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## GENERAL MATTER

### Work for Everybody

IN a testimony dated July 1, 1906, are these words: "There was never a time when God instructed his people more earnestly than he instructs them now concerning his will and the course he would have them pursue."

"God's people must take warning and discern the signs of the times. The signs of Christ's coming are too plain to be doubted; and, in view of these things, everyone who professes the truth should be a living preacher. God calls upon all, both preachers and people, to awaken. All heaven is astir. The scenes of earth's history are fast closing. We are amid the perils of the last days. Greater perils are before us, and yet we are not awake. This lack of activity and earnestness in the cause of God is dreadful. This death stupor is from Satan."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. I, page 260.*

"In every town, city, and village, there are persons who would embrace the truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner. Missionaries are needed among us,—self-sacrificing missionaries, who, like our great Example, will not please themselves, but live to do others good."—*Id. Vol. II, page 112.*

"There are many who are seeking for light in the darkness. If our papers, tracts, and books, expressing the truth in plain Bible language, could be widely circulated, many would find that they are just what they want. But many of our brethren act as though the people were to come to them, or send to our offices to obtain publications, when thousands do not know they exist."—*Id., Vol. IV, page 392.*

### The Distribution of Literature

Under this heading we find these words of encouragement to workers in the "home missionary field": "Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?'" The answer is, "The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed." "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the message for this time." "There are many places in which the voice of the minister can not be heard, places which can be reached only by publications."

### A Transformation Needed

"This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented, that this state of evil may be healed. If parents would see a different state of things in their family, let them consecrate themselves wholly to God, and the Lord will devise ways and means whereby a transformation may take place in their households. Let the church awake, let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called. Let sound faith and earnest piety take the place of slothfulness and unbelief."

### Church Members to be Set to Work

"There are some who have real ability, who are rusting from inaction; and yet many of these do not know how to set themselves at work for the Master. But let some one who has ability to devise ways whereby this talent may be utilized, lay out for these inactive ones the line of work they could do, and let them know this is to be expected from them, and many who are now unemployed will become true laborers."

We as missionary secretaries are endeavoring to set the entire church to work. I find much to encourage the one whom the Lord sees fit to call to this important work. Our churches are responding nobly and are taking hold with earnestness to give the loud cry of the third angel's message. I hope to visit all the churches throughout the state as soon as I return from the General Conference.

F. H. HENDERSON,  
*Ohio Missionary Secretary.*

### The Sabbath-School Teacher

THE Sabbath-school is established for a definite purpose,—the salvation of souls and the instruction and training of people for the service of the Master. Never should this purpose be forgotten in the selection of teachers. No person should be placed in charge of a class who does not give evidence of being thoroughly converted and sound upon every point of present truth. It is more than likely that the individual who is in the background upon any point of truth will by his words sow seeds of doubt and unbelief in the minds of his pupils. Even though a teacher may have a keen intellect and may teach the theory of the truth correctly, if the life is not in harmony with it, what he is and does will nullify what he says; for "actions speak louder than words." We cannot afford to place our children under the influence of the teacher who thinks more of outward adorning than of the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. The place

for the man whose mind, for at least six days in the week, is absorbed in getting all he can of this world's goods, is in the class, not in charge of it. When a great ocean liner, with its cargo of living freight, is about to weigh anchor, the most reliable man obtainable is placed in charge, for human lives are at stake. In the selection of the Sabbath-school teacher, whose influence will affect the eternal destiny of souls, surely no less care should be exercised. We must have consecrated teachers, men and women of strong faith and warm sympathies, who have a burden for souls, and whose meat and drink is to finish the work of God in the earth.

But the fact should not be overlooked that teaching is a gift of the Spirit, and that not every good person possesses this gift. After setting forth the high rank of teaching in the list of spiritual gifts, to emphasize the fact that all have not the same gift, the apostle asks: "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers?" To which the answer is plainly, "No." It has been demonstrated over and over that where two persons possess an equal amount of knowledge, the one may be a success as a teacher, the other a dismal failure; the difference being due to the possession or lack of the gift of teaching.

This is not saying that every teacher is a born teacher, any more than that every prophet is a born prophet, or every canvasser a born canvasser. We have seen more than one man start out to canvass, who, everybody said, would never make canvassers, because they were not "cut out" for it. We have seen such men having a hard time at first, but through perseverance and faith in God become most successful in their work, while some of their companions who were "cut out" for canvassing had left the field in search of something easier. Likewise persons of small ability, whose educational advantages have been limited, by combining the habit of close observation with faith in God and diligent application have become successful teachers, even as the man in the parable of the talents by exercising the gift that was in him developed ability to use other gifts.

Summing up the foregoing, we would make consecration the first consideration in choosing teachers, and aptness to teach the second.

