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IF WE KNEW

If we knew, when walking thoughtless
Through the crowded, noisy way,
That some pearl of wondrous whiteness
Close beside our pathway lay;
We would pause; when now we hasten;
We would often look around,
Lest our careless feet should trample
Some rare jewel in the ground.

If we knew what forms were fainting
For the shade which we should fling;
If we knew what lips were parching
For the water we should bring;
We would haste with eager footsteps
We would work with willing hands,
Bearing cups of cooling water,
Planting rows of shading palms.

If we knew when friends around us
Closely press to say good-by,
Which among the lips that kiss us
First should 'neath the daisies lie;
We would clasp our hands around them,
Looking on them through our tears;
Tender words of love eternal
We would whisper in their ears.

If we knew what lives were darkened
By some thoughtless words of ours,
Which have ever laid among them
Like the frost among the flowers;
Of with what sincere repentings,
With what anguish of regret,
While our eyes were overflowing,
We would cry, "Forget, forget."

--Selected.

PREPARE FOR THE ISSUE

The dust and smoke of another political campaign is passing, and while the people are watching for the promised better times, the happy successful candidates are laying their plans for the winter's work in Washington. Advisers and plum seekers are doubtless arranging to push forward their personal interests. Christian lobbyists are marshaling their forces, to carry forward their long cherished ambition that Christ shall be this world's king. Self-deceived, they imagine that his triumphal entry will be through the low, smoked and grease-smeared gateway of politics. To please him and to prepare the way for greater and to them, more desirable things, the Johnston Sunday Bill now pending must be urged forward until it becomes a law.

When Egypt was facing a great crisis the burden of teaching the Egyptian senators wisdom was laid upon Joseph. The darkness of Egypt has descended as a mantle upon, and is now the proud heritage of that power of which so many in this fair land are endeavoring to make an image. As then the priests without light fed at Pharaoh's table, so now the mantle-enshrouded church hopes for the benefits of an alliance with the government. But where are the people with the word of wisdom, as a light that shineth in a dark place until the dawning of that eternal day? Is not this the time for every one walking in the light, to labor to secure signatures to petitions against this proposed legislation? In this way we may enter a strong protest against this step downward into the darkness of that power that spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt.

Inviting your neighbor to sign these petitions gives you the opportunity of lighting his pathway so that he may avoid the dark pitfall of union of church and state. Petitions from all parts of the Union will lead many in responsible positions to see the wisdom of considering the light of the opposition to this proposed measure.

As a valuable help in setting before your friends the truth when they fail to see the reasons for your interest in this petition work, I would suggest the liberal use of *Religious Liberty Leaflets* No. 13 and No. 14. Number 13 presents the opposition of Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Disciple Church, to all religious legislation. Number 14 is the protest of William Lloyd Garrison against Sunday laws.

Both these leaflets will be found very useful in helping others see the danger of all such legislation. They may be ordered of your tract society at reasonable rates, and liberally used will result in much good at this time. Now is the time to put forth earnest effort in opposition to all Sunday legislation, and thus enlighten many who now believe such laws should be enacted.

A. C. SHANNON.

"High endeavor is an inward light."

ORDER AND REVERENCE IN THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND IN THE SABBATH-SCHOOL*

It has been well and wisely said that "Order is heavens first law." We cannot read the history of the church in the wilderness [the first church ever organized] without noting the perfect order in the arrangement of the camp and especially in the construction of the Sanctuary, and in the way every service was conducted; especially noticing the cleanliness of the place; the sacred way in which they were to care for their clothing and person, all being under divine guidance and approval, and God was present with them. There can nothing impure or defiling come into his presence. When instructed to move on, they moved in perfect military order.

Is God less particular to-day? Some may say, "Well, that was in old Testament times. Things have changed. To-day we are living in new Testament times." Let us turn to the new Testament and see. We read in Heb. 10:22, Let us draw near [he is talking to Christians] with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Do you know what it is to have assurance? I was sent for once to talk and pray with a very sick woman who had lost her assurance,—that is her evidence of conversion. What an awful horror came over me. Lost her title, or as Bunyon expressed it when Pilgrim lost his roll, and had to go back after it and start anew. Oh, let us keep our title clear.

We sing, sometimes, these beautiful and expressive words:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
O, what a fore-taste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

He wants us to be particular about our bodies, having them "washed in pure water." He says in 1 Cor. 14:30, Let all things be done decently and in order. Do you love to go into a clean house where everything is in order?

*Paper read at the Springfield, Ohio, Sabbath-school Convention.

I do: but how I shrink from going into one of the opposite character. Then, how about the house of God? Do you pray for his presence to be with us, and invite him to come? Do you love to see everything clean and in order there? Do you love to see respect and reverence shown the dwelling place of the Lord? What does reverence mean? Webster says it is "fear mingled with respect and esteem." When you invite a friend you esteem to your home, how clean and orderly you endeavor to have it. How your friend loves to come. But how much more should we care to have everything immaculate where God is invited to come. God desired to dwell with his people, and so he said, "Let them build me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."

