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

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GENERAL MATTER

A Reform Needed

IF Seventh-day Adventists practiced what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth.

Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical, mental, and spiritual health. Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people to walk no more with them.

In all our work we must obey the laws which God has given, that the physical energies may work in harmony. Men may have a form of godliness, they may even preach the gospel, and yet be unpurified and unsanctified. Ministers should be strictly temperate in their eating and drinking, lest they make crooked paths for their feet, turning the lame—those weak in faith—out of the way. If while proclaiming the most solemn and important message God has given, men war against the truth by indulging wrong habits of eating and drinking, they take all the force from the message they bear.

Those who indulge in meat eating, tea drinking, and gluttony, are sowing seeds for a harvest of pain and death. The unhealthful food placed in the stomach strengthens the appetites that war against the soul, developing the lower propensities. The diet of flesh meat tends to develop animalism. A development of animalism lessens spirituality, rendering the mind incapable of understanding truth.

The word of God plainly warns us

that unless we abstain from fleshy lusts, the physical nature will be brought into conflict with the spiritual nature. Lustful eating wars against the health of peace. Thus a warfare is instituted between the higher and lower attributes of the man. The lower propensities, strong and active, oppress the soul. The higher interests of the being are imperiled by the indulgence of appetites unsanctified by heaven.

Great care should be taken to form habits of right eating and drinking. The food eaten should be that which will make the best blood. The delicate organs of digestion should be respected. God requires us, by being temperate in all things, to act our part toward keeping ourselves in health. He cannot enlighten the mind of a man who makes a cesspool of his stomach. He does not hear the prayers of those who are walking in the light of the sparks of their own kindling.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Our Mount Vernon College Sabbath-School

AT the close of the second term, Elder James E. Shultz was elected superintendent of the College Sabbath-school for the last term of the school year; Mr. Harry Barto, assistant superintendent; G. G. Robinson, secretary; Miss Delila Briggs, assistant secretary; Miss Laura Atwell, organist; and Mr. Lonn Metcalf, chorister.

The school was re-organized, and as far as possible the plans of the old officers were carried out. The classes were re-arranged, and it was the constant aim of those who did this work to form the classes so that every one would feel at home and would thoroughly enjoy attending the Sabbath-school.

Probably one of the most interesting parts of the school was that carried on by three of the newly organized classes. These classes were the German class, the Spanish class, and the Normal class. This shows how practical the language work of the Col-

lege is, as the German and Spanish classes were carried on entirely in their respective tongues, and on one occasion, at least, they received their portion of the weekly review in the same language which they talked in class. The normal department of the Sabbath-school is as valuable and instructive as interesting. It is furnished for the purpose of supplying to a certain degree the great demand for teachers in our Sabbath-schools. This class also served another purpose. When a teacher was found to be absent, the place was filled from the ranks of the Normal class.

Our College Sabbath-school is much different from other Sabbath-schools in several ways. We have the reading of the report on the same day it is made instead of waiting until the next week to hear it. The members seem to take a deeper interest in hearing it while it is new. The same thing is true of the review, of which we have enjoyed many that were truly helpful during the term.

The reports are rather an innovation to the regular way of making them out, in that they give the donation of each class, and also the class giving the largest donation, which is termed the "banner class." The names of the classes having perfect attendance are read each Sabbath, thus inspiring the members to do all they can to keep up the good per cent of attendance in their class. A blackboard thermometer with a capacity of one hundred dollars added much to the enthusiasm, but I am happy to say it was terribly wrecked on the last Sabbath, when the mercury attempted to rise to over one hundred and fifteen degrees (dollars).

Following is a report of the Sabbath-school for the last term. I would call attention to the large donation, not only of the school as a whole, but the amount per capita a week; and to the fact that out of an average membership of only ninety-five, there were forty-seven persons who were present every Sabbath of the three months.

Maximum membership.....101

Average membership.....	95
Average attendance.....	83
Per cent of attendance.....	88
Total number visitors.....	34
Total donations.....	\$115.25
Average donations per Sabbath.....	\$9.60
Average donation per capita.....	\$1.21
Weekly average per capita.....	\$.10

The largest donation of one class for the term was \$25.58.

The largest donation of one Sabbath was \$21.28.

The banner class of the school was Mr. Wheeler's, with an attendance of 100 per cent, and a total donation of \$25.58.

The donations of the classes for the term are as follows:—

Mr. Leach, \$6.24; Miss Leach, \$6.07; Spanish class, \$18.50; Mr. Miller, \$4.01; Miss Poole, \$3.79; Mr. Gauker, \$4.11; Mr. Barr, \$4.38; Mr. Detwiler, \$4.48 (this class continued only three weeks); German class, \$13.58; Mr. Hewitt, \$10.21; Mr. Wheeler, \$25.58; Prof. Pulver, \$5.65; Normal Class, \$7.69; Officers, \$5.00.

