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

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GENERAL MATTER

"If any little word of mine
May made a life the brighter,
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter,
God help me speak the little word
And take my bit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale,
To set the echoes ringing."

Daniel's Waymarks to the Holy City

(Concluded)

THE FOUR GREAT KINGDOMS

IT now only remains for us to determine what the kingdoms are, here represented by these four beasts, and how appropriately their characteristics typify the nature of the kingdom which each symbolizes. The kingdoms represented by these four great beasts must be the same kingdoms which were described to Nebuchadnezzar under the symbol of an image; for by a little comparison we find they exist at the same time, occupy the same territory, and meet the same fate. First, we notice they are four in number, the same as the four metals of the image.¹⁹ Second, they come upon the stage of action consecutively, and each during its supremacy holds universal dominion.²⁰ Third, both scenes are brought to a close by the establishment of the kingdom of Christ.²¹ There is a difference in the symbols which are in these two chapters; for in one case the Lord was speaking to a heathen king who could best be impressed by the symbol of an image; but to Daniel God could represent the kings of the earth in their true nature as wild beasts of prey. These kingdoms being the same as those of Daniel 2, the first, a lion, must represent Babylon.²² This was a good symbol of Babylon; for as the lion is the king of beasts, so Babylon with a mighty hand ruled the world. This lion had two wings of an eagle upon its back; and as the eagle is noted for the

swiftness of its flight, so Babylon was noted for the rapidity of her conquests under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar. The prophet beheld till the wings were plucked and the lion was made to stand upon its feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. This was the character of this kingdom when its lion disposition was gone, and it no more went forth a conquering power. Belshazzar, who was seated upon the throne of Babylon, shut himself in and dared not go forth to meet his enemies.

The second beast, the bear, must be characteristic of Medo-Persia. This was the next great ruling power, and the one which overthrew Babylon in 538 B. C. Babylon itself was taken during the time of Belshazzar's great feast when the hand-writing was seen on the wall, which said, "Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians;" and "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom."²³ The character of the bear was indeed the character of the Medes and Persians. They were cruel and blood-thirsty. The three ribs in the mouth of the bear might well signify the three provinces, Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt, which were especially oppressed by this power; and the success of Medo-Persia in thus subduing them seemed to incite the kingdom to undertake more extensive conquests. It is said that the bear raised itself up on one side. This doubtless refers to the Persian side of the government, which came to be the ruling power.

The third beast, a leopard, must represent the third universal kingdom, which was Grecia; and its overthrow of the Medo-Persian kingdom was accomplished by Alexander's great victory at the Battle of Arbela in 331 B. C. The leopard is a very swift beast, and still greater celerity is added by the wings upon its back. This was very true of the Grecian kingdom under the leadership of Alexander the Great. During his time it is said that her conquests have no parallel in historical annals for

suddenness and rapidity. The Grecian kingdom, however, did not long remain under the rulership of Alexander, or of one head; for the king soon died, and his generals warring among themselves in a short time had divided his dominion into four parts which were ruled by four of Alexander's leading generals. Thus the leopard beast is represented as having four heads.²⁴

The fourth beast, so great and terrible, having great iron teeth and nails of brass, must represent the iron kingdom of Rome.²⁵ While the prophet does not liken this beast to any found in nature, yet his description of its character corresponds with the relentless policy of Rome, and the way in which she ground down many peoples over which she ruled. This kingdom was ruling the world when our Saviour came;²⁶ and it was a Roman governor who sent out the decree that all the children of Bethlehem from two years old and under should be put to death.²⁷ It was Pilate, another Roman governor, who delivered Christ up to be crucified.²⁸

THE TEN KINGDOMS

Daniel noticed that this fourth beast had ten horns, and he was told that the ten horns out of this kingdom were ten kings that should arise.²⁹ Rome was broken up by invading tribes into ten parts. These ten kingdoms were the Alemanni, the Franks, the Burgundians, the Suevi, the Vandals, the Visigoths, the Saxons, the Ostrogoths, the Lombards, and the Heruli.³⁰

THE LITTLE HORN

Among these ten horns came up another little horn "before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots."³¹ This little horn is shown to be a persecuting power; for it "made war with the saints and prevailed against them." And it spoke great words against the Most High and wore out the saints of the Most High.³² The papacy is the only power that ever existed, the character of which is like that of the little horn. Therefore the little horn must represent the papacy.³³ This

little horn was to be a persecuting power for a "time and times and the dividing of time."³⁴ The Jews understood a time to mean one year. Thus a "time" would be one year, "times" two years, and the "dividing of time" a half year, making three and one half years of prophetic time. Taking the Jewish year of three hundred sixty days as a standard, these three and one half years would be twelve hundred sixty days. But in symbolic language, as we have in this chapter, a day stands for a year.³⁵ The papacy gained control of the world in 538 A. D., and held it until 1798 A. D., just twelve hundred sixty years.³⁶

