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

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GENERAL MATTER

"Peddlers of Heresy"

OUR several thousand missionary workers who are devoting their entire time to the circulation of our literature, will read with peculiar interest the following paragraphs written by J. E. Love, a Baptist, and published in the *Baptist Standard* of June 17, 1909. Our workers will find no difficulty in reading the words "Seventh-day Adventist" and "the third angel's message" into these paragraphs in the place of the words "Baptist" and "the Baptist creed." Mr. Love says:—

"A few days ago as I was about to board a train in——, a rather comely woman approached several of us at the car steps, and in a very pleasant but persistent manner, tried to sell us a publication which, if I mistake not, is set for the defense of Seventh-day Adventism. . . . If Christianity has been erroneously set forth for two thousand years, it is scarcely probable that these peculiar people have now found the truth and are able to set all the world right. . . .

"But what suggestion is there in the incident cited above for our Baptist people? This: The rapid multiplication of religious fads, isms, doctrines, sects, confounding and confusing men who want a straight path of religion in which to walk, make a loud call to Baptist people to affirm and emphasize their distinctiveness. The Baptist creed is a very short one, and if set forth with clearness, will gain us great advantage at a time like this. No other people have so distinct and individual a note in their message for the world, and nowhere else can there be found so certain a corrective of the present tendency toward the multiplication of denominations and the subversion of sound doctrine. No age in which we have lived needs our message more than this, and we never had more to gain by clearly, faithfully, and with tender human compassion, preaching the truth as we hold it. The very bewilderment of men caused by the

contradictions of religious teaching all about should appeal strongly to the spirit of Christ within us, and call forth a strong, steady note of doctrinal teaching.

"But, again, the zeal of these peddlers of heresy in pressing their campaign everywhere contains a suggestion for Baptists. Those who hold the truth should not withhold it. Indeed, no one is under such obligation to dispense the truth as the man who has the most of it, and the zeal should be proportionate to doctrine. There is no New Testament example for the theory that the truth is simply to be proclaimed from the pulpit by a certain class who are charged with this responsibility. In one thing at least, those who follow the vocation of peddling religious fads can cite New Testament example, namely, for the personal and individual method which they pursue. Baptist people ought to carry their individualism a little further than they do, recognizing that men are not only saved one by one through the personal faith in Christ, but that they are also won one by one through the personal work of Christians. We need to talk our doctrines as well as to preach them. We ought to go to men and tell them about salvation, as well as to invite them to go to our churches and hear about it. If the Baptist people possessed zeal in personal work in a degree surpassing the people referred to as much as we surpass them in the amount of truth we hold, a new day would soon break for Baptist people."

On the whole, this comment on our methods of circulating the printed page of truth ought to gratify our faithful house-to-house workers with the periodicals and books. We fear, however, that our Baptist brother has forgotten the early experiences of the Baptist people, when they were obliged, like all true reformers, to break away from "Christianity" as it had been "erroneously set forth for two thousand years."

All reformers, from Jesus Christ down through the ages, have been branded as "peddlers of heresy."

The Master himself, who "went about doing good," is our example as a *colporteur*. "The book-hawkers, or *colporteurs*," says Samuel Smiles in his book on "The Huguenots," "were among the most active agents of the Reformation." And De Felice, in his "Protestants of France," says, "They were called *bale-bearers*, basket or *literary carriers*. They belonged to different classes of society; many were students in theology, or even ministers of the gospel. Staff in hand, basket on back, through heat and cold, by lonely ways, through mountain ravines and dreary morasses, they went *from door to door*, often ill received, always at the hazard of their lives, and not knowing in the morning where to lay their head at night. It was chiefly through them that the Bible penetrated into the manor of the noble as well as the hut of the peasant."

The patient *Waldenses* were wont to introduce their publications from door to door as an incidental part of their work as venders of silks and other wares. Eugene Lawrence, the historian, informs us in his "Historical Studies," that in France "the humble *colporteur*, or Bible-seller, the most hated and the most feared of all the agents of reform, in this remarkable period, by priest and pope," was "often disguised as a *peddler* of ribbons and trinkets."

Luther, Calvin, and other Reformers engaged printers, established depositories, and trained and directed thousands of canvassers who sold Protestant tracts, pamphlets, and copies of the Scriptures in France, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands. Luther established a depository in Basel, Switzerland, called "The Evangelical Society of Book-hawkers." As active agents in the great modern Reformation, let us give our lives to the calling of men back from their wanderings, to the teachings of God's Word. Thank God for the consecrated "peddlers of heresy,"—our large and faithful army of canvassers.—A. J. S. BOURDEAU, *Missionary Secretary General Conference Publishing Department.*

Leaders Taking the Lead

LETTERS full of good cheer, good suggestions, and good plans are coming in from conference presidents concerning the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. These are a promise of good things to come in behalf of foreign missions.

