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PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING

God never would send you the darkness,
If he thot you could bear the light;
But you would not cling to his guiding hand,
If the way were always bright;
And you would not care to walk by faith,
Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true he has many an anguish
For the sorrowful hearts to bear,
And many a cruel thorn-crown
For your tired head to wear;
He knows how few would reach heaven at
all,

If pain did not guide them there.
So he sends you blinding darkness,
And the furnace of seven-fold heat;
'Tis the only way, believe me,
To keep you close to his feet—
For 'tis always so easy to wander,
When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's,
And sing, if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer some one behind you,
Whose courage is sinking low.
And—well if your lips do quiver—
God will love you better so.

—Selected.

THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

The time for our grand Thanksgiving Mission Campaign is almost here. Nearly all our churches are enthusiastically planning for a part in this work.

We are living in the time when "intensity is taking possession of every earthly element." At the same time "new light and life and power are descending from on high and taking possession of God's people." What is most needed now is that our people all arouse to their solemn responsibility in the present hour. Every indication shows that we are nearing the very last mile—home—our journey to the kingdom.

There is an abundance of means in the hands of people who will be glad to help us in giving the gospel to the world. Please read carefully the instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy regarding God's purpose in this campaign. When Israel was starting for Canaan, the Egyptians supplied them liberally with gold and materials that were used in the tabernacle. God is just as willing to bless us with the

wealth of the Gentiles if we do our part in placing the needs of the mission fields before them.

Much will depend on the attitude which our officers and leaders in the work, take toward this campaign. Is not now the time for our church officers to meet together and in humility and earnestness plan how to enlist the interest and support of people of means outside the church? No one who has the interest of God's cause at heart will be indifferent to this grand opportunity. Let us pray for, and expect great results. Try to get everyone to realize that now is the time for action. Indifference and carelessness now will so place us under Satan's influence that we will be almost sure to lose eternal life.

The Conference Committee has assigned one of our workers to aid each church in this campaign. Study the plans outlined in the *Review* and elsewhere. Isolated and absent members should be visited or written to, and enlisted in the work. We are depending upon your active co-operation in this crisis. I am sure you will not disappoint us. The soldier who deserts his post or fails to do his duty in a time of peril is a traitor.

Let us strike hard and fast in this work. Do not neglect any longer the people of wealth and influence. Give them a chance to know about this message and help push it forward. Can we expect God to save us if we refuse to do all we can to save others? While the popular churches cry "Pray and vote," let us pray and work, and God will give the increase. Do not hesitate to ask for large gifts, and pray that souls may be won to the kingdom. A supply of soliticians' cards and blanks will be sent each church and it will be the duty of the elder or librarian to see that each member is supplied with these. It will be well to keep record of any who may be visited who show special interest, for use in future work. With most earnest prayer for your success, I am, most sincerely,

B. F. KNEELAND.

"True greatness consists not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall."

COURAGE

For what? For the Thanksgiving Missionary *Review* Campaign. I am sure we all need it, and that God wants us to have it; and where shall we get it if not from him; for it is his work and not our own we are finishing. He encouraged me in the matter the other day by calling my attention to Ps. 45: 10 15, a scripture I had never studied before, and that seemed to me peculiarly applicable and appropriate. I wish to share the blessing with others to whom also it may be unfamiliar. "Hearken O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him; and the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The king's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold.

"She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle-work: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

"With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace." It seems to me that the church or people of God are addressed as daughter in these verses, and exhorted to hear and study and receive instruction from God; and to "forsake all" to follow Christ our king who will delight himself in us as we thus delight ourselves in him; for he is our Lord to whom our heart's first and best affections properly belong, clothing us with his righteousness we shall be beautiful within" or "in the king's inner palace", as one version reads: and his love and blessing and favor will exalt us so that—"the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift" and the king shall favor us. Not only so, but as we come to our King in the beautiful garments he himself has provided for us, we shall not come alone "but with rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us" to enjoy the pleasures of the King's palace.

Now is there not courage for us in these verses? Study them with the whole psalm and the reference texts, and you will find all these thoughts which I have only barely mentioned,

and which might be greatly enlarged upon, with many others I have not called attention to at all. With a willing spirit to co-operate in this plan of our leaders; shall we not seek such a nearness to God that his blessing will give us favor with others, so that they shall be willing with a gift, and to yield their hearts also to our King? If we go to them in the right spirit we shall be doing them a favor in giving them an opportunity to know of the Lord's closing work and to help advance it by a gift. May the Lord richly bless us in this work.

AMMY W. WELSH.

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THE DANISH-NORWEGIANS AND THE SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE "REVIEW"

For several years in the past we have printed a special number each autumn of our Danish-Norwegian paper, the *Sendebud*. We have sold thousands and thousands of these and they have been a great spiritual blessing to many readers.

We expect to publish such special numbers again—it is possible that we get one out later this winter. However, we shall not issue one this fall, as most of you know the General Conference has decided to print a special number of the *Review and Herald*. It is to be the Thanksgiving edition. The plan is not to sell this paper, but to give it away free to all with a word of explanation about our world-wide mission work in foreign fields, and with the request that those who receive the paper give us something for the foreign mission. I need not enter on a more detailed explanation of the plan.