The per cent of attendance of the respective classes are as follows:—

Mr. Leach 94, Miss Leach 85, Spanish class 85, Mr. Miller 72, Miss Poole 83, Mr. Gauker 94, Mr. Barr 75, German class 88, Mr. Hewitt 90, Mr. Wheeler 100, Prof. Pulver 96, Normal class 90, Officers 100.

Below is a yearly report of the Sabbath-school:—

Average membership.....	95
Average attendance.....	82

The total contributions were \$246.35, an increase of \$91.88 over last year. The banner class in donations was Mr. Wheeler's, giving \$46.09, which is more than the entire school gave the last term last year. The banner class for the year in attendance was Mr. Wheeler's. The maximum membership for the year was 102.

G. G. ROBINSON.

Importance of Becoming Acquainted with the Principles of True Christian Liberty

"A GREAT crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. Events which for more than forty [now over sixty] years we have, upon the authority of the prophetic word declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. . . . The

question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance. We well know what the result of this movement will be. But are we ready for the issue? Have we faithfully discharged the duty which God has committed to us, of giving the people warning of the danger before them?

"There are many, even of those who are engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results that will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath, and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests."—*Vol. 5, p. 711.*

"My brethren, do you realize that your own salvation, as well as the destiny of other souls, depends upon the preparation you now make for the trial before us? Have you that intensity of zeal, that piety and devotion, which will enable you to stand when opposition shall be brought against you? If God has ever spoken by me, the time will come when you will be brought before councils, and every position of truth which you hold will be severely criticised."—*Vol. 5, p. 717.*

"Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accursed of disaffection toward the government. Ministers who deny the obligation of the divine law will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained by God.

"In legislation halls and courts of justice commandment keepers will be misrepresented and condemned. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst construction will be put upon their motives."—*Great Controversy, p. 592.*

"The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul. The mark of the beast will be urged upon us. Those who have step by step yielded to worldly demands, and conformed to worldly customs, will not find it a hard matter to yield to the powers that be, rather than subject themselves to derision, insult, threatened imprisonment and death. The contest is between the command-

ments of God and the commandments of men.

"In this time the gold will be separated from the dross in the church. True godliness will be clearly distinguished from the appearance and tinsel of it. Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will then go out into darkness. Chaff like a cloud will be borne away on the wind, even from places where we see only floors of rich wheat."—*Vol. 5, p. 81.*

"But the days of purification of the church are hastening on apace. God will have a people pure and true. In the mighty sifting soon to take place, we shall be better able to measure the strength of Israel.

"The signs reveal that the time is near when the Lord will manifest that his fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his flood."—*Vol. 5, p. 80.*

"Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true, will prove to be base metal. Instead of being strengthened and confirmed by opposition, threats, and abuse, they will cowardly take the side of the oppressor. . . . To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us; to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few, this will be the test."—*Vol. 5, p. 136.*
—*Selected by Chas. P. Whitford, of the Florida Conference.*

Who Will Stand?

LET man with his human theories step aside. Let the divine voice be heard, saying, "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: . . . it is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever."

Many commit themselves to a course that insults the Spirit of God, and that in the face of the convictions of conscience. They make a free choice of the wrong side. They rebel against God, mercy is despised, and justice defied. They become spiritually palsied, not because they cannot submit to God, but because they will not. Their feet are set in the way of the froward, and they have no desire to turn back.

The flood which came upon the old world proclaimed the verdict, incurable. The overthrow of Sodom declared the existence of a far-reaching corruption beyond the hope of recovery. Christ declared, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the son of man."

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate," is the call, "and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons daughters."

The law of God is made void, and God calls upon us to stand in defense of the truth. Satan is a powerful general. He had a long experience in the heavenly courts, and he knows how to mingle right sentiments and principles with evil. He knows how to misapply and wrest the scriptures. Herein lies the power of his deception. Thus he deceives men, and seeks to obliterate the line of demarcation between believers and unbelievers. God calls for faithful Calebs, who will stand firmly and steadfastly at their post of duty.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

Kindness

WEBSTER has defined kindness thus: "The quality of being kind; good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants, or alleviating their distresses; benignity of nature."

Who can picture a character more to be desired than the one whose ruling characteristic is kindness?

"If we were more kind and tender hearted, more loving and sympathetic, we could accomplish vastly more than we do, and there would be three thousand conversions where now there is one."

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength."

"A gentle word is never lost,

Oh! never then refuse one;

It cheers the heart when sorrow-tossed

And lulls the cares that bruise one.

