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

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TIME AND CHANCE

Not to the swift in the journey of life,
Not to the strong,
But to the wise when the battle is on,
Hope and a song.

Not to the man who in learning excels,
Riches are given,
But to the one who is earnest in prayer,
Wealth of high heaven,

Not to the skilful in science and art,
Noblest reward,
But to the lowly in heart and life,
Blessings from God.

—*Eliza H. Morton.*

Home Missionary Work

SOULS are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die. Our brethren have talents entrusted to them for the very work of saving souls; but some have bound these up in a napkin, and buried them in the earth. How much do such idlers resemble the angel who is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? What manner of entreaty can be brought to bear upon the idlers that will arouse them to go to work for the Master? What can we say to the slothful church member to make him realize the necessity of unearthing his talent, and putting it out to the exchangers? There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven. O that God would set this matter in all its importance before the sleeping churches! O that Zion would arise and put on her beautiful garments! O that she would shine!

There are many ordained ministers who have never yet exercised a shepherd's care over the flock of God, who have never yet watched for souls as they that must give an account. The church instead of developing is

left to be a weak, dependent, inefficient body. The members of the church, trained to rely upon preaching, do little for Christ. They bear no fruit, but rather increase in selfishness and unfaithfulness. They put their hope in the preacher and depend upon his efforts to keep alive their faith. Because the church members have not been properly instructed by those whom God has placed as overseers, many are slothful servants, hiding their talents in the earth, and still complaining of the Lord's dealing toward them. They expect to be tendered like sick children.

This condition of weakness must not continue. Well-organized work must be done in the church that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light.

Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it.

The idea that a minister must carry all the burdens and do all the work, is a great mistake. Overworked and broken down, he may go into the grave, when had the burden been shared as the Lord designed, he might have lived. That the burden may be distributed, an education must be given to the church by those who can teach the workers to follow Christ and to work as he worked.

THE YOUTH TO BE MISSIONARIES

Let not the youth be ignored; let them share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves.

Let overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older

members of the church seek to do earnest work, and compassionate work for the children and youth. Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work. But do not imagine that you can arouse their interest merely by preaching a long sermon at the missionary meeting. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled. Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meetings would not be dull and tedious. They would be full of interest, and there would be no lack in attendance.

In every church the members should be trained that they will devote time to the winning of souls to Christ. How can it be said of the church, "Ye are the light of the world," unless the members are actually imparting light?

Let those who have charge of the flock of Christ awake to their duty, and set many souls to work.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

"A Short Measuring Time"

WE read from chapter 33 of "Desire of Ages," "The brothers of Jesus could not fathom the mission which he came to fulfil, and therefore could not sympathize with him in his trials. Their coarse unappreciative words showed that they had no true perception of his character, and did not discern that the divine blended with the human. His sensitive nature was tortured, his motives misunderstood, his work uncomprehended. Those who are called to suffer for Christ's sake, who have to endure misapprehension and distrust even in their own homes may find comfort in the

thought that Jesus has endured the same. He is moved with compassion for such; he bids them find a companionship in him, and relief where he found it, in communion with the Father. Such are not left as are orphans, to bear the trials of life alone. He bids them call his Father their Father. These are his 'little ones,' dear to the heart of God, bound to him by the most tender and abiding ties."

All who read this most excellent work can testify to the truth that Jesus suffered as everyone will be called upon to suffer ere the end. But thanks be to God "we may gather warmth from the coldness of others." It matters not how hard these trials may come nor from whom—the zeal of his true servants always "chases doubt away." For one, I know from experience how true God and his angels are to answer the petitions sent to him in troubles. Trials and temptations come; but with them there is made also a way of escape that we may be able to bear them and not lose our hold of Christian graces. Perilous times are here; even the elect are sorely tried "as by fire," but mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, each shall have peace—reward even here in proportion to the faith with which we daily live and walk. Let us each search the Scriptures; go alone to commune with him and rest while gaining new courage and zeal. We may grow spiritually only in proportion to the interest we take in service: in scattering the printed page. Let us all take a hand in the campaign of soliciting for missions, and thus have our share of reward.

