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TWO WORDS

Just a short, sharp word,
But the one who heard
Was weary and sick at heart;
And her strength so slight
Led a wavering flight,
When she tried to do her part:
So that quick word flung
From a thoughtless tongue
Pierced deep, like a poisoned dart.
Was that word yours?

Just a bright, sweet word
To the one who heard,
When the body and soul were bent;
But it wakened strength
To begin at length
The task she believed God sent.
So that kind word came
As in his own name
So finish the work he meant.
Was that work yours?

Nell Randolph Blount, in *Christian Herald*.

"Rapidly Going to Pieces"

It has recently been said by one who is now opposing the organized work of the Seventh-day Adventists that "it is evident that the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists is rapidly going to pieces."

A response to this assertion comes to us from ar-away Australia, in the following words:—

"If the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists is rapidly going to pieces, it is evident from facts presented in official reports and statistics that the pieces are getting very large and are sticking very closely together."

Four years ago in an address at a National Reform convention, held in Allegheny, Pa., the following statement was made by the speaker:—

"Where are our enemies? Where is the secular league that threatened to undermine our very existence? Where is the Seventh-day journalism that fought us so vigorously?—They are all disorganized and silent. They

have come to naught. This is evidence that we are organized and founded in our principles upon a divine plan, and that God is with us, and against them."

In the light of the preceding statement, it is interesting to read the following editorial announcement in the August, 1909, issue of the *Christian Statesman*, the official organ of the National Reform Association:—

"One hundred new subscribers—that is our record for the month of July. It was but three days after the mailing of the July *Statesman* containing the appeal for new subscribers that we received from a reader in a Pennsylvania town the name and address of a new subscriber that he had obtained. Others followed in quick succession, until, from this and other sources, we have at date of writing, July 19, exactly one hundred new names added to our mailing list."

We take pleasure in presenting below a few facts and figures concerning the progress being made by "Seventh-day journalism," and the general circulation of Seventh-day Adventist literature, as an indication of the rapidity with which this cause is "going to pieces." It is often true that a few facts shed a clearer and better light upon a subject than mere flashes of words and thundering assertions.

We are now publishing 333 bound books containing an aggregate of 103,261 pages. One copy of each of these in the cheapest binding would cost \$377 03.

We are publishing 287 different pamphlets, containing 21,086 pages, the retail value of which amounts to \$35.87.

Of tracts we are circulating 1,096, which contain a total of 15,174 pages, the retail value of which is \$15.97.

We are now publishing 118 different journals, one of each making a volume of 28,855 pages a year, the sum of the annual subscription prices being \$59.13. These journals are prospering, and are rapidly carrying God's truth to the world. From this statement of facts should we conclude, with the speaker previously quoted,

that "Seventh-day journalism" is "disorganized and silent"?

During the past four years the total value of literature distributed year by year has been as follows:—

1905, \$548,000; 1906, \$824,000; 1907, \$1,035,000; 1908, \$1,280,000. Total for four years, \$3,687,000.

The *Christian Statesman* is a ten-cent monthly magazine. It states, as quoted above, that one hundred new subscriptions were received during the month of July, and declares that to have been a record for that month. During the month of June, our agents sold 248,000 copies of our ten-cent magazines, and these are only five of the 118 periodicals previously mentioned.

One of the ten-cent magazines included in this report made a gain of 15,000 copies in its circulation during the month of June. During the past three months our publishing house in Washington, D. C. (one of our four leading publishing houses in America), received nearly 10,000 yearly subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine*, their latest periodical, which was launched the first of May, 1909. This is an average of over 3,000 yearly subscriptions a month.

Again, a brother recently sent in his check for 103 yearly subscriptions for the same magazine. During the year 1908 one of our publishing houses circulated a grand total of 3,153,096 copies of its five periodicals.

In its issue for May, 1906, the *Christian Statesman* contained an editorial on *Liberty*, entitled "A New Opponent in the Field." The zeal of our magazine was accounted for "by the fact that it is the mouthpiece of the Seventh-day Adventists, and is published by the Review and Herald Association." From April 1, 1906, to Aug. 1, 1909, the fourteen members of this quarterly magazine have had a circulation of 695,000 copies, an average of about 50,000 copies for each issue. This means that during the past three and one-half years the American public has purchased \$69,500 worth of the first fourteen issues of this magazine alone.

A lady agent in the West has just

sent in an order for 3,100 copies of this magazine. One of our local tract societies recently sent in 304 yearly subscriptions for *Liberty*. A previous order received from the same society, only a few days before, enclosed 300 yearly subscriptions. Thus two letters contained 604 yearly subscriptions for this magazine.

Read again the quotation beginning with the words, "Where are our enemies?" We leave the reader to work out the conclusion which must follow if the principle laid down by the National Reform speaker is correct.

