution has been sought for, and I believe found in the following resolution, which has been passed by several of our conferences the past summer, and heartily approved by as many conference presidents as have seen it; so it stands to-day with practically unanimous approval. Please read it carefully and get its full meaning:—

"Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4, which we believe to be the angel of the loud cry; and,—

"Whereas, Our ministers and church elders are looked to for advice by all of our people as to what line of work they should engage in; therefore,—

"We recommend, That our conference workers and church elders give special attention to looking out suitable persons for the canvassing work, and report the same to the president of the conference, who, in turn, will place the matter in the hands of the state agent for further development."

You will notice two important points in the above recommendation: (a) That we "look out SUITABLE persons." The testimony that the spirit of prophecy bears is that "as much care should be taken in selecting men for the canvassing work as in selecting men for the ministry;" (b) That the names and addresses of these persons recommended by the worker be sent to the conference president.

The above recommendation, carefully and faithfully followed out by all our workers, will mean that when the state agent shall have trained all the brethren who have been recommended to him for the canvassing work, he can write to the conference president for more to train, and get them; thus keeping him busy all the year round training good, substantial, carefully chosen men and women, and our reports will be one hundred canvassers where there is now one. This is what the spirit of prophecy has said should be, and let us make it so by the blessing and help of God.

One reason why such great success has attended the work in Europe is that the minister who raised up a church was expected to train and place in the field a large per cent of his converts. Elder H. Hansen of Norway told me that from one church that he raised up of sixty members he put twenty canvassers into the field.

Now, brethren, let us take hold of this work in earnest immediately; put

on your thinking cap just now, and after you have thought of several who would make good canvassers, either write to them or go and visit them, and get their promise that they will place themselves upon the altar to be consumed of the Father in service to help swell the loud cry by selling our large books; then write to your conference president giving the names and addresses and all particulars.

As this will be a great saving to the conference, I feel certain that all our conference committees are going to take up this plan and push it.

This is the "King's business," and it requires haste; for we must have a large corps of good, faithful canvassers in the field for Christmas and all-winter work. The winter months are best for canvassing; not that it is easier going from home to home, but people have more time to talk to canvassers and read the books that they sell.

We have a good, faithful man in charge of the canvassing work in each conference of the Columbia Union, and I am certain that the conference will spare no pains in training any whom you may recommend to them, and will do all that can be done to make them successful. Very truly your brother, I. D. RICHARDSON.

SPIRITUALISM

Spiritualism is attracting the attention of the world just now. Wonderful feats are being performed under its subtle influence. Many of the great magazines are giving space to the subject. Men and women are being stirred by the demonstration of power, and scientific men are unable to explain the mystery or solve the problem.

The leading article in the *Signs of the Times* November Special presents some of the main points in the present agitation, and gives the divine definition of this subtle doctrine. The article is entitled, "What is Spiritualism, Anyway?"

A copy of this magazine ought to be placed in every home in the land. It throws light on a very important subject and will doubtless keep some from being deceived.

Send for sample copy and special terms to agents. Address, the Ohio Tract Society.

The ethical teaching of the Bible is not a whit less lofty than its spiritual, and many a thinker who repudiates the theology, welcomes its morality.—*Rousseau*.

OUR WORKERS

SONORA, O.

Dear VISITOR: As a result of the tent effort held at Sonora, O., several are keeping the Sabbath. Others we believe will take their stand soon for the truth.

For the past week I have been circulating the special number of the *Watchman*, and lecturing in school districts on the subject of Temperance. As a result several places have opened up to hold meetings. The Baptist people have invited us into their church at Sonora to continue the effort begun in the tent. We shall accept the invitation and do our best to bind off the work.

On account of the cool nights we took our tents down, and on Oct. 4 shipped them to Mt. Vernon, O.

Our courage is good, and we feel grateful to our loving Father in heaven for the privilege of laboring in his cause.

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

Richmond, Va.

We closed the tent meetings at this place Sunday night, September 27. During September we held but three services a week in the tent so as to take more time for visiting among the people. Altogether we preached fifty-four sermons at this point since July 9.

Our interest continued to the last, and new ones were daily becoming interested. Our collections amounted to twenty-five dollars.

Miss Phillips, from the Foreign Mission Seminary, and Miss Light helped us very much in the music and singing. Miss Light acted as organist and leader of the singing and Miss Phillips sang many appropriate solos.

Brother O. L. Denslow of Michigan left us early in September and is now busily engaged in his studies at the Washington Seminary.

