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Come into Line*

LAST night I seemed to be standing before a large number of people who were not united. One would stand back while another desired to go forward. They were not standing in unity one with another. I saw a heavenly being appear before them, and heard him say, "Come into line." No one is fighting a battle on his own charges. The Master of assemblies says, "Come into line!"

After this I did not go to sleep again. I wondered whether in this meeting our brethren were coming into line. It is often very difficult for a large group of workers to come into full harmony with one another; but every one is to come into line, and fill his appointed place. May God help his servants to do this, is my prayer.

Although some may have followed their own way for a time, it is possible for them to return, and get into line. The Lord sees that it is not best for his children to be allowed to do as they please, and refuse to unite with their brethren who view matters somewhat differently from the way in which they may view them. He invites those who claim to believe the truths of his word, to come into line while they still have opportunity to harmonize with their brethren. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy on him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

There are some who do not readily respond to the invitation to forsake their own way, and come into harmony with God's way. They prefer to follow a way of their own choosing. Those who wish to do so have the privilege of continuing to walk in

their own unconsecrated way, but the end of that way is sorrow and destruction.

The Lord has men of his appointment whom he will use in his work so long as they allow themselves to be used in accordance with his good pleasure. He can never use any one who is seeking to humble some one else. Humble yourselves, brethren. When you do this, it is possible for holy angels to commune with you, and place you on vantage-ground. Then your experience, instead of being faulty will be filled with happiness. Seek to relate yourselves in harmony with God's leadings, and then you will be susceptible to the movings of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord is coming. The end of all things is at hand. There remains but little time in which to develop character. Our experience, our testimony, our daily conduct, is having an influence either for good or for evil. Which shall it be henceforth? Shall we choose to humble our hearts before God? Those who constantly advance in Christian perfection, from grace to grace, are a mighty, moving force for good in this world.

Often in the silent watches of the night I think of the sufferings of Christ in our behalf. Behold the Redeemer in the garden of Gethsemane. The thought of being separated from his father was the burden pressing so heavily upon his soul. He felt as if he might be unable to pass through such an experience. "If it be possible," He prayed, "let this cup pass from me." So great was his agony, that "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." It was for the sake of ransoming a lost world, that he passed through this agony.

While the Saviour was in the garden, the cup trembled in his hand. Should he refuse to drink? Only through his sacrifice could the sinner be saved. Should the divine sufferer refuse to drink of that cup trembling in his hand? It was then that a mighty angel came to strengthen him, and he prayed, "Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

At times, when in great trial or pain, I think, What is the use of continuing to work as I do? But I am ashamed of myself as soon as such a thought as this passes through my mind. I see Jesus, my Redeemer, suffering in Gethsemane; I see trembling in his hand the cup that is to separate him for a time, as it were, from his father; I see him suffering at the hands of cruel men; I see him smitten in the face, and suffering every indignity, and then mockingly commanded to show by a sign that he is the Saviour. Oh, what if he had refused to drink the cup of bitter agony he endured! What if his prayer had been answered! But God knew best, and strengthened his only begotten son to endure the agony and the shame, and become a propitiation for the sins of a lost world.

In view of the infinite sacrifice made by the son of God, what sacrifices are his followers making to-day? There must be more Christlikeness revealed in the daily life-practice. All are to be laborers together with God. There is a world to be warned, and all who name the name of Christ need to bring themselves into line with his divine purposes, that they may be prepared to co-operate with heavenly intelligencies in giving the last warning message to the world.

As the believers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church come into line, laboring faithfully in neighboring towns and in country districts, and bearing a decided message in the great cities, they will see fruit of their labors. The truth will go forth as a lamp that burneth. Many will unite with them in seeking diligently to do those things that are in accordance with the eternal purposes of God. They will move in harmony with his opening providences, and will labor unitedly for the advancement of his precious cause in the earth. Soon, if faithful, they will see the gates of the city of our God swing back on their glittering hinges, that the nations who have kept the truth may enter in to their eternal inheritance.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

*Portion of a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 27, 1910.

Go to School

FOR several years we have been able to tell our young men of seven-teen years and upwards how they might earn a scholarship in Mount Vernon College by selling books during the summer months. To-day we can say to the young women as well as to the young men, "Go to School."

The magazine scholarship plan has been launched. Those who will sell magazines to earn a scholarship make arrangements with their state tract society to sell on the scholarship basis, ordering all magazines through the tract society, returning to the tract society the full amount,—ten cents per copy.

To those working for scholarships, the tract society and publishing house, give one-half cent extra commission, and the school gives ten per cent from the regular tuition, which makes the matter of earning a scholarship with magazines a very easy thing. It will mean the sale of 2400 copies of a ten cent magazine. If one should sell but fifty per day, five days each week, it would take but ten weeks to earn a scholarship for nine months schooling in Mount Vernon College; which scholarship includes board, room, and tuition.

