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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### NOTHING MORE

Simon of Cyrene bore  
The cross of Jesus: nothing more.  
His name is never heard again,  
Nor honored by historic pen;  
Nor on the pedestal of fame  
His image courts the loud acclaim.  
Simon of Cyrene bore  
The cross of Jesus: nothing more.

And yet when all our work is done,  
And golden beams the western sun  
Upon a life of wealth and fame,—  
A thousand echoes ring the name,  
Perhaps our hearts will humbly pray:  
"Good Master, let the record say,  
Upon the page divine, 'He bore  
The cross of Jesus;' nothing more."  
—*Sunday School Times.*

### An Insult

THERE is a pertinent question found in Mal. 1:8 which relates to our offering. It reads thus: "And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto the governor: will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts."

Let us apply this to our offerings for missions. We buy for ourselves every necessity and perhaps provide besides some articles we might do without. Our houses are ornamented with costly vases, pictures and expensive drapings. We must have our photos taken for our relatives' sake, and occasionally we buy some sweetmeats. The fashion demands a new hat, suit, or dress, and these must be provided. And now the day comes round when we are told of the heathen in his blindness bowing down to wood and stone, and a good, liberal offering is requested. How much do you now expend on this worthy object?

When we remember ourselves first always, and the poor heathen (and of

course, the Lord) last; when many pounds are expended for luxuries as well as for necessities, and only a few pennies given for missionary work, are not such offerings lame? And is there not danger that we shall reap a curse instead of a blessing? Is not such an offering an open insult to the great king? (See Mal. 1:14.)

This is not saying anything against small offerings wherein there is sacrifice, for Christ said the widow who gave two mites bestowed more than the rich. But she gave all she had. Few make such a sacrifice. But of the saints who shall be gathered unto Christ at his coming, it is written that they have "made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

The conditions of our mission fields demand just such a spirit of liberality. There is a promise that the wealth of the Gentiles shall flow into the treasury of the Lord, but we shall never see this fully accomplished until there shall be first upon our part a spirit to lay all our means upon the altar to be used where he shall direct. The urgent need of our many mission fields should touch our hearts and tender our consciences concerning a useless outlay of means.

In the islands one of our native youth, Jekope by name, listened intently while I interpreted one of Pastor Spicer's week of prayer readings on the progress of the work and the need of the cause. The meeting was dismissed simply, without any call for means. A little later while I was sitting at breakfast Jekope came into the house out of breath, having run to his room for his only shilling, which he laid beside my plate saying, "That's to help make the gospel go in foreign lands." He needed this for clothing, but his love for the Master's work became all-absorbing in his young heart. O for more of this spirit of sacrifice!

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. . . Give not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."—*J. E. Fulton.*

## A Few Advantages of a Year in College

EACH year should see an advancement in every person, toward more knowledge, higher aims, and general improvement in educational lines. Unless this is accomplished the year has passed as wasted.

Colleges are the source of our higher education, and nowhere can better advantages for young people be found than here. Not only are higher courses taught, but the constant drill of the teachers, like the heavy blows of the blacksmith's hammer, tell with a double force.

In colleges, especially where the student helps himself by work, does the greatest good come. In his daily work the professor's voice reaches his ear in words of encouragement, and bidding him again and again to be faithful to his work, until faithfulness is stamped into his character with prints of gold. Success is his lot, and good fortune points him out from among his companions, for he has learned the lesson that "he that is faithful in little things, is faithful also in much."

Should the young man's school be a boarding school, he has another advantage. Many types of human nature surround him, and he will place himself by good conduct in the association of those who will help him onward and upward.

There is one thing, however, which a young man who intends to make a success of life soon learns, and that is to conquer seeming impossibilities. The hill when viewed at close range is not nearly as steep as it seems at a distance; neither are the troubles and mountains of life so great to surmount when the mind and body work together with that determination to conquer. That man who will stick to it is sure of success before his life's work shall close, for if he cannot find a way to success he makes one. Although his efforts and continual hammering at first prove a failure, he has lost nothing, but added one more band of iron to his character, which will some day raise him above his fellows.

But perhaps the greatest good comes from our colleges which are erected for the purpose of training workers for different lines of religious work. Privilege after privilege is offered to the students for advancement in the line they have chosen. Meetings without number are held. Some of the best religious speakers and ministers speak precious thoughts to the young people of sin-surpassing beauty and clearness. Letters from foreign missionaries are received and read to the youth, different fields are taken up and studied, calls come from all parts of the world for gospel teachers, and woe unto that person who expects some day to hold a responsible position in God's cause, whose heart is not touched by these appeals.

