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

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GENERAL MATTER

Gethsemane

"Sleep on and take your rest, 'tis now too late:
The wakeful hours of sympathetic prayer
Were lost in sleep." For when he would confer
With kindred souls, they slept; 'twas Satan's bait.
Oh, dark Gethsemane! Could we but weight
The agony of all he had to bear,
Nought to their thoughtlessness could we compare
Who left the Christ to struggle desolate.
And we sleep, too, while half the world 'is bound'
In cruel chains, and dark, revolting creeds,
And all the horror that their teaching breeds.
Yet could the Gospel message but resound
Throughout the heathen world, it would confound
Deceitful falsehoods and show men their needs.

—James Graham.

In Humility of Heart

"WHAT doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

In these perilous times, when the forces of evil are marshaling their hosts to thwart, if possible, the efforts of God's servants in the earth, it is vitally necessary for every laborer to walk humbly with God. Daily he is to maintain a close connection with heavenly agencies. Light has been coming to me that unless the workers lean heavily on the divine source of their strength, many will be overcome by the power of the enemy. Satanic agencies will surround the soul of him who cherishes a spirit of

independence and self-exaltation, and will seek to destroy his influence for good.

Christ is the example of every believer. While in the heavenly courts, he chose to lay aside his royal robe and his kingly crown, and come to this earth as one among men, to live a life of poverty and self-denial. When on one occasion during his earthly ministry a certain man said, "I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest," Christ answered, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath not where to lay his head." Night after night he would pray for his flock,—pray that God would give them strength to obey; and then he would lie down upon the ground, as that was sometimes the only place he had to rest for the night.

When a worker is tempted to think that he is having a hard time, O, let him think of his divine Redeemer, and humble his heart before God! Then he may come to the source of all strength and plead for power to bear the burdens that are resting upon him. Those who claim to be laborers together with God, are to learn to throw their helpless souls upon the one mighty to save. He is willing to give every humble worker an experience that is of more value than gold or silver or precious stones.

The one who was exalted above all others in the heavenly courts, as the Son of the Highest, is the one whose hands were nailed to the cross of Calvary. He it is who was mocked and derided by those who would not receive him. There was one poor thief on a cross beside him, who said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest in thy kingdom." To this earnest plea the Saviour responded, "Verily I say unto thee to-day,"—while hanging on the cross,—"thou shalt be with me in paradise."

There are some who are seeking to understand, in a measure, how God worked through his Son; but there are many others who do not begin to appreciate his infinite sacrifice in their behalf. Those who have been so indifferent, need to humble their

hearts before God. Unless they do this, they will keep exalting themselves in their own estimation, until Christ will be compelled to say: "You can not be with me in my kingdom. You would lead others astray if you were there."

God's servants should be very careful that their influence is sacredly kept on the side of truth and righteousness. The Lord Jesus has promised to clothe with the robe of his righteousness those who choose to walk in humility. God expects right-doing and humility of heart from every one who claims to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus.

Those who are standing in responsible positions should understand that they are not rulers over their fellow-workers. Men in responsibility should be Christlike in deportment. They need to be leaders in every reformatory movement for the purification of the church. They are to reveal that angels of God are constantly round about them, and that they are laboring under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Carefully are they to avoid everything that savors of a spirit of selfishness and self-esteem; for in meekness and humility of heart they are to be ensamples to the flock.

God will work with those who will work with him. My very soul goes out after God, and I desire that every one who stands in an important position, shall learn of the great Teacher, who is our Leader. In all their dealings with God's heritage, they are to avoid ruling arbitrarily. We are thankful that such manifestations of arbitrary dealings one with another as have been seen in years past, are not seen so often now. Those who are placed in positions of responsibility are to feel that unless God shall help them, it will be impossible for them to carry the responsibilities placed upon them. It is so easy for a man to become exalted; but God will guide the meek in judgment. He will co-operate with those who remain lowly of heart, and sit at the feet of Jesus.

Brethren and sisters, will we covenant with God at this meeting that

we will not seek for the highest place, and make that the burden of our thoughts? We are to seek to be meek and lowly of heart. Christ can then abide with us by his Holy Spirit. If we have with us the divine Presence, if angels are round about us, then, as we stand before unbelievers, and present the sacred truths of God's word, a solemn impression will be made upon the minds of those who hear, and souls will be won to the truth.