A large number of those who are selling our magazines are averaging from 100 to 150 copies a day. You surely can do half that well.

Have you seen the "Special Temperance Number" of the *Youth's Instructor*? It is the finest thing on temperance I have ever seen. Send for one and look it over and you will want to sell it. All who have seen it say it is unsurpassed. This temperance issue is for the summer's work; the date is not conspicuous and it will sell well all summer. You can go to ministers of all denominations, Sunday-school superintendents, Epworth League or Christian Endeavor leaders, W. C. T. U. ladies, or any religious person and business men as well, and expect their hearty co-operation. The statistics and cartoons will sell it if nothing else; then too, the Lord will be pleased, I am sure, to see our young people working among men and women in the cause of temperance.

Dear young people and leaders of the Y. P. M. Volunteer Societies, let us "put our shoulders to the wheel" and do our best to save souls, earn a scholarship to go to school and prepare for greater usefulness.

Can not our young people's societies go to work, as a whole, and send

some of their number to Mount Vernon College by selling magazines?

The *Youth's Instructor* should be in every S. D. A. home where there are young people. Why not go out and sell twenty copies and then send in \$1.00 of the profits for a year's subscription? Surely every family can do this much if no more. Write to your tract society secretary at once and make full arrangements to earn a scholarship.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Missionary Sec. C. U. C.

The Bitter Disappointment

OF the following quotations from persons who were participants in the disappointment after October 22, 1844, and who gave expression to their hearts, while longing and praying for light concerning the situation, the first is from Elder James White, in "Life Sketches," pages 107-109:—

"The disappointment at the passing of the time was a bitter one. True believers had given up all for Christ, and had shared his presence as never before. They had, as they supposed, given their last warning to the world, and had separated themselves more or less, from the unbelieving, scoffing multitude; and with the divine blessing upon them, they felt more like associating with their soon-expected Master and the holy angels than with those from whom they had separated themselves. The love of Christ filled every soul and beamed from every face, and with inexpressible desire they prayed, 'Come Lord Jesus, and come quickly.' But he did not come. And now, to turn again to the cares, perplexities, and dangers of life, in full view of the jeers and revelings of unbelievers who now scoffed as never before, was the terrible trial of faith and patience. When Elder Himes visited Portland, Maine, a few days after the passing of the time, and stated that the brethren should prepare for another cold winter, my feelings were almost uncontrollable. I left the place of meeting and wept like a child."

Again, from the same book, pages 190-192, we give the words of another: "The weak and wicked united in declaring that there could be no more fear or expectation now; the time had passed, the Lord had not come, and the world would remain the same for thousands of years. This second great test revealed a mass of worthless drift that had been drawn into the current of advent faith, and had been borne along for

a time with the true believers.

"We were disappointed, but not disheartened. We resolved to submit patiently to the process of purifying that God deemed necessary for us; to refrain from murmuring at the trying ordeal by which the Lord was purifying us from the dross and refining us like gold in a furnace. We resolved to wait with patient hope for the Saviour to redeem his tried and faithful ones.

"We found everywhere the scoffers who Peter said shall come in the last days, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming? for since our fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were since the beginning of creation.' But those who looked for the coming of the Lord were not without comfort; they had obtained valuable knowledge in the searching of the word; the plan of salvation was plain to their understanding. Every day they discovered new beauties in the sacred pages, and a wonderful harmony running through all,—one scripture explaining another, and no word being in vain.

"Our disappointment was not so great as the disciple's. When the Son of Man rode triumphantly into Jerusalem, they expected him to be crowned king. The people flocked from all regions about, and cried, 'Hosana to the Son of David!' And Jesus, when the priests and elders besought him to still the multitude, declared that if they should hold their peace, even the stones would cry out, for the prophecy must be fulfilled; yet in a few days those very disciples saw their beloved Master who they believed would reign on David's throne, stretched on the cruel cross, above the mocking Pharisees. Their high hopes were drowned in bitter disappointment, and the darkness of death closed about them."

Then it was seen how the book that was so sweet to the taste of those who were hearing the time-message became bitter, and also how accurately another prophetic symbol of the advent movement was fulfilled.

—*J. N. Loughborough.*

Doing Kind Deeds

HAVE you ever noticed how much of Christ's life was spent in doing kind things—in merely doing kind things? Run over it with that in view, and you will find that he spent a great proportion of his time simply in making people happy, in doing good turns to people. There is only

a marked way in scattering the printed page, especially *The Signs of the Times*, which is a silent messenger in any home. Brother J. H. Washington, from Midway, in 72 hours realized \$28.68. Another brother in a few hours in the afternoon sold 27 monthly *Signs*. This is encouraging, but there is still so much more remains to be done! Pray for the second church that we all may prove faithful.