He desires to dwell even more closely with us now. In John 15:4 he says, "Abide in me and I in you." What does abide mean? To make his home with us. Does the Lord love to be honored? The Psalmist says, "Lord I love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth." Does God care how his house looks? Isa. 60:13. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

Does God expect reverence? When he told them how his teachers and prophets were treated, he said, "They will reverence my son." In Ps. 8:7 we read, God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. He said to Moses, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." God's presence always makes a place holy.

Should we be particular about rushing into what I have always heard it called, the sacred desk? And why sacred? Because the minister is a mouthpiece for God, and when he reads that sacred book, it is God talking to us. Children should not be allowed to rush over the house and change their seats at pleasure. I like the old fashioned way the parents did in my childhood. Their children sat with them in the pew until the service was over. Some of us have been grieved over the lack of reverence in the house of God, but what do you suppose Jesus would think and how would he feel? In Zech. 13:6 we read, What are the wounds in thine hands! Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house

of my friends. God gets his worst stabs here.

O, brethren and sisters, let us cultivate reverence, and teach it to the children.

MRS. NETTIE GRAVES.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL†

THE influence of the Sabbath-school should be so strong a factor of the church, as to be one of the greatest instruments, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ.

The conduct and life of the officers and teachers should be of such a character as to make an impregnable wall of protection to those under their care. The influence that flows from the Sabbath-school should be of the drawing kind; the kind that reaches into our homes, and, if by chance there is an erring one there, it may bring such to the fold of Christ. It should also be so strong as to be felt in our immediate neighborhood, and in the vicinity of the church.

Our Sabbath-school workers need to give special attention to the cultivation of character, so that they may be especially imbued with the spirit of Christ, and that the influence of the Sabbath-school may be felt in a remarkable manner far and wide.

Luke 19:23 says, And the Lord said unto the servants, go out into the high-ways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled." Is it not high time that our Sabbath-school workers become so thoroughly enthused with the Sabbath-school work that the above scripture may be soon fulfilled? It has often been said that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church; and how true it is! for many little ones, for the first time, hear the name of Jesus, and are told of his tender love for little children, and also hear for the first time, and learn to sing his praises. Then how tender ought our influence to be over them at this age, that, as time goes on, they may be made stronger in the faith; that in their youth they may be able to build strong characters, that it may be truly said when he is old he will not depart therefrom.

Should the influence of the Sabbath-school cease with the young? God forbid! There are many aged and middle-aged who may be brought into the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the influence of the

†Paper read at the Springfield Sabbath-school Convention.

Sabbath-school. The Sabbath-school should not only be the nursery of the church, but it should be the kindergarten of the church in every sense of the word; for it is there that many young, middle-aged, and aged hear, for the first time, of the wonderful love of Jesus, as given by those who teach this wonderful message that we love so well.

In conclusion, may I add a few suggestions as to the way we may work more effectually.

Let every Sabbath-school worker plan to do something, and whatever it may be, and however small, let it be done thoroughly; for remember, dear co-workers, we are to keep our children, as well as others, out of Babylon. There are yet hundreds and hundreds to be brought out of Babylon into the true light, where there is no confusion, but where the glorious truth will shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

Then let us all come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, for e're long, the night cometh when no man can work.

GEO. SCHUSTER

"OLD TROJAN WHISKY"

Some time ago the Upper Columbia Tract Society received the following interesting confidential letter from a distilling company in Ohio, written and signed by the president of the concern:—

Dear Sir: We have this day set aside for your use four quarts of our choicest product—Old Trojan Whisky—and ask your permission to ship it to you at our risk, with our personal guarantee that you will find it one of the most delicious whiskies you have ever tasted, if not it will not cost you a cent.

We send it by prepaid express in plain sealed case with no marks to indicate contents. When it arrives, try it, every bottle if you like; if you find it all we claim, remit \$4.30, otherwise return the balance and we will stand all the expenses. Very sincerely,
—, Pres.

Why these men should be so bold in soliciting orders from a religious society, is more than we can well explain. Either they are very bold in soliciting for their deadly goods, which of course they are, or they must have received some encouragement from some religious societies that has led them to try others.

If Satan's work can find such bold and ardent devotees in distributing

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OUR WORKERS

Salisbury. Md.

I came to Salisbury more than seven months ago with my little family, having had, previous to that time, six months' experience in the canvassing work. Since I have been here the Lord has opened doors and softened hearts, and as the good gospel seed has been sown, I do hope and pray that some of it at least, if not all, has fallen into good soil.

My experiences have varied. Sometimes I have been made glad and sometimes sad. But the great promise is, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." If there is anyone that needs divine help it is the poor, humble canvasser, -

Who goes from door to door,
And repeats his story o'er and o'er.

Sometimes we feel as if we are pilgrims and strangers, indeed, in a strange land. But when we remember that we are almost home, how our hearts are cheered!

I will say here that if we will make the sacrifice the Lord wants us to make, he will provide. A little experience I had while laboring in Wicomico County will prove this. I had canvassed all day in the hot sun and sand, and had taken only one order. I began to seek a resting place for the night, but it seemed in vain. Weary and tired as I passed through a little pine thicket I decided to spend the night in that lonely spot, when just then I was directed to a house nearby and spent the night there with a very pleasant family. But the sacrifice had been made.