God knows us and sees us hourly. Why cannot everyone help just a little? It will change our whole being, fill us full of enthusiasm and faith, and cause us to be bolder soldiers of the cross.

MRS. DELL FLETCHER.

Called to be Witnesses

IN a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import,—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.

The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work.

Christ says of his people, "Ye are the light of the world." It is not a small matter that the counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. This places on us a heavy responsibility. God expects us to impart to others the knowledge he has given us. It is his purpose that divine and human instrumentalities shall unite in the proclamation of the warning message.

So far as his opportunities extend, every one who has received the light of truth is under the same responsibility as was the prophet of Israel to whom came the word, "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. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezek. 33:7-9.

Are we to wait until the fulfilment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what he has said? In clear, distinct rays, light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, "even at the door." Let us read and understand before it is too late.

We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts. Those who have been buried

with Christ in baptism are to rise to newness of life, giving a living representation of the life of Christ. Upon us is laid a sacred charge. The commission has been given us: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20, margin. You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation. Heaven's perfection is to be your power.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9.

Get A College Education

WE are living in a time when intensity is taking hold of people in a more marked degree than in any preceding age. We can point to no time in the annals of history when activity in all the affairs of life had reached so high a point as it occupies at the present hour. There perhaps never has lived a generation that has gone at such break-neck speed as the one that is living now. Never in the past was there a time when wealth had been accumulated in such proportions as it is being hoarded up at the present time. This same intensity has taken hold of every profession. Since this is true, we find that it is none the less true that the world everywhere to-day calls more loudly than ever before for men and women of ability, who are able to fill responsible positions.

In order that one may fill as large a position as he is capable of occupying, it is incumbent that he be given the best training possible. This brings us to the point of his education. Young men and young women who have a college education are in greater demand now than ever before. Why is this so?—Partly because we are living in a careless age, and partly because more is expected of young people now than a few years ago. We cannot expect to meet these demands unless a greater preparation is made. The world holds out but meagre prospects to a young man or young woman who has not received a good education. Among the myriads of opportunities that are open everywhere to-day to young people, but few are offered to the uneducated. Not only is it true that the world at large is calling for well-trained young

people and to such, holds out a bright future, but it is equally true that such young people are in demand in the cause of the third angel's message. And to the one who enlists his services in the cause of the Prince of Peace is assured rewards and honors compared to which those of the world lose their lustre and brilliancy. In holy writ it is said: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

The drum-beat of the third angel's message is to follow the sun. It must be sounded in every land and clime. An all-wise Father has given to the young people of this denomination great opportunities for doing good. He has given to them gifts and ability which if properly trained may become powers for good. These talents are not to be wrapped in a napkin, but to be developed and used to bring liberty and light and the knowledge of God into the dark recesses of the earth. The message that this people is to bear to the world is the gospel for this time. In their hands they are to carry the torch that shall lighten every sad and benighted heart. They must not shrink from the responsibility which has been placed upon them. But before many can successfully do the work which has been allotted to them, a few years' training will be necessary. Let each young man and young woman ask himself and herself these questions before engaging in any worldly pursuit: Am I meeting God's ideal for me? Am I occupying the place that God has intended that I should fill? If not, why not, and what can I do so as to quickly enter the ranks where my Captain has need of me? In volume six of the "Testimonies" we read: "All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God." Thus we see that God's plan for each one is to prepare to enter his service. No one is to be passed by. There is room for all to enter. This will mean that many who are now on the farm will prepare to enter Mount Vernon College. It will also mean that many who have outlined this or that career will change their plans, and instead of engaging in worldly pursuits, they will plan to come to school so as to prepare themselves for service in the Master's vineyard.

Since we have a message that is to be carried not only to every tribe and

nation, but to every class of each of these peoples, it is quite evident that in order to do this successfully, we must be able to meet these people, especially the educated, on their own ground, as Paul did. Hence the necessity of well trained men and women again is brought to view.

Perhaps the field that is in greatest need of college trained men and women is the mission field. Before one starts to a foreign land, he needs a knowledge of many things, such as language, science, history, hygiene, mechanics,—in short, a good college training. In studying missionary history, one finds that those who have been able to do great things for God, have mostly been college trained men and women.