Very many of us Danish-Norwegian Adventists take the *Review* and prize it highly, and we have thought, dear brethren, that you would wish to have a share in this great mission crusade with the *Review*. It is because we wish you to feel free to do this, that we print no special number of the *Sendebud* this fall. We know that if we issued a special *Sendebud*, many of you would work for its circulation and thus be deprived of assisting the foreign work through this special *Review*.

We Adventists, are of many nations and yet one nation in the Lord. We are all in a peculiar sense interested in God's cause in "the region beyond". The Danish-Norwegian Adventists have given liberally to the foreign fields. Let us now all unite in a steady, strong effort to use this

special number of the *Review*. Let each one be inspired by a divine enthusiasm. Why can we not circulate twice as many of this *Review* as we ever did of the special *Sendebud*?

I would earnestly ask our Danish-Norwegian brethren in the Columbia Union to do their utmost for this special *Review*. L. H. CHRISTIAN.

HOW WOULD JESUS TEACH?

So often have I asked myself the question, "How would Jesus teach that lesson?" Especially has this question impressed itself upon my mind at the close of some unsatisfactory class exercise, sometimes when the practical truths which the lesson contained seemed to make no impression on the class, when there seemed, in fact, no interest in the lesson whatever. How would Jesus teach? Would he not have used some better method than mine? Undoubtedly he would. And if so, what would be that method? He is not here now, but we are, and we are to represent him.

This led me to study his methods of teaching, and I found him talking to his class about such common things as worthless salt, which was thrown away because of its lack of savor; about a poor woman who lost a little money; about an ordinary man sowing seed in his private field; a fruitless fig tree; a lump of yeast; humble weeds—yes, actually telling his hearers all these ordinary things that they knew all about. Yet to each of these he attached a meaning which could not be easily forgotten. The farmer would think of that seed talk whenever he went to sow his field; so would the woman think of his use of yeast as an illustration when she made her bread.

So I tried to bring into my class work little illustrations, some hooks on which to catch and hang a few thoughts, some brief incident that would serve to make the lesson a little plainer; in other words, tried to teach as Jesus taught.

It has seemed to me that my class work has been much more successful since trying this plan, and I intend to carry it out more faithfully than ever before.—H. H. Hall.

"Jest take a little advice from me
'Nd practice it allurs, wherever ye be;
Whatever folks do er whatever they say,
Unless you can do it much better'n they,
Don't you kick."

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

Elder O. O. Bernstein spent last Sabbath with the church at Lebanon. He reports a very profitable time.

Brother I. M. Martin reports excellent interest in his meetings at Hatfield. He desires the prayers of God's people in behalf of this effort.

Brother A. L. Cobb, of Lake Ariel, has been spending a few days at the Sanitarium. Brother Cobb is the elder of the above church.

Elder J. H. Krum spent Sabbath, October 17, with the Williamsport church and officiated in the celebration of the ordinances with that company. We understand that a brother also was baptized by Brother Krum the following day.

We have received sample copies of the special Thanksgiving number of the *Review*. All who have seen this number must agree that it gives the most striking review of our work that has ever fallen to our lot to place in the hands of the people.

Orders for the special number of the *Review* are coming in very encouragingly. One church ordered 2,500 copies. We hope that all our brethren and sisters will take an active part in this Thanksgiving week campaign. There is a special blessing in store for each one who will enter heartily in this work.

Elder Heckman baptized three adults at Allentown, Sabbath, October 17. It is interesting to know that two of those who went forward in the ordinance—a brother and his wife accepted the Third Angel's Message as the result of our State Agent, Brother Holman having sold them "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" about a year ago. Surely God's hand is in the canvassing work.

Sabbath, October 24, the West Philadelphia church enjoyed an appreciated visit from our president, Eld. W. H. Heckman, who delivered an inspiring discourse upon "The Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man." The need of such prayers was forcefully emphasized, and the brethren and sisters were greatly edified. In the afternoon Elder Heckman spoke to the German church.

We are pleased to learn that our German paper, *The Christlicher Hausfreund*, will issue a Foreign Mission number for Thanksgiving week containing the same articles and illustrations that will appear in the special number of the *Review*. All who would like some of these papers to be used in soliciting contributions to our foreign mission work, will kindly send all orders direct to the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska. They will be mailed free of charge.

Elder R. A. Underwood, formerly president of this Conference, now president of the Northern Union Conference, who is well-known throughout the denomination as a forceful speaker and writer, has written a series of articles on the subject of "The Holy Spirit; His office and Work." These articles will be published in the *Watchman*, beginning with the issue of November 10. The subscription price of the *Watchman* is one dollar a year; fifty cents for six months or twenty-five cents for three months. Address this office, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sanitarium News

We have an excellent class of new nurses.

The Fetty sisters of California are stopping at the Sanitarium.

The Sanitarium is practically full. The income from house patients alone is over three hundred dollars per week. This does not include operations or outside patients coming to the bathrooms.