W. E. BARR.

### West Virginia Camp-Meeting.

THIS meeting was held according to appointment at Parkersburg, August 5-15, 1909. A very suitable location was secured on the street car line in the edge of the city. The camp was well arranged, and did credit to Elder MacLay and his co-workers. Order and system prevailed throughout the meeting. The dining tent was exceptionally well managed, and an excellent menu was provided from day to day.

About one hundred and twenty-five people camped on the grounds, being nearly one-half of the conference membership. The brethren seemed to enjoy the meetings greatly, and a good spiritual interest was manifest almost from the start. On both Sabbaths of the meeting a revival service was conducted, and a number gave their hearts to God, some for the first time. On the last Sunday of the meeting Elder MacLay baptized a good number in an artificial lake located in a park near the grounds. Several of these were young people. It was a beautiful sight to see these young souls yielding their hearts to God in the springtime of life. If they will prove loyal to the Master, he will make them useful workers in his cause.

The outside interest was very good. Each evening quite a large number of interested listeners were present from the city. Very pleasant weather prevailed until the last day of the meeting. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on that day, the tent was filled at the evening service. A company was left to follow up the interest.

The young people's work was in charge of Prof. M. E. Kern and the writer. The number of young people present was not of course so large as in some of our stronger conferences, although it compared favorably with them when considered from the standpoint of West Virginia's membership. The meetings were quite regularly attended, and nearly everyone gave his heart to God, either in the young people's meetings or in the revival services which were held in the large tent. Professor Kern's talks on practical godliness were especially helpful.

The needs of Mount Vernon College were presented to both old and young. The young were urged to fit themselves for a place in the Lord's work, and the parents and friends were asked to assist the young folks in getting a proper training. The financial needs of the College appealed to the brethren and sisters, and \$107.95 were raised in cash and pledges to be paid on or before January 1, 1910. This is not a bad showing when we consider the small membership of the conference. Sunday, August 15, about \$300 were raised for the tent and camp-meeting fund.

Elder W. D. MacLay was chosen president, Elder John F. Steele vice-president, Miss Pearl L. Rees secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society, Mrs. David Haddix secretary of the Sabbath-school and educational department, David W. Percy field missionary agent.

The business sessions passed off harmoniously, and, everything considered, the conference begins the new year with good prospects of bright days. If the brethren will consecrate themselves to the work of the Lord, he will reward them with a rich ingathering of souls.

S. M. BUTLER.

### Courtesy of the Right Sort

Most people are polite to strangers, but are we always polite at home? Are children always courteous to parents? And now I want to ask you a question in confidence—I'll just whisper it—Are parents always courteous to children? They should be. If all parents were courteous, maybe all children would be.

A mother had need one evening to pass between the light and her little son. With sweet, grave courtesy she said, "Will you excuse me, dear, if I pass between you and the light?"

He looked up and said, "What made you ask me that, mother?"

"Because, dear," she answered, "it would be rude to do it without speaking. I would not think of not speaking if it had been Mr. F——, the minister, and surely I would not be ruder to my own boy."

The boy thought a moment, and then asked, "Mother, what ought I to say back?"

"What do you think would be nice?"

He studied over it for a while, for he was such a wee laddie, and then said, "Would it be nice to say, 'Sure you can'?"

This was mother's time to say:

"That would be nice, but how would you like to say, just as Mr. F—— would, 'Certainly'? It means the same thing, you know."

That little lad, now a young man in college, is remarked for his never-failing courtesy. A friend said of him the other day, "It's the second nature to W—— to be polite." The mother smiled as she thanked God in her heart for the grace which helped her to be unfailingly courteous to her boy.—Hodson.

### The Infidel's Sheep

ACROSS the hills of northern New England were two infidel neighbors who lived to man's estate, sinning and blaspheming against God. One of them heard the gospel message, and on hearing believed unto eternal life. A short time afterward the converted man went to the house of this infidel neighbor, and said to him: "I have come to talk to you; I have been converted."

"Yes; I heard that you had gone forward to be prayed for," said the skeptic, with a sneer; "and I am surprised, for I thought you were about as sensible a man as any about town."

