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

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GENERAL MATTER

Your Alabaster Box

In every busy crowd we meet
Always some heart is aching;
Though earth is thrilled with melody,
Always some heart is breaking.

Then break your alabaster box,
And pour its precious content
Over some head that's bowed with grief,—
For this is your appointment.

Pour happy smiles and loving deeds
Upon life's stream of sorrow;
The present fill with fragrance sweet—
Wait not until to-morrow.

The soul that needs your smiles to-day
To-morrow may be sleeping,
Then scatter seeds of love and cheer;
For soon will come the reaping.

Waste not your choicest perfume o'er
A soul from life departed;
But break your alabaster box—
Anoint the broken hearted.

MRS. M. A. PULVER.
Stoddard, Wis.

The Second Coming of Christ (Concluded)

THE GREATEST DAY OF ALL TIME

THE time of Christ's coming is spoken of by way of pre-eminence as "that day." A few familiar references will make this plain. Paul, in writing to Timothy says, "The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, . . . the Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day."²⁶ And again he says, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."²⁷ Just a little before the martyrdom of Paul he said, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."²⁸ Christ uses the same expression; for he says, "Verily I say unto you, I shall drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God."²⁹ And in his sermon on the mount he said, "Many shall say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?"³⁰ Isaiah uses the same familiar expression; for we read, "The

lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."³¹ And again, in speaking of another class, he says, "It shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God."³² In Malachi we read of those that feared the Lord; and he says, "They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."³³ Such an expression so frequently and familiarly used must distinguish the day or time of Christ's coming as pre-eminent above every other day in the history of this world. In fact the expression "that day" is so common in referring to the time of Christ's coming that the Bible writers have not deemed it necessary to explain what time they meant.

DREADED BY THE WICKED

Enoch says that Christ will come "to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds."³⁴ And again we read, "And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: . . . In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."³⁵ As John on the Isle of Patmos viewed that day, he said, "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"³⁶

WELCOMED BY THE RIGHTEOUS

Though that day is so great and the fate of the wicked so terrible, yet the righteous shall be preserved, as it is

said, "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it."³⁷ "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself."³⁸ When God is judge, many of the decisions of the supreme courts in this earth will be reversed. And while the great men of this earth are going down in everlasting destruction, the righteous, who perhaps have been wronged and persecuted, are being rewarded. In view of this fact it is no wonder that when he comes the righteous will say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this in the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."³⁹

"Christ is coming! let creation
From her groans and sorrows cease;
Like the glorious proclamation
Hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming!
Come, thou blessed Prince of Peace!"

"Earth can now but tell the story
Of thy bitter cross and pain;
She shall yet behold thy glory,
When thou comest back to reign:
Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain!"

"Long thine exiles have been pining,
Far from rest, and home, and thee;
But in heavenly vestures shining
Soon they shall thy glory see:
Christ is coming!
Haste the joyous jubilee!"

"With that blessed hope before us,
Let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus
Onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

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School Hygiene

PHYSICAL development and school hygiene are of great importance in Christian education. The neglect of this part of our training would mean that our development would not be symmetrical.

It has been said that in olden times the physical development was ignored and thought unessential to salvation. The spiritual part only was developed, to the neglect of the physical and even the mental. Thus unequally balanced people become superstitious in their ignorance of the truth.

To-day it is not so. We lay great stress upon a text like Romans 12:1. "I beseech you by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." While in olden times people went to one extreme, there are some to-day, no doubt, who go to the other extreme, to the neglect of their moral training, or their souls' salvation. We have the athlete who over-exercises his muscles, unequally developing his brawn and his mental and moral powers. We see institutions to-day where the physical development is made a hobby. But the institutions of learning in this denomination should and must give an all-round training. Study and work must go hand in hand, temperance in all things neglecting nothing that is needed.

Sometimes we get so interested in our studies that we forget to lower the window to let in fresh air. Thus we violate the law of hygiene in the school room. How often we see children become stoop-shouldered because of the neglect to sit up straight, to say nothing of taking physical culture to develop the chest. Round shoulders can be prevented by following a few simple instructions. Teach children to sit erect with the chest forward. Give them breathing exercises in a room full of fresh air. Plenty of fresh air and sunshine are essential in the school room. The little time taken for these things will be more than repaid in better study.