Elder William Covert, president of the Northern Illinois Conference, writes:—

"I have dictated a letter to be sent to all our churches concerning this campaign. This is done in order to enlist their interest *immediately*, so that we may secure as large an offering as possible this fall."

Elder B. F. Kneeland, president of the New Jersey Conference, writes:—

"I am in hearty sympathy with the plan. I know that in this conference we have felt the uplift which came from the effort last year. Before your letter reached me I had sent out a call for a meeting of our conference committee, to consider plans for the present campaign, and thoroughly organize the field of labor. We have learned some very valuable lessons from the experience of last year, and I believe we can make this plan much more effectual. It will be safe to plan on our conference using a larger number of *Reviews* than last year. We shall do our best to have our orders in on time."

These letters have the right ring. We trust that every conference will organize for thorough effective work, so that all the units in this cause may count full value in their proper place. The calls from the great harvest field are many, and the needs are great. The missionaries already sent out must be supported, and many others must soon go. May the Lord greatly bless both leaders and people. "For that the *leaders* took the *lead* in Isreal, for that the *people* offered themselves *willingly*, bless ye Jehovah. My heart is toward the governors of Isreal, that offered themselves *willingly* among the people. Bless ye Jehovah." Judges 5:2, 9.

A. G. DANIELLS.

The Importance of Child Study*

WHILE the words of the poet—"The proper study of mankind is man"—may be taken with some reservation, may they not be so paraphrased as

to read, The proper study of the parent is the child.

What is the child?—A little bit of heaven let down in our midst, with enough of faults to show its kinship to us. But to many parents the child is a puzzle, never understood because spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

As Kate Douglas Wiggin well says,—"The child is your first study; do you know him? What you wish him to learn, think, feel, and be is the second study; are you quite sure of your knowledge in that field? But this, you say, seems to presuppose a kind of psycho-pedagogical wisdom extremely rare. To which I return that common sense makes a fairly good substitute; and when you ask how the parent not gifted with common sense can acquire it, I reply that, supposing the germ to be existent resolution, reflection, fasting and prayer will commonly assist its growth."

Suppose an engineer were entrusted with the care of a new kind of engine, upon the proper working of which many lives were dependent. He might say, "I have a general knowledge of engines; I think I can manage this very well." But this particular engine is like no other in the world. If its workings are understood it will run smoothly and do its appointed work, but if not, ruin and disaster will result. Do you not think that engineer would be criminally responsible if he failed to study his engine and, through his neglect, many lives were lost?

We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy, "Parents are under the most solemn responsibility to watch the tendencies of each child."

Child study therefore embraces:

1. Studying the tendencies, disposition, and peculiar temperament of each child.

2. Studying the growth and development of each child, taking into account its environments and the work the Lord is trying to do for that child at each stage of its growth.

As we engage in this study we shall learn more of the child directly, and be able to enter more fully into sympathy with it, and furnish just the help it needs at just the time when it is needed; and we shall learn more of our own faults, and realize better the weak points of our own characters as we see them reflected in our child, for as Sister Henry well said, "In our children the hidden things of our lives are brought to light." We shall also learn more of the principles of the kingdom of heaven if we are as close

students as Enoch was.

In "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 84, we read:—

"After the birth of his first son, Enoch reached a higher experience; he was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibility as a son of God. And as he saw the child's love for its father, as he felt the deep, yearning tenderness of his own heart, for that first born son, he learned a precious lesson of the wonderful love of God to men in the gift of His Son, and the confidence which the children may repose in their heavenly Father." From the time of the birth of this son we are told that he walked with God. Thus may we, from the "child in the midst," learn such precious lessons of the character of God and his kingdom that we may also live as in his visible presence.

We have another Bible student of child-nature in the case of Mary, the mother of Jesus; and no doubt that is one reason that God could commit the care of his Son to her during the formative period of his earthly life. We read that when new developments occurred, when new traits of character were revealed, "Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Well would it be for many children to-day if the example of Mary were follow! In modern times, however, the smart sayings and doings are rehearsed in the ears of each new-comer, and of the child himself with a result too well known to need description.

Mrs. N. A. HONEYWELL

(To be concluded next week)

A Catechism

Question. What books will be read in the missionary volunteer reading courses?

Answer. There are two courses. The missionary volunteer reading course Number 3 will comprise the books, "Quiet Talks on Service," "The Moslem World," and "Great Second Advent Movement." Those who join the junior course will read "Letters from the Holy Land," three historical books of the Bible, and "My Garden Neighbors."

Q. How much time will it take to read the books in the missionary volunteer course?

A. To finish the course in eight months you will have to read about twenty-five pages each week. The junior course does not include so

*Read at Parents' Meetings on the Camp-ground at Lima, Ohio.

much. Supplementary texts will be suggested for those who desire to do more reading along these lines.

