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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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The Return of the Redeemer

ACCORDING to the Apostle Paul, God has made with every man two appointments. And as God never breaks an appointment, we need to apply our hearts to wisdom. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. First, God has made an appointment to visit every man with death. Daily, everywhere about us, we see the great Creator keeping that appointment. Secondly, he has made an appointment to meet every man in judgment; and that we may be sure he will keep this appointment he has given us a pledge.

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28. It was to make provision for man when he should appear in the judgment that Christ died in order to become the advocate of the pardoned sinner. The first time, Christ came bearing sin; the second time, he comes bearing no sin. Now why this difference? At his first coming he was compelled to bear sin that he might be offered—might bear the penalty—for those who should flee to God for pardon. But at his second coming note two things: He bears no sin himself, and those unto whom he appears also have no sin. Something then has transpired before Christ's second coming. The Redeemer has performed some expiatory act, which has left his followers "without fault before the throne of God." If the Scriptures are true we must sometime appear faultless before God. It is clear that the moment for the church to stand in that holy place is just before the second coming of Christ. Or, to state it out loud and clear, there must be an investigative judgment just prior to the return of the Redeemer when the High Priest of the redeemed has canceled all their debt.

Is not this the very message which Seventh-day Adventists profess to carry: "Fear God, . . . for the hour of his judgment is come"? The message is here, the near return of the

Redeemer is here, but can we look into our hearts and say "the fear of God" is here? That proclamation of the angel, "Fear God," was not a useless expression. It was meant to arouse to careful examination of hearts, lest the judgment should come and we fail to meet successfully our appointment with God. Those who so fail are not those looking for Christ; and unto those who do not look for him he does not appear "without sin unto salvation." Please God we may not only "fear" but also "look."

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Call to Consecration

[From a sermon delivered at the General Conference by Elder I. H. Evans.]

WE have been going on for a score of years, and our Mission Board has been continually compelled to plead for money. Let me tell you to-day, while I stand before you, that up there on the hill in our little treasury of the General Conference, there is only \$5,000 that we can send to foreign fields, and this is borrowed money, while the foreign fields need, for the support of the workers in those fields, over \$15,000 every month. To-day the General Conference has not a dollar of its own. If we were to pay the money that the General Conference has on deposits, and specific funds, we are short about \$10,000 of having a cent to send to our foreign missionaries in foreign fields. We failed to send the full quota last month to the foreign fields because there was not money enough that could be sent from our treasury. To-day we have nothing in our treasury to send to China, to Africa, to South America. Do you think that is right? But there are union conferences and state conferences that have thousands of dollars that they could use if only they thought it was proper to give it to the support of these workers in foreign lands. Yesterday I went to the office and said to the cashier, "I want to make up a budget for foreign fields. Here we are at the end of May, and we

ought to send our June remittance by the end of next week." He replied, "I do not see how you are going to send any money to the foreign fields this month, because there is no money that we can send." I asked, "How do you suppose these men in China, India, and Africa are going to live if we do not send the money?" He replied, "How do you suppose the men who have deposited money here will feel if we use their money, and can not place it back when they want it?"

My brethren, I tell you it does seem to me that as a Conference here assembled, we ought to study the situation, and decide whether the treasury of the General Conference is to be barren without a dollar to send to foreign fields, when in this country and Europe our ministry are sure of their wages each month. When there is an equitable distribution of both men and money, this condition will be changed.

But you say to me, "Are you not discouraged?"—No, indeed! I believe in God's people. I think the present condition is a lack of knowledge and appreciation of the situation. Just as soon as the people understand, they will rally to the support of God's work.

Every one of you has already said that you thought it would strengthen your home work to share your means and men with the foreign fields.

If that policy can be pursued, there will be sufficient funds to carry on the work everywhere.

"But," you say, "don't you believe in building up the home work?" Indeed I do. I believe there ought to be in every conference a determination that the membership of that conference shall be doubled. You say, "That is an impossibility." But if every man among us would labor every day in the great work of soul-saving, with a determination to thoroughly consecrate his life to God's work, we would see a great harvest of souls. A man can not bring forth much fruit if he does not believe there is much fruit to gather. But the man who is truly God's mes-

senger will speak with power, and lead souls to Christ; he will raise up churches, because God works through him, and heaven co-operates with his efforts.

You remember that on one occasion Jesus said to his disciples, "Have faith in God." That should be our battle-cry. With a ministry that believes that God is working with them, with men burdened with a message to the world, whose hearts are breaking with a desire to lead souls to Christ, there will be a harvest. Men can not sit under such preaching without conviction. They will cry out, "Lord what shall I do to be saved?" Let us remember there are very few souls brought to the truth without much wrestling with God on the part of the laborer, without prayer and fasting, and without the example of men who live close to God. If we had such a ministry, whose souls were filled with a message from heaven, and whose hearts were burdened with a desire to save sinners, there would be a mighty gathering of souls.