Let each young person of this union ask himself this question: "Can I give a good reason why I should not go to Mount Vernon College this year?" If not, why not begin to plan to come? Many good courses of instruction are offered here. Do not let the golden opportunity of getting an education pass by unimproved. Come and enjoy with us the benefits of this school year.—*Lawrence Anderson, in The Columbian.*

Work for All

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Eccl. 3:1. The above words of the wise man, written nearly one thousand years before the advent of our Lord, are filled with a special meaning for us who are living down in the time of the sounding of the voice of the seventh angel. We have reached the time for the mystery of God to be finished. This is the generation that God said would see this mystery finished; this generation will see it finished. There is nothing uncertain about it. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations and then shall the end come." This gospel is rapidly being carried to all the world for a witness; the end is drawing on apace.

The one great thing that should be attracting the attention of God's remnant people, the one thing that should have their undivided interest, is the proclaiming of the third angel's message. Our hopes are all based upon the finishing of this one grand work, and we are never to be satisfied in any line of service which does not afford us an opportunity to assist in

carrying this work forward to completion.

"The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it." "No one will ever enter heaven who has not been a laborer together with God." It means much to be "a laborer together with God" in these days. It means much to fail to be. "If we are not active in the service of Christ, we are ranking with those who are in positive hostility against him." "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

Possibly we cannot cross the ocean and the heathen lands explore; possibly you cannot preach like Paul, but it may be that the Lord has given you talent which, if developed, would enable you to go out and circulate the printed page which he has said should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. We have reached the time when a great work is to be accomplished by our God-fearing canvassers. "We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications?" Do I hear some whom the Lord is impressing to take up this work say, I never can canvass; I am not fit for this work; I am not cut out for it? Listen, "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power." What more can we ask?

There never was a time in the past when conditions were so favorable for our canvassing work as at the present. This work must go, and what we do not do now will have to be done at a time far less favorable. The Lord is richly blessing those who are now in the field. He stands ready to bless you. Will you enlist?—*C. E. Weeks, in North Pacific Union Gleaner.*

Science and the Bible

THE term science as here used refers to what is included in the natural sciences. Natural science treats of creation, and of ourselves as a part of creation. It reaches even beyond this earth to the numberless worlds that move in space. In short, science treats of the material universe, and the forces that operate therein. The study of science is the study of creation.

The Bible consists of the writings of men who were inspired of God. They wrote, not of their own volition, but as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. They wrote that which they

did not know, and which their own wisdom could not comprehend. The knowledge which they recorded was revealed to them by the Creator. The Bible is therefore a revelation from God.

We conclude, then, that the study of science and the Bible is a study of the creation and the revelation of God the Creator. The Bible is the Old Testament of Scripture, and science is the Older Testament of nature. Both speak to man of the power, the wisdom, and the love of God. These two books, having the same author, do not contradict each other. The Old Testament Scripture would not have been written had not the Older Testament of nature become mutilated and blurred as a consequence of sin. But in the light that emanates from the book of revelation the works of creation shine forth with a new luster and brilliancy, making clear and harmonious the seeming discrepancies between science and the Bible. In fact, these two great books, instead of contradicting each other, declare with one voice the same great truths, proving that creation and revelation have one and the same God, and that he is a God of infinite love, infinite wisdom, and infinite power.

The Bible and science shed light upon each other. By beholding God through these two lenses of truth, we get a clearer and more glorious view of his marvelous character. These two books might be compared to the two glasses of the stereoscope. The object of our vision appears clear and well-defined, standing out in distinct, living perspective when viewed through both glasses, but is robbed of much of its beauty and vividness when viewed through but one. So likewise when we behold God through both creation and revelation, how glorious his character appears!

Because of the close relation between creation and the revelation of God, the Bible abounds with allusions to nature. Nature presents to the eye concrete illustrations of principles set forth in the Bible. The "sun," the "morning-star," the "lamb," the "lion," the "bread," the "lily of the valley," the "rose of Sharon," the "fountain," the "light," the "vine," and many other objects are used to represent and elucidate to the mind different traits in the character of Christ. "Dew," "rain," "snow," "salt," "clay," "vapor," "clouds," "briers," "thorns," "stubble," "leaven," and a multitude of other things are used to illustrate the

character of the righteous and the wicked.