Coming now to the work of the teacher, we can give no better counsel than that of the inspired writer:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This calls for more than a hasty glance at the lesson on Sabbath evening, or, what is still worse, while the opening exercises of the Sabbath-school are being conducted. Get the following week's lesson in mind Sabbath afternoon, if possible, and meditate upon it daily during the week, seeking to gather from it something that will meet the needs of each member of the class. Excellent suggestions concerning the lesson and the best methods of teaching may be obtained from the contributions of experienced and successful laborers to the *Sabbath-School Worker*, a periodical which should be in the home of everyone engaged in Sabbath-school work.

In these closing days of earth's history, when everything rushes along at electric pace, many Sabbath-school teachers do not take time for secret prayer. If the Son of God found it necessary to rise "a great while before day," or even to lose a whole night's sleep in order to commune with the Father, is it any wonder that those who do not have time for secret prayer are tame and lifeless in their teaching? When we realize our own weakness, when we sense the solemn responsibility resting upon us, then shall we appreciate the privilege of prayer. We must have the spirit of God or all our labor will be in vain. Coming forth from communion with God, by the life reflecting his holiness and love will be taught the lesson that is most needed to-day.

(To be concluded)

WALTER C. MOFFETT.

"None of us liveth to himself." Rom. 14:7. This is a law of God in heaven and on earth. God is the great center. From him all life proceeds. To him all service, homage, and allegiance belong. For all created beings there is the one great principle of life,—dependance upon and co-operation with God. The relationship existing in the pure family of God in heaven was to exist in the family of God on earth. Under God, Adam was to stand at the head of the earthly family. This would have brought peace and happiness. But the law that none "liveth to himself" Satan was determined to oppose. He desired to live for self. He sought to make himself a center of influence."

## WITH THE HARVESTERS

VIRGINIA

Spencer and Danville

I HAVE just returned from the dedication of the Spencer church edifice, which service occurred April 25. Elder Herrell conducted the services. We arrived at Spencer Friday, the 24th. Sabbath morning Elder Herrell gave a very helpful lesson on character building, which impressed each of us that we need a more thorough consecration. That night he gave a very touching discourse on the near advent of our Lord. Sunday morning the dedicatory sermon from the text, "Make me a sanctuary," was delivered to an overcrowded house. I believe that a deep and lasting impression was made. In the afternoon I addressed a large congregation, and at night Elder Herrell gave a discourse on the Sabbath truth, which was the clearest and most convincing that I ever heard. Monday night was spent with the Danville church. Elder Herrell spoke on Christian unity. The audience seemed very much helped.

The new church building at Danville is nearing completion; \$150 more will finish it. So far we have paid as we have builded. We trust to dedicate it free from debt. Our lot is large enough for school and treatment rooms. The church edifice is 24x36 feet. The building is very neatly arranged and gives testimony for the truth. Brother Shelton and Sister Wooding as leaders have done well. The little company has been very faithful.

If you have a donation toward this object you can send it direct to the writer, 500 Holbroke Street, Danville, Va., and I will acknowledge it through the VISITOR.

Since our last report we laid to rest our daughter, Anna, aged five years and ten months. She was a victim of consumption, but we are thankful that the parting is only for a short time. The end is even at the door. May the Lord give to each of us loyalty to the message.

FRANKLIN WARNICK.

Spencer

It has been some time since I have written about the work here; but it is still alive. Last month Elder F. G. Warnick was with us, and we had some very good and interesting meetings. Afterward we went over to

Byrdsville, where we also had some excellent meetings. One was converted to the truth.

The past month was a very busy one as we were getting ready for the dedication of our church building. The dedication took place April 25. We are glad to see another building dedicated to the Lord's service. Elders H. W. Herrell and F. G. Warnick were with us and conducted the service. "Make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them" was the text of Elder Herrell's dedicatory sermon. The house was well filled with people to listen to the words of the Lord through his servant. With an earnest prayer, Elder Warnick then dedicated the building to God.

This work was started by Elder and Mrs. Wooding; but as the Lord has seen fit to remove Elder Wooding, Brother Abraham Shelton, as local elder, with Sister Wooding and others, has carried the burden of the building work. Now it is finished and we have a memorial for God at this place. To the Lord be all the praise.

JANE WOODING.

#### Newport News

THE young people's Missionary Volunteer Society of Church No. 2 is being well organized for work to hasten the coming of the everlasting kingdom. The temperance rally planned for April 18 was a success. A large company was present, and all left feeling greatly benefited. It was the aim to present temperance in its truest sense. Many helpful recitations, orations, papers, songs, etc., were rendered.

Realizing the necessity at this most important time of temperance and religious liberty, the society is putting forth every effort to place in the homes of those about us the wonderful truths of the third angel's message, that are set forth in the literature published by our people.