J. W. WITCHER.

FORD CITY.—I came to this place February 19, and began meetings in a school building, February 25. Our audiences have not been large, but those who do come attend quite regularly. Three persons have taken their stand to keep the Sabbath since the meetings began and two others have expressed themselves as ready to do so, but as they were not at the meeting last Sabbath I do not know at this writing whether they kept last Sabbath or not. Others seem almost ready to take their stand.

This is a strong Catholic town. Just across the street from my room is a Catholic church and school with perhaps three hundred students, ranging in age from eight to fourteen years. Just before we began our meetings the Methodists held a revival service and claimed one hundred forty converts. The Baptists have had revival services since we began our meetings, and the Presbyterians have had special services also. One of the daily papers has favored us by printing quite a lengthy synopsis of our sermons from time to time. This is creating an interest, and we learn of many who read the sermons with interest who do not attend the meetings. Brother Harvey Jack has been canvassing in this vicinity for several months past and is still working here. He has placed between three hundred and four hundred copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" in the homes of the people of this valley.

Our camp meeting will be held here in June, and we hope ere the summer is gone to see a company of believers established here. Brethren, pray for the work at this place. J. W. WATT.

WEST VIRGINIA

It gives me pleasure to write a few lines to let our people know that the work in West Virginia is onward. Everywhere I go the people appear to be of good courage, and say that they will do all they can to help the Lord's work. It certainly is very en-

couraging when our brethren and sisters show such an excellent spirit, and stand ready to co-operate with our ministers and those who are engaged in conference work. "Where there is union, there is strength," and I feel sure that God will bless the instrumentalities which are used in this field, for the upbuilding of his cause.

I have had the privilege of visiting the following churches: Parkersburg, Kanawha, Walker, Mason City, Charleston, Moundville, and Morgantown, and am glad to say that I find the people in all these churches of good courage. Communion services were held in the Parkersburg church, February 12. The writer spoke on the subject, "Love is God's Badge." The sweet influence of the Holy Spirit came into the meeting, and we all felt that it was good to be there.

The church at Charleston feels the need of a worker in that city; they are doing all in their power to hold up the banner of truth, but they ought to have a minister. I hope that our brethren and sisters will be prospered financially, so that the tithe will come into the treasury, which will enable us to support a city worker in Charleston.

We are glad to have Brother C. V. Hamer, of Ohio, with us. We can feel sure that a faithful record will be kept of every dollar which we send into the office, and this money will be used to promulgate the glorious gospel of Christ. Pray for the work in West Virginia. F. H. ROBBINS.

BROTHER WALTER S. METCALF and family are getting ready to move to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where the children can attend our College. We are very sorry to have them leave us, but hope that our loss will be gain to them.

Brother E. R. Numbers, field agent of the Columbia Union Conference, and Brother A. T. Halstead, canvassing agent for West Virginia, spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Parkersburg. They were looking after the interests of the canvassing work in this locality. We are hoping that several more will join our corps of canvassers soon, and by God's help, carry the truths of the third angel's message to many of the West Virginia people who have never yet heard of it.

Brother C. V. Hamer, from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, is now secretary of the West Virginia Tract Society, and his wife is here planning for Bible work in Parkersburg this summer. She

has had quite an experience in that kind of work in Ohio, and we trust that many of the West Virginia people will be profited by her instructions. We are glad to have Brother and Sister Hamer with us, and hope they will enjoy their work with us.

Elder F. H. Robbins moved his family to Morgantown last week, and then came on to Parkersburg to look after the conference work; but returned home to get settled. He then expects to visit some of the churches and isolated members before time to hold tent meetings. We are certainly glad to see him so full of hope and courage for the work in West Virginia, and hope that his labors will be blessed, and the Master's cause built up here. We believe that the Lord has many blessings in store for us when we are in position to receive them. Brethren and sisters, shall we not talk courage, and put our shoulders to the wheel? One man who tries to do something and fails is worth two who never try for fear of making a failure. The Lord will help those who do all they can. When the Saviour comes it will be only the busy servants that will receive his approval.

Brother T. M. Butler and wife from Erie, Pa., are located in Parkersburg. Brother Butler came here for the purpose of engaging in the canvassing work in West Virginia, having had quite a good experience in that work while in Pennsylvania. We believe that with God's blessing he will be instrumental in carrying the message to many in our state who know nothing about it. We are glad to have faithful canvassers from other fields come over and help us. May the Lord help us all to be faithful. True dignity does not depend on the place we occupy in life, but on the spirit and manner in which the duties of the place are performed.

