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

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GENERAL MATTER

FORGET NOT HIS BENEFITS

Surprising falls the instantaneous calm,
The sudden silence in my chamber
small;
I, starting, lift my head in half alarm:
The clock has stopped,—that's all!

And so the blessings Heaven daily grants
Are, in the r very commonness, forgot:
We little heed what answereth our want,
Until it answers not.

A strangeness falleth on familiar ways,
As if some pulse had gone beyond re-
call,—
Something unthought of, linked with all our
days,—
Some clock has stopped,—that's all!

—George H. Coomer.

*Colossians

WHILE Paul was a prisoner at Rome his time was largely taken up with the consideration of matters which directly concerned the progress of the gospel, at Rome as well as elsewhere.

From the time of his conversion to Christ, he had been an ardent worker in the Master's service, and it is said of his first two years of prison life there, that he received all who came to him, "preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, nothing forbidding him." Friends also came from the regions of his earlier labors, that they might be benefited by his counsel, and, too, that they might render some service of love to the aged prisoner who had been the means in God's hands of carrying the light of the glorious gospel of Christ to them. Among those who came was one, Epaphrus, the founder of the Christian church at Colosse.

The city of Colosse was on the river Lycus, with the Cadmus mountains in the background. It was near Hier-

apolis and Laodicea, and on the great caravan road from Ephesus to the Euphrates. According to Eusebius, the city was destroyed in the ninth year of Nero's reign, but, although an inland town, it was a flourishing center and was immediately rebuilt, and has lived on. To-day it is known as Chonas. As yet Paul had never visited this place, so far as we can learn; but his expectation of seeing the believers there is expressed in Philemon 22, and we may take it for granted that this purpose was accomplished.

Epaphrus, having many perplexing questions concerning the things at Colosse, resolved upon a visit to the prison cell, that he might lay his case before the great apostle. And in the epistle which we are considering, we have Paul's response to this personal appeal of Epaphrus. Some writers to-day deny the Pauline authorship of this letter, but their arguments are inconclusive. Some also argue that the home of the epistle is Cæsarea, it having been written from that place during Paul's imprisonment there. However, these claims cannot be proved, and the mass of evidence favors the Pauline authorship, and the place of writing as Rome. In fact, the first sentence of the letter names Paul as its author, with Timothy perhaps as an associate. So these claims questioning its authorship and authenticity may well be discarded.

We shall consider it as one of Paul's masterpieces. As is the case with other of his epistles, questions of a vital nature called it forth. Heresy had crept in and was doing its work. In these philosophical doctrines were included doctrines of beings intermediate between God and the world. By implication the authority of Christ and his sphere of action were presented as limited and far remote from men. Other features of this heresy, as set forth in verse 8 and verse 18 of chapter 2, are particularly descriptive of modern spiritualism. "Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit—not after Christ." Also, "Let no man rob you

of your prize by a voluntary humility of worshiping the angels, dwelling in the things which he hath not seen."

The spiritualistic doctrines come to-day in a bewitching manner to deceive us, and against these Paul sets the doctrine of the eternal Son, the Word begotten before the worlds. The great theme of the epistle is the relation of Christ, who is over all principalities and powers conceivable, to the objects of his creation—the universe and the church, giving in plain terms the correct conception of the person of Christ.

A few verses which ought to be of special interest to us in our day will be noted. Ch. 1:9-12. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God: strengthened with all power according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and long-suffering with joy, giving thanks unto the Father who made us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Living as we do with the light of all the dispensations shining in our pathway, it behooves us "to walk worthily of the Lord." The true Christian life is ever onward. There is no standing still or going back. The call to-day, as it was then, is for unreserved surrender to God. God has called us to be depositaries of his holy law, and to vindicate his character before the world. Our aim should be nothing short of the perfection of the Christian character.

Coming to the thought of verses 24-29, especially verse 29: "Whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." No less sacred appreciation of, and devotion to, the work of God is required in our day. God does not accept anything short of earnest, active, zealous heart-labor. He wants unselfish laborers who will work for the advancement of his cause rather than the advancement of

*This article was written by a member of the class studying "Acts and the Epistles" in Mount Vernon College last year.

self and selfish interests. The call of God to-day to us as Christians is for a full and complete surrender. The yielding of self, surrendering all to the will of God, requires a struggle; but the soul must submit to God before it can be renewed in holiness. Christ has said, "Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Chapter 2:6, 7. "As therefore ye receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, and establish your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." It is the goodness of God that leads to repentance, and by faith we accept of Christ. So it is we must walk and grow up in him. It is by loving him, copying him, and depending wholly on him, that we are to be transformed into his likeness. A life in Christ will be one of restfulness, hopefulness, helpfulness, and joy. Our hope will not be in self, but in Christ.

