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I would be true,
For there are those who trust me;
I would be pure,
For there are those who care;
I would be strong,
For there is much to suffer;
I would be brave,
For there is much to dare;
I would be friend
Of all - the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving,
And forget the gift;
I would be humble,
For I know my weakness;
I would look up,
And laugh, and love, and live.
—Selected.

The Way God Speaks to Man

BEFORE man sinned God talked with him directly. This is shown by such references as the following: "And God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply . . . And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed."¹ "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it."² "The holy pair were not only children under the fatherly care of God, but students receiving instruction from the all-wise Creator. They were visited by angels, and were granted communion with their Maker, with no obscuring veil between."³ After man had sinned we notice a decided change. They no longer welcomed the presence of their Maker. "Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God . . . And he said . . . I was afraid."⁴ As man lost his robe of purity and light he could not endure God's presence; for the contrast between man's shameful condition in sin and God's righteousness and brightness is so great that to man in this sinful condition "God is a consuming fire."⁵ It is this brightness or glory of God that destroys the wicked at the second coming of Christ.⁶

It is possible for those who are striving to put away sin to approach nearer to God than can those who are

in open rebellion. When Israel had agreed to be God's people the Lord could approach them in the cloud, so that they heard his voice, but even they could not long endure such proximity, for they said, "If we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die." And God replied to Moses, "They have well said all that they have spoken."⁷ Moses, because of the consecration of his life could come still closer to God, but even he must be hid in the cleft of the rock and covered with God's hand as he passed by that he should not be consumed by the glory.⁸ The prophet Isaiah asks, "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" This question he immediately answers. "He that walketh righteously and speaketh uprightly, he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil." To such he says, "Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty."⁹ And in the Revelation we read, "They shall see his face."¹⁰ Though in our fallen state we cannot meet God face to face and live, yet in his love he speaks to us through his prophets "which have been since the world began."¹¹

GOD'S PROPHETS ARE HIS SPOKESMEN

A prophet is "literally" one who speaks for another, especially one who speaks for a god, and interprets his will to man . . . One who prophesies, or foretells events; a predictor; a foreteller. One inspired or instructed by God to speak in his name, or announce future events . . . An interpreter; a spokesman."¹² "In the New Testament as in the Old, . . . the prominent idea is not that of prediction, but of delivering inspired messages of warning, exhortation, and instruction; building up, exhorting, and comforting; convincing, judging, and making manifest the secrets of the heart."¹³

The prophets were unable to meet God face to face, but to them God revealed his will through visions and dreams.¹⁴ In vision the prophets

were permitted to see things as if transpiring right before their faces. These prophets were sometimes called seers,¹⁵ that is, "one who sees, especially one who sees into the future."¹⁶ To the prophet the past, present, or future might be opened to view. Thus his mind would be enlightened and he instructed concerning things which otherwise might be unknown to him. "The infinite one by his Holy Spirit has shed light into the minds and hearts of his servants. He has given dreams and visions, symbols and figures, and those to whom the truth was thus revealed have themselves embodied the thought in human language."¹⁷ The enlightenment given enabled them to know the right. They spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.¹⁸ This Holy Spirit is in another place shown to be the Spirit of Christ. For the apostle says that prophets searched "what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify."¹⁹ Therefore as their instruction came through visions and dreams and they spoke only that which the Holy Spirit or Spirit of Christ gave them, it is evident that their testimony was not their own but the testimony of Jesus Christ. This truth is plainly stated to the beloved apostle upon the Isle of Patmos when the angel said to him, "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."²⁰

SIGNS NOT PROOF OF A TRUE PROPHET

It has ever been the plan of Satan to counterfeit the work of God; and for this reason there have been not only true but false prophets among the people.²¹ When Satan can bring forward a false prophet, and make the people believe that they are listening to the testimony of Christ, it affords him a mighty deception. This has led man to question whether the message to which he listens really comes from God or not, and the Lord has anticipated this question; for we read, "If thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the

Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken."²² We see from this scripture that when a prophet speaks things which do not come to pass, we may know that he is false, and that his message does not come from God; for the Eternal knoweth "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done."²³ On the other hand, we cannot always be certain that a prophet is speaking from divine enlightenment when his word comes true; for "if there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, . . . Thou shalt not harken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul."²⁴ There have been false prophets who have given signs and wonders and predictions which came true, and yet their message was not from God. The witch of Endor told Saul what would befall him, and yet the Lord was not speaking through her, for he had refused longer to give any counsel to Saul.²⁵ In the book of Revelation is described a great persecuting power to exist in the last days, and the scripture says of the power that "he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of man, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do."²⁶ This scripture plainly shows that we cannot trust to miracles as an evidence that the prophet who gives them is genuine. In the days of Christ many were constantly demanding a sign or an evidence that he was the Messiah, and although he did give many signs, yet it was not those who believed on him because of these signs that he trusted; "when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did. But Jesus did not trust himself unto them," or as another version reads, "Jesus did not confide himself to them."²⁷ While false prophets may sometimes perform great miracles, it is possible to be among the greatest of true prophets and yet never perform a single miracle. We read of John the Baptist that he "did no miracle;"²⁸ and yet Christ says, "There is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist."²⁹

THE WORD AND LAW OF GOD THE TEST

The false prophets do not lead people to test their belief and their lives by the word of God, but they utter such words as flatter and please the ear, "they make you vain . . . and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you."³⁰ "They shall turn away their ears from the truth."³¹ How often we hear it said that if you follow the dictates of your own conscience the Lord will accept you; but to depend upon this alone, without the word of God to guide, is to follow the imaginations of the heart, and this the Lord says is the kind of message given by false prophets. The prophet will, if true, speak in harmony with prophets that have spoken before him; for as "God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets,"³² he will not by one prophet contradict what he has already spoken by the mouth of a preceding prophet. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid;"³³ "for God is not the author of confusion."³⁴ Not by signs, but by their fruits, ye shall know them—"a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. . . . Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."³⁵ "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."³⁶

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O. F. BUTCHER.

A Good Harvest

THE summer season is now over, and we are glad to report higher sales in the canvassing field this year than in any previous year of our ex-

perience. Those who have gone out from the schools and colleges have met with wonderful success. Not only the experienced canvassers, but also those who have just entered the work, have sold from \$40 to \$70 worth per week.

The following is a fair sample of the work done. One young man took orders amounting to \$800 and delivered \$600 worth. Another took orders amounting to \$1,300 and delivered \$1,000 worth. Still another worked 220 hours, and delivered \$183.75 worth.

A young man who had his first experience in canvassing this summer, sold over \$400 worth, thus surprising many of his friends, who thought that because he was not talkative he could not succeed in this work. Sometimes quiet people make the best workers. Moses was of this class. When the Spirit of God lays a burden for service upon any heart, the excuse, "I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue," will not remove the obligation. God gave Moses a spokesman in the person of Aaron, but he proved to be a hindrance instead of a help. So it is with us when we insist upon having our own way. We shall find sooner or later that God's way is best, that he makes no mistake when he calls us, nor does he change his purpose. It is always better to obey at once than to wait until judgments are sent to secure our obedience.

The figures in the above reports represent many hours of hard labor and earnest prayer; tears of joy as well as sorrow; precious experiences with souls around the family altar or at the fireside; joys and sorrows; happy surprises and weary disappointments. But the many tests and trials have been accompanied by wonderful manifestations of the power of God to deliver and preserve all who put their trust in him.

The summer's work is over, and the students are enjoying a good harvest. Many of them are in school as a result of their work, and their experience in the field has whetted their appetite for a better knowledge of the truth. They have been blessed spiritually as well as financially, and will enjoy their school work better, and get out of it much more real benefit, than they could had they had their way paid entirely by others.

E. R. NUMBERS.

General Agent, C. U. C.

Virtue is the perpetual substitution of being for seeming.—Emerson.

Miss Emma Pope, of Wilmington, O., is visiting her cousins at the College.

Miss Leola De Camp, of Benton Harbor, a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College, has entered the nurses' class at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Elder Stewart Kime, president of the Virginia Conference, spoke to the students in chapel on Thursday morning. His opening words were very significant, especially in school life: "The thing which we consider most important is the thing which we give our first and best attention."

The College prayer bands were reorganized last Friday evening.

A card from Mrs. Rebecca M. Landon to Miss Olive Pangburn shows how old students think of their school days here. She says: "We were so pleased to hear that you are in dear old Mount Vernon. I know you will enjoy yourself there."

Miss Ruth Sweet and Mr. Everhart of Akron, Ohio, were visitors at the College a week ago. Miss Sweet was formerly of Mount Vernon College and later a church school teacher in the state of Ohio.

Elder Kneeland set a worthy example to the other members of the Board by bringing a student with him when he came to Mount Vernon.