The purpose and burden of the Scriptures is not to teach the facts of science, but rather to draw lessons from the objects in nature that will help man to learn the science of right living. But while the Bible does not devote its pages to unfolding the facts of science, yet the principles of true science study and investigation are given. Some of the facts also of science are clearly stated. Any assertion or implication of scientific fact, even though but incidental to the presentation of some spiritual lesson or truth, is just as true and authoritative as if the whole Bible were a treatise on scientific knowledge. This is true because the producer of all scientific phenomena, of whatever nature or cause, is the Author of the Bible. He who made all things, and he alone, is able to tell all the truth, and nothing but the truth, about the things he has made.

All the objects of creation and all the facts of science are shorn of much of their value and interest if they do not lead the mind of the student to the Creator and instil in his heart a greater love and reverence for God. All God's created works reveal to man the wisdom, the power, and the love of his Creator. It is the Christian who receives the greatest good from the study of science; for he views all nature as his Father's handiwork, and sees in it a perpetual, living witness to the truthfulness of the teachings of God's word.—*M. E. Cady, in Christian Education.*

Failure That Cannot Defeat

FAILURE is a sickening thing, but we have no right to let it be a signal for giving up. The man who fails because of his failures, has surrendered in a fight that God meant to have him win. "There is no man who has won a perfect victory," says Speer. "Men are not divided into two classes—the men who fail and the men who succeed. *Every man is in the failing class.* Men are simply divided into different groups according to the attitude they take toward their failures." The men who fail and conquer are they who refuse to let their failures speak the last word.—*Signs of the Times.*

My Visit to Baltimore

It was my privilege to be at the closing meeting of the Baltimore tent effort, McCulloh and Whitlock streets, which was conducted by Elder C. B.

Haynes. The tent was filled with interested listeners who have been coming night after night drinking in the truths of the last message to the world. Many have found peace, and are looking with a brighter hope for that eternal day.

Baltimore is a Catholic city, and consequently is very difficult to labor in. It was not until about the first of August that a suitable lot was found where meetings were permitted. The church so controls the state affairs that it is necessary to secure the signatures of every resident for a block each way before the city will grant a permit to pitch a tent and hold gospel meetings. Surely we should double our efforts in the large cities while we still have opportunity to work.

I secured the following statistics of this meeting, which gives an idea of the cost and result of a well advertised meeting:—

Meetings held	55
Accepted the truth	35
Total expense	\$185 00
Total collections	263 50
Books sold at tent	100 00
Aggregate attendance 55 meetings	12,310
Average attendance	224
Average collection	3 70
Average attendance Sunday nights	425
Average collection Sunday nights	7 80
Average attendance week-day nights	179
Average collection week-day nights	2 79

The expense may be divided as follows:—

Lot rent	\$64 00
Advertising	60 40
Lighting	19 80
Lumber	18 50
Carting	20 00
Miscellaneous	2 30
Total	\$185 00

I wish to call special attention to the attendance throughout the entire effort. It costs quite a sum of money to secure a large congregation, but the time is past when we can expect good attendance without putting forth considerable means.

It has been my observation that a well advertised meeting will pay its own expenses, and more too. Thus they are really less expensive to the conference than the smaller meeting, which depends upon the occasional announcement, trying to keep within a limit. Now I do not want to encourage extravagance, but I believe

our message can go to a vastly greater number of people by the same number of workers if more attention is given to advertising.

At these meetings the basket was passed at the close of each sermon and the people gave something regularly towards the expenses. At the close of the series the donations amounted to \$203.50, a little more than the total expenses, besides the profit on \$100 in book sales.

Thirty-five have accepted the truth and many more are in the valley of decision.

At the close of the services the outsiders in the congregation expressed their appreciation for his labors by presenting Elder Haynes with a purse.

Baltimore churches No. 1 and No. 2 have united into one body and are highly enthusiastic over the goodly number just brought into the truth, which will swell their numbers to a nice size congregation.