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, . . . humbleness of mind, meekness." "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Offerings

NEXT to the tithe, the giving of offerings to missions has come to be regarded as a most sacred service. There is still another obligation resting upon us, and that is the support of local work—such work as may not be supported by the tithe fund. We have been admonished that some systematic plan for making offerings of this kind should be devised. It has been the practice to make special calls at our camp-meetings for means for purchasing tents and other camp equipage, and for the maintenance of our schools and other institutions, as well as caring for the poor and orphans; but it has not been satisfactory to the donor or those who had the burden of caring for these interests. A plan that distributes the weight of responsibility is more to be desired by all. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, saying: "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that no collection be made when I come." 1 Cor. 16: 2 (R. V.)—a good Scriptural authority for systematic benevolence.

Now if every one should lay aside a portion of the goods with which the Lord prospers him, he must have some system in it. That is to say, a certain per cent of his income. The poor saints at Jerusalem were in need, and while Paul did not mention any particular share of the income of the individual, it is a well known fact that the people of that day, especially

the Jews, were in the habit of devoting a per cent of their income, and it was not necessary for him to name the proportion.

When our people adopt this plan generally, the question of raising means for the purposes named will be solved. It will be far easier to provide for this monthly and save the necessity for special calls. Besides, it has the virtue of being in harmony with the Lord's plan.—*Allen Moon.*

"The Light of a Cheerful Face"

THERE is no greater every-day virtue than cheerfulness. This quality in man among men, is, to the gentle, like sunshine to the day, renewing moisture to parched hearts.

The light of a cheerful face diffuses itself and communicates the happy spirit that inspires it. The sourest temper must sweeten in the atmosphere of continuous good humor. As well might fog and cloud and vapor hope to cling to the sun-illuminated landscape, as the blues and moroseness to combat jovial and exhilarating laughter.

Be cheerful always. There is no path but will be easier traveled, no load but will be lighter, no shadow on heart or brain but will lift sooner in the presence of determined cheerfulness. It may sometimes seem difficult for the happiest temper to keep the countenance of peace and content, but the difficulty will vanish when we truly consider that sullen gloom and passionate despair but multiply thorns and thicken sorrows.

Ills come to us as providentially as good, and are good, if we might apply the lesson. Who will then cheerfully accept the ill, and thus blunt the sting?

Cheerfulness is the fruit of Christianity. What is gained by peevishness and fretfulness, by perverse sadness and sullenness? If we are ill, let us be cheered by the trust that we shall soon be in health. If misfortunes befall us, let us be cheered by hopeful visions of better fortunes. You will do and bear every duty and burden better by being cheerful.

It will be your consoler in solitude, your passport and commander in society. You will be more sought after, more trusted and esteemed for your steady cheerfulness. Genuine cheerfulness is an almost certain index of a happy and pure heart.—*Selected.*

"Remember not life's sorrows and woes, but rather its joys and happiness."

Our Opportunities

WE find in Bible study that to every man God has given a work to do. We have opportunities daily to sow seeds of truth beside all waters, and the question arises in my mind, Have we been sowing the seeds that God has given us in the printed page and by precept and example?

I have been aroused since this new year has come, that I might do more for the truth's sake. So in traveling about from place to place I thought to do some good among the merchants with some of our literature. God has impressed me to take "Desire of Ages," and in the evenings when I am through with my day's toil I make it a point to visit some of them and tell them that Jesus is soon coming, and that all the signs around us are fulfilling God's word. I tell them we need to prepare for that event which he told his disciples would take place in the latter days. Here we are, brothers and sisters, at that time when he is about to show himself in glory to an unbelieving world, and as we know these things are so near, what are we doing to save our neighbors and friends?

As the International Sunday-school lessons are taking up the life of Christ this year, I felt impressed to sell that book wherever opportunity afforded. I prayed to God to open the way, and O how good he is when we are willing to work, and how surely God will lead us to hearts that will respond to truth.

I sold fifty-three "Desire of Ages" in six weeks, and have been gaining the respect and confidence in the public which I visit. So much so, that they ask me about this and that part of the Bible concerning our future and present condition as well. If we open our mouths God will fill them, but we must do our part and show our willingness to obey or he will not fill our mouths to speak his truth. To the lay members of his church, God, through his servant, warns us to get out and save our neighbors, for we have them all around us, peeping. Go to them and ask them to read, then if you can, sit down with them and help them understand the Bible better, and in co-operating in this way a great work can be done. You individually have a work to do that your minister cannot do. God will bless our efforts just so far as we branch out in his work. When I delivered my books they were ready for them and seemed pleased that I even called their attention to it. One

man in Morgantown, W.Va., said to me, as I was about to leave after securing his order, "I don't care when you come back, just so I get that book." Another man said to me, "Well, I would like to have the book, but don't want to wait four weeks for it. I want it right away." I always try to accommodate them. This man paid me for the book in advance, and I left one for him within twelve hours. I must mention another experience. I was at Kittanning a few weeks ago, and when through with my work for my firm, I got into conversation with a man at one of the stores about the strike of street car men in Philadelphia, and what it involved in the country as well as in the Bible. In the midst of our conversation a farmer came in, and took in all we said. So I turned the thoughts about to some of our books, calling attention to "Desire of Ages" by showing how Christ's life should be our life, and how "Great Controversy" reveals the truth for our time. The impression was made with the farmer. He followed me out of the store and asked me what those books were worth. I told him. He said, "Send them to me." I did send them, by express. I mention these few experiences that you may see how God will help the soul who is willing to work, and how he can be blessed in his work.