While I appeal for foreign fields, brethren, I believe there is a great duty in the home land to strengthen our churches, and to raise up new churches. I do not think the message has yet reached the limits in this country. Here are great territories where this message has never been preached. There are many thousands of square miles, many important centers where there is not a church of believers in present truth. It seems to me that as Conference men, as committee men, as union conference men, it is our duty during this Conference to resolve that the year to come shall be the year of greatest effort, of prayer, of consecration, and of service for God, in the history of this people. With such a consecration, brethren, there will be a harvest of souls. Your churches will be rejuvenated, the young people will desire to have a part in giving this message to the world.

I look forward to the future with great interest. I believe the men and women who are in this tent to-day are responsible for the progress and growth of the work the next few years. What are you here for if you are not the leaders in your home field? Why are you here if you are not the men to set the pace, and lead in the prosecution of the work in your own territory? Ought we not, in the fear of God, to study what we can do? But you say, "Are we not making progress?" Brethren, I tell you

we are making progress tremendously slow in the home land. What we want in the ministry in the home land is to have faith in God. When the men in China, India, Africa, and other dark places see that the brethren in the home field are bearing fruit, it will help them to work in these foreign countries. What a mighty inspiration we can give the work in heathen lands if you will send new recruits to these foreign fields! With the promised blessing of God, it does seem that by the next General Conference we shall see mighty progress in giving the message to the world.

You say, "I am rather discouraged at such a talk. It makes me feel discouraged to think that we are not doing everything we ought to do." No, my dear friends, I like to look the thing square in the face. I like to take off my coat, roll up my sleeves, and resolve, by the help of God, to make this work go. But you say, "Not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of God." Yes, my friends, but God will never baptize a worldly, selfish minister with the Holy Ghost. When a man's time and energy are set to the acquirement of the riches of the world, that man is never going to be a power in this ministry. You and I must give ourselves to this work without any reserve, and give all we have to it, if we set the pace for other men to follow. I believe with all my heart that the time has come for us to give ourselves to God anew. I believe that we ought to lay ourselves upon the altar of God for service, to give all we have and are to this cause. O brethren, I tell you I would like to see all of us soon in the kingdom of God! It is a pity for God's people to have spent forty years in the wilderness from lack of faith when the promised land is so near.

My friends, God has given you this work; he has laid upon your hearts the burden; he has given you the possibilities of closing it up. I ask, Do you intend to see that the thing is done? I believe we can quicken our steps. I believe we can accomplish tenfold more the next four years than we have in the past four years, that we can see a mighty awakening among all the nations of the world. All over the field our faithful brethren and sisters are crying out to God that his Spirit shall call to renewed consecration at this meeting. In the home, on the farm, in the factory and shop, our faithful people are praying that God will pour out his Spirit upon this delegation, and that this

work may be accomplished quickly. I believe that God wants us to help to answer these prayers. I believe that God wants these ministers, these committee men, these strong, practical men, to go from this Conference with renewed consecration of your lives, your means, and all there is of you, to be used wherever he shall direct in the advancement of his work.

Miracles and Character

MANY are looking for miracles as infallible evidence of heaven-sent doctrine. They seek, like the self-righteous Pharisees, for "a sign from heaven." The reply of the Saviour to their caviling inquiry was, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh for a sign."

The Lord has not always deemed it best to invest his people with miracle-working power, for of John the Baptist it is said that "he wrought no miracles;" and yet of those born of women, there was no greater prophet than he. Neither does the Lord express delight in miracle workers as such, but he is well pleased with the humble and contrite heart, and with the man who manifests faith by trembling at, and obeying, his word. With these he will dwell.

The Lord takes delight in the development of righteous character in his people, and longs to see the fruits of the Spirit appear and abound in their lives. When this is true in our experience, we need not be overanxious about the gifts of the Spirit; for they will not be long deferred, but will be distributed "to every man severally as He will."

The One who has the gifts of the Spirit to bestow, places a different estimate upon their relative value than we are naturally inclined to fix. As the gifts are classified, the list does not begin with miracles; but three gifts, which are even now manifested in the remnant church, are given *pre-eminence*, as it is written: "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversity of tongues."

It is significant that with all the gifts of the Spirit, Christianity, and even the plan of salvation itself, would be a failure without the first of the fruits of the Spirit, which is love. Read I Corinthians 13. Let us see to it, then, that by his grace the fruits of the Spirit appear and abound in our lives, and the

One who longs to clothe his command-keeping people with power will bestow the gifts.

Divinely wrought miracles serve a purpose in the plan of salvation. But the popular idea of what constitutes a miracle does not make character; for ten lepers were cleansed, but only one responded to the influence of the Holy Spirit, and thereby experienced the change of heart called conversion—the great miracle that God desires to have wrought in every man. It was doubtless in this sense that the apostle fulfilled the prophecy of the Saviour, "The works that I do shall ye do also; and greater"; for during their ministry, many more souls were converted in a single day than during the entire period of the Saviour's earthly life.

Signs and wonders do not make character: the only thing that will give the pass-port to heaven is character in Jesus Christ. Principles of truth, inwrought in heart and life, and flowing out in words and deeds of goodness, are what God honors.