Q. Where can I get the books?

A. Order "Quiet Talks on Service" and "Moslem World" from the Review & Herald Pub. Co., Washington, D. C.; "My Garden Neighbors" from the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Mountain View, Cal.; the others through any of our tract societies or publishing houses.

Q. What will the books cost me?

A. The three books in missionary volunteer reading course Number 3 will cost from \$1.60 to \$2.50, according to the bindings. Those in the junior course, from \$1.25 to \$1.50. See *Instructor* for September 7.

Q. When does the course begin?

A. It begins in the *Instructor* of October 5, and continues eight months.

Q. Are there any examinations to take?

A. No, there are no examinations, but in each course three written reviews are required. The books may be used in answering the questions, and the answers should be sent to your conference missionary volunteer secretary. These reviews are the only evidences that the secretary has that those enrolled are following up the work.

Q. Why does the secretary desire this definite information?

A. For the evidence it furnishes that you are putting good materials into your character building; and that your name may be recommended to the General Conference missionary volunteer department for a reading course certificate.

Q. But these certificates are of no value are they?

A. Yes, they are valuable. They are awards of merit showing that you possess "stickability." One college president says, "The reading course certificates are an excellent letter of recommendation for young people who are entering our schools. They indicate habits of systematic study and interest in the best things."

Q. How can I enroll?

A. Send your name and address to your conference missionary volunteer secretary, stating which course you wish to take.

Q. Is there any good reason why I should take this course?

A. Yes, there are many. Space forbids giving them, but remember Solomon says, "Wise men lay up wisdom."

M. E. KERN.

Another Opportunity

EVERY young person who is anxious to become thoroughly prepared for service in the Master's work will be glad to learn of another opportunity for self-improvement. Early in October a series of missionary volunteer society lessons on Bible doctrine will begin. No young person can afford to pass through life without obtaining a personal knowledge of the truth, for Christ says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Unless we know the truth how shall we be able to detect the many false "isms" which Satan is rapidly pressing into circulation? Then will not every young person make a careful personal study of these lessons? This will make them more interesting to the society and more profitable to the individual. Seize this opportunity to anchor a little more securely to the sure Rock of Ages! Seize this opportunity to become better fitted to give this saving truth to others.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

"The Testimonies for the Church No. 9."

WE call the attention of our readers to the new volume of the "Testimonies for the Church, No. 9," just published, and now ready for mailing.

Five years have passed since the church has had delivered to it a bound volume of the message so essential to its prosperity. During this time important messages of encouragement, reproof, and counsel have been given and are now printed under eight general sections, as follows:—

FOR THE COMING OF THE KING

The Last Crisis; Called To Be Witnesses; Home Missionary Work; The Need of Earnest Effort; "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give."

LITERATURE IN SERVICE

Our Publications; Circulating the Publications; A Broader View; Camp-Meetings and our Publications.

THE WORK IN THE CITIES

Conditions in the Cities; A Present Day Work; Methods of Labor; An Appeal to Laymen; Words of Counsel to Ministers.

THE HEALTH WORK

Faithfulness in Health Reform; An Appeal for Medical Missionary Evan-

gelists; The Loma Linda College of Evangelists.

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

Unity Among Different Nationalities; Unity in Christ Jesus; The Publishing Work at College View; German and Scandinavian Conferences.

AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE

A Call for Colored Laborers; Proclaiming the Truth Where There Is Race-Antagonism; The Color Line; Consideration for Colored Laborers; The Needs of a Mission Field.

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

A Time of Trial Before Us; Sunday Labor; Words of Caution.

TIMELY COUNSELS

Faithful Stewardship; Beneficence; The Spirit of Independence; A Distribution of Responsibility; In Humility and Faith; To the Workers of Southern California; "I Am But a Little Child"; The Reward of Earnest Effort.

This volume might be regarded as a special appeal for renewed consecration, greater courage, and activity in finishing the special work committed to the church. No one who is interested in, or in any way connected with the work of the third angel's message, should be without the help of this new number of the "Testimonies to the Church."

It is bound in the usual cloth and flexible leather, 75 cents, and \$1.25, also a special thin edition, flexible leather on bible paper, round corners, \$1.25. Order through the state tract society.

Be Faithful with Your Tithe

AND all the tithe of the land . . . is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. Read also verse 32—"And concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock . . . the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." These statements of inspiration were never more important than now when the gospel of the kingdom is to close its work in "this generation," and earth's stormy history will close forever. God has safeguarded the tithe, so that it can never be used to pay debts. He has so arranged that no business complication can take away the support of the laborers. Conference boards may be poor financiers, corporations may pursue a wrong policy, but God has kept his tithe free from such entanglements. His ministers can still "press the battle to the gates," and the tithe supplies their needs. The

following, which I copy from the Spirit of Prophecy, has no exceptions:

"The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellowmen. He becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserved fund in paying debts to human beings."