"Not for worlds would I exchange it, this sweet faith in thee,
Earthly treasures cannot equal, all thou art to me."

Brethren, pray for the work in this part of the harvest field. I believe that we are almost home. I send you good courage and cheer.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

Cleveland.

Dear VISITOR: the Third Angel's Message is a progressing one, and in a large city like this, we find many nationalities represented and especially the German.

Therefore some of our German brethren and sisters, as well as Eld. H. F. Craft, who has charge of the German work here, have felt that they might do more efficient work for their Master, in spreading the truth

among the German speaking element, did they but have a separate organization.

Therefore, last Sabbath, we all met together by appointment, with Elders H. H. Burkholder and R. R. Kennedy also present, to give due consideration, as to the advisability of making this change.

The morning hour for service was occupied by Eld. H. H. Burkholder in which we listened to a very stirring and instructive address on, "Self examination" and the importance of faithfully living up to all the light God has seen fit to give us as a people, and we could not but fully realize the responsibility that rests upon us, as light bearers to those who sit in darkness. After the meeting, an expression was taken from the church, in which they signified their willingness to release as many of the German brethren as felt it their duty to go into the new organization.

The meeting was then dismissed until the following afternoon, at which time Elder Burkholder organized the first German Church of Cleveland, with a charter membership of ten.

Elder Patterson then voiced our sentiments, when he said; he felt sorry for the empty chairs around the family altar that this occasion had made, but on the other hand he was glad, for it also means more aggressive work for their people.

And now may our heavenly Father use and abundantly bless both of these churches, and that we may, in the near future again meet around the Father's throne an unbroken family.

W. J. VENEN, *Local Elder.*

DISTRICT WORK

Dear VISITOR: October 15 found me at Camden, where I remained four days. I was glad to meet this church once more. Two years have made some changes, and while I missed some faces, yet there were others that have decided to do the Lord's will. Our meetings were all good.

October 20 I reached Locust Point, where I remained over the Sabbath, speaking each night to nice little congregations. All of this little band love the cause of God, and if they remain true to God and seek to walk faithfully each day, others may in time obey.

On my way to Delta I stayed one night at Toledo with Elder Shannon, and with him looked over a church building which has been offered them.

At Delta we had two meetings, and one at Wauseon. I found all of good

courage. Only one who signed the covenant, has failed to keep the Sabbath. Brother John Shultz will soon take up the work there for a short time. It was with pleasure I talked with some who lately started to obey, and heard how God had blessed them and removed expected difficulties from their path.

Sabbath October 31, I held quarterly services with the Liberty Center church. We had a fine service which all enjoyed. I expect to hold a few meetings with this church later on. While there we cut off some dead timber which has been a hinderance for some time. While we should not be hasty in this matter, holding on the church rolls those who have given up the Sabbath, never attend church, and stand as enemies to the church of God, is displeasing to God, a hindrance to the cause we have, and does no good to anyone. Let us as members of Christ's body raise the standard of church fellowship to where God can bless, and not permit it to be brought into dishonor in the eyes of the world.

One good meeting was held with the Defiance church. From this I went to Hicksville, Farmer and Sherwood, and was pleased to meet the brethren at all these places, and found nearly all of good courage.

The cause is onward in north and west Ohio, and prospects much better than a year ago. Of course there are some difficulties to be met yet. One of the most important lessons to be learned in church fellowship is to control self,—tongue, mind and daily life, instead of trying to control others. This is true Christianity.

W. E. BIDWELL.

CLOTHING FOR THE JAMAICA SCHOOL

We are sorry to report that thus far our young people have responded very slowly to the call which was made some time ago, for clothing for the young people in our Jamaica school. In a letter just received from Professor Hughes he says, "I wish you would have the clothing for our students forwarded as quickly as possible. Some of the young men will soon have to leave us to earn clothing. If they do, there is no telling when they can return, for wages are so very low, and work so very difficult to be found by Sabbathkeepers that it takes a long while to earn a little.

"We are just commencing to erect the boy's dormitory. We are having

an abundance of rain, and the outlook in every way is quite encouraging.

"We are very thankful for what the Missionary Volunteers are doing to help us through our present difficulties."

Now are there not some Missionary Volunteer societies who will take this matter up at once? Winter is coming on and summer clothing has been cast aside. It is light clothing that these young people need. There are doubtless many well-to-do people around us who would be glad to help if they were requested to do so.

Heavy woolen material cannot be used but light weight will be very acceptable as well as cotton goods. Trousers, underwear, shoes, towels, handkerchiefs, pillowcases, sheets and light woolen blankets would be appreciated. Professor Hughes writes us that the students are often uncomfortable for want of a blanket. If possible, the clothing should be repaired before sending as there are only a sufficient number of young ladies in the school to do the housework.

Please gather the clothing, box and send to L. W. Graham, 32 Union Square, New York, in care of the Review and Herald. Send with it a complete list of the contents of the box. As soon as you decide to act, write Brother Graham when you intend to send your box. If there are those who can give money this would be very acceptable for paying ocean freight. M. E. KURN.

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that which will destroy manhood, homes and nations, why shall not the Lord's work find servants who are very "strong and courageous" in spreading the truth of God which will bless and save all of these if they will receive it?

