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GENERAL MATTER

But now I know that there is no killing
A thing like Love, for it laughs at death.
There is no hushing, there is no stilling
That which is part of your life and breath.
You may bury it deep, and leave behind you
The land, the people that knew your slain;
It will push the sods from its grave, and find you
On wastes of water or desert plain.—*Selected.*

Manner and Meaning of Christ's Coming

HIS COMING LITERAL

"AND as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."¹ This scripture says that he shall appear. To appear means "to come or be in sight; to be in view; to become visible."² Then if he shall appear the second time, his coming must be visible rather than hidden or secret. If we would understand his second coming to refer to his coming to the individual at conversion or to each individual at death, then this scripture would be incorrect, for on such occasions he does not appear. His coming will in no way be hidden or secret. While here upon earth he himself said, "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. . . . If they shall say unto you, behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even to the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."³ The manner of Christ's return to this earth will be similar to the way in which he departed, and just as literal. When he ascended, the disciples witnessed the scene, and while they stood looking steadfastly toward heaven two men, evidently angels, were standing by, and they said, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go

into heaven."⁴ One of these disciples was later given a vision, from which he describes the coming of Christ; and he says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him."⁵ All of these scriptures show that his coming will be literal, as truly as was his first advent to this earth.

A GLORIOUS COMING

When Christ comes to this earth the second time it will be with "all the holy angels."⁶ There will then be "silence in heaven."⁷ This is because those angels who are now in songs of praise, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,"⁸ are with Christ on his advent to this earth. Christ says, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's and of the holy angels."⁹ This shows that his coming will be with a threefold glory, the glory of the Father, his own glory, and the combined glory of all the angels. The glory of a single angel is very great. Daniel tells of one that he saw, and he says, "His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude."¹⁰ And we are also given a description of the angel that came to the tomb of Christ at his resurrection. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men."¹¹ The glory of a single angel must be greatly multiplied when they all come, for of the angels round about the throne it has been said, "The number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."¹² There must be at the least calculation one hundred and four million, and there are probably many times that number. So, when they all come with Christ to this earth, the glory of a single angel, as already described, must be multiplied by at least one hundred four million. Christ's glory alone is also very great. When

the prophet John saw him in vision he said, "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they were burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last."¹³ To this glory we must still add the glory of the Father; and of him we read, "the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him."¹⁴ And, "As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord."¹⁵ Think of the brightness of one angel multiplied by at least one hundred four million, and to that add the glory of the brightness of Christ and also the Father. Now when we bear in mind that it is this threefold glory with which Christ comes, we can readily conceive that it will be a grand display of glory such as this world has never witnessed. No wonder the Saviour says, "As the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."¹⁶ And "every eye shall see him."¹⁷

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¹ Heb. 9:27, 28; ² Webster's Dictionary; ³ Matt. 24:23-27; ⁴ Acts 1:9-11; ⁵ Rev. 1:7; ⁶ Matt. 25:31; ⁷ Rev. 8:1; ⁸ Rev. 4:8; ⁹ Luke 9:26; ¹⁰ Dan. 10:6; ¹¹ Matt. 28:3, 4; ¹² Rev. 5:11; ¹³ Rev. 1:14-17; ¹⁴ Dan. 7:9, 10; ¹⁵ Eze. 1:28; ¹⁶ Matt. 24:27; ¹⁷ Rev. 1:7. O. F. BUTCHER.

UNION

Among the Conferences

ON October 11 the Board of Mount Vernon College assembled at Mount Vernon, Ohio, to take up matters pertaining to the College. It will be interesting to our brethren throughout the field to learn that the Board expressed itself as being much gratified with the financial outcome of the College last year. A great improvement was also manifest in all the different lines of school work. We saw before us a larger attendance, an increased number of students enjoying the privileges of the Home, and a spirit of devotion both to their studies and to their work manifested on all sides among the students.

At this meeting many different plans were taken up for the betterment of the College this coming year. The good success of our summer school last year led the Board to decide upon having another this coming year. It was also decided to hold a special winter course during the months of January, February, and March, in order to give special instructions to ministers, Bible workers, and city workers. Many other plans were taken up with reference to the improvement of the property, and the establishment of our educational finances upon a regular systematic basis.

After my return from the Board meeting, I had the privilege of paying a short visit with Elder Russell to western Maryland. Here we found the churches of Hagerstown, Smithsburg, and Crystal Falls in good spiritual condition and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. It gave us great pleasure to meet with these churches, and to learn of their devotion to the truth and their trust in the Lord. There is a great field for labor in this portion of Maryland.