L. MUNTZ.

#### Among the Colored Churches

On my way to Spencer to dedicate the church building, I stopped at News Ferry over night and spoke to the brethren there. Brother Ragsdale met me at the depot and took me to the home where I was to stop over night, and then we went down to the home of Brother Ragsdale, where we met Sister Ragsdale and her two sisters.

The preaching hour, eight o'clock, having come, we went to the church, where we were pleased to find a full

house out to hear the word. They have a very neat little house of worship, but it is entirely too small for the congregations that meet with them from time to time. Present truth seems to have created a good impression in the vicinity.

From News Ferry I went on to Danville, where Elder F. G. Warnick joined me and we went on to Spencer. We arrived at Spencer, Friday, 5:30 P. M., and found Brother Abraham Shelton waiting for us. We held five services with the church at this place. Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the dedicatory service was held, the writer preaching the sermon, and Elder Warnick offering the dedicatory prayer. Special songs, appropriate for the occasion, were rendered by the church. The house was filled with people, while some stood on the outside.

The building was erected through the efforts of Elder M. S. Wooding and wife. The brethren and sisters here have worked hard and faithfully to erect this memorial to the cause of present truth. This church was dedicated free of debt.

Elder Warnick and the writer left Spencer Monday morning on the seven o'clock train for Danville. I was pleased to meet with some of the members of this church in their homes, and to speak to them at night. The brethren here are also erecting a church building in which to hold their services. They have had a small building, but it was getting old and they needed a larger one.

These churches need our prayers; let us remember them before the throne of grace.

H. W. HERRELL.

#### Western Pennsylvania

Shawmut, Nanty Glo, and Heilwood

AFTER the Clearfield meeting, I went to Shawmut and held meetings for more than three weeks. There are quite a number of persons in that vicinity who believe the truth, but who do not feel clear to obey. Among these is the foreman in the company store and his family, a clerk in the same store and his family, the man who drives the delivery wagon, and his family. This man kept the Sabbath at one time. The gas man for the same coal company believes the truth, and one of the leading mechanics in a large brick plant with his family is also convinced. It means the giving up of a good salary for these men to step out and obey this truth. It

means the loss of their positions, and that they must find employment elsewhere. All through that part of our conference there are families and individuals convinced of the truth as a result of labor done by some of our workers years ago. But how to get these people to obey is a perplexing problem. I confess I have never met just such a situation in the twenty-nine years of my experience in the ministry. They are all nice people, and I hope the time will come when they will take a decided stand for the truth. After leaving Shawmut, I visited Nanty Glo and found the company there still faithful. We could not obtain a place for public meetings, and so could do nothing more than hold a few services in private houses. The only church building in the place that we could hope to get for service is under the control of the Methodists although it was built for a union house, free to all Protestant denominations, and is so stated in the deed. But we must obtain the consent of the trustees, who are all Methodists. While we placed our request in their hands more than two months ago, no definite reply has come to us yet.

I am now at Heilwood, a coal mining town of perhaps two thousand inhabitants, many of whom are foreigners and Catholics. There the coal company has erected a good church building, which is supposed to be free to all. Brother Geo. Kuhn and family live here. A few persons seem interested to hear the truth. What the result of our efforts here may be I cannot tell now. I have not yet taken up public work, but I hope to soon. Brethren, pray for the work in Western Pennsylvania.

J. W. WATT,

#### Encouraging Words

WE are truly in a time when we need the help of God to guide our thoughts and words as we meet the enemy. I have found that he is busily engaged in confusing the minds of the people, so they are not able to judge or settle their minds on the truth when it is presented to them. But while I find many in this condition, I find a few honest-hearted ones who are searching for the truth, and, thanks to God! I have been able to place the books containing the truth in their homes. I have realized the presence of the power of God as I have passed from house to house, and the presence of the angels as they impressed the minds and hearts of the people.

A. L. BASSLER.

## Field Notes

### CHESAPEAKE

ALL communications to the conference secretary and treasurer during the time of the General Conference should be addressed to her at Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Elder F. M. Fairchild reports nine new Sabbath-keepers at Swanton, Md., as a result of the efforts he put forth there during the past winter. He further reports that the work is progressing at Moscow, and that several have decided to obey.

The meetings in the Fairview church on the old Frederick road, Baltimore, have been quite well attended, and the interest is good. A number of persons are weighing the important truths which they have heard. The prayers of the people are desired in behalf of these dear souls that they may decide aright.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Elders I. N. Williams and F. H. Robbins spent Sabbath, April 24, with the Conneautville church.

MISS MARY NELSON, who has been teaching church-school at Corydon, returned to her home near Machias, N. Y., April 30.

