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

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GENERAL MATTER

"'Tis well to walk with a cheerful heart
Wherever our fortunes call,
With a friendly glance and an open hand,
And a pleasant smile for all.

Since life is a thorny and difficult path,
Where toil is the portion of man,
We should all endeavor, while passing along,
To make it as smooth as we can."

Character Building

THE great work of parents and teachers is character building; it is to seek to restore the image of Christ in those who are placed under their care. A knowledge of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim; but all true education may be made to help in the development of a righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a lifetime, and it is for eternity. If all could realize this, if they would awaken to the thought that we are individually deciding our own destiny and the destinies of our children for eternal life or ruin, what a change would take place! How differently would this probationary time be occupied, and what different characters would fill our world!

The question that comes home to each of us is, Upon what foundation am I building? We have the privilege of striving for immortal life; and it is of great importance that we dig deep, removing all the rubbish, and build on the immovable, solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." In him alone is our salvation. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The foundation firmly laid, we need wisdom that we may know how to build. When Moses was about to erect the sanctuary in the wilderness, he was cautioned, "See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount."

In his law God has given us a pattern. Our character building is to be "after the pattern showed to thee in the mount." The law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of our loyalty to his government. And it is revealed to us, in all its beauty and excellence, in the life of Christ. The law is the detector of sin. We have inspired testimony on this point: "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came [home to the conscience], sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me." Rom. 7:9-11. This is the work that it will do for every soul that is living in sin. The law points out sin, and condemns it, and sends the sinner to Christ for pardon and cleansing. "The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

All classes, however fallen, however sin-stained, have the law of God as their guide, and his word as their instructor. They may be sanctified through the truth, and received as sons and daughters of the Most High. But "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8:7. The multitudes do not love righteousness, and they are building on the sand. Many who profess Christ do not love the law of God. If they dared, they would speak out their enmity against it in no mild terms. They have a surface religion, and that is all they desire. Some are deceptive and untrustworthy in deal, and will break pledges and contracts. Covetousness, intemperance, and impurity abound, and money is squandered for tobacco and other similar indulgences.

There are many who attend church, and hear the truth spoken; they see the claims of God; but they have some pet indulgence which they will not give up,—something which prevents them from judging candidly and wisely between the things of

time and those of eternity. It makes little difference what this is, so long as it separates the soul from God.

But God is not to be trifled with. We can make no selfish bargain with him; we can cling to no sin if we would retain his favor. Those who are building on the Rock Christ Jesus, will follow none of the pernicious practices of the worldly or of world-loving church members, but will search the Bible for themselves. God has given men reasoning powers for this purpose, that they may weigh evidence, and decide what is truth. No man's assertions can be taken on trust. The question is, What does the Lord say? His, "Thou shalt" and, "Thou shalt not," must be obeyed.

Thoroughness is necessary to success in the work of character building. There must be an earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the Master Builder. The timbers used must be solid; and no careless, unreliable work can be accepted; it would ruin the building.

The whole being is to be put into this work. It demands the strength and energy of manhood; there is no reserve to be wasted in unimportant matters. There must be determined human force put into the work, co-operating with the divine. There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the customs, maxims, and associations of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.

There must be no idleness. Life is an important matter, a sacred trust; and every moment should be wisely improved, for its results will be seen in eternity. God requires each one to do all the good possible. The talents which he has entrusted to our keeping are to be made the most of. He has placed them in our hands to be used to his name's glory, and in the interests of our fellow-men.

The Lord has precious promises in this life for those who keep his law. He says, "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and

long life, and peace, they shall add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man." Prov. 3:1-4.

But a better than earthly reward awaits those who, basing their work on the solid Rock, have built up symmetrical characters, in accordance with the living word. For them is prepared "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Its streets are paved with gold. In it is the paradise of God, watered by the river of life, which proceeds from the throne. In the midst of the street, and on either side of the river, is the tree of life, which yields its fruit every month, "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Parents, teachers, students, remember that you are building for eternity. See that your foundation is sure; then build firmly, and with persistent effort, but in gentleness, meekness, and love. So shall your house stand unshaken, not only when the storms of temptation come, but when the overwhelming flood of God's wrath shall sweep over the world. Then every house built upon the sand shall fall, and great shall be the fall of it, for the ruin is for eternity.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Help the College and the College Helps You

THE spiritual law of giving is "Give and it shall be given unto you," and it is hard to find any part of God's work where the results are more apparent than in the gifts made to help educate our young people. Our colleges were founded, not by millionaires to teach the love of money and the spirit of worldliness, but by poor and devoted Christians to teach the love of God and earnestness in his service.

