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GENERAL MATTER

THOUGHT ODORS

"Not what we do, not what we say, speaks for us

To fine souls here and to the throne of light;

Though words and acts be fair, God will abhor us,

And men distrust, if our hearts are not right.

"Our secret aim, our hidden wish or longing,

Our silent thoughts of men, or worlds above,

These are the tell-tale forces that come thronging,

And point to us as those who loathe or love.

"Our thoughts are odors, and we cannot seal them

So close with actions but they will leak out;

And delicately fashioned souls will feel them,

And know them sweet or vile beyond a doubt.

"Good deeds fall dead if selfish causes guide them;

Good words fall flat that but from lips have birth,

And eloquently and noble stand beside them
The silence or inaction of true worth."

Mount Vernon College Fund

THE College board at its last meeting decided to ask each person in the Columbia Union Conference to contribute one cent a day toward a fund to be known as "The Mount Vernon College Fund." The purpose of this fund is to provide means for paying off the indebtedness of the College, and making such repairs and improvements as may be necessary from time to time. The details of the plan have been partially laid before the people of the union conference in letters sent out by the conference secretary, and by an article in the VISITOR from Elder G. B. Thompson. They are more fully set forth in a twelve-page tract, entitled "Facts About Mount Vernon College." This tract has been sent in quantity to the elder of the church, with the request that he place at least one copy in each family.

We hope this matter will be taken hold of with earnestness. One cent a day is a small sum,—only \$3.65 a year. Surely almost everybody can afford to give that much to sustain our educational institution. If some cannot give that much, others can do better than that. It will not require much sacrifice to average that amount throughout the union conference. According to the 1909 Year Book, there are 213 churches in this union conference, having an aggregate membership of 6,109. If each member would pay \$3.65 to this fund we should have at the close of the first year's effort \$22,297.85.

One-half of this fund is to be used in redeeming the College bonds and notes; the other half in making such improvements as the board may decide upon. If all our people will take

hold of this plan and faithfully carry it out it will enable the management to make some very much needed improvements. Let the watchword of the union be, "One cent a day from each member for Mount Vernon College." S. M. BUTLER.

Africa and its Missions

AFRICA, called the dark continent, is, of all countries, the most inaccessible, and those who have gone into that country have met with the greatest obstacles and hardships. This is due perhaps largely to the natural features of the country, the absence of harbors, the unnavigable rivers near the coast, the intense heat, and the deadly fevers.

However, men and women have entered this dark country, and through their labors, the lives of many of those savage natives have been transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The population of Africa is estimated at 180,000,000, of various races and languages. The work of exploration has always preceded and opened up the way for missionary work. Over three hundred explorers have laid down their lives in order to open Africa, and how many missionaries have sacrificed themselves there has never been told. Seven societies alone have lost over two hundred workers.

The first missionary work was established by the Moravians along the coast of Guinea, but owing to many difficulties they were soon forced to leave. Soon after this the English Missionary Society established a mission at Sierra Leone, and in twenty-two years, out of seventy-five missionaries sent out only fourteen remained. They then removed their mission station to higher ground, where better health conditions prevailed. After this the work was more successful. Here native ministers were educated and sent to labor among the people. Samuel Crowther, an educated native worker, did a most noble work for Africa. It is said that

wherever he went he brought and left a blessing.

Among the different denominations that have labored in Africa are the Methodists, along the western coast, the Baptists in the Congo Free State, the Moravians among the Hottentots, and the Presbyterians in Egypt.

In 1816 Robert Moffat went to South Africa to labor among the Hottentots. Africaner, the Hottentot chief, was the terror of the whole country, and Moffat's friends advised and protested against his going, for they were sure he would be killed. But Moffat's love for these people was greater than his fear. By his great patience and love he soon influenced not only the natives but the heart of the great savage chief, and won him by the story of the cross. Moffat and his wife labored in Africa for fifty years, teaching the natives, translating the Bible, establishing churches and schools.

He was followed by Dr. Livingstone. The life and work of Livingstone is one of the most devoted and heroic on the pages of history. His fame is perhaps greatest as an explorer, yet he was a most devoted missionary. His plan was to open new centers among the different tribes, and raise up native pastors and teachers. Another object for which he most earnestly labored was the abolition of the slave trade. He realized there was no civilization nor Christianity for Africa while this terrible curse existed. Although worn by toil and wasted by many attacks of fever, yet when opportunity offered and he was urged to return to his native country, he refused to go. He replied, "In this service I hope to live, and in it I wish to die." Livingstone gave his life for Africa, and died upon his knees praying for the land he loved.

Many other brave missionaries have gone into this country and laid down their lives. Hannington died by the assassin's hand to open a way into Uganda. William Brooke, the only missionary among 30,000,000, dying at the gates of Hausaland, cried out, "The people are too great for me."

Recently a message from Africa was received by the missionary conference in London, bearing these words: "Africa waiting." Africa is waiting, and it will cost sacrifices to respond.