Quarterly service was held with the Coudersport church, Sabbath, May 1. Elder Williams reports a very profitable time spent with them.

Miss Johanna Vanderhook left Corydon for her new home near North Clarendon, April 30, with the expectation of returning and attending the school again next year.

Sister Edith Hall, who has been located in Corydon through the winter so that her son Guy could have the benefit of the church-school, has gone to New Brighton, where her husband is to spend the summer.

Brother T. O. Saxton writes encouragingly of the canvassing work, notwithstanding many are out of work in the territory canvassed. We are pleased to note the following taken from his letter: "Some very encouraging reports come to us from those who are reading the books we have been delivering."

We have just received a very good report from Brother J. S. Glunt. Brother Glunt has not been putting in full time on account of ill health, but now that he is in the field again we trust that he may have unbounded success.

Brother R. Vanderhook has moved his family from Bradford onto a farm about three miles from North Clarendon. While this faithful family will be greatly missed by the Bradford church, we trust that the Lord will richly bless them in their new home.

Sister A. W. Loop, of Duke Center, who was called to Corydon on account of the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. G. Heade, has returned to her home. We are glad to report that Sister Heade is steadily improving, and we hope to see her soon in usual health.

Brother Watt writes from Heilwood, Indiana Co.: "I expected to hold some meetings here in the union church, but after waiting several days for a reply, when it came it was 'no.' Then we decided to hold some cottage meetings, but the attendance is small. However, one lady I think will accept the truth soon."

On account of the serious condition of his mother, Brother I. M. Bigelow expects to remain at home a week or so at least. Although times are very hard in the territory that Brother Bigelow has just gone over, he reports a very successful delivery, only losing three "Great Controversy" orders and one "Coming King," and states that the rich experiences gained mean much to him. A. V. WILLIAMS.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Elder D. E. Wellman and wife of Jamaica, West Indies, arrived in Philadelphia, May 2 on their way to the General Conference.

The tent season will soon be here, and we trust that the people of this conference will remember these efforts before the throne of grace.

We are pleased to learn that at least four of our East Pennsylvania students at South Lancaster are planning to canvass in this conference during the coming summer.

Elder C. S. Wiest was united in

marriage to Miss Minnie B. Edwards at the home of her parents, Cherry Flats, Pa., May 6, 1909, Elder W. H. Heckman officiating.

If you have neglected to subscribe for the Conference *Bulletin*, it will be too late when you receive this issue to get the first numbers, as the conference will then be in session.

"Brethren and sisters, look over your past life and see if you have dealt faithfully with God. Have you any unredeemed pledges? If so, resolve that you will pay them if it is within your power."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. V, page 153.*

The company of believers at Souderton, Pa., composed largely of members from the two English speaking Seventh-day Adventist churches of Philadelphia, contemplate erecting a church and church-school building. The lot has been purchased and a building will be erected in the very near future.

A little booklet, beautifully bound, called "Conference Laborers' Record," has just been received. It is provided for the convenience of conference laborers who desire to keep in tabulated form for future reference a permanent copy of the monthly and annual reports. It contains blank leaves for "Cash," "Appointments," "Memoranda," etc. We highly recommend it to our workers. Price fifty cents.

We are sure that the churches of this conference appreciated the recent visits made among them by the General Conference brethren of Washington, D. C., in behalf of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium. We trust that all those who were not able to give money for this worthy enterprise will endeavor to sell three or more copies of the book, "Ministry of Healing," as all the proceeds of this book will go to the sanitarium.

Every Seventh-day Adventist in East Pennsylvania will be interested in the tent efforts this coming summer. We are laying plans for six tent companies. In order to do this, we shall have to have not less than two new tents. Will not those who subscribed to the tent fund last summer, at our good camp-meeting in Scranton, and who have not yet paid their pledges, kindly do so at once, so we can go ahead and order the necessary equipment?

## EDUCATIONAL

### Summer Normal Term

Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute  
Madison, Tennessee, June 23 to August  
31, 1909

"FOR twenty years it has been before our people that they must do a special work in the southern states. When the Lord repeatedly sends messages to them it is because he desires them to follow the light he gives. Our people have not yet done their full duty by the southern field. Every city in the southern states, and every town and village must have earnest work done in it. I have received words of encouragement for our workers at——, who are trying to give their students a practical education while establishing them in the principles of our faith. The students are learning how to till the soil and to build plain simple houses, and these students are encouraged to go out and establish other industrial schools where they in turn can educate their students how to plant and how to build."—*Unpublished testimony, January 5, 1909.*

We have also been told very recently by this same author that every possible means should be devised to establish schools in various parts of the South, and those who lend their means and influence to help are aiding the cause of God.