It scatters sunshine o'er our way,

It turns our thorns to roses;

It changes dreary night to day,

And hope and peace discloses.

A gentle word is never lost,—

The erring brother needs it;

How easily said, how small the cost,

What joy and comfort speed it!

Then drive the shadow from the brow,

A smile can well replace it;

The voice is music when we speak,

With gentle words to grace it."

No more perfect example of kindness can be found than is found in

the life of our Saviour. It is ever his supreme delight to administer to our every desire and need in his loving, gentle, kindly way. Shall we not all allow the fragrance of his life to fill our lives? EDNA M. COOK.

Which Handle Do You Take?

THE old proverb says that every burden we have to carry offers two handles—the smooth and easy to grasp, and the other rough and hard to hold. One man goes through life taking things by the rough handle, and he has a hard time all the way. He draws in tight harness, and it chafes wherever it touches him. He carries a heavy load, and he finds it not worth keeping when he gets it home. He spends more time upon the fret and wear of the work than upon the work itself. He is like a disorganized old mill, that makes a great noise over a small grist because it grinds itself more than it grinds the grain.

Another man carries the same weight, does the same work, and finds it easy, because he takes everything by the smooth handle. When he has sharp tools to work with, he keeps his fingers off the edge. Where he has brambles to pull up, he takes care not close his hand on the briars. When he turns sharp corners and drives over rough places, he looks well to the wheel that it may not strike the stones.

And so it comes to pass that one man sighs and weeps, and another man whistles and sings on the same road. One man always has something to complain of, and the other always has something to be thankful for. And yet the busy day brings the same blessings, and the quiet night gives the same rest to both. One turns day to night with murmuring, and the other turns night to day with gladness. So much difference does it make, not only what you do, but how you do it. So much more do the success and enjoyment of living come from the spirit with which we work than from the task we have to do.—

March.

The Sabbath

How do you keep the Sabbath? Are our hearts and minds filled continually with the love of God, as were Adam's and Eve's the first Sabbath after creation? Or do we let worldly cares crowd out the thought of God and the home which Christ is preparing for all those who love him?

What is our highest ambition on the

Sabbath? Is it "To go to church to-day, to look devout, and seem to pray?" Do we read newspapers, make social calls, indulge in worldly conversation? If we do these things, we are Christians in name only.

We are told in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. II, pages 582-585, how God would have us keep the Sabbath. "During a portion of the day, all should have an opportunity to be out of doors. . . . We should devote time to interesting our children. We can walk out with them in the open air; we can sit with them in the groves and in the bright sunshine, and give their restless minds something to feed upon by conversing with them on the works of God, and can inspire them with love and reverence by calling their attention to the beautiful works in nature. The Sabbath should be made so interesting to our families that its weekly return will be hailed with joy."

Jesus says, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Let us, as Seventh-day Adventists, unite in keeping more strictly the Sabbath day from the time the sun begins to go down Friday evening until on Sabbath it sinks in beauty from our sight.

"O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;
On thee, the high and lovely,
Who bend before the throne;
Sing, Holy, Holy, Holy,
To the eternal one."

—Selected.

A Good Report

FOR the week ending June 3, three canvassers in West Pennsylvania each went above the \$100.00 mark. In New Jersey one man made his scholarship in ten days. West Virginia came in with a report of \$400.00, and some of the students from Mount Vernon College who are just starting, and who had only worked a day or two, sent in the following reports:—

2 hours	-	-	-	\$29.00
5 hours	-	-	-	22.00
11 hours	-	-	-	86.00
11 hours	-	-	-	79.00
5 hours	-	-	-	46.00

This is certainly encouraging, and from a financial point of view our people cannot reasonably excuse themselves from the work. We are glad to report a good prospect for

more winter workers who will begin this fall.

One thing concerns us very much—as a union, we are not beginning to put in the time we ought to. For the month of April our canvassers put in an average of 79 hours, with \$70.00 worth of orders. This is only half time. We notice that the Southwestern Union averaged for each canvasser 110 hours, and \$159.00. This is a good report.

As the Lord is so abundantly blessing our efforts, let us show our appreciation by putting in faithful time. Remember the standard—40 hours, and \$1.00 per hour.

Loss of time brings failure and discouragement, but good time and faithful work is bound to bring victory.