"They are weary in the wild,
Sick and weary and defiled,
And the Saviour's healing word
They have never, never heard;
Ever hungry and unfed,
Left without the living bread—
Waiting, Waiting."

MARY BARRETT.

Mount Vernon College

Time of the General Conference

TIME is always of great value. Next to life it is heaven's best gift; but the time covered by the General Conference, May 13 to June 6, though short, will record events in which all heaven will be intensely interested. The Lord himself, with all the affairs of the universe to control, will be more interested in what takes place during this time at the General Conference in Washington, D. C., than in all other matters pertaining to his kingdom, for this important gathering represents the special, rapidly closing work the Lord has committed to man in connection with the final events of this world's history. If God notes the appointments of his people in the lesser gatherings, and commissions angels to be present to encourage, to strengthen, and to inspire his servants, is it not reasonable to expect that he will make special provision for the gathering fraught with so much importance as the coming General Conference?

The Lord will certainly meet his people on this great occasion, and impart wisdom, skill, and power to his Gideon's army of special messengers. There will be many things taking place in connection with this session of the General Conference that all of our people will need to know as early as possible. The General Conference, realizing this, have provided a daily *Bulletin* which will contain a full report of all the proceedings of the session. The price has been fixed at only fifty cents for the entire meeting.

Churches should meet daily, either as a church, or in companies, and read and study the *Bulletin* together, and most earnestly pray for God's messengers assembled in conference, that they may be imbued with the spirit of the message, clothed with strong faith, and endowed with pentecostal power.

Those of our members who will have the *Bulletin* and study it daily will be imbued with the spirit of the conference,—will be able to keep up with all advances made, and will be ready for active, acceptable service.

No one who is expecting to keep up with this work from this time on should think of being without the *Bulletin*. Let all who have not done so, order it at once, sending the orders either through the state tract society, or, since the time is so short, to the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

EDUCATIONAL

Our Children and Youth

"Suffer the little ones to come;

Forbid them not," the Saviour said;

Then in his loving arm made room

And placed his hand upon each head.

Mothers alone can tell the joy

That thrilled the souls of mothers then;

Fears in the heart for girl or boy

Were quelled by the words of blessing given.

"Suffer the little ones to come;

Forbid them not," still ring his words.

Lovingly still he calls them home

With pleading accent oft unheard.

Mothers alone best guide the steps

To Him who gave his life for all;

Sacred indeed is this request,

And solemn, too, lest some may fail."

"In the children who were brought in contact with him, Jesus saw the men and women who should be heirs of his grace, and subjects of his kingdom, and some of whom would become martyrs for his sake. He knew that these children would listen to him and accept him as their Redeemer far more readily than would grown up people, many of whom were the worldly-wise and hard hearted. In his teaching he came down to their level. He, the Majesty of Heaven, did not disdain to answer their questions, and simplified his important lessons to meet their childish understanding. He planted in their minds the seeds of truth, which in after years would spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life."

It is still true that children are the most susceptible to the teachings of the gospel. Their hearts are open to divine influences, and strong to retain the lessons received. When Jesus told the disciples not to forbid the children to come to him, he was speaking to his followers in all ages,—to officers of the church, to ministers, helpers, and all Christians. Jesus is drawing the children, and he bids us, "Suffer them to come," as if he would say, "They will come if you do not hinder them." He wishes us to look upon the children as younger members of his family, committed to us to educate for him. The lessons we ourselves learn from Christ, we should give to our children, as the young minds can receive them, little by little opening to them the beauties of the principles of heaven.

In our work with the children, God has bidden us to study the lessons he has given in nature. Did you ever really stop to consider the lilies of the

field, how they grow? Have you ever contrasted a little wayside flower with one that had received the careful, thoughtful attention of the gardener? One is only a weed. At one time it was a useful plant, but through lack of attention and proper cultivation it has degenerated, until now it but encumbers the ground. The other, perfect in symmetry, has been touched by no rude hand. It has been shielded from the fierce blasts, and the scorching sun, and God caused it to flourish and to blossom into loveliness. In dealing with the children let us follow the method of the gardener. By gentle touches, by loving ministration, seek to fashion their characters after the pattern of the character of Christ. Would we think of allowing a choice plant to become surrounded with weeds? Would we place a plant that is blighted among others that are perfect? Then can we think of allowing the minds of the little ones to become filled with lessons that, worse than weeds, tend to choke out the principles of eternal life? Can we allow the children to associate with others who, like the smitten plant, carry only death to their associates? Were it not better that we build a hedge about them? God calls for us to gather them into our own homes, away from the evil of the world, which is fast becoming as Sodom. Let us not, as did Lot, dally with temptation until whole families are lost. If we will only lead the way, the children will follow. Let us search our own hearts diligently that nothing may remain which will tend to drive them from Christ.