THE JUDGMENT AND THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

Following the work of the little horn, the prophet beholds the judgment scene. He says, "I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was Ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened."³⁷ As the papacy's supremacy reached to 1798, and the next great event witnessed by the prophet was this judgment scene, it is reasonable to suppose that we are now living in the time of the judgment; and this position is confirmed beyond question by a later vision which was given to Daniel. The next thing which the prophet mentions after the judgment scene is the possession of the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the dominion under the whole heaven by the people of the saints of the Most High, with Christ, the Son of man, as their king.³⁸ How plain this prophecy makes the fact that we are living in the last days of this world's history. These kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Grecia have passed away. The Roman kingdom exists only in its divided state. The little horn has done its terrible persecuting work. We have passed the days of its supremacy, and are living in the time of the judgment described in this vision. The next great event must be the coming of Christ and the establishment of his kingdom, which will stand forever. Wherefore let us give diligence to make our calling and election sure,³⁹ that we may now transfer our citizenship to that kingdom which shall stand forever.

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O. F. BUTCHER.

UNION

"Gather up the Fragments that Remain, that Nothing Be Lost"

EVERY good experience, every blessing received, every deliverance from trial or temptation may be used to help another.

There are those who have a desire to work in the Master's vineyard, but have not reached the point where their confidence is strong enough to make the attempt. These persons need encouragement, and there is no one who can give them this help so well as those already in the field. We appreciate the many good letters filled with news items which have been received from the canvassers; but we fear that there are still some fragments which have not been gathered up. It is seldom that a canvasser spends a week in the field without having some experiences which are of great value to him, and which would be very helpful to some other person who is anxious to learn more about the work.

The little news items sent in with the weekly letters count for more than the canvasser may realize. Every canvasser is brought to places where his faith is severely tested; but if he is firm and does not yield to the temptation, but stands upon the promises of God, deliverance is sure to come; and it is after such experiences as these that some of the best letters are written from the field. In humble, heartfelt gratitude to God let our canvassers acknowledge his goodness to them, and thus encourage someone else who, perhaps, is not so strong as they. Let the fragments be gathered up, that none of these good experiences be lost.

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

During the past two weeks Brother E. R. Brown has been auditing the

books of several of the conferences of the Union.

Elder James E. Shultz, educational secretary for the Union, went to Charleston, W. Va., last week to join Elder F. H. Robbins in a tour through West Virginia.

Brother E. R. Numbers and Elder B. G. Wilkinson were in attendance at the New Jersey Conference session at Newark, January 17-22.

Elder Stuart Kime, president of the Virginia Conference, has been in North Carolina visiting his old home, which he had not seen for twenty years. He reports some interesting experiences.

On account of illness Elder Daniells was obliged to return home from the workers' council held at Chicago recently.

Elders R. T. Baer and I. G. Bigelow are visiting the churches of the Chesapeake Conference in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

AT THE COLLEGE

"AN empty wagon makes a great deal more noise than a loaded one."

Miss Lucile Goodwin of Indianapolis, Ind., arrived at the College January 12. Miss Goodwin was a student here two years ago.

Mr. Ethelbert Walker was in Wilmington last week on business.

Miss Flora Jorgensen, a former student of the College, who is teaching this year at Mapleton, Mich., sends a photograph of a corner of her school room. From its very attractive appearance we judge that Miss Jorgensen's school is a success.

Dr. Roxette Ranck left Mount Vernon recently to connect with the Madison (Wisconsin) Sanitarium, as lady physician.

Through the industry of the members of the commercial department new revolving chairs have been purchased for their room. The chairs are finished in oak, and with the new desks bought last year, they make the commercial room a very attractive corner of the College building.

Miss Orpha Hastings and Mr. Carl Hastings were visitors at the College Sunday, January 15.

Miss Faye Hewitt has left the Sanitarium, greatly improved in health.

Many of the students are taking an active interest in missionary work. Three bands have been organized for the purpose of carrying on missionary effort, viz: a ministerial band, a Bible workers' band, and a band for the distribution of literature.

The ministerial band has a membership of fourteen young men, who will hold services each Sunday evening in school houses and other buildings which they can secure throughout the surrounding country. They have got out a neat poster advertising their meetings. The first service was held last Sunday.

The Bible workers' band is subdivided into six small bands of three members each. They will carry on their work with private families and individuals in the city of Mount Vernon, where they already have several openings.

The literature band meets every Saturday evening to fold and wrap papers for mailing. Quite a large number of papers are sent out weekly.

Special classes in English and public speaking were formed at the beginning of the winter course, with Elder Butler as teacher; also a special class in "The Monuments of the Old Testament." Several of the winter students have joined the regular class in "The Ancestry of Our English Bible," which began at the opening of the second term, and now has a membership of 22.