If we perform our work diligently as God shows it to us, we will not let one opportunity pass by. A little more trial and tribulation then he will come and will not tarry, to give every man his reward according as his work shall be. So let us with heart and voice put our shoulder to the wheel and push forward, ever trusting in him who is able to keep us and that which we have committed into his keeping against that day is my prayer. Pray for me that I may not let one opportunity pass me, and that I may be faithful unto the end.

W. C. FLEISHER.

Evangelical Canvassing

THE Lord through the prophet Jeremiah, as he looked down the stream of time to the finishing of the work of salvation,—the time when the Israel of God would be gathered out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, said; "Behold, I will send for many fishers, . . . and they shall fish them; and after I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from

every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16:16.

This is the work of the evangelical canvasser, to hunt out those who are perishing in sin, and who long for a way of escape. His work is to place in the homes of all who will receive it the knowledge for which the world is perishing.

This knowledge is contained in our publications. By working from house to house throughout country, hamlet, and town, the God-fearing canvasser finds many poor souls longing for something better than that they now have. Many would never have a chance to hear the truth if it were not brought to them by the faithful canvasser.

I have been very much impressed by the way the Lord is preparing the hearts of the people to receive the truth. The canvasser is often surprised to find many hearts which have already been prepared in some way for the light contained in the books he is handling. This was manifested in a wonderful manner by an experience Brother Plant and I had a few weeks ago. I was helping him for a few days. One evening I was making my way to the railroad station of a little town in the northern part of the state, as we had planned to meet there that evening.

I had not been successful in finding a place to stay for the night. As I neared the station I felt impressed to cross the railroad, and visit the people living there. The first house was the home of a Catholic family; the lady told me to try to obtain accommodations in the house across the street,—the home of a young German named Asp. I did so, and found the man very much interested in prophecy and anxious to know more of the word of God. He said if my friend (Mr. Plant) did not have a place for the night, we could come back and they would keep us.

I went to the station and found Brother Plant waiting for me, and as he had not succeeded in finding a place, we returned to Mr. Asp's home. He seemed glad that we had come back and both he and his wife gave us a cordial welcome. After supper he began asking questions on Bible subjects, and soon we were having quite a Bible reading. We studied about spiritualism, the state of the dead, and the first and second resurrections.

Mr. Asp accepted these truths as the Bible teaches them, and seemed ready to accept light just as fast as it came to him. We found he had

"Bible Readings," and had received considerable truth from it. We talked until after ten o'clock, then retired.

The next morning he grasped our hands warmly as we were about to leave, and said, "God has sent you to bring more light to me." He placed his order for a "Great Controversy," and also asked Brother Plant to speak to the Sunday-school the next Sunday, which he did. Mr. Asp seems to be another Martin Luther, and we feel sure he will be led to see the whole truth and soon rejoice in the third angel's message. He is teacher of a large class of boys in the Lutheran church, and is desirous of rightly understanding the Bible; not only for his own good, but that he may teach nothing but truth to his class of boys.

Brother Britton, another of our canvassers working in the central part of the state, has had some very interesting experiences, although he has been canvassing but a few weeks. One day while canvassing, he called upon a Baptist minister and began showing him the "Great Controversy." The minister told him that he was in possession of the same book and had found it the best book he ever read. He said he would like very much to write a recommendation in the prospectus. Brother Britton told him he would be glad to have him do so. He also called upon a Dutch Reform minister who likewise gave his recommendation.

Another canvasser met a Catholic lady who was seeking for something better than what she had; and expressed a desire to know more of the Bible. She said she had been kept in darkness long enough, and now was going to study her Bible to find out what is truth. He sold her the "Great Controversy."

So the work is onward, and many who now sit in darkness are beginning to come to the light. "The Lord has made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The canvassers are doing well and are of good courage in the Lord.

Pray for us that many more may be impressed to enter this needy field.

C. E. GREY.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

WE are glad to be able to say at this writing that Sister Jessie M. Wiess, who has been confined to her home because of illness, has fully recovered.