In the Testimonies, Volume 5, page 90, we read: "All possible effort should be made to encourage a desire for moral and physical as well as mental improvement." How dare we leave any of these essentials out

of our program? We cannot without seriously effecting our education, and disobeying the Lord's instruction. Again in Volume 3, page 137: "Many children have been ruined for life by urging the intellect and neglecting to strengthen the physical powers. Their minds have been taxed when they should not have been. Small children should be left as free as the lambs to run out doors. In order for children and youth to have health, cheerfulness, vivacity, and well developed muscles and brains, they should be much in the open air and have well regulated employment and amusement. Children and youth who are kept at school and confined to books can not have sound physical constitutions. The exercise of the brain in study, without corresponding physical exercise, has a tendency to attract the blood to the brain, and the circulation of the blood through the system becomes unbalanced. The brain has too much blood, and the extremities too little. There should be rules regulating their studies to certain hours, and a portion of their time should be spent in physical labors." The few minutes of recess are always looked forward to eagerly. Swings, turning rods, and ladders for climbing and swinging are good things to have in the school yard. Well directed innocent amusements are in place for physical development.

When the little bodies are fast developing we should train them in healthful ways instead of dwarfing them. When are trees given the most care? When they are old?—No. They get the best care when young and tender. So the physical training must be given children in their youth to make them sturdy and strong in after years.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

AT THE COLLEGE

WHEN the College tank fund was taken up in chapel, a few days since, subscriptions were taken to the amount of \$53.25.

Our school recently enjoyed a visit from Elder G. A. Irwin, vice-president of the General Conference. On Sabbath morning he gave a vivid review of the signs of Christ's soon coming, and in the afternoon spoke to the young people on the subject of their amusements.

Miss Cora Miller expects to spend Thanksgiving with Miss Dorothy White at Berrien Springs before returning to Mount Vernon.

The faculty recently voted a twelve days' vacation at Xmas.

Dr. V. L. Fisher is in Chicago attending a convention of the surgeons of North America.

Mrs. Blaine Kennedy is taking treatments at the sanitarium.

We hope that every student's room will contain a copy of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1911. It is a neat little booklet, and will make itself invaluable to those who use it.

Elder Butcher was obliged to be absent from his classroom two days last week on account of illness, but his work was carried on in a creditable manner by some of the members of his classes.

Everyone who is interested in education should have a report of the educational convention held at Berrien Springs last summer.

The College literary society recently elected Miss Annie Laurie McCutchen as its president.

Mr. Carl Oberholtzer is at the sanitarium taking treatment for an acute attack of pharyngitis.

Mr. N. H. Sprecher, of Ephrata, Pa., is visiting his daughter at the College.

Miss Edna Keppler left the sanitarium last Thursday morning, having fully recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis.

A novel and interesting program was rendered by the College literary society on the evening of November 12, when four of the students performed and explained several chemical experiments, and Professor John gave a demonstration of the generation of static electricity. An interesting paper on modern inventions was also read by Mr. Merritt Eusey.

The president's office has recently been beautified by a new carpet, new chairs, and a large new office table made in the College carpenter shop. The room adjoining, formerly known as the faculty room, has been converted into an attractive and convenient business office.

*From a paper read at the Springfield church school convention, September 4 and 5, 1910.

Miss Faye Hewitt is spending a few weeks at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Elder Butler recently made a short trip to Columbus.

We note with pleasure that Mr. Belgrave's poem, "the Father's Care," published on the College page of the VISITOR a few weeks ago, made its second appearance in the *Review and Herald* of November 10.

Mr. Howard Weeks spent last Sabbath at his home in Clyde, O.

Mr. William F. Trinkner last week enjoyed a visit from his grandfather, Mr. William Ford, of Dana, Ind.

Mr. Earl W. Culver was obliged to spend a few days in the sanitarium recently, but has now returned to his duties.

In a copy of the *South African Missionary*, dated October 10, we were pleased to see the familiar name of C. P. Crager. Professor Crager is president of Claremont Union College, having gone there from this school just two years ago. Under "Union College Notes" he says:—

"The last quarter of the school year is well on its way, and these closing days are days of hard work for students and teachers.

"After a long, rainy winter, the bright spring days are indeed appreciated by all. With the coming of spring, gardening becomes the order of the day. Our garden is nearly planted and is looking well."

The atmosphere of spring and closing school-days, which Professor Crager creates for us, is quite at variance with that which at present surrounds Mount Vernon, his old school home.

Look into the lives of men who have really blessed the world. Can you find one who has not wrestled with God in prayer? Truly, a life of power must be a life of prayer. It is to help our young people to live lives of prayer that the Morning Watch Calendar is published from year to year.

"Take a moment in the morning, a moment if no more,
It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er."

"Nor is a day lived, if the dawn is left out of it, with the prospects it opens."

M. E. KERN.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Harvest Ingathering Items

A SISTER who did good work in the two previous campaigns, was loath to take any special *Reviews* this year. She repented, however, sent for twenty-five copies, and was the first person to make returns for money solicited during this campaign—a money order for \$12.00. Since then she has sent for more papers with which to continue soliciting.