Those who depend on miraculous manifestations for salvation and for identifying the truth and the people of God, are not prepared for heaven, but rather for deception; for Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."—*G. W. Reaser.*

Our Homes

POETS have written about the home. They have led the mind to the quaint old country place surrounded by creeping vines and blossoming shrubs, and have gently unfolded to our view the sweet-faced mother and the kind-hearted father bent with age. Our great men of the world in their lectures have tenderly spoken of their boyhood days at home, of mother, whose never-ceasing care and love have kept them in the path of integrity. Authors of note have many times written that which has touched an answered chord in the hearts of their readers, and many have been made purer as the memories and teachings of home come back to their minds.

Just now, when Satan is holding out every inducement to our loved ones, we need pure, attractive homes. "More powerful than any other earthly influence upon human hearts and lives is that of a true home." What is a true home? It is not a home where father sits during the evening

with a deep frown upon his brow, and where after reading the evening paper, he puts on his coat and hat and goes out to greet Mr. ——— and others, and then as he nears home, puts on his frown once more. Such a man cannot be a true head of the household, for he cannot become acquainted with his children or win their love. Perhaps ere his return, mother has quietly put the children in their little beds, for "father is tired and out of sorts to-night."

Neither can a home be a true home where the mother scolds and frets from morning until night; where she appears at meal-time with uncombed hair, and soiled dress. Perhaps she has scolded until she is on the verge of tears. Her house is untidy; everything seems to have gone wrong all day. What excuse has this mother?—She is "so nervous."

But the children have no encouragement in such a home. The little ones that God has given us to care for, the ones we are to give an account for in the great day of God—these are having their feet started in the pathway of ruin through the influence of such a home. God intends the home to be the dearest spot on earth; and each member of the household should do his part toward making it so.

The father, as the head of the household, should strive to make his home a place where cheerfulness, courtesy, and love abide. He should enter his home with smiles and pleasant words. He should establish the family altar, and all should gather for worship. He should take time to become acquainted with his children. Even if his business cares are very pressing, he can afford to spend some time with his family, and he will find that it is not time wasted. Human souls are at stake. How much more important one human soul is than all the business cares of life! In the morning before taking up the cares of the day let the father gather his family around him, and bowing before God commit the loved ones to the care of the Father in heaven.

On the mother seems to rest the greatest care of the family. Each little trial is brought to her. A little hand or head must be kissed and cared for to cure the bump or ache. The duties of the household press upon her. Every little detail must come under the mother's notice. With patience she should care for her children. With a gentle, God-fearing spirit she should lead her loved ones to the side of Jesus. Her house should be kept clean and tidy, that it

may be an attractive place for the husband and children. Solomon has spoken of the faithful wife: "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness; her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

A great responsibility rests upon parents. In their home life they are sowing seed which will bear fruit for Christ or Satan. As fathers and mothers let us draw near to the Saviour, that he may lead us in this great work of making our homes pure, elevating, love-inspiring, until we reach the blessed home of the faithful which is just ahead.—*Selected.*

Make Home a Happy Place

WE spend much of our time at home, or at least we should do so. Let it be our aim, then, to make it as delightful a place as possible, says a writer in *The Lutheran*. It need not be a grand place, nor be furnished with extravagance; it is the spirit that pervades, and the harmony and happiness found there, and the common interests, that make home a happy place.

How memory clings to home scenes and home experience! Let us prepare pleasure and pastimes for the little ones. Let us give them happy hours around the parental hearth. They will never forget these things. Let us make our homes so dear to all concerned that our boys and girls will not be in haste to get away into the world.—*Signs of the Times.*

Increase of Wealth

A RECENT issue of the *New York World* contains, without its being so intended, an excellent comment on the latter part of James 5:3. The *World* says:—

"The incorporation in the United States during May of railroad, industrial, and other companies having a capital stock of \$258,459,900, gives an idea of the wonderful commercial expansion of the country. Incidental testimony to the same effect is furnished by the speedy absorption by investors of the \$10,000,000 issue of preferred stock put out by a new dry goods combination. E. H. Harriman said to the news paper men who asked him about the report that he was going abroad to dispose of \$159,000,000 of bonds, 'I wouldn't have to go out of this house to do that in half an hour.'"

"This is truly a million-dollar era. Where the last generation figured in millions, the common multiple of the present-day business world is \$100,000,000. To what lengths is the multiplication of millions to go? Estates of \$1,000,000 have dwindled by comparison to modest competencies. At the present rate of increase the 'swollen fortunes' of to-day may to-morrow excite no public concern, being dwarfed by the greater hoards heaped up and reduced to negligible consequence in the light of the graver problems in the regulation of capital which may then be expected to demand attention."—*The Gospel Sentinel*.