Mr. Dallas Campbell, a student at Mount Vernon two years ago, is attending school at Madison, Tennessee this year.

Mr. Carl N. Hewitt who has been a student at Mount Vernon for the past two years has decided to enter immediately upon the medical course. He left Mount Vernon last Thursday for the Loma Linda Medical College, where his brother Coe is working on a nurses' course.

At a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee held at Mount Vernon last week Elder James E. Shultz was elected educational secretary of the Columbia Union. He expects to reside in Mount Vernon until the spring.

Mrs. Carrie Crummel, of Akron, O., visited her daughter Hazel at the College, Sunday, October 2.

Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. Ella D. Ostrander, left Mount Vernon last Thursday for an extended visit in Pennsylvania, her home state.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potts are moving to Detroit. Mrs. Potts left Wilmington, O., last Thursday to join Mr. Potts in their new home.

Mr. Raymond Spencer of Mansfield, Pa., entered school last Wednesday.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, who paid his first visit to Mount Vernon during the recent Board meeting, was at that time elected missionary secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. He will reside at Takoma Park.

Miss Alma Van Eman is spending the winter at her home in Garland, Wyoming.

Miss Anita Smallwood, of Pittsburg, Pa., Miss Martha Brown, of Camden, N. J., and Mr. Virgil Price, of Mount Vernon, O., enrolled at the Training School last week.

Miss Mabel Marietta enjoyed very much the visit of her father during the recent session of the College Board.

It is interesting to notice this year how many students are taking work in the College department. There is a good advance over last year in this respect.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

A Week in the Canvassing Field

ON Monday morning I reached my field of labor an hour before noon, and worked till five o'clock without taking many orders. I then began to look for a place to stay for the night. The first two families I called on could not give me entertainment, but both ordered the "Coming King." When I reached the next house it was already dark. I found the farmer talking to a neighbor in the yard. I told him of my work and also told him that I was looking for a place to stay for the night, and would like to stay with him if it was convenient. It was not convenient and he did not wish to buy a book. However, I gave them a description of "Coming King," and

the neighboring farmer asked, "Have you a sample of that book?" A lantern was brought so that he could see it, and he gave me his order. They advised me to go to the hotel at Portersville, a little town about three miles away. As I had already canvassed the town and the hotel keeper, this sounded too much like retreat for me. I determined to go onward rather than backward. Not until 8.30 was I invited to come in and make myself at home, but my labor was rewarded with an order for "Great Controversy," and a good night's rest.

On the next day also I had little success in the book line until about five o'clock, when I sold three copies of the "Coming King," and found a lodging place before dark.

On Wednesday I met with success; but dark found me again without a place to stay. After calling on two or three homes, I was about to return to my first lodging place not far distant, when I remembered my former experience, and tried one more. Again I received an order for "Great Controversy," and gave a copy of the "Gospel Primer" for my lodging. There was a good organ in this home and we had some music.

Success attended my efforts on Thursday, but it was quite late before I found a place to spend the night. The home was poor and the mother was dead; therefore it was not surprising that the meal so kindly prepared for me was unsavory, that the lamp which showed me to my room was dim, and the room itself not very inviting. I arranged the window so as to admit as much air as possible, but the rats and mice made it impossible for me to sleep. Early in the morning I arose to find a quiet place in the orchard, and there, looking upon the peace and beauty of nature, I could thank God for his goodness, and seek strength for the duties of another day. I felt very sorry for this poor family, and before leaving tried to encourage them as much as a stranger can. We had spent a pleasant evening singing the night before, as the home did possess a good organ, and now before I left them we had a little more music, which seemed to cheer them. They were very kind to me, and invited me to come back at any time.

It was Friday, and I turned my steps homeward, securing orders at almost every home on the way.

The week's work resulted as follows: 49 hours' work, \$49.15 worth of orders, \$15.40 worth delivered.

ARCHIE BROWNLEE.

Good Deliveries

ONE very encouraging feature of the work done the past season has been the excellent deliveries the canvassers have made. With the exception of a small corner in one conference, where the students were working a mining district, the deliveries have been excellent, especially in rural districts.

A few of the boys, however, who worked this mining district, were disappointed in not having as good deliveries as they had expected; but we hope that they will not become discouraged by this experience. It would be a very unusual season indeed, if we did not have a few experiences of this kind.