We are told that God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. Many a lad of to-day, growing up as David in his Judean home, studying God's word and his work and learning the lesson of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts as a witness for the King of kings. The whole world is open to the gospel. To all, great and small, old and young, the command is given to go forth and aid in giving the glad tidings to their fellow-men. Then let us train the children for service. Let us shake off the bands that are holding us with the world. Then if we earnestly seek the Lord for wisdom in this important work, he has promised that his angels will ever be by our side, giving grace to our words of instruction to the little ones. This in turn

will solve many questions relating to our youth.

Do these words of the Lord ever ring in your ears? "Altogether too little attention has been given our children and youth. The older members of the church have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy, desiring that they might be advanced in the divine life, and the children have therefore failed to develop in the Christian life as they should have done." We cannot live over the past, but the present and future are broad fields in which to work.

"The work that lies nearest to our church-members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness giving them line upon line, precept upon precept." "Shall the youth be left to drift hither and thither, to become discouraged, and to fall into temptations that are everywhere lurking to catch their unwary feet?" "There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril." Unless our efforts for the youth shall in some way reach into the homes of our people, we shall fall far short of what God requires of us. Through the principles of healthful living, and Christian education, we ought to have the healthiest, happiest, and most earnest and capable class of children and youth in the world to-day. As the children sang "Hosanna" in the temple in the time of Christ and preached the word during the time of the first angel's message, so our children and youth shall have a part in the closing work of the gospel. "We have an army of youth among us who can do much if properly directed and encouraged." It is the nature of young people to want to do something, to have a share in what is being done; and if they do not find in the church a field of activity suited to their ability, they will find it elsewhere. Our schools are doing a grand work, but this is not sufficient. "God calls for those who have gained experience in the work to devise plans whereby the young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let them share the labor and responsibility. Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves."

In developing this idea of responsibility in God's work on the part of our youth, organization has been recommended through the spirit of prophecy. God calls for "young men and women who really love Jesus to organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those not of our faith." In response to this call, many local bands of Missionary Volunteers have stepped forward. The work they have already accomplished is a grand one, yet it was not all done at once, nor by one band of workers. Again, all cannot do the same class of work. Sometimes more is expected of the youth than is possible. When we volunteer for active service for the Master, we do not pledge to do that which is impossible. Many in examining the reports of others become discouraged instead of strengthened. Is not this selfishness? God only requires us to be faithful in the tasks he assigns to us. I was much encouraged in receiving the report of one little band. These are only children ranging from eight to seventeen years of age; yet it shows what can be done. Not being able to step out into active service in the field as many of the older ones can, they thought of things that would help in home life. In their constitution they pledged to do three definite things: to stop using slang, not to eat between meals, and to pay their tithe. We may smile at the childish thought expressed, but the report is as grand as others showing active work in the world. Let us all take up this spirit of earnestness, and of service, and as the wisdom of advanced years is united with the strength of youth, the loud cry will indeed be given.

Our children and youth! Let us not overlook the material we have in our midst for advancing the cause.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

College Notes

Miss Blanche de Spelder, the music teacher, has been on the sick list for the past week, but at this writing is improving.

The College treatment rooms, located in the city of Mount Vernon, are being well patronized at present by a good class of patients. Some of the leading people of the city are taking treatments.

Room 4 is very attractive at present. The blackboard sketching class under Miss Kellogg meets there

each day. The work placed upon the boards attracts considerable attention. The drawings are in colors and are very pretty.

Five members of Elder Butcher's class in Bible II occupied the time of the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon, April 3. They gave in very interesting talks a brief topical survey of the life of Christ.

The first speaker, Vernon Panches, dealt with the Messianic prophecies. Mr. Clarence Keppler followed. After quoting the prophecy foretelling Christ's birthplace, he located on the map each place along his journey from Bethlehem into Egypt and thence to the passion week. This was made very interesting by the pleasing manner in which these journeys were described.

Miss Poole followed with a spirited talk on the miracles of Christ. These she divided into four classes, and illustrated her ideas by citing some of the miracles as follows: First class, turning the water into wine; second class, healing the blind; third class, raising the dead; fourth class, curing diseases of the mind.

Miss Whitney spoke of Christ's manner of teaching by parables, showing in an interesting way the value of this method of illustrating divine truth.

Mr. Esta Miller dwelt upon the practical lessons of Christ's teaching. He thought we should study his manner of teaching that our own work may be more effective.

WITH THE HARVESTERS

CHESAPEAKE

Smithsburg

AFTER a three week's course of meetings at Smithsburg, Maryland, fifteen are keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested. While the work has not been without attacks from the enemy, yet those who have desired to follow the Lord have found the way of escape in the hour of temptation.

A Sabbath-school of twenty-eight members was organized Sabbath, March 27. The new believers are thoroughly interested in the study of the Bible.

Quite a stir has been created by preaching the truth in this place, as some members of the Methodist church and also of the Progressive Dunkard brethren began to obey. The account of the meetings was widely heralded, and some drove twenty-four miles to attend, while

others came eight miles quite regularly. It was said that the largest audience ever assembled in Smithsburg was at our meetings, and the minister of one of the churches, with some of his leading members, prayed that God would do something to get me out of town, because I was a thief and a robber. His congregation was coming to hear the presentation of the truth, and he had none to preach to.