"Well," said the Christian, "I have a duty to do to you, and I want you to stop talking and hear me. I have not slept much for two nights thinking of it. I have four sheep in my flock that belong to you. They came into my field six years ago, and I knew they had your mark on them, but I took them and marked them with my mark, and you inquired all around, and could not hear anything of them. But they are in my field with the increase of them; and now I want to settle this matter. I have lain awake nights and groaned over it, and I have come to get rid of it. And now I am at your option; I will do just what you say. If it be a few years in prison, I will suffer that. If it is money or property you want, say the word. I have a good farm and

money at interest, and you can have all you ask. I want to settle this matter up, and get rid of it."

The infidel was amazed: he began to tremble.

"If you have the sheep you are welcome to them. I don't want anything of you, if you will only go away; a man that will come to me as you have—something must have got hold of you that I don't understand. You may have the sheep if you will only go away."

We do not know what the after-influence of the professor's life was on the unbelieving infidel, but we do know that when the true religion gets into a man's heart, it works such a change in him that those who have known him before, soon decide that "something must have got hold of him." And when this kind of Christianity gets into a man's heart, it does more to convince the skeptic than a world of sermonizing.—*Selected.*

### Mount Vernon College

THE importance of providing proper educational advantages for the young people of the denomination can scarcely be overestimated.

The future of ours, under God, depends largely upon the young people. Therefore in order that the work which the Lord has entrusted to us be not long delayed, or committed to untrained workers, every Seventh-day Adventist should heartily co-operate in the work of preparing laborers for active missionary work.

The call of the hour in the work of God is for consecrated trained workers. There is a large and increasing demand for young men and women full of the Holy Ghost, who have had special training and preparation to fit them for the great work of carrying the gospel to all the world in this generation.

We have in the Columbia Union Conference an educational institution which in the past has done its part nobly and well in fitting young people for service. Far be it from us, however, to convey the impression that the usefulness of this institution lies wholly in the past. We believe that in the providence of God, Mount Vernon College is destined to accomplish a far greater work in preparing laborers to carry the third angel's message to the uttermost parts of the earth. In view of this, has the time not fully come when every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the Columbia Union Conference should rally to

the support of this institution?

Let us keep it before God at the family altar, keep it on our hearts, keep it before our young people, keep it before the church and Sabbath-school, keep it before all young and old until a healthy enthusiasm has been aroused which will cause means to flow into the treasury, and an increasing number of students to apply for admission to the College, and thus the institution be placed on vantage ground where it can do the work which God has appointed it to do.

W. D. MACLAY.

### Wesley on the Perpetuity of the Law

"THINK not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matt 5:17.

"The ritual, or ceremonial law delivered by Moses to the children of Israel, containing all the injunctions and ordinances which related to the old sacrifices and service of the temple, our Lord indeed did come to destroy, to dissolve and utterly abolish. To this bear all the apostles witness; not only Barnabas and Paul, who vehemently withstood those who taught that Christians ought to keep the law of Moses (Acts 15:5),—not only St. Peter, who termed the insisting on this, the obervance of the ritual law, as 'tempting God,' and 'putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers,' saith he, 'nor we were able to bear;'—but all the apostles, elders, and brethren, being assembled with one accord, (verse 22) declared that, to command them to keep this law, was to 'subvert their souls;' and that it 'seemed good to the Holy Ghost' and to them to lay no such burden upon them. This handwriting of ordinances our Lord did blot out, take away, and nail to his cross. Verse 28.

"But the moral law, contained in the ten commandments, and enforced by the prophets, he did not take away. This is a law which never can be broken, which stands as a faithful witness in heaven. The moral stands on an entirely different foundation from the ceremonial or ritual law, which was only designed for a temporary restraint upon a disobedient and stiff-necked people; whereas this was from the beginning of the world, being written not on tables of stone, but on the hearts of all the children of men, when they came out of the hands of their Creator. And how,

ever the letters once written by the finger of God are now in a great measure defaced by sin, yet can they not wholly be blotted out while we have any consciousness of good and evil. Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind, and in all ages, as not depending either on time, or place, or any other circumstances liable to change, but on the nature of God, and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other."—*Selected.*

### The Cash Value of a Student's Time

WHILE the average salary as shown by statistics may be more than the wages those working in the cause of present truth can ever hope to receive, yet the following clipping is a startling indication of what a day in school is worth to a man preparing for work in the world:—

"The average educated man gets a salary of \$1000 a year. He works forty years; a total of \$40,000 in a lifetime. The day laborer gets \$1.50 a day, working 300 days in the year, or \$450 a year. In forty years he earns \$18,000. The difference of \$22,000 equals the financial value of an education. To acquire this earning capacity requires twelve years at school, 200 days in the year, or 2,400 days. Divide \$22,000, the value of an education, by 2,400, the number of days required in getting it, and we find that each day at school is worth nearly ten dollars to the pupil, without considering the satisfaction of living a much more useful life."