On October 3 the writer had the privilege of baptizing twelve dear souls into the new life, and on Sabbath October 10, in connection with our quarterly meeting, to receive sixteen new members into the church on profession of faith. Nine of these were the direct result of the tent meetings, most of whom had never heard of the Seventh-day Adventists. Although fourteen were in regular attendance at the tent meetings; five of these had received the benefit of some faithful work by Miss Anna Rice, our Bible

worker, who is supported here by the Ohio Conference. The other two came in from personal work. Among the new ones were five men, eight women, and three young ladies. Three ladies came to us from the Episcopalians, and are having a telling influence for the spread of the message among the leading people of the city; five from the Disciples; five from the Baptists; two had no connection with any church, and one was the daughter of a Seventh-day Adventist.

Many houses are opening for Bible readings and we find more avenues open for labor than we can fill. We are now planning for some earnest work for the fall and winter with our literature. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people that in this needy field we may sow the Gospel seed beside all waters. To the Lord belongs, and we give to him all the praise and glory for his goodness and wonderful love in giving us a humble place in his vineyard.

B. L. HOUSE.

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Chilton, Va.

As a result of tent meetings, conducted by Brethren G. A. Stevens and Clarence Hennage, at the above named place during the past summer, eleven are obeying the Lord in keeping his commandments. Sunday, October 11 the writer had the privilege of burying nine of them in the waters of the Patomac River. A goodly number came together near the river shore, where preaching was held, and after partaking of lunch at 1:30 P. M., the above parties were immersed. All were adults, excepting two. One of the candidates was seventy-five years of age.

The company at this place is also erecting a house of worship. The lot was donated, also much of the timber: some donated time and teams to haul the lumber, while others are helping to build. Some also giving cash and pledges to the same. We believe, with the help of the Lord, this company will be able to do much good work for him in this great, closing Message. Let us all pray to this end.

Yours for the master,

H. W. HERRELL.

Pleasant Hill Church.

Dear VISITOR Readers: The annual harvest gathering services were held in the church at Pleasant Hill, October 10 and 11, two days being set apart this year for the services.

The program outlined in the *Instructor* was carried out very nicely, and was very interesting to those who were present.

We had the church beautifully decorated with the fruits of the field, and as we gazed upon these it brought to our minds the rich blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us during the past year.

We were glad to have Eld. C. T. Redfield, of Columbus, assist in these services, and a large number of people from the surrounding community were present and seemed to enjoy the occasion very much. Our donation amounted to \$6.54.

May the Lord help us to realize the importance of these services, and impress upon our minds the various ways he has devised for bringing us out from darkness of error into the precious light of his word.

TODD FORKER, Clerk.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE ITEMS

All our tent meetings have closed, and we feel to praise the Lord for the success that has attended these meetings.

About twenty-five accepted the Third Angel's Message in the tent effort conducted by Elder Bernstein assisted by Brother Martin and others. It is encouraging to see the zeal manifested by many of these converts. One brother pledged \$100 toward the tent fund.

We were greatly pleased to receive through Bro. Sevelon Rockwell, of the Roaring Branch church, an order for seven hundred copies of the Special number of the *Review* to be used by them in soliciting funds for Foreign Missions during Thanksgiving week. This certainly speaks well of this little company. We trust that many others will follow their example.

Elder Heckman reports splendid visits and meeting held at Williamsport, Jersey Shore, Roaring Branch, Wellsboro, Lorienton, Wysox, Scranton, Stroudsburg, Hawley, Lake Ariel, and Allentown.

We are very much encouraged over the number of orders being received at this office for the magazine number of the *Signs of the Times*. Many are doubling their orders and we shall be glad to see all of our churches in this conference giving this magazine a wide circulation.

Five adults were buried with their Lord in baptism by Elder Heckman at Scranton a few weeks ago. These accepted the Message as a result of the efforts of friends and relatives, and Sister Jessie Weiss, the Bible worker in that city.

Sister Amy Welsh, formerly a Bible worker in this conference, now with New Jersey, paid the office a visit a few days ago. We were pleased to see her and learn of her success.

Through the kindness of Eld. L. H. Christian, who has charge of the Scandinavian work in this country, we were enabled to secure one of their best Bible workers, Sister Hanna Borchgrevink for the Scandinavian work in Philadelphia. There are seven of this nationality who are now keeping the Sabbath in this city. We gladly welcome Sister Borchgrevink in our Conference.