E. R. NUMBERS.

The Cigarette Evil

WE have received an interesting letter from Mr. James J. Jeffries, of Toledo, Ohio, regarding the work of the Anti-Cigarette League, of which he is an active member. In it he tells of the manner in which the fight against cigarettes is being waged in Toledo. Largely by reason of the efforts of the League, the children of the fifth to eight grades of the Toledo public schools were required to write essays on the evils of cigarette using. More than 7,000 essays were written. The effectiveness of such a plan is clearly evident. More than 7,000 children vied with each other in finding reasons for *not* using tobacco. Many thousand parents were made to think about the subject. That the results from this side alone were good is shown by some instances noticed by Mr. Jeffries, in which the father, becoming interested in the work of the child, has resolved to stop using tobacco.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Winning Souls for the Kingdom

"THIS earth has almost reached the place where God will permit the destroyer to work his will upon it. The great conflict that Satan created in the heavenly courts is soon, very

soon, to be decided. Soon all the inhabitants of the earth will have taken sides, either for or against the government of heaven. The publications sent forth from our publishing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. 'Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'—this same message is to be given to-day. In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who enlightens the earth with his glory.

The preceding, taken from volume seven of the "Testimonies," pages 139 to 141, is a warning from God and a present issue from which those who are able are not to be excused. It is the clear cornet call from heaven, mustering the faithful, and should sound upon the ears of those who have not yet entered the ranks of the workers, in a manner that would stir them to activity, and to those who are actively engaged should thrill our souls and send us forth with greater energy.

The past year has been a busy one in West Pennsylvania for our workers in the canvassing field. We feel that you will be interested in the following report, and giving God the glory, submit it as evidence of the prophecy quoted, that you may enjoy the blessing with us.

Beginning the year with the month of June, 1909, and ending with May, 1910, with sixteen names enrolled during this time, four whom worked all the time, five who worked about six months, and the remaining ones a few weeks each. God helped us to accomplish the following:—

We closed the year 1909 with a gain over 1908 of about \$5,000.00

June 1909 to May 1910, orders taken, \$10,491.98.

Gain over the same time, for the year previous of \$3,932.66.

The five months of this year (1910) just passed shows orders taken to amount to \$4,532.47, a gain over the first five months of 1909 of \$1,295.74.

Just below is a record of the four canvassers who kept on the roll of honor throughout the year.

So far we have dealt with the financial side of the question, but in taking these orders, the workers visited 7,000 homes and left 2,100 of our large books in the homes of those who the Lord says are to be warned. Besides these 2,100 large books, there has been hundreds of our small books, and hundreds of periodicals also, for some of our workers carry monthly magazines with them.

Brother Brownlee continued his good record of the past three years by getting in, we feel that we must say full time, for the day marked off was to attend a workers' meeting. Brother Brownlee had not lost five days in the three years that he had been engaged in the work, and his last three weeks' reports were for \$72.40, \$112.55, \$110.59.

Sickness of Brother Dunham and in his family kept him from getting in nearer full time, and to clear up his delivery some, I will say that he has been working in the coal country where strikes and lockouts have been many during the year. He has had five weeks of over \$100.00, the highest reaching \$157.00. At no time has Brother Dunham thought of giving up the work because of disappointments in delivery at times, but writes, "Of course I am disappointed, but this is the Lord's work, and I intend to be found in it when he comes."

Brother Heaton is supporting a large family in this work, while his records show but 136 days put in, his attention has been called to other work during the year, but always back to the book work as he found his way clear to do it and word lately gives promise of nearer the "full time" for 1910. He keeps up around the \$1.00 per hour in orders taken, and the delivery noted in this as in the others is not in full for orders taken, as some of the books are yet to be delivered in July.

Brother Glunt's record does not show up as well as it ought for one of our steady workers, but this brother has been on the sick list for nearly the whole year. At times when feeling better, his reports have hovered around the \$100.00 a week mark, and when his delivery of the orders taken is made, it will of course reach much above the average week

	Days	Hours	Orders	Value	Delivered	Wage per Hour
Archie Brownlee	259	1,959	1,044	\$1,591.14	\$1,584.72	40 cents
Chas. Dunham	215	1,385	847	\$2,268.05	\$1,398.88	55 cents
J. A. Heaton	136	957	209	\$959.40	\$550.00	27 cents
J. S. Glunt	200	1,175	397	\$885.20	\$513.00	20 cents

Wage per hour means profit on books delivered after tract society was paid.

noted. Although sick a great deal of the time, he has stood by the work, and his cheery letters have been a source of cheer to the field agent. His health is now much improved, and we look for a fine record from him during the rest of 1910.

These workers have pressed the battle to the gates, in the face of strikes, lockouts, sickness, hard times, ministers and priests working against them, and the inclement weather that we have had all winter and thus far this spring. This is evidence that this message is bound to go in the face of all the hinderances that the enemy may bring in our way.

Of books sold, while some have been placed in homes in the city, hundreds have gone to the mountains and valleys, reaching those who would never have been reached in any other way.