The Testimonies are explicit that "the tithes are to be used only in the payment of laborers." And the one who should use them otherwise, member or official, is "laying his hands on the ark." Let us remember how much depends on our faithfulness and bring all the tithes into the storehouse.—*L. D. Santee, in Northern Illinois Recorder.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

WILL the church elders and leaders receiving the petition blanks and report cards, kindly read the letter of explanation to the members of the church so that each one will understand the matter fully?

Those desiring information and circulars concerning the Correspondence School can obtain same by writing to the office. Already many circulars and application blanks have been sent out to members of our conference.

The church school at Corydon, Pa., will open September 13. Miss Gertrude Williams, who has spent some time at South Lancaster Academy, will teach. Any interested in this school kindly correspond with Eld. I. N. Williams, Corydon, Pa.

Elder F. H. Robbins expects to move to Greensburg the latter part of September to labor there. The Erie church will feel this loss keenly, but will cheerfully make the sacrifice so that their loss may be Greensburg's gain.

Elder F. H. Robbins of Erie, Brother A. R. Fitch of Bradford, Miss Gertrude Williams, Mrs. A. V. Williams and W. F. Williams of Corydon, spent some time at the Western New York camp-meeting held at Buffalo, N. Y., August 26 to September 5, and all give an excellent report of the meeting.

Elder W. A. Spicer spent Sabbath, September 4, with the Pittsburg Church Number 1. Brethren Veach

and Ashton took down their tent September 1, and as a result of this effort 18 adults, some firm and some yet unsettled, attended the above Sabbath service. We hope to see these interested ones take a decided stand for truth.

Elder Wagner visited the office August 29 and 30, having spent Sabbath August 28, with the North Warren church. Brother Wagner is now at Carter Camp where he expects to hold meetings for a week or ten days at least. There is an interest here to hear the truth, and Brother Wagner walked through the wilderness between five and six miles, to fill this appointment. May God's blessing attend this effort.

Elder I. N. Williams met with the Jimtown church Sabbath afternoon, August 21, and held services in the Tubbs school house in the evening. On Sunday, August 22, he spoke in the First-day Adventist and Methodist churches in Sunderlinville and held services at West Pike, August 24, meeting with the Shingle House church Sabbath, August 28. He reports a profitable time spent at each of these places and a very good attendance at Shingle House.

Please note information in the Youth's Instructor of September 7 in regard to the books to be used in the Young People's Reading Course commencing October 1. For further information regarding this course correspond with Mrs. A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa. This reading course will also be helpful to our canvassers, workers, and teachers.

"Some wait ever for the morrow;

Present hours slip by;

'So little can be done to-day—

What's the use to try?"

Notice, he who grasps the moments,

Every one that flies,

Is the man in life's short contest

Who obtains the prize."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

In order to give every elder and leader of our churches and companies ample time in which to prepare a special program, it has been deemed advisable to set apart the first Sabbath in October (October 2) for the special consideration of the subject of tithes and offerings, instead of September 11 as we announced by mistake in the last issue of the

VISITOR. At the same time a special offering will be taken for the colored work in the South.

Elder Meyer and corps of workers feel very much gratified with their new tent. It is a beautiful one, 35x55 feet. The interest in this effort is excellent.

In a letter from Wayne P. Barto, one of our student canvassers, appears the following: "I can truly say that we enjoyed our work this summer. We expect to continue in the work again next summer."

Two adults were recently baptized at East Stroudsburg, Elder Charles Baierle officiating.

We quote the following from several similar letters received with regard to the day set apart for the study of tithes and offerings, October 2: "I am trying to bring my tithes in according to instruction. . . . This year the Lord is certainly blessing me with *bountiful crops* when everyone else around me seems to be very short. I know, Brother Heckman, it pays to be true with God in this matter."

Remember "Tithe and Offering Day," October 2. Also special offering for the colored work, same date.

Sabbath, September 4, an expression was taken relative to the Special Signs in the First Philadelphia church, and sixty-five sets were subscribed for.

Six are in attendance at the local canvassers' institute being held in Philadelphia.

Elder A. R. Bell, who with Brother A. C. Long, of Lebanon, is holding the tent effort in York, reports that while the attendance has dropped off considerably since the testing truths have been presented, some have accepted the truth and others are expected.

Elder W. H. Heckman, in company with Brother W. F. Kilmer, the leader of the Carbondale church, spent last week speaking at the following named places: Monday, August 30, in the Baptist church at Greenfield; August 31, in school house at Burnwood; September 1, in the afternoon, to the Carbondale company

of believers; in the evening, at the beautiful Baptist edifice at Montdale; and September 2, in the Methodist church at Lenoxville. He reports that he believes some of these places ought to be followed up by a series of meetings.