A week later I left for the West, to meet with the East Pennsylvania Conference at Pittsburg, and to join in the Sabbath-school convention which was being held at Mount Vernon, Ohio. On Friday evening, October 4, I had the privilege of holding a revival meeting with the students of the College. The Lord came very near to us on that occasion, and some sixty of the young people came forward—some to return to the Lord, and some to give their hearts to the Master for the first time. It was indeed a season of good spiritual refreshing from the presence of God. Elder Olmsted, of Columbus, was with us on this occa-

sion, as well as Elder Butler, and both gave us good assistance.

The next day was devoted to a Sabbath-school convention, from which I am sure the students of the school, as well as the members of the Mount Vernon church, drew great profit. A new enthusiasm along Sabbath-school lines was awakened, and many good papers and excellent discussions brought forth pointed information that was of great value to all.

The following Sunday night I had the privilege of meeting with the church at Pittsburg, Pa. A large number of strangers were present, and the Spirit of God came near to witness to the preaching of the word. There are some precious souls in Pittsburg who are in the valley of decision. This is a great city, and it presents many different phases of the work.

All of the next day was spent with the executive committee of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Many things were taken up relative to the work throughout the conference. We feel that God blessed in these deliberations and we look forward to strong developments and more abundant fruits than we have seen in the past. There is a population of about three million in west Pennsylvania, and many of the cities and counties of this conference have never yet heard the preaching of the message. We pray God that he will abundantly bless the deliberations of this session in the bringing of many precious souls to the truth.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Courage

THERE is no work that requires more courage than missionary canvassing. Courage forms a large per cent of the canvasser's capital stock. If he lacks this, he is not prepared for business, and will not be able to succeed until he gets a good supply.

But how shall one who is inclined to be easily discouraged overcome this weakness and become strong and of good courage, as a valiant soldier of Jesus Christ? We must admit that victory does not come without effort and perseverance. Some seem to learn the lesson much sooner than others. As a rule, young people who are willing to bear responsibilities develop this strength of character, while those who are continually depending upon others fail to learn the lesson which they must learn if they are to accomplish anything in the cause of God.

If the lesson of perseverance has not been learned, it is hard to keep up

courage; for success never comes without perseverance. One may try once or twice, and fail; but each time he fails he has an additional experience which he can use to good advantage the next time. If he is careful not to make the same mistake a second time, he will profit by past experiences. After he has practiced perseverance for a time, it is not so difficult to keep up courage; for he learns from experience that perseverance is bound to win.

If Joshua had marched only six times around Jericho and had then become discouraged, the walls of the city would not have fallen, and Israel would have been defeated. If Elijah had prayed for rain only six times, it would not have come, and his prophecy would have failed. If Jesus had become discouraged in Gethsemane, his life on earth would have been useless, and our doom would have been sealed. It is in the hard places of life that we need the help and strength of Heaven; but it does not come by our giving up.

To Joshua the promise had been given, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee;" and when to his surprise he was defeated before Ai, he fell upon his face and sought God for help, and was directed what to do, and by following that direction gained the victory. Elijah was tempted to become discouraged, but angels were sent to minister to him, and he was shown that the cause of his discouragement lay in his own mistaken ideas. He thought that he stood alone for God; but he was told that there were yet seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal. In like manner we become discouraged, because we allow Satan to deceive us and cause us to take a false view of circumstances. We see the lions in the way, but do not see that they are chained. As a messenger from heaven was sent to strengthen the Saviour in the hour of his trial, so we may have the same help in the time of our greatest need.

If we would be kept of good courage, then, let us study carefully the promises of God, and rehearse his dealings with his people of old, remembering that he is no respecter of persons, but is just as willing to help us to-day.

It is well to study the lives of great men, reformers, and missionaries, whom God has used as instruments to enlighten the world. We shall find that without exception they were men who had to battle with discouraging circumstances; but by over-

coming their obstacles in the strength of the Lord, and living in obedience to his word they became the men they were. All our missionary canvassers should be men and women of faith and courage.

"Courage, brother! do not stumble,
Though thy path be dark as night,
There's a star to guide the humble:
Trust in God, and do the right."

E. R. NUMBERS, *General Agent C. U. C.*

AT THE COLLEGE

INDIAN SUMMER

The days of Indian summer at last come
wandering by,
Folding in softest light the vales where
dreamy shadows lie,
Dropping their smoky mantle over wood and
field and hill,
Bringing a hush in the rustling breeze, and
whispering a calm "Be still."

I love to watch the glimmering scene, clothed
in a hazy blue—
There's a dreamland for the fancy from near
to distant view;
But life is more than dreaming; there are
lessons true and wise
To learn from God's own nature book which
near us open lies.