Our workers have all made good records—no less than 12,000 families being visited by these faithful workers, not only to sell books, but hundreds of families have been prayed with, and Bible readings have been given along the way. In hundreds of homes where canvassers have stayed over night the truth has been given more fully, and many people have been left with tears in their eyes, and giving the canvasser a standing welcome back at that home. The past year has seen some step out the keep the Sabbath as a result of the work of our canvassers. Our camp-meeting this year at Ford City is the result of the work of Brother Jack, who canvassed there through the winter, and sold hundreds of books in this field, and stirred up an interest that will be reported more fully later.

The Lord has said that the women have a place in this work. We have two girls at New Brighton who have fully proved this. They have been working there for six weeks, and Miss Celestia Midkiff has averaged 95 cents per hour. Miss Zoerb has averaged 90 cents per hour. The deliveries are just being made now.

29 reports sent in during May show the following:—

3 for	-	-	-	\$100.00
3 for	-	-	-	\$50.00
4 for	-	-	-	\$40.00
6 for	-	-	-	\$30.00
13 for	-	-	-	\$26,000—\$9.80

The total for the month was \$1,208.90 for orders, and the deliveries amounted to \$355.50.

Truly in a larger degree the printed page is to give this message, and the

winning of souls will be the reward.
I. G. BIGELOW.

NEW JERSEY

ALL who cannot possibly come to camp-meeting for the entire time of the meeting, should arrange to spend a few days on the ground. Get a taste of the feast if you can.

Remember that the camp-meeting does not close until Monday night, July 4. This will enable some to attend from Friday night till the close, and thus get the benefit of full three days of meeting without seriously interfering with their business. Those intending to come after the camp starts should send word in advance so that provision can be made for them.

Those who have been at camp-meeting before realize the necessity of bringing bedding, and proper clothing to provide for possible cool evenings. Those who attend for the first time, and fail to make the needed provisions for emergencies, will probably realize their mistake later.

Everything possible will be done to make this camp-meeting a pleasant as well as a profitable one to all who attend. Bring your sunny smile along.

Brother A. V. Love, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, who is canvassing with Brother Britton in Burlington county, is meeting with good success.

When we hear the canvassers relate their good experiences as they labor with the Lord to carry the message to the people, we cannot help wishing that the other 99 of the 100 that the Lord has said ought to be out in this work were not missing the rich blessings which are waiting for them.

Elders J. G. Hanhardt and B. F. Kneeland spent a few days at the East Pennsylvania camp at Allentown. They report a good meeting in spite of the bad weather. The business of the world goes on in storm as well as in sunshine. The Christian ship has to outride storms of all kinds.

The medical tent will be fitted up for medical examinations and demonstrations. Doctors D. H. Kress and W. H. Smith will be assisted by trained nurses in making the work in this department of practical value to all who wish to receive its benefits.

Miss Lucy Page Gaston, of Chicago, and superintendent of the Anti-Cigarette League of America, has promised to speak at the Temperance Rally, June 26, to be held on the camp-grounds at Trenton. All our people will be interested in the fight that Miss Gaston is waging against the foe of the young.

When you read that this camp-meeting will be in session, pray for its success. Remember that it lasts from June 23 to July 4. It is not too late for you to get some of its benefits. Remember the place—Cadwalader Heights, Trenton, N. J.

CHESAPEAKE

We are glad to report to the brethren and sisters in the conference that Elder R. T. Baer, of Wyoming, arrived in Baltimore on the evening of June 14, to take up the presidency of this conference. We trust our brethren and sisters throughout the conference will give him their most hearty and loyal support, and we feel confident if all will do this that the Lord will bless our efforts to the salvation of many precious souls.

Elder L. E. Sufficool began a series of meetings at Hagerstown Sunday evening, June 12, with a good attendance even though the weather was cool, damp, and threatening. The brethren and sisters there are expecting good results from the summer's work there. Let us pray that the Lord will give them the desires of their hearts.

Several young men have just started into the canvassing work, and are sending in good reports. Others will soon be ready to go. Still there is room. Who is ready to go? Surely the Lord is leading in this work.

Several young ladies have begun canvassing with the Temperance Instructor in order to earn scholarships for next year. They are having good success. One of them sold, a few days ago, in one and one-half hours, 47 copies in one railroad office. Another one who had never canvassed before

sold 25 copies in a few hours. The Lord will bless if we allow him to bless.

Let none of our people in the conference forget the "Ministry of Healing" Campaign, but let us all come up to the help of the Lord in this sanitarium relief work.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

VIRGINIA

Shenandoah Valley Training Academy

PERHAPS you would like to attend school, and are planning to do so sometime, but feel that you cannot afford it just at present. The question is, Can you afford to wait? This opportunity is yours. Will you grasp and make it valuable to you? Procrastination is the thief of time, and it may also rob you of your education and a fitting for the work of the Lord in giving this last message to the world. We need men who will hold on when others let go; who push ahead when others turn back; who strengthen themselves when others weaken; who advance when others retreat; who know no such words as "can't" or "give up." These are the kind of men needed in this message to-day.