Sister Nora B. Gibbons, of the Northumberland church, writes that she expects to attend the Foreign Mission Seminary this coming season.

One church elder writes: "Please send me two dozen tracts on the subject of tithes and offerings. I want to send them to our isolated brethren and sisters." We certainly appreciate this brother's co-operation. We trust that every local elder and church leader will take hold of this "Tithe and Offering Day" with earnestness and make it a grand success for the Lord.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, together with Elder W. H. Heckman, will visit the following named churches on the dates specified:—

York	September 15.
Harrisburg	" 16.
Northumberland	" 17.
Williamsport	" 18.
Roaring Branch	" 19.
Wellsboro	" 20.
Cherry Flats	" 21-22.
Wilkes-Barre	" 23.
Scranton	" 24-25.
Hawley-Honesdale	" 26.
Stroudsburg	" 27.
Philadelphia	" 28-29.

WEST VIRGINIA

SISTER STEELE sold twenty-five copies of the *Watchman* in an hour a few days ago.

Misses Florence White and Maude Pengelly have returned to Mount Vernon after successful book deliveries at Mannington and Cameron.

Our tithe report is the smallest it has been for the last year and a half. Look it over and see if you should not help to make next month's report the best we have had.

Misses Laura Atwell and Halla Metcalf are visiting at their respective homes after spending the summer in the canvassing work. They both ex-

pect to enter Mount Vernon College again this year.

Sisters Fletcher and Minnich have been at work with the papers which they took from the camp-ground to sell for the Tent and Camp-meeting Fund. We hope that all who took these papers home with them will work them off as quickly as possible.

We are ready to fill orders for No. 9 of the Testimonies for the Church. This is the latest and most important number of the Testimonies, and should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in West Virginia. The prices are: Cloth 75 cents; leather, flexible, \$1 25; thin flexible \$1.25.

VIRGINIA

Richmond

ON Aug. 22 we closed our first tent effort in this city and moved from Fairmount Addition to Fulton. Seven adults arose on the last night, indicating their determination to keep all of the commandments of God. The tent was full the last night and it was a solemn testing time when the new converts rose with our own people.

We have a good attendance at our second meeting, which began Sunday night, Aug. 29. We invite the earnest prayers of God's people that precious souls may have the courage to walk in the full light of present truth.

J. H. ALLRAN.
B. L. HOUSE.

CHESAPEAKE

Hagerstown and Frederick

THE tent meetings closed in Hagerstown August 10. As the result of these meetings six precious souls have been added to the church through baptism, and others are keeping the Sabbath and will unite in the near future. Several are yet in the valley of decision.

Nothing gives us more pleasure than to know that two of this number will soon be on the way to their canvassing field. May these dear youth be kept for the Master's use, and stand at last with the reapers on Mount Zion, is our prayer. It greatly rejoices our hearts to see youth embrace this message and immediately enter the field of service. A consecrated life God can use for the upbuilding of his cause in the earth.

We were greatly encouraged by the timely visits of Elders Starr and Jones. Their visits and counsel were appreciated by all.

FREDERICK.—At the close of the meetings in Hagerstown, it had been our plan to hold a second series of meetings in a more central part of the city. We anticipated no trouble in securing a suitable location. However upon careful investigation we learned that vacant lots in a desirable location could not be secured. After much counsel we brought our tent to Frederick.

We are told that this is one of the cities in Maryland that has never heard the message. We are now located upon one of the best streets of the city, and the interest is increasing. Our congregation is made up of retired farmers, who have left the farm and now reside in the city, store keepers, owners of manufacturing plants, and other professional and business men together with day laborers. Our tent here has previously received good attention, and is a credit to the conference. When lighted with electric lights as it now is, it gives a favorable impression of our work. Notwithstanding the cool evenings our attendance has increased, and we feel greatly encouraged with the prospects before us.

Our company is made up of Brother Leon Post, acting as tent master, Mrs. Sufficool, organist, and the writer.

While we remember all of the dear workers and the various efforts now in operation in the conference in our prayers, we humbly ask an interest in the prayers of God's people.

The message to all the people in this generation: let this be our watchword.
L. E. SUFFICOOL.

Holiday Work

WE have reached the time of year when the canvassers will be soon planning on their holiday work, and it might be well to mention a point or two regarding this work.

The first of October is a good time to begin, as the people often spend their money for holiday gifts very early in the season; and the first of October is not any too early to begin work for your Christmas delivery. Work up until the tenth or fifteenth of December, depending on the number of orders you have, then hustle the delivery through so as to get every book delivered before Christmas.