We do not believe, however, that outward success is conclusive evidence that a work is founded upon sound principles and a divine plan, but we do believe that if we adhere closely to the Word of God and to his divine leadership, he will prosper the work of our hands, and the truth of God will light up the darkness in this sinful world.

E. R. PALMER.

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"A Call to Service"

"THE Lord is soon to come. In fire and flood and earthquake he is warning the inhabitants of this earth of his soon approach. O that the people might know the time of their salvation! We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the day of judgment is near at hand." (*A Call to Service*, p. 7)

"We have the word of God to show that the end is near. The world is to be warned, and as never before we are to be laborers together with Christ. The work of warning has been entrusted to us. We are to be channels of light to the world, imparting to others the light we receive from the great Light-bearer. The words and works of all men are to be tried. Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible." (*M. for C.*, p. 66)

These are the words of the Lord's servant as she has endeavored to arouse us to our responsibility as light-bearers of this glorious message. The fields are indeed white, awaiting the help of those who are willing to cease reaping those things that are about to perish, and to give their time to the Lord, gathering in those that

are to be saved into the garner.

Last week while out with one of the canvassers, I called on a Christian lady who had our little book, "New Testament Primer." Although it was just a little child's book it appealed to her as being the truth, and she had been reading it over and over again. She had decided that she could not afford to take "Great Controversy" which I was selling, but when I explained to her that the mother of the man who had written "N. T. P." was the writer of the book I had been showing her, she decided she must have it.

Brethren and sisters, why should we keep honest seekers after truth reading such little books when we may water the seed thus sown with the thousands of large books that are now lying idle in the publishing houses?

The Lord has given us the truth that we might impart it to other needy souls.

"But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." Ezek. 33: 6, 7.

The books which have been distributed are accomplishing their mission, but why should not these message-filled publications be scattered along the coasts of Zion like autumn leaves? It is now nearly time for the student canvassers to return to school, and we should have a large number of earnest men and women to take up this work after camp-meeting.

Brethren and sisters, shall we not make our work for the coming year a subject of earnest prayer? Shall we not allow the Lord to lead and promise him to go where he wants us to go? If we do this the Lord will supply every needed blessing, and strengthen us for the battles of the future.

I shall be glad to correspond with all whom the Lord is leading to take up the canvassing work. If the Lord has been speaking to you, write today.—*F. B. Numbers, in the Wisconsin Reporter.*

Individual Responsibility

OUR work is aggressive. We need the heavenly anointing, that our spiritual eyesight may be clear. We are living in the last remnant of time.

Truth is now to be sought for as hidden treasure. The commandments of men have taken the place of the commandments of God. The Lord calls upon his workmen to watch and work and pray. Precious truths are to be recovered from the human traditions under which men have buried them. God desires his people to show a constantly increasing interest in the things of eternity. He desires us to value more highly the favor of his friendship. Let us not become Satan's agents to belittle the solemn, important truth which we profess to believe. Let us not show an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

God did not give his only begotten Son to die on the cross of Calvary in order that man might have liberty to transgress his law. He did not pay such an expensive price to make his law null and void. The falsehood that Christ died to abrogate the law originated with the enemy of all good. By giving his life for the life of the world, Christ placed the immutability of the law of God beyond controversy. His death on the cross is an indisputable testimony that not one jot or tittle of the law shall ever fail. Hear the words of the Saviour: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven." The disobedient will never find entrance there. "But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

God weighs every man in the balances of the sanctuary. In one scale there is placed the perfect, unchangeable law, demanding continuous, unswerving obedience; if in the other there are years of forgetfulness, of selfishness, or rebellion and self-pleasing, God says, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." But Christ has made it possible for us to keep the law. He lived on this earth a life of perfect obedience, that his righteousness might be imputed to us. To us is given the glorious assurance that though we have fallen through disobedience, we may, through the merits of the Son of God, hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

OHIO

How Long Are You Going to Wait?

BEFORE me lies a report, just received, of a delivery of \$175, representing thirteen days' canvassing. The brother who sent this report has been one of our most successful canvassers, and why?—Because he has put his whole heart into the work. He has studied daily to improve, and has determined by the help of the Lord not to allow difficulties in the way to hinder him; and the above figures, which are not uncommon, are the result.

This Brother is not the only one who can do good work. We are persuaded that there are many throughout our state who could be doing the same if they would. Perhaps you are one of these persons, but have your talent wrapped in a napkin. If so how will you answer your Lord when he comes to receive with usury that which he has given you? You are spending your strength in grappling with business difficulties and performing hard labor, which in the end yields you only a living, when the work of God is held back each day because you are not in it. Why not devote your intellectual and physical powers to the cause you love so dearly? Think you that it would be any harder for you to help to devise ways and means for reaching the millions who are yet unwarned as the Spirit of Prophecy has instructed you to do, than it has been to solve some of those other business problems with which you have been dealing? or would it be any harder to walk a few miles each day over hot, dirty roads than it has been on the farm or in the shop?—We think not. Looking at this work from a temporal viewpoint, you are out nothing whatever, and in addition have the satisfaction and sweet peace that comes to one who is devoting his life to the service of God, and laying up treasure in heaven instead of on the earth.