We replied by sending a Temperance Watchman, a tract entitled "The Liquor Traffic and Prohibition," by Mrs. E. G. White, and another, "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation," stating:—

"Dear Sir: We have this day set aside 1,000 of these, our choicest products, for your perusal and distribution. We will personally guarantee every package to be just like these samples and to accomplish great good in uplifting the fallen and in brightening the sorrowing homes of thousands of heart-broken wives and suffering children. Furthermore, to heed their instruction will give you a peace of mind such as you have not enjoyed since you entered your pres-

ent awful work. If they do not accomplish all we claim for them, they will not cost you a cent, otherwise you may remit \$4.30 to our address.

Knowing you will be greatly blessed by heaven in handling our goods, we are very sincerely,

Upper Columbia Tract Society,
G. E. Langdon, Pres."

We have thus far received no reply.—North Pacific Union Gleaner.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

Two Sabbath-schools have recently been organized in the State, one at Bluefield by Brother Percy, and the other at Fairmont by Sister Haddix.

Mrs. C. J. Foote left Parkersburg November 9 for Portland, Maine, where she joins Brother Foote, who has been there for a few weeks. He has accepted a position in treatment rooms in Portland and they will make their home there. The best wishes of the VISITOR family go with them.

Miss Blanche Grubb is teaching church school at the home of Bro. R. A. Cunningham, Elizabeth, W. Va.

The following letter written by Sister I. N. Russell is so full of the right ring that I take the liberty to send it to the VISITOR thinking it may be a help to some one who thought they could not help out in soliciting funds for missions during the Thanksgiving week.

"I have been in such poor health for so long that I felt as though it would be impossible for me to accomplish anything with the special issue of the Review, as it is hilly and rough here and I could walk so little. Yet from the first I felt a deep interest in the decision and knew it was from the Lord. I trust that even now I am not too late to secure a few, for I am much better than I was and expect to continue to gain strength. Many times in my life when very low and weak the Great Physician has in answer to my faith given the needed help, and now again he has so wonderfully and graciously given me the sweet assurance of better health and strength and I am so thankful for the change that my first thought is to make an effort with the Review. In that way I can meet people and perhaps leave with them some impression for good.

"Can you send me fifty copies of the Thanksgiving number of the Review? In case you cannot send as many, will try to make good use of less."

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR OCTOBER

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| Culloden..... | 5 73 |
| Clarksburg | 4 25 |
| Individual..... | 22 37 |
| Kanawha..... | 23 25 |
| Moundsville..... | 27 37 |
| Mason City | 6 65 |
| Morgantown..... | 50 |
| Parksburg..... | 39 86 |
| Newark..... | 5 00 |
| Walker..... | 9 00 |

Total \$202 25
PEARL L. REES.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

On account of his health, Brother Fred Shaw has been obliged to give up his work at South Lancaster and has returned to his home at Coudersport.

We wish to thank our brethren and sisters for the material interest and hearty co-operation they are manifesting in our work at the present time, and we wish you all manifold blessings in return.

It is with glad hearts that we note the enthusiasm our churches are putting forth in the effort with the Thanksgiving Ingathering work. One of our small churches has planned to distribute 750 Reviews. We hope that as a result of our united efforts that we may see the treasury of the Foreign Mission Board filled to overflowing.

When making a gift to a friend, what would prove more acceptable than a year's subscription to Signs of the Times, Life and Health, Southern Watchman, or Liberty?

Prospects for the canvassing work are excellent. J. O. Nollinger, N. O. Coffman, W. L. Logan, George Gates and Hiram Wright have recently entered the field with a right good will, and we wish these brethren much success.

In a recent communication from Eld. F. H. Robbins, he speaks most encouragingly of the outlook of the work in Erie. "The work is very promising in Erie among the outside people. I hold a Bible reading almost every evening in the week. Do

not have any trouble to get places to hold readings. I can find more than I can fill as I have to do most of this work in the evenings on account of the men being at work during the day. I generally have a roomfull, as the people where the readings are held get all their neighbors in."

An interesting experience in connection with a lady that had taken her stand for truth during a tent effort held this past season, has just been related to us. A few days ago the pastor that had remained to follow up the effort had no sooner left the city, than the lady's former pastor sent word to her uncle and requested that he have her come down and make her come back to her own church and bring her children with her. When the uncle who is a very wealthy and influential man telephoned for her, she requested one of our sisters who is in the Bible work to accompany her. When they arrived they found company there, so the uncle and the minister took the sister in another room to talk privately, leaving the Bible worker out. In the discussion he asked the lady to show him where Christ kept the Sabbath, she did not know where to turn and asked him if her friend might not come in. After being called in and turning to and reading several plain texts he became indignant and said, "I see I am not versed to talk with you women, I will go and talk with the other company a while." Directly they all gathered around the sisters and asked questions. After talking until eleven o'clock and covering briefly some of the important points of our faith, our worker said she must be going as it was so late, but that she would gladly come back and take up any subject they wished. The rest of the company took their departure at the same time, but before leaving expressed much pleasure with the talk, and also on the side of the sisters. The lady's aunt told her to keep right on, as they had no right to interfere with her.