'Tis the twilight of the winter's night—the
world is going to sleep,
To stay secure through long dark hours while
tempests o'er it sweep;
But e'er the fierce and chilling blasts rage on
with darkening form,
These soft blue days are given to prepare for
coming storm.

There's sweet assurance in these hours of
peace and quiet rest,
That stormy though my path may grow, God's
way is ever best;
He'll give me strength to brave the blasts that
cross life's wintry way,
And keep me safe through long dark nights
when sorrow's lingerings stay.

Then linger, precious moments; teach thy
lessons to my heart,
That I may trust my Father's care, do cheer-
fully my part.
Alike from storm or pleasant time his careful
power can bring
Again the Indian summer peace, or waking
joys of spring.

MABEL K. MOFFETT.

*Thanksgiving

"For the gifts we have had from his hand
Who is Lord of the living,
Let there run through the length of the land
A Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!"

WHEN in 1621, after the ingathering of the first harvest in the new world, Governor Bradford of the Plymouth Colony sent four men out to shoot wild game, that the settlers "might after a more special manner rejoice

*Read by a student at the Thanksgiving reception held in the College chapel, Wednesday evening, November 23.

together," he little dreamed to what his pious act would lead.

The exact date of the first Thanksgiving is not certain; but from the fact that it was an open-air feast, it must have occurred in that period of balmy calm, cool air, and soft sunshine which we easily recognize as Indian Summer, which ranges between the last week of October and the last week of November.

We have a description of this first Thanksgiving from a letter written by Winslow, a member of the Plymouth Colony, in December of that year. It reads thus:—

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men hunting. . . . They four in one day killed as much game as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and on the captain and the others."

With what joy and gladness those staid old Pilgrims must have surrounded that festive board there in the wilderness to partake of the bounties which the New World had borne for them; and little did they realize that thousands of unborn Americans in future generations would look back to that autumn day when Pilgrims and Indians feasted themselves upon the delicacies of America and would be thankful in their hearts that their forefathers had loved a good meal.

But this feast of good things had a real meaning to people of deep, religious natures like the Pilgrims. Just as the children of Israel praised the Lord with feasts, so did the Pilgrims have an occasional yearly festival to praise the Lord for unexpected prosperity or un-looked-for aid in time of adversity. It was not until the Revolutionary War however, that the feast became in any sense national, and even then it was regularly kept only in New England. The first Thanksgiving Proclamation by a president of the United States was issued by Washington in 1795. This, however, did not become an annual custom until after the Civil War. That great struggle gave to the people a sense of oneness, and since 1863 the president has every year issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation, setting apart the last Thursday in the month of November as a

day of feasting, of thanks, and of prayer.

To the minds of the Puritans, Christmas savored of idolatry, but when their own festival became annual, it assumed many of the features of the old English Christmas; it was simply Christmas in November instead of December; and the Puritans ate turkey, Indian pudding, and pumpkin pie, instead of "superstitious meats" such as baron-of-beef, boar's head, and plum puddings.

And thus Thanksgiving, like other festive days whose origin had a religious significance, has now degenerated into a great national holiday in which one is privileged to cast all rules pertaining to dietetics and proper eating to the winds, and feast to the heart's content. Athletic games and sports are now the order of the day. The gridiron hero is the central figure in the mind of the college student; for Thanksgiving marks the end of the foot-ball season. And it seems that the day was destined to this end from the beginning; for did not the old Pilgrims take their guns and go hunting, and also exercise their arms?

But no matter to what degree the original use of the day has degenerated, we all have many and good reasons for being thankful this Thanksgiving eve. All great blessings are free and common to each of us; but we are likely to forget these when we sum up our causes for thankfulness. Foremost there is the sky with all its shifting scenery, its vast dome of night sprinkled with the dust of twinkling stars, the splendor of the rising sun and the evening pageant. Then we have the glory of the summer with its odors blown from the blue mountains, or salty from the sea, or hot and pine-scented from the woods; these are enough to drive away our cares and worries over the petty trials that beset us. The appreciation of the beautiful—who would be without it? Surely to have been born is cause enough for thankfulness.

Then there is memory, one of the chief blessings of life; for with the memory we live over the past, which rises like a misty veil from a breeze-rippled lake in the first dawn of the day. And with the memory one sitting before a lonely fire in a far land sees himself the same person who grew up in a gay home, rich in kindred and in friends; and though all have sped, they may still be treasured, held fast by memory.

And for the duties of every day life we have ever to be thankful. And for love, even though it dies, and for

friendship, even after it has been betrayed, we ought to be thankful; for these are but tastes of what life might be in its completion.