All but two workers were present at the Relief Campaign Institute held in the First Philadelphia church last week. Brethren L. H. Hansen and I. D. Richardson were in charge.

Three new believers were baptized at the First Philadelphia church Sunday, April 10, by Brother O. O. Bernstein.

Elder O. O. Bernstein preached his farewell sermon Sabbath, April 9. We wish Brother Bernstein success in his new field of labor.

Elder R. E. Harter organized a new church at Covington, Pa., of twenty-nine members.

A very interesting temperance program was rendered by the Young People's Society of the First Philadelphia church last Sabbath, April 2.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 9 and 10, with the Northumberland-Sunbury church. After the Sunday evening service, Brother W. W. Leader and Lorena Loretta Stevenson were united in marriage.

Remember the camp-meeting June 2-12. This will undoubtedly be the largest camp-meeting ever held by our people in East Pennsylvania.

The stork has visited the family of Elder and Mrs. H. Meyer—twins—a boy and a girl.

A farewell reception for Elder and Mrs. O. O. Bernstein was held in the First Philadelphia church Tuesday evening, April 12. The following musical and literary program was rendered:—

Voluntary	{ Miss Sladen
	{ Mrs. Geenberling
Opening Song	- - Congregation
Prayer	- - Elder W. H. Heckman
Quartet	{ Messrs. Colburn and
	{ Heald, Misses Mabel
	{ and Ethel Howard
Reading	- - Mrs. B. M. Heald
	{ B. M. Heald, C. Col-
	{ burn, Mrs. Jones,
Sextet	{ Miss Ethel Howard,
	{ Miss Van Huber and
	{ Miss Mary Sladen
Solo	- - Miss Van Huber
Reading	- Miss Ethel Cunningham
Solo	- - Miss Emerson

Duet	- Miss Sladen, Mr. Dyer
Reading	- - Miss Ora Kress
Organ Solo	- Miss Mary Sladen
Address	- Elder W. H. Heckman
Response	- Elder O. O. Bernstein
Duet	- - The Misses Schultz
Closing Song	- - Congregation

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER F. D. WAGNER was a welcome visitor at the office, Monday, April 11. Brother Wagner is much encouraged over the outlook for the work in this Conference.

Brother H. L. Reese, of Homestead, writes us that he has accepted a position at Morgantown, W. Va. We are very sorry to lose Brother and Sister Reese from this conference, but trust that God will prosper them in West Virginia.

Brother I. G. Bigelow held preaching services at the Indian Creek school house Friday night, April 8, and also held quarterly services there with the Eldred and Duke Center members on Sabbath April 9.

Elder Wagner held quarterly meeting with the Conneautville church Sabbath, April 9, and reports a very good meeting. Prior to this Brother Wagner has been visiting the brethren in Erie, North East, and nearby places.

Our camp-meeting is to be held at Ford City in June. We are planning for an excellent meeting and look for a large gathering of our people. Begin now to plan to attend, and invite your friends to come and enjoy the services.

Those receiving copies of this paper that they have not subscribed for kindly read them and pass them on to others. The COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR is only \$.50 a year. Just one cent per week will bring it to you regularly.

We are grieved to learn of the death of Elder Schwartz's niece, Mrs. Maudie Fisher Campbell, of Williamsport, which occurred March 27, after a very short illness. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Fisher and the mourning ones in this trying hour

Brother N. S. Ashton writes us that he and family expect to visit his people in the Southland soon. We trust that Brother Ashton will have a pleasant trip and that he will return refreshed and ready for the summer's work.

Elder Watt, who is now holding meetings in Ford City where we expect to hold our camp-meeting, writes: "Three persons have taken a stand to keep the Sabbath since I came to Ford City. A number of others are convinced of the truth but do not step out as yet. The park where we are to hold camp-meeting is a beautiful place."

Remember the time of the camp-meeting is June 16-26. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Order your tents early, sending all orders to the office.

Do not overlook the fund for the Mt. Vernon College. If you cannot give the full amount asked, \$.65 per member, help what you can. Many will be able to do much more than this.

Already money is being received on the \$300,000 Fund, one sister sending in a goodly amount received at the death of her brother. Money given for foreign missions is well invested and will bring good results.

WEST VIRGINIA

BROTHER T. M. BUTLER, of Pennsylvania, with his wife, has moved to Parkersburg. Brother Butler intends taking up the canvassing work.

E. R. Numbers, general canvassing agent for the Columbia Union Conference, spent a few days in Parkersburg. Brother Numbers is full of enthusiasm for the canvassing work.

The Parkersburg church was pleased to have Brother Numbers with them Sabbath April 2, he spoke in the morning.