No doubt there are many who do not feel free to spend all their time

in this work, but who could just as well as not work for a couple of months this fall, placing in the homes of the people some of our good books which will acquaint them with the truth, and be much better for them than that for which they will be most likely to spend their money if they are not visited by our missionary canvassers. There are very few homes that will not spend at least a few dollars for Christmas presents, and we have many attractive books for both parents and children which will be appreciated by the people if they are given a chance to buy.

But how are we going to reach them with the small company now in the field? Time is short and the work is great; in fact, so great that it requires the services of all.

We were very much pleased to learn at the recent camp-meeting of one sister in whom we have been very much interested for some time, who has decided to follow this plan. Some years ago she was quite a successful canvasser, and the Lord seemed to bless her efforts in a special manner; but like many more of our good energetic sisters she drifted into the Larkins soap business. She is planning now, however, to spend her time in a better way, and with the aid of her husband expects now to earn a scholarship for her son in Mount Vernon College. We feel certain that they will be blessed in their undertaking, and pray that they may soon realize their hopes. Are there not others who could do the same? We hope that as you read these few lines you will do some serious thinking, then act accordingly.

E. R. NUMBERS.

A Letter to Canvassers

TO THOSE who read this welcome little VISITOR, I write these few lines of good cheer and courage.

It greatly rejoices my heart as I visit the different ones who are actually out on the firing line in the good old canvassing work that I love so well. It fills my soul up to the brim with courage when I see them play their big gun—"Great Controversy"—on the enemy's camp.

While there are some who are saying there are giants in the land and we are but grasshoppers in their sight, I am glad the Lord still has some Calebs and Joshuas in the canvassing work. Some are saying, "We are able to take the city." But we are not saying this in our own strength. No, no. If we did it would mean

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 27, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
S. L. Lush, Cecil Co, Md.		GC	5	48	10	\$30 50	\$44 00	\$74 50	
W. H. Spicer, Chapel, Md.		GC	5	35½	9	26 75	9 55	36 30	
S. Brown, Big Pool, Md.		GC	5	43	10	29 75	20 85	50 60	
A. C. Williman, Hope, Md.		GC	5	38	14	44 50	6 00	50 50	
Leon Post, Frederick, Md.		GC	5	38¾	4	11 00	60	11 60	
Mrs. Whaley, Templ'ville, Md.		GC	3	21	3	8 25		8 25	
Mrs. Wright, Easton, Md.		GC	3	26½	4	11 00	2 00	13 00	25 50
C. Tracy, M'tgomery Co., Md.		GC	4	17	7	19 25	3 15	22 40	2 40
John Miller, Joppa Road, Md.		GC	3	20	4	11 00	3 35	14 35	6 10
J. Paden, Clearspring, Md.		CK	4	37	14	17 00	14 90	31 90	
B. Arkebauer, Kent Co., Md.		GC	5	44	5	16 75	33 50	50 25	75
Totals,			47	368¾	84	\$225 75	\$137 90	\$363 65	\$34 75

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 3, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.		GC	5	41	37	89 10		89 10	31 95
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.		CK	3	30	8	12 00		12 00	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	5	48	18	40 50	4 30	45 43	4 18
Miss Zoerb, Butler Co.		CK	4	25	8	9 00		9 00	
F. Shaw, Potter Co.		GC	1	7					113 60
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.		GC	2		3	10 25		10 25	5 50
A. McIntire, Indiana Co.		SP	1	4	3	4 50	1 70	6 20	
Totals,			21	159	77	\$165 35	\$6 63	\$171 98	\$155 23

New Jersey, Week Ending August 27, 1909

L. Cruickshanks,* Marksboro		DR	1		5	9 75	50	10 25	50
L. Cruickshanks, Wharton		DR	3	26	11	25 25	12 35	37 60	85
S. R. Haynes, Freehold		DR	2	16					50 00
Ira E. Porter, Freehold		DR	2	16					70 00
Geo. W. Blinn, Delare		GC	5	49	15	41 25	4 00	45 25	
S. A. Oberg, New Brunswick		GC	5	40	7	23 25	3 20	26 45	
C. F. Woertz, Jackson		CK	3	27	4	4 00		4 00	
Totals,			21	174	42	\$103 50	\$20 05	\$123 55	\$121 35

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 27, 1909

H. Albright, Berks		DR	4	32	14	32 50		32 50	
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh		DR	4	41	11	29 25		29 25	
John Kennedy, Berks		DR	5	38	7	21 35		21 35	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster		CK	4	39	33	39 50		39 50	
B. W. Scholl, Berks		CK	1	10					42 50
Totals,			18	160	65	\$122 60		\$122 60	\$42 50