One of the deacons of the Scranton church, Brother F. A. Brownell, a railroad engineer, last week secured leave of absence for a few days in order to solicit funds for missions with the special *Review*. He went over practically the same territory and solicited from the same people he had visited during the two previous campaigns. He says he found them even more willing to give their means this year than before. For thirty-five papers distributed, he received \$37.00.

In a recent communication from the elder of the Stroudsburg church, Brother W. D. Lanterman, he says: "We are doing well with the Ingathering *Review*. Those who at first were the most reluctant to take hold have been the first to report with money. Kindly send us 150 copies at once."

The First Philadelphia church last year received \$199.66. This year it is aiming for \$250.00. The pastor, Elder R. E. Harter, is doing all in his power to realize this amount.

A certain business house in one of our large cities was visited by one of our people, to whom the head of the firm gave fifty cents. A few days later, another of the church-members visited the same firm. He was told that they had already donated to this cause. The brother, however, assured him that he had come for more, with the result that he was given \$2.00. MORAL: Do not be afraid to go over territory that has already been canvassed.

One of our workers visited a prominent business man, and in the course of their conversation, remarked: "You remember you gave us \$5.00 last year, and we appreciated it very much." He replied: "Was I so liberal as all that?" She assured him that he was, and that she would like to have him duplicate the amount

this year. "Well," he said, "I guess I will have to," and wrote out his check for another \$5.00.

Miss M. A. Bristol, our Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer secretary, who visited the Williamsport and Northumberland churches to assist in this campaign, states that in a few days she had collected \$12.00 and had thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have just received the following from one of our Bible workers who was very successful in soliciting last year: "So far this year I have gone over the same route I took last year. I tell the people that the paper shows what their contributions helped to do in sending 142 missionaries to foreign lands; then I ask them to double their donation of last year."

Two sisters went out one day last week in the business section of one of our large cities, and the day's work netted them \$22.50.

\$194.50 was the amount collected last year by the Scranton church. This year they set their aim for \$300.00. A letter from Sister J. M. Weiss, who is assisting them, states that in two days, with the aid of four sisters of that church, she received \$42.50. At that rate, they will soon reach their mark.

Brother B. M. Heald, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, assisted by his wife, is doing a noble work in the interests of the campaign. They are visiting some of the wealthiest people of that city.

The Reading church made an excellent record last year in soliciting for missions, going \$20.00 beyond its collections of the previous year. This year's work bids fair to go far ahead of what was done during 1909. Elder C. S. Wiest, who has charge of the work there, is very ably assisted by Brother J. L. Rhoads, the local elder, who, on the first day of the campaign collected over \$11.00.

A communication from Sister Jessie M. Weiss, our Bible worker in Wilkes Barre and Scranton, contains the following: "A violin maker of my acquaintance, who gave me a donation last year, responded again this year, and we spent about an hour in a good talk on Bible subjects. Another gentleman, who was in his office at the time listening to the conversation, quietly added a dollar to what Mr. H. had given."

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, our field and missionary agent, writes very encouragingly from the church he has been asked to visit in the interests of the Ingathering campaign. In behalf of the Lancaster church, where he is elder, and which made a large gain last year over the collections of the previous year, he writes: "Sister Anna Brown has over \$17. Some of our most active members are at present on the sick list; but while we may be behind at the present time, we expect to get \$100.00 or more before the campaign is over; and I believe the Lord will reward us with this amount. I do not think you will be disappointed in the Lancaster church."

\$119.38 was the record of the Allentown church in the first Harvest Ingathering campaign. In communications from Brother C. S. Baum, who has been conducting a tent effort in that city this past summer, and Brother Baumgartner, the local elder, we learn that they are aiming at \$125.00, or more this year. We confidently believe that they will more than reach the amount.

OHIO

Toledo

ON Sabbath, November 5, the Toledo church held its Harvest Ingathering service. The church was nicely decorated with the products of field and orchard. In spite of the stormy weather a number from other churches were present. All seemed to enjoy the exercises of the day which is a type of the great day in which the fruits of the gospel will be gathered to Christ in the kingdom of God. Elder Burkholder and the writer were the workers in attendance from outside of the city.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Camden

A SABBATH SCHOOL and young people's convention was held by the Camden church, Sabbath and Sunday, November 12 and 13. On Sabbath the following subjects were discussed in an able and interesting manner by those present: the possibilities of the Sabbath-school work, the duties of officers, the lesson review, the qualifications of teachers, the needs of the Sabbath-school. Sunday was given to the interests of the young people. The subjects considered were: dangers of the youth, home influences, what young people can do. On Sun-

day afternoon the question box was opened, and a number of important questions were answered.

Before the close of the convention a consecration service was held, in which all hearts were touched and tendered by the Spirit of God.