MRS. M. L. HADDIX.

NEW JERSEY

ELDER B. F. KNEELAND was in Washington, D. C., two days last week on conference business.

The conference committee, with a number of the conference workers, was in council at Trenton, March 29-31, to consider plans for the work, and study methods to be employed in the relief campaigns. The presence

one thing greater than happiness in this world, and that is holiness; and it is not in our keeping.

But what God has put in our power is the happiness of those about us, and that is largely to be secured by our being kind to them.

"The greatest thing," says some one, "a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to some of his children." I wonder why it is that we are not all kinder than we are? How much the world needs it! How easily it is done! How instantaneously it acts! How infallibly it is remembered! How superabundantly it pays itself back! For there is no debt in the world so honorable, so superbly honorable, as love.—*Henry Drummond.*

A Rich Experience

RECENTLY, while visiting the churches of the Chesapeake Conference in the interests of the Mount Vernon College Fund, I spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Wilmington, Delaware.

Friday evening a goodly number were out to meeting and we had a splendid season with the Lord. Sabbath morning we also had a good meeting and the Lord greatly blessed by his presence. At three o'clock in the afternoon a young people's meeting was held, at which time I took up the subject, Consecration to Service, or, as our society name suggests, A Volunteer for Service. The lives of such men as David Livingston and John G. Payton were dwelt upon and the young people decided to read such books as "The Life of Adoniram Judson," "John G. Payton," and "David Livingstone." I believe that our young people would find such books to be more interesting, and their perusal would strengthen the zeal and determination to go to any part of the Lord's vineyard where he may lead them.

The young people of Wilmington are planning for aggressive work. At present they are holding meetings in the Delaware State Prison one Sunday of each month.

Sunday P. M. we went out to the prison to conduct the regular monthly meeting. At four o'clock we went to the place of meeting where we found over 300 prisoners. After an interesting song service of about twenty or thirty minutes, in which a large number of the prisoners took part, I spoke to them for twenty-five minutes, telling them of that "friend that sticketh closer than a brother," and how anxious he is to lift them

up and help them. When I assured them that there were those in the world who were praying for them and wanted to help them and how much those young people were interested in their salvation, their hearts were touched and I saw tears flowing down many cheeks. Those prisoners have confidence in our young people of Wilmington.

At the close of the meeting a call was made for those who wanted us to pray for them to raise their hand, and between thirty and forty hands were raised and I am sure that many were sincere.

The Lord came very near both in speaking and praying, and I may safely say that this was the best meeting of all. The officers and guards of the prison thanked us very warmly for our service and kind remembrance of the prisoners and asked us to come again; thus arrangements were made for the next meeting. A good supply of tracts were left for the prisoners. The society is also going to supply the prisoners with a special temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. May this suggest something for our young people's societies in other places.

This was about the first work that I had been able to do with our young people since my appointment to the "Young People's Volunteer" secretaryship of the Columbia Union Conference. Since then I have met with the young people's society of Baltimore and have also organized several others. May the Lord bless our young people and organize them for service.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Y. P. Sec. C. U. C.

Take Rest

"HAVE you ever noticed that the woman who accomplishes the most in this world is she who is sensible enough not to work too hard or too long without resting? Besides, she is younger and fresher-looking for her years than the woman who works to the limit of every day's strength and fags herself out with drudging. She is strong to satisfy the demands of home and her particular social surroundings, which is almost sure, if no charms are left, to make idol worshippers of her comrades at home.

"There is many a rest-producing change in store for the housekeeper. Even a flying trip from home rests and renews. It is no evil thing to drop things where they are and turn one's back on this, that, and the other thing crying to be done. Life is so

crammed full of them that there is not room for all. Some things must be crowded out, and the distinction between the necessary and the unnecessary should be judiciously made. Do not keep to yourself all the hard, unpleasant tasks. Do not let outings and sociabilities pass you unshared, to be wholly enjoyed by your neighbor. She is no more deserving of it than you, and perhaps not so completely in need of the benefit you lose.

"It is far from fair that the hardest-worked, busiest-brained, and the tiredest-handed woman is the one to take all the bitter and leave all the sweet. Somebody is going to have that sweet which belongs to you. Life, for the most part, is too much a matter of routine. There is too much delving in one line, the following along in a beaten path, the staying in one rut. It is this more than any other thing that causes the premature breaking down and wearing out of the human machine. Had there been a change of occupation and thought, many might have been kept in use and repair for years longer."—*Mrs. W. M. Crothers.*

A LITTLE over half a century ago certain scientists attacked the then universal belief in a supernatural creation of the earth. As a result of their insistent work the world to-day, by an almost overwhelming majority, has repudiated the miraculous beginning of our earth, and they are to-day busy on interpreting, after this same fashion, the work of Christ. Hundreds of ministers and teachers are now on the same grounds rejecting all the miraculous pertaining to the life of Christ. "The Power of His Resurrection," by R. A. Underwood in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April ought therefore to have a very wide circulation. Without the miraculous power of Christ's life, humanity is helpless in its struggle against sin. Do you know the power of the resurrection? Be sure to read this article and get it to as many others as you can.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg Church Number 2.