Our Sanitarium is enjoying an excellent patronage. Within the last week three major operations were performed. We are thankful to be able to say that each case proved successful. One in particular was very difficult.

Brother John Davis, formerly superintendent of the *Review and Herald*, has accepted the position of Business Manager and Secretary and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium. He entered upon his duties the first of last week.

"Every man who lives in the habitual practice of any voluntary sin, cuts himself off from Christianity."

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

Wm. Ross, elder of the Walker church, was in the city the 24th and attended services at the tent.

J. L. Hall, of St. Albans, sent in a canvassing report for last week and says he is now going to put in good time in the field.

The sisters of the Parkersburg church have organized a Ladies' Aid Society and are meeting each week working that they may secure funds towards building a church here.

George B. Weber, of Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., arrived in Bluefield the 21st and has already begun canvassing with Brother Percy. We are glad to welcome him as a faithful canvasser to our State.

J. H. Jennings says in a recent letter that "The Lord is very good to me in giving me good places to stop and many friends in some places who are willing to listen to the truth which the book contains. We pray the Lord may bless them as he has me and bring glory to himself."

We quote from a postal received from Brother Percy written the 26th. "Had a good day to-day. Took seven orders for 'Great Controversy' valued at \$20.25. I believe we are going to have good times here. Times are a little hard but we are trying to keep hard times on the outside. The Lord is going before us."

The leading article in the November *Signs* will be "Spiritualism." This article alone will be well worth the price of the paper, as it presents some of the main points in the present agitation of spiritualism and gives the divine definition of this doctrine. You should get a copy for your friends, and order a supply to sell. Send in your order at once.

We are still getting orders for the Thanksgiving Ingathering *Review*. Following is the number of orders received to date:—

Reported previously	1,061
Kanawhar church	125
Morgantown church	50
L. A. Walker	10
S. G. Cunningham and wife	20
Amelia A. Clark	25
A. J. Bush	10
Total	1,301

Married at Parkersburg, West Va., Thursday, October, 29, at 2:00 P. M., Mr. David Haddix and Mrs. Mary L. Meredith. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride. Mr. Will Meredith and Mrs. Geo. Trout, son and daughter of Mrs. Meredith, acting as attendants. Elder J. M. Rees officiated. About thirty guests were present, and after the ceremony the wedding party and guests went to the home of W. S. and Mrs. Metcalf where the Parkersburg church members had prepared a bountiful luncheon as a surprise. Brother and Sister Haddix need no introduction to you, as both are well known and have held important positions in the Conference almost from its beginning. We extend to them in behalf of the Conference our hearty congratulations. The Parkersburg church will keenly miss Sister Haddix as she leaves us to make her home in Fairmont, but we know that our loss will be gain to the few Sabbath-keepers located there.

PEARL L. REES.

TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCES

Dear brethren and sisters: doubtless many of you have looked for some word through the *VISITOR* concerning the school at Hazel, Kentucky.

I am indeed glad to say that the new building to which you donated so generously is almost completed.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in sending a fine class of young people to the school.

As I told you at camp-meeting, so now we find it to be more a reality that we are working to carry out our policy of no indebtedness. We have succeeded, so far, in being able to meet our bills, but would not have been able to do so if our many friends in the North had not sent in their donations promptly. Will not you promise to pay by November first, so as to help us in being free from debt by sending your donations soon?

I have written to several persons to get information concerning the book "Beware," but so far have failed to find any trace of the author or of any place where the book can be obtained.

Kind friends, will you not remember us in your prayers, and by your generosity?

I shall be glad to answer any questions, that I am able, concerning the work in the South. Sincerely your brother,

THOS. D. ROWE

Springfield, O.

The Lord is greatly blessing our work here in Springfield. To his name be all the praise and glory.

Sabbath, September 26, four willing souls followed their Saviour into the watery grave, and, we trust, have arisen to walk in newness of life, and to the credit of the church in Springfield and for the encouragement of others.

I can say that nearly all are paying a full tithe. My dear brethren the Third Angel's Message is the dearest thing in life to a true and faithful Seventh-day Adventist. When we stop and consider the great work God has intrusted to us and the sacredness of the same, how thankful we ought to be that we have the privilege of helping in such a glorious work. Since the fall in Eden, God has never intrusted to man so great a work as he has given to us as a people. The message of Noah was an important one; the message of Jonah was also important; the message of John the Baptist was a great message, and so with every message that God ever gave to mortal man. Each of these different messages if unheeded results in death. For the people who heard Noah's message and rejected it, were destroyed when the deluge came; but Noah and his family were saved from the watery grave. But who can say that all of Noah's family will be saved in the kingdom of God? So with the message of Jonah. God did have pity on the people of Nineveh when he saw their repentance, but not all the people of Nineveh will come up in the first resurrection, and thus with every other message it concerned the people and no doubt every one who rejected these messages were lost; but all who heeded these different messages were not eternally saved. While it is true that every one that rejects the last message of mercy shall be lost, thank God all who accept it shall be eternally saved.