Love for the truth laid the foundations, and self-denial reared the walls, and from these schools have come an army of workers, composed of the flower of our young people, of such hardy type that they do not hesitate to risk their lives to plant the banners of the message in darkest Africa, or the deadly tropics. Would any of us wish to have the progress of this message turned back to where it would have been without our schools? Have not the sacrifices of the past more than been re-

paid already in the glorious triumphs of the advent message made under efforts of these workers, whom our self-denial helped to train? And many of them have only begun their life-work. So the college is a distinct gain, not only to the young person who has the privilege of its training, but also to every believer who longs for the finishing of the work and the Lord's return.

There are many reasons why all should feel a deep interest in Mount Vernon College. We are glad to note that our people in the New Jersey Conference are taking a part in this work by preparing to send young people to the College, and by giving to the Mount Vernon College Fund one cent or more per day to help make the school more effective, by providing necessary repairs. In visiting a few of our churches in company with Elder Wilkinson, several young people were found who intend to enter the College this fall, and \$400 in cash and pledges was raised as a donation to the school. Let the good work go on until all have done their part to make this school of the Lord's planting the best it can possibly be.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Our Bodies

I WILL praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Ps. 139:14. Man is Christ's masterpiece of workmanship. He made him in his own image and pronounced the work of his hands very good.

The Lord gave us these bodies to care for, that he might dwell in them. Gradually Satan led man away from the natural way of eating, working, sleeping, and dressing, so that at the present time it is impossible to find a body not marred by sin. There is some mental or physical defect in every one.

"Lo, this only have I found, that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." Eccl. 7:29.

But the Lord is calling us out of Egypt. He is inviting us to eat angel's food. Shall we still cry after the flesh pots of Egypt? "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. 6:19,20.

Shall we do it? Glorify God in eating, drinking, working, or whatever we do, do it to the honor and glory

of the meek and lowly one who made himself of no reputation that we might be called the sons of God.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2.

Since God has placed such a price upon our bodies, let us study how to care for them. He has given us through the Spirit of Prophecy instruction on eating, dressing, and working, so that we need not be ignorant. If we hunger and thirst after the right way we shall be guided therein.

"God is not honored when the body is neglected or abused, and is thus unfitted for his service. To care for the body by providing for it food that is relishable and strengthening is one of the first duties of the householder. It is far better to have less expensive clothing and furniture than to stint the supply of food."

"Carefully consider your diet. Study from cause to effect. Cultivate self control. Keep appetite under the control of reason." Man's appetite is the point on which he first fell. When Christ was led into the wilderness here is where he first conquered. What we eat becomes a part of the body; in other words, builds up the muscles, bones, nerves, and blood. And if we desire strong, healthful bodies, we must put the right kind of food into them. If the brain is the avenue to the soul, do not benumb it with overeating and unhygienic food.

"In this fast age, the less exciting the food, the better. Condiments are injurious in their nature. Mustard, pepper, spices, pickles, and other things of like character, irritate and make the blood feverish and impure."

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2.

The Lord wants us to grow up in him physically, mentally, and spiritually. He desires us to have strong bodies to offer for his service in this great closing work.

"There is a work to be done, and none can properly represent that work unless they humble their hearts before God day by day, and walk in all the light he sends."—*Roxette Runck, M. D.*

"The Unwritten Law"

THERE seems to be in recent times a strong inclination to decide criminal

cases by what is termed the unwritten law. So courts do not need to adhere to what is laid down in penal codes, or what is written out, but may be governed by sentiments that have obtained endorsement among the people, though they may be out of harmony with legal enactments.

By this course, juries have decided in favor of criminals, and even cold-blooded murder has been justified upon the ground that the malicious and revengeful perpetrator of the deed had an inherent right to defend his honor against the defamer of his name or the desecration of his home, although in so doing he flagrantly violated the published provision of the civil law.

Careful and thoughtful men are deprecating this condition of things, fearing the epoch of anarchy and crime that may thus be ushered in. The danger is certainly not an imaginary one; and this state of things constitutes one of the signs of the times.

But it is not without a parallel. Even religious teachers are advocating that there are pious customs for which there is no scripture foundation, that are even more sacred and obligatory than those plainly commanded in the Bible. They would thus make the Word of God of none effect through their tradition. Such a course is most strongly condemned by our Saviour in Matt. 15:1-9, and Mark 7:7-9.