Sister Sue M. Andrews, Young Peoples Secretary, was called to her home in Easton, by telegram some weeks ago owing to the severe illness of her father. We are glad to learn that Brother Andrews is recovering.

Bro. I. M. Martin, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, is conducting an aggressive effort at Hatfield. We hope and pray that as a result of these meetings many precious souls may be added to the already thriving company in that community. We ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters in behalf of this effort.

A few days ago we received copies of the two latest numbers of the Religious Liberty Leaflet Series, Nos. 13 and 14, the first is entitled: "Alexander Campbell on Moral Societies;" the latter "William Lloyd Garrison's Protest against Sunday laws." They are most logical, strong, well-put, and convincing and will do an immense amount of good if given a wide circulation. They come from sources that are well known and quite generally respected. Address this office.

The Thanksgiving number of the *Signs of the Times* magazine contains a "Feast of Good Things." There are three articles in this number any one of which is worth the price of the Journal. These are: "What is Spiritualism Anyway?" "The Plan of Redemption," "Thanksgiving Dinner." The first one is a most timely article in view of the fact that Spiritualism and Spirit

manifestations are attracting the attention of the world just now, and that the leading magazines are giving much space to the subject. This number of the *Signs* ought to be placed in every home in the land, for by so doing some might be saved from this terrible latter-day delusion. Address Pennsylvania Tract Society, 4910 Arch Street, West Philadelphia, Pa.

INGATHERING SERVICES

And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying the fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord."

And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days." "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days, all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths; that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God."

God ever intended that there should be a season of rejoicing at the close of the harvest, and that not only should the hearts of his people be uplifted in praise for the blessings of the past, but that they should also be encouraged as they are pointed to the great ingathering so near us in the future.

October 12-13, friends from Ohio City and Elgin joined with the Walnut Grove church in their Harvest Ingathering services. As we gathered together for worship, our hearts were indeed filled with thanksgiving as we beheld the many tokens of God's care before us. But the best part of all was that at the close of the seven days, we were permitted to meet again at Ohio City, where, with the addition of the VanWert church, we could again join in praises to our heavenly Father. Dr. H. M. Jump and Bro. L. R. Williams were present and gave practical talks upon present truth. All are of good courage and are planning to join in the final ingathering.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

THANKSGIVING

WE are nearing our release forever from the bondage of sin, and, just as God permitted the Israelites to take the wealth of the Egyptians, in order that they might have the necessary means to build the sanctuary and

carry forward the Lord's work, so God would be pleased for us to gather means from the world around us to carry forward the closing work of this great message.

The "God of Israel" is not dead, and he who anciently "Gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required," will go before his people during our Thanksgiving campaign and give us "Such things as we require" to carry this glorious Message forward in the earth.

The silver and the gold all belong to the Lord, and he can impress those not of our faith to give of their money to support his work in the earth, just as easily as he can impress our hearts to go forth and ask for the money.

Let none feel timid about asking strangers to give of their means for the support of our foreign missionary work. The Lord has promised that "Strangers shall stand and feed our flocks" and "the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls." Why not give them an opportunity to fulfil this prophecy next month by going to these strangers with the special number of the *Review and Herald* and show them that the Lord has a mighty work going forward in the earth, and that he needs their money to carry it forward.

It was the wealth of the heathen, united with the faithful work of God's people, that anciently enabled Nehemiah to complete the building of the wall in fifty-two days. Nehemiah depended upon this help from strangers, or he would never have made the following request before he started in his work:—"If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah. And a letter unto Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city.

Nehemiah did not hesitate to ask a heathen king to not only aid the Lord's work himself, but also to have the governors assist in the work.

For years we have read Isa. 60: 1-5 and have expected the time would come when the "Wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Why not see the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophecy in a marked manner next month by going to the strangers with the special *Review and Herald*, giving them a chance to "Minister unto thee?"

This is a new departure in our work, an advance move, an evidence that we are nearing the completion of the work. Let us go forward, brethren, and press the battle to the gates and share in the final triumph of the Third Angel's Message.

S. N. HASKELL.

NEW JERSEY

Very encouraging reports are coming to our office from the churches as the plans for the Thanksgiving In-gathering are discussed. Like all things of divine origin, the more it is studied and examined the more beautiful it appears. The mutual help that will be received by the solicitor, the donor and the mission fields cannot fail to give an impetus to the work that will accomplish great results in the finishing of the message. It appears that God's stern rebuke will rest upon us if we should fail to improve this grand opportunity of advancing the message. All the Conference workers will co-operate with the churches during this campaign; a worker being assigned to each church or company in the Conference. All should send in their orders at once to our office for as many of the papers as they can use properly.