As a result of the above related experience, ten or twelve adults, belonging to a prominent class of people heard considerable truth, and showed themselves more or less interested, that could not have been approached perhaps under any other circumstances. May God's spirit work mightily upon these hearts and bring them to a full knowledge of the message. How important that we, long in the faith, should be ready at all times to give a reason for the "hope within us." A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

The Sunday evening meetings at the West Philadelphia church continue with good interest.

Sabbath, October 31, Eld. W. H. Heckman conducted a meeting with the company at Wellsboro. A number of new converts were present.

Eld. K. C. Russell stopped at the Sanitarium in Philadelphia on Wednesday en route to Washington. We had a very pleasant visit with him.

Bro. John Davis, Business Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, resides on 56th St. near Girard Ave., West Philadelphia.

Sister Sue M. Andrews, who has been away from the office for some weeks owing to the serious illness of her father, is expected to return to the office next week.

Letters from Sister Nellie B. Underwood report that she is improving in health, having gained fifteen pounds. We trust that she will soon return to her post of duty as Bible worker in Philadelphia.

Eld. K. C. Russell, Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau, Washington, D. C., spent Monday and Tuesday evenings with the church at Northumberland. On Tuesday evening he spoke on Religious Liberty. The church was crowded.

Sunday, November, 1, Elder Heckman met with the church at Cherry Flats and baptized four candidates. Three of whom accepted the truth as the result of the tent effort held at Wellsboro the past summer by Brethren Weist and Heald.

Bro. B. M. Heald and wife have returned from visiting Brother Heald's parents in Welsh, Louisiana, after spending a pleasant time for about four weeks. It is probable that Brother Heald will conduct an effort at Carbondale in the near future.

Sister Jessie M. Weiss, our Bible worker at Scranton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Davis, in Philadelphia, for a few days assisting Sister Davis in getting settled in her new home. Bro. John Davis, as previously reported has come to Philadelphia to assume the duties of business

manager, secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

We were sorry to learn of the small number of subscriptions to our good paper the *Watchman*, that are being taken in this Conference by our people. This paper has a specific work to accomplish in the winding up of the affairs of this world's history, and ought to have a wide circulation in this Conference. Shall we not reform in this matter and do all we can to circulate the *Watchman*?

Sister Hannah Borchgrevink, our new Scandinavian Bible worker called at the office on Wednesday. She expressed herself as being very much pleased with her new field in Philadelphia. She stated that the people of this city are more easily approached and seem to have time to talk to one. This condition she said is in marked contrast to that she experienced in New York City.

Elder Heckman visited the church at Wade on Sabbath evening and Sabbath day. Two young men were present at the evening service. One who was convicted as to the truth started to work on Sabbath day but told his Catholic foreman that he felt impressed that he should observe the seventh-day Sabbath. The foreman told him that he believed that the seventh day was the right Sabbath and that he might have the privilege of keeping the day. The young man was at the service on Sabbath morning. A new sister was taken into the church also, having been recently baptized.

THE CANVASSER AND HIS WORK, OR, AN INSTITUTE BY CORRESPONDENCE

The task of conducting a canvasser's institute by correspondence is not a light one; but as the canvassing work of the Columbia Union Conference has been attended with such a marked degree of success the past summer, it has been thought by some that I should conduct an institute through the columns of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, word for word as nearly as possible, as we instructed our canvassers in the various institutes held last spring.

Allow me to say that I believe there are two very good reasons why our canvassing work has been attended with such a marked degree of success.

First, because the Lord has said that

the Third Angel's Message should return to the east, and then when we took hold to organize the work here, the Lord added his richest blessing.

Second, because we have followed the testimonies of the Lord's Spirit in training our canvassers along the line of evangelistic canvassing, giving them instruction in the real "soul winning" side of the work as well as the commercial side.

I trust that this series of instruction will be the means of encouraging many of our people to enter the canvassing work to save souls, and too, that many of our young people will take up the work and go out into the field and earn a scholarship in one of our schools.

With the foregoing remarks we will now enter upon our study of the canvasser and his work.

Upon opening an institute the canvasser is required to commit to memory the following instruction.

An Introduction

Having ascertained the name of Mrs.——— at the home just visited, ring the door bell and step back one and one half steps and when the door opens remark:—Is this Mrs.———? (Answer, Yes)——— is my name. Mrs.———, I am engaged in a line of gospel work in this vicinity and have called to have a talk with you concerning some matters which are interesting most everyone. Then step forward as though you expected to be invited in. At this you will likely be invited to step inside and take a seat.

As soon as you are seated, lead out in a conversation of one, or possibly two, minutes which will lead up to some unusual or startling event of very recent occurrence and then remark:—I was very much interested, and I must say startled, recently, as I enumerated some of our great catastrophies such as the Mt. Pele disaster, Mt. Vesuvius eruption, San Francisco's earthquake and fire and then following so suddenly, the Valparaiso earthquake which was immediately succeeded by the Kingston Jamaica earthquake and fire. San Francisco you will remember was known to be the wickedest city on the coast.