"And Jesus answered and said, 'Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren, and sisters, and mothers and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come, eternal life. But many that are first shall

be last; and the last first.'" Mark 10:29-31.

We need not hesitate over what the reward will be; for every true servant of God feels that he is getting more than he deserves. But if you do not go, the Master will call on some one else, and it may then be too late. Your place may be filled. No doubt you have thought of this before and intend to go just as soon as certain difficulties are out of the way. But if you hear the call now and do not obey, you may depend upon it that no sooner will the present difficulty disappear than another will arise which will look much greater to you. The only way you will ever get into the work, my brother, is to go. How long are you going to wait? E. R. NUMBERS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

THE tent effort conducted by Elder Baierle and Evangelist Heald, in Philadelphia, closed Sunday, September 12. Six embraced the truth.

The church school at Fairhill (Souderton), with Miss Anna Worrell in charge, opened with an attendance of twenty-two.

Elder O. S. Weist and Evangelist Charles Baumheld their last service in the tent at Pottsville, Sunday, September 18. They will remain sometime to bind off the work.

Sevelon Rockwell, of Roaring Branch, who was connected with the North Philadelphia effort this past season, is now attending Mount Vernon College.

The Thanksgiving Ingathering service commences this year November 1. Begin to plan at once to make it a good success in your church.

Prof. E. G. Salisbury, who has been ill at the home of Brother Wm. Gruver, at Roaring Branch, is convalescent, and expects soon to take up work at Union College.

Elders Wilkinson, Heckman, Bell, and Brother E. R. Brown spent a few days with the Harrisburg church. A splendid spirit was manifested, and all felt greatly encouraged as the result of the meetings.

Elder A. R. Bell closed his tent effort in York Sunday evening, September 18. Alvin C. Lang, who was

connected with the effort, will take up the periodical work. His first order was 1,000 copies of the *Signs of the Times Monthly*.

A sister in the Wilkes-Barre church during the Thanksgiving Ingathering campaign last year received a check from a prominent business man for \$15.00; another from a senator of \$25.00. Let us aim high during the coming campaign. God will help us.

Dr. Dorothy Harbaugh with her parents has moved from Philadelphia to College View, Neb. The Doctor will connect with the sanitarium there.

Elder Heckman reports good meetings in all of the places that he and Elder Wilkinson have so far visited. A full report will appear later.

The October *Signs Magazine* will deal with that all-important subject "Capital and Labor." Now is the time to get this rightly before the people and we hope to see all in this conference taking hold and doing their part.

As some of the new converts of the West Philadelphia tent effort desired to be baptized in the river, it was so arranged, and three of these were baptized last Tuesday at Cramer Hill, N. J., Elder O. O. Bernstein officiating.

Elder D. E. Wellman and wife, who are en route to Jamacia, their old field of labor, are spending a few days in Philadelphia. Elder Wellman spoke to the First Philadelphia church Sabbath, September 18, taking for his theme, "Our Relation to the Third Angel's Message." They will sail September 22.

When this paper reaches its readers the different tent efforts in this conference will be a thing of the past, as all will be closed with the exception of the one conducted by Elder Meyers. You all have been interested in the progress that these different efforts have made, and the kingdom will only reveal the direct results.

A copy of the new magazine *Christian Education*, has reached the office, and after carefully looking it through we bespeak for it a large circulation, as it will be the means of keeping us in closer touch with educational features of our work. A special price of

thirty-five cents per year has been made providing your subscription is in before the fifteenth of October. After that date the price will be fifty cents.

CHESAPEAKE

REMEMBER the offering for the colored work October 2.

Let all the churches plan for the November Ingathering.

The Lord is good. Shall not each one of us render unto the Lord his own in tithes and offerings, so that the progress of his work shall not be hindered?

Several of our canvassers are going to school. We hope others will arise and take their places. This message must go and some one must carry it. Dear reader, will it be you?

There are a number of orthodox Jews who attend the Baltimore meetings regularly. Pray that they, with the many others who are interested, may have the courage to step out on His promises.

One of our canvassers, who has recently been delivering, reports only having lost six orders and had four postponed out of 120 books. Although a number of false reports in regard to his work has been circulated, the Lord gave him a great victory.

No doubt the many friends of Brother G. H. Clark will be glad to know he has had a very pleasant voyage to South Africa. He had no seasickness whatever, and expected to land in Cape Town August 23. His courage is good, and the prospects before him bright.