Our safe and proper way is to follow the direction of the Master as found in Luke 10:26: "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" It is that which is written, not that which is unwritten, that must be our guide and our rule.

In this matter of being governed by the unwritten law, the Romish Church seems to have taken the lead. Others in civil and religious matters are following. In the work entitled "Catholic Belief," pp. 28, 33, are found these statements:—

"THE UNWRITTEN WORD OF GOD"

"Besides the written Word of God, Catholics believe also in the unwritten Word.

"Like two sacred rivers flowing from paradise, the Bible and tradition contain the Word of God, the precious gems of revealed truth. Though these two divine streams are in themselves, on account of their divine origin, of equal sacredness, and are both full of revealed truths, still, of the two, tradition is to us more clear and safe; because tradition can testify in

its own behalf through the many authorized witnesses who carry this tradition in themselves, whilst holy scripture cannot make good its authority without referring to tradition to testify to its inspiration and presentation."

"Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker? . . . 4:17. Shall the traditions of finite erring creatures be more reliable than the infallible Word of the eternal creator?"

Government by the unwritten law is a perilous policy in civil matters, and it will be no safer in religious concerns. The great Reformation of the sixteenth century was a movement toward true apostolic and Biblical principles, taking as the foundation the Bible and the Bible only, rejecting tradition as entirely unsafe. But the prophet foresaw this time. "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." Ps. 119:126. The time when they will not endure sound doctrine, that very time has come.—F. D. Starr, in *The Watchman*.

NEW JERSEY

Now is the time to remember the various tent companies at the throne of grace. Souls are making their decisions, which will mean eternal life or eternal death. Do not forget to pray for the workers and the hearers.

Never in the history of the work in this conference has there been such a widespread interest on the part of our young people to get an education. This is a very encouraging omen. Are your young people planning to go to Mount Vernon this year? If not, why not?

Word has been received that a series of numbers of the *Signs of the Times* especially adapted for home missionary work, will begin in a few weeks. Special letters will be sent to be read to the churches giving club rates, etc., There never will be a better time to work for our neighbors, and we trust that there will be a hearty response to the call of God in this opportunity.

Elder Kneeland was with the Atlantic City church, Sabbath, August 14. He reports an excellent meeting. The little company at that place is doing good service in getting the

truth before the people of that modern Sodom. When the Mount Vernon College Fund was mentioned, there was an instant response. Cash and pledges to the amount of \$31.00 were given in a few minutes. This, with \$24.00 previously given by this church to the College Equipment Fund, makes a very liberal donation from a church of 15 members. Some of the young people are also planning to attend the College this year.

VIRGINIA

MISS ANNA C. RICE, our Bible worker, has been feeling quite poorly the past week.

We understand that two of Sister Anna C. Rice's Bible readers have begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

We are pleased to learn that Elder H. W. Herrell is improving in health. He has been confined to his home for the past two weeks with malarial fever.

A letter received from Elder J. Greer Hanna informs us that since they have pitched their tent in another location in the city of Portsmouth, they are having a large attendance, and considerable interest is manifested.

Our annual conference will be held in Lynchburg, provided suitable arrangements can be made. The date of the meeting will be October 26 to 31, inclusive. Let us all begin to plan to attend this important meeting. We are expecting good help both from our union and the General Conference.

Elder F. G. Warnick, who is conducting tent meetings in Danville, reports that the interest is growing and that he hopes to see several take their stand for the truth. He also informs us that Sister Ella Ragsdale, of News Ferry, is doing good work in visiting from house to house and holding Bible readings as the way opens up, and in inviting the people out to the meetings.

The tent meetings at Colonial Beach have not developed just as the brethren there would liked to have seen them do. However we hope to see some good work accomplished

there yet. We have decided to leave Brother George A. Stevens there to do house-to-house work with the "Family Bible Teacher." Elders D. E. Lindsey and B. F. Purdham have taken the tent about seven miles in the country, to a place called Oak Grove.

Elder B. L. House, who is holding tent meetings in Richmond, reports that he is planning to move his tent from Fairmount to Fulton. Both of these places are really Richmond, although until lately they were controlled by a mayor of their own. He reports three new Sabbath keepers as the result of the meetings held in Fairmount.