E. R. BROWN.

In the Lord's Strength

In meditating upon the strength and courage to be gained from obedience to the requirements of God, we are led to exclaim with the Psalmist, "O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee?" Surely the Lord is good and greatly to be praised! There is nothing that can separate us from his wondrous love. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, no depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38, 39.

Is there any reason why we should not be "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might"?—None whatever. "We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us." Surely we have every reason for encouragement to press onward, when we are privileged to lean upon the strong arm of Jehovah. "Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isa. 26:4.

Therefore let us be strong in the Lord, and very courageous. Let us press onward in the Lord's strength, overcoming by his grace, heeding not the stumbling blocks nor rough places. Let us keep our feet in the straight and narrow path that leads upward to the city of God.

Let our eyes be raised Zionward, and soon they will behold our Lord

the strength of our salvation, yes, the King in his beauty.

In thy strength, O Lord, I stand!
Lead me night and day;
Clasp, O Lord, my trembling hand,
Lest I lose my way.

Over all life's rugged pathway,
Blessed Lord, I pray,
Thou wilt lead me gently onward—
Lead me lest I stray.

Till at last I stand the victor
In thy strength complete,
On the golden shore to sing thee
Praises which are sweet.

Praises to my dear Redeemer,
That his guiding hand,
All along the way hath led me
To the promised land.

Then with the saints in glory,
Then with all the pure and free,
With thee, Saviour, I shall ever
Dwell throughout eternity.

CORA E. BIGELOW,

Bradford, Pa.

WEST VIRGINIA

MRS. P. W. PERCY is visiting her parents in New Jersey.

The Parkersburg church is glad to welcome Brother and Sister David Haddix back home.

Elder W. R. Foggin spent a few days recently at home. Five have taken their stand for the truth at Little Birch, and several others are on the border line.

C. J. Wheeler sends in his first report this week. Fifty-two dollars is a good report for his first weeks' work in our state. He has ordered, as a starter, 100 copies of *Liberty* as helps. We wish him much success.

Miss Bessie Marshall, of Morgantown, has sold her twenty-five papers and returned profits for the Tent and Camp Fund. Sister Kent, of Mason City, has also sold quite a number of her papers, and donated the profits to the same fund.

The children of the Parkersburg Sabbath-school had their Harvest Ingathering services, Sabbath, October 16. They began missionary investments the first of the summer with one cent each which their teacher gave them and brought in between six and seven dollars at their services.

Orders for Harvest Ingathering Reviews have been received since last issue as follows:—

Previously reported.....	\$11 03
Charleston.....	5 00
Morgantown.....	1 00
Walker.....	25
Clarksburg (2nd order).....	60
Elder Godfrey.....	1 00
Total.....	\$18 88

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

AFTER careful and prayful consideration we pitched our new 50x70 tent at the east corner of 60th and Walnut streets, and began our meetings June 21. This site is about one mile from our church in a comparatively new but rapidly growing section of our city.

Although our tent was in close proximity to three popular churches, from whom we received considerable opposition, attractive, illustrated folders advertising our meetings secured for us continuously large and interested audiences, whom we were at times unable to accommodate.

We immediately began to get acquainted with the people, but to do this in the Quaker City requires a method equal to a long established conservatism. It was not until three summers passed that we inaugurated what has proved to be the most successful scheme. It is this: to liberally supply the people with literature, for which they in turn willingly increased their offerings. A tract upon the theme of the evening is given at each service, on condition that the individual receiving the same will call at the rostrum and give his name and address to one of the secretaries, it being explained that we desire to know that the literature is going into the hands of those who will appreciate it.

This year we secured about three hundred names on our free reading list, many of these individuals having become deeply interested in the truth as the result of hearing and reading.

The clear and forceful presentation of the truth for thirteen weeks, and faithful daily visitation resulted in leading forty persons to accept the Sabbath truth, all of whom, with a few exceptions, we believe will follow on to more fully know the Lord and his truth for this time.

Since the tent was removed eleven new Sabbath keepers have united with the church. Other baptisms will follow in the near future.

The collections amounted to about \$350, which practically covered the entire expense of the tent effort.