Our success in this effort depends upon the blessing of God attending us as we go forth to the people. Let all seek God for that preparation of heart that will assure the help of the Holy Spirit in this campaign.

B. F. KNEELAND.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA, NOTICE

Solicitor's cards have just been sent out from this office to those who have ordered Special *Reviews* for thank offering, and we wish to offer a few words in explanation of the use of these cards. When the work of soliciting is finished, the card, together with the whole amount collected, should be turned over to the church treasurer. When all soliciting has thus been reported to the treasurer, he is to forward the cards and the donations to the State Society Treasurer, A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa.

This card is to authorize and to identify the worker and to record the amounts donated and to specify the station to which they are given. Where there is no choice of fields the amount should be entered opposite the word "General." Should this space be filled up first and more room needed for general donations, place

the amount in any other spaces where there is space, with a question mark (?) after them. Where the name is not already filled in, it should be neatly filled in by the church elder or leader. We already have orders from our churches amounting to four thousand *Reviews* and expect many more, and may God bless and direct and may we have a goodly sum to present as a result of our efforts in West Pennsylvania. Those needing more of the solicitor's cards please send in your order immediately to this office. A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

OUR WORK

Our first foreign missionary, Elder J. N. Andrews, sailed out of New York harbor for Switzerland in 1874. From that year until now, our movement in behalf of foreign missions has increased steadily in volume. To-day we have the largest number of missionaries in foreign lands that we have ever had. Last year our contribution to missions was the largest ever recorded in our history.

But while our movement has made wonderful growth, the openings for missionary services have multiplied greatly. To-day doors are open in all lands for us to enter. Earnest calls for help come to us from nearly all the mission fields of the world.

The situation we face at this time has so appealed to men in our cause who have been chosen to bear the chief responsibilities in the various conferences, that they have united in a great forward movement in behalf of foreign missions. . . .

The work is moving forward everywhere. East or west, north or south, in well known fields or in regions off the common lines of travel, wherever our eyes turn, we see that this message of the coming of the Lord is rising in the loud cry.

If there be any special message, any hope of the Lord's soon coming, anything of value in religion, this is the kind of report that must come from all the world to-day. And this is the report that comes to our ears from every side. There is a special message; there is a "blessed hope"; and there is a saving gospel for the world. This sound of the rising message that comes from all the ends of the earth is what we love to hear and listen for as the note rises higher and higher. "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." . . .

This message of the Lord's soon coming first sounded there [Central

America] twenty years ago, has accomplished a good work, and has started a movement that has in it the vitality to keep on expanding and enlarging.—*Review and Herald*.

INDIANA PENNSYLVANIA CHURCH SCHOOL

As we receive letters of inquiry from time to time with reference to our school work at Indiana, Pa., it might be well for me to make a statement through the VISITOR.

Our third year's school work began the first week in September. We have seventeen students and two others will enter the school later. The school is doing well and the outlook is encouraging for which we thank the Lord.

We have not been able, however, to finish our building or put in a furnace which we had hoped to do this fall. Of the pledges that were made more than a year ago, there remains about fifty dollars yet unpaid. If those who made said pledges could see their way to pay the same even at this late date it would be a great help to us and would be appreciated. Any financial help given in any way we greatly appreciate.

We hope our people in Western Pa. will also remember the two cent a week plan for the support of church school teachers in our Conference. We voted at the time of our late conference at Oil City to raise a teachers fund to assist the school work. Shall we not take hold of this with earnestness and create said fund and see other schools started in the Conference? Are there any of us who could not pay one dollar and four cents into the school fund during the year? May the Lord help us to awaken to our duty and see that our children are taken out of the public schools.

J. W. WATT.

Do not quarrel with your lot in life. Do not complain of its never-ceasing cares, its petty environments, the vexations you have to stand, the small and sordid souls you have to live and work with. Above all, do not resent temptation. That is the practice which God appoints you; and is having its work in making you patient and humble and generous and unselfish and kind and courteous.—*Drummond*.

"The best thing to take people out of their own worries is to work and find out how other folks' worries are getting on."

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE

During the last four years experience as a canvasser I have met with many encouraging, as well as discouraging features in the work. I must confess that the canvassing work is not an easy or the most pleasant work, when looking at it from a natural standpoint: but if we are filled with the Holy Spirit we will look at this work in an altogether different way. We will then become willing to endure hardness as a good soldier for Jesus Christ.