As a general division of the epistle, chapters 2:6 to 4:6 are given to special exhortations and warnings. Chapters 3:1-4 and 12-17 are incentives to holiness. We are told to seek the things that are above, where Christ is; to set our minds on things that are above, and not on things that are on the earth. "And above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

Prayer is one great factor in which Paul placed much dependence. He realized the necessity of actual intercourse with his heavenly Father. When he was here on earth he taught his disciples to pray. He taught them by both precept and example to cast their care entirely upon him. Jesus himself spent much time in prayer. He found comfort and enjoyment in communion with God. The apostle, realizing as he did that prayer is the key which unlocks the treasuries of heaven, in his closing words urges that the Colossians devote themselves to prayer. He says, "Continue steadfastly in prayer;" and feeling the need of their prayers, he continues, "for us also;" but with no selfish motive in mind; for he adds, "that God may open unto us a door for the work, to speak the majesty of Christ, for which I am also in bonds."

The advancement of the work which he represented was the all-important issue with Paul. He had enlisted for a life service, and the crown which the Lord, the righteous judge, would give him at that day, he knew was in wait-

ing for him. Very touching are his closing words, "Remember my bonds. Grace be with you."

O. J. GIBSON.

AT THE COLLEGE

Educate Yourself

YES, educate yourself. It doesn't matter what niche you intend to fill in the world, you will be pushed out of it unless you are educated. Things are not done now as they were when our fathers were boys. Times have changed. It is the trained worker who makes his way to the front. All others are relegated to the rear. Do not flatter yourself that you are an exception. You are not. The same law that has doomed many a listless youth to the hard task of hewing wood and drawing water for his more energetic fellow, will impose upon you the same severe penalty.

And who will say that the sentence is unjust? If a man will not study, neither shall he lead, is the law of uprightness. If you are too indifferent to your interests to qualify yourself for leadership, how can you blame another who pushes himself into your place?

Do not get the idea that the world owes you anything. You will get only what you pay for. And you will get all that you do pay for. Your age, your nationality, your physiognomy, your phrenology, the color of your hair, your religion,—none of these things will help or hinder you very much. The supreme test is, "What can you do?" If you can do the ordinary duties of life no better than other people, you will have a host of competitors. Do them poorer than other people, and you will find yourself without employment. Do them better than anyone else, and you will be a specialist, with the field to yourself.

Yes; educate yourself. And do it now. S. M. BUTLER.

College Notes

MISS BERTHA SPOHN, '08, is spending her vacation at home, enjoying a much needed rest.

Miss Mary Poole, who has been in Mount Vernon some time owing to the illness of her sister, returned to her home in Scioto, O., a few days ago.

Professor John spent Sabbath and Sunday in Springfield, O. A card from him says that prospects for students from southern Ohio are good.

Miss Myrtle Amick recently moved from the College to the Mount Vernon Sanitarium, where she has been nursing during the summer.

On Sunday evening, July 31, a reception was given for Miss Laura Atwell and Mr. Esta Miller, who sail for China next month. The reception, to which the members of the church and community were invited, was held on the College campus, which was beautifully lighted up for the occasion. An impromptu program was rendered, and light refreshments were served. An honored guest of the evening was Mrs. J. O. Miller, of St. John, N. B., who with her daughter Alice, is visiting in Ohio this summer. In behalf of the class of 1910, of which Miss Atwell was a member, Elder Shultz presented her with a morocco-bound copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets."

Elder Butler has been at the College for the past few weeks, superintending improvements. At present the dining room is undergoing a complete renovation.

Mr. Carlton Hamilton left Academia with his team Monday morning, August 1, for the Marion County fairgrounds, where he has been engaged to haul baggage for the Ohio camp-meeting.

Mr. John Levering, formerly business manager of the College, is contracting and building in Clyde, O., this summer.

Mrs. Hallie W. Chilson is visiting relatives of her husband in north-eastern Ohio.

Three houses are in process of building in the immediate vicinity of the College. Mr. Spohn's house is practically completed, and is occupied by Brother Harvey Cassell and his family; Mr. Ira Gault's house, in the next lot, will soon be finished; and Mr. H. W. Chilson's is well under way.

Miss Minnie Barto is working in Mount Vernon this summer, and expects to go to school next winter with her brother, who is earning a scholarship in Eastern Pennsylvania.

NEW JERSEY

I HAVE surely been enjoying great blessings since coming to New Jersey. Before coming I had expected to canvass for one of our large books; but the Lord had a different work for me to do, which I believe was the periodical work. I think I have good reasons for believing this, especially when I look over the past eight weeks and see how I have been led.

By the Lord's help, I have been enabled to sell about seventeen hundred copies of our periodicals since June 7, an average of over 250 a week. If the Lord blesses me in the coming five weeks as he is now blessing me, I shall sell three thousand copies this summer, which will more than make my scholarship.