On Sunday evening the house was filled, many not of our faith being present. The time was divided between Brother Moffett and the writer who presented the subject of the second coming of Christ.

The workers in attendance at the convention were Elder and Mrs. Fred C. Webster of New York, Brother W. C. Moffett, educational superintendent of the conference, and the writer. Each had a part in the program, but much of the work was done by the lay members in attendance.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Mount Vernon

THE Sabbath-school convention held in the Mount Vernon College chapel, Sabbath, November 5, was a welcome event to the students of the College and the members of the Mount Vernon church. For the past several years both the church Sabbath-school and the College Sabbath-school have taken a decided interest in their work, and have introduced many plans which have proved successful in building up the schools. All the members, therefore, were on the *qui vive* for helpful suggestions and improved methods, in order that they might make their future efforts still more effective.

A good foundation for the work of the convention was laid on Friday evening, when, after an earnest talk by Professor Wilkinson, over sixty students and members of the College community went forward, either giving their hearts to God or reconsecrating their lives to his service. It was a sight to bring joy to the fathers and mothers toiling at home to keep their children in school, and praying, perhaps at that very hour, for their salvation.

The spirit of consecration manifested thus early in the meeting continued throughout the convention. In Sabbath-school work, as in all other lines of gospel effort, consecration is the condition of success; and consecration was made the key-note of the convention.

"Work is the overcoming of resistance," and one of the objects of the Sabbath-school convention, as set forth by Professor Hall, is the overcoming of formal methods. Nothing destroys the interest of the Sabbath-

school so quickly as formalism; but it takes time, thought, and study to make the school a progressive factor; and the Sabbath-school worker who wishes to make his school a success must be willing to work.

The possibilities and results of the Sabbath-school were discussed by Brother W. J. Walter and Professor John, and were shown to be much greater than many realize. Rightly conducted, the Sabbath-school would improve and enlarge the church. The conversion of the young and of those not of our faith should follow as the result of its work. And who can measure the influence of a continuous course of Bible study on the building and moulding of Christian character?

Brother Harvey Cassell and Elder Butcher emphasized the necessity of a daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson. The word of God is a transforming power; but in order for it to remain with us and have a lasting influence in our lives, it must be studied daily; just as it is necessary to take physical food every day in order to grow. A daily study of the lesson will also increase the attendance of the Sabbath-school; for one who has studied his lesson carefully during the week will not be found absent during its recitation.

Brother J. I. Cassell led in a discussion of the use and abuse of the lesson pamphlet. He read from the testimonies: "In some schools, I am sorry to say, the custom prevails of reading the lesson from the lesson sheet. This should not be, and need not be, if the time that is often needlessly and even sinfully employed were given to a study of the Scriptures. There is no reason why the Sabbath-school lesson should be less perfectly learned than the lessons of the day school. They should be better learned, as they treat of subjects infinitely more important. A neglect here is displeasing to God." There is no doubt that we need the lesson pamphlet for study, but we do not need it for recitation; the interest can best be sustained without it. The lesson should be transferred from the pamphlet to the mind and heart before the hour of the recitation.

The first subject of the afternoon session was the qualifications of officers and teachers, which was taken up by Professor Wilkinson, followed by Professor Welch. First, all the officers should be willing to serve. The "resignation fever" is not to be tolerated. The service of Sabbath-school workers should be active and enthusiastic. The superintendent should be one who understands the

power of example and of suggestion. He should not be talkative, but should know how to sustain human interest. The secretary should not content himself with merely recording the passing sessions. He should be full of bright, fresh ideas for improving the attendance, donations, and other features of the school. The teacher must be one who can fill up—"reading maketh a full man;" therefore he must be a student—"the person who ceases to study ceases to be interesting." He should also be a person of tact—one who can become acquainted with his pupils, visit them in their homes, and do personal service for them; for all this is necessary in working for their souls' salvation, which is the final aim of the Sabbath-school teacher.

Among the needs of the Sabbath-school, Brother V. H. Cook emphasized punctuality, and live teachers' meetings. The Sabbath-school must be rid of form and machinery and must be manned by a high class of consecrated teachers, who will take a special, personal interest in their pupils. Consecration to the service of Christ, manifested in efforts to save souls for the kingdom, is the primal need of the Sabbath-school.

Elder J. F. Olmsted, of Columbus, and Elder Butler, spoke of the relation of the young people to the Sabbath-school. Young people should be chosen to fill responsible positions, and they should also be willing to accept such positions. Any work, rightly done, prepares the doer of it for a more difficult task. Many excellent workers are among us who have developed from young people who did their first public work in their home Sabbath-schools.

The last thing on the program, and one of the most interesting, was the opening of the question box, presided over by Professor Wilkinson.