From Two Mt. Vernon Students

DEAR VISITOR:—Knowing that you are interested in the work at all places, we feel that you will want to hear of the work in this county. We are having good success, and our courage grows stronger in the Lord every day. We have many experiences every day that prove to us we are living in the time when "darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people." Most of them seem to feel but little interest in their spiritual welfare, and prefer to talk on other subjects. Still we find some who are deeply interested and glad to talk on Bible topics.

We quite often find people who have "Coming King" or "Bible Footlights," and sometimes both. They think them good books and want "Daniel and the Revelation" because they think it will be fully as interesting. In such places, especially, we think there surely will some good come from their reading this book. Then again we often find men who say all sorts of mean things about all lines of gospel work and all Christian people, and think that there is nothing in religion or in serving God. We can only pray that God will have mercy on such people and help them to see the foolishness of their ways before it is too late. They surely are the kind that Christ was speaking of when he said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

While our total sales are not high, yet we are in no way discouraged, and want to be ever found in the work and willing to do all in our power to hasten on the work of giving the third angel's message.

O. C. PUNCHES.

N. C. THORNTON.

Lisbon, Ohio.

The king is the man who can.

Field Notes

OHIO

Our VISITOR family will appreciate reports from all our laborers.

Our tent companies should be remembered in the prayers of our people.

Dr. H. Jump and Brother John W. Shultz are located with a tent at Swanton, Fulton Co.

Elder W. E. Bidwell and F. E. Gibson are laboring together in a tent effort at Youngstown, Mahoning Co.

Dr. W. J. Venen and L. R. Williams form a third company at Convoy, Van Wert Co.

Brother Ray Corder had a successful delivery in that nearly all the people were ready to receive their books.

Brother C. V. Leach concludes from his experience that it is not best to miss a house even at the end of a half mile lane.

Bessie E. Russel, Bessie E. Acton, and L. C. Mitchell have returned from the General Conference physically improved by their much needed rest.

Brother Otho C. PUNCHES says: "I am not taking as many orders as some, but I am certainly having some grand experiences in meeting and talking to the people. One certainly feels the importance of the work when he sees how ignorant the people are in the Bible."

Would it not be a good plan for our churches to send to the Ohio Tract Society for their standing orders for the Sabbath School Quarterly to be filled as soon as the office receives them? Several delays and "rush" orders will thus be prevented.

Miss Maude Pengelly, formerly connected with the Ohio Conference office, is not sorry she entered the canvassing field. She wonders why she was not sent out to pasture before. Having already earned a scholarship this vacation she knows from experience that the canvassing field is one of the Lord's green pastures. She is canvassing in West Virginia.

Brother A. L. Bassler is permanently located at Baltimore, O., with his family. He and Brother C. B. Van Gorder are canvassing Fairfield Co. The plan of resident canvassing is a good one. Brother Bassler has finished his part of the county and has begun in Perry Co., according to the last report.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Mid-summer Offering service, Sabbath, July 3.

Elder A. R. Bell and A. C. Long will hold an effort in York, Pa.

Let all our brethren and sisters remember the mid-summer offering for foreign missions, Sabbath, July 3.

Elder H. Meyer and his German co-worker will hold meetings in the vicinity of the First German church in Philadelphia.

Elder Charles Baierle, together with Brother and Sister Heald and Brother S. Rockwell, will conduct an effort in the vicinity of the North Philadelphia church.

When this paper reaches its readers, there will be five tent companies launched in this conference. We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people in their behalf.

"The leaders of churches in every place should be earnest, full of zeal and unselfish interest; men of God who can give a right mold to the work." Test., V 5, p. 618.

The Iowa Conference acted the part of the Good Samaritan by furnishing us with their best Bible worker, Miss Kate Earle, who will be connected with the work in Philadelphia.

Elder O. O. Bernstein with Brethren William T. Hilgert and Earl Culver, Sisters Nellie B. Underwood and Kate Earle as assistants, will conduct an effort on the corner of 60th and Walnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Wade church Sabbath and Sunday, June 19 and 20, and administered the ordinance of baptism to one sister and three young men. This company of believers, though few in numbers, is full of the missionary spirit and is doing a noble work in the community.

Elder Morris Lukens, president of the Indiana Conference, spoke to the First Philadelphia church, Sabbath, June 19, taking for his theme a subject which all Adventists love to hear; namely, the Second Coming of Christ.

Elder C. S. Weist and Brother C. S. Baum have not yet definitely located their tent, but undoubtedly will settle on some place in a few days. Brother Baum is now permanently connected with the East Pennsylvania Conference.

Elder I. M. Martin, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, leaves with his family this week to accept the pastorate of the church at Ashville, N. C. We certainly wish him much of God's blessing in his new field of labor, and trust that he, under God, may be able to render such service as will result in much good to that church.

"In some churches the leader has not the right qualification to educate the members of the church to be workers." Test., V 5, p. 618. What are you doing for your church in keeping up a lively interest in the work of God? God is greatly displeased with the loose, lax way in which some officers do their work in the church.