The interest at the English tent in Baltimore is still excellent. Sunday night, September 19, Elder A. G. Daniells spoke to a very appreciative audience of about five hundred people, the subject being, "The Progress of the Message." Tuesday night, September 21, Elder K. C. Russell spoke to an audience of several hundred on the subject "Religious Liberty." Although he spoke for more than an hour and a half, many expressed regret that he did not talk longer.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sabbath-School Work

We are thankful that God is blessing the Sabbath-school work in our conference. This branch of the great third angel's message was given some attention at our camp-meeting held at Parkersburg, August 5-15, and some recommendations were passed with reference to it, as you have already seen in the conference secretary's report.

Though all have not yet seemed fully to realize the importance of faithfulness in this line, yet we see a marked increase in interest, and we are expecting greater advancement in the near future. We expect soon to belong with the other states that claim the "honor roll."

The secretary's report showed that all the schools in West Virginia but one are now giving their entire regular contributions to missions, and the secretary of that one writes that they are planning to step into line. Then we can shout the jubilee over another victory gained.

One school used forty cents of their donations during the first quarter of this year, and the next quarter gave their entire donation to missions, and added the forty cents used the previous quarter. That was a step in the right direction.

With a membership of 205 we gave to missions during the year ending June, 1909, \$179.03. The two camp-meeting Sabbath schools at Parkersburg gave \$24.27.

Brethren and sisters, the work is onward, and we do not want to be left behind. Then why not arouse and do our utmost to carry forward this grand work, that when the trials are all past and the victory gained, we can share in the blessing prepared for those who have made a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice? We may expect a rich blessing from heaven when we are in position to receive it, but if we are not faithful in little things, the Lord will not entrust us with great responsibilities. There is something in this great work of saving souls that each one of us can do, and I hope that none of us will prove unfaithful to the trust imposed in us.

Some of our Home Department members have been faithful in bearing their share of the work by giving of their means to carry it forward. May God help us all to stand by the truth until the final triumph.

MRS. M. L. HADDIX.

SISTER CORA PARKER has returned to her home in Hastings after a visit with her father.

The Parkersburg church is holding its services in the Baptist Mission on Williams street for the present.

O. O. Robinson and Miss Halla Metcalf passed through Parkersburg on their way to Mount Vernon College for the winter.

Brother Ogden is now located at Weston, and expects to do some hard canvassing in that city and vicinity.

Miss Laura Atwell, who spent the summer canvassing in our state, has returned to Mount Vernon College for the winter.

Elder MacLay has recently visited the churches at Morgantown, Charleston, and Culloden. He has also visited the tent companies, and the brethren at St. Albans, Richwood, and Huntington.

Miss Mary Midkiff is attending Mount Vernon College this year. She spent the time between camp-meeting and time to enter College in selling our periodicals.

The office enjoyed a visit from Brother S. G. Cunningham September 10. Brother Cunningham is of good courage and is doing what he can to give his neighbors the message.

The office has moved from its old quarters, and is now located at 914 Seventh street. Our location is better in several ways than the old one, and we now feel quite at home in our new quarters. Please remember the change of address in writing us.

We understand that Elder T. Godfrey is now in our state ready for work. The Iowa Conference is supporting him in our conference for a year. We are glad to welcome Elder Godfrey and wish him success in his work here. We understand that he is a native of this state, so feel that he will be quite at home among us.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Quite Encouraging

THE following is a letter just received from Brother Chas. Dunham,

who is working in Indiana county. He did not know we were going to publish it, but as it is a sample of what one can work up to in this work, we publish it for the encouragement of others; and this is only a sample of the weeks put in by this worker, who thought, when he was called to the work a little more than a year ago, that he could not sell books, and was especially backward about taking up "Great Controversy." Brother Dunham says:—

"I have been in an exceptionally unprejudiced territory this week, mostly Disciples, Methodists, and miners. If I could have worked last Thursday to advantage, I would probably have reached one hundred dollars, but that was the day that nearly every one went to the fair. However I have much to be thankful for.

"I find it pays to tell the people that you are going that way but once; it helps some to decide definitely. I am through calling on those who 'will try to buy later'—largely so, at least.

"As I think Brother Brownlee's plan of detailing his work is most interesting, I will try to do some detailing, at least.

"My first order was given by a man and his wife who were almost bankrupted last June by a fire. They lost about \$1,200. A neighbor told me it was 'no use to go there'; however I called and found them almost heart-broken. They seemed to be so glad to hear some of the good things from 'Great Controversy.' We had a very precious season of prayer.

"No. 2. Mrs. ———'s young married daughter had recently died, leaving a baby one year old. She was so glad to buy a book, paying cash for it.