VIRGINIA

How the Truth Comes to Many

In answer to the question sent out, "How did you receive the message?" it is interesting to note that one church reports nearly one half of its members as having received the truth through reading. A number, we learn, were fully established in all points of the message before they had so much as seen a Seventh-day Adventist. We are sure that when all reports are in we shall see that a large

per cent of our membership received the truth through reading our papers, tracts, or books. We feel sure that if it were possible to trace this work to the individuals who sent the papers, gave out the tracts, or sold the books, we should find that many of them spared a few moments from their household duties, a few hours from their busy cares, or were devoting all their time to the work as self-supporting missionaries, — canvassers. We should find, too, that the paper or book was not all that was sent, but that earnest prayers ascended to the Father for the success of the silent messenger.

To-day we stand in need of many such missionaries. The field is large and ripe for the harvest; the workers are few. Are there not many in our conference who are willing to devote some of their time to this work? Are there not some who will devote all of their time? The surest way to make sure of our salvation is to devote our time to saving others. What can you do? What will you do?

A. M. NEFF,
Tract and Missionary Secretary.

Danville and News Ferry

THE week of prayer in the Danville church was a season of special refreshing, when the entire church re-consecrated itself to God. It was a season of confessing and putting away sin. One person renewed her covenant and returned to the fold; another gave himself to Christ. Several in the meeting, who were not of our faith, were deeply moved, and asked for prayer. We have two persons awaiting baptism. We celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house on the first Sabbath. The presence of Lord was very manifest. Our annual offering, owing to the close times in this city, was only fair. The church has been working in the Harvest Ingathering and "Ministry of Healing" campaigns. Many have had encouraging experiences.

Modest treatment rooms have been opened at Danville, and Sister Warnick is endeavoring to bring the value of rational remedies before the people. The work moves slowly, but it is gaining the attention of the citizens. More could be accomplished, but funds are scarce and the work must move slowly. The prayers of the readers are asked for the interest here.

Recently we celebrated the ordinances with the church at News Ferry. The moving of the Holy Spirit on many hearts was marked and

deep. Each eagerly sought a higher spiritual life. They have done well with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*, and some are taking hold of the "Ministry of Healing" with interest. Their church school is doing good work. Faithfulness in tithe-paying is growing among the members. We hope soon to see a larger number of subscribers to the *Review* and the *Visitor*, in this section. It is very important that we keep in touch with the rapid advance of the message.

Brother Wm. Medley recently left News Ferry for the Oakwood Manual Training School, to prepare for the work. Sister Sherdinia Miller of Danville expects to enter Oakwood soon for training. Our prayers go with these young people.

We are grateful for the new life and light that seems to be breaking upon us.

F. G. WARNICK.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Carlisle

ON Sabbath, December 24, another church was added to the list of East Pennsylvania churches. Elder Heckman and the writer met with the company at Carlisle, and at the close of a sermon by the president the work of organizing the church was taken up.

Three of the older Sabbath-keepers constituted the nucleus, to which eight others were added by letter. Three were received on profession of faith, making a total membership of fourteen.

A full corps of officers was elected, and the Carlisle church of Seventh-day Adventists began its career as an organized working force. Bright prospects from both the financial and missionary standpoint are before this little church, set for the purpose of advancing the interests of the third angel's message, not only in the home field, but also to the ends of the earth.

The sermon by Elder Heckman, based on 1 Tim. 3:14,15, was an impressive setting forth of the value of correctly understanding the blessedness of church fellowship, and the power of unity with Jesus Christ on the part of each individual, as very necessary to the development of church organization in the perfect order of God. The Lord was surely with his servant.

We pray for a rich, full measure of God's blessing upon the new church. May it stand as a monument for him, faithful unto the end.

A. R. BELL.

WEST VIRGINIA

Good News

Two of our canvassers are already seeing fruits for their labors. Brethren Smith and Wagner, who have been canvassing for several weeks in Clarksburg, W. Va., report that one young man has already accepted the truth through their books, another wishes to keep the Sabbath, and several other persons are deeply interested.

When I read this excellent report I thought of the following statement in "Manual for Canvassers:" "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. . . . From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred."

Dear reader, are you not impressed that a wonderful work is being accomplished by the distribution of our literature? Do you feel that you are among the ninety and nine, who, the Lord has said, should be engaged in this work? A great task still remains to be done; but we have the assurance that it shall be done quickly. The Master says: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." While we pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers, let us show our faith in what we preach by practicing.

C. V. LEACH.

Fairmont, W. Va.

ELDER ROBBINS visited the office when passing through Parkersburg on his way to Charleston. He reports all things moving along well, and the prospects favorable to a successful year in West Virginia.

Elder Robbins visited isolated brethren at Reedsville and Point Pleasant, speaking words of encouragement to those who are deprived of the privilege of meeting with their brethren.