One day as I was canvassing, I called at the home of an officer; and after canvassing him, with no success, he asked me if I had a license to canvass from door to door. I told him that I had not, and did not know that it was necessary. He told me that it was, and said that I had better get one. Hardly thinking that I needed one, I inquired at the city hall, and was again told that I had better get one or stop canvassing. So I decided to get a license, for which I had to pay five dollars. This was good till May 1, 1911. I found out afterwards that it gave me the privilege of canvassing only in a small section about four miles square. This I could not afford, so I tried to get the chief of police to take it back. He at first refused, but later agreed to take back one-half of it, and then take away my privilege of canvassing. This I know was an injustice to me, and I prayed earnestly that the Lord would help me to get the money. I believed that the Lord was able and willing to help me. I told one of the brethren of the church about my case, and he went with me to see the officer. After praying that the Lord would help us to accomplish our purpose, we went to his office and talked with him for about half an hour about it, but with no success. Finally he said that I could work as long as I pleased, and he would see about giving my money back. I now have all the money back and have not had any more trouble.

I had another little experience which is more pleasant to me. One day as I was working in the business section of the city of Newark, I canvassed a man who was the manager of a large hardware store in that city. Being interested in my work, he read

the letter which I had from the president of the Mount Vernon College, which showed that I was working for a scholarship. He then asked me a few questions about my work at school, and took two of my periodicals, *Life and Health* and the *Watchman* for July, giving me a dollar bill, which he said was "for good luck." So far I have had seven dollars given to me, to help me through school. It is an encouragement to me to see so many people interested in the way I am taking of getting an education.

While I was yet at school I had many people advise me never to go to such a place to work; and for some time I could not see my way clear, and did not know what to do. Many things came in the way, and I was at a loss to know where to go. But I asked the Lord to guide me in the choosing. I asked a certain sign of the Lord and he granted it to me. I decided this was the field the Lord wanted me in, and so I came. Now the Lord has given me still greater evidence of his approval by giving me good success in my work here. To me this shows the care that the Lord has for his children; and hereafter I intend to be more ready to go anywhere the Lord may wish me to go.

ALFRED HOLST.

BROTHER E. E. PENNINGTON has been spending several days with the magazine workers in South Jersey. The Lord is working in aid of those who press forward in this important work.

Elder G. W. Spies has pitched his tent on Washington Avenue near Second Street, Pleasantville. There seems to be a good interest among the people of the place. Brother Stag and Miss Anna Oately are associated with Elder and Mrs. Spies in this effort.

Elder W. H. Smith and his co-workers are having good meetings at the tent on Arlington Avenue, near the Broad Street car barns, at Newark.

After a long search a fine location for the Jersey City tent was found by Elder W. G. Kneeland, at the corner of Palisade Avenue and Division Street, West Hoboken, and the tent was pitched and made ready for meetings. Sunday morning, July 31, the tent, which was nearly new, with

its furnishings, was totally destroyed by fire, which was started accidentally and with the aid of a strong wind completed the work of destruction in a very few minutes. Encouraged by the sympathy and aid of the people in the vicinity, the workers went ahead and held an open air meeting on the lot next to the burned tent, and it was attended by about three hundred people who gave the closest attention to a sermon given by Elder Kneeland on the second coming of Christ. At the close of the service about thirty-five dollars were donated toward the purchase of a new tent. The order for this tent has been sent, and an old tent has been placed temporarily on the lot, so that the meetings may not be interrupted. While this accident may at the first glance seem discouraging, still we can already see the way in which God is making it work for the good of the effort. All of the workers are of good courage, and are determined to press the fight for the truth with even greater zeal because of the obstacles which have arisen. The new tent and outfit will cost in the neighborhood of \$300; and as our tent fund is already overdrawn, we shall be obliged to appeal to our brethren and sisters for financial aid in this crisis. Hand your donations for this new tent to the treasurer of the church, or send them in to the conference treasurer.

WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Camp-Meeting

ON account of not being able to secure suitable grounds in Parkersburg for camp-meeting, and having the offer of a camp-ground free of charge at McMechen, our conference committee has changed the place of camp-meeting from Parkersburg to McMechen, August 18-28.

Let all who have trunks buy their tickets for, and check their baggage to, Benwood Junction, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. After getting off the train at Benwood Junction, take either a McMechen or Moundsville electric car going south, and ride to Twelfth Street in McMechen, and you will see the tents, and will have only a few steps to walk after getting off the electric car at Twelfth Street.

Those coming via Wheeling should buy their tickets and have their baggage checked to Benwood Junction; but they may take either a McMechen or Moundsville electric car from Wheeling to McMechen.

Miss Edna M. Cook and Miss Nina E. John will be nurses in the medical tent at the Ohio camp-meeting.