Nor is the comparison much less startling if we consider our own workers. The average total earnings of a young man who faithfully completes a good academic course of twelve grades, and develops into a competent worker in the denomination, may safely be placed at \$750 a year. This is \$300 more a year than the average uneducated day laborer gets. Taking forty years of activity it would mean a difference of \$12,000. Dividing this by the number of days spent in school, to complete the twelve grades, we have each school day worth \$5. One dollar an hour! And yet how many think schooling unnecessary! How many who consent to the advantage are willing to let the opportunities slip? How many students realize that those days in school are more valuable than any equivalent time in after life?—*J. G. Lamson, in Northern Union Reaper.*

## Who Will Stand?

LET man with his human theories step aside. Let the divine voice be heard, saying, "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: . . . it is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever."

Many commit themselves to a course that insults the Spirit of God, and that in the face of the convictions of conscience. They make a free choice of the wrong side. They rebel against God. Mercy is despised, and justice defied. They become spiritually palsied, not because they cannot submit to God, but because they will not. Their feet are set in the way of the forward, and they have no desire to turn back.

The flood which came upon the old world proclaimed the verdict, Incurable. The overthrow of Sodom declared the existence of a far-reaching corruption beyond the hope of recovery. Christ declared, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." "Come out from among them, and be ye separate," is the call, "and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters."

The law of God is made void, and God calls upon us to stand in defense of the truth. Satan is a powerful general. He had a long experience in the heavenly courts, and he knows how to mingle right sentiments and principles with evil. He knows how to misapply and wrest the Scriptures. Herein lies the power of his deception. Thus he deceives men, and seeks to obliterate the line of demarcation between believers and unbelievers. God calls for faithful Calahs, who will stand firmly and steadfastly at their post of duty.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

## The Man Who Ought Not to Give to Missions

THE man who believes that the world is not lost and does not need a Saviour.

The man who believes that Jesus Christ made a mistake when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The man who believes the gospel is not the power of God, and cannot save the heathen.

The man who wishes that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.

The man who believes that it is "every man for himself" in this world, who, with Cain, asks: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

The man who wants no share in the final victory.

The man who believes he is not accountable to God for the money entrusted to him.

The man who is prepared to accept the final sentence, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

Such a man is not asked to give to missions.—*Horace Bushnell (quoted in the Indian Methodist Times).*

## We Have Not Seen the Plan

A STONEMASON was at work, chiselling on a block of stone, when an on-looker observed:—

"What is to be done with this stone?"

"I have not seen the plan," replied the man, "therefore I cannot say"; and he went on patiently chiselling and fashioning the stone, getting it ready for its proper place.

"We have not seen the plan" which God has for our individual lives, but this we know, if we go on steadily, patiently, and prayerfully doing the duty that is ours, day by day seeking to please him in all things, the great Architect will use us.—*Selected.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ONE brother sixty-five years of age has taken up the periodical work. He has served as a soldier for his country, and now he is desirous to be a soldier of the cross.

Brother Weist reports that seven so far have taken their stand for the truth at Pottsville, Pa.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath, August 14, with the little company at Phoenixville.

Sabbath, September 11, has been set aside as Tithe Day in this conference. At this time it will be expected that all the church elders and leaders will give a Bible and testimony study on tithes and offerings.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Reading church August 21. There was a very large audience, and the spirit of the Lord was felt in a great measure, is the testimony of those present.

In a recent letter from Elder C. S. Weist, he stated that there was a large audience present at the time he presented the Mark of the Beast, and when an expression was taken as to their belief in this, over half arose.

Remember Tithing Day—September 11.

Sabbath, August 28, Elder Heckman organized a church of twenty-seven members atouderton, Pa., to be known as the Fairhill church. Following are the officers elected: Elder, Irvin Fisher; deacons, H. Gerhart and H. Zearfoss; treasurer, H. J. Sterner; clerk, T. W. Webb; librarian, Mrs. G. W. Holman.

Brother P. L. Hoen, our new Scandinavian worker, is fully in the harness, and is very much encouraged by the outlook of the work among the Scandinavian people of Philadelphia.

Remember that Sabbath, September 11, is set apart for the study of tithes and offerings.