Brother A. T. Halstead, of St. Albans, West Virginia's canvassing agent, gave the office a pleasant call. He is anticipating a large corps of canvassers for the coming season.

Elder Robbins is now in Parkersburg. He is enthusiastic over the

prospects of West Virginia; he says everything looks encouraging and bright wherever he has been.

The Amos church was reorganized recently, and all are encouraged over the future of this church.

We were deeply pained to learn of the death of our dear sister, Lennie Hazel, daughter of brother W. H. Snyder, a member of our Conference Committee. Sister Snyder was thirteen years and a few months old, was baptized and became a member of the Kanawha church in January 1909. She was loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were conducted by Elder F. H. Robbins, who spoke words of comfort from Rev. 14:13. About eighty of the friends and neighbors of the family were present.

The brethren are looking for a suitable site for the coming camp-meeting.

Elder Steele writes from Chester: "We had nice meetings here yesterday (Sabbath) and I am going to hold for a week or two, according to interest."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Hasten the Work

"MOREOVER the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen, for I will hasten my word to perform it." Jer. 1:12-13. The almond tree is the first tree to blossom, so God is hastening his work; and if we keep pace with the message, we must hasten too.

Sometime ago, as I was returning from Washington to Warrenton, I was carried off on a branch road forty-five miles before I was aware of it. Being unable to fill my appointment for that day, and, pondering over my mishap, I decided to stay at Manassas until I could get a train home. Having been informed that there had been a tent effort in Manassas, we had thought best not to try it again. But having a short time to wait for the train, I improved the opportunity. The neat buildings and clean streets gave me an impression that the peo-

ple perhaps were on the same order. It led me to make some inquiries, and a thorough examination of the place. From all outward appearances, this place shows a prospective place for a tent this summer.

We have arranged for a lot two blocks from the station, and about the same from the business part of the town. This place has about two thousand people in it. If the weather will permit, we expect to pitch the tent the first of May. We trust that the brethren will look forward to that time, and aid us with their prayers.

We are expecting to have the work at Warrenton so we can leave it by that time. We have already organized a Sabbath-school with sixteen members, and expect to organize a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, Sunday.

While the people are yet tender and need much care, yet we are teaching them to bear responsibility, so when we are gone they will be able to go on with the work. I believe this can be done by drawing out what God has put in. They need to be taught how to work, not how to preach. There are some awaiting baptism; others will be ready later, and some just coming into the truth.

There are eighteen or twenty keeping the Sabbath here now. There have been more, but the Devil fought so hard to hold possession of his house, that they allowed him to come back and take possession again. We have had a hard battle with Satan: he does not want to leave, and he will not stay away long at a time. It has been reported that two hundred night-riders are soon to come and deal hardily with those who have begun the observance of the Sabbath. While we know that Satan is a bluffer, yet this has frightened some.

We are trying to get a lot on which to build a church, but the power of the enemy is so strong just now that it seems impossible, yet we believe if we throw ourselves upon God we shall have the victory, and somebody will lose another herd of swine.

U. D. PICKARD.

Warrenton, Va.

VIRGINIA

A Call to Service in Virginia

THERE is but one thing that should claim our attention at this time, and that is, to do our part in advancing the cause of the Lord. All of our effort should be to "do all to the glory

of God." "Whatsoever ye do," do it to advance the Message. It is the doing that counts, and the Lord calls for "doers of the word," the cause needs them, and we as laborers want to get in touch with such, so that we can be laborers "together."

The call is out now for young men and women to enter the field of active service, and "do" something. Who will take advantage of the present opportunity to gain an education by earning a scholarship through the sale of our ten cent magazines? This means true service in a most practical way. This is something that should appeal strongly to every young person who has a consecrated ambition to be an efficient worker in the Lord's cause. The scholarship plan has proven successful as many can testify. Many to-day are rejoicing in the fact that this way has been provided for them and are planning to enter the field this year also.

Can not some of our young people in this Conference enter the ranks and gain a blessed experience in this good work? We are planning to give such all the help possible to get them started and to make a success of the work. We purpose to hold an institute for instruction and study and practical work, occupying about two weeks, during the last two weeks of May, at a place to be mentioned later. We purpose to form one or two companies, under good leadership and chaperonage, to enter the cities and work them thoroughly with our good literature.

Those who are interested in this work and can enter this field this summer ought to correspond with me at once so that we can arrange for them. I hope that there will be a hearty response to "God's call to-day."

J. GREER HANNA,

Field Missionary Secretary.