The chautauqua at Hiawatha Park closed last Thursday. On Tuesday evening Edw. Amherst Ott delivered his famous lecture on heredity, "Sour Grapes."

Miss Grace Steinbaugh, '07, has accepted the position of bookkeeper at Union College.

Those who were in Professor Rees's classes last year, and helped to raise the "Room 3 Furnishing Fund," will be pleased to learn that the new seats for the English department have arrived. The only regret is that the originator and inspirer of the enterprise will not be here to enjoy the fruits of his effort; the old seats will forever be connected with the good old days when we sat around and forgot that we were in school, listening to stories of Dean Swift, Oliver Goldsmith, or Dr. Johnson.

Miss Debora Secor, '10, will have charge of the kindergarten department at the Ohio camp-meeting.

Miss Janett Bidwell has returned from Hinsdale, Ill., where she has been spending part of her vacation.

Next year the path to the spring-house will not be haunted by "the pestilence that walketh in darkness," for two new lights have been put up in the hollow. A tungsten light also illuminates the new cement walks to the laundry, the printing office, and the class rooms.

Miss Stella Kennedy, '07, recently spent three weeks at Wheelersburg, O., visiting her brother, Mr. Blaine Kennedy of the class of 1908.

Mr. Alfred Clough is spending the summer nursing at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Miss Jessie Pope, who has been in Mount Vernon since the close of school, recently went to her home in Wilmington, O., for a short vacation. She expects to return to school in the fall.

If you are interested in Mount Vernon College, and have not seen a copy of the calendar, send us your name and address at once.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Winning Souls

THERE is nothing that causes Jesus to bestow his blessing on a believer more readily than going forth to tell a friend or neighbor of the love that he bears for a single soul. This should be done after having a quiet talk with him in secret. I find many who are anxious to hear of his love. If lay members will try this, leaving a tract or a paper, they will soon find the joy of service. In this way souls will be won for Jesus. This is my experience, and it has become a great pleasure to me to tell the story of his love.

G. MEDAIRDY.

AFTER camp-meeting the following efforts were planned: Elder F. D. Wagner and Elder J. W. Watt were to locate their tent in Kittanning, Elders W. F. Schwartz and J. E. Veach at Altoona, and Elders N. S. Ashton and George West in Pittsburgh.

Elder Wagner and Elder Watt had gotten only nicely started with the effort, when Brother Wagner was called home on account of Sister Wagner's health, and we are sorry indeed to learn that Sister Wagner's condition necessitates a change of climate. We trust that the Lord will especially bless Brother and Sister Wagner, and restore Sister Wagner to health again.

Brother N. S. Ashton, who has been confined to his bed for some weeks on account of illness, is somewhat better, and is at work again; but as he and Brother West had not been successful in finding a location for a tent in Pittsburgh, Brother Ashton is helping Brother Watt at Kittanning, and Brother West has gone up into Potter County to look after an effort there.

Brother and Sister Joseph Konigsmacher of Pittsburgh have also connected with the effort at Kittanning—Sister Konigsmacher as organist and Brother Konigsmacher as tent master. This will leave Elders Watt and Ashton free to do visiting and personal work in the city. Brother and Sister Konigsmacher are both trained nurses. With this company of good workers, and God's blessing added, we hope ere long that we may have a

well established company of Sabbath-keepers at that place.

Elder I. N. Williams spent a few days with the tent company at Kittanning, and reports that during the week the attendance averages from forty to fifty, and that deep interest is manifested in the truths given for the first time, and states that the hearers are an intelligent, thinking class of people. On Sunday evening, July 24, about one hundred or over were in attendance.

Brother Charles Dunham has taken hold of the work with a right good will, and we are glad that the outlook for the canvassing work is good. Although Brother Dunham has proved himself in the canvassing work, we all know that the work of field agent is entirely new to him, and we trust that all will give him their hearty co-operation and will pray for his success, and for the success of the work.

The North Warren church reports a very good quarterly meeting, Sabbath, July 23. Elder Meleen, of Jamestown, N. Y., met with them, and the ordinances were celebrated. All present were glad to be there, and the Spirit of the Lord came very near to all. Sister Snow's daughter, of Kane, was baptized, and united with the church.

No doubt many have already learned that Brother Schwartz and Brother Veach's tent was blown to pieces in a storm, Wednesday, July 25, during the afternoon; but fortunately we had another tent which we sent to them, so that they missed only two evening services. They report a very good interest. The tent was an old one, and we expected that it would not stand a storm; and the one substituted is also an old one, almost ready to go out of service. Let us not forget the tent fund; for, with the very best care, our tents will wear out, and it is necessary to replace them with new ones from time to time.