"No. 3. The lady was quite anxious to give her order, but had me to wait until her husband (a farmer) came in. He was very suspicious at first, but finally bought one for cash also.

"No. 4. An Englishman thought the full morocco would suit him better. I had a very pleasant chat with him. A workman friend of his was very much interested, but on account of not having much work said he would try to take one when I delivered.

"No. 5. Mrs. ———'s husband was brought up a Catholic. The priest calls there often: they are on very friendly terms.

"No. 6. Mr. and Mrs. ——— are very poor. He wanted the book very much; she seemed rather indifferent. I took dinner with them.

"No. 7. These were Dunkards. They were quite glad that I called, and bought a book for cash. They suggested if I was a Disciple minister they would like to hear me preach. I laughed and said, 'No, I am only a lay member.' They asked me back again. I learned last summer at Indiana, that I was not called to preach, but to sell the preacher.

"No. 8. These were also Dunkards, and gladly paid cash. She said she watched me to see if I quoted Scripture correctly, for she said, 'I can tell, I study the Bible.'

"No. 9. This lady is the mother of eight or nine children. She seemed to want the book, and from appearance they seemed well-to-do enough. It took me some time to get her order, and I gave her credit for fifty cents for dinner for myself and horse.

"Nos. 10 and 11 both paid cash. I had no special experiences with them.

"No. 12. This was a young man who ordered two books. Number 14 I have forgotten entirely.

"No. 15. This was a very earnest Disciple lady, who ordered for her two daughters.

"No. 16. Mrs. ——— ordered one for herself and one for her son-in-law.

"No. 18. This lady's daughter was much interested. Numbers 19 and 20 bought for her daughter, and her daughter-in-law ordered with her, and both were much interested. Numbers 21 and 22 were for a lady and her son. The lady paid \$3.10 down.

"No. 23. Mr. ———, had just come out of the mine. He stood by my wagon with his little boy at his side, and ordered a full morocco. Number 24, Mr. ———, who was a very black negro, and was evidently well educated, ordered a sheep binding. Number 25, a young married woman, belongs to the Disciple church.

"No. 26 was a Disciple, a genuine one, too. I had a very precious visit with her. She has a husband who has been a hard-drinking man for twenty years. I stayed all night with them, enjoying very much the season of prayer that I had with them. When we arose from our knees, she asked me to continue praying for them. The husband had gone away with the tears streaming down his face.

"No. 27. Mr. ———, father of twelve children, wanted the book, but O, how hard I had to work to get \$2.50 for a soiled 'Great Controversy'!

"No. 28 was very much exercised over baptism. She wanted to know

what I thought, and I told her I believed in immersion. She is a Methodist, but her husband is a Baptist or a Disciple. She seemed very willing to order.

"No. 29. Well, well, I wish I had the time (if you could spare the time also) to tell you how surely the Spirit of God and the angel helped me to laud this hard-hearted, sarcastic milk man, whose wife wanted the book so badly, but evidently was afraid to buy; but about three minutes after I closed my canvass he asked me if I could leave one. Of course I said I could, and he handed me the \$2.75.

"No. 30 was the last one, at 3:30 P. M. on Friday. This lady was so glad to get the book that she paid me part down with one-half bushel of prunes."

Thus ended a week that netted the worker \$89.10, with \$29.20 of this amount in cash. The amount of orders is encouraging, but Brother Dunham counts the spiritual blessings far above the financial remuneration. What will this week of seed sowing bring forth for the Master?

In closing, this brother writes:—

"It is Sunday night now, and is quite late, so good night. I want to get in another forty hours this week. I am of good courage and feel fine."

Others can enjoy these blessings for themselves, and the writer is waiting for others to write that they are now ready to take up this work. "Time is short." "Soon the night cometh, in which no man can work." We will all have to give an account for the way in which we have spent our time. Our work now will appear before God in the judgment just as it is. We cannot hide our neglected opportunities from him. Let us seek God earnestly, "for we may all know our place in this closing message." Ignorance will not excuse us.

I. G. BIGELOW.

Bradford, Pa., Kendall St. Station.

ELDERS WAGNER and Williams spent some time in Erie last week.

We are pleased to learn that the Misses Arlie and Goldie Porter of Duke Center are attending Mount Vernon College.

Encouraging letters have been received at the office relative to the school at Indiana, Pa., and we are glad to note that they are looking forward to a prosperous school year.

The church-school at Corydon opened September 13 with an enrollment of five and prospects of others. All desiring information concerning the school correspond with Eld. I. N. Williams.

Now is the time to enroll your name with the Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Catalogue and application blanks will be cheerfully furnished upon request. This is your opportunity.

In the VISITOR of September 15 it was stated that Elder F. H. Robbins expected to move to Greensburg the latter part of September, but owing to the interest in Erie, it has been decided that it will be best to have Elder Robbins and family remain where they are during the winter.