A pleasing feature of the whole convention was the special music, which was enjoyed by all present.

Brother W. C. Moffett, the state Sabbath-school superintendent, who planned for and presided over the convention, has the hearty thanks of the Mount Vernon Sabbath-schools. We trust and believe that its results will repay his efforts. The convention left with us a deeper sense of the opportunities and responsibilities of the worker in the Sabbath-school, and an inspiration to more faithful service in the future.

It is a kind of good deed to say well, and yet words are no deeds.—*Shakespeare*.

CHESAPEAKE

DEAR VISITOR FAMILY,—I know that it always rejoices your hearts to know that the good work of sowing the gospel seed continues. Yes, it still continues, and will never stop until every honest soul is reached. How glad we are to find that some, at least, are anxious to know the truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," said Jesus. It is a great privilege to carry to those long bound in chains of error a truth which is able to make them free.

A few days ago the writer had the privilege of being out in the field with one of our faithful canvassers. Stepping into a quiet nook in the woods by the road, we asked God for special help for the work of the day. The Lord granted our request, and on that day we took \$35 worth of orders. One lady who took "Great Controversy" in the full Morocco binding paid us the five dollars when the order was taken. At first she said the price was too high, but the value of the contents soon outweighed in her mind the price of the book. Coming to a reform school, though tempted at first to pass it by, we were impressed to go in, and the result was another order for "Great Controversy" in the best binding. Thus our success continued. We know that the Lord did the work, and to him we ascribe the praise, for without him we can do nothing; but we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.

JOSEPH E. JONES, *Field Agent*.

Leipsic

THE Leipsic church school opened October 14 with six pupils present, and prospects of three more coming later. We have greatly enjoyed our work, and the Lord has truly blessed us all—from the youngest up to the teacher.

No more ideal place could be found for a school than here. Since we are in the country, Leipsic being about five miles from Dover, Delaware, we have plenty of opportunity for nature study; and the children have a large yard in which to enjoy their recesses. Our school room is also large, airy, and well lighted.

Three families are represented in our school, one whose children are attending a church school for the first time. One little lad, on being asked how he liked his new books, re-

marked: "They're not much like what we've been having, but they're fine."

A pleasing feature of our school is the perfect harmony in the school board. Not a discordant note has been heard in any of the business transactions; and the teacher has the most hearty co-operation of both the parents and the board. Why should not success follow such a beginning? Yet we need your prayers.

MRS. FANNIE E. HAMBLIN.

NEW JERSEY

A GOOD interest has been taken in the Harvest Ingathering in all parts of the state. Some of the reports that have been received are very encouraging. The people are still willing to respond to the call for help in the foreign field.

Brother L. A. Hansen, of Washington, has spent a week in the state in the interest of the Relief campaign. During this time he has visited nearly all the churches, and the results of his visit are very encouraging. As our brethren and sisters catch the significance of the movement, and realize the blessings that it has in store for them, they show a willingness to co-operate heartily in the campaign that is gratifying.

One item reported in a recent missionary meeting will interest others. A sister who has lately gained a victory in adopting the principles of healthful living, has seen such a beneficial effect in her own life that she has tried to reach others with the same light that has proved so helpful to her. Through this means she has been able to gain access to the heart of an acquaintance, and already she is made glad by seeing her friend accept the various points of the message that have been presented to her.

Remember the grand Relief Rally week, November 26 to December 2. Shall we not make this week, as well, a jubilee week? There is no more timely book before the public to-day than the "Ministry of Healing." It contains the wisdom of the Great Healer. The world needs the precious lessons that it sets forth in the simplest language. Do not stop with two copies per member, which is one year's work. A large part of the three years which were allotted to the campaign is already past. Besides this, there is imperative need that the money to be raised through this

means be gathered in at once. Let us rally with willing hearts to the work, and, with faith in the One who knows no impossibilities, press forward in this opportunity.

Let us make our stumbling-blocks our stepping-stones.

A brother who had become somewhat discouraged, and had decided that he would not take part in the Ingathering campaign this year, was met by a stranger, who said, "Are you not the man who came to my house last year with a missionary paper, taking donations?" After some conversation the brother remembered the incident. Said the man, "Are you coming again this year?" The brother hesitatingly replied, "No." "But," said the stranger, "You ought to come; for I am sure you would get good donations in that neighborhood." After trying very hard to get one of the papers, a copy of the *Review* was handed to him, and he gave a liberal offering on the spot. When people have to come to us for a chance to make offerings, we ought to be aroused to more faithful service.