If it had not been that one good brother was enough interested in a worldly young man thirty or more years ago, to send him the *Signs of the Times* for a year, that young man might not have been in the truth now, and would probably not have been the editor of the paper to-day. Week by week his interest in the truth which he had heard was kept alive till at last he yielded. Do you not know of some worldly friends who might thus be won to God by sending them the paper for a year?

The First Philadelphia church was highly favored Sabbath, June 12, when Elder W. C. White spoke to the congregation at the morning service. In the afternoon there was a union service in which the three churches of this city united to hear a striking talk by Sister E. G. White. The church could hardly accommodate the large gathering, as there were many present from other churches in the conference. We were glad that they, with the rest, were again privileged to hear this aged servant of the Lord who has been in public service for sixty-five years.

Reading matter for the mid-summer offering service is now in the hands of all our church officers. We trust that each elder and leader will realize the great responsibility resting upon him in the way of making this Sabbath-day service what it ought to be to God's people.

A few of the good things contained in the July number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly*: "The Turkish Situation," "Unrest in France," "Is our Liberty a Dream?" "It Is Finished," by Mrs. E. G. White, "What Is True Freedom," etc., etc. Send for it now. Address office, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WEST VIRGINIA

ORDER your lesson quarterly now.

Miss Celestia Midkiff is meeting with good success in her work in Clarksburg.

Our expenses are quite heavy this month, and we trust that all will promptly send in their tithe that the workers may receive their pay at the end of the month.

It is none too early to begin to plan to attend camp-meeting at Parkersburg, August 5-15. You can not afford to miss this meeting this year.

Elder W. D. McLay and Brother W. L. Adkins began a series of tent meetings in Parkersburg the 24th. Brother John Snider and wife are also connected with this company. Let us pray that much success may attend this effort.

Brother Percy is very busy just now working with the students who are canvassing in this field. We trust that all will get in full time, 40 hours, each week, and we are sure our reports will show a decided increase.

Miss Maude Pengelly has already received orders for over \$250 worth of books. When these are delivered, she will have earned her scholarship. It is not too late for others of our young people to enter the canvassing work, earn a scholarship, and enter school at its beginning next fall. Brother Percy will be glad to correspond with any who are in any way interested in this branch of the Lord's work.

Brethren Ogden and Keppler write that they are of good courage and are glad to find the people of West Virginia very hospitable.

We are glad to say that Sister J. M. Rees is slowly improving since coming home. While she is not able to sit up at all, she is much better than when she first came home.

Cheating the Lord

MANY people have tried to cheat the Lord; they have acted in financial matters as though God was not the one that had prospered them, or that he took cognizance of their promises to him.

Somewhere about two thousand years ago, David wrote, "Vow, and pray unto the Lord your God: all that be around about bring presents unto him that ought to be feared." Ps. 76:11. And Solomon, who wrote half a century later, said, "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows make inquiry." Prov. 20:25.

Ananias, and Sapphira his wife, consecrated a possession to the Lord. It was at the time of the out-pouring of the Spirit of God when many were doing the same thing. Many who possessed lands or houses sold them and brought the price to the apostles and distribution was made to every man according as he had need.

Barnabas sold his land and brought the price and laid it at the apostles' feet, and the next thing we hear of him he was in the gospel ministry. But not so with Ananias and Sapphira; for we read, "They kept back part of the price." When Ananias brought his money and laid it down at the apostles' feet, Peter said, "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Ananias fell down and gave up the ghost.

About three hours later his wife came in and told the same story: "Then she fell straightway at his feet and yielded up the ghost." Acts 5: 1-11.

It is a dangerous thing to make a promise to God and afterwards take it back, even in financial matters; it is a risky piece of business to do this. But there are many people that do the same thing to-day; they promise, and then take it back, thinking it a trifling matter. But, in the judgment, God will reveal distinctly and clearly how he views the matter, as he did in the days of Ananias and Sapphira.—*Bible Training School*.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

MAY 1909

Alba.....	\$ 1 00
Allentown.....	27 07
Ariel.....
Bloomsburg.....
Carbondale.....	11 23
Chester Company.....	3 75
Cherry Flats.....	10 00
Fleetwood.....
First German.....	62 75
Harrisburg.....	35 23
Hawley Honesdale.....	18 00
Jersey Shore.....	14 95
Kulp.....	117 04
Lancaster.....
Lebanon.....	43 63
Lorenton.....	29 10
North Philadelphia.....	10 50
Northumberland.....	333 34
Orwell.....	39 11
Reading.....	82 64
Roaring Branch.....
Scranton.....	70 62
Shunk.....
Shimersville.....	45 52
Stroudsburg.....	38 43
Wade.....
Williamsport.....	41 69
West Philadelphia.....	27 57
Wilkes Barre.....	46 16
Wellsboro.....	7 25
Individuals.....	10 00
Total.....	\$1,126 58

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe ..	\$1126 58
Tract Society ..	303 26
Ingathering ..	8 15
Sabbath-school Donations ..	14 27
First Day Offering ..	48 19
Portugal Mission ..	1 16
Tent Fund ..	20 00
Foreign Missions ..	8 43
Mt. Vernon College Fund.....	4 03
Conference Poor.....	3 74
Donrtions.....	7 59
Interest.....	62 50
Sanitarium Fund.....	8 50
Total	\$1,615 90