Orders are already coming in for No. 9 of the "Testimonies of the Church," the latest, the best and most important of all numbers of the "Testimonies." Retail prices: Cloth, 75 cents, regular leather, flexible, \$1.25; thin flexible, \$1.25. Have your order in early as you cannot afford to be without this number.

Appointments for General meetings as follows: Coudersport, September 30 to October 1; Bradford, October 7 to 11; and Erie, October 14 to 18. At the Erie meeting meals will be served in the basement of the church at reasonable rates. Remember the dates and arrange to attend the meeting nearest you. Good help will be provided for these meetings.

"Quiet Talks on Service" is the first book to be taken up in the Missionary Volunteer course (price \$.75). This book is an excellent work and well worth to anyone the time spent in reading it. Do not delay in placing your order for a copy. Remember the reading courses begin in the *Instructor* of October 5. Let every one receive an education for the highest service. "Love and loyalty to Christ are the spring of all true service." "Parents and teachers by taking an interest in the work of the young people, will be able to give them the benefit of their own larger experience, and can help them to make their efforts effective for good."

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 17, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
§C. Dunham, Indiana Co.		GC	14	90	46	126 70		126 70	60 80
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.		CK	5	40	18	26 50		26 50	2 50
O. G. Butler, Erie Co.		CK	2	10	3	3 50	10	3 60	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	5	40	27	58 25	4 10	62 35	7 10
T. Saxon, Armstrong Co.		GC	5	43½	9	25 75	9 15	34 90	53 97
A. McIntyre, Armstrong Co.		SP	3	23½	18	2 50	7 40	33 90	60
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.		GC	5	25	4	11 00	1 50	12 50	2 75
J. A. Heaton, Bedford Co.		GC	6	41	7	20 25	3 75	24 00	21 75
Totals,			41	313	132	\$298 45	\$26 00	\$324 45	\$149 47

Ohio, Week Ending September 17, 1909

Jay Chrisman, Madison Co.	DR	5	39	23	\$65 25	\$3 50	\$68 75	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	5	45	12	33 00	4 60	37 60	4 25
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.	DR	5	34	6	17 50	12 00	29 50	
Ray Corder, Belmont Co.	DR	5	42½			13 25	13 25	147 60
F. E. Wagner, Stark Co.	DR	4	29	4	10 00		10 00	
*C. V. Leach, Washington Co	DR	4	42	2	5 50		5 50	185 00
C. Hamilton, Licking Co.	DR	2	20	1	3 75		3 75	44 75
†Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	7	58	7	19 52		19 25	73 50
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	36					46 35
L. H. Waters, Portage Co.	CK	5	44	31	33 00		38 00	2 60
E. E. Shaw, Lucas Co.	CK	5	38½	14	18 50	2 00	20 50	3 00
R. DeGarmo, Summit Co.	CK	5	15½	16	17 00	3 00	20 00	
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.	CK	3	23	6	6 00		6 00	35
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.	CK	5	41					125 40
Guy Corder, Belmont Co.	BF	5	43	31	34 00	3 50	37 50	
Totals		70	550½	153	\$267 75	\$41 85	\$309 60	\$632 80

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 19, 1909

S. L. Lush, Sulmar, Md.	GC	4	41	22	75 50	2 50	78 00	
A. Willman, Church Hill, Md.	GC	5	52			1 25	1 25	123 25
W. H. Spicer, Chapel, Md.	GC	5	40	2	5 50	60	6 10	77 35
Mrs. Wright, Easton, Md.	GC	4	31			2 50	2 50	23 60
Mrs. Whaley, Sudlersville, Md.	GC	5	35	8	31 00		31 00	
J. G. Mitchell, Mexico, Md.	G	3	22	8	22 00	2 25	24 25	
C. Tracy, Montgomery, Md.	GC	3	21					156 30
S. N. Brown, Millstone, Md.	GC	4	37	4	11 00	17 50	28 50	
J. Paden, Indian Spring, Md.	CK	4	37½	9	11 50	8 25	19 75	
Totals,		37	319½	53	\$156 50	\$34 85	\$191 35	\$380 40

New Jersey, Week Ending September 10, 1909

H. Murphey, S. Brunswick	DR	3	25					90 00
Geo. W. Blinn, Hunteerton	GC	3	30	18	50 50	1 00	51 50	
S. A. Oberg, Piscataway	GC	3	32	2	6 50		6 50	93 09
Lena Matson, Franklin	HH	2	19	2	6 00		6 00	15 20
†S. W. N. Walker, Bloomfield	CK	5	23	20	20 00	25	20 25	20 25
S. W. N. Walker, Bloomfield	CK	4	26	12	12 00	1 50	13 50	13 50
C. F. Woertz, Toms River	CK	2	20					35 00
Totals,		22	172	54	\$95 00	\$2 75	\$97 75	\$266 95