For over three years I have labored steadily at this work, and at the end of each day I have apparently only had dollars and cents to count as my reward. I have met with many honest, hungry souls, and I am sure the Holy Spirit has used me to give them the food they needed, but I saw no definite results.

About six months ago I had the privilege of training two brethren for this good work, and started them at work near my former field of labor. They, no doubt, by the Spirit's leading came into a part of the country that I had canvassed with that good book "Daniel and Revelation." One of the brethren canvassed a lady who told him that she did not wish any more books; she had the Bible, and a book which explains all she cares to know,—the book was "Daniel and Revelation."

The brother asked her if she understood that book. She replied that she did, but did not fully understand what the beast and his image meant. He assured her that he would be glad to explain this point of the book if she would be able to keep them over night. The lady consented to the request, and before they went to bed that night the lady declared that she would keep the next Sabbath, and every one after that. A few weeks later these brethren and myself had the privilege of seeing this mother and two of her oldest daughters buried with their blessed Lord in baptism. The Lord used me to sow the seed; these brethren were sent to water it, and God gave an abundant increase.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of visiting a young family, the wife having bought a book from me a little more than a year ago, as a present to her husband. The book was read with much interest, and a few months ago he wrote a letter to the Review Office asking where he could find a people which lived the teachings of that book. The question was well answered, and these two precious souls (husband and wife) were baptized last Sabbath.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending Oct. 9, 1908

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| G. Taylor, Cape May | | DR | 5 | 36 | 16 | \$31 50 | \$2 25 | \$33 75 | \$ 2 25 |
| J. Rambo,† Hopewell, | | DR | 5 | 26 | 2 | 3 00 | 1 00 | 4 00 | 48 75 |
| " " " " | | DR | 3 | 22 | 16 | 27 75 | 4 00 | 31 75 | |
| S. Oberg, N. Pittsgrove, | | DR | 4 | 35 | 8 | 25 00 | 75 | 25 75 | |
| H. Pro ince, Elmer, | | DR | 4 | 32 | 2 | 9 25 | | 9 25 | |
| Mrs. Smith, Vailsburg, | | DR | 2 | 9 | 2 | 5 50 | 50 | 6 00 | |
| G. Blinn, Trenton, | | GC | 4 | 28 | 20 | 62 00 | 4 20 | 66 20 | |
| R. Funk, Metuchen, | | GC | 5 | 38 | 7 | 19 25 | 3 00 | 22 25 | 2 75 |
| A. Hugg, Paterson, | | GC | 4 | 13 | 4 | 11 00 | 8 25 | 19 25 | 3 10 |
| P. Valenta, Caldwell, | | BR | 5 | 31 | 8 | 26 00 | | 26 00 | 5 50 |
| B. H. Welsh, Eilzabeth, | | BR | 5 | 22 | 6 | 11 25 | 70 | 11 95 | |
| L. M. Welch " " | | BR | 3 | 17 | 2 | 3 75 | 1 00 | 4 75 | |
| S. M. Currie,† N. Brunswick | | SD | 2 | 15 | 2 | 2 00 | 8 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 |
| " " " " | | SD | 2 | 16 | 2 | 2 00 | 4 90 | 6 90 | 6 90 |
| Totals, | | | 53 | 340 | 97 | \$239 25 | \$38 55 | \$277 80 | \$79 25 |

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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|-----------------------------|----|----|-----|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| R. Spangenberg, Lackawanna, | DR | 2 | 11 | 6 | 15 25 | | 15 25 | 3 00 |
| E. Swingle, York, | DR | 5 | 35 | 5 | 12 50 | 6 85 | 19 35 | 4 00 |
| N. Bigart, Chester Co., | DR | 5 | 33 | 4 | 8 50 | 3 85 | 12 35 | 3 85 |
| M. Campbell, Lebanon | DR | 4 | 17 | | | 1 00 | 1 00 | 6 25 |
| W. Seigle, Lycoming, | CK | 5 | 40 | 10 | 10 50 | 7 30 | 17 80 | 4 40 |
| B. Sauble, York, | CK | 5 | 33 | 14 | 14 50 | 4 90 | 19 40 | |
| " " " " | CK | 4 | 9 | 4 | 4 00 | 1 95 | 4 95 | |
| J. Philip, Lackawanna, | | | | | | | | 23 00 |
| S. Diehl, Union, | BS | 3 | 20 | 4 | 2 00 | 1 00 | 3 00 | |
| Totals, | | 34 | 198 | 47 | \$67 25 | \$25 85 | \$93 10 | \$44 50 |