A. L. BAYLEY, *Treas.*

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR MARCH, 1909

Berea.....	8 60
Charleston.....	57 39
Clarksburg.....	40
Culloden.....	6 48
Kanawha.....	12 40
Moundsville.....	21 66
Mason City.....	1 95
Parkersburg.....	75 67
Rio.....	2 07
Individual.....	30 06
Total.....	\$216 68

PEARL L. REES, *Treas.*

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending June 11, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Perry Co.,	DR	4	47½	18	\$53 50	\$11 90	\$65 40	32 95	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	43	14	38 50	6 50	45 00		
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	4	36	13	35 57	3 10	38 85	60	
N. Thornton, Columbiana Co.,	DR	5	48	12	33 00	4 60	37 60	75	
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	5	41	11	29 75		29 75	10 75	
C. Belgrave, Stark Co.,	DR	4	34	9	26 75	1 20	29 75		
O. Panches, Columbiana Co.,	DR	5	39	9	24 75	3 00	27 75		
F. Hankins, Williams Co.,	DR	5	13½	3	8 25		8 75	87 25	
F. Evans, Washington Co.,	DR	3	17	3	8 25		8 25		
R. Corder, Belmont Co.,	DR	4	35					136 70	
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,	DR	3	30					95 00	
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	3	21	7	19 25		19 25		
E. Thornton, Pickaway Co.,	GC	5	43	20	57 00	60	57 60		
C. Fritz, Pickaway Co.,	GC	5	37	12	33 00	4 50	37 50		
E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	40	12	33 00	85	33 85	85	
Wm. Deuschle, Ross Co.,	GC	3	15	5	14 75		14 75	9 25	
J. Wright, Ross Co.,	GC	1	4	3	10 25		10 25		
H. Weeks, Ross Co.,	GC	3	24	2	7 50	50	8 00	50	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,	CK	5	50	45	61 50	4 00	65 50	2 50	
L. Waters, Portage Co.,	CK	5	46	52	60 00	70	60 70	70	
A. Clough, Washington Co.,	CK	4	40	36	46 50		46 50		
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.,	CK	3	22	25	29 00	35	29 35		
H. Leach, Washington Co.,	OK	5	34	13	17 00	4 00	21 00	1 00	
S. Ragon, § Cleveland								20 50	
Totals			92	760	324	\$647 25	\$46 30	\$693 55	\$368 30

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 11, 1909

Mrs. W. Wright, Ridgley, Md.,	GC	4	14½	2	5 50	50	6 00	50 76	
J. Paden, Washington Co., Md.,	CK	3	24					37 75	
W. Spicer, Chapel, Md.,	GC	2	12	3	8 25	1 60	9 85		
S. Curtiss, Galts, Md.,	GC	3	15	16	47 00		47 00		
B. Arkebauer, Millington, Md.,	GC	3	17	11	35 25	60	35 85		
J. Jones, Harrington, Del.,	GC	5	38	3	9 25	6 60	15 85	2 40	
S. Brown, Washington Co., Md.,	GC	2	22					46 25	
Mrs. Mitchell, Govanst'n, Md.,	GC	1	5					22 15	
O. Yingling, Monkton, MD.,	GC	2	12					25 55	
E. Mitchell, Motters, Md.,	GC	5	33	9	24 75	60	25 35		
J. Siler, Yellow Springs, Md.,	GC	2	13	1	2 75	2 15	4 90	2 75	
C. Tracy, Howard Co., Md.,	GC	4	25					94 35	
Totals,			36	230½	45	\$132 75	\$12 05	\$144 80	\$281 95

West Virginia, Week Ending June 18, 1909

A. Halstead, Boon Co.,	DR	1	8	12	29 25	7 25	36 50		
J. Jennings, Jefferson, Co.,	DR	5	31					44 15	
H. Metcalf, Elkins	DR	5	40	10	27 50		27 50		
L. Atwell, Elkins	DR	5	40	14	41 50		41 50		
C. Keppler, * Hancock Co.,	DR	7	43	15	41 25	25	41 50		
G. Ogden, * Hancock Co.,	GC	8	54	7	19 25	4 40	23 65		
C. Midkiff, Clarksburg	GC	2	10	5	15 75		15 75		
M. Pengelly, Morganton	GC	5	33	12	35 00		35 00	2 75	
F. White, Morganton	GC	5	29	15	42 25		42 25		
Totals,			43	293	90	\$251 75	\$11 90	\$263 65	\$46 90