In many respects the canvassing business is like any other kind of business; it has its off seasons as well as its seasons of great prosperity. The farmer does not expect an abundance of every kind of crop the same year. One year his fruit crop may be excellent, and the next year he may have none; but in the place of fruit he may harvest more grain or hay. A business man may have a dull season in which he simply meets expenses and perhaps runs behind because of certain conditions peculiar to that particular time, but he does not close his business. The next year he will very likely bank enough to compensate him for both years' work.

Just so it is in our work. We must expect a few little reverses occasionally along with the marvelously increasing success that is attending our work in every place. It would not pay the canvasser, field agent, general agent, or any other person, to allow such little experiences to affect his good courage. We must simply lace the armor a little more securely and fight a little harder until victory is won. "Where there is a will, there is a way." We may have to change our tactics, and if the mining districts do not prove satisfactory, there is plenty of good farming territory where honest souls are sounding the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." In another part of this same conference we received some of the most encouraging news of the good the canvassing work is doing. Several people began to keep the Sabbath through the labors of some of our canvassers, and a tent company was placed there to follow up the work. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

E. R. NUMBERS.

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AT THE COLLEGE

College Notes

THE mind that dwells on small things will always be a small mind.

As we go through this life many things attract us; it is just as much a faculty to know how to let go as to know how to take hold. Letting go develops in character the quality of decision.

Every youth is a bundle of energy, a parcel of ability. If that energy and ability does not develop itself in a way to be fruitful and beneficial, it is because it is being cramped and stifled by something being put in its way to prevent its higher development.

That is what is the matter with most people—they are not willing to sacrifice the present for the future.

No young person can allow his heart to run away with his head, except at a terrible expense.

These are some of the sentiments expressed by Professor Wilkinson in his chapel talks Monday and Tuesday morning. Professor Wilkinson arrived at the College on Sunday in order to spend a few days at the school before the meeting of the Board. His visit was greatly enjoyed by faculty and students.

The total enrollment of the College on October 9 was 146, which is 26 more than were present at the same time last year, and eight more than the total enrollment last year—and yet they keep coming in.

There are many more students in the College dormitory than there have been for some time. The girls' dormitory is practically filled, and there remains but little room in the boys' dormitory. The College management, however, is making careful arrangements to provide extra rooms for whatever overflow attendance there may be.

On Wednesday morning the members of the Board were visitors at chapel, and most of the students had the pleasure of hearing from the presidents of their home conferences.

Elder Kneeland was glad to see several familiar faces from his conference; and to say that the New Jersey students were glad to see him would be expressing it much too mildly.

Elder Heckman caused a large commotion among the students from East Pennsylvania. And why not?—Three years ago there was only one, last year there were eleven, and this year Elder Heckman counted twenty-four from his state. This is the kind of progression we like to see.

A baptismal service was held in Hiawatha Park on Sabbath, October 15. Elder Butcher officiated, and the following students were baptized: Miss Francis Arnold, Miss Ruth Miller, Miss Ruth Shingleton, Mr. M. M. Bartlett, and Mr. Arthur E. King.

Elder Roscoe T. Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, and Elder Stewart Kime, president of the Virginia Conference, paid their first visit to Mount Vernon at the time of the Board meeting.

The ninety students from Ohio were also glad to hear from their president, Elder H. H. Burkholder. His message had no uncertain sound. If you are honest, he said, and secure the necessary training and discipline, you will find an open field before you when you are ready to take up life's work, a field of activity and usefulness which will exhaust all your energies.

Misses Florence and Alice Austin, of Allegheny, Pa., arrived at the College last Wednesday morning.

Miss Edna Keppler and Clarence B. Keppler enjoyed a visit from their father, who was in Mount Vernon last week during the session of the Ohio Conference committee.

The family so lately bereaved of a brother have been called upon to bear a second sorrow in the death of their father. Mr. E. W. Metcalf died Sunday morning October 9, less than a month after the death of his youngest son. The funeral service was held in the College chapel, and conducted by Elder F. H. Robbins, of West Virginia, Mr. Metcalf's home state. The bereaved widow and children have the sincerest sympathy of their friends and acquaintances in the College and its community.

WE are glad to note the interest taken in the Mount Vernon tank fund. Good returns have come in from a number of churches.

Sabbath, October 8, fourteen members were added to the Pittsburg church Number 1, seven being baptized.