Brother F. E. Wagner sold a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" to a man who keeps a shoe repair shop. Through reading this book the latter has kept the last four Sabbaths. He has placed a sign in the window of his place of business:—"Closed on the Sabbath until 6 P. M. Open on Sunday." Thus is the Lord bringing out his people one by one.

Elder Province is now with the Walker church holding a series of meetings which will continue throughout the week; he then goes to the Kanawha church to hold another series of meetings.

There has just come to our desk excerpts from some articles which will appear in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for February. Judging from these brief extracts the *Signs Monthly* promises to be unusually interesting. Do not fail to procure a copy; you will not regret it.

Brother E. R. Brown, the Columbia Union Conference auditor, spent a part of two days at the office, auditing the books and accounts of the conference and tract society.

Elder Robbins writes from Charleston: "We are having some good meetings with the Charleston church. A number of people, not of our faith, were out last evening. I spoke on Daniel seven, and dismissed the meeting; then, not being satisfied, they wanted me to explain the first angel's message. I hung up the chart, showing the angel of Revelation ten, and gave them another sermon. Altogether I spoke two hours and ten minutes. The people all stayed."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Washington and Pittsburg

BY appointment I went to Washington, Pa., about the eighth of January, to help the church in a "Relief" campaign. I found the members in a very hopeful mood, a number anxious to work with "Ministry of Healing." Meetings were held in the evening for the purpose of studying and laying plans for a complete work. The result of our efforts was that by Thursday evening, we had sold all the books on hand, and the church was rejoicing in the blessing of many precious experiences.

A missionary society has been organized in the church at Washington,

and the members have taken up personal work for their neighbors and relatives, using the *Family Bible Teacher* as a means of conducting a systematic house-to-house effort.

A great interest is being awakened here by individuals of other denominations, who wish to know more about our doctrines.

In the Pittsburg church quite a number of young people are selling *Life and Health*. Two boys are selling fifty copies of the *Watchman*. Two sisters have decided to sell to regular patrons twenty-five copies of *Life and Health*. I shall continue to work among the churches with "Ministry of Healing". By the help of God I shall endeavor to visit every church and company and leave them all rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord in helping them to sell every copy of their quota of this good book. This can be done. God promises to give us his Spirit, and to send angels before us to visit the homes of the people.

Our courage is good. The Lord has indeed blessed in the efforts that have already been made. So far as our quota of "Ministry of Healing" is concerned, the outlook for a finished work in this vicinity is very encouraging.

Brethren of the ministry, I appeal to you, that each time you stand before the churches and companies under your care, you give a few minutes' talk on "Ministry of Healing," until every book in the West Pennsylvania Conference has been sold. You will not only receive a blessing from the effort, but will help the members to get an experience that can be obtained in no other way. Further, when the field missionary secretary visits your company it will greatly encourage him to find your co-operation already in practical demonstration. G. MEDAIRDY,

Field Missionary Secretary.

WE are glad to see the yearly subscriptions come in for *Liberty*. A person in Idaho has sent in 24 subscriptions. The Pittsburg churches, through the efforts of our religious liberty secretary, Elder N. S. Ashton, have just forwarded 244 yearly subscriptions, to be sent to addresses given by them.

Elder I. N. Williams had planned to be with the church at Albion Sabbath, January 14, but had to cancel this appointment on account of being called to preach the funeral sermon of an old acquaintance.

Wilton Ashton, the infant son of Elder and Mrs. N. S. Ashton of Pittsburgh, who has been very ill, is reported making rapid improvement.

Brother Charles Dunham has been spending some time at Warren in the interests of the canvassing work, and has been rewarded by Brother and Sister George Gates' deciding to enter the work.

Brother and Sister Gates write us a very encouraging letter, and ask the prayers of God's people as they start out in the canvassing work. We look for success for these workers as they go forth in the Master's service.

Brother and Sister F. C. Owens left Warren January 16 for Florida, where they expect to spend the winter months, on account of Sister Owen's health. We wish them a pleasant and profitable trip, and look forward to the time when they will be among us again.

Brother F. E. Painter, who has been so successful in the canvassing work in the past, has gone to the Northern Union to take charge of the work there. Brother Painter does not expect to move his family until spring. In writing, Brother Painter expresses himself about Pennsylvania as follows: "While I will no longer be a resident of the old 'Keystone State,' I am sure that I shall never lose my interest in the work in this conference, where I have lived so long; and I leave it with sincerest wishes for Heaven's blessing upon the work here, and upon those engaged in it." We trust that God's blessing will go with Brother Painter and his family as they go to this new field.

February 4, 1911, is the day set apart for the annual collection for the religious liberty work. The great crisis is right upon us, and we ought to meet it with a greater spirit of sacrifice to help in the religious liberty work than we ever have in the past. We must put into the hands of the people the true principles of religious liberty for which purpose this fund will be used. Let us all come and bring our offering, and the Lord will be pleased to use it to his glory.