The meetings being conducted in Norfolk by Brethren Muntz and Rodgers are growing in interest from night to night, so that most of the time the tent is about full. Five are reported to have begun to observe the Sabbath of Jehovah. The brethren find that the house-to-house work is what counts in their work so much. This is what the Lord has told us years ago through his servant.

Our Academy at New Market is planning to open up the 14th of September. The catalogues are now ready for mailing, and any wishing the same may address the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy, New Market, Va. Several of the students who attended last year are planning to attend again this year. The Academy press is now ready for business, and will be pleased to quote you prices on your printing. H. S. Weaver, manager, New Market, Va.

Brother Vernon O. Panches, our field missionary agent, is working hard to bring the canvassing work up to where it should be. He needs the prayers of all in the conference. This is a very important branch of the Lord's work. He is sending out a very interesting letter to the churches this week, showing the importance of this line of work, and calling for recruits to carry the printed page to the people. We hope and pray that as this letter is read it may be the means of causing some to take up the work.

Norfolk

SINCE we came here and began our tent meeting, June 20, the dear Saviour has indeed blessed our efforts. The attendance has been very good

all the way along, and our tent has been crowded the last two weeks.

Seventeen have taken their stand with us, and are keeping the Sabbath and asking for baptism.

The Lord is blessing Brother Rodgers in his house-to-house work. I do thank the Lord for such a worker. His heart is in the work.

Last Sunday night, August 15, our temperance rally was a grand success. We had with us Sister F. E. Cardwell, Sister V. O. Jordan, and others of Newport News, Va. Our tent was packed to overflowing, and the exercises were good and well pleasing to all present.

We beg the prayers of all the readers of the VISITOR, that the Lord may establish a good work in Norfolk.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

W. S. HARMON and wife, of Philadelphia, are spending a few weeks in visiting friends and relatives in Michigan.

G. W. Holman, our State Canvassing agent, gave this office a pleasant call. He reports that the canvassing work in this conference is the best that it ever has been since the state was divided.

Earl W. Culver, who has been acting as tent-master in West Philadelphia, has left for the Ohio camp-meeting, and from there he will again enter Mount Vernon College. F. J. Kasselmeyer will take his place.

Miss Lucile Gilbert, one of our canvassers, has decided to take the nurses' course at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium. She will take up her duties September 1.

Since the blowing down of the two tents, our people have responded in a very substantial way for their relief. We have received up to this time \$93.78.

For the week ending August 6, six of our canvassers delivered books to the amount of \$992.05. This is the largest delivery that has ever been made in this conference in one week.

Sabbath, August 14, at the close of the service of the West Philadelphia church, opportunity was given for testimonies from those who have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. The statement from a lady who was a high Episcopalian was the keynote of all. She stated that she had been a member of the Episcopalian church for fifteen years, but she had had more joy and peace in the last three weeks since she had begun to keep the Sabbath than she had known during all the previous fifteen years.

Looking over canvassers' reports we notice that the greatest record made in one day by one canvasser was \$39.25. Another, \$35.75, another \$33.00, another \$27.50. This certainly shows that the Lord is fulfilling his promise that he will go before the people and prepare the hearts of the people for their reception.

Union Conference Finances

THE following report of receipts and disbursements of the Columbia Union Conference thus far this year compared with the corresponding months of last year will give the readers of the VISITOR some idea of the splendid increase of donations to missions, as a Union, for the past seven months.

Sofar we have a general average of nearly eight cents per capita per week on the ten-cent-a-week plan. This is an encouraging increase, but we are not up to the standard yet. We can see just how much we are falling short of the amount the Mission Board is asking for to finance the tremendous work in progress in the fields beyond. Let us strengthen our donations accordingly.

I wish to call special attention to the tithes of Ohio and East Pennsylvania Conferences marked November and December 1908 and December 1909 respectively. This belongs to 1908 figures, but was received in 1909 and so reported to make the balance. Also please notice that the District of Columbia Conference has only been paying tithe to us since January 1, 1909, at which time she made a request to be admitted to our Union. By comparing the tithe of 1909 with that of last year and allowing accordingly as above, we find that there has been a decrease of \$192.73. This is no doubt due to the quiet financial period the country has passed through.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE
FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1908 AND 1909