Above all these things we have to be truly thankful that we have the truth for this time; that we have God's word as a guide to direct us through the darkness of this sinful age; that we are in an institution where the principles of the third angel's message are taught in all their purity; and that Jesus our Saviour died for us, and that he is soon coming to take us home with him. All this is greater cause of thankfulness than our forefathers had when they sat down in the wilderness to thank God for his mercy and goodness to them.

SAMUEL G. JACQUES.

Mr. MERRITT EUSEY spent Thanksgiving at his home in Millersburg, O.

Miss Halstead's mother will spend the winter at the Mount Vernon Hospital.

Miss Debora Secor has just returned from Chicago. Before leaving she enjoyed a visit from a classmate of 1910, Miss Nettie I. Porch, who is nursing for a few weeks in Chicago.

Miss Mabel Andre was in Mount Vernon for Thanksgiving.

Misses Wanita and Ruth Shingieton spent Thanksgiving at their home in Grafton, W. Va.

Miss Eva Fleming is at the Ohio State Sanitorium, about a mile from the College. She is gaining rapidly and expects that another winter in the open air will make her recovery complete.

Mr. Glenn G. Robinson has decided to spend the winter in Mount Vernon, where he has secured light employment. He is still carrying on his studies, and hopes to re-enter school at the beginning of the spring term.

Mrs. S. T. Miller of Akron, O., spent Thanksgiving with her daughter at the College.

Miss Goldeu Kuhn, Mr. Hugh Kuhn, of Lore City, O., and Mr. Will A. Hammond of Gladwin, Mich., were guests at the home of Mr. Henry Spohn last week.

Miss Martha Poole has been nursing in South Vernon.

Mrs. Vandora Horner and her son Lawrence, of Dayton, O., visited Miss Helen Horner at the College last week.

Mr. John Wright is attending the Southern Training School at Graysville, Tenn., his parents having moved to Graysville last summer.

Thanksgiving brought Mrs. C. F. Russell a special cause of thankfulness in the visit of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Mabel K. Moffett, *nee* Kennedy, the author of the little poem, "Indian Summer," which appears this week on the College page, is a former student of Mount Vernon College.

Thanksgiving was a pleasant occasion at the College. Everyone was asked to forget his books from Wednesday noon till study period on Sunday evening. On Wednesday evening a Thanksgiving program was rendered in the chapel, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion. The dining room was a very inviting place on Thursday noon, when an excellent Thanksgiving dinner was served on the American plan. The remainder of the vacation was spent in various social ways, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and teachers.

CHESAPEAKE

An Educational Day

At a recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted that we "set aside Sabbath, November 26, as Educational Day, and that every member of the churches give for the support of the educational work the sum of ten cents." Not much has been done along this line in our conference and it is almost like starting a new department. Tools are necessary for every work, and the educational department is without these at the present time. We trust this call will meet with a hearty response from all our brethren and sisters. We shall appreciate, as well, their co-operation and prayers, that this work may meet God's ideal.

ALICE M. FIELDBERG, *Educational Secretary.*

Good Books to Read

THE Review and Herald can now furnish excellent biographies of David Livingstone, William Carey, Robert Moffat, Samuel Crowther, Robert Morrison, Florence Nightingale, John Williams, John Knox; "Two Noble Lives," the biography of Martin Luther and John Wycliffe; and "The Canal Boy Who Became President," the life of James Garfield. Any of these books will be sent to your address postpaid for sixty cents. ALICE M. FIELDBERG, *Educational Secretary.*

OHIO

DR. W. J. VENEN and the writer closed a series of tent meetings in Marion O., October 9. The attendance was good. With many prayers for wisdom and help, we did not shun to declare unto them "all the counsel of God." Health reform, tithing, and the spirit of prophecy were presented as clearly as was the law and the Sabbath. Therefore those who signed the covenant and were baptized into the church are established in present truth. They have come into the message to be lifters and not leaners. Two of them lost their positions when they began keeping the Sabbath, but this did not discourage them. Brother Randolph has assisted one of these to get a position in the quarries. This means much harder work and smaller pay, but the brother is thankful that he can serve the Lord and support his family. We greatly appreciate the assistance of Sister Talmage during the last week of our meetings and in the baptismal service that followed. Dr. Venen will remain in Marion to look after the interest there. Let us praise the Lord for all that he accomplishes through us.

H. M. JUMP.

An Opportunity for Relief Work

THE world is busy, and especially so at this season of the year. A visit to the city, or to the village store, shows us great preparation for holiday trade. Upon entering the homes of people we also find them planning their Christmas shopping, and questioning what shall be purchased for presents.