Miss Ella Gunning of Corydon left October 11 for Lafayette, Indiana, where she expects to spend the winter with Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Loop, who were formerly of West Pennsylvania, but are now connected with the Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

Remember the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review and Herald* that is now ready. All are familiar with the effort made the past two years. This year the papers must be ordered through the tract society. The campaign is planned for October 31 to November 4. The papers should be ordered now, as those ordering first are those first served. All church elders and isolated members have been furnished with sample copies, order blanks, etc. Those who cannot possibly work on the days appointed should set apart a later time which will be convenient for them. This number of the *Review* is excellent. None should fail to have a part in its distribution. Foreign missions ask us for ten cents per week from each member to support the missionaries in foreign lands, but as yet West Pennsylvania has fallen far short of this amount. The returns from the Harvest Ingathering are to be added to the ten-cent-a-week fund, and will aid us very much in making up this fund, if all will take hold of the work and do all they can to secure funds for missions.

OHIO

Holmesville

BROTHER L. R. WILLIAMS and the writer held a series of meetings at Holmesville, O., from August 31 to October 11, missing only one service during the time, and that on account of rain. Our audiences were good from the beginning to the end of the effort. While there was no open opposition at first, there was evidence of much secret opposition; and when the people began to think of obeying the truth, the enemy brought every possible influence to bear upon them; in fact I have never encountered such

a determined effort to keep every interested person from obeying.

On the last evening quite a large number acknowledged that we had been preaching the truth, and several rose to their feet when asked how many intended to obey. We believe that if this effort is followed up, as it no doubt will be, fruit will be gathered here for the Master.

W. E. BIDWELL.

THE Ohio Conference Committee was in session at Mount Vernon, Monday and Tuesday, October 10 and 11.

Elder and Mrs. Fred C. Webster, who are laboring in the New York Conference, are visiting Elder Webster's parents at Springfield, O.

Mrs. Jennie Holtom of Bellville, O., is spending a few days with her son, Brother H. D. Holtom, at Mount Vernon.

We are pleased to add to our list of church schools the name of Alliance, where Miss Jessie E. Snider of Hanna, West Virginia, will teach.

Elder C. C. Webster, pastor of the Springfield church, made a trip to Mount Vernon on conference business last Tuesday.

Last week, on the occasion of her eightieth birthday, Mrs. C. F. Russell had a very pleasant surprise in the visit of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones, and Mr. T. A. Sheridan, of Cincinnati, Sister Russell's old home.

Brother L. R. Williams, who has been assisting Elder Bidwell in the tent effort at Holmesville, spent Sabbath, October 1, with the church at Shreve. After the close of the effort Brother Williams returned to his home in Ohio City.

Brother J. J. Marietta is planning to move to Mount Vernon early next month, in order to have better school advantages for his children.

Brother and Sister George Peabody, who have resided for several years at Shreve, left that place October 10 for western New York, where they expect to make their home among old friends. We are sorry to lose these faithful members from our conference, but our loss is the gain of the Western New York Conference.

Elder Bidwell spent a few days at home last week.

Elder R. G. Patterson was called to Clyde last week to conduct the funeral service of Sister Sarah A. Greenman.

Sisters Anna Smith and Hortense Howell expect to join the church in Columbus soon and take up Bible work in that city.

On a recent Sabbath nearly twenty members of the Killbuck and Shreve churches gathered at the tent at Holmesville, where services were held morning and afternoon. All enjoyed the services and the privilege of meeting together, and went home feeling that the day had been pleasantly and profitably spent in the Master's service.

Mrs. J. J. Marietta with her children, has been spending several weeks with her husband in Dayton, where Brother Marietta and Brother Fairchild are holding a tent effort.

Brother G. S. Honeywell writes from Middletown, O., that he is carrying on the book and periodical work begun there last summer. Several persons, he says, seem to be ready to walk in the light of present truth.

Mr. W. H. Fry, of Mansfield, O., spent Sabbath and Sunday in Mount Vernon visiting his sister, Miss Libbie Fry, and his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richardson.

Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell were guests at the home of Brother Harvey Cassell of Mount Vernon last week, Brother Campbell being in attendance at the session of the College Board, and both being on their way to their new field of labor in Cincinnati.

The reading problem is one of the greatest which parents have to solve. The Missionary Volunteer Department is giving attention to this question.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses furnish to the children and young people fine courses of reading, and help them to cultivate the taste for good reading, and to form the habit of reading the best.

The courses commence in October and are outlined in the *Instructor*.