The Lord has said his people should be at the head of every good movement. He intends that the Christain school shall be a great factor in giving the third angel's message to the world. We should now be establishing hundreds of these schools where they are needed. If we do not press in and take possession of the openings made by the providence of God, we shall greatly hinder the forward movement of the third angel's message.

The keynote of the Southern Educational Conference in Atlanta, Ga., April 14 to 16, 1909, was the rural industrial school. It was recognized that two great problems are confronting the people of the South. The first one is the race problem, carrying with it a misconception of the dignity of manual labor. The second one is to learn how to prevent the flow of people from the rural districts to the cities. It was the prevailing opinion of those attending this great educational convention that the only solution for these conditions is rural industrial schools, which must be

brought to the standard of efficiency that they will train the children for the country life just as the city schools are now training the children for town life.

This conclusion should arouse every Seventh-day Adventist to see that this need is supplied in this field. The Lord is calling upon his people to establish farm industrial schools in the South that they in turn can educate their students how to plant and how to build. Those of us who live in the South are deeply impressed with the present attitude of the leading men of these states toward Christain education. The South in a great degree feels helpless to do what the Spirit of God is stirring them up to accomplish. We, as a people, should move out ahead and establish hundreds of these schools that will train the children how to live, and how to love the country. Such a course would place our people and the third angel's message in such a light before the honest hearted ones that many will be converted to the truth.

Brethren and sisters, the southern people are ready for this great work. *The Lord is ready.* We would like to correspond with all who are ready to receive a brief training to enter this field, and who would like to attend the summer school. Send for announcements at once. Address the undersigned at Madison, Tenn.

E. A. SUTHERLAND.

### History of the Mount Vernon (O.) Sabbath-School

OUR superintendent has asked me to recite in brief the history of the Mount Vernon Sabbath-school from its beginning. I have gathered what information I could without the assistance of the records, which it was impossible to secure. There may be some slight errors in dates, etc., yet I think this will give you a close idea of its origin and growth.

For a period of about eight months, the Sabbath-school was held at the homes of A. A. Lauder, George A. Irwin, John Walter, and Isaac Kaufman. During this period there was no regular organization of officers, the various members which comprised the school taking their share of the responsibility in conducting the school. The first organized school was held on what is now the College campus in July, 1885, in a tent which had been pitched for a series of meetings.

The first superintendent was George

A. Irwin and the first secretary A. A. Lauder, who, with the following named persons, constituted the membership of the first school: A. A. Lauder, Mrs. M. M. Lauder, George A. Irwin, Mrs. Nettie Irwin, John W. Walter, Ada D. Walter, Ward J. Walter, Kate Walter, Webster Walter, Sarah Walter, Isaac Kaufman, Hannah Kaufman, and Walter Irwin.

For a period of about six weeks this little company were very much aided by the presence of Elders Mason and Lindsay, and Brother Lutern Haughey, who were conducting a tent meeting at this place. At the close of the tent meeting they held their Sabbath-school in the building on the same grounds, known as the old bath house. This building is perhaps not known to many of the present membership of the school. Its location was in the grove, west of the College building, not far from the spring. The Sabbath-school was continued at this place until the latter part of October, 1886, at which time the main building of the sanitarium was completed. The school then occupied the room in the sanitarium now known as the Bible room, where it was continued until the west wing of the sanitarium was ready for use, about May, 1888. When I speak of the west wing of the sanitarium, I mean the room which we occupy to-day.

A bit of information might be of interest to some who are in the room. The sanitarium company made a proposition to the church that this room could be used for church purposes as long as the building remained, on condition of a donation from the church. This donation amounted to about \$2,000.

You will see by the above date that we have continued in this room for over twenty years.

The little school of thirteen continued to increase until the present location was too small, and in 1904 it became necessary to divide into two schools. This is the beginning of the College Sabbath-school. The total membership of both schools, as the records now show, is 211.

From this small beginning has grown the large assembly which we see here to-day. Mount Vernon Sabbath-school students are to be found in many parts of the world. They have been and are filling the most important positions in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination,—General Conference, union, and state conference presidents, college professors, ministers, and not least of all, foreign missionaries, Bible workers, and can-

vassers. In fact they are found in almost every department of the third angel's message. As a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, so may those who continue to go out from this school bring forth results, as the thirteen that constituted the little school in July, 1885.

May the blessing of the Lord be and abound in every school and every scholar in the Lord's harvest field.

L. C. PENN.

## Church-Schools in Western Pennsylvania

In a recent *Review*, the statement came again to the people from the pen of Sister White that we should "take our children out of the public schools."

More than two hundred children and youth of Seventh-day Adventists in the Western Pennsylvania Conference are still in public schools. There are only two small church-schools in all the conference, and those who are in charge of these schools are greatly perplexed to know how to support the work financially.