West Virginia, Week Ending September 17, 1909

J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	10	67	8	13 25	17 75	31 00	4 50
A. T. Halstead, Boone Co.	DR	3	20	11	25 25	13 70	38 95	2 10
D. Whitmire, Hampshire Co. Helps						24 00	24 00	
Totals,		13	87	19	\$38 50	\$55 45	\$93 95	\$6 60

Virginia, Week Ending September 10, 1909

E. Truman, Cape Charles	GC		19	4	11 00	10 05	21 55	1 40
K. Oertley, Radford	SP		13	1	1 25			22 00
E. Roberson, Richmond	BR		13	6	13 00	6 85	19 85	1 00
C. Pease, Richmond	BR		5	3	8 25	3 00	11 25	
A. Schenk, Lawry			24			70	70	2 75
Totals			74	14	\$33 50	\$21 10	\$53 35	\$27 15

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 10, 1909

E. J. Rudolph, Montgomery	DR	5	31	11	30	25	1	50	31	75	1	25
W. Reynolda, Montgomery	DR	3	25	4	8	00			8	00		
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	3	31	3	7	25			7	25	85	00
S. Ehman, Philadelphia	DR	1	4	2	6	50			6	50		
John Kennedy, Berks	DR	4	31	2	5	50			5	50	54	38
G. B. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GC	4	31	3	9	25	8	65	17	90	5	75
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	3	34	6	6	50			6	50	129	50
Totals,		23	187	31	\$73	25	\$10	15	\$83	40	\$275	88

*Two weeks

† Week ending September 11

‡ Week ending September 3

\$Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,153 85. Deliveries, \$1,739.25.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending September 10

A. Sherman, Passaic, Jersey City	57	ST	\$57	30
Hugh Peden, Woodbury	27	LH	27	50
W. F. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Newark	30	LH, ST	19	00
Louise Henley, Newark	22	ST, LH	3	00
Norma Murphy, Trenton	20	LH	5	00
Totals,			\$111	80

VIRGINIA

Experiences in Virginia

WE have been having some interesting experiences in the canvassing work in our conference, which have been a source of much encouragement to those here; and with the hope that others will be encouraged to claim God's promises and step out into this work, I will relate a brother's experience.

This brother, who had only been in the truth about a year, was impressed to take up the canvassing work. He decided to enter it, but as soon as he had done this difficulties began to arise. For a time it seemed he was to be defeated in his purpose; for if the way did not open for him to go by a certain time he would have to take up another line of work which had been offered him. We had done all in our power to help him, but seemingly in vain. We felt that there was nothing more we could do, but trust in the Lord to open the way for him. It seemed we were at a crisis, so together we knelt in prayer and asked God to open the way for him to enter this work, and we could only praise our heavenly father for the result. The day before the time for him to start to work the way was opened for him to canvass.

Accompanied by myself he went to the Eastern Shore where no canvassing had been done. We went to work immediately, and by noon had a good room with Christian people where the privilege was given us to live and speak the truth. I might say here that the people of Virginia are great

meat eaters, and naturally when we refused to eat meat they thought it very strange. This soon led to a health talk, and by the end of the week the lady had decided to discontinue meat eating. She also read the "Great Controversy" prospectus through.

After a short stay in the city we started to work in the country, and the first person we canvassed gave us an order for "Great Controversy." However, we found that four people out of every five were colored. We thought for a time this would be a drawback, but having a few "New Testament Primers" on hand we canvassed the colored people with those. To our surprise we sold them at nearly every house. We felt that the Lord was leading us, but we were to have our faith tested just the same, for when night came no one seemed able to keep us, but we had trusted all to him who had led us thus far, and he did not desert us. By eight o'clock we found a place. Here we took an order for a library binding. All the week through we seemed to be led along. Most all the white families we met gave us their orders. One day we sold forty-four "New Testament Primers" in six hours, besides several large books in a little colored town. The second night we stayed with a family who seemed very much inclined to read novels. After talking to them a while on the injury of such things they ordered a book.

The most striking instance of a divine hand leading us was on the last night in the week. No one seemed to have room for us; at last we met a man and after canvassing him he seemed very much interested. As it

was then almost dark we thought sure he would keep us, but suddenly he would have nothing to do with us. This looked discouraging, but we were led to a fine Christian home where they took us in, and we had an opportunity of presenting points of truth to them. We never stayed at a place but what they gave us an order for the book.

I could go on and relate many other instances of how we were led. Once we were led back the same road, and a man met us and asked,—

"Are you the gentlemen selling books?" When told we were, he said,—

"I overheard you canvass Mr. Hunt, and I want you to bring me a book too."