ALTHOUGH we have not written any report to the VISITOR, we are of good courage in the Lord and his glorious truth, and we feel so thankful that the Lord is blessing us in such

and counsel of Elder A. J. Haysmer, and Brethren L. A. Hansen and I. D. Richardson were greatly appreciated.

Sister Harriet Spies, who has been laboring in the Bible work for the past year, has been compelled of ill health to seek relief in a vacation from her duties. She will spend a short time in Atlantic City. We trust that the rest will prove beneficial, and that she will soon be able to resume her work.

Very encouraging reports continue to come in from those who are engaged in the missionary campaign. We thank God for the success which has attended the effort so far, and feel that this is only the beginning of a good work in our churches. Can we not all do something each day, even though it is but little.

The Temperance number of the *Instructor* should have a very wide circulation. There is nothing better to use to win the confidence of the best class of people, and break down prejudice. Send in your orders at once. The papers will be good to use all summer, and make a splendid help in a temperance rally. Order through this office.

Newark

I AM glad to report that the missionary spirit is by no means dying out in our little Newark church. We started in with a club of 325 of the periodicals, and this number is increasing as the months go by. It has been fully demonstrated by our little company here that the periodicals can be sold. We are praying daily that the spirit of work that characterized the people in Nehemiah's time, may come upon not only all our people in Newark, but that it may spread until it has reached every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the great harvest field.

Surely the time has come for the people of God to arise and shine. The Lord of the harvest is waiting to gather the precious sheaves for his garner; but he wants to do it through those who have been brought to the knowledge of this wonderful truth for this time. When all of our church members over the whole harvest field will take hold of the periodical work, what an army of workers the Lord will have, and how soon the message will go to the ends of the earth. Let us all pray that God will roll upon us

as individuals that burden for souls that must characterize the closing work of God in the earth.

The writer had a burden of late to be enabled to talk the periodical work from an individual experience. So last week I invited Brother Pennington, our field missionary secretary, to come up to Newark and assist me in this line of work. This he did, and we put in three days of earnest labor from house to house, selling largely the *Life and Health*. The Lord gave us many rich experiences, and crowned our efforts with the sale of nearly 140 copies of the same.

W. H. SMITH.

CHESAPEAKE

Take Notice

WE wish to call the attention of our people in the Chesapeake Conference to the timely articles contained in the current number of the *Protestant Magazine*. Magazines published by our people and the world reach the writer's desk each month; none of which can be substituted for the *Protestant*. It is a magazine for busy men—a magazine with a message for the hour. Brethren, let us now circulate this periodical in the Chesapeake Conference as we never have before. Let our churches take action in this matter. Let our people everywhere supply themselves with a goodly number and supply your neighbors and friends with a copy just now.

Seventh-day Adventists have been arraigned with saloon keepers. This is not the worst thing that might happen to a people. "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?" Matt. 10:25. The condition only opens a door for us as a people to circulate our health and temperance literature. The special Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* is ready for circulation. It is certainly attractive in appearance and contains the very information the people need.

We would encourage our church librarians to bring this work before their respective churches, and let all our people respond to the call of this hour.

Order through the Chesapeake Tract Society, 2 Loudon Ave., Baltimore, Maryland.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

VIRGINIA

Among the Churches

DURING the past three weeks I have had the privilege of visiting the churches at Buena Vista, New Market, and Stanleyton, in the interests of the Tract, Missionary, and Young People's work. At each place I found the members of good courage and willing to co-operate in laboring for the advancement of the work. One sister at Buena Vista intends to devote a good share of her time to the sale of the *Watchman*. May the Lord bless her in the good work.

At New Market I had a very interesting visit. We were able to get the organization of the Young People's Society on a better working basis, and hope to see them advance in helping to spread the message. I was pleased to have the privilege of meeting with the students at the New Market Academy several times and conducting short Bible studies with them. At our last meeting we held an interesting social service in which all, teachers and students, reconsecrated themselves to the Lord and his service.