Ohio, Week Ending August 20, 1909

Jas. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	4	35	8	21 00	11 70	35 70	2 75
C. Belgrave, Summit Co.		DR	3	20					51 50
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.		CK	5	41	40	55 50	35	55 85	
L. H. Waters, Portage Co.		CK	3	21	23	28 50		28 50	1 00
Alf. Clough, Washington Co.									120 00
Totals			15	117	71	\$105 00	\$12 05	\$117 05	\$175 25

Ohio, Week Ending August 27, 1909

Jas. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	4	31	9	24 75	5 30	30 05	1 70
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.		CK	5	46	36	53 50	30	53 80	
Totals			9	77	45	\$78 25	\$5 60	\$83 85	1 70

Virginia, Week Ending August 27, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford		SP		32	10	12 50	2 45	14 95	
E. Roberson, Richmond		BR		15	4	11 25	3 55	14 80	1 10
C. Pease, Richmond		BR		8	4	13 00	1 55	14 55	1 20
A. Schenk, Lawry		GC		24	2	5 50	1 40	6 90	35
Totals				82	20	\$42 25	\$8 95	\$51 10	\$2 65

Ohio, Week Ending September 3, 1909

Jas. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	3	30			3 00	3 00	109 10
C. C. Belgrave, Stark Co.	DR	2	24					36 75
C. A. Hamilton, † Licking Co.	DR	1	11					26 75
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.	CK	5	37	31	47 00		47 00	
L. H. Waters, Portage Co.	CK	5	38	19	23 00	1 05	24 55	66 55
E. E. Shaw, Lucas Co.	CK	2	12					32 00
Totals		18	152	50	\$70 50	\$4 05	\$74 55	\$271 15

West Virginia, Week Ending August 27, 1909

J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	5	39			10 00	10 00	6 00
Halla Metcalf, Mineral Co.	DR	3	23	2	5 50	7 70	13 20	
Laura Atwell, "	DR	3	17	1	2 75	3 15	5 90	35
Robinson Metcalf, "	GC	4	34	4	11 00	12 25	23 25	
Dallas Metcalf, "	GC	3	12	1	2 75	12 00	14 75	
Totals		18	125	8	\$22 00	\$45 10	\$67 10	\$6 35

*Week ending August 20.

†Week ending August 13.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,175.43. Deliveries, \$810.93.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending August 27

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Newark		42	LH, ST, Lib.	\$22 25
W. F. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Newark, Roselle			Watch. ST, Lib.	26 00
Hugh Peden, Cumberland Co.		19	LH	19 90
Opha Luttrell, Newark		14	ST, LH	5 55
Louise Henley, Newark		15	ST, LH	2 00
Jennie Butchell, Trenton			ST, Protest.	7 50
Mary Smith, Plainfield			LH	4 00
Totals				\$87 20

*Book canvasser

complete failure.

O that those who are claiming to believe in the second coming of Christ, and are expecting to see the work close soon, would arise and shine ere it is too late! Soon the protection of human laws will be withdrawn from God's people. Then there will be a great mourning among those who have neglected their duty. So let me plead with you, my dear brother and sister, to step in "while the waters are troubled." The Lord of the harvest is calling for faithful ones to carry these good books to those who are in darkness and in the shadow of death. Who will go? If we would pray earnestly for the angel to fly down swiftly from heaven with a live coal from the altar and touch our sinful lips we could say, with glad hearts, "Here am I, Lord; send me." The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

If each individual were asked if he loved this truth, many would say, Yes, we love the message, but their actions show they do not love it well enough to help carry it to the world.

Our most earnest prayer to-day should be, "O Lord, revive thy work."

The Lord has said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and he will go with us. Now who will believe God and go without stopping to question the truthfulness of his word? "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good."

JOSEPH E. JONES.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1909

Berea	20 50
Charleston	42 95
Clarksburg	4 50
Mason City	75
Kanawha	4 13
Moundsville	10 41
Parkersburg	40 98
Elk Garden	3 00
Newark	5 00
Individual	15 60
Total	\$147 82

PEARL L. REES, Treas.

OBITUARIES

MORGAN.—Susan M. Morgan, nee Clymer, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1844; died Aug. 16, 1909, aged 65

years and 10 days. She was married to Lev Morgan Feb. 4, 1863. Unto this union were born four children; Mary J., Ocy D., Samantha D., and Edward J. Samantha was laid to rest some 36 years ago. All the rest were at the funeral. Mrs. Morgan early embraced the Christian faith and united with the United Brethren church, of which she remained a member until about twenty years ago, when she accepted the third angel's message, and cast her lot with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, to which she remained faithful until the day of her death. She was a woman of cheerful disposition, was a loving mother and a faithful wife, and leaves to mourn their loss a husband, three children, three brothers, and one sister. The writer preached her funeral from 2 Tim. 4:7, 8, to a full house; and she was laid to rest in the old cemetery, where many of her old friends and kindred sleep, near where she spent her early life. She was anxious that her children should so live that they may stand a united family on the morning of the resurrection.