Since this is the prevailing sentiment, is it not an opportune time for a special effort in the Relief campaign? If our churches will improve the opportunity now offered, many of them could dispose of their quota of

"Ministry of Healing" in the next four weeks. Will not our church elders and readers set the example by selling their quota at once? This will be an encouragement to the members or their churches, who in turn will do their work. If the study of "Ministry of Healing" is taken up with the church, either in the Sabbath service or in the prayer meeting, much needed instruction will be given, and the brethren and sisters will be better fitted to do their work.

What church will first report a finished campaign, and be able to sing the jubilee song? J. J. MARIETTA.

FOREST KIRK, the five-year old son of one of our canvassers, took out ten copies of the *Harvest Ingathering Review* the other day, and obtained \$1.50 for missions.

The young people's convention held by the Dayton church November 18-20 was in every respect a success. A report of the meeting, which arrived too late for publication in this issue, will appear next week.

Mrs. M. H. Dunmead has bought a house at Pleasant Hill which is to be used for church school purposes. The school at that place, which is taught by Miss Rosella Draper, is increasing in attendance. Several families not of our faith are taking advantage of the Christian training to be obtained in Miss Draper's school-room.

Brother Wilson Wheeler, of West Clarksfield, is preparing to move to a farm near Liberty Center.

One of the recent converts in Marion—an old gentleman—says that he has gained ten pounds in weight since he discontinued the use of tea, coffee, and flesh foods, and began eating and drinking to the glory of God.

The Corder Brothers, two of our most faithful canvassers, recently delivered about \$400 worth of books. Brother Guy Corder says: "I am truly thankful for the way in which the Lord blessed me in delivering during the past week. I can say that this is one of the best deliveries I ever had. Pray that the messages of warning found in these books may do their appointed work. Pray also for each of us as we start out into the field

again this week." Perhaps no one is more deserving of our prayers than the faithful, devoted canvasser.

We are pleased to see the many brief and interesting reports which our workers are sending in. We hope that they may be even more numerous in the future.

The Dayton church school is now taught by Miss Bertha Mitchell, Mr. Chester Spangler having gone to California to take up stenographic work in the office of the California tract society.

Elder and Mrs. Fred C. Webster, who have been visiting relatives in Ohio for several weeks, have just returned to their field of labor in New York, Elder Webster to take up his ministerial duties and Sister Webster, her work as secretary of the Sabbath-school department of the conference.

We have heard that a little company of members in Columbus meets weekly to study Elder Butcher's series of articles on Bible doctrines. They are improving an excellent opportunity.

About 15,000 copies of the *Harvest Ingathering Review* have already been ordered by the tract society. Ten copies have been sent to each isolated member in the conference; but if any have failed to receive the papers, or if any desire more, which we hope will be the case, let them not fail to write us promptly.

Mrs. Nellie Hague Peabody of Iowa is visiting her parents at Shreve, Ohio. She hopes to find a suitable farm for rent in order to return with her husband and family to this state.

Sister Scott of Perryburg had her home partly destroyed by fire on October 29. The property was fully insured.

Elder C. H. Smith, of Mount Vernon, is in Wisconsin visiting his daughter, who has three children ill with typhoid fever.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is conducting a series of meetings at Coalport, Coshocton county. He reports excellent success, the hall being filled each evening with audiences that seem to be deeply interested in the truths for this time.

Elder R. R. Kennedy spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Killbuck church.

Mrs. E. J. Roedel has recently returned to her home in Defiance from a long visit in northern Michigan.

On Sabbath, November 5, three persons were baptized and taken into church fellowship at Delta.

The Coshocton church is planning a good program for its Sabbath-school and young people's convention to be held December 17-19.

Brother Dick Parker, of Defiance, is slowly recovering from serious injuries received by a fall.

Brother George Wagner, of Delta, will enter Mount Vernon College at the opening of the winter term.

Miss Wilma Stockwell, who is teaching the church school at Coshocton, spent a few days of Thanksgiving week with her sister in Canton.

Among those who signed the covenant at the close of a series of tent meetings this fall is an ordained minister.

Dr. and Mrs. Jump were afforded a pleasant surprise when about twenty-five members of the Bowling Green church went to their home and took possession last Tuesday afternoon. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received; but more than all, no doubt, Dr. and Sister Jump value the good will of their home church. Social conversation and music, both instrumental and vocal, were the features of the afternoon, which was enjoyed by all.

The verses in the Morning Watch Calendar for each week are based on some subject touched in the Sabbath-school lesson for that same week. It will help you to get a more comprehensive view of the Sabbath-school lesson. Get one. Price five cents. Order from your tract society.

Married

JOHN WILLIAM PROTIOUS and Bernice Lindsey were united in marriage by Elder J. F. Olmsted at 8:30 P. M. November 9, at the home of the bride's mother, Sister Luella Townsend, Leonard Avenue, Columbus.