I would be very glad to have you write me fully regarding your wishes to secure an education, and perhaps I can help you to arrange a plan that will enable you to enter school this fall and prepare yourself for the great work of life which is before you.

Let me hear from any who are interested, and I do assure you of my kindly interest in your future success.

A. M. NEFF.

WE would like for the members of the Virginia Conference to study carefully the canvasser's report which appears in this issue of the VISITOR. The very interesting story of the work is told in the figures of each worker as well as in the totals. Question: Did you have any part in taking these orders? I believe that it is not only a privilege, but a duty you owe the workers in this message as they go to the battle's front and devote their lives to this work, to remember them in your prayers. "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." There are cases which have come

under my observation which are just as positive evidence of prayers being answered as the case of Elijah. We serve the same God to-day.

Dear brethren and sisters, as you dwell in your comfortable homes, take a few moments when bowed around the family altar, and present the cases of the canvassers before your kind heavenly father. One canvasser writes: "I was much encouraged in reading the last paragraph of your letter, and feel glad that you are praying for me." Do you not think it would be a stronghold for every worker if he could feel that this entire conference membership was praying for him? It is a privilege granted you by the King of kings; it is a duty you owe your co-laborers in this message.

A. M. NEFF.

OHIO

Ohio Camp-Meeting

WE are pleased to announce that the place of the coming camp-meeting has been decided upon. Although several excellent places were carefully considered, the Conference Committee chose Marion, O., as the most suitable and centrally located. Inasmuch as many attended the meeting in 1907, there is little need to mention that the fair grounds which have been secured are ideal for this purpose, affording all the usual accommodations. The water supply has been improved by a well recently drilled, convenient to the camp. Marion has excellent railroad facilities, being on the Erie, Big Four, and Hocking Valley railroads, and also on several traction lines. The city street car service is good, and goes to the fair grounds.

Let us plan to attend this meeting, the one opportunity of the year when we may enjoy such special blessings from the Lord, and renew our courage to bear the increasing burdens which come to us as a people proclaiming this last warning message. "Our camp-meetings are to promote spiritual life among our people. . . . God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 32.

Remember the time and place—Marion, August 11-21, 1910. Our increased need in these last days for such opportunities to receive additional light; and the cause by each personal effort in the Lord's will.

H. D. HOLTOM.

Florence

DEAR VISITOR: Brother F. E. Gibson and the writer pitched their tent at Florence, Erie county, Ohio, and began a series of meetings on June 9. Brother Thomas Rusk and family have been living out the truth and teaching it to their friends and neighbors for some time, and although the weather has been very unpleasant, wet, and cold, yet we have had interested audiences each of the three services held, and we believe that we will have a good hearing at this place.

Florence is a small town of one store, a blacksmith shop, and creamery, with about thirty families living in the village, has a thickly settled farming country around it, and is about six miles south of Lake Erie. There are two churches in the place, and they seem to be having troubles of their own which stand in the way of their prosperity.

This town has an electric line running through from Oberlin to Norwalk.

Brethren Albert Gibson and Glen Klady hauled our outfit from Wakeham for us, and several men of the village helped us pitch, so we have been received kindly by the people.

We ask the prayers of all God's people for the work here.

W. E. BIDWELL.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Manassas, Va.

SINCE coming to Manassas, we have found plenty to do. From the first the people were curious to know what we were going to do with the tent. For some time every one that went by would ask when the show would begin. At last the show began, but the people were afraid to come in at first. They stood and looked in—few came in the first night, possibly because we were strange to them.

The people soon found that we were not going to hurt them, but we were trying to do them good. Now, unless it is very rainy, our tent is well filled. Last Monday night there were seventy-four, and we have about the same every night. We have a good class of people that attend our meetings regularly. There is no mixing of the colored with the white.