When the week closed we had orders to the amount of \$82.50 in thirty-three hours' work.

From this experience one can see how God leads our canvassers. Others can have these experiences if they will step out and go to work in the right way. This is only a few that one brother is having. Hundreds of our canvassers are having similar manifestations of God's love.

Are there not others who would like to be out in this work too? We have plenty of excellent territory, just as good as where this brother is working. The "Testimonies" tell us that where there is one in the field there should be a hundred. Are you one of the ninety and nine that are not in the work?

V. O. PUNCHES.

316 S. Laurel St., Richmond, Va.

In a Nutshell

WHAT wonderful possibilities are contained in the shell which encases the seed! The old saying, "Tall oaks from little acorns grow," comprehends a mighty truth.

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In Eastern Pennsylvania

AFTER spending September 14 at Philadelphia in counsel with the East Pennsylvania Conference and the Philadelphia sanitarium, Elder Heckman and I left for Harrisburg. The Lord greatly blessed in the four meetings held the 15th and 16th with the church at Harrisburg. As the meetings grew in strength, the brethren experienced a new consecration to the Lord. They entered with enthusiasm into the plan of the Ingathering Campaign. A young minister from another denomination was present at the last meeting and expressed his deep interest in this truth. He gave his name and address, indicating his desire to know more.

The brethren here remembered the needs of Mount Vernon College, as they did in the other churches visited.

We held two meetings with the church at Northumberland, Friday, September 17. Here also a good advance was made. Though burdened with the enterprise of their new church building, the members here responded to the calls made. All went forward with new courage.

Sabbath the 18th was a good day. While riding, early in the morning, to our next appointment, I fell in with a Baptist minister. I had a splendid visit with him on the points of truth. He gave me his card, so that I might send him reading matter on the Sabbath. On arriving at Williamsport we held three meetings, morning, afternoon, and Saturday night. The voice of praise was heard from all present for the good blessings of the day. The Ingathering Campaign and the needs of Mount Vernon College were remembered.

Probably one of the most precious meetings we held was with the church at Roaring Branch. In the afternoon both all the members of the church and some outsiders came forward to consecrate themselves. A splendid interest among the outsiders exists here. In the evening a large audience was present and were deeply convicted by the word spoken. It gave us great pleasure to visit Prof. Elon Salisbury, whose home is here, and to find him somewhat recovered from his severe illness.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE FUND

Previously reported.....	\$1,602 81
Harrisburg, Penn.....	37 20
Northumberland, Penn.....	16 51
Williamsport ".....	25 61
Roaring Branch ".....	13 15

Total \$1,695.28

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Letter

JUST a few days ago I returned from Mount Vernon College. Everything was in a preparatory state for the rush of eager students who are coming to take up their studies for another year. Papering, painting, and general repairs are being done to make the building as neat and comfortable as possible. The heating and water system will all be in excellent condition in due time for the work of the coming year.

These repairs are being accomplished with comparatively a small

amount of means in sight to meet the expense, but we have faith to believe that our people who have been so loyal in the past are going to share equally in the blessing from thus giving. We appeal to those who have made pledges to send your money to the state treasurer as soon as possible, and to those who have not as yet taken up the one-cent-a-day plan to begin paying your quota at once. It is absolutely necessary that we have money to meet the expense of the present repairs, also to cancel obligations with those who have patiently waited a long time for the money that is due them from the institution. Something MUST be done. Let every worker as soldiers of the cross answer the roll call and take their position in the battle and soon we will win the day.

Please attend to this promptly and earnestly. Now is the time to strike when all are interested and working in behalf of Mount Vernon College. Pray for the educational work.

E. R. BROWN.

A Recommendation

WE have found something so good we consider it a god-send. We feel that we should pass it on to you. We recently sent a trial order to the Nashville Sanitarium Food Factory, and we find the foods fully equal and some superior, in our estimation, to any others.

While these foods are the very highest grade, yet we consider them the cheapest (all things considered) that can be bought. For granular foods, "Ruskola," "Dixie Kernel," and "Malt'd Nuts" cannot be excelled. All the crackers are fine. The fruit crackers are the "best ever." In fact, we are more than pleased with all we have tried.

We feel that it can no more be said in Israel, "We like the health foods, and would like to have them all the time, but they are so expensive that we cannot afford it." All can afford these foods at the prices they are being sold, and none can afford to be without them.

We thank God for this consecrated health food institution, and trust it will have the hearty support of all our people.

We are not paid for writing this. Neither are we writing it at anyone's suggestion, but we write from real appreciation for such an institution among us, and because we want all our people to know the real worth of these foods as we know them—by testing them.

We pray God's richest blessing upon the promoters of this institution, and hope it will always fill the place in the third angel's message which God has designed for it.

M. R. AND MRS. J. W. HELLINGER.