Brother E. R. Brown spent January 11 and 12 at the office, auditing the

books for the past year and introducing a new set of books which is to be used in the Columbia Union. The following is the statement handed to Elder Williams. "Herewith you will please find financial statement of the books of the West Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1910, which I have compiled after completing my audit. The cash on hand in the Warren Savings Bank agrees with the balance of the cash book. I have carefully verified the entries of the receipts and disbursements and found that every cent has been accounted for. The books are in balance and the work is up-to-date. Beginning with Jan. 1, 1911, the business of the conference and tract society will be kept in separate ledgers. I have included a statement of resources and liabilities as they have been divided and appear in their respective divisions. With this change the new cash book which has been adopted by the other conferences in the Union has been installed. I believe that this system of accounting for the local and general funds will supply you with much added information regarding the operating of your conference. Trusting that the Lord is blessing you in your part of the great harvest field, I remain, yours for the Master, E. R. Brown, Columbia Union Auditor."

NEW JERSEY

The Canvassing Field

THE Lord is still with the work in New Jersey. One of our faithful canvassers who is working in the northern part of the state writes: "My report is not large, but I feel that the Lord has indeed blessed me richly beyond all measure. And now the year has closed with its mistakes, its failures, and its many, many blessings. What shall the future be? That is the question. I desire that my life be more entirely spent for the Master in the short time that remains to me."

Another canvasser wrote me a short time ago that he had just finished delivering \$125 worth of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle."

Our canvassers, one and all, are doing well. Throughout the year 1910 they have averaged for the time worked \$1.03 an hour. The deliveries have also been better than they have ever been before in this state. Eighty per cent of all the orders taken in 1910 were delivered. This is an increase of ten per cent over the deliveries of the previous year, and is twenty per

cent better than the deliveries of 1908. Thus it can be seen that the work is not going backward.

We are earnestly praying that many others may yet take hold of this work.

C. E. GREY, *Field Miss. Agent.*

OHIO

[The following is a paper written by Elder H. A. St. John, to be read at a reception held on New Year's day, January 1, 1911, on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Mrs. Amy Van Eman Parrott. Elder St. John is well known to many of the people of the Ohio Conference. Ed.]

You ask me to contribute a paper for your reception program on New Year's day, January 1, 1911. This I will gladly do. How pleased I should be to be with you in person; but as this is impracticable, I can say something to you through another. I do most earnestly hope and pray that you may have an intensely interesting and profitable meeting, one that will ever after be a bright spot in your earthly pilgrimage.

What I contribute for the occasion will be under the title of:

Two Great Receptions

The first one is the reception to which our heavenly Father invites every sinner; and as all have sinned, the invitation is to all. Our Father so loved a lost world that he gave his only, beloved Son to die for man, and thus make it possible for him to receive every one who comes to him through Christ. He says, "Come out from the world and be ye separate, touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Who can measure or conceive the greatness and blessedness of such a reception? Made sons and daughters of the Almighty! Not for a day, but for eternity. Cleansed from all sin—washed in the blood of the Lamb—clothed in the beautiful garments of salvation—and fed day by day with that bread which came down from heaven. Who can measure the sweetness, honor and blessedness, of such a reception? The glad tidings and great joy of this invitation is to every one of you, and to all people. Jesus rejoices, and all the angels rejoice over every sinner that accepts of this invitation, and comes to this reception. Oh, may none or you re-

ject or neglect this great salvation until it is too late! The call to come to our heavenly Father's reception, to a membership in his family, still continues.

When it closes, there will follow very soon, another, and grander reception for all who have accepted the first. To all of God's children hear Jesus say, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself." Receive you. Yes, receive all of you at the same time. "I will change your vile," sickly, mortal, feeble, aged and worn-out bodies, and "fashion them like unto my glorious body." Sin, sickness, sorrow, pain and death will be of the "former things" that shall then be forever passed away. God will wipe away all tears from all faces. Jesus will take all to their beautiful home in that city above, which is "incorruptible, undefiled and fadeth not away." "And so shall they ever be with the Lord." Oh, what a glorious reception! And its glories are immortal. Dear souls, let us all get ready for that reception that will be accorded all the dear children of God, in a little while, when Jesus comes. No tongue can tell, no pen can describe, the matchless glory of that reception.

"Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain,
With songs on our lips and harps in our hands
To meet one another again."

I will now close this paper with the words of my favorite song. How I would enjoy singing these words in your hearing to a tune of my own composition. I can not send you my tune, but on page 135, number 417 of our "Hymns and Tunes," you can find a tune, if you desire to sing the words after reading them.