Elder H. Meyer informs us that more interest is being manifested in the German work now than at any time since his connection with the work here in Philadelphia. Remember this effort in your prayers.

A great many people in our conference have gotten the idea that Dr. Smith is to leave the Sanitarium. We wish to assure you that Dr. Smith is still here, and will remain with the institution. The number of patients is greater, for this time of year, than at any time during the history of the institution.

All will be surprised to learn that on Tuesday, August 24, Elder Meyer's tent was set on fire by children playing around it, and before the fire was put out, half of the tent was destroyed. A new tent was immediately purchased here in the city, so there was no interruption in the meetings. We believe, however, in the promise that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord, for a great many outsiders have expressed their sympathy, and will no doubt manifest this in a substantial way.

Do not forget September 11, Tithing Day.

Excavation for a church building 25x45 feet has already begun at Souderton for their new church, the lot being donated through the kindness of Brother T. W. Webb.

Sister W. H. Heckman, wife of our president, has been enjoying a pleasant visit at the home of Mrs. Roy Taylor, of Pheonixville, Pa.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, wife and son, have returned from their extended vacation. They visited several places in this conference, including the home of Mrs. Hirlinger's parents at Rome, Pa.

There will be a very large church school conducted at Souderton, with a seating capacity of thirty. Twenty-two have already stated that they will attend. This school will be in charge of Sister Anna Worrell, of Williamsport, Pa.

Sabbath, September 11, Tithing Day.

Brother and Sister R. M. Fried, of Allentown, were present at the organization of the new church at Soudertown. Their presence was greatly appreciated.

We have received some splendid letters in answer to the one sent out from this office to the church elders and leaders in reference to the day set apart for the study of tithes and offerings. We quote from one of the letters received: "I know from personal experience what faithfulness in tithe-paying means. It keeps the windows of heaven open to me. I love to be in partnership with my dear Saviour. It is a pleasure to give God his share in our business. We know that if we do this, he will take more interest in our business, and that it is he, and only he, who can give us the power to get any wealth."

Brother G. W. Holman, our state missionary agent, has opened a ten days' institute in the West Philadelphia church for the benefit of those who desire to enter the canvassing work in the city of Philadelphia.

What is required of those who have knowingly robbed God? "All that is withheld of that which God claims,

the tenth of the increase, is recorded in the books of heaven as robbery against him. Such defraud their Creator, and, when this sin of neglect is brought before them, *it is not enough that they change their course and begin to work from that time upon the right principle. This will not correct the figures made in the heavenly record for embezzling the property committed to them in trust to be returned to the Lender. Repentance for unfaithful dealing with God, and for base ingratitude, is required.*" *Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 394.* "Bring ye all of the tithe into the storehouse."

*"Let the neglected tithes now be brought in. . . . Let those who have withheld their tithes, send them in before the year shall close, that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed by God."* *Spirit of Prophecy.*

*What additional requirement is made of those who have used the Lord's portion?* "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof." Lev. 27:30, 31.

## VIRGINIA

ELDER H. W. HERRELL, our president, is planning to hold services with the Bethel church at Hebron, Sabbath and Sunday, September 4 and 5.

Brother Punches informs us that several have written him recently asking about territory in our state. We are glad to learn this, and are sure we can furnish them with good territory. Come over and help us.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, has promised to be in attendance at our annual conference, October 26 to 31. We also expect other good help from outside of our conference.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Anna C. Rice, our Bible worker, is much improved in health this week, and we hope she will soon be able to take up her work again. She is missed much in her regular work, and also in the church.

The Richmond Sabbath-school of the Number One church gave an outing Tuesday, August 24. The day was very pleasantly spent in outdoor recreation. After dinner there was a pleasing program rendered by members that were present.

Brother Trueman, in company with Brother Vernon O. Panches, our field missionary agent, left Richmond Monday, August 30 for Accomac county, where Brother Trueman will canvass for our large books. He certainly has our prayers for himself and family. His family will remain in Richmond.

The time for the opening of our Academy at New Market is fast approaching. We are just in receipt of the catalog in which the name of Carl A. Maxwell appears as principal. The school opens Tuesday, September 14. We trust all that are expecting to attend will plan as far as possible to be there at the opening.

A letter received from Elder D. E. Lindsey gives a very encouraging report of the tent effort that he and Elder B. F. Purdham are conducting at Oak Grove. They inform us that their tent will not begin to accommodate the people. Over two hundred are in attendance. We are certainly thankful to hear this good news. May the Lord's blessings attend their labors.