Some of those who have taken their stand are meeting great opposition, but they are proving themselves loyal to the Master.

In Hagerstown, four adults were added to the church April 3, subject to baptism. This makes twenty-seven persons who have been added to this church since our coming here last July. Brother Walter Adkins assisted in the work last summer and fall, but has been working in Frederick County most of the winter and spring, and some new believers are the result of his work there.

Truly the Lord is good and of great mercy to all that love and fear him; and such as keep his word, in them verily is the love of God perfected.

J. F. PIPER.

VIRGINIA

Newport News

I CAME to this place a little over a year ago through the direction of Elder Herrell, president of the Virginia Conference, and connected with church number two.

I found a little company of twelve people, meeting in a rented house on Chestnut Avenue. During the summer of 1908, we held a tent effort, and in the fall we erected a very comfortable church building on 30th Street, between Chestnut and Oak Avenues.

The Lord has blessed us with the addition of fourteen new members, some of whom are very talented, as Sister V. O. Jordan, a graduate of Morgan College, Lynchburg, Va. Sister Jordan is now conducting the church-school, and also has charge of the juvenile department of the young people's society, which meets every Sunday afternoon. We also have Brother Clarke, a promising scholar, whose efforts to better the condition of the church have been greatly appreciated.

A statement of our financial condition for the past quarter might be interesting. Tithe, \$37.11; offerings, \$1.47; church rent, \$10.15; Sabbath-school fund, \$3.50; religious liberty,

\$1.27; foreign missions, \$.45; church expenses, \$15.17; expenses, \$15.11.

Sisters Cardwell, Jordan, and others are busily engaged planning a temperance rally to be held April 18. We solicit the prayers of the readers of the VISITOR for our success.

L. MUNCE.

Field Notes

CHESAPEAKE

ELDER F. M. FAIRCHILD and Elder W. R. Pohle are conducting a series of meetings at Moscow, near Cumberland. They have had a good interest.

Elder A. V. Cotton and Elder G. P. Gaede have begun a series of meetings in West Baltimore. The attendance thus far has been good, and the people seem interested.

A Sabbath-school of thirty members has been organized at Smithsburg, Md., as a result of the three weeks' course of meetings held there by Elder J. F. Piper. A goodly number have taken their stand for the truth at that place.

Our canvassers are of good courage. Sister Wright says: "I was sick with a cold on Sabbath and Sunday, and was so sick on Monday when I reached Centerville that I could scarcely make a canvass; but I worked and prayed, and to-night,—Friday, April 2,—I am so overjoyed I can scarcely write. I cannot tell you how thankful I am. Yesterday (Thursday) I averaged an order for every exhibition I made. I would sometimes make three canvasses and take one order; but the next house I would make one exhibition and take three orders. I got so that I would take an order for one book or the other in nearly every house." Sister Wright is canvassing for "Great Controversy," and sold for the week ending April 2, \$119.50 worth of books. She gives the Lord all the praise.

The young people's society of church number one, in Baltimore, rendered a special program last Sabbath afternoon. They were assisted by the young people from church number two. The attendance was good, and the exercises profitable. An offering was taken for the work in Greece. A few weeks ago "A Macedonian Call" appeared in the *Review* from W. E. Howell, pleading for help for the printing and circulation of literature in Greece. This offering was made in

response to that appeal, and amounted to eight dollars. This young people's society decided some time ago to give one-tenth of all its regular offerings to the religious liberty work. They are also circulating a great deal of literature, and we hope good results will attend their efforts.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER A. R. BELL met with the church at Lebanon last Sabbath.

Elder H. Meyer spent Sabbath, April 10, with the Allentown church.

Mrs. Stella Ellis is recovering nicely from a recent critical operation at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington, D. C., met with the churches of Cherry Flats and Wellsboro, Sabbath, April 10.

The First German Church of Philadelphia has purchased a desirable church property at 2436 Poplar St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Elder W. A. Spicer, of Washington, D. C., met with the First Philadelphia and North side churches Sabbath, April 10. His remarks were timely and helpful to all.

Elder W. H. Heckman spoke to the company at Souderton on Sabbath, and on Sunday, April 11, he spoke to the First Philadelphia church, taking for his theme the resurrection.

Elder C. S. Weist spent three days with the company at Ariel, at which time they celebrated the ordinance of the Lord's supper. He also met with the Hawley church on Sabbath and officiated at the quarterly meeting.

WITH THE CANVASSERS

The Canvasser and His Work

—No. 14

The Fragments

IN closing our institutes we always find many fragments to be picked up and made use of; so in this lesson we shall gather up, possibly not all that some might see, but as many as we can call to mind.

Choosing Book

It is very important that a canvasser make a wise choice in the book

for which he is to canvass. He should choose a book suited to the territory where he is to work, and also suited to himself.