Thirty-four guests were present, who wished the young couple much of this world's favor and prosperity; after the wedding supper had been served and the guests had departed, Mr. and Mrs. Protious left for their home in Linden Heights, O.

NEW JERSEY

HAVE you done your part in the effort with the "Ministry of Healing" during the Relief Rally week? If not, will you not now rally to the call and do your share? If you have done your full part, you may find a rich blessing in helping some other brother or sister who, perhaps, is in a position which prevents the lift which would be gladly rendered if circumstances would permit.

Several of our workers took advantage of the opportunity to attend the sessions of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference, which was held in Philadelphia, November 16 to 20. The rapid march of events in the fulfillment of prophecy with reference to the attempt to force the world to again bow in submission to an 'apostate church, should stir the heart of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to the most earnest efforts in spreading the truth. Now is the time to circulate such magazines as the *Protestant* and *Liberty*.

The conference committee had a meeting at the office in Trenton on Thursday, November 17. Among other things it was voted to hold the next conference session at Newark, in January, 1911. The exact date will be announced later.

Elder Parkhurst, of Des Moines Iowa, was the guest of Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland this week. Elder Parkhurst came East to attend the council meetings being held with reference to the work in the cities.

The Trenton church enjoyed a sermon last Sabbath from Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Southeastern Union Conference, who has been attending to the meetings in Philadelphia. On the same day Elder S. B. Horton, of Albany, N. Y., spoke to the Camden church.

Remember that now is the best time to work with "Ministry of Healing" Do not let this opportunity slip by unimproved.

VIRGINIA

Shenandoah Valley Training Academy

OUR Academy is situated one mile east of the Southern depot, and one-half mile west of the village of New Market, on a hill overlooking the North Fork of the beautiful Shenandoah River.

Elder Kime, president of the Virginia Conference, and Elder J. E. Shultz, educational secretary of the Columbia Union, spent a few days with us at the Academy a short time ago. We greatly enjoyed their visit, and hope that we may profit by their counsel. Elder Shultz gave us some interesting talks on Japan.

We closed school one day last week in order to go out with the special *Review* in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Misses Gardner and their cousins took a number of papers and went to Harrisburg; Messrs. Little and Symonds went the other way to Mount Jackson; the remaining members of our school family remained to work near the Academy.

Mr. Zidler is developing patience and brawn by pumping the water for the Academy building, as the gasoline engine which supplies the building with water is broken, and there is no way of repairing it.

Our Academy broom shop is in process of construction, and we hope soon to see it completed.

MRS. H. M. FORSHEE.

ELDER STEWART KIME has just returned to the office from a trip among the churches in the western part of the state. He reports good interest, the fields white ready for the harvest, but no laborers to send into these fields. He was accompanied on a part of the trip by Elder J. E. Shultz, who labored in the interest of the educational work. They will leave the last of the week for a ten days' visit among the churches along the seaboard.

Elder R. D. Hottell last week began a series of meetings at Rileyville, where calls have been made for such meetings for some time.

Elder A. C. Neff, who was quite painfully injured about two weeks

ago by falling into a cistern, is slowly recovering, and is now able to sit up a little each day.

Sister Lillie Henley has been meeting with good success selling magazines. She began the work last summer, and though but fifteen years old, she has paid the rent and supported a sick mother, paid off a debt of over one hundred and fifty dollars, and will soon have earned sufficient to care for her mother and cover a year's scholarship. Her desire is to get an education in order to do more efficient work for the Master. We have a number of young people in our conference who could have the same success if they would but step out by faith.

Brother Clarence Hennage and Miss Fahrner, of Dillwyn, Va., were married October 26 by Elder J. Greer Hanna. Brother Hennage has been connected with the work in Virginia for a number of years. We extend congratulations and best wishes.

WEST VIRGINIA

An Excellent Opportunity

FROM the pen of Sister White we read: "When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming of the Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls.

"Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth. A new song is to be put into their mouths. They are to go forth to impart to others now in darkness the light of the third angel's message.

"We all need to be awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities." *Volume 7, p. 40.*

Among the great cities of our land that have been "strangely neglected," Wheeling, the largest city in this state, is a good example. Until the past summer, there has been, practically speaking, nothing done for the teeming thousands of this city and vicinity. There are in the Panhandle district at least one hundred thousand who have never heard the message which proclaims a soon-coming Saviour.