RECEIPTS

Tithe	1908	1909
Ohio	\$1,207 13	\$1,647 78
" Nov. and Dec., '08.....		558 08
East Pa.	840 49	806 75
" Dec. '08		150 34
West Pa.	588 48	641 91
New Jersey	561 24	610 35
Chesapeake	434 22	357 29
Virginia	327 49	325 29
West Virginia.....	153 21	145 51
Dist of Col., 6 mos.		376 16
Individuals	55 33	148 40
	\$4,167 59	\$5,767 86
General Trust Funds		
S. S. Off.	3,580 51	4,875 50
F. D. Off.	1,444 53	1,848 91
For. Miss.	172 80	1,251 29
Annual Off.	1,875 26	1,146 14
Mid-sum. Off.	770 10	1,798 92
Rel. Lib.	474 31	651 44
\$150,000 Fund	1,201 84	44 85
Colored Work	49 11	17 15
Thanksgiving R and H		2,599 78
Misc. Specific Funds	528 69	305 03
	10,097 15	14,539 01
Maintenance Fund	253 97	102 78
Mt. Vernon College Fund		318 76
Sundry Acc'ts. Receivable.....	222 35	308 20
Cash on hand Jan. 1.....	1,241 39	951 45
	\$15,982 45	\$21,988 06

DISBURSEMENTS

	1908	1909
Funds to Mission Board	\$10,097 15	\$14,538 01
Chesapeake Appropriation	291 66	350 00
New Jersey	291 65	291 67
Virginia	466 67	466 67
West Virginia	783 33	783 33
Pa. San.	116 66	116 67
Mt. Vernon College		116 67
Tithe to Gen. Conf.	416 77	576 78
Labor	1,362 94	1,301 11
General Expense	203 53	191 56
Traveling Expense	336 05	329 84
Office Expense	49 52	46 53
" F & F.	168 17	
Mileage	134 62	88 30
Rent	80 00	70 00
Acct. Payable	13 16	112 50
Maintenance Fund	50 00	55 77
C. U. Visitor	81 39	
College Equipment		1 00
Mt. Ver. Col. Fund Expense		61 01
Postage on Visitor		22 70
Mt. Ver. Col. Fund		64 57
Bills Receivable		500 00
Cash on hand July 31.....	1,039 18	1,903 37

\$15,982 45

\$21,988 06

E. R. BROWN, Treas.

Successful Canvassing

It was certainly inspiring to note the success of our canvassers this summer here in Eastern Pennsylvania. The records were much larger than they have ever been before. Nearly every week the reports would come in larger.

One report came in for five days—59 hours—\$74.25. This was a splendid report, but by no means the largest. It seemed to me that each canvasser was trying to do better every week.

Other reports came to me for five days' works—40 hour—\$81.45. Five days—37 hours—\$92.50. Five days—42 hours—\$99.70. Last summer our reports were larger than they had ever been in this conference, the highest record in one week being \$338.65. This summer they crept up to \$507.15.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our workers, but this blessing was only received by hearty co-operation with God, by having a burden for souls, by receiving a thorough knowledge of the work, by putting forth untiring efforts, and by living close to the Lord.

You will notice that the above reports are large, but do not fail to notice also the faithful time devoted to obtain them. These are only a few of the many that have come to me week after week, and they have always showed faithful work,—five days, and 40 hours a week.

The only way to do successful canvassing is to live close to God, pray much, and possess a large amount of courage, decision, energy, and perseverance. This is what most of our canvassers had. Many may not own all these traits of character, but if they are fully given into the Lord's hands, he can furnish all their lacking power.

"My brethren and sisters, remember that some day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?"

G. W. HOLMAN,

Telford, Pa., R. D. 3.

CHESAPEAKE

A Letter

DEAR Brethren of the Chesapeake:
You will no doubt be glad to hear

from us after an eight months' silence, but recognizing that there is plenty of pessimism in the world we thought we would not add our sad tale. Now that the tide has turned we are free to say that everything is progressing encouragingly.

We have had our share of tropical ailments, a terrible small-pox scare,—the disease carried off from between five thousand and six thousand, and everywhere the most unsanitary conditions and no quarantine prevailed,—followed by the hottest summer for Rio Janeiro in twenty years.

We hardly care to enumerate farther. Suffice it to say, while we have not regained our strength yet, and are still very thin, we are in good health and somewhat acclimated. Of course our systems are very slow in responding to this cooler weather after a summer of ten months.

I can honestly say that the experiences have worked out for the best. We are no longer dependent upon books describing Brazil. We know how the millions here live because we were there. We are no longer ignorant of how every comfort and most foods and fruits are denied the people when all are surrounded by the most prolific nature. Millions upon millions of acres, ideal for farming, are growing to weeds with only a very few Germans and Italians tilling the ground.