The book and the man. Some have the idea that they would like to canvass for a certain book because they admired the author, regardless of the territory or their ability to handle the book. That is like one of our brethren who had a boy, of possibly a dozen years, whom he was not giving a very good chance for an education. It was suggested that he interest the boy in reading. "Reading!" the father replied; "I bought 'The Two Republics' for him and I don't think he has read a dozen pages of it." The book might have been very interesting to an older person, but it was not suited to the boy's age.

The book and the territory. I was once canvassing with an exceptionally bright young man who had for some time enjoyed a marked degree of success in a certain county with a book in which he was very much interested. We were canvassing in a territory where the people and their customs were quite different from those in the territory where he had met with success. I was canvassing for a different book than his, and at the end of the first week had a nice list of orders, while he had but few. The next week he took the same book that I had and came in on Friday with a larger list of names. It is generally wisdom to counsel with the state agent, as he is well acquainted with the territory as well as with all of our books.

Open Switches

In the short time that the great railway systems of the world have been operating, thousands of souls have been dashed to destruction by express trains running into an open switch. The switch was left open, possibly by some thoughtless individual, or it may have been thrown open by an enemy who wished to rob.

Satan is the great enemy who is opening every switch for which he has the key that he may rob us of eternal life, as we speed on our way toward the eternal city,—our Father's home. We are all looking forward to that glad day when we shall sit down at the Father's table with our Elder Brother who has done so much for us. But Satan has a switch open before every one of God's people, especially those who are about to enter the canvassing field and those who have entered.

The first open switch is an indisposition to spend that *one hour* alone

with God every morning. Switch number two is the five-hour day or twenty-hour week. If Satan can get you in on this switch he has you ditched. Switch number three is where a canvasser is stopping over Sabbaths and Sundays with a good brother who thoughtlessly offers the canvasser work on his farm to help out in the harvesting. There are plenty of strangers to the truth to pitch the hay, but who cannot give the message. Switch number four may be that proposition from some commercial firm of a good *bona fide* salary of possibly \$100 a month and expenses. The Lord has especially warned canvassers of this danger point. Switch number five might properly be named Hard Times Siding. It is the most peculiar spot in all the earth, situated on a little plain, high and lifted up, a most lonely spot; it makes one disgusted with himself while standing there with nothing doing and viewing the other express trains passing by at a higher rate of speed than they have ever before attained. Way out there on Hard Times Siding the poor fellow can see, if he will only look, the "thousand hills" about him covered with his Father's cattle, and he knows that the banks in the near-by cities are filled with his Father's gold and silver. His Father's vineyard is filled with precious fruit to be gathered, but he is side-tracked out at Hard Times Siding. Can he get out onto the main line again? Yes, if he will send a message home to his Father that he is wrecked and wants help, he will soon again be speeding along the main line. *There are no hard times in God's work.*

Switch number six is where nearly every train on the road became wrecked a few years ago, and all of the rubbish has not been cleared away yet. In this wreck there was scarcely enough left to make up a wrecking crew. Most of those trains were never run again; new ones had to be found. This was Little Book Siding. Nearly every train to-day is running on the main line, loaded with big books, and running at a rate of speed which completely eclipses the records of the "good old days." So completely were they eclipsed in 1908 that they remind us of stage coach days. One large book, with possibly one help, is all that one canvasser should handle at a time, if he hopes to be successful.

Invoicing Shipment

When a canvasser receives a shipment of books he should open the

box, with the bill in hand, to see that he has the books that were ordered. On finding a damaged book he should not sit down and write the publishers a saucy letter, but he should rejoice that there is a book which can be sold at a discount to some very poor person who could not afford it at the regular price.

I have often wished to have a few damaged books on hand when finding people who wanted the book, but felt that they could not afford it. When I have a damaged book and find such a person I remark: "I have a book in the cheapest binding that was slightly damaged in packing which cannot be sold at full price, though you could scarcely detect the damaged spot. This I will let you have for \$2.00 instead of \$2.75." If it were a very poor person, perhaps a widow, I would even make it \$1.50, explaining that it was only sold at that price because it was damaged and that she should say nothing about it to anyone, as others might think that I was selling perfect books at that price.

Preaching

Do not try to preach the third angel's message in one canvass. Some misguided canvassers had the idea, a few years ago, that they should give the message to the people whether they secured an order or not. Our business is to sell the books and the Lord will use them as his channels of communication. The canvasser should be as earnest as this message can make him, but should not say too much directly on points of controversy, as people are not generally ready for them. Let the canvasser work the same territory every seven or eight months, taking a different book each time, if he is in a hurry to get the truth before the people. About the third time over, he will find some of the honest ones ready to listen to what he has to say about the truth.

A canvasser came in from his work one evening and remarked to the general agent: "I had some good experiences to-day. I preached the whole third angel's message to one man."

"Did you get any orders?"

"No, I didn't."

"Wasn't that what you went out to do?"