Recently, in a missionary meeting, one of our canvassers gave a report of missionary work during that week. He said that he had been on the point of becoming discouraged because he had not been having as good success as usual during the past few weeks. But he had sought the Lord earnestly, beseeching him to bless his efforts if it was his will that he remain in the canvassing work. Amid the temptations of the evil one he went into the field on Tuesday morning. That week, in four days, or 29 hours, he took \$96 worth of orders for "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" and orders for helps to the amount of \$1.50, making a total of \$97.50. He understood the Lord's answer to his prayer, and is continuing in this work, which we are told is as important as the gospel ministry.

WEST VIRGINIA

WE have great reasons to praise the Lord, who is the source of all blessings, for the way in which our people in West Virginia are pushing the various lines of the Lord's work.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is on in earnest. Many who have been out with the special *Review* have had a good exper-

ience, and their stirring testimonies are arousing others to solicit donations for missions. One brother received \$2.50 for the first paper which he gave out. Later he went into an office, and canvassed two men—entire strangers to him. One of the men had been traveling in South America, and knowing the needs of that field, he said to our brother, "I am now waiting for a message over the long distance telephone, and if I succeed in my business transaction, I will give you a donation." He received a favorable message, and gave two dollars for missions.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Charleston church, November 4-8. Our people there know the needs of the cause, and are working hard to dispose of their special *Reviews* in soliciting donations for missions. The Charleston church has taken 500 copies, and they are planning to take 500 more, which will make about 1000 papers for a small church of about twelve members. Two sisters were out with the *Review* one day while I was there, and they came in that evening with about \$7 which they had received for their papers, and the expressions on their faces showed that God had blessed them in their work that day.

While at Charleston, I went to St. Albans to visit Brother A. T. Halstead. This brother is doing a good work, and has a good interest at that place among the people not of our faith. Quite a number are interested in the truths which Seventh-day Adventists hold. Brother Halstead has a large number of *Reviews* for the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and he will do his best with them in soliciting donations for missions.

Many of our people are receiving great spiritual blessings in this campaign, and I wish to say to those who have not taken up the work, do not delay, but enter into this campaign with your whole heart and soul, and God will bless you. I am sure we all want an abundant entrance into the kingdom of God, and we wish to receive all the good things which are in store for the true Christian; and for this reason it will be necessary for each one of us to get into active service, and do all we can to warn the world of Christ's second coming. Some say they are willing to do any kind of work for the Lord, in order to please him and be saved, but when they are asked to go out and distribute papers, and solicit funds to advance the work in the mission fields, they do not have the moral courage and stamina to face the people of the

world and ask them for donations for the needy mission fields.

The General Conference treasury is empty, and the laborers in foreign countries are going on half pay. These things ought not to be. I hope everyone in West Virginia will do his duty in this great time of need, and will press into the service, and work for God. If we fix our eyes upon the prize which is at the end of the warfare, we shall not be easily intimidated by the people of the world.

Brethren and sisters, we have not long to work. Soon the beautiful sunlight of heaven will shine upon the pathway of the little flock, and the glory of God from the eternal world will gild its banners. I hope that we shall all be ready when Jesus comes to reward every one according to his works.
F. H. ROBBINS.

JOHN F. STEELE with his family has left Moundsville for Martinsburg, which point he will make his base of operations for future work in the conference. That the Lord may continue to bless his efforts is our prayer.

Elder Robbins spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 5 and 6, with the church at Charleston. He was called to meet with the General Conference council at Washington, November 11; but, on account of the illness of Elder Daniells the council meeting has been postponed to November 23.

Brother I. D. Richardson is planning to hold a series of meetings at McMechen. The interest there is very good; many are deeply interested and are calling for more light.

What success are you having in the effort that is now on in the interest of missions—the Harvest Ingathering campaign? Are you allowing the Lord to use you? Pray earnestly, and and go out with a determination to do all in your power for the cause of missions in the ensuing year. The Lord will be with you.

The Morgantown church last Sabbath placed an order for 40 copies of the magazine *Liberty*. This is a good order. The people of the Morgantown church recognize the value of *Liberty* as a means of successfully getting the truths for which our people contend, before the people.