It Will Never Grow Old

Oh, have you not heard of that city above?
The home of its King and his infinite love;
His children are deathless and happy I'm told,
Oh, will it abide? Will it never grow old?
That wonderful land is immortal with life,
Ne'er darkened with anguish, nor dying,
nor strife;
Its mansions and streets are all flashing with gold
..Oh, can it be true, it will never grow old?
Many mansions of wonderful beauty are there

And Jesus those mansions has gone to prepare.

Its bright jasper walls how I long to behold

And join in the song that will never grow old.

They tell me its friendship and love are so pure,

Its joys never die and its treasures are sure.

And loved ones departed, so silent and cold,

Will greet us again where we'll never grow old.

'Twill always be new, it will never decay,

No night ever comes; it will always be day,

Oh, it gladdens my heart with a joy that's untold,

To think of that home, where we'll never grow old.

H. A. ST. JOHN.
Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

Payne

FROM the third to the fourteenth of January the writer held meetings in a school house near Payne, O. On account of stormy weather the attendance was not large, but those who came seemed to be interested.

One person expressed herself as almost fully convinced that Saturday is the true Sabbath, and she stated that when she is entirely satisfied that it is right she expects to keep it.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Dayton and Laura

THE week of prayer was a time of rejoicing with the Dayton and Laura churches. The meetings were well attended, and the Spirit of the Lord was present on each occasion.

How our hearts burned within us at the thought of soon seeing him who is now invisible and talking with him by the way as the disciples did of old.

How thankful we should be to our heavenly Father for his tender care and loving kindness. Many are being laid away for a short time, but we are nearing the day foretold by the prophets, when we shall meet with the blood-washed throng, the redeemed of earth, never to part again. Then "we shall never say good-bye."

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

A Week Among the People

(THE following was taken from a letter from Brother Kirk. It is an account of his work between Christmas and New Year's,—when things are usually dull in the commercial world.)

As this is holiday week I thought I would take notes on each day's experiences. Monday was a holiday, and everything was quiet in town. I could not get a train to my place of work until noon, and I thought there was little use in going at that time of day; but I started to the depot, Satan begging me to go back home and suggesting that I could do nothing on such a day.

When I arrived at my place of work the people seemed to be thinking of everything else but books, but I remembered that the Lord had told me to be of good courage and promised to be with me always, even to the end of the world. With this thought in mind I began to work. At the first exhibition I failed to sell; at the second the people were interested and the man said he would take a \$2.00 book. I suggested a better binding. Then the lady spoke up and said she would use a part of her Christmas present to help pay for it, so they took a better book.

The man at the third home said his children had been reading very light literature, and that he could not get them to read anything but novels. I told him that that was very poor reading for his family. He said that he knew it, and that he had been burning every novel he got hold of. "But how can I stop it?" he said. I told him that the book I had would help him a great deal in leading their minds to something better, and that I would remember them in my prayers. He ordered a \$3.00 book. Out of the three exhibitions I got two orders, and I had a good place to stay over night in a home where I had taken an order before.

The next morning after asking help from God and thanking him for the success I had had, I started out again. Tuesday, first exhibition, 8 A. M. The lady said she would greatly like to have the book, but was not able to buy. She was keeping boarders, and one of them being present, offered to help her pay for the book, so she gave me her order.

At the second place I did not sell; at the third the lady said that she wanted the book and might as well have a good one, so took a morocco binding (\$5.00). The fourth was the home of this lady's daughter, and I sold a \$2.00 book. At the fifth home I failed to sell, and at the sixth the people had six volumes of Russel's works on the Millennial Dawn doctrine, which they thought was as much as they needed. At the seventh home the lady gave me an order for a \$5.00 book and said she wanted a family

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending January 6, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. Book, Hancock Co.		DR	5	40	17	54 00	7 00	61 00	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		GC	5	37	7	23 00	13 50	36 50	
A. Clark, Cabell Co.		CK	1	13	1	1 00	5 00	6 00	10 75
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		DR	5	39	8	17 00	4 00	21 00	4 00
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	5	37	17	52 00	1 80	53 80	1 40
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	5	38	19	57 00	1 00	58 00	7 00
Totals			26	204	69	\$204 00	\$32 30	\$236 30	\$23 15

Ohio, Week Ending January 13, 1911

F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.		GC	5	32	22	66 00	3 75	69 75	13 00
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	35	11	37 00	22 35	59 35	30
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		GC	3	25	10	31 00	11 70	42 70	
C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.		CK	4	30	27	31 50	5 25	36 75	4 00
M. Krimp, Lake Co.		BR	5	34	6	20 00	4 00	24 00	13 50
F. Hiner, Hamilton Co.		GC	1						15 00
Totals			23	156	76	\$185 50	\$47 05	\$232 55	\$45 80

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 13, 1911

J. Heaton, Bedford Co.		PG	8	58	10	30 00		30 00	32 50
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	10	97	89	116 25	19 50	135 75	24 15
G. Gates, Warren Co.		GC	3	16	3	12 00		12 00	
C. Dunham, Warren Co.		GC	3	30	12				
A. Koons, Lawrence Co.									7 25
Totals			24	201	114	\$158 25	\$19 50	\$177 75	\$63 90