Brother and Sister Medairy, of Lewistown, expect to begin work in Pittsburgh soon; and as these faithful workers go there to establish the periodical work in this needy city, we trust that the brethren in Pittsburgh and vicinity will do all they can to help them to get established. We hope that the efforts of Brother and Sister Medairy may be crowned with success.

A. V. WILLIAMS.

All who wish tents should order them at once. We shall be able to provide a number of rooms for those who do not wish to go into tents. Tents 12 x 14, without floor, will rent for \$2.50, and the larger tents, 14 x 16, will cost \$3.00, this rate is for the entire ten days. Straw, beds, and cots will be furnished at a very reasonable rate. Rooms will cost about the same as tents.

We have ordered a good supply of health foods, and shall be able to serve meals on the European plan at about 15 cents each.

If you expect to go into a tent, bring what bedding you may need. Straw will be furnished on the ground. Those going into rooms do not need to bring bedding. As the nights may be cool, it would be well to bring plenty of heavy wraps, also overshoes and umbrellas.

All baggage will be attended to, and hauled to and from the camp-ground just as cheaply as possible. Bring your baggage checks to the camp-ground, and there will be a man there who will attend to having it hauled from the depot to the camp-ground.

We shall be pleased to see everybody come early, so that all will be settled nicely, and ready to attend the first meeting, August 18, at 7:30 P. M.

F. H. ROBBINS, *Pres.*

THE West Virginia Conference has purchased a new tent 50 x 70 feet. It will be ready for the camp-meeting at McMechen, August 18-28.

Word has just come from Elder Robbins that a terrible storm occurred in the vicinity of McMechen; that houses were unroofed and buildings torn down; that the tents of the street carnival, near where our tents are pitched, were leveled to the ground; but the good Lord took care of those of the tent company. Not a tent or property of any kind was injured.

The camp-meeting to be held at McMechen, a suburb of Wheeling, West Virginia, August 18-28, may be reached by our people by railroad direct to McMechen, or via Wheeling, and street cars leaving there for McMechen at regular intervals.

Tents can be secured by addressing S. F. Ross, No 1600 Andrew Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia, who will have charge of the camp-ground.

Brother D. Haddix will meet all persons coming by cars—railroad, or

electric—and will aid you in every way he possibly can.

Flooring for the tents and staw for the beds will be had upon the ground, and can be secured from Brother S. F. Ross.

A reception committee has been provided for, who will do everything in its power to make you comfortable and your stay profitable.

The usual number of laborers from the General Conference and the Union Conference will be with us, and everything will be done to make all happy and comfortable. Come yourself, and bring your family, your neighbors, and your friends—come, be with us at the first meeting and stay with us until the end.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER C. S. WIEST has been passing through some very trying experiences in the tent effort at Reading. He now writes, however, that the cloud has lifted; that two are keeping the Sabbath, and the attendance is increasing.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath, July 23, with the Ariel church, and Sunday, July 24, with the church at South Canaan. At both places the ordinances of the Lord's house were observed. At the former place, a young people's missionary volunteer society was organized, with Sister F. A. Evans as leader. There are some excellent young people connected with this church, and we look for good reports from the organization.

The tent effort in West Philadelphia, conducted by Elder R. G. Harter, assisted by Brethren Heald and Waldo, and Sisters Heald and Gemberling, is increasing in interest. Last night the tent was filled to overflowing. Pray that many souls may accept the truth as a result of these meetings.

Brother G. W. Holman, our canvassing agent, has accepted a call to a similar position in the North Carolina Conference. He will leave about September 1. We pray that God's blessing may go with Brother and Sister Holman, and that they may have success in their new field of labor.

Elder Nord of New York City spent

Sabbath with the Scandinavian company in the northeast section of Philadelphia. His visit was very much appreciated by our Scandinavian members.

It is a fact worthy of note and commendation, that all the Sabbath-schools but two in East Pennsylvania have returned their reports for the quarter ending June 30, during the month of July.

Elder B. F. Kneeland, president of the New Jersey Conference, spent a few minutes with us in the conference office last week. Brother and Sister Lowry, also Brother and Sister Blinn of the New Jersey Conference, paid this office a pleasant visit last week.

We have just received a check for \$60 tithe from an individual who is not a Seventh-day Adventist, but who firmly believes our faith, and is deeply interested in seeing the work go forward in this conference. This makes nearly \$200 received from this brother in the last year and a half. We have great hopes of seeing him step out and become fully affiliated with this message.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath morning, July 30, with the Scranton church, and was with the Wilkes Barre church in the afternoon. Two adults were baptized in Scranton, Sunday, July 31, Elder Heckman officiating.

A scholarship in twenty-three days is the record made by Brother L. Cruickshank in this conference. He says: "This could not have been possible, as far as I am concerned. By God's blessing and love I was able to do it. I am very thankful to him, and hope to continue canvassing for another five weeks before joining my college.