"Yes."

"Then you were defeated, were you not?"

The canvasser hung his head and confessed his defeat.

The Dog

As things of least importance are usually considered last, we will con-

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 2, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Mrs. Wright, Centerville,		GC	5	31 $\frac{3}{4}$	38	\$106 50	\$13 00	\$119 50	\$ 50
E. Mitchell, Detour, Md.,		GC	5	38	8	22 00	7 00	29 00	1 00
O. Yingling, Ash'd, P'h'n, Md.,		GC	4	35	17	49 75	5 40	55 15	
C. Zeigler, Choptank, Md.,		GC	5	40	12	37 00	5 40	42 40	
V. Stout, Harford Co.,		GC	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	5 50		5 50	
J. Miller, Belair Road, Md.,		GC	5		12	34 00	1 80	35 80	
J. Jeffreys, Harford Co., Md.,		GC	5	34			7 55	7 55	7 55
J. Jones, Hurlock, Md.,		GC	5	38	10	27 50	3 50	31 00	
J. Siler, Charlesville, Md.,		GC	5	45	10	28 50	60	29 10	10 00
E. Franklin, Charlesv'pe, Md.,		GC	5	45	6	18 40	60	19 00	
J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md.,		CK	4	28	11	12 50	1 75	14 25	18 55
S. Brown, Hagerstown, Md.,		CK	4	27	11	15 50	3 50	19 00	35 80
Totals,			53	365 $\frac{1}{4}$	131	\$357 25	\$50 10	\$407 25	\$73 40

New Jersey, Week Ending April 2, 1909

C. Grey, Randolph,	DR	5	36	21	52 75	5 30	58 05	
W. Plant, "	DR	3	39	9	19 75	25	20 00	
H. Murphy, S. Brunswick,	DR	5	33	11	27 25	3 15	30 40	20 40
J. Rambo, Millville,	DR	4	32	10	16 25	2 75	19 00	
G. Taylor, "	DR	5	31	4	8 50	75	9 25	62 50
G. Blinn, Hamilton,	GC	3	19	2	6 50		6 50	49 50
C. Kiessling, Phillipsburg,	GC	5	39	6	17 50	2 25	19 75	17 00
C. Klaiher, Harmony,	GC	5	43	5	14 75	2 00	16 75	2 00
T. Frost, Elizabeth,	GC	2	12	4	11 00	1 05	12 05	24 00
B. Welch, Somerville,	BR	5	27	12	33 00	2 45	35 45	
Totals,		42	311	84	\$207 25	\$19 95	\$227 20	\$175 40

Ohio, Week Ending April 2, 1909

T. Hankins, Williams Co.,	DR	5	44	11	35 50	3 50	39 00	
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,	DR	5	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	37 75		37 75	
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,	DR	5	42	5	17 75	5 00	22 75	
J. Hankins, * Paulding Co.,	DR			3	11 25		11 25	
C. Fritz, Highland Co.,	DR	5	40	14	41 50	5 70	47 20	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,	CK	5	42	41	56 50	3 50	60 00	2 50
Wm. Deuschle, * Franklin Co.,	BR	3	18	1	3 75		3 75	24 00
Totals,		28	232 $\frac{1}{2}$	88	\$204 00	\$17 70	\$221 70	\$26 50

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 2, 1909

G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	5	38	5	14 50		14 50	68 25
H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	2	20					134 10
H. Albright, Columbia,	DR	4	33	2	3 50	1 20	4 70	36 00
F. Barto, * Franklin,	DR	9	65	2	5 50	70	6 20	45 50
S. Sundberg, Northampton,	CK	3	17	6	6 50		6 50	6 00
L. Gilbert, Northumberland,	CK	3	12	3	5 00		5 00	
Mrs. Gauker, Berks,	NTP		10	30	10 50		10 50	10 15
S. Diehl, Union,					1 20		1 20	
Totals,		26	195	48	\$46 70	\$1 90	\$48 60	\$300 00

Ohio, Week Ending April 9, 1909

J. Randolph, Marion Co.,		5	37	12	42 00	8 00	50 00	
L. Waters, Portage Co.,		5	41	13	41 75	1 35	43 10	
T. Hankins, Williams Co.,		5	34	9	24 75		24 75	
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,		5	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	13 75		13 75	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,		3	26	1	2 75		2 75	75 10
A. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,		1	11					50 60
H. Leach, Washington Co.,		3	23	12	12 50	3 00	15 50	
Totals,		27	206 $\frac{1}{2}$	52	\$137 50	\$12 35	\$149 85	\$126 05

West Virginia, Week Ending April 2, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR	1		1	2 75	35	3 10	70
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	32	7	11 75	18 00	29 75	
D. Whitmire, Hardy Co.,	DR	4	25	6	16 50	3 80	20 30	
J. Meredith, Ritchie Co.,	DR			1	2 75	6 00	8 75	
L. Wright, Marion Co.,	GC	5	40	13	38 75	7 50	46 25	1 00
Totals,		15	97	28	\$72 50	\$35 65	\$108 15	\$71 00

Virginia, Week Ending April 2, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	24	12	15 00	1 40	16 40	1 25
Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg,	CK	11	7	8 00	6 85	14 85	3 70
Mr. Zeidler, Lynchburg,		7	27	20 00	4 05	24 05	13 60
Miss Riberson, Doswell,		13		35 00	13 30	48 30	12 60
Totals,		20	62	19	78 00	25 50	103 60
							31 15

†Three Weeks.