The time has arrived at the Mount Vernon College when the procuring of a new water tank is absolutely

Canvassers' Reports

New Jersey, Three Weeks Ending November 4, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Plant, Sussex		OK	10	27	57	66 00	7 75	73 75	45 80
C. Beach, Verona		GC	6	29	16	41 00	5 25	46 25	36 75
†G. Blinn, Mercer		GC	3	21	11	33 00		33 00	60 00
†J. Rambo, Cumberland		OK	6	34	41	44 00	2 75	46 75	11 00
†G. Fredenburg, Warren		OK	8	49	33	36 50	1 50	38 00	
†M. Long, Jersey City		CK	6	16	13	20 00	1 00	21 00	
Totals			39	266	171	\$240 50	\$18 25	\$258 75	\$153 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 11, 1910

Maryland									
A. Long, New Castle Co., Del	GC	3	29	15	51 00	7 75	58 75	1 25	
W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	4	33	10	30 00	11 25	41 25	8 00	
W. Vanzant, Solomon's Island	GC	4	33	6	18 00	3 85	21 85	1 45	
I. Sheirick, Solomon's Island	GC	4	33	3	9 00	1 45	10 45	1 45	
S. N. Brown, Garrett	CK	4	25	33	41 00	2 50	43 50		
J. Paden, Moscow	CK	4	25	31	13 50	6 00	19 50		
W. Durst, Lonaconing	CK	3	24	12	12 00	3 00	15 00		
Totals		26	202	92	\$174 50	\$35 80	\$210 30	\$12 15	

New Jersey, Week Ending November 11, 1910

G. Blinn, Mercer	BR	4	29	30	96 00	1 50	97 50		
†J. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	6	45	50	54 00	75	54 75	32 50	
W. Plant, Warren	CK	5	40	22	24 50	2 55	27 05		
C. Beack, Coldwell	DR	4	16	5	12 00	2 50	14 50	2 20	
G. Fredenburg, Warren	CK	2	9	11	13 00		13 00		
Totals		21	139	118	\$119 50	\$7 30	\$206 80	\$34 50	

West Virginia, Week Ending November 11, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	5	40	9	28 00	11 00	39 00	1 50	
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	DR	5	43	16	27 00	2 45	39 45		
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	31	13	39 00	1 50	40 50	10 50	
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	5	37	11	34 00	12 10	46 10		
Totals		20	151	49	\$138 00	\$27 05	\$165 05	\$12 00	

Ohio, Week Ending November 11, 1910

F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	DR	3	14	10	27 00	50	27 50		
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	5	42	4	13 00	5 00	18 00	62 00	
Guy Corder, Monroe Co.	GC	5	42					220 00	
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.	GC	5	38	1	3 00	6 00	9 00	178 16	
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.	GC	4	34					72 34	
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	BF	5	35	24	28 00		28 00	25	
H. Kirk, Jefferon Co.	HM	4	23	5	11 00	1 00	12 00	1 50	
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.		3		20	15 25		15 25	50	
Totals		34	228	64	\$97 25	\$12 50	\$109 75	\$534 75	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 4, 1910

Maude McDale, Allegheny Co.	SP		10	17	20 00	50	20 50		
A. Koons, Lawrence Co.		8	18	16	7 75		7 75		
J. Glunt, West Moreland Co.	GC	4			3 00	50	3 50	27 25	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	47	9	13 00	3 20	16 20	202 25	
Totals		17	75	42	\$43 75	\$4 20	\$47 95	\$229 50	

Virginia, Week Ending November 28, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK		16	11	11 00		11 00	11 25	
A. Schenk, "	OK							15 50	
B. Hamm, Hurton	PP		18					20 50	
Totals			34	11	\$10 00		\$11 00	\$47 25	

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1000.60

Deliveries, \$1023.70

necessary. Without an adequate supply of water the buildings are in constant jeopardy; and with the loss of buildings goes the means of the education of our young people. The Lord has given us the College, and if we fail to care for it, we shall be held responsible. A new tank and water tower will cost something over \$1,000, and the means for procuring them must come from our people. West Virginia must do her part. Let us join with the members of the sister conferences in substantially aiding this very important enterprise. Subscriptions, large and small, will be received at the conference office, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Elder Steele, before leaving for his new field of labor, baptized, last Sabbath, two more candidates. Thus are the Lord's people preparing for the home which Jesus has gone to prepare for them.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

From the Canvassing Field

As I was asked a few weeks ago whether or not I was still in the work, I have since been forcibly reminded of a statement found in "Manuel for Canvassers," page 41: "Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged. Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessing he has received in his ministry as an evangelist." From this we understand that it is not sufficient to report our work in dollars and cents. We are to recount our blessings for the benefit of others.

I wish that all our readers could enjoy the rich experiences which our canvassers write about. In various ways—while exhibiting their books, while reading and explaining the Scriptures, while praying with families whose altar has long since been broken down or allowed to crumble—joys comes into their lives—the joy of Christian service. I have yet to meet the first canvasser who believed he had been called by God to this work, and had not received some of the most precious experiences of his life in this high and holy calling.

Most of us have sung, "If your hand's on the plow, hold on, hold on." This is the song which one of our yokefellows sings when things seem to be going against him. Thus he reminds himself of the awfulness of again becoming attached to the things

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of this world. Another canvasser with whom I spent a few days, would very often when depressed suggest that we kneel in prayer by the roadside. Thus the canvasser, because of the nature of his work, and because of his isolation from human help, feels his need of God the more, and enjoys the greater blessing.