W. E. BIDWELL.

RAGON.—Marshal J. Ragon died Aug. 18, 1909, in Cleveland, Ohio, of heart trouble and a complication of diseases, aged 53 years. He was born May 15, 1856, at Sweetwater, Tenn. There were seven children in his father's family, four girls and three boys, five of whom are still living; one girl and Mr. Ragon being dead, and also their father. He was a carpenter by occupation, and lived at Sweetwater, Tenn., for twenty-five years, then married Miss Alice Woods and lived there until his wife died. Three years later he married Miss Sarah E. Simpson, Sept. 9, 1895, and moved to Cleveland, where he remained until his death. He leaves a wife, his mother, three sisters, two brothers, and three children by his first wife. He was a member of no church; but before his death expressed a belief that he was right with God. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of the deceased.

F. E. GIBSON.

HARBAUGH.—Mrs. Nannie May Harbaugh was born Nov. 18, 1884, and died Aug. 13, 1909, aged 24 years, 8 months, and 26 days. She was baptized into the third angel's message in 1906, and united with the Johnstown church. She remained faithful and fell asleep in Jesus to await the morning of the resurrection. She leaves a husband and little daughter four years old to mourn their loss; also a father and mother, one brother and two sisters, and many friends. The funeral service was conducted in the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal church, and words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Revelation 14. She was laid to rest in the Hillside cemetery in Hillsdale, Pa.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

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ALL the members of the College faculty are now at the College ready for the opening of the school year.

BROTHER E. R. BROWN, the union conference auditor, spent a few days at the College last week auditing the College books.

ONE of the subtle deceptions of life is the thought that by condemning others evidently much worse than we are, we somehow better ourselves. No greater moral folly can enter our minds, in view either of self-improvement, or the judgment of God. We multiply our folly when the con-

demnation is heaped on those who are only play villains, and the virtue we approve is acted by one who may be without conscience or character. There is no virtue in spectacular morality in which we applaud nobility with no purpose of emulating it, and hiss vice without power or purpose to eject it from our own lives.—*The Pilgrim*.

How to Order the "Missions" Number of the Review

BROTHER J. H. ROBINSON, of Florida, has the honor of sending in the first order for the forthcoming "Missions" number of the *Review*. He says:—

"Will you please send me one hundred copies of the special *Review*. I used fifty copies last year, but think I can do better this time, as I have had some experience."

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4. Give us as much time as possible to fill your orders. Tardiness in ordering last year caused disappointment to hundreds of faithful workers.

A. J. S. BOURDEAU,
 Missionary Secretary General Conference Publishing Dep't.

The October Watchman

THE October issue of the *Watchman* will be an interesting number, and should receive wide circulation. Among the timely topics which will appear in that number is an article by the editor entitled "The Abuse of Power," in which it is

shown that the only power the church should seek for and enjoy is that which comes from God, and that when the church calls for State aid it is inviting the State to exercise a power not vested in it by him who ordained the powers that be. Also an article by C. P. Bollman, editor of the *Gospel Sentinel*, "Evolution vs. Redemption," in which it is maintained that evolution is a denial of creation, and that redemption is dependent upon creative power—a recreation. Creation and redemption stand or fall together.

An interesting article from the pen of R. A. Underwood on the "Setting up of Christ's Kingdom," appears, in which the Biblical plan is contrasted with the popular idea of setting up this kingdom. Prof. E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, writes of "Attractions of Country Life in the South." Professor Magan continues his articles on the unsettled Eastern Question. Among other articles are "Test of Faith and Sincerity," by Mrs. E. G. White; "How the Challenge to Protestantism is Being Met," by S. B. Horton; "Mission Field Reports from Peru and Bolivia," by J. W. Westphal, illustrated; outline of work in Kaffirland, South Africa, by W. S. Hyatt; report from Fiji; "Work out Your Physical Salvation," by Dr. David Paulson; "The New Lincoln Penny," by our Washington correspondent; "All Honor to a South Carolina Jury;" "A Righteous Decision," in which is reported the trial of a Sunday law case in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Besides these, an article from Delwin Rees Buckner, of Ambato, Ecuador, on "He Lives in Our Hearts," is of interest.

Situation Wanted

YOUNG lady wants a position to do light housework in a Seventh-day Adventist family. Address "Advertisement," 288 Main St., Hackensack, New Jersey.

Notice

I SHOULD be pleased to enter into correspondence with any one having Numbers 1 and 8 of this year's VISITOR (1909) and who would sell them to me. As I entered the union late in the year I lack those two numbers to complete my file of VISITORS for 1909. I should be grateful to any who has these two numbers and would let me have them. B. G. WILKINSON
 Takoma Park, D. C.