*Week Ending Mar. 19, 1909.

†Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,338.35. Deliveries, \$803.50.

clude by discussing the dog and how to dispose of him. I have known canvassers to be so fearful of dogs that they would pass by a house where a small dog was making a fuss, when probably if they had entered, the dog would have taken to the back yard.

When a dog making a big fuss comes out to meet me he is always treated with politeness. Upon entering the gate, if he attempts to bite, I take off my hat to him and just hold it between us. I have never found a dog yet that would pass by the hat. The dog is given to understand by my straightforward march that I am going to the house, and that he isn't going to hinder me for a moment. If you think he will take it, just command him to go lie down, and many times he will obey. If it is a small dog, just reach toward the ground, if no one is about, as though reaching for a stone, and generally he will disappear very quickly. Dogs have been the least of my troubles as they are so easily disposed of. If we do our part the Lord will stop the dogs' mouths as willingly as he stopped the mouths of the lions.

I. D. RICHARDSON,

Gen. Ag't. C. U. C.

Trenton	263 86
Vineland	107 53
West Hoboken	125 93
Woodbury	9 15
Little Falls Company	9 60
Individuals	109 60
Total	\$2,659 01

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$2,659 01
Tract Society	830 70
Weekly Offerings	71 26
Foreign Missions	63 45
Annual Offerings	59 80
Sabbath School Offerings	226 65
Religious Liberty	99 04
Thanksgiving	77 22
Southern Missionary Society	2 47
\$150,000 Fund	7 00
Kingston, Jamaica	5 00
Portugal	3 00
Tent Fund	26 64
Camp-meeting	13 86
Benevolent Fund	11 57
"Liberty" Fund	8 93
Orphanages	1 50

Total, \$4,167 10

D. K. ROYER, Treas.

FINANCIAL

NEW JERSEY TITHE RECEIPTS THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1909

Atlantic City	\$ 88 50
Bridgeton	107 93
Burlington	131 62
Camden	280 25
Cape May Court House	21 35
Elizabeth	99 85
Hackensack	25 60
Jersey City First	152 93
Jersey City Second	234 15
Jersey City German	119 90
Morristown	19 28
Newark	526 03
Newark Bohemian-Slavish	45 25
Paterson	62 34
Paulsboro	10 10
Perth Amboy Scandinavian	54 36
Salem	53 90

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1909

Akron	\$ 62 18
Alliance	59 55
Barnesville	14 60
Beaver	18 42
Bellefontaine	25 76
Bellville	20 75
Bowling Green	40 00
Camden	64 04
Canton	18 83
Chagrin Falls	2 97
Chillicothe .....	...
Charloe	1 61
Cincinnati	67 51
Cleveland	265 97
Cleveland German .....	...
Clyde	88 42
Columbiana	13 87
Columbus	147 63
Conant .....	...
Conneaut .....	...
Corsica	35 80
Cygnets .....	...
Coshocton	34 45
Dayton .....	...

Defiance .....	...
Delaware .....	...
Delta .....	...
Derwent	5 21
Dowling .....	...
Dunkirk .....	...
East Liverpool .....	...
Elgin .....	...
Findlay .....	...
Greenspring .....	...
Hamler .....	...
Hicksville .....	...
Hamilton	61 78
Jefferson .....	...
Killbuck	24 85
Lagrange	6 40
Leesburg .....	...
Lewistown	6 75
Locust Point .....	...
Laura .....	...
Liberty Center .....	...
Lima .....	...
Mansfield	9 42
Marshfield .....	...
Marion	88 49
Massillon .....	...
Medina .....	...
Mendon .....	...
Middiefield .....	...
Mount Vernon	103 06
Newark	38 13
Norwalk .....	...
New Philadelphia	30 90
Piqua	1 85
Pemberville .....	...
Pleasant Hill	25 29
Plimpton .....	...
Powell .....	...
Ravenna .....	...
Rows .....	...
Reedsville	1 94
Shreve .....	...
Spencer .....	...
Sherwood	10 00
Springfield	228 74
Toledo	50 28
Troy (Ashland County) .....	...
Van Wert	23 22
Washington C. H. .....	...
Walnut Grove	52 47
Waterford .....	...
Wheelersburg .....	...
Wilmington .....	...
Youngstown	95 95
Zanesville	15 93
Individuals	52 43