The week I spent at Stanleyton was pleasant, and I trust profitable. I was hospitably entertained by Elder B. F. Purdham and family. We held four evening services in the church with a very good attendance. The organization of the Tract and Missionary Society was arranged in harmony with the conference plan. The Young People's Society was also reorganized. Prior to this time both societies were merged in one and called a Young People's Society, which arrangement resulted in not a little confusion and the object of the Young People's Society was not being met. As both societies will in the future each have their place in the church and the work, and both working together to advance the Lord's cause, his blessing will come upon the church, and we hope that the spiritual condition of each member will improve.

The work of the Lord is onward. Pray for us. J. GREER HANNA.

Field Missionary and Y. P. M. V. Sec'y

Virginia Seventh-day Adventists, Notice!

WHAT are you planning to do in reference to the distribution of the *Temperance Instructor*? If you have

not already seen it send for a copy and read it carefully, and I feel confident that you will want to answer the above question by ordering a supply and selling or giving them to your neighbors and friends. That is what you ought to do and you cannot afford to let this golden opportunity slip.

The subject of temperance is much discussed in this state now. Thousands of people are in favor of temperance reform, and we as a people should be in the lead in this matter. Let each one of us be faithful in our sphere of influence and help lift up the standard of true temperance.

This issue of the temperance *Instructor* is the best yet, so order liberally. The price is, single copy, 10 cents; 5 to 50 copies to one address, 5 cents per copy; 50 or more copies to one address, 4 cents per copy.

See special offer in the regular issue of April 5. I hope many will avail themselves of this liberal offer.

Send your orders to the Virginia Tract Society, New Market, Va., and send cash with the order.

J. G. HANNA, *Field Miss. Sec.*

Warrenton

I THOUGHT it might be that some of the readers of the VISITOR would be glad to know how the Lord's work is going in this part of the vineyard. I therefore take this opportunity to let you know that the third angel's message is reaching the hearts of some souls here who are willing to accept it, and let it purify them, and fit them for the coming of the Lord.

I came to Warrenton the 27th of last July to help Brother Pickard in a tent effort that he had just started.

We pitched our tent twice during the season. From these two meetings there were ten that began to keep the Sabbath. We stored our tents the last week in October, and moved into houses for the winter. There being an urgent call for meetings eight miles north of where we last pitched our tent, and three miles from Warrenton where we first pitched, we decided that Brother Pickard and his wife stay with the tent interest and that Mrs. Province and I answer the call near the first tent effort and look after the interest there. Accordingly we found us a house in the country where we have lived to the present time.

We began holding meetings in the houses of the people. There was soon a good interest to hear and we had no trouble to get into their

homes; for they would ask us to come and preach in their house, so that we have always had invitations ahead for meetings, and the interest at the present time is as good as at any time since we first began. Soon some began to keep the Sabbath and believe in the soon coming of Christ. Then others followed until at present there are fifteen, keeping the Sabbath from our work in this place, besides a good number of children from twelve years and under. There are several others who have acknowledged the truth and say they will obey, but their business hinders them at present.

Some have suggested building a church, which we hope can be done in the near future.

Some of these people use that filthy weed, tobacco, and they are nearly all great meat eaters, and it will take some time to get them ready for church organization, although some are now ready for baptism. However we are holding them off until others are ready and they be fully established in the truth.

Surely the dear Lord has done wonders for us this winter. We have seen healing power manifested here among the believers. Two sisters have been very sick, and we prayed for them, and showed them that the gifts should be in the church, and that the keeping of the commandments and the gifts of the holy spirit go together. This is why they are not manifested in the other churches to-day.

Oh! let us earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Jude 3.

P. W. PROVINCE AND WIFE.

OHIO

Pleasant Hill

ON March 11 we visited the Pleasant Hill church in the interest of the fund for Mt. Vernon College. The members of this church signified their willingness to do their part in raising the fund. Arrangements had been made to hold meetings only three nights, but owing to a growing outside interest the meetings continued until March 27. Four young people gave their hearts to God and we have good reason to believe that several adults will take their stand for the truth.

The young people referred to are pupils in the church school, which for the last two years has been taught by Sister Rosella Draper. Eighteen pupils are in attendance here, eight being the children of parents not of our faith, who expressed to us in the

highest terms their appreciation of the work done. There is a spirit of co-operation between parents and teacher, which, together with the excellent order maintained, the thoroughness of the work done, and the spiritual influence pervading the school, combine to make it a success and a power for good in the community.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Troy, Neopolls

AT the close of the meetings at Killbuck, I went to Troy, and spent three days with them, holding four meetings and taking one young man into the church on profession of faith.

This church has had only one visit from a minister in more than four years, and yet they are full of good courage.

March 17 I joined Brother John Shultz in a series of meetings near Neopolls, and found an interested audience in attendance, with good prospects for the glory of God.