WEST VIRGINIA

THE study in testimonies on Sabbath-school work still continues in the *Sabbath-school Worker*. Are you following up the study which has been going on for some time? If not, you know not what you have missed. "The art of securing attention," and the "History of the Sabbath-school work," have been finished, and with the November number of the *Worker* it is intended to present a line of study on the new book, "The Sunday-school Teacher," by Professor Hamil, of Tennessee. Professor Hamil is a Sunday-school worker of international fame, and our Sabbath-school committee at Washington feel that they have made a wise choice in the selection of this book for our Sabbath-schools.

Now we want our people to get the benefit of the studies now being offered in the *Worker*, and especially the outline of study on the new book, "The Sunday-School Teacher," to begin with this number of the *Worker*. The subscription price of the *Worker* is 35 cents a year, a price within every person's means.

"The Sunday-school Teacher" can be had for fifty cents, by addressing the West Virginia Tract Society, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Elder Robbins reports good meetings and excellent Bible studies at Little Birch. He baptized four dear souls last Sabbath, and two others were ready for baptism, and will be baptized with others later. One brother who has been using tobacco for fifty-four years has renounced it entirely. Others who had formed habits that were foreign to hygienic living, have all stepped out on the Lord's side and given themselves to him in spirit and in truth.

Before Elder Robbins left he organized the believers there into a company. We have now at Little Birch a live company of believers, with its leader and secretary, who will endeavor from now to live up to all the commandments of God, and render unto him the things that are his.

Two new canvassers have reported for work. These canvassers, while new to this territory, are familiar with the work, and have been successful laborers. One new canvasser

has just ordered his outfit, and will enter the work as soon as he receives his prospectus.

Miss Ruth Robbins, of Morgantown, has been canvassing since our camp-meeting, and has just sent in a nice order for books.

While we have lost a number of student canvassers, the ranks are filling up fast, and, with the Lord's help, we are expecting to scatter the printed page like the autumn leaves.

The missionary publishing department is planning to hold the first "fourth Sabbath home missionary service," in all our churches, Sabbath, October 22. The program readings and hints to the church elder or leader as to the organization of the church tract and missionary society, appear in the *Review* of October 6. Let all our people turn to page 11 of their *Review* and read and study the program there set forth, and go to their church prepared to assist in having a good "fourth Sabbath home missionary service."

Let all our church officers organize their church tract societies immediately, if they have no organization already, and thus be ready to give the whole time to the program proper on October 22.

The "Harvest Ingathering" campaign is starting out well—we have already received orders for nearly 1,500 copies of the special *Review*. If you have not sent in your order, do so at once.

Elder Robbins has been called to Mount Vernon to attend an important business meeting, to be held at the College, October 11, 1910.

VIRGINIA

A Visit to Virginia

OCTOBER 4th and 5th, after returning from the Chesapeake camp-meeting, I was called to meet with the Virginia Conference at New Market, Va. We had an excellent meeting together, and it pleases me to state that decisions were taken which will, we believe, be helpful to the progress of the work in Virginia.

We found that the conference school at New Market had opened with a much better attendance and

future prospects under its new principal, Professor Forche, than the school opened with last year at the same time.

The brethren in Virginia are all of good courage, and they are determined to press the battle forward to victory. They are planning to begin at once a vigorous presentation of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign in the different churches of the state. We all feel deeply anxious for the advancement of the work in this great state, in which we have a devoted and willing people, who are longing for better days in the third angel's message here.

We ask the brethren and sisters throughout the union to remember the work in their prayers, that the Lord may give it speedy and continued progress. B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

ELDER W. G. Kneeland has secured the use of the "Academy" hall, 342 Central Avenue, Jersey City, where he will conduct a series of Sunday night lectures, beginning October 2. We trust that these meetings will not only develop the interest created during the tent effort, but may spread the work still further.

Elder B. F. Kneeland returned last Friday from Mount Vernon, O., where he has been attending the meeting of the College board. He reports a pleasant visit with the students from New Jersey.

Already the indications are that the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year will be entered into with as great enthusiasm as were the other campaigns. Several churches have raised their order over that of last year, and orders are still coming in. There is yet a chance for the "eleventh hour workers" to have a part in this great campaign by sending in for a supply of papers at once. Remember that the time for this work begins October 30, but does not stop until you are through.

Brethren John Wilson and Cort Nelson have been conducting meetings at South Amboy during the last few weeks on each Sunday afternoon. A fine interest seems to have developed among the Scandinavians in the vicinity. The conference president spent last Sunday with the brethren

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Are You Taking the Review?