Total, \$1,915 45

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

MARCH, 1909

Tithe	\$1,915 45
Tract Society	1334 48
First day Offering	97 28
Sabbath-school Donations	183 01
Mission Board	33 48
Missionary Volunteers	1 00
Religious Liberty	89 30
Orphans and Aged	4 25
\$150,000 Fund .....	...
Southern Field	2 00
Kingston Fund .....	...
Blind .....	...
Thanksgiving Review	63 32
Foreign Missions .....	...
Annual Offering	34 10
Mission Home	55
Jamaica
Africa
India
Total	\$3,758 22

O. D. STEVENS, Treas.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The Canvassers' Institute

THE canvassers' institute for Mount Vernon College students began Sunday, April 18. As the VISITOR went to press before the classes were formed, we are unable to give definite information as to the number who will take the work. There has been a good interest in the canvassing work among the students all of the year, and we are expecting that a number of them will enter the institute classes and go into active service as soon as the College year closes. Classes were conducted during the winter and spring terms in "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," and "Coming King." These classes will be continued during the institute. Brother I. D. Richardson, the union conference canvassing agent, is here, and will have charge of the institute work.

In Memoriam

Whereas, The hand of death has been laid upon one of our beloved standard bearers, Elder J. M. Rees, who, as the result of an accident, fell asleep April 8, 1909; therefore,—

Resolved, That we, the faculty and students of Mount Vernon College, express our admiration of his life of devotion during his long service in the great three-fold message of Revelation 14; also our appreciation of his deep interest in this College while he was connected with its board; and that we extend to the surviving members of his family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

Our brother rests in the Lord; his life is hid with Christ in God; he sleepeth "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

Christian Homes Wanted

A SISTER in the truth has been left with the care of five little children. Since the death of her husband she has endeavored to support her family by washing and ironing; but her health has failed, and it has become necessary to place these children in the orphan's home, for sixty days, while arrangements are being made to place them with our own people.

There are two boys,—John, aged nine, and Frank, aged four years. Three girls,—Nellie, aged six; Katie, aged two, and Blanche, aged one year. We have the picture of these children and will send it to anyone interested.

"Let those who have the love of God, open the hearts and homes to take in these children. It is not the best plan to care for orphans in large institutions. If they have no relatives able to provide for them, the members of our churches should either adopt these little ones into their families or find suitable homes for them in other households.

"These children are in a special sense the ones whom Christ looks upon, whom it is an offense to him to neglect. Every kind act done to them in the name of Jesus is accepted by him as done to himself."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI, p. 281.*

For further information, address Bessie E. Russell, educational secretary, Ohio Conference, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Box 187.

Why Don't You Do It?

As there will be so much taking place every day of the coming General Conference, that will be of the greatest interest to all our members, we feel constrained to continue to urge all of our VISITOR readers to provide themselves with the *General Conference Bulletin*, which will give daily reports of this, by far the most important General Conference ever held by our people. Order through the state tract society. Price, only fifty cents.

New Jersey, Notice!

THE headquarters of the New Jersey Conference have been moved from 621 William Street, Trenton, N. J., to 815 Genesee Street, Trenton, N. J. All correspondence intended for the conference should hereafter be addressed to the new number.

Important Articles

BESIDES the article by Professor Rine on Spiritualism which will begin April 14 in the *Signs of the Times* (weekly); besides a very interesting series of articles from Professor Howell on "The Bible in Greece," giving one a wonderful knowledge of that country and people; besides nearly a score of very excellent articles from Mrs. E. G. White, we have just received six special ones from her pen: "God in Nature," two articles; "A Personal God," "God is our Father," two articles; "Christian Growth."

These are articles of specially striking interest touching upon one of the great mooted questions of the present day: Is God in nature? What has he to do with it? Are nature's laws God's laws? Can we obtain a complete revelation of God in nature? These things are clearly set forth in these articles by Mrs. White. This special series that we have named will begin in the first issue in May. They ought to be read by all. Besides these there will be splendid practical articles on godliness from her pen every week.

OBITUARIES

LOE.—Died at the home of Brother and Sister Avery near Bowling Green, Ohio, April 6, 1909, Nellie E. Loe, nee Boardman, aged 26 years, 8 months and 6 days. She was united in marriage to Brother C. A. Loe, on March 7, 1902, who proved to be a true and devoted husband. Nellie was the last member of her father's family to be summoned by the messenger of death, all the rest having preceded her to the grave. When about twelve years of age she was baptized and united with the Bowling Green Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining a faithful member to the end of her life. During her illness of about two years, every effort was made to restore her failing health, but to no profit. After a trip West in a vain search for help she returned a few months before the end came, and spent her last days among her dearest earthly friends. As the end drew near, Nellie longed for rest from her physical and mental sufferings, but was perfectly resigned to the will of her Saviour. She fell asleep confidently expecting a part in the first resurrection. Brother Loe mourns his loss, but not without hope. Funeral services were held in the Bowling Green Seventh-day Adventist church, April 8, 1909, a large and sympathetic audience being present. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Luke 8:52.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.