Gypsy Smith thought that a picture of American church-goers, sitting in their easy upholstered pews, with a scent-bottle in one hand and a fan in the other, singing "Rescue the Perishing," rather ludicrous. Indeed "Rescue the perishing" has another meaning to us. As I go from house to house in these cities, where the population is saturated with ancient and subtle Catholicism, and distribute our literature, the stupendous task before us almost overwhelms me. But faithful work pays, even down in this dark Catholic country, and although I cover a great amount of city territory, I find that a number enjoy reading our large monthly magazines, and here and there live interest is awakened. Only recently our native canvasser found a man and woman in different homes in this city keeping the Sabbath, who had found it by individual study of the Bible; souls without the aid of our people, finding the truth for themselves and impressed to obey. Surely God's wonder-working power is manifest, and incidents and experiences that have come to me in house-to-house labor in San Paulo City prove conclusively that

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 6, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. L. Lush, Colora, Md.		GC	5	39	21	\$67 75	\$13 50	\$81 25	\$
W. H. Spicer, Chapel Md.		GC	5	38	3	8 25	1 80	10 05	60 75
B. Arkebauer, Millington Md.		GC	4	35	1	2 75		2 75	124 05
J. W. Siler, Urbana, Md.		GC	4	40	2	5 50	60	6 10	51 20
Leon Post, Urbana, Md.		GC	4	33	4	11 00	1 20	12 20	
John Miller,* Lochraren, Md.		GC	4	25	4	11 00	6 00	17 00	8 25
J. Paden, Keedysville, Md.		CK	4	37	1	1 50		1 50	56 75
J. Hayes,† Catonsvills, Md.		DR	19	152	15	15 00	22 20	37 20	17 15
Totals,			49	399	50	\$122 75	\$45 30	\$168 05	\$318 15

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 16, 1909

J. A. Heaton, Woodvale	GC	5	28	9	25 75	13 30	39 05		
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.,	GC	2		2	5 50	1 50	7 00	1 90	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	52	23	39 50	3 90	43 40	3 75	
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	37		39 50	70	40 20	2 95	
T. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	23	7	19 25		19 25		
Totals,			21	140	41	\$129 50	\$19 40	\$148 90	\$8 60

New Jersey, Week Ending August 13, 1908

Geo. Taylor, Shiloah	DR	4	24					199 25	
L. Cruickshanks, Hickstown	DR	3	29	6	17 50	2 95	20 45	85	
S. A. Oberg, New Brunswick	GC	4	38	7	22 25		22 25	70 75	
Harriet Dreyfuss, Salem	GC	1	3	4	11 00		11 00		
Lena Matson, Franklin	CK	3	20	3	3 00		3 00	78 25	
Wm. Plant, Andover	CK	2	16	3	3 00	2 75	5 75	48 50	
Wm. Genther, Sussex	CK	3	24					61 00	
C. F. Woertz, Toms River	CK	3	17	5	5 00	80	5 80	3 80	
Parker Brown, Mannington	CK	4	36	3	4 00		4 00		
A. L. Wright, Neptune	CK	4	27	13	17 00		17 00	3 00	
Totals,			31	234	44	\$82 75	\$6 50	\$89 25	\$465 40

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 6, 1909

G. E. Hartman, Lebanon	DR	3	28					134 50	
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	3	22	5	12 75		12 75		
John Kennedy, Berks	DR	4	27	8	21 00	35	21 35		
W. P. Barto, Cumberland	GC	2	22					200 75	
H. W. Barto, Cumberland	GC	2	22					220 00	
H. W. Chilson, York	GC	4	38					195 75	
B. W. Scholl, Berks	CK	4	25	4	5 00		5 00	130 00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	4	39	18	23 00		23 00	111 00	
Totals,			26	223	35	\$61 75	\$	35	\$62 10 \$992 05

Virginia, Week Ending August 6, 1909

W. H. Zeidler, Lynchburg	COL		21	3	3 75	11 35	15 10	15 40	
K. Oertley, Radford	SP		14	2	2 50		2 50	17 20	
O. F. Butcher, Strasburg	DR		13	5	16 75		16 75		
Mrs. Cunningham, Roanoke			14			2 25	2 25		
A. Schenk, Lawry	GC		32			1 05	1 05	1 40	
Totals,			96	10	\$23 00	\$14 65	\$37 55	\$34 00	

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$505.85. Deliveries, \$1,818.20.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending August 6

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Newark			LH, ST, Lib	\$29 70
W. F. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Cranford	37		ST, Watch. LH	22 60
Opha Luttrell, Newark	27		ST, LH	10 60
S. A. Oberg,* New Brunswick	4		ST, LH	8 70
Lillian Wright, Asbury Park	10		Instruct.	2 90
Grace Kellam, Newark	14		LH	2 20
Totals,				\$76 70

*Book canvasser

the Lord means to cut the work of warning "short in righteousness."