New Jersey, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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|-----------------------------|----|----|-----|----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| H. Murphy, Hightstown, | DR | 4 | 31 | 18 | 45 25 | 35 | 45 60 | |
| J. Rambo, Cape May, | DR | 5 | 34 | 35 | 73 75 | 2 75 | 76 50 | 5 50 |
| G. Taylor, " " " | DR | 5 | 30 | 9 | 18 25 | 1 25 | 19 50 | 7 50 |
| S. Oberg, Lower Pittsgrove, | DR | 5 | 43 | 12 | 36 00 | 1 50 | 37 50 | |
| R. Funk, Elizabeth, | GC | 5 | 27 | 6 | 16 50 | 2 85 | 19 35 | 3 10 |
| B. Welsh, " " | BR | 5 | 27 | 6 | 14 75 | 2 20 | 16 95 | |
| M. McEntyre, Vineland, | CK | 1 | 8 | 3 | 4 50 | | 4 50 | |
| E. Murphy, Trenton, | | | | | | 5 60 | 5 60 | |
| Totals, | | 30 | 200 | 89 | \$209 00 | \$16 50 | \$225 50 | \$16 10 |

Ohio, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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|---------------------------|----|----|------|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| R. Corder, Muskingum Co., | BF | 5 | 39 | 25 | 26 00 | 3 75 | 29 75 | |
| L. Waters, " " | BF | 5 | 34 | 22 | 23 50 | 75 | 24 25 | 75 |
| E. Lipps, Stark Co., | BF | 5 | 21 | 7 | 7 00 | 4 20 | 11 20 | 14 80 |
| S. Ragon, Cleveland, | CK | 3 | 8½ | 5 | 6 50 | 5 20 | 11 70 | |
| M. Coleman, Huron Co., | CK | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 50 | | 4 50 | |
| Totals, | | 20 | 108½ | 63 | \$67 50 | \$13 90 | \$81 40 | \$15 55 |

West Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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|---------------------------|----|----|-----|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| J. Jennings, Morgan Co., | DR | 5 | 38 | 1 | 60 | 15 75 | 16 35 | 11 85 |
| Mary Metcalf, Charleston, | DR | 5 | 26 | 5 | 12 50 | 29 25 | 41 75 | 6 15 |
| L. Waggoner, Morgan Co., | CK | 4 | 36 | 8 | 8 00 | 3 50 | 11 50 | 17 00 |
| D. Whitmire, Hampshire, | | | | 24 | | 5 50 | 5 50 | 1 70 |
| E. Metcalf, Parkersburg, | | | | | | 7 55 | 7 55 | |
| Totals, | | 14 | 124 | 14 | \$21 10 | \$61 55 | \$82 65 | \$36 70 |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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| I. Lawrence, Cambria, | GC | 3 | 33 | 12 | 36 00 | 6 00 | 42 00 | 7 25 |
| A. Brownlee, Butler, | DR | 3 | 24 | 7 | 19 25 | 6 15 | 25 40 | 4 90 |
| J. Glunt, Erie, | BR | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 75 | | 2 75 | 2 25 |
| Totals, | | 7 | 62 | 20 | \$58 00 | \$12 15 | \$70 15 | \$14 40 |

*Two Weeks.

†Three Weeks.

‡Week ending Oct. 2, 1908.

§Week ending Oct. 9, 1908.

Dear reader, you can imagine the joy these precious experiences bring to my heart. How glad I am, though often tempted to leave the canvassing work, that I faithfully did the work the Lord has given me. This gives me a greater desire than ever, to press forward in the battle, and to fight until the victory is won, and I receive the reward according as my work has been.

The canvassers who have become weary in this good work, I hope will take courage by these experiences. Though they may never see a soul accept the truth, let them remember that there will be some souls in the kingdom as a result of their labors if they continue faithful. You will surely reap if you faint not.

Reader, do you want to see souls saved in the kingdom of Christ as a result of your labors? Are you now doing all you can to this purpose? If not, why not? The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. If you are desirous of proving this fact write to me for particulars, and I will be glad to demonstrate it to you.

G. W. HOLMAN, *Field Agent.*
808 Prangley Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

HIS AMBASSADORS

The word of God calls us ambassadors. An ambassador is the representative of one nation, or government, to another nation, or government. There is invested in the ambassador the entire authority of the government he represents. When he speaks or acts, it is regarded as the speech or action of his government. It is highly essential, therefore, that an ambassador be thoroughly conversant with all the affairs and with the spirit of the government he has the honor to represent. It is also most important that he possess a deep love for his native land, and a profound respect for the administration of its laws.