The thinking people of the world are asking the question with an eager desire to know "What do these things mean?" Our Saviour in his own words prophesied these things nineteen hundred years ago. I am interested in getting before the public a most valuable work (bringing out the book) which makes clear what these

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 6, 1908

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| H. Gerhart, Bucks Co., | | DR | 4 | 30 | 7 | 15 50 | | 15 50 | |
| E. Swingle, York, | | DR | 5 | 24 | 6 | 15 00 | 3 25 | 18 25 | 19 75 |
| R. Spangenberg, Scranton, | | DR | 5 | 25 | 4 | 11 00 | 2 60 | 13 60 | 20 50 |
| L. Randall, Susquehanna, | | HM | 3 | 24 | | | | | 27 15 |
| C. Vaughn, Lycoming, | | HM | 2 | 11 | 5 | 10 00 | 2 00 | 12 00 | |
| G. Hackett, Schuylkill, | | HM | 3 | 22 | 2 | 4 00 | 3 25 | 7 25 | |
| M. Hackett, " " | | HM | 3 | 16 | 2 | 4 00 | 1 25 | 5 25 | |
| W. Seigle, Lycoming, | | CK | 5 | 28 | 9 | 9 00 | 8 30 | 17 30 | 11 10 |
| B. Sauble, York, | | CK | 5 | 24 | 7 | 7 00 | 1 65 | 8 65 | 23 35 |
| Totals, | | | 42 | 248 | 61 | 119 00 | 22 30 | 141 30 | 101 85 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending Nov. 6, 1908

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| J. Siler, Frederick Co, Md., | CK | 4 | 28 | 14 | 21 50 | | | 21 50 | |
| J. Jones, Salisbury Md., | CK | 5 | 38 | 18 | 36 25 | | | 36 25 | |
| J. Paden, Downsville, Md., | CK | 4 | 23½ | 12 | 13 00 | | | 13 00 | |
| C. Jones,* Howard Co., Md., | CK | 6 | 34 | 26 | 33 50 | | | 33 50 | 2 50 |
| H. Scott, Calvert Co., Md., | CK | 4 | 28 | 21 | 29 00 | 6 00 | | 35 00 | |
| D. Johns, " " | DR | 3 | 28 | 6 | 16 50 | 7 00 | | 23 50 | |
| Mrs. Rawcliffe, Rockland, Del., | CK | 1 | 8 | 7 | 10 50 | | | 10 50 | 10 50 |
| E. Mitchell, Bird Hill, Md., | DA | 3 | 18 | 3 | 9 00 | 3 00 | | 12 00 | |
| Totals, | | 30 | 205½ | 100 | \$169 25 | \$16 00 | \$185 25 | | 13 00 |

New Jersey, Week Ending Nov. 6, 1908

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| S. Oberg, Lower Pittsgrove, | DR | 4 | 30 | 8 | 23 00 | 2 25 | | 25 25 | |
| H. Murphy, Trenton, | DR | 4 | 17 | 5 | 13 75 | 1 30 | | 15 05 | 15 25 |
| J. Rambo, Heislerville, | DR | 5 | 24 | 4 | 8 25 | 3 00 | | 11 25 | 2 75 |
| G. Blinn,† Trenton, | GC | 4 | 23 | 3 | 8 25 | 8 30 | | 16 55 | |
| " " " " | GC | 3 | 18 | 6 | 20 50 | 1 00 | | 21 50 | 12 00 |
| B. H. Welsh, Westfield, | BR | 5 | 32 | | | 70 | | 70 | 35 15 |
| P. Valenta, Essex, | BR | 1 | 8 | | | | | | 13 00 |
| Totals, | | 26 | 152 | 26 | \$73 75 | \$16 55 | \$90 30 | | \$78 15 |

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 6, 1908

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| J. Jennings, Jefferson Co., | DR | 5 | 40 | 8 | 14 85 | 19 15 | | 34 00 | 3 25 |
| G. Weber, Mercer Co., | GC | 4 | 21½ | 6 | 16 50 | 70 | | 17 20 | 70 |
| H. Waggoner, Morgan Co., | CK | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 00 | | | 2 00 | 12 50 |
| E. Metcalf, Parkersburg, | | | | | | 2 00 | | 2 00 | |
| Totals, | | 10 | 63½ | 16 | \$33 35 | \$21 85 | \$55 20 | | \$16 45 |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 6, 1908

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| C. Dunham, Creekside, | GC | 4 | 22 | 2 | 5 50 | | | 5 50 | 26 50 |
| J. Nollinger, Eagle Rock, | DR | 5 | 31 | 16 | 32 00 | 2 75 | | 34 75 | |
| I. Lawrence, Cambria, | GC | 4 | | 6 | 16 50 | 1 50 | | 18 00 | 1 50 |
| W. Logan, McKean, | DR | 5 | 36 | 3 | 7 00 | 15 25 | | 22 25 | |
| Totals, | | 18 | 89 | 27 | \$61 00 | \$19 50 | \$80 50 | | \$28 00 |

*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending October 30, 1908.

things mean and what great event they immediately preceed. (Go on showing the book.)

The above introduction can be used with "Great Controversy", "Daniel and the Revelation", "Bible Readings", "Heralds of the Morning" and "Coming King".