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending January 6, 1911

J. Rambo, Cumberland		CK	7	35					79 50
†G. Blinn, Mercer		BR	4	32	15	46 00	1 50	47 50	
C. Beach, Essex		GC	6	27	8	22 00	2 75	22 75	19 75
W. Plant, Sussex		CK	8	40	21	24 50	3 50	28 00	2 25
†G. Fredenburgh, Warren		CK	2	9	3	3 50		3 50	
S. Stowe, Newark		GC	7	28	10	29 00	2 00	31 00	2 00
Totals			34	171	57	\$125 00	\$9 75	\$132 75	\$103 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending January 6, 1911

R. Green, Washington D. C.		BR			7	22 00	16 25	38 25	16 25
J. S. Glunt, Washington D. C.		SP			2	2 25	1 85	4 10	25
Totals					9	\$24 25	\$18 10	\$42 35	\$16 50

Virginia, Week Ending January 6, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville		CK		8	5	5 00		5 00	8 25
*B. Hamm, Hinton		PP		52					89 25
Totals				60	5	\$5 00		\$5 00	\$97 50

East Pennsylvania, Three Weeks Ending December 30, 1910

W. P. Hess, Lancaster		CK	9	45	30	43 00			80 00
Mrs. Sleep, Stroudsburg		BS	3	6	3	2 00			2 00
J. Lichty, Allentown		GC	9	63	40	61 00			
J. Jenkins, Scranton		PG	3	10	1	3 00			12 00
Total			24	124	74	\$109 00		\$5 00	\$94 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 6, 1911

W. Hess, Carlisle			3	23	17	27 00			
G. Jenkins, Chinchilla			2		6	19 00	2 90	21 90	
Totals			5	23	23	\$46 00	\$2 90	\$21 90	

†One Week

*Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$853.60

Deliveries, \$444.35

Bible but wished to see her husband about it first. I called again and sold them a \$12.50 Bible. They said that they did not usually buy from agents.

Where I gave the eighth exhibition I took a \$3.00 order. At the next two I did not sell. At the eleventh I took an order for a \$2.00 book from young people who said they had been married but a short time and wanted to get a collection of good books. At the twelfth I did not sell, but at the thirteenth I took a \$3.00 order. That finished the town. In eight and one-half hours, giving thirteen exhibitions, I had taken orders amounting to \$40.50. I then returned home. On Wednesday morning I went to Mingo Junction, where I began work at 7 A. M. At the third home I sold "Best Stories." At the fourth, the lady said that her father had a "Daniel and the Revelation" in her home when she was a little girl. She took a \$4.00 book and said she would read it. She had purchased a "Bible Footlights" from one of our canvassers last spring. She liked the book. The lady at the next home also had "Bible Footlights," and seemed well pleased with it. She, too, ordered a "Daniel and the Revelation. The next person, who was this lady's mother, bought a \$2.00 book. My seventh customer was a widow, and while she felt unable to buy the book, she ordered a \$1.00 "Bible Readings." A widow also lived in the next home. She said she would take the book if she could rent her house before I delivered. The ninth was a school teacher as well as a Sunday-school teacher. Her order amounted to \$3.00. Tenth and eleventh, no sales; twelfth, "Best Stories." Mrs.—lived next door. She found the Bible hard to understand and had no use for agents, having been beaten by them before, as she explained. I said, "Mrs.—you have a soul to save, and I have a book here that I believe will help to save it. I will show you the work and you can use your own judgment about taking it." She ordered a \$2.00 book, and then changed it for a \$3.00 one. I left this home at 4.30 P. M. and went home.

The total for the week was eighteen and one-half hours; twenty-seven exhibitions; fourteen orders, and \$15.00 in helps, making a total of \$58.00.

H. F. KIRK.

Brother W. A. Gibson of Academia was called to his old home at Camden by the serious illness of his mother. He reports her condition improving.

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Brother W. C. Moffett recently visited Findlay, Ohio City, and Walnut Grove, in the interests of the educational and young people's departments. The church school at Ohio City, taught by Miss Alice Black, has nine pupils at the present time, and both teacher and students are pleased with the prosperity of the school.

Brother O. B. Perrine of Academia, who is suffering from heart trouble, was taken to the Mount Vernon Sanitarium last week.

Sister Elizabeth Parrett reports that the Washington Court House church enjoyed the visit of Elder R. K. Kennedy on the occasion of their quarterly meeting. Eight persons partook of the ordinances, "and the Lord seemed very near" to them. We should be glad to hear from more of our churches.

Mr. W. H. Shough of Academia is suffering from heart and lung trouble.

Elder C. T. Redfield, pastor of the Springfield church, was a visitor at Columbus last week.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Mount Vernon on business last Thursday.