"I had an exciting experience this week. On Wednesday, while canvassing in the country, I was told by the people that everyone was sure to take a book except one man, who, as they said, was an infidel. I ventured a trial anyhow; and just as I got near his house, out sprang a huge dog. It gripped me by the thigh and tore away the whole front of my trouser leg, and also wounded me. I felt like killing the dog, but somehow I felt, too, that the Lord had permitted this to happen; and so it subsequently turned out. I canvassed the man.

At first I could not make anything out of him. I then gave him a talk on simple Christianity—its wonderful transforming power. I also gave him my personal experience. He gradually gave way, and after an hour and thirty minutes he gave me his order for "Daniel and the Revelation" in a half-morocco binding. I realized then that the Lord wanted me in this house. The man changed completely, and was a brother to me. He lent me a pair of trousers to go home with, and invited me to come to his home again the next Sunday."

CHESAPEAKE

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS of the VISITOR family: I am glad, and my heart rejoices, to see the message scattered far and near by our earnest God-fearing canvassers. Although the reports are not so large as we should like to see, yet with faith in God to open the way, our hope and courage is still bright.

The Lord is calling faithful men from every walk of life to take an active part in helping to carry this message of mercy to those who know it not. We can appreciate the scripture found in Jer. 16:16, which reads: "Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." How true it is here that the God-fearing canvassers go out and fish and hunt for precious souls, and find them away up on the mountains, and down in the holes of the rocks. I believe that the mines which the men work in, answer well to the prophet's description of their hiding places. As I have had the privilege of going with some of our canvassers among the miners, and seeing how they appreciate our books, I am led to believe that some of these needy souls down in the holes of the rocks are God's people. As I went out with Brother S. N. Brown to help him deliver his books, I noticed that almost every book was delivered.

We are glad to report a new canvasser, Brother W. T. Durst, who is working with Brother Brown in Allegheny County. Brother Durst was formerly a book and time keeper for a large coal company, but has now taken up the canvassing work. I spent a few days with him, and feel sure that he will be a valuable addition to our canvassing force.

J. E. JONES, *Missionary Agent.*

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 29, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Kennedy, Carbon		DR	5	48	20	68 00	75	68 75	
L. Cruickshank, Carbon		DR	5	38	12	40 00		40 00	
H. Weaver, Cumberland		DR	5	42	22	66 00	6 00	72 00	3 75
W. Barto, Cumberland		DR	5	40	12	35 00	19 50	54 50	9 00
Harry Barto, Adams		DR	4	42	13	42 00		42 00	
H. Christman, Adams		DR	4	35	11	33 00		33 00	
A. King, Northumberland		DR	5	35	3	9 00	29 00	38 00	2 60
†J. Lichty, Lehigh		GC	10	95	17	57 00	16 00	67 00	9 00
J. Winemiller, York		GC	5	33	8	24 00		24 00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster		CK	5	33	21	23 00		23 00	
Janet Morris, Tioga		CK	2	14	18	24 50		24 50	
E. Sterner, Bucks		CK	5	37	14	14 50		14 50	10 00
G. Billington, N'rthumb'rl'nd		CK	4	28	16	16 00	8 00	24 00	
Totals			64	520	187	\$446 00	\$79 25	\$525 25	\$34 35

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 22, 1910

L. Cruickshank, Carbondale		DR	5	42	26	94 00		94 00	
J. Kennedy, Carbondale		DR	5	40	8	26 00	50	26 50	95 75
H. Weaver, Cumberland		DR	5	42	14	42 00	12 00	54 00	3 75
W. Barto, Cumberland		DR	5	43	12	35 00	9 00	44 00	9 00
H. Christman, Adams		DR	4	39	16	49 00		49 00	
H. Barto, Adams		DR	4	42	14	46 25	2 25	48 50	
A. King, Northumberland		DR	5	39	6	19 00	70	19 70	
J. Winemiller, York		DR	5	41	8	25 00		25 00	
Janet Morris, Tioga		CK	5	40	58	72 50		72 50	
E. Sterner, Bucks		CK	5	34	21	22 50		22 50	
G. Billington, N'rthumb'rl'nd		CK	5	32	13	14 50	28 00	42 50	1 50
Totals			53	434	196	\$445 75	\$52 45	\$498 20	\$110 00