If you are, you know the good things it contains. If you are not, then you are missing many choice reports.

For instance, what new industry has recently been started on the mission farm in Nyassaland? How many white workers are now stationed here? and how many native young people are being taught the third

angel's message in the day schools superintended by these white workers? How many millions in Japan are waiting for the truth? What has been done in Hiroshima, Japan, this present year to give the message, and with what success? What are the conditions our missionaries have to meet in China in opening work in a new locality? What must be done to a native house before it is possible to use it at all? How was our school wook saved from defeat in Cuba this summer? All the above, and much besides, is found in just one recent issue of the *Review*.

In another issue we are told how in North Basutoland God's Spirit has so wrought upon the hearts of powerful chiefs that, although stubborn opposition was made to our getting a foothold there, about twenty-five acres of well-watered and very desirable land have been freely given us to establish an industrial mission school; how that in India the sanitarium must be closed each fall and everything packed in boxes and re-opened and set up each spring all for the want of a little property of our own; how many are accepting the truth in Japan through the efforts of Dr. Noma and her associates at the Kobe Japanese Sanitarium; also how the truth is reaching the Inca Indians in Peru, South America, ten recently having been baptized, and prospects of many more turning to the Lord. All this and many more interesting reports found in another, just one, number of the *Review*.

Brother, how can you miss such good things? If you do not have the *Review*, do not wait until the close of the year, but subscribe at once. Some more splendid reports are waiting their turn to appear in the space devoted to our missionaries.

One point more to those who already have the *Review*. Study it. We know time is valuable, but it would be better to neglect the newspaper rather than the reports from far-off lands where the message is struggling to gain admittance. You can better pray for these workers. Then get some brother or sister interested in the *Review*. Lend him yours awhile. Let him get a taste himself, and he will soon want it for his very own.

There should be many more *Reviews* printed every week. Will you not help in really bringing this about? Every one should order of his tract society secretary, and every Seventh-day Adventist should have the *Review*.

T. E. BOWEN.

An Entering Wedge

THERE are possibilities for good associated with the circulation of *Life and Health* little realized by the majority of our readers. It is an effective entering wedge, opening the way for gospel work. It also brings good returns to the worker. One of our new workers has just reported 650 copies of *Life and Health* sold in 32 hours. This gave her a profit of \$1.20 per hour. Last year the highest record made with *Life and Health* was 350 copies per day. This year that record has been broken, 370 copies having been sold in 6 hours by one person. For four hours we have a record of 425 copies, making more than 100 copies per hour. Wherever *Life and Health* goes it accomplishes much good, as is evidenced by the many letters coming in from those who have been benefited by it. With an opportunity of definitely administering to the needs of the people, and the possibility of being well paid, our readers should be encouraged to do what they can toward the circulation of our health journal. Send to the state tract society for prices and terms to agents.

WANTED.—A brother who has had experience in growing strawberries and raising poultry wants employment. Write I. G. Bigelow, Kendall Creek Station, Bradford, Pa.

OBITUARIES

LEE.—Died at Kenmore, Ohio, September 26, 1910, Sister Mary Lee, aged 78 years and 5 months. Sister Lee accepted present truth over ten years ago. She was baptized in April, 1910, and joined the Akron church, of which she was a faithful member to the end. Through all the sickness and trials she was called upon to bear she was very patient, and fell asleep in the full assurance of a glorious resurrection when our Lord comes to awaken his sleeping saints. Sister Lee is survived by two sons and three daughters, all of whom are married, and seventeen grandchildren. The funeral services were held at the home of her son, Mr. Archie Lee, with whom she had spent her last days. Elder W. J. Venen conducted the service and delivered an earnest discourse on the faith and hope held by our sister and so plainly manifested in her every-day life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

JOHN SCHICK.