W. E. BIDWELL.

New Philadelphia

A MEETING of the missionary society of this city was held at the home of Brother and Sister Campbell Sabbath, March 26, and all members present spoke encouragingly, and are determined to press forward with the work.

Quite a number reported missionary talks which they had with friends, and that is something we all can do. I also submit the following report for month ending March 26, 1910:—Bible readings held, 2; subscriptions obtained for periodicals, 7; periodicals distributed, 85.

MRS. CORA LELMAN, *Sec'y.*

OBITUARIES

HECKMAN:—W. J. Heckman was born April 11, 1842, and died March 18, 1910, at Riddlesburg, Pa., aged 67 years, 11 months, and 7 days. He leaves two sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. In 1861 he united with Company H, 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania, serving three years in the Civil War. In 1889 in the city of Washington, D. C., he attended a tent meeting conducted by Elders Lindsey, Oslen, Underwood, and the Robison brothers, where he accepted the truths of the third angel's message. In 1890 he began to canvass for our literature, and continued in the work until 1908. Six years ago his health began to fail, and the last 21 months he has been a

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Bible Colportage

IN view of the similarity of our canvassing work to that of the colporteurs sent out by other tract and Bible societies, we believe we can receive much good by a short review of their work. We therefore quote from a little work, "Colportage and Evangelization," printed in London in 1859.

"The ministry without the Bible in the hands of the people, always did, and always will lord it over God's heritage, and bind the consciences in the chains of superstition and error.

"And the ministry and the Bible, without the co-operation of parental example and instruction, could never train a generation for heaven. Nor could all these control the mind of a reading and inquiring age, corrupted by a demoralizing literature, without the influence of a sanctified press. Nor could they give universality to the gospel, even in a Christian land,

without the active, personal co-operation of individual Christians, in spreading the Scriptures, seeking out the destitute at their homes, and placing the writings of godly men in their hands. Happily for the humility of the instruments, and the efficiency of the work, there is no monopoly in doing good. The hand may not say to the foot, 'I have no need of thee;' or, if it does, it is likely to find its need of such an appendage to carry it where it may employ its superior skill, or to bear it away from the difficulties this presumptuous spirit occasions.

"The relative importance of the several agencies for making known the unsearchable riches of Christ, depends on providential circumstances. In the days of the Reformation, Luther was wise in seizing the trumpet-tongued press, whose hoarse blasts wakened a slumbering world from a night of ages. Had he neglected this new-born power, and restricted his exposures and anathemas of Papal superstition, and his exposition of a seeming faith to oral discussion, his reformation might have been drowned by the din of ecclesiastical denunciation, or smothered by inquisitorial fires, like those of Jerome, of Prague, and Huss of Bohemia. When two thousand pulpits were closed against their incumbents, and as many ministers of Christ were driven from their homes, such men as Bunyan, Baxter, and Flavel, had no other resource but to preach the Gospel to the eye, since the avenue to the mind, through the ear, was closed to them. And there is little room to doubt, that the dream of the tinker of Elstow and the 'Call' and 'Rest' of the army chaplain, and the 'Fountain of Life' of the John-like fugitive from royal and ecclesiastical power, have been productive of more spiritual benefit to the race than all the personal labors for a lifetime of those men of God. Thus is the wrath of man overruled to the praise of God. Thus does God sanction the means of grace his providence indicates, as well as those his word appoints. And it is an instructive fact, that the institutions now most active in undermining infidelity in France, and in strengthening the influence of a pure Protestant faith in that agitated nation, are the very same which thus owe their origin to the assaults of French infidelity, just as the pen, with which Voltaire threatened to obliterate Christianity, is said now to be in use to print the Bible."

E. R. NUMBERS.

Canvassers' Reports
Ohio, Week Ending March 25, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.		DR	5	41	26	71 50	1 50	73 00	
H. F. Kirk, Harrison Co.		DR	5	40	18	59 00	1 00	60 00	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		DR	5	46½	10	32 00	12 65	44 65	4 35
*F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		DR	5	30	11	18 00	6 00	21 00	4 00
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		DR	5	31		19 50		19 50	7 00
C. VanGorder, Huron Co.		DR	2	15					105 50
E. E. Shaw, Lucas Co.		GC	4	29	3	9 00	20 00	29 00	2 50
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.		GC	4	34	8	24 00	4 80	28 80	10 55
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.		GC	3	13	4	12 00		12 00	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.		BF	5	35	42	45 50		45 00	
Totals			43	314½	122	\$287 50	\$45 95	\$333 43	\$133 90