Our annual conference will be held in Lynchburg, October 26 to 31. Let all as far as possible begin now to plan to attend this meeting. Soon these annual meetings will be in the past, and we who are faithful will meet the Lord in the air, and go home to glory with him. We need to come together as often as we can to get strength of the Lord, and counsel with one another to help us on our way in these perilous times.

Elder H. W. Herrell met with the Richmond church Number Two Sabbath, August 28. He reports a good meeting and one new Sabbath keeper present, who has been attending the meetings about four weeks. He told Elder Herrell that he started out to attend the Methodist church, but was attracted to our meeting and decided to attend, and as the result is now with our people. Brother Wallace Taylor, the local elder of the church, seems to be of good courage.

Have you subscribed for the special *Signs* for six months beginning with October? This will be a grand means by which we may bring the truth to our neighbors. We trust that all our churches will plan to order a good club of these papers. Order of our state tract society, Brother A. M. Neff, New Market, Va.

We learn that Elder H. W. Herrell met with the company in Petersburg Sabbath, August 21. He reports a very interesting meeting with them.

### WEST VIRGINIA

ALMOST all our canvassers are making deliveries at this time.

Brother Weston, of Wisconsin, is visiting friends in Parkersburg.

OVER \$120 was raised for the Mount Vernon College Fund on the campground.

Prof. D. D. Rees spent Sabbath and Sunday, August 28 and 29, with his mother in Parkersburg.

Brother Jennings has begun work in Monroe county since camp-meeting. His address is Alderson.

Misses Celestia and Mary Midkiff are giving their entire attention to the paper work, and are meeting with good success.

Elder MacLay baptized eight at the close of our camp-meeting, and one more a few days after the camp-meeting closed.

We have on hand a number of copies of "Daniel and Revelation" which are slightly damaged, which we will send postpaid for \$1.60 upon receipt of the cash. These books are in the cloth binding, marble edge and sell at \$2.75.

Elder Steele, assisted by Brother Percy, has begun tent meetings in Weston. Elder Foggin and Brother Adkins are beginning a tent effort at Littleburch. We solicit the prayers of God's people in behalf of both these efforts. We hope to have good reports from each company for the VISITOR soon.

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending August 13, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. V. Leach, Washington Co.	DR	5	47	18	52 50	10 00	62 50		
Jay Chrisman, Madison Co.	DR	5	44½	19	53 25		53 25		
Jas. S. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	39	11	29 25	6 60	35 85		4 55
Frank Hankins, Williams Co.	DR	4	28½	9	24 75	4 50	29 25		
H. F. Kirk, Williams Co.	DR	9	78¼	14	38 50	6 50	45 00		
F. E. Wagner, Stark Co.	DR	5	20	5	13 75		13 75		22 00
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	2	24						92 70
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	40	11	30 25	50	30 75		
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.	CK	5	46	51	73 00		73 00		
L. H. Waters, Portage Co.	CK	5	45	43	60 00		60 00		
Alf. Clough, Washington Co.	CK	4	32	15	19 50		19 50		
E. E. Shaw, Lucas Co.	CK	2	18	7	8 50	1 00	9 50		3 50
Totals			56	462¾	203	\$403 25	\$29 10	\$432 35	\$122 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 20, 1909

S. L. Lush, Rock Spring, Md.	GC	5	49	13	44 75	10 50	55 25		
C. Tracy, Mtgomery Co., Md.	GC	4	27½	17	47 75	5 40	53 15		1 20
W. H. Spicer, Chapel, Md.	GC	4	34½	12	34 75	8 30	43 05		
B. Arkebauer, Chestert'n, Md.	GC	5	41	10	28 50		28 50		
J. G. Mitchell, Carrollton, Md.	GC	4	27	3	8 25	7 25	15 50		
S. Brown, W'nington Co., Md.	GC	4	24	3	10 25	16 50	26 75		
A. C. Williman, Hayden, Md.	GC	5	30	11	33 25	4 25	37 50		
O. Yingling, Carroll Co., Md.	GC	4	26	8	22 00	3 00	25 00		
J. W. Siler, Petersville, Md.	GC	4	30½	4	11 00	1 80	12 80		
Leon Post, Petersville, Md.	GC	5	38	6	16 50		16 50		12 38
J. Paden,	CK	3	17½	7	7 50	2 10	9 60		
Totals			47	345	94	\$264 50	\$59 10	\$323 60	\$13 58