By using this introduction you will have your customer deeply interested to know what these calamities mean before she knows what your business is, and when it is made known, she

will be pleased to look at your book.

After this introduction has been committed to memory, then commit the printed description or canvass of the book for which you expect to canvass.

For our next lesson we will suggest what you *should do* and what you *should not do* upon entering a home.

Watch for these studies from week to week and call the attention of others to them. I. D. RICHARDSON,
Gen. Agt. C. U. C.

CHESAPEAKE CANVASSERS' NOTES

Brother Scott's reports indicate success. The last two amounts to more than \$125.

Brother Siler is nicely settled in Fredrick, where he is having good success. He is happy in this blessed Message, especially in delivering it to others.

Brother Joseph Parks is making arrangements to enter the canvassing work. He will doubtless begin at Cambridge, Md., where Brother Joseph Jones will also work.

We are glad to see good, solid, consecrated men take their families into the field and settle there to stay until they have faithfully worked the territory assigned them. May the Lord increase the number and usefulness of these men.

We expect to hold a Canvassers' Institute at Dover, Del., from November 28 to December 6. Brother Richardson has been invited to conduct it. Let all who desire to enter this good work of scattering the leaves of autumn, plan to attend this Institute.

The following personal letter from Brother Walter Adkias, one of our licentiate ministers who is having some good experiences in the canvassing work, may be of interest to our readers; "I started out to sell that good book, Daniel and the Revelation. I was quite nervous and shaky, but I had an experience that did me good. I went up to a house one morning and canvassed a lady. She was quite deaf, so much so that I had to talk to her through a speaking trumpet. After I was through the canvass, she said, 'Yes, I will take one, for in my dreams I saw you coming here.' She said that on the previous Wednesday she had been studying the books of Daniel and the Revelation. That night she dreamed of seeing a young man coming over the hill with a book that explained these two books. Then on Sunday night she had the same dream again. Monday morning I came. She said she recognized me as soon as she came to the door. The Lord is surely preparing the people for the coming of the messenger of truth. He is soon to finish his great work in the earth."

G. H. CLARK.

Report of Sabbath-school Department of the West Pennsylvania Conference for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1908

| Sabbath-schools, | Membership, | Donations, | Expense, | Missions. |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Coudersport | 38 | \$35 25 | \$ | \$35 25 |
| Pittsburg No. 1 | 48 | 25 47 | | 25 47 |
| Bradford | 28 | 18 06 | | 18 06 |
| Erie | 49 | 16 04 | | 16 04 |
| Washington | 24 | 12 49 | | 12 49 |
| Oil City | 10 | 10 68 | | 10 68 |
| Pittsburg No. 2 | 41 | 10 00 | | 10 00 |
| Clearfield | 41 | 8 62 | | 8 62 |
| Six Mile Run | 50 | 8 50 | | 8 50 |
| Allegheny | 19 | 10 06 | 1 88 | 8 18 |
| North Warren | 38 | 7 98 | | 7 98 |
| Johnstown | 22 | 7 61 | | 7 61 |
| Roulette | 7 | 6 84 | | 6 84 |
| Indiana | 43 | 6 79 | | 6 79 |
| Corydon | 26 | 6 73 | | 6 73 |
| Altoona | 60 | 9 19 | 3 30 | 5 89 |
| Meadville | 12 | 5 85 | | 5 85 |
| Union City | 8 | 5 70 | | 5 70 |
| Eldrid | 7 | 5 60 | | 5 60 |
| Raymond | 17 | 4 74 | | 4 74 |
| Wrights | 16 | 4 52 | | 4 52 |
| Lock Haven | 20 | 4 08 | | 4 08 |
| Corry | 15 | 3 88 | | 3 88 |
| Austin | | 3 87 | | 3 87 |
| Allegheny (German) | 22 | 3 60 | | 3 60 |
| Duncansville | 17 | 2 71 | | 2 71 |
| Duke Center | 10 | 2 54 | | 2 54 |
| Russell | 17 | 2 50 | | 2 50 |
| Belle Vernon | 15 | 2 40 | | 2 40 |
| Conneatville | 7 | 2 27 | | 2 27 |
| Albion | 16 | 2 05 | | 2 05 |
| Grimes | 14 | 1 50 | | 1 50 |
| Millport | 11 | 1 25 | | 1 25 |
| North Clymer | 12 | 1 16 | | 1 16 |
| Midway | 18 | 1 05 | | 1 05 |
| Sunderlinville | 11 | 25 | | 25 |
| Titusville | | | | |
| Huntingdon | | | | |

Home Department Members

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| Harold | \$5 54 |
| Carter Camp | 2 21 |
| Phillipsburg | 1 81 |
| Emporium | 75 |
| Nanty Glo | 66 |
| McKeesport | 65 |
| Reynoldsville | 45 |
| Port Allegheny | 40 |
| North east | 18 |

Total to Missions

\$269 18

FANNIE FONDERSMITH, Sec.