We have been careful to present the positive side of the truth, and not the argumentative side. Thus we have avoided much controversy. We try to answer the questions in a way that will not be offensive to them. There

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending June 3, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wythe Co.		CK	36	4	4 50			4 50	61 75
E. Roberson, Fredericksburg		BR	20	6	16 00	5 95	21 95		5 80
W. Wirth, Greenville		PP	35	52	91 75	50	92 25		1 00
C. J. Fritz, "		PP	43	21	41 00	2 50	43 50		
G. Robinson, Pocahontas		DR	18	28	101 00	1 25	102 25		1 25
C. C. Belgrave, Danville		CK	40	34	42 00		42 00		
C. N. Hewitt, Pocahontas		DR	8	16	60 00	2 00	62 00		
J. Wright, Pocahontas		DR	19	23	82 00		82 00		
L. O. Gordon, Dellwyn		GC	45	17	59 00	1 50	60 50		1 50
A. Shenk, Wytheville		CK	26	13	19 50	1 00	20 50		
Totals			290	214	\$516 75	\$14 70	\$531 45		\$71 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 10, 1910

Maryland									
S. N. Brown, Slabtown		CK	4	31	66	75 00	8 25	83 25	
W. Spicer, Chesapeake City		GC	5	40	14	44 00	4 00	48 00	
William Horn, "		GC	5	45½	13	39 00	10 35	49 35	25
E. A. Huett, Harford Co.		GC	1	10	2	7 00	85	7 85	25
†R. Feklaner, Baltimore Co.		GC	6	43	5	17 00	45 00	62 00	50
Totals			21	169½	100	\$182 00	\$68 45	\$250 45	\$1 00

Ohio, Week Ending June 10, 1910

J. Reichenbeck, Trumble Co.	GC	4	36	12	36 00		36 00		
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	38	1	3 00	2 85	5 85		48 85
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	4							139 50
H. C. Smith, Medina	DR	5	46	10	30 00	1 20	31 20		1 20
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	4	28	11	28 25		28 25		31 00
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	DR	4	29	5	15 00		15 00		147 80
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	38	53	58 50	2 00	60 50		
Mrs. C. Garman, Paulding Co.	CL	3	23	11	13 75	6 25	20 00		
Totals		34	265	103	\$184 50	\$12 30	\$196 80		\$368 35

New Jersey, Week Ending June 10, 1910

A. R. Sherman, Cape May City	GC	5	48	27	88 00	14 50	102 50		6 50
W. Blinn, Hunterdon	GC	3	27	9	27 00	1 75	28 75		
H. Britton, Camden	GC	1	2	1	3 00				37 00
W. Plant, Pompton	CK	4	30		15 00	10 49	25 49		
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	1	14						14 00
O. A. Frith, Hunterdon	GC	3	30	2	6 00	30	6 30		
S. F. Love, Burlington	DR	2	14	1	3 00	20	3 20		
Totals		19	165	40	142 00	27 24	169 24		57 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 10, 1910

W. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	8	53½	28	85 00	2 10	87 00		6 50
J. Heaton, Fulton Co.	GC	2	14	5	16 00	1 50	17 50		
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	3	12	3	12 00		12 00		
G. Medairy, Muffin Co.	SP	5	30½	2	3 00	65	3 65		3 15
Totals		18	110	38	\$116 00	\$4 25	\$120 25		\$9 65

District of Columbia, Week Ending June 4, 1910

I. Porter, Fauquier Co. Va.	DR	4	35	15	49 00				
A. Willman, Prince Wm., Va.	GC	4	31	11	34 00	1 50	35 60		
F. Mills, Prince Wm. Co., Va.	GC	4	30	11	33 00	1 50	34 50		
Totals		12	96	37	116 00	3 00	119 00		

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,329.29

Deliveries, \$507.75

is little prejudice, and we hope there will be none. We are treated with the best of respect even in the homes of ministers. The outlook is good, and we are trusting in the mighty arm of God to do the work.

It should be remembered that Manasses is located on an old historic battlefield of the Civil War. At that time there were but one or two houses here, but now it has augmented to more than 2,000 people. Our minds go back to the conflict between the North and the South. As we look into the future, we wonder which will prove the greater—the struggle for national existence, or the struggle for spiritual endurance. We are on the old battlefield, pressing on the fight. Shall we conquer or shall we be conquered? Our enemy is the old serpent; shall the remnant people through the Captain of the host bruise the serpent's head, or shall the serpent cripple the remnant people? Brethren, the victory is ours. The Captain of the host is on the ground, and in his name we are pressing on. Pray for the success of the work here.

U. D. PICKARD.

OBITUARIES

COLEMAN.—Charles Coleman was born at North Curry, Somerset Shire, England, Sept. 20, 1841, and died in Steuben, Ohio, April 20, 1910, aged 68 years and 7 months. In 1844 he came to America with his parents. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted, joining Company A, 24th Ohio Infantry, in which he served faithfully for his country for three years and two months. He was married to Tryphena C. Haynes on June 6, 1867, with whom he spent the remainder of his life. To this union were born nine children, six of whom died in infancy. At the age of 43 he was converted under the labors of Elder L. A. Hoops, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church and lived a consistent Christian life, and was an earnest believer in the soon coming of the Lord. Brother Coleman was sick nearly four years, yet he never murmured nor complained, but looked forward to the time when he would be where there is no such thing as sickness. He often expressed a desire to get well and live to see the progress of the third angel's message, and its final triumph in victory; but if it was not God's will, he was willing to rest in the grave. He fell asleep in Jesus in full assurance that ere long the life Giver will come and call him forth to receive his reward. He leaves a wife, three children, eight grandchildren, one brother, and one sister to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by Elder R. G. Paterson.