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CHESAPEAKE

The German Work in Baltimore

I HAVE to confess that I have been slow in reporting, but can say that it has not been because I did not want to, or had nothing to report; but, rather because we were so busy and did not take the time. I will say, the German work in Baltimore is coming along very encouragingly. My heart rejoices as I see how the good Lord is working upon the hearts of our German speaking people in Baltimore. During the last few

months, nine German and two English souls have embraced the truth through the efforts of German workers, for which we give God all the glory. And the new members are getting their neighbors interested so much that we are unable to fill all the calls that are coming in for help and meetings. I had intended to study my Bible much last winter; but urgent calls on every side left me and my good wife neither rest nor time. But we praise the Lord that we are privileged to work hard for Jesus.

The 16th of January we organized the first German Sabbath-school in Baltimore with sixteen present. On the 26th of March we had the privilege of organizing a German church with twelve members including myself. On the 9th of March, we took in four more, making, all told, sixteen so far. But we have four others who will be taken in at the next opportunity, so that will make just twenty, all adults but one—a girl of twelve years; but a worker for the Lord—praise the Lord, all are workers.

They caught the missionary spirit at once, and a few of them are now taking instruction for going out later as canvassers. Two brethren speak three languages and will be able to reach a class that we can not reach.

The Lord is at work, and the outlook is bright for a large German church to be quickly developed in Baltimore. Pray for the work and workers here. We are not able in ourselves to carry on this great work in such a large city; but Jesus is given unto us for wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

We are now planning on a good tent effort for the German people in this city. Good help has already been promised me, and all the members have promised to help all they can. With God's help and blessing we expect even much more than we could last year under the circumstances.
G. P. GAEDE.

Experiences in Chestertown, Md.

THE past two weeks I started to work, although hardly able to do so, but feeling that the field is in need of laborers. I cannot do much, but I love this work and know that I must use the talents the Master gives me if I would improve.

I meet with many who are wondering what the marvelous events of our day mean, and O, how I do rejoice to realize that the Lord has blessed me in giving to me this precious message

that is to be carried to all the world! I am glad to have a part in the work. One day a wealthy lady met me at the door and invited me into the house. As soon as I told her my business she wanted to know to what church I belonged. I told her the Seventh-day Adventists. She seemed to be glad to meet one of that denomination. She asked me many questions about the Bible. I found that old as she was, she read it but very little. She had me show her some texts that led up to the change of the Sabbath. She promised me she would investigate the question. I praise God that he is awakening an interest in the hearts of many of the people with whom I come in contact.

I met one lady who has "Coming King," and another one who has "Bible Readings." The M. E. pastor did not give me an order, but said he hoped I would be able to get a "Controversy" into every home in this place. I have not canvassed half the people and several have expressed the desire that a minister might come here. I have just received an order from the rich lady who seemed very much put out because I said so much about the Catholics, as her sister was a Catholic and she was in the next room. I said, "I would love for your sister to read the book. It is for all people and I think that the good Catholics should have the privilege of reading as well as the Protestants." She thought the matter over and sent me her order this morning. Now can we not see how God is just removing every obstacle if we go out trusting him. Let us fight the enemy with the sword of the Spirit. I beg an interest in the prayers of all the friends of the VISITOR.

MRS. ELLA R. WHALEY.

OHIO

Pleasant Hill, Rousburg

At the request of Brother Moffett I held meetings with the Pleasant Hill church April 1-4. There are a number who are deeply interested.

I expect to return soon and baptize four young people who are asking for baptism, as a result of a two weeks' meeting held there by Brother Moffett.

Although this church is carrying an interesting church school, yet it will do its part toward the College Relief Fund.

I think there will be others who will

connect with this little company, if they are careful to let their lives show the power of Christ's spirit in their daily life.

April 7-12, I met with the Rousburg church, which is in a prosperous condition; and if all are faithful others will be added to their number.

Sabbath, April 9, was a busy day. We held quarterly meeting with them. All but two of the old members were present, and the spirit of Christ seemed to be there.

Brother E. D. Bates was set apart as their elder, and seven new members were added to their number.

I trust there are better days in the future for this company. Much depends on how they live out the truth before the world.