So, as the ambassadors of the government of heaven, we should be thoroughly acquainted with the laws, customs, and spirit of the heavenly kingdom; should possess an unspeakable and an unswerving love for the King; and an unquestionable loyalty to the King's government. The reputation of the heavenly government should be more precious than our own lives.

To be an ambassador of the government of heaven is clearly the greatest honor that can possibly be conferred upon any man. The preparation of

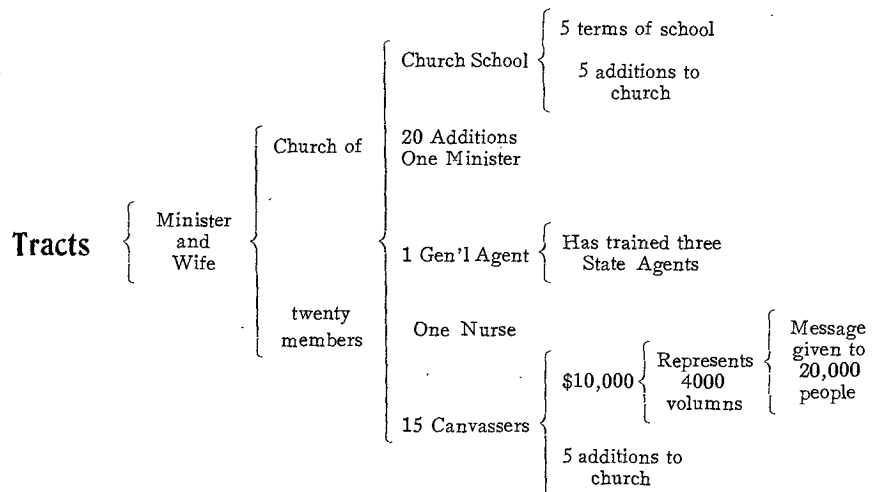
Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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| C. Overstreet, Riverton, | CK | 12 | 3 | 3 00 | 1 00 | 4 00 | 4 70 |
| K. Oertley, Radford, | SP | 20 | 2 | 2 50 | 70 | 3 20 | 3 20 |
| C. Grey, Parksley, | CK | 26 | 4 | 5 00 | | 5 00 | 10 27 |
| W. Genther, Parksley, | CK | 30 | 9 | 10 50 | | 10 50 | |
| J. Hayes,* Mt. Holly, | DR | 77 | 4 | 19 75 | 6 25 | 26 00 | 22 50 |
| J. M. Hayes, " | DR | 73 | 2 | 7 50 | 5 80 | 13 30 | 5 80 |
| E. McGlocklin, Norfolk, | | 17 | | | 8 10 | 8 10 | 3 75 |
| Totals, | | 255 | 24 | \$48 25 | \$21 85 | \$70 10 | \$218 25 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending Oct. 16, 1908

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|------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| M. Buell, Owings Mills, Md., | GC | 5 | 33 | 7 | 24 25 | 6 40 | 30 65 | 57 50 |
| D. Johns,* Bowie, Md., | DR | 7 | 49 | 2 | | | | 83 25 |
| C. Jones,† Howard Co. Md., | CK | 12 | 81 | 34 | 46 50 | 30 50 | 77 00 | |
| J. McNichol, Stablersville, Md., | GC | 1 | 13 | 1 | 2 75 | | 2 75 | 52 40 |
| J. Howard,* Prince George's Co. CK | 4 | 38 | | | | | | 56 00 |
| J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md., | CK | 59 | 18 | 21 00 | | 21 00 | | 11 00 |
| J. Jones, Allen, Md., | CK | 5 | 41 | 30 | 38 50 | | 38 50 | 10 50 |
| Totals, | | 34 | 314 | 92 | \$133 00 | \$36 90 | \$619 90 | \$270 65 |

A WONDERFUL STORY



Eternity alone will reveal all the tremendous forces for good set in motion by these tracts. This is no exaggerated story. The writer is personally acquainted with the parties mentioned, and rejoices in the truth to-day because those few tracts were sent from New York on their heavenly mission twenty-five years ago.

May these figures be indelibly impressed on the mind and heart of every reader, and may each "go and do likewise."