I am thankful for the privilege of having a part in such a message. It is world-wide and concerns every living soul. And while Satan is determined to defeat this message and discourage God's people, let us be men,—true men for God. Darkness is covering the earth and gross darkness the people. How much we need heavenly wisdom and divine help.

The Lord has said that there shall be delay no longer. Take courage, brother pilgrim, the race is nearly run and our work shall be forever ended, and we shall be satisfied when we

see his face and meet the loved of earth and sit down with them and with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Your brother in the last warning message, FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK"

THE following references clearly show God's love and tender care for the humble servant. Humility is a characteristic emanating from the divine character, and is, in the eyes of God most precious.

"Now the man Moses was *very meek* above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. And the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses. . . ." Num. 12: 3.

"The *meek* shall eat and be satisfied. . . ." Ps. 22:26.

"The *meek* shall he guide in judgment; the *meek* will he teach his way." Ps. 25: 9.

"But the *meek* shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." Ps. 37:11.

"The Lord lifteth up the *meek*; he casteth the wicked down to the earth." Ps. 147:6.

"For the Lord taketh pleasure with his people: he will *beautify the meek* with salvation." Ps. 149:4.

"The *meek* also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel." Isa. 29: 19.

"Blessed are the *meek* for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5: 5.

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a *meek* and *quiet* spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

God's servants may be cast down, falsely accused and misrepresented. This should not discourage a soul. At times it would seem so easy to arise and vindicate your cause. Perhaps if you should do this, some one else might be cast down, and self glorified. Meekness willingly suffers wrongfully and does it cheerfully. May God help us to cast all our care upon him, knowing that our heavenly Father cares for us.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

CHARACTER

THE greatest thing in the world is character. It is the only thing that counts. The Bible was written for it;

the Saviour died for it; the standing of this world depends upon it. More lasting than the pyramids, more enduring than the hills and the everlasting mountains, is character. It is the one imperishable thing in all the universe co-existent with eternity. When earth's mighty monuments shall have crumbled in dust, when the history of men, nations, and empires has faded into oblivion; when this old earth has been burned, there will stand forth unharmed and unchanged to endure through eternity, the greatest thing in the world—character.

But, like the diamond, the most precious jewel is also the rarest. The thing most to be desired is the least thought of, the least sought after. The world is madly rushing to destruction through base idolatry. Men are bowing down to the triple gods of wealth, fashion, and pleasure. In a frenzy of rivalry they hasten to lay their offerings at their shrine, meanwhile trampling in the dust the pearl of great price—the one thing needful. But in the midst of this apostasy there are a few who have not bowed the knee to Baal; a few who are striving to rescue the pearl from the dust and hold it up to the world. It is these few who are preserving society from the death to which it is surely tending. The world is morally sick and its only cure can be found in a renewed life, in the development of character pure and noble. It is the greatest need of the hour.

Let us represent character by an engine. Before the engine can do its work there must be beneath the rails a firm foundation of soil and wood and rock. So the foundation of character, as given in 1 Cor. 3:11, is Christ: "For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, even Jesus Christ." Not a foundation of hay, sand, stubble, but the enduring Rock of Ages. To really know the love of the greatest of men, to know his life, to know him, is the secret of power, of character. Every atom of greatness found in the lives of men is a part of that great life, and the more perfectly this has been recognized and acknowledged as such the greater has been that life.

In studying our Pattern we must know the principles which made him great. And here we discover the two rails upon which the character engine runs. Self-sacrifice and self-control were the principles which brought the Christ-life into perfection, and upon these character is dependent. As long as the engine is kept on these two rails there will be no moral wreck, no fatal disaster.

It is said of Christ, "From his earliest years he was possessed of one purpose: he lived to bless others." The law of nature is that of self-sacrifice or ministry to others. "There is nothing save the selfish heart of man that lives unto itself. No bird that cleaves the air, no animal that moves upon the ground but ministers to some other life. There is no leaf of the forest or lowly blade of grass but has its ministry. The sun sheds its light to gladden a thousand worlds. The ocean, itself the source of all our springs and fountains, receives the streams from every land, but takes to give."

There is a strange paradox which says, "What I gave I have; what I kept I lost," but it is a law of life. Just as love and kindness go out of our lives toward others is there room for more and still more until we become reservoirs of blessings, ever filling and overflowing to others.

History records two classes of great men and women: the one, which like the flash of lightning attract the whole world by their sudden splendor and then are gone; the other, which like the light of sunshine, quietly and continuously without any noise, are spreading life and joy everywhere. The former live for self alone; the latter live to bless others. Napoleon is a good example of the first class. Never was there such a leader so endowed and so weaponed. He carried all Europe before him,—burned cities and squandered treasures, and spread consternation everywhere. Every eye was fixed upon this great man who was first in war, but ah, not first in peace and in the hearts of his countrymen. Napoleon had met many a moral Waterloo before he entered upon that battle. The life that was lived in self died in solitude, and when the lonely exile retired, defeated from the battle field of life, there was but one to mourn him, his noble Josephine, who in spite of the most cruel wrong she had suffered at his hands, remained faithful to her ignoble hero. The poorest peasant who makes one soul happy through a life of service is greater than Napoleon.