West Virginia, Week Ending March 25, 1910

+Guy Corder, Charleston	OK	2	5	25	26 00	1 75	27 75		
+Guy Corder, Wellsburg	BF	3	2	30	32 00		32 00		
+Guy Corder,	BF	2	7	24	26 00		26 00		
+Ray Corder, Chester	BF	2	5	26	27 00	1 50	28 50		
+Ray Corder, Wellsburg	BF	3	1	33	38 50	6 00	44 50		
+Ray Corder Follansbee	BF	3	4	33	35 50	75	36 25		
A. Halstead, Kanawha, Co.									20 20
J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.			3	5		9 75	20 50	30 25	6 00
Eva Pruett Charleston				3	5	14 50	25	14 75	25
Totals		22	32	176	209 25	30 75	240 00	26 45	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 25, 1910

W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	10	45	19	33 75	2 95	36 70	15 75	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	34	16	46 50		46 50	18 40	
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	SP	3	14	1	1 00		1 00	78 25	
Miss Zoerb, Clinton Co.	CK	3	8	3	3 00		3 00		
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	4	29	2	6 00	18 00	24 00	3 00	
G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	5	27	22	19 50	2 40	21 90		
Totals					\$109 75	\$23 35	\$133 10	\$118 40	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 25, 1910

H. Albright, Bucks	CL	5	34	15	36 75	1 00	37 75	10 75	
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GO	5	26	5	18 00	70	18 70	10	
H. Miner, Powell	4	32	2	6 00	3 25	9 25	6 25		
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	OK	5	35	24	29 00		29 00	9 50	
Totals		19	127	46	\$87 75	\$5 00	\$94 75	\$36 10	

New Jersey, Week Ending March 25, 1910

H. Britton, Berlin	OK	5	40	21	65 00	6 35	71 35	2 15	
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	OK	2	16	10	10 00	2 00	12 00		
Totals		7	56	31	\$75 00	\$8 35	\$83 35	2 15	

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 25, 1910

Maryland

David Percy, Cecil Co.	GC	3	20	10	33 00		33 00		
W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	3	21					31 95	
S. N. Brown, Cumberland	OK	4	31	13	14 50	2 00	16 50	89 25	
Totals		10	72	23	\$47 50	\$2 00	\$49 50	\$121 20	

Virginia, Week Ending March 25, 1910

E. Roberson, Petersburg	CK		16	9	9 00	2 75	11 75	5 10	
K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK		21	11	11 50		11 50	1 00	
A. Shunk, Roanok	GC		44	3	9 00	4 45	13 45		
Totals			81	23	\$29 50	\$7 20	\$36 60	\$6 10	

*Week ending March 18

†Three weeks

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great sufferer. Many times he has hoped that he still might be able to continue in the work. He labored faithfully in six counties in Pennsylvania. He also acted as elder of the Johnstown, Huntington, and Six Mile Run churches. He was taken to his home town for burial, where the Methodist and Baptist ministers assisted the writer in giving him a very beautiful burial. The deceased chose his text, which was Psalms 18:2, from which the writer spoke words of comfort. Another faithful seed sower is at rest, awaiting the coming of the Life Giver, who will give him a crown of rejoicing which shall never fade away.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

HAGUE.—Cliff M. Hague, youngest son of Isaac and Tillie Hague, was born Dec. 29, 1888, in Ripley Township, Holmes Co., Ohio, and died at the hospital in Akron as the result of injuries received at Millersburg on the C. A. & C. Railroad, in Feb. 1910. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, and one sister to mourn their loss. He was a student at one time at Mount Vernon College. He was a bright and efficient young workman at his chosen work. The writer, assisted by G. C. Quillin and the Rev. Decker, preached the funeral sermon from the text found in I Samuel 20:3. A very large company of friends and relatives were present.

W. E. BIDWELL.

SPITZER.—Died near New Market, Virginia, March 22, 1910, of bronchial pneumonia, Mary Susan Spitzer, widow of Benjamin Spitzer, aged 67 years and 11 months. Our sister was sick only a few days, and her sudden death caused great sorrow, not only to her children and relatives, but to the church and friends. Sister Spitzer was a faithful member of the New Market church for more than twenty-two years. She leaves four children, three of whom are in the truth. Funeral discourse from Ps. 23, by the writer, assisted by Eld. A. C. Neff. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

R. D. HOTTEL.

McDONALD.—Sister Cordelia McDonald died Monday, March 14, after an illness of one week. Sister McDonald was born March 22, 1835, in Greenville, Pa., and has for some time past been a faithful member of the Erie, Pa., church. Funeral and burial services were held on March 17. Elder George L. West conducted the services, speaking words of comfort from the Bible concerning her faith in the third angel's message.

O'DONALD.—George Thomas, son of John O. and Cora O'Donald, of Altoona, Pa., died of pneumonia, March 13, 1910, aged 18 months. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 31:15-17. Interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.