CHAS. G. BELLAH, *Central Union Canvassing Agent, in The Workers Record.*

the heart and mind for such an honor should be most earnestly desired and assiduously sought.—*Review and Herald.*

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Education is power. No matter how small your salary may be, every valuable bit of information you pick up, every bit of good reading or thinking you do, in fact everything you do to make yourself a larger and completer man or woman, will also help you to advance. I have known boys who were working very hard for

very little money to do more for their advancement in their spare time, their half-holidays, by improving their minds, than by the actual work they did. Their salaries were insignificant in comparison with their growth of mind. A man, capable by nature of being an employer, is often compelled to be a very ordinary employe because his mind is totally untrained.—*The Director.*

"The greatest things are not always the most dangerous. The little thing is often capable of doing more harm than something of ponderous size."

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Entered as Second Class Matter March 25, 1908,
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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Mrs. H. O. Le Fevre and baby are
visiting at Springfield, O.

Bro. V. H. Cook and family are now
pleasantly located in their new home.

A reception was held at Eld. S. M.
Butler's residence last Saturday
evening for the College faculty.

The Springfield church will hold a
Sabbath-school convention next Sab-
bath and Sunday. They have a most
excellent program.

A few of the Sabbath-school secre-
taries have not sent in their reports
for the last quarter. We hope to re-
ceive these this week.

Bro. C. V. Hamer is again confined
to his bed by sickness. Brethren,
pray for him that God may spare this
efficient worker to his cause.

CHINESE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

They never punish; hence a mule
that in the hands of a foreigner would
be useless or dangerous to those about
it, becomes in the possession of a
Chinaman as a lamb. We never be-
held a runaway, a jibbing or a vicious
mule or pony in a Chinaman's em-
ployment, but found the same rattling,
cheerful pace maintained over
heavy or light roads, by means of a
tur-r or cluk-k, the beast turning to
right or left, and stopping with but a
hint from the reins. This treatment
is extended to all the animals they
press into service. Often have I ad-
mired the tact exhibited in getting a
large drove of sheep through narrow,
crowded streets and alleys, by merely
having a little boy lead one of the
flock in front; and the others steadily
following. Cattle, pigs, and birds, are
equally well cared for.

In Paris, in 1869, we met Mr. Bur-
lingame, who was then our minister to

China. We ask him whether a so-
ciety for the prevention of cruelty to
animals ought not to be formed in
China. His reply was that there was
no such thing in China as cruelty to
animals; the Chinese were about the
kindest people in the world in their
treatment of them.—*Our Dumb Ani-
mals.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT—ITS OFFICE AND WORK

Just as truly as the Bible teaches
that there will be a special manifes-
tation of the Holy Spirit's power dur-
ing the last days, so certain we may be
that there will be many false teach-
ings, and misrepresentations in regard
to this wonderful and vital subject.
Not only those who are acquainted
with the putting forward false doc-
trines, but some who have long been
connected with the Message are teach-
ing error. The word plainly shows that
the special outpouring of the Holy
Spirit is given in the full development
of the Third Angel's Message, to ripen
the harvest of the earth.

Elder R. A. Underwood, President
of the Northern Union Conference,
who is well known throughout the de-
nomination for his sound position on
the fundamental doctrines which dis-
tinguish the remnant people, has
written a series of nine articles on the
subject of the "Holy Spirit; its Office
and Work." This series will be pub-
lished in the *Watchman*. The first
number will appear in the issue of
November 10. Our brethren and sis-
ters generally should show a deep in-
terest in this series of articles. Those
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eral effort ought to be made to get the
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Man is not altogether an imbecile.
True, "circumstances do make the
man," but they make them only in
the sense and degree that he permits
them to make him.—*G. D. Boardman.*

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mands upon our time, fifteen minutes'
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possibility of each person. Suppose
you try the plan of studying the Sab-
bath-school lesson fifteen minutes
each day. Try it for a week—a month
—three months—and note the re-
sult."

OBITUARY

KEAGY.—Katherine Keagy died at her
sister's home in Coshocton, O., Oct. 17, 1908,
aged 61 years, 7 months and 28 days. Sister
Keagy accepted the Third Angel's Message
under the labors of Elders O. F. Guilford
and Albert Carey, and united with the Coshoc-
ton S. D. A. church as a charter member fif-
teen years ago. It was her earnest desire to
so live that her daily life would conform with
her faith which continued to grow stronger
until her death. She leaves to mourn their
loss many near relatives and a large circle of
friends. Words of comfort were spoken by
the writer from John 3:16.

C. T. Redfield.