The workers associated with Elder O. O. Bernstein were Sister Nellie B. Underwood, Sister Retta K. Gemberling, Sister Kathryn A. Earle, Earl W. Culver, and the writer. Brother Culver, our tent master, also rendered acceptable service as soloist. Sister Earle, whose services were provided by the courtesy of the Iowa Conference, did creditable work, which was greatly appreciated by all.

We are very grateful to our heavenly Father for his material and spiritual blessings during the summer's effort, and for the large and encouraging ingathering of precious souls into the garner of truth. We are holding private and cottage Bible studies with these and other interested ones. Remember the Quaker City and its needs in your prayers. We have 1,500,000 souls to warn.

WM. T. HILGERT.

ELDER CHARLES BAIERLE met with the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre churches October 9.

We are glad to see our Sabbath-schools falling into line by giving all their donations to missions. The latest reports show that all but three or four are doing this, and we trust that at the close of this quarter we can report all in line.

Six were baptized Sunday, October 10, in the First Philadelphia church.

One of our canvassers writes that his physician had practically given him up to die, but since entering this work the Lord is fast restoring him to health.

Orders are still coming in for the special *Signs*. We have now passed the four hundred mark.

Sister Nellie B. Underwood, who has for some years been connected with the work in this conference, has gone to connect with the Chamberlain Sanitarium as Bible instructor. We regret very much to lose this consecrated worker, but what is our loss will be their gain. Sister Rebecca Miller accompanied her as far as her home in Ohio.

Elder Charles Baierle was called to officiate at a funeral in Northumberland.

The November *Watchman* is filled with the following important subjects: "What is the Matter With the Churches?" "The Sabbath Before the Exodus," "The Eastern Question," "The Sanctuary in Heaven," "Christ Our Sacrifice," "The Immortal Declaration," "Revival of Old-Time Southern Education." Commencing with January 1, 1910, the subscription price of this magazine will be \$1 per year instead of 75 cts., as at the present time.

When this issue reaches the churches of this conference, we hope all will have perfected their organization to enter heartily into the ingathering campaign.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

We are now prepared to give a report of our summer's work. We pitched our tent for German speaking people on Eastern Ave., near Canton street, and began our meetings July 11. Our attendance was never very large, but the interest on the part of the ones that did attend was good. Our attendance would have been larger had it not been for the priests and pastors of the Catholic, Lutheran, and other churches becoming friends to keep out Seventh-day Adventism, or "Jews" as they styled us before their members. Members of the Presbyterian church told me what they had heard,—that these ministers were afraid that we wanted to build up a new sect here, and then build a church. So they made the work hard for us, as most of them are Catholics and Lutheran, and these are very hard to reach anyway. However, when we closed our tent effort at this place, there were six adults who promised to walk in all God's commandments. But as some found that they could not do this and keep their positions, they are still in the valley of decision. Others kept their promise and are rejoicing in the truth. We closed August 22 at the named place. On August 29, we began another effort on Baltimore and Canton streets. We closed our meetings here October 3, the weather being too cold to hold them any longer. So we now have six adults keeping the Sabbath of Jehovah, and about three times this number of people think to rest a little; but no time was given us. We were asked to open a hall at once, where Sunday night and ing about how they may do this and

not lose their positions or church relation and friends. We are very glad for this much among the Germans, for they are surely a hard class to reach. This summer's work was not without hard labor, with many tears and earnest prayers. It just seemed that Satan would succeed in keeping us out of this Catholic town (Highland-town).

But all praise be to God, who surely hath given us the victory. To him belongeth all the praise; for it was he that did it. Now the ice is broken and the invitations for Bible readings in the homes come from every direction. We are not able to accept them all. After taking down the tent, my wife and I had thought Sabbath meetings are to be held. The rest of the nights we hold Bible readings in the homes. Last night we had fifteen people out in a new place, a private home, all eager to learn more of those things they heard of in the tent. We are indeed rejoicing with them. Pray for the German work here. This is a Catholic center and stronghold, where even the Cardinal has his seat. Gernhard's trained nurses, from Germany, are also meeting with good success in taking care of the sick people. They have all they can attend to well. We gave out fifty German papers regularly besides many English papers.

G. P. GAEDE.

David street.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

THREE new members were received into the church at Coudersport at the general meeting.