W. E. BIDWELL.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH 1910

Akron.....	\$70 32
Alliance.....	255 82
Barnesville.....	14 25
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	11 40
Bowling Green.....	108 90
Bellville.....	7 50
Broughton.....	3 70
Camden.....	70 11
Canton.....	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	13 65
Charloe.....	21 51
Chillicothe.....	46 54
Cincinnati.....	119 15
Cleveland German.....	45 51
Cleveland.....	246 89
Clyde.....	50
Columbus.....	325 79
Columbiana.....	14 25
Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	5 60
Convoy.....	10 17
Corsica.....	3 60
Coshocton.....	58 30
Dayton.....	.....
Defiance.....	6 19
Delaware.....	22 25
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	.....
Dixon.....	.....
Dowling.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	45 08
Elgin.....	47 30
Findlay.....	.....
Greenspring.....	4 50
Gilboa.....	.....
Hamler.....	.....
Hamilton.....	52 66
Hicksville.....	.....
Jackson.....	5 40
Jefferson.....	.....
Killbuck.....	39 45

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 8, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Carroll Co.	DR	4	31½	19	57 00	5 20	62 20		
*R. Minesinger, Morrow Co.	DR	9	87½	7	21 00	5 00	26 00		
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	2	19					113 90	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	2	20					87 00	
J. Rondolph, Marion Co.	DR	1	2	2	6 00	1 80	7 80	7 80	
J. Reichenbeck, Trumble Co.	GC	4	34	7	21 00		21 00		
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	27½	4	12 00		12 00		
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	4	36½					164 50	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4	38					40 85	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	4	29	41	47 00		47 00	4 00	
Guy Corder, Tuscarawas Co.	BF	4	22	23	23 50		23 50		
Ray Corder, "	BF	4	23½	22	22 00		22 00		
Totals		47	370½	125	\$209 50	\$12 00	\$221 50	\$418 05	

West Virginia, Week Ending April 1, 1910

T. M. Butler, Parkersburg	CK	4	7½	15	18 50	5 75	24 25		
Guy Corder, Wellsburg	BF	4	2	28	29 00		29 00	47 00	
Ray Corder, Chester	BF	3	7	30	32 00	4 85	36 85	17 00	
J. H. Jennings, Glen Jean	DR	4	3	1	1 50	29 25	30 75	9 75	
Eva Pruetts Charleston	DR		6		4 75	25	5 00	25	
Totals		18	25½	74	85 75	40 10	125 85	74 00	

New Jersey, Week Ending April 8, 1910

†W. Blinn, Franklin	GC	3	28	8	26 00		26 00		
W. Blinn, "	GC	3	25					73 00	
†W. Blinn, Readington	GC	4	30					160 00	
H. Britton, Gibbsboro	GC	2	12	4	12 00	60	12 60		
W. Plant, Pompton	CK	3	23	10	11 50	12 25	23 75		
†W. Plant, Lincoln Park	CK	3	20					97 75	
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	3	21					30 50	
Totals		21	159	22	\$49 50	\$12 85	\$62 35	\$61 25	

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 8, 1910

Maryland									
S. N. Brown, Ocean	CK	3	24	36	41 00		41 00		
David Percy, Cecil Co.	GC	4	26	7	21 00		21 00	60 00	
Mrs. Whaley, Chestertown	GC	5	31	6	22 00	1 35	23 35		
†W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	6	38	4	12 00	2 60	14 60	3 25	
Totals		18	119	53	\$96 00	\$3 85	\$99 85	\$63 25	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 8, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	48½	34	37 00	7 95	44 95	14 70	
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	5	29	1	3 00	4 00	7 00	16 00	
G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	5	17					50 50	
Miss Zoerb, Clinton Co.	CK	1	3	1	1 00		1 00	4 00	
Mrs. M. Wetsell, Erie Co.	GC	3	15	1	3 00		3 00		
Totals					\$44 00	\$11 95	\$55 95	\$85 20	

Virginia, Week Ending April 8, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK		32	24	26 00	50	26 50	2 00	
A. Shunk, Roanoke	GC		52	1	3 00	2 45	5 45		
E. Roberson, Petersburg	BR		14	4	4 00	5 30	9 30	18 10	
Totals			98	29	\$33 00	\$8 25	\$41 25	\$20 10	

†Week ending April 1

‡Three weeks

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$606.75 Deliveries, \$1,021.75

Kenton	.....
LaGrange	.....	124 50
Lake View	.....
Leesburg	.....
Laura	.....
Liberty Center	.....	25 11
Lima	.....
Locust Point	.....
Mansfield	.....	24 59
Marshfield	.....	3 05
Marion	.....
Massillon	.....
Medina	.....
Mendon	.....	5 50
Middlefield	.....
Mount Vernon	.....	171 40
New Marshfield	.....
Newark	.....	10 13
Norwalk	.....	30 50
New Philadelphia	.....
Piqua	.....
Pleasant Hill	.....	3 96
Plimpton	.....	15 07
Pemberville	.....
Powell	.....
Ravenna	.....	38 71
Reedsville	.....
Rows	.....
Shreve	.....
Spencer	.....
Springfield	.....	139 18
Sherwood	.....	163 25
Toledo	.....	61 40
Troy	.....	18 55
Van Wert	.....	35 85
Walnut Grove	.....
Washington C. H.	.....
Waterford	.....	44 50
West Mansfield	.....	37 00
Wheelersburg	.....	51 99
Wilmington	.....	59 15
Youngstown	.....
Zanesville	.....	37 49
Individuals	.....	47 31
TOTAL	.....	\$2,824 48