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Our Foreign Magazines

WE would call the attention of our people, and especially the periodical workers, to the foreign magazines. Two numbers each of the German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian quarterly magazines have been printed, and have met with excellent reception. The July number is now in process of preparation and will be out in good time. The July issue of *Tidens Tecken* (Swedish) and *Zeichen der Zeit* (German) will be a special health and temperance number. This is a very popular question at present, and also an important one. This would give all our people an opportunity to do an excellent work by circulating the journals among the Swedes and Germans.

Our German and Swedish people will of course take a special interest in the circulation of these magazines among their own people, but there are large communities where we have no foreign representatives, and where English speaking workers can do an excellent work. So we hope that you will give this matter very careful consideration, and send in your orders early and thus have the magazine while it is fresh and new.

We would again mention the Danish-Norwegian health and temperance journal, *Lye over Landet*. The first two numbers have met a very

kind reception and are exerting a splendid influence. While our Danish-Norwegian friends are putting forth an earnest effort to circulate this journal, we invite our English-speaking brethren and sisters and periodical workers also to take it up, for you can work these foreign magazines very successfully with your English periodicals.

These foreign quarterlies afford the very best opportunity for our English-speaking brethren and sisters to help bring the truth to the people of these foreign nationalities, and I am sure that you will avail yourself of this opportunity to the fullest extent. Uniform club rates are the same as for the English ten-cent magazines.

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Are We Doing Our Part?

EVERY day brings us nearer to the end of our opportunities, and every opportunity tests our sincerity. Are we watching the moments as they pass to see if they contain a chance for us to help some poor soul on the way to the kingdom of God?

When we have passed over the dividing line into eternity, there will be no regretful thought about good deeds we have done in the probationary time. The richness of present opportunities can scarcely be understood now, but the better they are improved the richer they seem to be. Oh, that we had the missionary spirit needed now to keep us from passing by those who should be benefitted by our labors!

When Christ occupies the heart, he is constantly sending forth influences which lead in the pathway of light. No words of darkness nor suggestions of doubt come from the Saviour. He is never discouraged and so can never fail.—Wm. Covert, in *Northern Illinois Recorder*.

The July Watchman

SEVERAL of the articles in the July *Watchman* will bear directly upon the principles which the Fourth of July is designed to commemorate, and may be regarded as a symposium on religious liberty. The principal articles to be given are:—

Dishonoring the Flag, by the editor. The American flag stands for the principles upon which the nation was founded. These were expressed in the Declaration of Independence,

and later in the Federal Constitution. The flag still remains, but a great change of sentiment has taken place toward the Declaration and the Constitution. These are now generally regarded as relics of an honored but outgrown past, rather than as the embodiment of principles by which the nation should be guided to-day. The nation is adrift from its former moorings, and the question is, Whither are we drifting?

What It Means for the President of a Republic to Visit Rome. This is a lively question at the present time. This article deals with the principles involved in the recent episode between Ex-President Roosevelt and the Vatican. It presents highly interesting and important information regarding papal policy at the present time.

Is America in the Trail of Rome? (The promised answer to a question in the June issue). This is an important question, and if present facts give an affirmative answer, it is time at least every Protestant in this county become awake to the situation. A clear and convincing answer to the question will be given by the writer of this article.

The Antichrist, by J. S. Washburn. This article is the third of a series, in the first two of which were considered the subjects of the Mystery of Godliness, and the Mystery of Iniquity. Like these two, the Antichrist is an expression used in the Scripture, and many have been the theories, often fanciful, which writers have advanced concerning it. The speculations of men are worth nothing, but the statements given us by inspiration, on this as on other subjects, are worth everything. This article calls the readers' attention to the testimony of the Scripture regarding the identity of this strange power which wars against the kingdom of Christ. The proofs given will be emphasized by a striking quotation from the pen of the English Cardinal Newman.

Recognition of Divine Sovereignty, by C. P. Bollman. An article showing that, by keeping the Sabbath and paying the Lord's tithe, we recognize in a practical and God-ordained way the divine Sovereignty.

The Great War between Russia and Japan, by Prof. P. T. Magan. This great conflict, which in many respects is unique in the annals of warfare, was a potent factor in the awakening of the kings of the East, and its influence will reach to Armageddon. This article will be well illustrated.

Who can refrain from giving this important issue a wide circulation?