Sister Hester Knapp, of 119 North street, New Castel, Pa., enjoyed meeting with the Pittsburg church No. 1 recently for a quarterly meeting.

We are grieved to learn of the death of Sister Mary Reed, of Erie, which occurred October 2. We extend our deepest sympathy to friends and relatives.

We are glad to note the orders for "Testimonies," Vol. 9, and *Christian Education*, taken at the recent meetings held at Coudersport and Bradford.

Elder J. W. Watt was with the Coudersport church Sabbath, October 16, when the ordinances were celebrated, and went from there to Carter Camp, where several desired baptism.

Elder I. N. Williams met with the church at Corry, Sabbath, October 16, for quarterly services. Considering the stormy weather, the attendance was good and all felt greatly benefited.

Sunday night, October 10, at the Bradford church, Brother Robbins spoke to a full house on "The False Hope of a Second Probation." Nearly all the members who left our church and became interested in the millennial dawn movement were present.

At the last quarterly meeting held in Erie the church was privileged to have with them Brother Hayward who gave them a good talk on "Religious Life," "Home Life," "Education," and "Occupation." Brother Hayward's father held the first Seventh-day Adventist meeting in Erie.

OHIO

Houston

In the providence of God we were privileged to pitch our tent in this village.

Because of delay in transit of a portion of our tent, we could not pitch until Monday, September 13. That same evening we began our meetings with a fair attendance which, after the first week, increased until the tent was well filled with attentive hearers.

When it became known that we would speak on the subject of temperance, the ladies of the W. C. T. U. asked to assist in the meetings. This request was readily granted. The time appointed for this meeting came, and true to their promise, the ladies were on hand. The president opened the meeting with Scripture reading, and a chorus of twenty W. C. T. U. ladies furnished the music. The seating capacity of the tent was not sufficient to accommodate the audience.

We thank our heavenly Father for this opportunity to present real Bible temperance.

The tent effort closed Sunday night, October 10, but the interest will, God helping, be followed up.

The visible result of this effort is ten Sabbath-keepers and several interested ones who, we hope, will study farther. Will the VISITOR readers pray for them?

On two occasions, members of the Laura church visited us, and their help in music was much appreciated.

J. J. MARIETTA.

J. I. CASSELL.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending October 16, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ray Corder, Belmont Co.		GC	5	42	12	\$33 00	\$3 45	\$43 45	\$2 50
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.		GC	5	39	8	22 00	9 20	31 20	8 90
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.		GC	4	22½	4	11 00	5 25	16 25	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		DR	5	43	9	25 75	3 40	29 15	3 05
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.		DR	1	3			18 20	18 20	
F. Wagner, Summit Co.		DR	5	30	5	13 75		13 75	15 50
*C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.		CK	5	39	26	30 00	35	30 35	35
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.		CK	5	34½	17	22 50	2 50	25 00	3 50
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.		CK	2	14	17	18 50		18 50	
Guy Corder, Belmont Co.		BF	5	40	31	32 50	5 50	38 00	
Wm. Shobe, Athens Co.		BR	5	45	11	30 25	6 50	36 75	
Mrs. F. Wagner, Summit Co.			5	23		28 85		28 85	
Totals			52	375	140	\$283 10	\$54 35	\$322 45	\$33 80

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 16, 1909

T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	9	66	24	33 50	4 25	37 75	
O. G. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	3	17	4	4 50	90	5 40	
T. Saxon, Westmoreland Co.	GC	4	18½	11	32 25	10 35	42 60	
A. McIntyre, W'stm'r'lnd Co.	SP	5	25½	38	16 30	6 60	22 90	2 00
J. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	3	6	3	8 25	6 50	14 75	5 50
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	36	13	38 75		38 75	19 75
J. A. Heaton, Saxton	GC	3	23	6	18 50	2 25	20 75	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	36	16	43 15		43 15	23 25
Totals		37	283	85	\$195 20	\$30 85	\$226 05	\$50 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 8, 1909