Brother, is this as it should be? Has not the time come when every Seventh-day Adventist should make the church-school work a subject of earnest prayer that the Lord may lead in the work and teach us how to do the work that he has said should be done? If it were not necessary for the salvation of our children and the advancement of the work of God in the earth that we should take our children out of the public schools, would the Lord have given such instruction? Has the Lord ever asked his people to do anything that was not for their best good? How can we as a people stand clear in the judgment unless we have done all in our power to walk in all the light God has given us with reference to every department of his work?

It is true there are many difficulties to meet in starting and maintaining church-schools, but when the Lord says a thing should be done and his people all unite in that work, it can and will be accomplished. But it cannot be done by a few while the greater number do not co-operate with them. There must be a united effort.

A resolution has been passed by our conference urging all our people to pay a sum equal to two cents a week into a conference church-school fund to be used by the conference to assist in the support of church-school teachers. If all would take hold of

this plan it would be a source of great encouragement to the church-school work in the conference. This would be a beginning of a very important work. But if the work for the children is done that the Lord would have us do, it will take much more than two cents a week. But let us all give the two cents a week now and when more than that amount is called for let us have so much interest in the salvation of our children that we shall be willing to increase the sum to meet the demands of the hour.

The message is closing; the time of trouble is rapidly approaching; soon earthly treasures will be swept away; soon the people of God must leave the cities and towns and seek refuge in the mountains and by-places of the earth because of persecution. What we do in any line of work must be done quickly, for only a few years remain in which we can work.

May the Lord help us to give ourselves to him for service as never before.

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa.

## Clyde (O.) Church-School

WE have many things to encourage us in our year's work, and many things for which to be thankful. We have labored very hard during the school year to impress upon the minds of the pupils the great importance of obedience,—to obey because it is right to obey. At times this has seemed up-hill work; yet I can say that much has been gained which will be of lasting benefit to the children.

Each day we have tried to keep uppermost in our minds the thought that we are doing the Lord's work, and that each child may become a missionary for Jesus. As a school we are bound closely together by the chords of love.

All the pupils, with but one or two exceptions, have advanced rapidly and will be able to finish the year's work with good credits.

The spirit of prophecy tells us that the burden of the parents' life work is the salvation of their children. How important, then, it is to make it our business to educate our children in a school approved of God. The church-school is to be such a school,—one where the teacher's work is wrought in God.

The Lord tells us plainly and repeatedly to take our children out of worldly schools and place them in schools where they can be taught of God. Let us not fail to heed this admonition. Our children's usefulness for this life and their eternal life is at

stake. Let every parent study this question prayerfully. Let not another year come and go and the dear children still be found in the schools of the world. The Lord says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

MRS. TRYPHENA GREENUP.

## WITH THE CANVASSERS

### Notes from the Canvassers

WE have just received a letter from Brother Kirk in which he says: "I have made another delivery and must thank the Lord for the good success I have had. I lost but one order, and sold one 'Daniel and the Revelation' and two 'Best Stories' extra, making a delivery of over one hundred per cent again. I made my delivery by three o'clock, and canvassed some the same evening. My rig only cost me seventy-five cents. I have been having good places for lodging and am very much encouraged in the work."

"Last week I canvassed a place called Sodom and Gomorrah. Sodom is on one side of the river and Gomorrah on the other. The Sodom side is Catholic and the other side is infidel. Blakerlee is another little Catholic town nearby. They have the largest church there in the country. I went into the butcher shop, which is kept by a strong Catholic, to get some money changed. I did not think of giving him the canvass, but he asked where I was going, and I said I was canvassing. He said, 'What are you selling?' I told him books. Then he asked me what they were worth, and so many other questions that I had to get out my prospectus and show it to him. He ordered a book. He has two girls and wanted it for them. I hope they will see the true light that God has sent them."

This is the second time this brother has made a delivery of over one hundred per cent in the last two months. It is a splendid thing to take a lot of orders, but it is better still to deliver them.

Brother Randolph writes: "I am finishing up some territory in the northwest part of the county where I had sold and delivered some books the latter part of February. Their influence helped me to sell quite a large number this last week." His sales for the week mentioned here amounted to \$68. This ought to open the eyes of some who seem to have the idea that they cannot sell books



## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 30, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Wm. Deuschle, Ross Co.,		GC	5	35	14	\$43 50	\$3 00	\$46 50	\$
E. Horst, Ross Co.,		GC	4	32	15	41 25	1 75	43 00	1 40
G. Corder, Belmont Co.,		GC	5	44	8	24 00	8 00	32 00	
S. Ragon, Lakewood,		GC	3	11	7	19 25	2 75	22 00	
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,		DR	5	42	27	58 25	3 00	61 25	6 25
A. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,		DR	5	49	18	51 50	7 40	58 90	2 10
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,		DR	5	45	19	52 25	60	52 85	60
R. Corder, Belmont Co.,		DR	5	44	10	27 50	6 25	33 75	
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,		DR	5	45	8	22 00	9 75	31 75	
L. Waters, Portage Co.,		DR	5	46	10	29 50	1 05	30 55	1 05
C. Leach, Washington Co.,		DR	5	34½	10	27 50	1 00	28 50	6 45
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,		DR	3	22	8	22 00		22 00	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,		CK	5	45	32	48 00	2 00	50 00	1 75
H. Leach, Marietta,		CK	4	26	17	22 00	2 90	24 90	
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.,		CK	4	31	28	33 50	70	34 20	1 70
Totals,			68	551½	231	\$522 00	\$50 15	\$572 15	\$21 30

## New Jersey, Week Ending April 23, 1909

J. Rambo, Millville,	DR	4	24	13	29 50	1 75	31 25	10 50
G. Taylor,* " "	DR	4	23	9	22 00		22 00	18 00
" " Penn's Grove,	DR	3	19	10	23 50		23 50	
W. Plant, Dover,	DR	4	26	11	26 25	1 20	27 45	1 20
C. Grey, " "	DR	4	29	5	9 75	1 15	10 90	
S. Ober, New Brunswick	DR	1	9					46 25
H. Murphy, S. Brunswick,	DR	1	9		2 75	1 05	3 80	1 50
C. Kiessling, Hackettstown,	GC	3	19		11 00	5 00	16 00	3 25
G. Blinn, Delaware,	GC	3	25	4	8 25		8 25	
C. Klaiber, Hackettstown,	GC	4	26			75	75	75
B. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	5	24	4	13 00	2 80	15 80	14 00
Totals,		36	233	59	\$146 00	\$13 90	\$159 70	\$95 45

## Chesapeake, Week Ending April 23, 1909

C. Tracy, Cooksville, Md.,	GC	5	32½	17	56 05	6 30	62 35	
Mrs. Wright, Ridgely, Md.,	GC	4	19	18	49 50	11 50	61 00	
S. Brown, Williamsport, Md.,	GC	4	23½	4	11 00	2 50	13 50	50
J. Jones, Lloyds, Md.,	GC	5	37	12	37 00	3 60	40 60	
J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md.,	GC	3	19	4	14 00	6 00	20 00	4 35
O. Yingling, Balto. Co., Md.,	GC	3	24	8	22 00	1 20	23 20	
E. Mitchell, Carroll Co., Md.,	GC	3	24	4	13 00	5 50	18 50	
J. Siler,† Frederick Co., Md.,	GC	1	5	3	10 25		10 25	
Totals,		31	184	70	\$212 80	\$36 60	\$249 40	\$4 85

## West Virginia, Week Ending April 23, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR							20 00
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	32	3	4 50	9 00	13 50	40 25
L. Wright, Marion Co.,	GC	4	37	5	14 75	5 50	20 25	2 00
D. Percy, Mineral Co.,	GC	1	6	6	16 50		16 50	2 75
Totals,		10	75	14	\$35 75	\$14 50	\$50 25	\$65 00

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 30, 1909

J. Glunt, Blair Co.,	GC	5	27	16	44 00	11 50	55 50	
T. Saxton, Armstrong Co.,	GC	4	27					30 75
I. Bigelow, " "	GC	4	28	1	2 75	1 30	4 05	125 45
Totals,		13	82	17	\$46 75	\$12 80	\$59 55	\$156 20

## Virginia, Week Ending April 23, 1909

Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg,	CK		13	5	5 50	4 55	10 05	9 65
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP		28	14	17 50	3 50	21 00	1 25
M. Jemerson, Richmond,	CK		17	1	1 00	1 00	1 00	4 35
Totals,			58	20	24 00	9 05	32 05	15 25

\*Week Ending April 9, 1909.

†Week Ending April 16, 1909.

in the adjoining township where they are making a delivery.

Brother Corder writes: "This is my first week in Belmont County. It rained every day that I was out this week, but the Lord blessed me in my work. I realize my own weakness and wish day by day to place my dependence on God."

E. R. NUMBERS.

## A Canvasser's Average Experience

HE knocks at the door, and with a smiling good morning, says: "I am a gospel worker, and would be pleased to speak with you for a few minutes." I would here say that I find most of the failures to gain entrance to the homes of the people are in the mind. When you are seated, tell the lady of the house the object of your visit,—that you have come to sell her the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Call her attention to the way that Jesus taught,—by means of parables, and how valuable a book you have for her. Out of three weeks' work, I only found one person at all gruff. Those who gave me orders did so willingly, and seemed to appreciate the book, and that it was brought to their door. Many who refused me the order said they were sorry that on account of circumstances they were compelled to do so.