The needs of this great city are

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending November 18, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	41	33	101 00	5 50	106 50	
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	36	20	54 00	3 95	57 95	75
Guy Corder, Monroe Co.		GC	5	41	15	46 00	9 00	55 00	
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.		GC	4	32	12	36 00	9 50	45 50	3 00
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.		GC	3	29	2	6 00	2 50	8 50	8 50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.		BF	5	42	64	74 00		74 00	
Totals			27	221	146	\$317 00	\$30 45	\$347 45	\$12 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 18, 1910

Maryland

W. Vanzant, Broom's Island	GC	5	42	5	18 00	3 75	21 75	3 75	
I. Sheirick, Broom's Island	GC	5	42	5	15 00	4 10	19 10	4 10	
W. Yonson, Friendship Co.	GC	4	32	5	15 00	6 00	21 00	14 25	
†Mrs. Whaley, Frederica, Del.	GC	5	26	4	13 50	3 75	17 25	5 75	
A. Long, New Castle Co., Del	GC	3	14	3	9 00	2 20	11 20		
S. N. Brown, Westernport	CK	3	19	15	17 15	2 75	20 25		
J. Paden, Westernport	CK	4	23	7	7 00	4 75	11 75		
W. Durst, Lonaconing	CK	2	15	2	2 50	1 00	3 50	17 50	
E. Moessinger, An'seAr'nd'Co.	CK	5	28	16	19 50		19 50		
Totals			36	241	62	\$117 00	\$28 30	\$145 30	\$45 35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 18, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	48	20	37 50	9 70	47 20	28 85
S. Buzzard, Bedford Co.	CC	3						130 00
F. Hinea, Beaver Co.	GC							71 00
Totals		8	48	20	\$37 50	\$9 70	\$47 20	\$229 85

West Virginia, Week Ending November 18, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		5	35					115 75
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		5	59					200 55
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	40	10	30 00	7 50	37 50	1 50
Totals		15	134	10	\$30 00	\$7 50	\$37 50	\$317 80

Virginia, Week Ending November 18, 1910

B. Hamm, Hurton	PP		28	16	27 50		27 50	
Totals			28	16	\$27 50		\$27 50	

Virginia, Week Ending November 11, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK		16		1 00		1 50	31 75
A. Schenk, Wytheville								4 50
Totals			16	41	\$1 00		\$1 50	\$36 25

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$606.45 Deliveries, \$641.50

many, and at present there is an urgent demand for two faithful magazine workers. A better territory for the sale of our magazines could hardly be found, as Wheeling has a business section representing a population of eighty-five thousand. The people of the surrounding towns come to this city to do their buying and selling, making the business district much larger than it would otherwise be. This being the case, there is an excellent opportunity for work on the streets on Saturday evenings, as the city is then literally packed. This

plan of working on Saturday evenings has proved very successful where it has been tried, workers having sold from sixty to ninety of our ten-cent magazines in three or four hours.

Considering the needs and the extraordinary opportunity that this city offers, are there not those who, in a special sense, feel a burden for this field? Our prayer is that God may place upon many a burden for the work in this long neglected section of the Master's vineyard.

Those desiring to take up the work or wishing to know more about the

opportunities this section offers, should address the writer.

C V. LEACH,
Fairmont, W. Va., Box 31.

ELDER ROBBINS spent last Sabbath and Sunday at McMechen, where, assisted by Brother Richardson, he opened a series of meetings. From this place Elder Robbins went to Washington to attend a meeting of the General Conference council. Brother Richardson will continue the meetings at McMechen.

The week of prayer will soon be with us. This season, of all seasons, should bring the people of God into closer touch than ever they have been before. Laying aside all else, let us make it distinctly a week of prayer. May our hearts and our lives be so in harmony with the will of God, that every act and every thought will honor and serve him.

The week of prayer readings will be found in the *Review and Herald* of November 17; if you are not so fortunate as to possess a copy of this date, please send to the office at Parkersburg and secure one. We shall be glad to mail you a copy.

THE members of the Parkersburg church recently purchased a lot upon which it is the intention to erect a building. It has not been decided what kind of building will be erected, but we hope it will be in keeping with the beautiful surroundings.

Elder Robbins reports an especially good spiritual meeting during his recent visit to the Charleston church.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings of the late Educational Convention is now on sale at the office; and as but few copies are left it will be necessary to order at once in order to obtain one. Price 25 cents each.

Brother S. F. Ross, a member of the executive committee of the conference, is now able to be at his work again. Brother Ross has been quite ill ever since his return from the camp-meeting.

On November first and onward nearly all the canvassers had deliveries, and judging from the size of the checks sent to the office the Lord was certainly with them in their work.