West Virginia, Week Ending July 29, 1910

Guy Corder, Wheeling		BF	5	30	35	36 00	5 25	41 25	
Ray Corder, "		BF	5	29	42	47 50	4 00	51 50	1 75
T. M. Butler, Tyler Co.		GC	2	11	5	15 00	50	15 50	
May Leach, Tyler Co.		CK	4	39	20	39 00	2 00	41 00	
Dollie Parker, Brooke Co.		CK	5	43	23	30 00		30 00	
D. Adams, Wetzel Co.		DR	2	10	4	17 00	75	17 75	
J. Jennings, Fayette Co.		DR	5	18			10 55	10 55	2 25
Hazel Leach, Wtzel Co.		DR	4	41	23	69 00	16 00	85 00	
B. Ross, Wetzel Co.		DR	5	49	20	60 00	12 75	72 75	
B. Wagner, Preston Co.		DR	2	13	4	12 00	4 50	16 50	
R. Wheeler, Preston Co.		DR	2	13	2	6 00		6 00	
Geo. Marshall, Preston Co.		DR				27 75		27 75	
Totals			41	301	178	\$359 25	\$56 30	\$415 55	\$4 00

Virginia, Week Ending July 22, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville		CK		20	20	22 00	25	22 25	
A. Schenk, Wytheville		CK		13	7	8 50		8 50	
W. Wirth, Greenville		PP		48	70	141 50	3 00	144 50	2 00
C. N. Hewitt, Coeburn		DR		39	16	53 00	6 25	59 25	10 00
G. Robinson, "		DR		35	11	36 00	5 85	41 85	6 35
J. Wright, "		GC		32	7	27 00	1 00	28 00	5 50
C. C. Belgrave, Lynchburg		CK		25	69	78 50	70	79 20	
A. Roberson, Doswell		CK		30	12	13 50		13 50	
H. Balsch, Doswell		CK		30	14	16 00		16 00	
Totals				299	226	\$396 00	\$17 05	\$413 05	\$23 85

Ohio, Week Ending July 29, 1910

H. Kirk, Harrison Co.		DR	5	42	13	40 00	2 25	42 25	102 00
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		DR	5	35	5	15 00	6 00	21 00	5 50
†R. Minesinger, Meigs Co.		DR	10	100	23	66 00	50	66 50	50
†A. L. Bassler, Perry Co.		DR	14	139	33	99 00	33 90	132 90	9 75
O. Hershberger, Morgan Co.		GC	5	40	9	29 00	2 00	31 00	1 50
J. Reichenbach, Trumble Co.		GC	3	28	9	27 00		27 00	
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.		GC	5	40	5	15 00	6 10	21 10	5 10
Ira Rickett, Morgan		GC	5	33	4	12 00	50	12 50	
L. H. Waters, Stark Co.		BF	5	40	21	25 00		25 00	
Totals			57	507	122	\$328 00	\$51 25	\$379 25	\$124 35

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Tithe	\$3,001 22
Tract Society	916 11
Sabbath-School Donations	436 79
First Day Offerings	91 06
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Mount Vernon College Fund	194 53
Religious Liberty	25
Mid-Summer Offering	434 13
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Sanitarium Relief Fund	179 43
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Orphans and Aged	20 81
Tent and Hall Donations	37 01

TOTAL

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

Zanesville

THE following is a financial report of the Zanesville church for half year ending June 30, 1910. The membership of this church is about thirty.

Tithe	\$185 94
Weekly Offerings	4 30
Religious Liberty	2 40
Mount Vernon College	35 40
Mid-summer Offerings	21 58
Church Expense	14 93
Sabbath-school Donations	19 06

Total

B. F. CARTER, Treas.

THE Ohio Conference office closed Monday, August 8, the workers having gone to the camp-meeting at Marion. For the coming two weeks correspondence for the conference should be addressed to Marion, O., in care of the Seventh-day Adventist camp-ground.

Elder W. E. Bidwell, after spending a few days at home, went to Pleasant Hill to hold a baptismal service.

Brother and Sister G. E. Wales, of Toledo, have connected with the Bible work, and are working in their home city.

Elder J. F. Olmsted, pastor of the Columbus church, called on friends in Mount Vernon on his way to the Ohio camp-meeting.

Miss Elizabeth L. Kern, who is earning a scholarship by selling periodicals in the large cities of Ohio, and has ordered 3,500 magazines from our tract society within the past six weeks, writes from Columbus: "This place leads them all for success; yet we did very well in Cincinnati.

"Just an experience: I worked all afternoon in an office building, and after finishing all but the manager's office, I went and canvassed him, and he gave me permission to leave the building. However, he bought a magazine on condition that I would canvass no further in the building. I thanked him, and went down on the elevator from the twelfth floor, with eighty Signs of the Times disposed of."