In spite of all the superstition and illiteracy of the masses and the religion "Humanitarianism" and infidelity of the cultured class, God's mighty arm is made bare to speedily close the work in Brazil; and your prayers, brethren, in behalf of the tireless workers, and your gifts in the shape of Sabbath-school offerings and ten-centa-week donations, will bring an impetus to this world-wide work; and striking signs and wonders wrought of God shall surely follow aggressive, consecrated effort.

H. S. PRENER.

Estasao, Sao, Bernardo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A Chapter from the Canvasser's Chronicles

It came to pass in the reign of King Disorder, in the seventh year of his reign that there rose up certain mighty men of valor and said one to another, Go to, let us move the world. So when they had taken counsel together they set forward to canvass. But they thought scorn to consult with the state agent. And behold they went to a notable city and abode there certain days and endeavored to convert the inhabitants thereof; warning and admonishing them, and with many words persuading both men and women.

Now it came to pass as they were in the market-place, that great opportunities for missionary work presented themselves, even to speak unto the men that resorted thither; they did naught except give the message. Yea, they warned those who hearkened, to beware of the beast or his image, or the number of his name. And, as the people seemed slow to understand, they upbraided them for their blindness of mind and hardness of heart. And because such abundant opportunities presented themselves to give the message, it came to pass

that they sold few books, so their cash waxed low. Then called they upon the state agent and asked if the emergency fund might not afford them some help. But the state agent answered them roughly and cast devices and magnified himself against them, even to the extent of suggesting that they would do better to do more quiet canvassing and less preaching. But they said among themselves, "We will not have this man to rule over us." So they continued as they had aforetime. But many tempestuous times arose, by reason of which one went to his farm and another to his merchandise. And lo, one said unto his fellow, Behold the world we planned to move, remains unmoved. And it was so.

Now the rest of the acts of the men, and how they are yet in debt to the publishing house, and how they spoke bitterly of the hardheartedness of the state agent, and vowed never to have anything more to do with canvassing, behold are they not written in the chronicles of every state agent's experience?—*T. H. Jeys, in Field Tidings.*

The Great Need of the Hour

God's work is marching on, with ever increasing rapidity, and achieving great triumphs. The great need of the present hour is young men and women who realize the situation, and are willing to devote themselves to accomplishing great things for God. The opportunities are here, and God has his agents. He had them in the past, and undoubtedly to-day many young people are being called to fill similar important positions.

When the time arrived for the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, he had a man all ready for a leader. Moses had received a thorough preparation for his work. He was acquainted with the power of God, and responded to the great need of the hour.

When it became necessary for a proclamation to be issued, permitting the people of God in Babylonian captivity to return to Jerusalem according to the prophecy of Jeremiah, a man was on the throne of Medo-Persia, favorable to the work of God, and willing to do his bidding. Cyrus was the man of the hour.

Later, a great work was to be accomplished in preparing the way for the soon coming Saviour, and the man was all ready in the person of John the Baptist.

A few centuries in the past, when papal darkness, like a pall, settled over the world, smothering truth and personal liberty, God raised up Martin Luther, who fearlessly disclosed his heaven-born convictions; and thus was error dispersed, and the beautiful light of the Gospel beamed forth with a new lustre.

William Miller was called of God to lead out in the proclamation of the Judgment Message. A little later Elder Joseph Bates and Elder and Mrs. White responded to an important call, and launched the Third Angel's Message.

So God has had his special workers, called to do his special bidding in all ages, and to-day is no exception. Great things are to be accomplished for God in the closing of this work. Many young men and women are now in preparation to assume important responsibilities when the call comes. There are still others who should, the coming fall, enter our schools, and prepare for a definite work. Who will respond to the call?