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 7, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Maryland									
†W. Spicer, Cecil Co.		GC	8	60			7 35	7 35	130 15
W. Horn, Cecil Co.		GC	5	42	1	4 00		4 00	167 20
W. Yonson, Clarksville		GC	2	15					59 00
*S. N. Brown, Allegheny Co.		CK	18	153	123	135 50	18 90	154 40	118 50
*W. Durst,		CK	17	126	48	53 00	12 75	65 75	59 75
E. Moessinger, A'na Ar'nd' Co.		CK	3	21	14	15 50	4 35	19 85	
Totals			53	417	186	\$208 00	\$43 35	\$251 35	\$534 60

Ohio, Week Ending October 7, 1910

H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	DR	5	36	29	83 00	12 00	95 00	4 50
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	DR	5	36	26	77 00	1 50	78 50	
H. Dunmead, Morgan Co.	DR	1	9			25	25	25
Enos Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	5	39	15	45 00	7 25	52 25	4 75
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.	GC	3	25	3	9 00	3 00	12 00	50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	BF	4	38					121 00
Totals		23	183	73	\$214 00	\$24 00	\$238 00	\$131 00

West Virginia, Week Ending October 7, 1910

J. Roberts, Upshur Co.	CK	5	45	53	70 50		70 50	
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	DR	5	47	17	58 00	25	50 25	25
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	DR	5	45	12	36 00	4 00	40 00	
J. H. Jennings, Fayette Co.	DR	5	33	6	16 00	24 50	40 50	10 75
Totals		20	170	88	\$180 50	\$28 75	\$209 25	\$11 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 7, 1910

Miss Midkiff, Beaver Co.	SP	4	24	13	13 00	4 00	17 00	15 40
Adeline Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	5	25	7	8 50	2 75	11 25	
Agnes Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	5	25	16	18 50	1 75	20 25	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	48	30	35 00	5 10	40 10	12 35
J. Glunt, West Moreland Co.	GC	5	27	12	40 00	2 25	42 25	3 00
J. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	GC	4	33	4	12 00	10 25	22 25	82 50
Totals		28	182	82	\$127 00	\$26 10	\$153 10	\$113 25

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 7, 1910

F. A. Evans, Lackawanna	DR	5	52	16	31 50	7 50	39 00	35 00
J. Lichty, Lehigh	GC	5	45	7	24 00	1 00	25 00	63 50
E. Sterner, Carbon	CK	5	26	8	8 50		8 50	71 00
†W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	10	75	78	41 50		41 50	
Totals		25	98	98	\$105 50	\$8 50	\$114 80	\$169 50

New Jersey, Week Ending October 7, 1910

G. Blinn, Hunterdon	BR	4	35	18	56 50		56 50	
J. Rambo, Hopewell	CK	4	25	20	20 00	1 00	21 00	12 25
C. Beach, Caldwell	GC	3	16	3	7 00	3 25	10 25	
E. Hirst, Dennis		4	18			4 00	4 00	6 50
W. Plant, Stillwater		2	17					81 00
Totals		17	111	41	\$83 50	\$8 25	\$91 75	\$99 75

District of Columbia, Week Ending October 7, 1910

W. Seelbach, Rectortown, Va.	DR			12	40 00	66 75	106 75	
M. Buell, Camp Springs, Md.								16 50
Totals				12	\$40 00	\$66 75	\$106 75	16 50

†Two weeks

*Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,164.20 Deliveries, \$1,125.60

at Perth Amboy, speaking to fine audiences in the church in Perth Amboy in the forenoon, and in the afternoon in the hall at South Amboy. It was decided that Brother and Sister Nelson should locate at South Amboy and devote their time largely to the work there. Some are already asking for baptism. Let all join in prayer for the success of the Danish work now being carried on by this conference.

Brother Clarence Lawry of the conference office has been called away by the very serious illness of his brother in Kansas. Arrangements have been made for the prompt filling of all orders sent to the office during his absence. Address all letters to the conference or tract society, and make all checks and money orders payable to New Jersey S. D. A. Conference, and thus avoid delay and confusion.

Word received from Brother D. K. Royer, our former secretary, who has been seriously ill at the sanitarium in Nashville, Tennessee, shows that he is well on the way to recovery, but is still very weak. He expresses his thankfulness for the gracious answer to prayer which has brought him back from the brink of the grave.

It is gratifying to note the growing interest which is being taken by our people in our union conference training school, the Mount Vernon College. We wonder how many of the young people who read this feel that they ought to be where they could be enjoying its privileges. If attendance is impossible this year, why not make up your mind now that you will allow nothing to stand in the way next year, and work to that end during the year?

The conference finds itself in great need of money with which to carry on its work in the field and pay its laborers. If all were faithful in returning to God that which belongs to him, this condition would not exist. We fear that the blood of souls will be required at the hands of those who have allowed Satan to lead them to rob the God of heaven. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," is the direct command of heaven's king, and disregard of it will surely bring spiritual leanness to the soul; while faithfulness will bring many blessings in this life, and joys in the world to come.