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OBITUARIES

SHEPHERD.—Marion Shepherd was born in Wilmington, O., July 4, 1844, and died July 15, 1910, at his home in Wakeman, O., aged 66 years and 11 days. He enlisted on the sixteenth day of September, 1862, for three years in Company C, 124th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., July 9, 1865, holding a corporal's warrant. He was converted at an early age, and united with the church before the war. After the war he became an active member of the Methodist church, until he united 32 years ago with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which he was a faithful member when he died. He was married Feb. 24, 1865, to Permelia Clifford. To them was born one daughter, who, with her mother and one brother of the deceased, is left to mourn his loss. Words of comfort from 2 Cor. 1:3, 4 were spoken by the writer to a well-filled church. Our brother was laid to rest at Wakeman, to await the coming of the Life-giver.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 22, 1910

Maryland								
S. N. Brown, Carlos	CK	5	39	55	63 00	8 50	71 50	
J. Vanzant, Rock Hall	CK	3	28	32	33 00	11 45	44 45	60
S. Haynes, Colora	DR	4		17	49 00	4 00	53 00	
W. Yonson, Guilford	GC	2	21	6	18 00	6 25	24 25	1 25
W. Durst, Carlos	CK	2	16	15	18 00		18 00	
Total		16	104	125	\$181 00	\$30 20	\$211 20	\$1 85

New Jersey, Week Ending July 29, 1910

A. Sherman, Holly Beach	GC	5	51	23	71 00	14 00	85 00	3 00
G. Blinn, Mercer	DR	4	30	10	30 00		30 00	
W. Mayers, Atlantic	GC	5	39	2	6 00	10 50	16 50	4 25
E. Hirst, Atlantic	GC	5	19			1 00	1 00	
Totals		19	139	35	\$107 00	\$25 50	\$132 50	\$7 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 29, 1910

W. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	40	20	64 00	3 10	67 10	
G. Medairy, Muffin Co.	SP	3	6			3 25	3 25	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC		27					55 75
S. Bussard, Bedford Co.		5	40					177 00
Totals		13	113	20	\$64 00	\$6 35	\$70 35	\$232 75

†Two weeks

‡Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$2,645.35 Deliveries, \$538.40

VIRGINIA

Church Missionary Society Report

Quarter Ending June 30, 1910

Missionary letters written	59
Missionary letters received	13
Missionary visits	357
Bible readings held	64
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	49
Periodicals sold	168
Periodicals given away	1,085
Books sold	37
Books loaned	33
Pages of tracts sold	10,374
Pages of tracts given away	19,858
Offerings for home missionary work	\$38.95

J. GREER HANNA,

Field Miss. Sec.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Manassas, Va.

IT HAS been some time since we last reported the work in Manassas; but this is not because we have not been busy. The people of Manassas have been very kind and generous. We have had more than we could do to visit the homes of the town that have been open to us. Generally we have been used with the greatest courtesy. The newspapers of the town have been very kind in lending

their assistance to the work, and sometimes they have have given us as much as two columns.

In spite of this, Satan has been working hard to hinder the work here. There have been times when the prospect was dark, but our trust has been in God; and while we do not see clearly yet, the mist is beginning to break away, and we know that the victory is ours, for our captain is the Lord.

We have some who are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the tent work, and we are looking for more, as God is pleading with souls to give up all and follow him. We need the prayers of all the brethren, that the work here may be a success. Surely God has a people here for his name. We need wisdom to carry the third angel's message to the people of this place.

Our Sabbath-school has been a success from the beginning. It brings in those who are not yet keeping the Sabbath. The lessons seem to be just what the people need at this time. We have a regular service after the Sabbath-school, and it is quite well attended. We look for good results in this place.

This is the old historic battle ground of the Civil War; but greater than the battles that were then fought, is the battle that is being fought now; and it seems as though we could begin to see through the darkness into clear day.

There are some at Warrentown awaiting baptism, which will be administered on the return of Elder W. A. Hennig from the Georgia camp-meeting.

We have cut our meetings down to five a week, and the rest of the time is spent in visiting from house to house. This is bringing us nearer to the people, and the people nearer to us.

U. D. PICKARD.

OHIO

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

JULY, 1910

Akron	\$111 55
Alliance	227 17
*Barnesville	
Bellefontaine	24 04
Bellville	32 60
*Broughton	
Bowling Green	136 53
Camden	95 31
Canton	43 00
Chagrin Falls	34 20
Charloe	9 80
Chillicothe	
Cincinnati	88 96
Cleveland	119 12
Cleveland German	26 61
Clyde	50 39
Columbiana	17 74
Columbus	149 82
*Conant	26 08
Conneaut	29 05
*Convoy	
Corsica	32 59
*Coshocton	
Cygnets	13 18
Dayton	
Defiance	8 05
Delaware	28 00
Delta	96 02
Derwent	8 12
*Dixon	
Dowling	2 00
Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	4 10
Elgin	
Findlay	57 00
Greenspring	4 80
*Gilboa	
Hamler	91 56
Hamilton	
Hicksville	62 91
*Jackson	5 00
Jefferson	79 64
Killbuck	14 08
LaGrange	
Lake View	
Laura	69 09
Leesburg	55 67
Liberty Center	33 83
Lima	
Locust Point	
Mansfield	35-91