How different is the picture of the "Lady with the lamp" as she glides noiselessly among the sick and dying, here bathing the fevered brow, there soothing the anguished sufferer. No wonder the weary soldiers turned to kiss her shadow as she passed by. One hour of Florence Nightingale's life was worth more than the whole span of Napoleon's career. By the one, thousands of hearts were made glad; by the other, as many were ruthlessly

wiped out of existence with the hand of death.

The other rail upon which the character engine runs is self-control. "The greatest battle fought in life by every heroic soul who seeks to conquer in strife is self-control." Of the kingdom within us, God has appointed each one of us as rulers; and according as we exercise this divinely appointed kingship are we masters or slaves: masters of our appetites, passions, and ambitions, or their miserable slaves. Self-control is the great weapon of defence against the enemies of character.

In no character has this quality been more strikingly displayed than in the life of the world's greatest legislator. For forty years Moses led a rebellious, stiff-necked people, listened to their murmurings against him and his God, bore with their backslidings and patiently endured their complaints. Only once in all that struggle did he lose his self-control, and that one hasty word cost him the entrance to Canaan—the one bright hope to which he had been looking forward to during all those wanderings. But how did this great leader gain his self-mastery? First of all, he surrendered worldly ambitions the highest, riches the greatest, education the most advanced, for the honor of God, and not until this complete surrender had been made did God undertake his special training. Then began a forty-years' course in self-discipline. For every year of service as leader of God's people, Moses spent a year in the wilds of Midian as in a school, and not until every trace of pride and selfishness had been removed did he graduate. And not until his forty-year post-graduate course was completed did he receive his diploma—the "well done" which permitted him to enter the heavenly Canaan, there to meet Jehovah face to face.

But this work of character building is not of the nature of the mushroom, springing up in a night and then shriveling away; it is the slow, steady growth which comes through the conquering of trifles.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet

By what we have mastered of good or gain
By the pride deposed and the passion slain
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

Each victory gained, however small, is an additional strength to the bulwark of character. We think of Abraham Lincoln as the restorer of freedom to four million slaves—but before

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A FEW TESTIMONIES FROM CANVASSERS IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Two sisters who are laboring together write: "When we came to this place we had spent our last cent for carfare. We went in search for rooms and soon found one, but could not have possession of it before we paid a week's rent in advance. This was impossible as we had no money. We went from place to place and found rooms but could not get them without paying in advance. We did not lose our confidence in the Lord, but believed that he would have a place for us.

"At the last place we called the lady asked for a week's rent in advance, but we told her that we did not have the money. After telling her of our work, she said: 'you look honest, I will let you have the room until you get the money.' We now had a room but did not have supper, and not having money to buy any food we were compelled to go to bed without anything to eat. The next morning we went out to canvass without breakfast. We were hungry and trusted in the Lord that he would plan a way to supply our needs. We soon were able to sell a book to a lady who thought she was too poor to buy one, we suggested to board the price of the book, she at once consented to do so. This gave us our meals for a few days.

"The Lord richly blessed us with orders for future delivery, and also orders for meals as we needed them. We had a splendid delivery in a few weeks, and this gave us money to pay for our room and enough to carry us safely through until our next delivery."

Recently the writer received the following from these sisters: "The Lord is blessing us very much and we are of the best courage."

A brother writes: "I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you that my partner in the work has left me. I feel lonely but am sure the Lord is with me. Next week the Lord and I are going out together and I am sure that we will be able to get many orders." Later this brother writes: "I am of good courage, the Lord has greatly blessed me, and I can truly say that he has given me a greater burden for souls than ever. Pray for me that my courage may keep up."

The canvassers truly need our prayers. Reader, you may be a great help in this work by praying every

morning for the success of all these workers.

The Lord is calling for many more of his people to become willing to make a covenant with him by sacrifice, for the saving of precious souls, in going from house-to-house with this message in the form of the printed page.

Is he calling you? If so, write to me for particulars and learn how to start right in this noble work. Yours in the Master's work,

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

Trenton, N. J.

Dear readers of the VISITOR: Our hearts are made grateful to God for the wonderful way in which he has blessed us in the canvassing work here in this Conference the past summer. We feel sure that every canvasser will be rewarded in the earth made new, if they prove faithful, for their faithful efforts in scattering the many thousands of pages laden with the saving truths for this time.

In Isa. 55:11, we have the authority of the Lord himself that his word shall not return unto him void. With this promise in mind we are encouraged to press on in the great cause of God with a stronger determination than ever before. In spite of every obstacle, which seems to obstruct the way, God in his own way, causes his precious truths to reach the honest in heart.

The very fact that there are hard times and that the people seem to be steeped in sin and wickedness should inspire every one of us, who professes to be a child of God, to work with renewed determination knowing that we are nearing the time when we shall not be able to work.