WHERE TACT PAYS. VALUE OF QUOTATIONS

"Yesterday I called at the door of a house hoping to show my book, but when I presented my object in calling, the lady flatly refused me a chance to show my book, saying, 'I haven't any time and couldn't buy it anyway.' I courteously replied, 'Well, that is all right. Even if people don't buy I count them my friends. Three men

are my friends,—he who loves me, he who hates me, and he who is indifferent to me. Who loves me teaches me tenderness. Who hates me teaches me caution. He who is indifferent to me teaches me self-reliance.' 'Well, young man,' she said, 'I believe you are in earnest. I'll buy a book from you.' You can imagine my surprise. I could hardly conceive the truth of the fact. I praise the Lord for such experiences as these."

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OHIO ITEMS

The blue pencil mark here means your subscription has expired. Please renew at once.

The Derwent Sabbath-school will hold its first convention Sabbath Nov. 21. We shall appreciate a report of the meeting.

Elder Burkholder was unexpectedly called to Washington, D. C. Tuesday evening, and so will be unable to assist in the Newark meetings. Brother Fred Henderson will be in charge.

Sister Hettie Krabill, of Orrville, O., has also been engaged in the periodical work, selling seventeen *Signs*, eighteen *Life Boats*, seventeen Temperance number and eight Gospel number of the *Watchman*.

Sister H. Seibert of Florence, Pa., in six hours canvassing, sold one "Best Stories," one "Paradise Home," *Life and Health*, and special *Signs*, amounting to \$7.25. In a few hours one week her periodical sales amounted to \$5.

Elder Burkholder will hold a series of meetings, beginning next Tuesday evening and lasting one week, with the Newark church. We pray that this will prove a time of refreshing to the church, and that the interested ones may be brought to a decision and cast their lot with this faithful company.

The Tract Society sent an order to Washington for 22,085 of the Thanksgiving number of the *Review*. Since sending this order two special orders have followed. The solicitor's cards have been sent to the elders or leaders of the churches and companies. Should the supply not equal the demand, notify the office how many more is needed and they will be sent immediately.

The College orchestra assisted in the church service last Sabbath, and was much appreciated. The psalmist, after enumerating several instruments used in his day in the worship of the Lord, says, "Praise him with stringed instruments and organs." Read Ps. 150. Hezekiah in his gratitude to the Lord for his recovery says, "The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord."

Eld. S. M. Butler, president of the Mount Vernon College, was called to Waahington, D. C. last Tuesday evening on business. He expects to be gone but a few days.

An elderly Adventist lady, adapted to caring for children, desires a place as housekeeper for small family. Address, Mrs. John Applegate, Cape May Court House, Cape May County, N. J.

"If the minority can get along in the observance of the seventh day without the support of a Sabbath law, why can not the majority get along without such support in observing the first day? And if the unpopular seventh-day Sabbath can prosper without legislative support, why can not the first-day Sabbath, with popular custom behind it, do as well?"

An effort is being made to build up a denominational library at the office used by Mrs. E. G. White's helpers. They have now nearly all the volumes of our general papers, in English, and many volumes of union and state conference papers.

Their file of the WELCOME VISITOR lacks several volumes and many numbers of other volumes. We can supply the last two or three volumes, probably, from this office. Any-one having a complete file of any volume, or a part of one, they are willing to part with can write to the following address stating price. Address Clarence C. Crisler, Sanitarium, P. O., Cal.

The General Conference also desire to complete their VISITOR file, and will be glad to correspond with any one having the numbers missing in their file. Address H. E. Rogers, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"Faith is the spiritual hand that touches infinity."

IMPORTANT CHANGE

Beginning with next January, *The Watchman* will be changed from a weekly to a monthly paper, in magazine form, somewhat similar in size to the *Life and Health*. This change has been decided upon by the Southern Publishing Association, with the advice of Eld. A. G. Daniells, and other leading members of the General Conference Committee. These brethren believe that this change will greatly increase the circulation of the *Watchman*, thus adding to its value as an important messenger of present truth. In magazine form the *Watchman* will retail at ten cents per copy, which will be an inducement for many more agents to engage in its sale.

The subscription price will be reduced from one dollar to seventy-five cents a year. To make up for this difference the publishers will send *Report of Progress* the conference paper for the Southern and Southern Union Conferences, with the monthly *Watchman* during the remainder of the *Watchman* subscription term; or, the subscription term will be lengthened one-third, whichever subscribers may desire.

The Januar Number

The special topic for consideration in the January *Watchman* will be the United States in Prophecy. This subject is becoming daily of more interest and moment, and will be taken up in a brief, pointed, interesting manner. Special consideration will be given to the Church Federation Movement which is now brought so prominently before the people of this country by the big meeting of the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," to be held in Philadelphia December 2-8. This issue will be a standard number for agents to handle. Workers in every part of the United States will find great demand at this time for a paper dealing with this subject. The prices of the monthly will be as follows:

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| Single copies, | 10 cents each |
| 5 to 25 copies to one address | 5 " " |
| 25 to 500 copies to one address | 4 " " |
| 500 to 1,000 copies to one address | 3½ " " |

Special rates will be made on large orders. Advance orders should be sent at once. Plans should be laid for definite work with the Church Federation Number of the *Watchman*. Cash should accompany all orders unless special arrangements have previously been made. Orders should be sent to the State Tract Societies.