May God impress every young man or woman to walk in harmony with his counsel and prepare for the great battle of life.—*W. J. Blake.*

OBITUARIES

HAHN.—Died July 13, 1909 at the home of her daughter, at Ephrata, Pa., Mrs. Mary Hahn, aged 88 years, 3 months, 22 days. Sister Hahn was born of Seventh-day Baptist parents. She was converted about 1860 and commenced keeping the Sabbath at that time. She embraced present truth about seventeen years ago under the preaching of Elder J. S. Schreck. Her life was calm and simple, a labor of love for all about her. The burial service, conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Samuel Zeifass, pastor of the Seventh-day Baptist church, was held in the "Saal," and was attended by a host of friends and relatives. Of two children with their families who mourn their loss, one daughter, Sister Sprecker, and her daughter with whom she lived, are faithful members of the church at Lancaster, Pa. A. R. BELL.

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Remember This

IN the social meeting there is special need of clear, distinct utterance, that all may hear the testimonials borne and be benefited by them. Difficulties are removed and help is given as in social meeting God's people relate their experiences. But too often the testimonials are borne with faulty, indistinct utterance, and it is impossible to gain a correct idea of what is said. Thus the blessing is often lost.

Let those who pray and those who speak pronounce their words properly and speak in clear, distinct, even tones. Prayer, if properly offered, is a power for good. It is one of the

means used by the Lord to communicate to the people the precious treasures of truth. But prayer is not what it should be, because of the defective voices of those who utter it. Satan rejoices when the prayers offered to God are almost inaudible. Let God's people learn how to speak and pray in a way that will properly represent the great truths they possess. Let the testimonials borne and the prayers offered be clear and distinct. Thus God will be glorified.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

A Good Example

YOU remember about a week or two ago we made a call for recruits. Since that time we have secured two. One church gave up its treasurer. We certainly appreciate the interest shown by the church and wonder if there are not other churches throughout the state of Ohio who have good elders, deacons, treasurers, Sabbath-school superintendents, and other officers qualified for the canvassing work, who could be induced to enter it.

At first thought it may seem hard to sacrifice to this work persons holding such responsible positions in the church, but there will be others to take their places who need the training these individuals have obtained.

When we remember that the Spirit of Prophecy has said that "if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people," we can easily see that it calls for the best material we have. Now we are quite certain in electing a person to the office of elder, treasurer, or any other important office, you choose one upon whom you can place dependence, and it is this reliable class of people that we are needing. We hope to start a number of new canvasers immediately following the camp-meeting, and will be pleased to correspond with any who are desirous of entering the work.

E. R. NUMBERS.

Delaware, O

Morsels

1. LET your morning set the example for your evening; your life the manner you should die.

2. There is time but for one thing—Eternity!

3. My son, the way to keep off the road is to keep on the road. Walk in the good old path, and thou shalt find peace unto thy soul.

4. When you have found a day

when, and a place where, you are sure you will not die, then and there, you may safely be unprepared to die. But who knows such a time and place? Are you ready here and now? Now is the accepted time.

5. It may be easy, and even pleasant to make trouble to-day, but it will be hard to meet it some other day.

6. We may not all be born nobles, but we may bear ourselves nobly.

7. People ought to glory in their ascent rather than descent. The question is not, Who was your grandfather? but, Who are you? Each man has to give account of his own self, or be discounted. A worthy sire of a worthless son only measures the depth of that son's worthlessness. Unless one belongs to the race of Heb. 12:1, 2, he is a rascal. He is of the highest rank who has the highest connection. The boy who boasted of having lords in his family was excellently answered by the other boy, who said: "I have at least one—an Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus."

8. "Fear not, thou worm Jacob . . . thou shalt thresh mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff." Isa. 41:14, 15.

Despite the common Judean prejudice, good things did come from Nazareth, after all. Thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though little among the thousands, out of thee, the Ruler came. Micah 5:2.

What seems a negligible mite may be syllabic of dynamite. Or put in words of the Tarsian philosopher: "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; . . . the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; . . . things which are despised, . . . and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

Despise nobody. What seems a despicable worm may be but the larva stage to the pupa chrysalis, preparatory to its graduation flight amidst floral fragrance.

The Almighty is still creating wonders out of nothing. "When I am weak, then am I strong."

9. There used to be an English teacher who bowed so respectfully to his boys, that some one asked him why he was so deferential to the lads. He replied, "There may be some of England's future great men there!"

In a world where things set up to-day may be upset to-morrow, it may be prophecy as well as philosophy to bow right and left. Kuropatkin may have to change place with Kurcki.

—Selected.