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the weeks. This table alone is worth many times the price of the calendar. Then, as an aid to personal Bible study and prayer it is of incalculable value. We would urge all of our people of West Virginia to secure a copy. Price 5 cents. Address the West Virginia Conference, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Send your Harvest Ingathering collections to the office as soon as you can. They are for foreign missions, and our workers in the foreign fields are, even now, raising their prayers in this their time of need.

W. A. McElphatrick, one of our very successful canvassers, met with a severe accident while nearing his stopping place one night last week. Crossing a trestle in the railroad, he thought himself safely over, when he stepped between the ties, and was thrown down violently. His leg was severely wrenched and quite badly bruised. We pray that no serious results will follow.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

THE Ingathering campaign is increasing in interest each day. Brother Hess, one of our canvassers who has sold 1,500 copies of "Coming King," is now going with the special *Review* to those who brought this book and soliciting donations from them. He is meeting with excellent success, receiving donations from almost all his former subscribers.

The North Philadelphia church was favored last Sabbath, November 19, with an able discourse by Elder J. O. Corliss, of Mountain View, Cal. All

the people seemed to be greatly encouraged and expressed themselves as having received much spiritual help.

Elder T. H. Branch, a colored minister from Denver, Col., has been secured by this conference to work among his people. He is now located in the city of Philadelphia. We are sure that our people throughout the conference will appreciate this, especially when they take into consideration that in this city alone there are 107,000 colored people, and that up to the present time no special effort has been made to bring to them the light of the third angel's message.

Our health food business is increasing. We hope that all our people who desire health foods will supply themselves from this conference.

A good meeting, conducted by Elder K. C. Russell, was held in the First Philadelphia church last Sabbath, November 19. Elder Russell also spoke to a very large audience there on Sunday evening.

Elder H. Meyer, pastor of the First German church in Philadelphia, together with Brother Carl E. Woertz, another German worker in this city, and Sister Anna Honicker, spent all last week at Hazeltown in the interests of the German work there. We understand they had a very profitable visit, and are in hopes of continuing the work in the near future.

This conference was very fortunate in securing an ordained minister in the person of Elder L. E. Sufficool for the Williamsport church. That church has been urgently requesting help for some time, and we feel positive that it will grow stronger and increase in numbers as a result of Brother and Sister Sufficool's labors.

During the year this conference has had twenty-two workers in the field. If all our people would pay an honest tithe, we could put still more to work, and thus the message would go with greater rapidity in this most needy field.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, our canvassing and missionary agent, has been meeting with considerable success in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. As he goes from place to place he solicits donations from passengers on the railroad trains; and in this way he has received many dollars. The other morning's mail brought him a check for \$5.00 from

Savannah, Ga., where he had sent a *Review* with the request for a donation to missions.

Elder W. H. Heckman spoke at the First Philadelphia church Sabbath, November 12. In the afternoon, he spoke at the German church.

Elder R. E. Harter, pastor of the First Philadelphia church, not long ago visited Fleetwood and Souderton in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The other day Sister Jessie M. Weiss, one of our Bible-workers, was favored with a check for \$25.00 from a firm in Scranton which she had visited in the interests of the campaign. The Scranton and Wilkes Barre churches are very enthusiastic, as usual, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

OBITUARIES

HOOKE.—Within three months death has again entered this family, taking away another sister, one of the three who accepted the third angel's message some twenty-five years ago in a tent effort held at Port Republic, Va. Amanda A. Hooke was born Nov. 29, 1836, and died at her home near Port Republic, Oct. 18, 1910, aged 70 years, 11 months, and 20 days. Sister Hooke had been in poor health for a number of years. About a year ago she went to the hospital and underwent an operation, but never rallied sufficient strength to build upon. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the M. E. church in Port Republic, and interment was made in the family graveyard near her home. We trust she sleeps in Jesus and will come forth to eternal life in the resurrection of the just at the coming of the Saviour. R. D. HOTTEL.

FRYE.—Emily Catherine Frye, wife of Erasmus Frye, died at her home near Hamburg, Va., Nov. 4, 1910. Sister Frye was born in Shenandoah county, near New Market, June 22, 1841; she was therefore 69 years, 4 months, and 12 days old. She was united in marriage to Erasmus Frye April 4, 1863. Of this union eleven children were born, eight of whom are living. Besides her husband and children, and twenty grandchildren, she is survived by three sisters and five brothers. Sister Frye, with her husband, was baptized by Elder J. O. Corliss at the first camp-meeting held in Virginia, at Valley View Springs, near New Market, in 1883. The funeral services were held in the Adventist church near Hamburg on Sunday, Nov. 6, 1910, and she was laid to rest in the Fultz graveyard near her home. Words of comfort from 1 Thess. 4:13-18 were spoken by the writer to a large concourse of people. R. D. HOTTEL.