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	.....	\$2,824 48
Tract Society	.....	1,257 05
First Day Offerings	.....	108 27
Sabbath-School Donations	.....	266 75
Missionary Volunteer Society	.....	22 35
Foreign Missions	.....	110 65
Southern Field	.....	6 65
Colored Work	.....
City Foreign Work	.....
Jewish Work	.....
Mount Vernon College Fund	.....	94 19
Annual Offering	.....	1 25
Religious Liberty	.....	64 33
Mission Review	.....	93 81
Young People's Society	
Orphans and Aged	22 02
Tent and Hall Donations	9 75

TOTAL.....\$4,881 55

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Life and Health

THE April edition of *Life and Health* was 45,000 copies. It was exhausted by the 12th of April. The May number was hurried out ahead of time in order to supply the demand which is steadily increasing.

Liberty No. 2, 1910

ALTHOUGH the last number of *Liberty* has only been printed a short time, orders are coming in for it in

greater quantities than at any previous time since *Liberty* has been published. The hearing of the Johnston Sunday Bill composing a large part of this number, renders it very desirable to a large number of people. The portraits of the leading rulers of the nations is a very attractive feature also. The entire contents of this last number of *Liberty* is pleasing in a special sense to the reading public.

Talk over What You Read

NEARLY forty years' experience as a teacher has shown me how little I truly know of a subject until I begin to explain it or teach it. Let any young person try the experiment of giving in conversation, briefly and connectedly, and in the simplest language, the chief points of any book or article he has read, and he will at once see what I mean.

The gaps that are likely to appear in the knowledge that he felt was his own, will no doubt be very surprising. I know of no training superior to this in utilizing one's reading, in strengthening the memory, and in forming habits of clear, connected statement. It will doubtless teach other things than those I have just mentioned, which the persons who honestly make the experiment will find out for themselves.

Children who read can be encouraged to give, in a familiar way, the interesting parts of the books they have read, with great advantage to all concerned. More than one youth I know has laid the foundation of intellectual tastes in a New England family, where hearty encouragement was given to the children and adults in their attempts to sketch the lectures they had heard the evening previous. The same thing was done with books.—*Exchange*.

Shall We Educate at the Expense of Health?

THE public-school system, no one can deny, has been of untold value in increasing the average intelligence and efficiency of the community. One has but to compare a district having an efficient school system with one having no schools, to be fully convinced as to the civilizing and uplifting influence of the schools. But are they accomplishing all that they ought? Are they improving the

children physically as well as mentally? There may be serious doubt on this point. Massachusetts has perhaps as efficient a system of medical school inspection as any state in the Union (very few have any attempt at such a system); yet the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, in an editorial article on medical inspection (Sept. 16, 1909), has this to say regarding the influence of the school upon the general health:—

"It appears from what has been determined thus far that in many cases our public schools do considerable damage to the health of the pupils attending them. Those who begin late, or attend for half time, are found frequently to surpass the rest mentally and physically.

"Of course, other factors may enter into this difference; but it remains a grave question whether our present school system, with its pregnant possibilities of ill ventilation, contagion, nervous overstimulation, and eye-strain, be not radically at fault."

This much is apparent, partly through the work of the medical inspectors, partly as a matter of common observation. It is to be hoped that medical inspectors will, as a result of their observations, be in the forefront of a crusade for a more efficient school hygiene, so that the body of the student, no less than the mind, shall receive the attention it deserves.—*Life and Health*.

Only One Way

THE one who gains heaven at last must go over the same road trodden by the Master. There will be rugged mountains to scale, deep valleys to pass through, arid, burning sands to cross, sharp stones to wound the feet, and pitfalls to avoid on every side. There will also be many blessed experiences. Thrilling joy will oftentimes fill the heart of the wayfarer, but the joy will be the joy of service and sacrifice. It will be the joy of communion with the blessed Spirit, the joy of doing good to others. After the toil will come the rest; after the battle, victory; after the cross, the crown; after the reproach and anguish of spirit for Christ's sake, honor, glory, and joy everlasting in the kingdom of God. It is a straight and narrow path that leads to the gates of glory, but a blessed and glorious reward awaits him who pursues the journey even to the end of the race.—*F. M. Wilcox*.