Elder D. E. Lindsay of Maherrin, Va., and Elder A. C. Shannon of Toledo, O., conducted the quarterly service at Clyde Sabbath, January 14, and ordained Dr. C. H. Woolgar local elder of the church, to take the place of Brother Coy Van Gorder, who recently connected with the Fox River Academy at Sheridan, Ill.

Notice

That those who wish to enter the book work early in the spring may be better trained for their work, we are planning to hold a short canvasser's institute, beginning March 1. The location will be announced later.

This is not only an opportunity for those who wish to take up the work in a permanent way, but also for young people, who desire to enter school next fall. This is a good time to begin work on a scholarship. Every student needs more than just enough money for a scholarship. He needs money for tithes and offerings, as well as for books, stationery, and other incidental expenses.

We shall be glad to explain the scholarship plan to you, if you are interested, and to tell you what other young people are doing.

As the institute will probably be held in one of our large cities, the accommodations will be somewhat limited, and all who wish to attend should address the writer at an early date. Arrangements have been made for the railroad fare of those who will attend the institute and take up work at this time. Information regarding this and the books used, etc., will be gladly given on request.

F. B. NUMBERS, *Delaware, O.*

Married

On Thursday evening, January 12, 1911, at the home of the bride's parents, in Wheelersburg, Ohio, Mr. James H. Smith of Nevada, Missouri, and Miss Lulu Pieper were united in marriage by Elder H. H. Burkholder, in the presence of twenty invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are former students and classmates of Mount Vernon College. The VISITOR extends congratulations and best wishes for a happy and useful future.

A New Song

BROTHER C. P. WHITFORD who has for many years been connected with the Adventist people as a singing evangelist, has recently published a new and beautiful song, entitled, "The Sea of Life." The melody is excellent, and the words are rich in spiritual thought, and inspiring in true sentiment. The title page contains Brother Whitford's portrait, also the words of a new song, entitled, "It Was You Who Invited Me Here." The third and fourth pages contain a Bible reading, entitled, "The Secret of a Happy Life." Twenty-five cents will secure the entire set. Remit by post office money order. Address C. P. Whitford, Arch Creek, Fla.

OBITUARIES

PEGG.—Joseph D. Pegg was born Aug. 11, 1847, in Paris, Ind., and died very suddenly of apoplexy, at his home in Cincinnati, Jan. 7, 1911, aged 63 years, 5 months, and 4 days. In the year 1871 he was united in marriage to Jane Tilson, to which union seven daughters were born. In 1900 he was again united in marriage to Lillian Pierce, and to this union three sons and one daughter were born. Of these children one son was laid to rest. Lastly he was married the third time to Mary Finneburg. One son was born to this union. He leaves to mourn his sudden death, three brothers, his wife, children, and many friends. Brother Pegg was once actively engaged in preaching the third angel's message; but he had departed from the ways of the truth, until recently, when he retraced his steps and mended his ways. He was thoroughly repentant and sorry for his past; he longed to be restored to the former joy and peace of heart. On Sabbath, January 7, he was present at our services, and when opportunity for testimony was given, he testified with the rest, and made confession. He stated briefly his case, and how he had once known the truth, but had left it and lived in sin; now he was coming back to live the truth again. He had severed his connection with the carpenters' union, having sent in the last report; he was now free to keep the Sabbath. He said he did not know what the future had in store for him; but God knew, for he took him that very day. It seems to us he was a brand plucked out of the burning, a soul saved in the eleventh hour. Let us hope it is so. Words of consolation were spoken by the writer to the friends and sorrowing ones from Rev. 21:1-5. Interment was made at the Wesleyan cemetery.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

PUNCHES.—Mary A. PUNCHES was born in Piqua, O., Oct. 10, 1826, and fell asleep Sabbath, Jan. 14, 1911, at the ripe age of 84 years, 3 months, and 4 days. Since the death of her husband, sixteen years ago, she has been a welcomed member of the home of her son Daniel. During her illness she was tenderly cared for as long as mortal hands could serve her. Those whose privilege it was to thus minister to this aged mother in Israel, were rewarded by frequent expressions of appreciation, which greatly lightens such service. She was converted early in life and united with the M. E. church, remaining steadfast in this faith until twenty-one years ago, when under the preaching of the third angel's message she embraced the additional light on the Scriptures, and became a devoted and respected member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. With this people and in this faith she closed her earthly mission and was laid to rest. She leaves to mourn her loss, three sons, four daughters, thirty-five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one brother, one sister, other relatives, and many friends. A large and appreciative congregation was present at the funeral service held in the Adventist church at Hainler, O., on Tuesday, January 17. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4:13.

"Death with his weapons of war hath laid low
Many a pilgrim that feared not the blow;
Jesus hath broken the bars of the tomb;
Joyfully, joyfully, will they return home."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.