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 27, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	22						50 30
T. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	1	3		2 75		2 75		
O. G. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	5	43	14	17 00	1 00	18 00		
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	5	42	31	47 00	75	47 75		8 75
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	41	22	38 75	6 90	45 65		6 20
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	3		3	8 25	8 50	16 75		
F. Shaw, Potter Co.	GC	3	19	9	24 75	11 00	35 75		
Totals			26	170	80	\$138 50	\$28 15	\$166 55	\$65 25

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 20, 1909

H. G. Gauker, Berks	DR	4	28	5	10 75	22 05	32 80		24 80
H. G. Gauker, Berks	DR	4	34						226 73
G. E. Hartman, Lebanon	DR	2	15						188 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	4	34	12	28 00		28 00		
John Kennedy, Berks	DR	5	31	9	23 72		23 75		21 50
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	43	35	41 50		41 50		
B. W. Scholl, Berks	CK	4	20	7	8 50		8 50		
Totals			23	205	68	\$112 50	\$22 05	\$134 55	\$461 78

West Virginia, Week Ending August 20, 1909

A. T. Halstead, Boone Co.	DR	1	6	1	2 75		2 75		19 60
J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	4	29	4	6 00	8 00	14 00		1 10
Florence White, Wellsburg	GC	4	24	9	25 75	8 40	34 15		
Maude Pengelly,	GC	5	29	14	39 50	7 20	46 70		
Totals			14	88	28	\$74 00	\$23 60	\$97 60	\$20 70

Virginia, Week Ending August 20, 1909

W. H. Zeidler, Lynchburg	COL		22			15 35	15 35		16 85
K. Oertley, Radford	SP		24	13	13 75	70	17 45		
E. Roberson, Richmond	BR		13	3	6 50	4 08	10 58		1 18
C. Pease, Richmond	BR		9	4	11 00	2 50	13 50		75
Totals				68	20	\$34 25	\$22 63	\$56 88	\$18 78

## New Jersey, Week Ending August 20, 1909

Geo. Taylor, Deerfield	DR	5	38	16	38	00	38	00	22	25
A. M. Perez, Atlantic City	DR	4	30						50	00
L. Cruickshanks, Belvidere	DR	2	16	2	3	50	70	4	20	
S. A. Oberg, New Brunswick	GO	4	30	7	21	25	3	20	24	45
Lena Matson, Franklin	OK	4	18	2	2	50	50	3	70	27
A. L. Wright, Neptune	OK	2	9	6	9	50		9	50	18
C. F. Weertz, Davis	OK	3	24	6	6	50	80	7	30	7
Parker Brown,* Mannington	OK	5	42	3	5	00		5	00	
Parker Brown, Movelbury	OK	2	14							4
Totals,		31	221	42	\$86	25	\$5	20	\$91	45

\*Week ending August 13.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,302.88. Deliveries, \$841.09.

## Report of Periodical Sales

## New Jersey, Week Ending August 20

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Newark		33	LH, ST, Lib.	\$18 90
Hugh Peden, Bridgeton, Salem			LH	32 50
S. W. N. Walker, Bloomfield		24	ST	9 60
Margaret Schubert, Passiac			ST, Watch.	6 00
Norma Murphy, Trenton			LH	2 00
Mrs. Florence Evers, Jersey City		4	ST	1 50
Mary Barrett,* Millville		6	LH	1 40
S. A. Oberg,* New Brunswick			ST,	8 50
Mrs. E. Maloghini, Lyndhurst			ST	1 20
Mrs. Edna Decker, Bloomfield			ST, LH	2 00
Totals,				\$83 10

\*Book canvasser

\$300, including paper sales, were raised for the tent and camp-meeting fund in a short while at our camp-meeting. Almost every one present gave liberally to this fund. We know there are many of our brethren and sisters who could not attend the camp-meeting who will be anxious to assist in this work, and we will be glad to have you write us stating the amount you wish to pledge. The time given on them was until the first of March.

We quote from a letter received from Elder Steele, dated August 31. "We had our first meeting Friday night. About eight persons were out the first night, thirty-five the second, and nearly two hundred Sunday night. Our seats were all full and many stood on the outside. Monday night we had about one hundred present. Our tent is pitched in a good place and is lighted with gas. The Lord has blessed us in giving us favor with those with whom we dealt. This is one of the highest priced towns in the state, but notwithstanding that we secured the lumber for our tents free, we paying for the hauling. We got our tents nicely lighted for \$3.00, that is the plumbing, and the gas will cost only

sixty cents a month. The lot on which our tents are located is free. Altogether we are thankful to God for his favoring us so nicely thus far. Our courage is good and we anticipate good results."

## WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR JULY, 1909

Berea	2 00
Charleston	47 02
Chester	25 90
Clarksburg	10 15
Culloden	6 37
Kanawha	10 92
Morgantown	34 43
Moundsville	10 91
Parkersburg	58 64
Walker	9 64
Newark	6 00
Individual	25 70

Total \$247 68

PEARL L. REES, Treas.

## CHESAPEAKE

THE interest in the tent effort being conducted by Elder Haynes in Baltimore is excellent. A large number of people are in attendance each night.

Elder Gaede, our German minister, is moving his tent to a more desirable location, though the interest, considering the difficulties under which he has had to labor, has been fairly good. Pray for the success of the work.

Elder F. I. Richardson, the newly appointed president for this conference, together with his wife, arrived in Baltimore the evening of August 24. We are glad to welcome him, and trust each member of the conference will give him his most hearty support.

We are more than glad to state that our Sabbath-schools have at last reached the standard of giving all their donations to missions. Our record for the quarter ending June 30 is clear of expenses. To the Lord be all the praise.

Elder Sufficool, who has held a series of meetings in Hagerstown has, after a successful effort there, moved his tent to Frederick. An urgent appeal has been made for the tent in that city, and we trust there will be much fruit there.

Elder L. F. Starr, our former president, left Baltimore August 25. We regret to have him go, but owing to his weak physical condition, would not say a word in complaint. We trust his health will improve as he goes to a more healthful climate.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

"THE Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to Him." Isa. 56:8.

"THE wickedness of the world is not abating. Every year evil becomes more prevalent, and is more lightly regarded. Let our gatherings together be made seasons of heart-searching and confession. It is the privilege of this people, who have had such great blessings, to be trees of righteousness, shedding forth comfort and blessing. They are to be living stones, emitting light. Those who have received pardon for their sins should with earnest purpose lead those who are in the ways of sin into paths of righteousness. Partaking of Christ's self-denial and self-sacrifice, they will teach men and women to give up selfishness and sin, and accept in their place the lovely attributes of the divine nature."



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PROF. OTTO M. JOHN is visiting friends and relatives in the West.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson and Brother I. D. Richardson spent a day in Mount Vernon on their way to Washington from the Ohio camp-meeting.

President S. M. Butler reports the outlook for a large school this year to be good. It is encouraging to see the lively interest the different conferences are taking in their young people and the College.

Prof. Lawrence Anderson, who resigned his position as educational secretary of the Nebraska conference to accept the chair of mathematics at

Mount Vernon College, came in from the West last week and is ready for the opening of school. Prof. C. O. Pulver, the new commercial teacher, is also at the College.

Elder L. F. Starr and family have been spending a few days in Mount Vernon. Elder Starr, who has been compelled to resign his position as president of the Chesapeake conference on account of failing health, is on his way to the West. His family will remain for a while in Mount Vernon with relatives. Elder Starr preached to the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath.

**"The Pastime Saloon"**

"WHOEVER named it, named it well," for it is the brilliant lights, the attractive music, and jolly associates that lure the unsuspecting youth to spend a little "pastime" in the gilded palaces of sin. Someone has observed that most young men who fall are ruined after supper. How true! Something for a change after the day's work is done!

How important that our homes be attractive and provide as a pastime something that is pleasant and profitable. What is more enjoyable than reading a good book? While you have been rested and refreshed, you feel that you have gained something of value beside.

To travel with Henry Harper through the land of Palestine, to enjoy with Dr. Reed his bird neighbors, to study with Samuel Zwemer, on the ground, that wonderful phenomena of history, the rise of Mohammedanism, to review with Elder Loughborough the providences of God in connection with the Advent Message, and to listen to quiet talks by S. D. Gordon on the element of service in the Christian life, are among the pleasures in store for those who choose to spend their spare moments this year in profitable reading.

Have you received from your missionary volunteer secretary the Reading Course leaflet yet? The books to be read are as follows:

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3. "The Great Second Advent Movement." Cloth \$1.25; paper, fifty cents.

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1. "Letters From the Holy Land."

Cloth fifty cents; paper, twenty-five.

2. Three historical books of the Bible.

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The other departments of the *Signs* will be kept up during this period, the same as usual, and it is expected that this series will be one of the best, the most interesting, and the strongest ever published.