Now is the time to work for God while the four winds are being withheld, and the servants of God are being sealed. God invites us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Let us place ourselves on the side of duty so God can rain upon us his showers of blessings. Some of the people have already begun to purchase their holiday gifts. Why not go to them with our books? In the "Testimonies" we read this statement: "Every soul who will consecrate himself to the canvassing work is assisting in giving the last warning message to this world." Who will join our ranks? Thousands are in need of help. "It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we be-

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. Swingle, York,	DR	5	32	11	\$21 50	\$ 8 25	\$29 75		
R. Spangenberg, Lackawanna,	DR	5	17	5	13 25	2 40	15 65		1 50
R. Kimble, Lackawanna,	DR	2	10	4	7 25	2 45	9 70		
K. Pieffer, Berks,	BR	5	23	1	2 75	10 75	13 50		
" " " "	BR	4	24	2	5 50	8 30	13 80		
L. Randall, Susquehanna,	HM	5	46	3	6 00	4 20	10 20		22 75
G. Hackett, Schuylkill,	HM	5	35	4	8 00	5 25	13 25		5 25
M. Hackett, " "	HM	5	26	7	14 00	4 50	18 50		2 50
B. Sauble, York,	CK	5	30	10	11 00	5 25	16 25		
W. Seigle, Lycoming,	CK	5	24	9	9 00	9 40	18 40		16 30
Totals,		46	267	56	\$98 25	\$60 75	\$159 00		\$48 30

Chesapeake, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

J. Jones, Allen, Md.,	CK	4	55	8	9 50		9 50		85 00
C. Jones, Ellicott City, Md.,	CK	5	40	20	30 00		30 00		
E. Mitchell, * Bird Hill, Md.,	DA	8	74	3	6 00	35 50	39 50		48 50
J. Paden, Tilghmontont, Md.,	CK	5	32	9	12 50		12 50		9 25
Mrs. Rawcliffe, Rockland, Del.,	CK		35	7	10 50		10 50		
J. Siler, Frederick Co., Md.,	CK		35	1	1 50		1 50		137 75
H. Scott, Churchton, Md.,	CK	3	26	39	52 00	8 75	60 75		
J. Howard, *Prince George's Co.,	CK	2	20	33	40 50		40 50		
Totals,		27	287	120	\$162 50	\$42 25	\$204 75		\$280 50

New Jersey, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

S. Oberg, Salem,	DR	5	42	11	32 25	1 50	33 75		
J. Rambo, Fairton,	DR	4	20	8	17 00	8 75	25 75		
G. Taylor, Cape May	DR	1	7	4	10 75	1 25	12 00		1 25
H. Murphy, Hightstown,	DR	3	14	2	5 50		5 50		
R. Funk, Elizabeth,	GC	5	33	14	40 50	2 90	43 40		
B. H. Welsh, Roseile,	BR	4	22	4	11 00	3 70	14 70		
P. Valenta, Verona,	BR	4	23	3	8 25	75	9 00		75
Totals,		26	161	46	\$125 25	\$18 85	\$144 10		\$2 00

Ohio, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

A. Bassler, † Richland Co.,	DR	3	25	10	22 50	2 65	25 15		1 40
C. Pember, † Wood Co.,	DR	3	21	1	2 75	3 00	5 75		52 75
S. Ragon, Cleveland,	CK	2	6	6	6 50	4 10	10 60		7 50
C. Forker, Coshocton Co.,	CK	2	12	6	6 50	2 00	8 50		
M. Coleman, Huron Co.,	CK	1	1	1	1 00		1 00		
E. Lipps, Stark Co.,	BF	3	18	2	2 50	3 75	6 25		1 60
Totals,		14	83	26	\$41 75	\$15 50	\$57 25		\$63 25

Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

C. Overstreet, Rileyville,	CK		19	9	10 00	2 10	12 10		1 03
C. Grey, Parksley,	CK		13	21	25 50		25 50		
J. Hayes, Mt. Holly,	DR		34	2	4 25		4 25		9 75
J. M. Hayes, " "	DR		35		2 55		2 55		2 55
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP		29	3	3 75	1 05	4 80		9 20
Totals,			130	35	\$46 05	\$2 15	\$49 20		\$22 53

West Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

J. Jennings, Morgan Co.,	DR	5	38	4	7 50	18 75	26 25		4 25
J. Hall, Putman Co.,	BR	4	18	7	19 25	4 75	24 00		
E. Metcalf, Parkersburg,						3 00	3 00		
Miscellaneous, Charleston,					23 00	1 00	24 00		34 25
Totals,		9	56	11	\$49 75	\$27 50	\$77 25		\$38 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 23, 1908

J. Glunt, Washville,	BR	1	5			3 25	3 25		
I. Lawrence, Cambria,	GC	5	36	9	24 75	4 00	28 75		6 50
C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	8	52	37	106 25		106 25		59 00
Totals,		14	92	46	\$131 00	\$7 25	\$138 25		\$65 50

*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending October 16, 1908.

lieved. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom. 13: 11, 12.

O, may God cause us to sense our responsibilities for this time and cause us to arouse to action before it is everlastingly too late. Yours in the closing work,

RALEIGH FRENCH.