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 11, 1909

J. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	3	24	19	44 25		44 25		
G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	5	39	9	23 75		23 75	76 50	
S. Sundberg, Montgomery	DR	4	25	5	13 75		13 75		
J. Kennedy, Chester	DR	4	27	2	5 50	1 40	6 90	1 40	
W. P. Barto, * Cumberland	GC	7	62	25	74 75		74 75		
H. W. Barto, * Cumberland	GO	7	67	32	88 00		88 00		
H. Ohlson, York	GC	4	23	4	11 00		11 00		
C. Christman, Berks	OK	3	18	5	7 00		7 00		
H. Christman, Berks	OK	3	18	5	6 50		6 50		
S. Diehl, Union,		2	15	1	1 45		1 45	1 45	
Totals,			42	318	106	\$275 95	\$1 40	\$277 35	\$79 35

New Jersey, Week Ending June 11, 1908

G. Blinn, Hamilton	GC	8	60	24	60	50	2	00	62	50	31	50
G. Taylor, Penn's Grove	DR	2	9								52	00
S. Oberg, New Brunswick	GC	3	26	7	26	25	90		27	15	56	25
L. Matson, Montgomery	HH	5	31	10	30	00			30	00		
P. Brown, Mantua	CK	2	18	9	11	00			11	00		
B. Welch, Elizabeth	BR	1	8	2	5	50			5	50	13	35
Totals,		21	152	52	\$133	25	\$2	90	\$136	15	\$153	10

Virginia, Week Ending June 11, 1909.

M. Jemerson,* Richmond,	CK	28	7	10	50	35	10	85	4	50		
K. Oertley, Radford	CK	29				70	70		37	55		
W. H. Zeidler, Lynchburg,	GC	5	21	3	11	25	22	45	33	70	90	
F. Klopfenstein, Winchester	DR	13	3	11	25				11	25		
A. Schneck,* Lawry	GC	23	6	16	50				16	50		
Totals,		5	114	19	\$49	50	\$23	50	\$73	00	\$42	95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 18, 1909

A. Brownlee,† Butler Co.,	GC	10	97	24	36	50	3	20	39	70	115	80
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.,	GC	5	55	38	62	50	1	50	64	00	3	50
T. Saxton, Indiana Co.,	GC	5	39	17	49	85	15	30	65	15	2	85
J. Glunt, Blair Co.,	GC	8	19	2	5	50	5	50	11	00	49	00
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.,	GO	2	12	3	14	00			14	00	11	00
Totals,		20	222	84	\$168	35	\$25	50	\$193	85	\$182	15

*Two weeks
†Week ending June 11

‡Two weeks ending June 11
§Week ending June 4

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,487.60. Deliveries, \$776.15.

WITH THE HARVESTERS

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

DEAR VISITOR READERS:—You no doubt will be interested to learn how the Lord's work is prospering in Youngstown, Ohio. There are a number of interested ones who need help from time to time, besides the new ones who are becoming interested as a result of the series of tent meetings which we are holding at the corner of Wallace and Mercer Streets.

Our meetings began June 16, 1909. The attendance is fair; and is improving.

The Lord is blessing our work together so far, and we are enjoying his blessings.

The lot on which we are holding the meetings was given to us free of charge as long as we wish to use it this summer; for which we thank the Lord.

We hope the brethren and sisters will remember the work here in their prayers.

Yours in the Master's service,
F. E. GIBSON.
W. E. BIDWELL.

"He who knows thy fame will spare burdens more than thou canst bear."

Chillicothe Church School.

THE parents of the children at Chillicothe heard an echo from the voice of the Lord calling the children from public schools. They heeded the call, and organized a church school last September. The parents have made sacrifices to maintain the school and we believe they will be returned with interest. The parents have cooperated nobly in the work, consequently it has gone along very nicely.

At the beginning of the year, we organized a junior missionary band, which has been a good feature of the school. The officers are appointed by the school for six weeks at a time, and meetings are held every Thursday afternoon. The exercises are planned by the leader, members of the school usually taking a part. We believe the benefits of these meetings are twofold; the pupils get an experience in leading meetings and composing reports, which will be valuable when they are called upon to bear responsibilities of larger meetings. Then many lessons about missionary work are taught at these meetings, which we trust will be learned and made practical.

At the end of life upon this earth we hope that the pupils of Chilli-

cothe church-school will be graduated, with the members of other church-schools, into the higher school where angels and Jesus will be teachers.

ANNA FRANKLIN.

What Is the Meaning?

THAT the guiding hand of God is manifest in the distribution of our literature is very marked when we compare the circulation of our books with worldly publications. In the April number of Munsey's Magazine is an article entitled, "What has happened to the American book publisher?" From this article I quote the following: "From 1895 to 1900, the American publisher reaped a golden harvest. Before that time a book was considered highly successful if 25,000 copies were sold. A sale of 50,000 was astonishing; while only at rare intervals did a book of any sort sell to an extent of 100,000 copies. But after 1895 there was a great expansion in book sales. David Harum represents the high water mark. It had a circulation of 600,000 copies. How stands the case to-day? These hopes have not been realized. On the contrary, there has been not merely a decline in the business, but an actual 'slump'. Very few books to-day attain a circulation of 50,000 copies. The enormous figures of ten years ago seem now like a strange dream to the publishers—unreal, or at the most, only a fascinating and tantalizing reminiscence; and of the books that sell it is only the novels and romances that are conspicuous."