One of our sisters who is not at all strong physically told me that she would continue canvassing if she died at her post, for she knew it to be the Lord's work. Another, who is working with her, told with trembling voice how glad she was to have a part in bringing the truth to those who could not possibly get it in any other way. A brother who has been earning from seventy to ninety dollars per month for the past sixteen years, and who has been keeping the Sabbath during this time, is now arranging to sell "Great Controversy" in one of our large cities, possibly in Pittsburg.

One of our faithful canvassers told me in a recent letter that he had entered the canvassing work wholly through Elder Bigelow's reading the testimonies to him. My own experience in taking up this work may perhaps be an encouragement to someone. For many years I was uncertain what I should do. Then I became very ill, and when almost given up to die, I prayed *definitely*, and almost constantly, for more than a day. I felt convinced that I ought to have been selling our good books, and I promised God that if he would spare my life I would take up my long-neglected duty. I had the evidence that God in mercy heard my cry. That was one of the best decisions of my life. Truly, it is a hard thing to kick against the prickings of the Spirit of God.

Brethren, we are in the time of the loud cry. Do you not see evidences that some are enjoying the in-

estimable privilege of giving it? Are you quite certain that you have found your place in the great harvest field of lost souls? If not, believe the promise that God will make it known to you personally, but in his own way, if you will but seek for this as for a hidden treasure. And if you should be shown that you, too, ought to join the happy army of God-fearing, truth-loving canvassers, will you kindly write me? for we wish to help you as much as is in our power.

From what I see and can learn since locating in Pittsburg, "the good old times" have returned; but at the same time there is still that spirit of unrest; for nearly all reading and thinking people believe that there will be a change of some kind very soon, and when our books are presented to them, they almost invariably see that in them is contained a solution to the problem; and it is surprising how willing, how desirous, many are to buy. As we are told to enter the large cities as quickly as possible—for now is the time to work for them—we should be especially burdened for the thousands in these large centers who will very soon decide their destiny. Come along, then, my brother, my sister, and help to close up the work. Read Jer. 12:5.

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THE executive committee of the West Pennsylvania Conference met in Pittsburg, November 7, for counsel and necessary business. Sister N. S. Ashton was chosen to fill the office of educational secretary and secretary of the young people's work. Elder N. S. Ashton and Brother E. E. Read were appointed to fill the vacancies on the executive committee made by the resignations of Elders Wagner and Bigelow, and Brother G. Medairy was appointed to fill the office of missionary secretary.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, our Union Conference president, met with the committee for counsel and plans for the work. Brother Wilkinson addressed the Pittsburg church Number 1, Sunday evening, November 6, and the many present enjoyed the privilege of having him with them.

Sister Amanda E. Koons, New Wilmington, Pa., desires late, clean copies of the *Signs of the Times* mailed to her for use in missionary work.

Brother Watt spent Sabbath, November 12, at Mount Union with in-

terested ones there, and expects to be in Kittanning by November 17 to help and encourage the new members at that place.

Brother G. Medairy, who has recently been called to take up the work of conference missionary secretary, writes as follows relative to the special Ingathering number of the *Review*: "The 300 are gone, and I do not know how many more each individual ordered besides; but please have sent to me 700 more, and I will see that they are put into the hands of the people in the proper way." This order from Brother Medairy came just as we were sending out our letters requesting the brethren to take hold of this work earnestly and help raise the fund for missions above what it was last year.

Last week Brother Brownlee wrote us that he had not received his last shipment of books and that he felt discouraged, as the place was somewhat out of the way, and some one living there had told him that sometimes it took months to get freight shipments through. We were much concerned in the matter, as the order was a heavy one, and Brother Brownlee is always very prompt. In today's mail we received the following word from him: "I received the books all right and had a fine delivery. . . . One minister came near spoiling my work. He told some of the people he would throw the books as far from him as he could; but I lost only one 'Coming King' through him, and I have my doubts if I could have delivered the book anyhow." One man asked, "Why is it that the minister condemns this book? He says it teaches the sleep of the dead." Brother Brownlee asked him what he meant by the sleep of the dead, and then explained the subject to him from the Scriptures. The man then said, "That's queer, tell my wife to give you the dollar for the book; I see nothing wrong in it." Brother Brownlee afterward met the minister with the same statements, and the minister said: "Well, the principal thing in to convert souls, and it does not matter whether it is done by Seventh-day Adventists or other denominations." He then purchased a copy of *Life and Health*. Later Brother Brownlee met him at another house, and says he believes that if the minister had not been there the people would not have taken the book. Surely the Lord prepares the way for his workers.