"Americans spend one and one-half times more for chewing-gum than they give to missions. While the money that goes to support missionaries in heathen lands is not a tithe of that which finds its way into the tills of the millinery shops. Candy costs the American people considerably above twenty-five per cent more than is paid to missions. As one dollar falls in the hands of the missionary, one hundred dollars is paid for jewelry and silverware. While these figures represent American expenditures, they present facts worth thinking about by our own people."

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that hand had signed the famous proclamation it had served to raise up the fallen and lessen the unhappiness of those about him. The heart of him who wept at the great American curse was also stirred with pity at the sight of a bird lost from its nest, and the very same hands which broke slavery's chain tenderly restored that bird to its nest in safety.

Along the central coast of California, a few miles north of San Francisco, there is a mountain which gently slopes from its summit of three thousand feet down to the ocean. It is said that of all the scenes of beauty which this State offers she has reserved her favorite picture for him who witnesses a June sunrise from the top of this mountain. One summer night a company of twenty began the eight-mile journey. I shall not attempt to describe the utter weariness of those long hours as we climbed that narrow, rocky path, guided only by the faint light of the stars, stumbling over rocks and brushing against shrubbery that persisted in obstructing our pathway. Nothing save the assurance of the coming sunrise kept us perseveringly climbing onward. With the first gray streaks of dawn we reached the summit, and the beauty of that morning panorama was full recompense for the night's toil. We were above the clouds: not even the faintest outlines of the great

city or the ocean could be seen; all lay quietly sleeping under a coverlet of fleecy clouds. But as the first rays from the east gleamed across the valley, the clouds slowly rose and finally vanished before them. Below us, lay San Francisco Bay with its surrounding cities and the queen of the West with her harbor filled with ships just awakening to the morning activity, her western shore gently lapped by the breakers of the Pacific. In the quiet San Rafael valley we could see the network of sloughs like white silken threads intertwined and entangled. The morning sun shining on the sparkling water of the bay filled the scene with splendor.

So it is in the slow, steady climb for character. At times utter darkness may enshroud us; the path may be narrow and rough and stony; we may even fall and become bruised, but with each advancing step we get nearer to the goal, nearer to that summit of perfection toward which we are climbing. The hope of reaching that end, of seeing the Sun of Righteousness, will lead us on until we shall be above the clouds of sin. Then only can we get the true perspective of life, the broad, open view of God's great plan. And it is the privilege of everyone to attain to this character. It makes not an iota of difference whether we be rich or poor, talented or not, God has given us everything in the heritage of character, and in spite of every disadvantage, we can through faith in him attain to it. There can be no monopoly on character. No Rockefeller or Morgan can get a corner on the market. It is open to the poorest of the poor. He with only one talent may nourish and cultivate that until it grows into a dozen, and no disadvantage of person, lineage, or fortune can prevent it.

It is needless to refer to the difficulties which made our great men what they were, but an incident from the life of Lincoln may help to show how independent character is of external circumstances. During an exciting campaign, one of his sturdy opponents approached him and said, "So you are Abe Lincoln?" "That's my name, sir," replied Lincoln. "They say you're a self-made man." "Well, yes, what there is of me is perhaps self-made," modestly replied Lincoln. The old man looked him over from head to foot, and as he scanned those angular features and that lank, awkward frame, he replied, "Well, all I've got to say is that that was a pretty poor job." But Abraham Lincoln was not posing as

a model of art. When the whole country was ringing with the praises of honest old Abe, who thought of the color of his eyes or the grace of his figure? Every inch of the awkward rail-splitter was blessed in the hearts of the people and there stirred in every breast the memory of that kindly face, and those eyes from whose depths there gushed forth hidden springs of greatness. It was the soul of Abraham Lincoln that shone out in spite of an uncouth exterior.

The flowers of beauty are fragrant while they last, but a golden character far outlasts them all: the one is withered by a warm blast of wind; the other, only polished and beautified by the hot flames of the furnace. Greatness comes from within. The worth of the engine does not consist in its highly polished exterior, its size, or particular make. It is the mighty force working within which sets in motion the ponderous wheels and sends them with flying speed over mountain and valley. With most of us the character engine has hardly begun the ascent; we have been laying the rails. Need we be discouraged if the work seems slow? Listen: "Through faith in Christ every deficiency of character may be supplied, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed."—"Education," p. 257.

And here we are back to the foundation again. "No other foundation hath man laid than is laid, even Jesus Christ."

From a perishing world there comes the call for "men and women who will not be bought or sold, who in their inmost souls are true and honest, who do not fear to call sin by its right name: men and women whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle is to the pole: who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." It is the need of the hour. —Inez L. Hoiland, in the *Educational Messenger*.

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." 2 Cor. 6:17.

That command means not only come out, but it means also stay out. Some come out and then go back. Some come out and straddle the line. Christ draws sharp lines. "He that is not with me is against me." Some church members have their roots on one side of the church wall, and their boughs all hang over and drop the fruit on the world's side. —Cuyler.

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OHIO ITEMS

Owing to a break in the engine room, the VISITOR was delayed.