Maryland									
C. B. Tracy, Baltimore City	GC	5	31¾	6	16 50	23 55	40 05		
J. W. Siler, Frederick Co.	GC	4	30½	12	33 00	1 20	34 20		13 05
O. E. Yingling, Carroll Co.	GC	3	22						46 25
Mrs. Wright, Queen Anne Co.	GC	3	18½						13 00
+Mrs. Whaley, Sudlersville	GC	6	38	10	32 50		32 50		31 50
D. H. Snyder, Washington Co.	CK	1	10						7 73
Totals		22	152¾	28	\$82 00	\$24 75	\$106 75	\$111 53	

West Virginia, Week Ending October 15, 1909

J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	7	65½	4	5 10	7 00	12 10	38 05
A. T. Halstead, Logan Co.	DR	1				3 00	3 00	41 00
C. J. Wheeler, Preston	GC	5	31	18	49 50	2 50	52 00	
Totals,		13	96½	22	\$54 60	\$12 50	\$67 10	\$79 05

Virginia, Week Ending October 8, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford	SP		25					25 10
E. Trummer, Cape Charles	GC		42	7	23 25	4 55	27 80	
E. Robinson, Richmond	BR		15	3	4 75	4 30	9 05	1 10
C. Pease, Richmond	BR		14	5	12 00	7 20	19 20	90
M. Jemerson, Richmond	CK		26			5 00	5 00	3 95
Totals		122	15	\$40 00	\$21 05	\$61 05	\$31 00	

New Jersey, Week Ending October 8, 1909

J. Rambo, Dividing Creek	DR	3	18	5	8 75	3 00	11 75	75
S. Oberg, New Brunswick	GC	2	18					118 50
Geo. Blinn, Himperton	GC	3	25					113 75
H. Dreyfuss, Alloway	GC	1	1					11 50
S. W. N. Walker, Bloomfield	CK	5	36	5	5 00	12 50	17 50	3 25
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An Adventist

WE call ourselves Seventh day Adventists because we keep the Sabbath and believe that the Lord's coming is near at hand. Sometimes I wonder if we really do believe, practice, and work as though we expected the Lord to come in this generation.

Do we do our utmost to inform our relatives, friends, and neighbors by use of the printed page that we are living in the time of the final crisis? We all know that "the press is a power; but if its products fall dead for want of men to circulate them widely, its power is lost." Our publishing houses are printing tons of ammunition for the soldiers on the firing line. Are we on the battle

front, or are we lagging behind?

God is calling his people into action. The enemy is sowing books containing frivolous and exciting stories that weaken minds instead of strengthening them. Worldly people are improving their time to get in their books before the holiday season is past. How about the true Seventh-day Adventist who has a wealth of literature at his command, books that contain good, solid, character building material, books that contain a message with power to save men from sin. What are you, dear readers, going to do with these books?

With but few exceptions, there is not an Adventist in this conference who could not show some of our good holiday books to their neighbors and say: "I have a book that my boy, or girl, has enjoyed reading and I thought you might like to have one for your boy. It contains just the stories that you would read to your children before putting them to bed. And I am sure you would like this, the price is only — cents."

Let us remember these books are entering wedges for our larger books, and now is the time to sell them. You do not need to learn a canvass,—just show the book, and you can easily make the sale.—*E. M. Oberg, in Nebraska Reporter.*

Prayer

"O Lord, I come to thee in prayer once more;

But pardon, if I do not kneel before Thy gracious presence; for my knees are sore

With so much walking. In my chair instead, I'll sit at ease, and humbly bow my head."

Just a bit of sarcasm. But it is striking. And how does it strike you?

There is a growing tendency among our ranks to sit and "humbly bow my head." O the pity of it, when the sinless angels veil their faces in his presence!

If there is anything impressive in this day of irreverence, when the average church-member "sits at ease" with humbly (?) bowed head, it is to see a congregation on their knees in humility before God.

This attitude in prayer, which is an outward expression of humility, has gone out of style in the popular churches. It is a cross they refuse to bear. To them it is a needless form—to a great many a very uncomfortable one.

But the contrite child of God instinctively bows his knees. It is not

a form to him. He has some conception of the majesty and power of the One he worships, and feels "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." Phil. 2:10.—*Bertha Iliff, in Report of Progress.*

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