While the worldly publishers have witnessed a great decline in their book business the past few years we have had a wonderful increase in the circulation of books containing the third angel's message. The following figures show the enormous circulation of some of our large books. Bible Readings, 1,030,000; Great Controversy, 375,000; Daniel and Revelation, 220,000; Patriarchs and Prophets, 200,000; Coming King, 370,000; Marvel of Nations, 90,000; Heralds of the Morning, 125,000; Prophecies of Jesus, 50,000; Desire of Ages, 15,000; Health Books, 140,000. What is the meaning of this mighty work? There can be but one meaning. A message is due to the world and consecrated men and women are giving it. Only a cause that is divine could be so marvelously blessed.—*Jas. Cochran.*

Be ye also patient.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

ELDER S. HAUGHEY, of England, and Professor Walter Irwin of Australia, were with the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath. Elder Haughey spoke in the forenoon, and Professor Irwin in the afternoon.

SISTER HESTER E. GARRARDE, of Ohio City, Ohio, expects to undergo a surgical operation shortly, and asks the prayers of God's people that the result may be to his honor and glory. Sister Garrarde is an earnest Christian woman, and having no children of her own, has taken into her heart and home a little orphan child which she hopes to educate for service in the message. Remember this sister at the throne of Grace.

THE Chesapeake Conference and Tract Society office has been moved from 26 Wesley St., Baltimore, Md., to 2 Loudon Ave., Station D, Baltimore, Md.

SABBATH, May 28, was a day that will always be remembered by all who were at the General Conference. Sister White spoke in the morning, and Elder I. H. Evans in the afternoon. The last part of Elder Evans' sermon appears in this issue of the VISITOR. At the close of his sermon over \$12,000 were raised in a few minutes for the support of the work in mission fields.

"The Definite Message."

[From a talk at the General Conference by Elder A. G. Daniells.]

THIS movement, like all such movements, began in feebleness. Those who first got a glimpse of this message and its destiny were very few, and very poor, and unknown in the world. They had no means. Every thing of the world was against them, and everybody was against them. In fact, many times we might think that God himself could not have begun this movement in greater weakness and obscurity than he did. But God saw to all that. We can trace its growth, step by step.

The point I wish to call your attention to is the position to which we have now come. Where are we tonight in this message? Sixty-five years it has been sounding. The message was to be finished in a single generation. Where is it to go? It is to go to all the world, to every kindred, tongue, and people. I wish to point out briefly, just where this message has gone.

It started in New England. It began to enlarge its circle, and it traveled down the coast. It crossed the line into Canada, and it journeyed westward to the Ohio River, and then to the Mississippi River. I remember myself when it first leaped across the Mississippi River. I remember well when it stepped across into Nebraska and Dakota, and it kept on moving westward until it reached the Pacific Ocean. Then it flew eastward to Europe, and has passed on to Africa, Asia, South America, Australasia, and the islands of the sea. We have here delegates from all these continents and from the island fields, representing the many peoples and tongues who have joined in this work.

Again I say, look at the vast sweep of this message in its onward move-

ment. While the nations of the earth have paid little attention to it, while thousands and millions of men do not understand it, know nothing about it, it is at work; it is accomplishing something in its might and its power, and when people really stop and look at it they are astonished. There is something about it that certainly does impress the minds of men who stop and give it a little thought. And I believe that we, ourselves, ought to stop and look at it carefully and seriously from day to day; we ought to ponder its progress. We ought to see what it is doing in the world.

A Mistake of Ingersoll

TWENTY-FIVE years ago Robert Ingersoll declared in a public lecture that the Bible is an exploded book; that its sales were falling off rapidly, and that within ten years it would not be read any more. But since then, six Bible houses have been established, and the sale of the Bible has been quadrupled. The American Bible Society alone issued more than 1,500,000 Bibles last year, and the British and Foreign Bible Society more than 5,000,000. Other Bible companies show correspondingly large outputs. The total number of Bibles in England alone, produced in a single year, is upwards of 10,000,000 copies.

The Oxford Press turns out 20,000 Bibles in a week. More than 40,000 sheets of gold are used in lettering the volumes, and the skins of 100,000 animals go into Oxford Bible covers each year.

The British and Foreign Bible Society print the Bible in 400 languages.

During the first year of America's rule in the Philippines, 10,000 Bibles were distributed there. Contrary to expectations, since the Boxer insurrection in China, the issue of Bibles for China last year was 428,000 copies.

The fact is, the Bible to-day is the most popular book in the world, and more copies are sold than of any other hundred books combined.—*Selected.*

Notice to Exchanges

MANY of our exchanges do not have our correct address. Some come addressed to *The Welcome Visitor*, some come to the Ohio Tract Society, and many are marked "Academia." There is no paper, so far as we know, by the name of *The Welcome Visitor*, the Ohio Tract Society does not publish a paper, and Academia has no post-office. Please note that our address is COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, Mount Vernon, Ohio.