The blue pencil mark means your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

Mrs. U. E. White is entertaining her mother Mrs. R. B. Dickey, of Battle Creek, Mich.

Sister Minnie Cooper is recovering nicely from a recent operation at the Collge Springs Sanitarium.

Bro. I. D. Richardson, of Takoma Park, Wash., is spending a few days at the College in the interest of the canvassing work. He is encouraged over the prospects.

While Brother Hamer is slowly improving, he is still confined to his bed. We are hoping that he will soon recover sufficiently to take the rest that the doctor says is imperative.

LIFE AND HEALTH

Having examined the November number of *Life and Health* we do not hesitate to pronounce it the best issue of this timely health journal. Its two leading themes are joy and peace for the adult, and proper play for the child. The articles are short, but do not stop short before making clear the importance of this phase in healthful living. There are also timely articles in reference to the questions of food, exercise, and temperance. One unique feature is a two page illustrated parable which graphically portrays in verse the folly of seeking to remedy the evils caused by intemperance in any other way than by stopping the liquor traffic. The whole number deals with timely things tersely told. The number is nicely illustrated and can readily be sold to your neighbors. Send in your orders early.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, TO SEPTEMBER 30.

Albion	\$ 73 96
Allegheny	660 47
Allegheny (German)	146 01
Altoona	278 80
Austin	76 39
Beaver Falls	79 03
Bradford	756 11
BellaVernon (Comp)	41 00
Clearfield	230 47
Coudersport	560 16
Corry	123 85
Corydon	176 28
Conneautville	168 61
Duke Center	8 85
Edinboro	92 29
Eldred	51 84
Erie	259 59
Greensburg	69 32
Huntingdon	221 86
Indiana	192 87
Industry	22 78
Jomton	131 57
Johnstown	327 38
Lock Haven	145 91
Meadville	126 61
Midway	89 22
McKeesport (Comp)	5 00
North Warren	263 35
Oakland (Comp)	15 00
Oil City	54 85
Pittsburg No. 1	1,016 46
Pittsburg No. 2,	402 24
Philipsburg	14 95
Punxsutawney (Comp)	56 50
Port Allegany	242 69
Spartansburg (Comp)	27 63
Shingle House	49 27
Six Mile Run	193 69
Salemville (Comp)	3 75
Titusville	53 14
Union City	66 25
Uniontown	66 71
Washington	258 47
Youngsville (Comp)	50 25
Individual	46 67
Total	\$7,998 10

Beginning with the issue of November 18 there will appear in the columns of this paper a series of articles entitled "The Canvasser and his Work, or a Canvassing Institute by Correspondence," by I. D. Richardson, the general agent of the Columbia Union Conference. Brother Richardson will give the same instruction in this series of articles as he gives in a canvassers' institute.

As the Spirit of Prophecy has told us that the circulation of our literature is the work which the Lord would have his people engage in, these articles will be of great value to all our people who read them.

OBITUARY

FRITZ.—Mrs. Lucinda Fritz died Oct. 17, 1908, of tuberculosis, aged 52 yrs., 5 mo., and 23 days. She embraced this truth under the labors of Eld. W. H. Granger and was a charter member of the Canton, O., Seventh-day Adventist church. Sister Fritz enjoyed a rich religious experience to the last, and we laid her to rest in Westlawn Cemetery to await the coming of the Lifegiver. Words of encouragement were spoken by the writer from Job: 14: 14 and other appropriate scriptures.
B. J. FERCIOT.

COYL.—John William Coyl was born Sept. 22, 1833, died Oct. 21, 1908, aged 75 years and 29 days. He was born at Franklin Furnace, O. His parents came to this neighborhood when he was twelve years of age, and his entire life, except about nine months of boyhood, was spent in Green Township. He was united in marriage with Mary Andre Dec. 19, 1871. To them were born five children, Clara of Mount Gilead, O.; Clinton of Bridgeport, Ala.; Edward of Washington, D. C.; Willie (deceased); and Clyde at home. He leaves five grand-children. While a young man he united with the Free-will Baptist church at Wheelersburg, O. In later years his attention was called to the Sabbath truth and second coming of Christ, which, after careful investigation and study he believed and accepted, uniting with the Wheelersburg Seventh-day Adventist church in 1888. He is survived by one brother. Words of comfort were spoken by Eld. R. R. Kennedy from Rev. 14:13.
JENNIE C. HOWELL.

Elder B. F. Purdham's permanent address is now Stanleyton, Va.

MARRIED

Thursday evening, October 22 at 8 o'clock, at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Sister Irma Deboe Miller and Brother Charles F. Ulrich were joined in wedlock by the writer. The couple attended by Mrs. Charles E. Ritter sister of the groom, and Mr. Charles E. Ritter as best man, entered the church to the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin," rendered by Miss Laura Miller, an aunt of the bride, and advanced to the altar where the ceremony was consummated. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. They were the recipients of many beautiful gifts. Brother Ulrich has been laboring in Springfield, Mass., and will make his home there for the present. With many, we wish them God's blessing as they go forward in the Master's work.

ELDER W. F. SCHWARTZ.
Hollidaysburg, Pa.