We find some who desire nothing good, and to such a good canvass is a little seed planted, that may in some future time bear fruit.

It was nearly noon one day before I had received an order, but by four o'clock I had six orders. Another day it began to rain at eleven o'clock A. M. The roads became so muddy that I had to be satisfied with one order. I came to a house one day where there were five women visiting together. I passed the time of day with them, and offered up a silent prayer for guidance. Frequently when there are so many women together on a friendly visit, there is some confusion. After giving the canvass I received three orders. Four families were represented.

Recently I delivered a "Christ's Object Lessons," and the lady said if I sold any more good books to be sure to call again, and she would take one. At another place I canvassed, the lady said she was glad to have someone call and talk about the Bible. Brother Oertley writes that he gave a canvass to a lady for "Seer of Patmos," and she asked him to let her show the book to her daughter. In a little while the mother returned and said she and her daughter would each like one of the books. This filled his heart with gladness, for he felt that it was a direct answer to his prayer.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## WANTED!

The board of trustees of Mount Vernon College would like to borrow eight or ten thousand dollars with which to repair and improve the College property to meet the demands made upon it by the increasing attendance since it has become a union conference school.

Some repairs have already been made, and more extensive ones must be made before the beginning of another school year. The plumbing in the main building and the heating plant must all be thoroughly repaired and some of it must be replaced by new. A new water system must be installed, not only to supply water for domestic use in the building, but as a matter of protection in case of fire. We should also have an electric light plant, and thus save about seventy-five per cent of the cost of lighting the building. There are other repairs of minor importance that need attention, but these are the principal ones, and, as before stated, must be done before the opening of another school year.

No doubt you are familiar with the plan recommended by the school board and union conference committee for raising money for the relief of the school,—that each church member in the union conference be asked to contribute at least one cent a day for one year. This is an excellent plan, but does not raise money soon enough to meet the present demands.

Money loaned to the College is safer than in any bank; in fact it is perfectly secure. The College itself has a solvency of several thousand dollars, besides it is a union conference institution; and the moral obligation of

the union conference is at the back of every dollar of its indebtedness. If any of our brethren or sisters in the Columbia Union Conference, or elsewhere, have money that they would like to place in the cause at a reasonable rate of interest, we invite them to correspond with the undersigned.

V. H. COOK, Treas.

Mt. Vernon, O., care of College

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The time for holding the coming session of the General Conference is now at hand. Those who expect to have the *Bulletin* sent to them during the session have no time to lose in connection with sending in their orders.

## OBITUARIES

BISEL.—Died at Bellville, O., February 12, 1909, Maurice Edson Bisel, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bisel, aged 28 days. We laid the little one to rest with the blessed hope of meeting him again when the Lifegiver comes. The funeral was attended by a large number of faithful friends.

H. M. JUMP.

MOODY.—Died April 4, 1909, Walter Moody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody, aged 11 years and 4 months. Sister Moody embraced the third angel's message eleven years ago; and since then Walter attended faithfully the Sabbath-school from week to week with his mother. We believe he had a change of heart and will be among the redeemed.

C. S. WIEST.

FOX.—Died March 16, 1909, Grace Virginia Fox, daughter of James G. and Ella F. Fox, aged 5 years, 4 months, and 11 days. She was a sweet little girl, and dearly loved by all who knew her. She was only about two months old when her father died. She and her mother made their home with her grandparents, Brother and Sister J. B. Jenkins, where she was a great joy and comfort. May they in this sad hour find peace in the hope of again meeting their darling. A large congregation of sympathizing friends and neighbors attended the funeral. The writer spoke from Mark 10: 13-16, after which little Grace was laid to rest by the side of her father to await the coming of the Lifegiver.

B. P. PURDHAM.

LAWERENCE.—William T. Lawerence of Plymouth, Pa., was instantly killed by a fall of coal in the mine of the Kingston Coal Co. on Sabbath morning, April 10, 1909. He leaves a wife, one son, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. About four years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lawerence accepted present truth, and were both faithful, active members of the Wilkes Barre church until about a year ago when, for some reason, Mr. Lawerence again chose to labor on the sacred day of rest. The last few weeks of his life he talked much about the truth, and expressed a purpose to again plan to keep the Sabbath, but death came before he embraced the privilege. Sister Lawerence is still a faithful member of the church. She has our sympathy and prayer in this sad trial. Rev. L. O. Knipp, of the Christian Church, assisted at the funeral, which was one of the largest known in the vicinity for some time. Remarks were made by the writer based upon Romans 6: 23. We hope the Lord will be merciful.

C. S. WIEST.