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GENERAL MATTER

The Calm of the Soul

When the winds are raging o'er the upper ocean,

And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion,

That peaceful silence reigneth evermore.

Far, far beneath, the noise of tempests dieth,
And silver waves chime ever peacefully,
And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,
Disturbs the sabbath of that deeper sea.

So to the heart that knows thy love, O Purest!
There is a temple, sacred evermore,
And all the babble of life's angry voices
Dies in hushed stillness at its peaceful door.

Far, far away, the roar of passion dieth,
And loving thoughts rise calm and peacefully,
And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,
Disturbs the soul that dwells, O Lord, in thee.

O rest of rests! O peace, serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest, and thou changest never;
And in the secret of thy presence dwelleth
Fullness of joy, forever and forever.

—H. B. Stowe.

Signs in the Social World of Christ's Second Coming No. 4

SELFISHNESS AND PRIDE

CHRIST says, "As it was in the days of Lot; . . . even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."¹² We read in Ezekiel that "this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy."¹³ Here we find that one of the great sins of Sodom was "pride," and also that she did not "strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." This shows that not only was she proud, but that her pride was mingled with selfishness. And as noted above Christ's says, "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Paul speaks of the same

characteristics of the last days; for he says that in the last days "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud."¹⁴ The growing use of luxuries, while others have not the necessities of life, shows us something of this selfishness and pride.

"In 1899 we imported, in silk, a value of \$57,588,701; in 1909, \$110,622,168. That is to say, in ten years silk importations doubled—even with silk petticoats going out of style!

"Ten years ago a year's importations of diamonds and other precious stones was only \$18,000,000; the past year it was \$29,000,000. And this in spite of the well known fact that the diamond trust arbitrarily holds up prices by withholding diamonds from the market; not that the production is less, but that the amount offered for sale is less; a shortage none the less efficacious for being artificial."

"Hats and bonnets and materials for their making were imported in 1899 to the value of \$2,400,000. In 1909 this went up to \$5,400,000."

"The item of laces and embroideries has seen an astounding increase, from \$14,000,000, ten years ago, to \$34,000,000 the year just past."

"Toys, which ten years ago came in to the value of \$2,000,000, doubled to a value of \$4,000,000 the past year."¹⁵

"Our importations for 1910 of precious stones alone, says the Bureau of Statistics, amounted to \$48,000,000, while laces, art works, furs, feathers, orchids, wines, tobaccos, jewelry, perfumery, etc., bring the total for imported luxuries up to between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000."¹⁶

"Incident to the vast fortunes that are being heaped up in the world is the constantly growing extravagance that wantonly flaunts itself. A woman who has been much in the public eye of late thinks she is very much abused because she has been obliged to bring her wants down to an expenditure of an average of one hundred dollars a day! The requirements of her position, so she affirms, compel her to have a constant succession of gowns, wraps, hats, diamonds, etc., and so the poor woman is distressed at the thought of having to

get along on so small a sum of money as a hundred dollars a day. Her experience is quite in harmony with the statement made some time ago by a wealthy man of New York to the effect that it was more difficult for a man with an income of \$50,000 a year to keep up the expenses demanded by his station than it was for the laborer who gets but fifteen dollars a week. These facts suggest a striking condition of this time."¹⁷

At a recent wedding, that of Miss Vivian Gould, "the young bride's trousseau, it is estimated, cost \$50,000. It consisted of more than 40 gowns and suits, with a countless array of hats, shoes, slippers and stockings to match."

"The wedding of Miss Marjorie Gould, the bride's eldest sister, took place ten months ago, and set a new high water mark for expenditure in gifts and preparations. Mrs. Drexel's gifts alone reached the enormous total of \$1,000,000, and it is believed her younger sister's amounted to almost as much."¹⁸

In the July, 1905, number of *Success*, a magazine published in New York City, are pictures showing some of the jewels worn by American women of wealth. I quote the description of some of these articles:—

"Jeweled bird in diamonds and sapphires. This is a bird of paradise for a corsage ornament; its head is crested with pear-shaped diamonds; its breast is blue with pendent sapphires, and its wings are set in conventional diamond ornamentation. The price of this piece of jewelry is over ten thousand dollars.

"A wild rose branch in precious stones. This is a strange flower, all of gems and gold. The spray of wild rose is made up of pink tourmalines set en masse on the leaves of the flower to give the natural color. The leaves are of emeralds, shaped like the natural leaf. The main branch is of green gold. The central topaz is surrounded by small diamonds to represent the little calyxes, as in nature. There were twenty marquise emeralds, sixty-two pink tourmalines, one yellow topaz, seven pear-shaped

emeralds, and one hundred sixty-four brilliants used in its manufacture. It cost over ten thousand dollars.

"Tiara of emeralds and diamonds. This is a beautiful head ornament, composed of three very large emeralds surrounded by a cluster of large brilliants. The sides are flexible, so that the piece may be worn at the corsage. The three emeralds weigh over one hundred twenty-four carats, and there are four hundred ninety-six diamonds, counting all the small ones in the ornamental work. Mr. Moffett has been asked not to give the price of this tiara, but it is safe to say that it costs considerably more than twelve thousand dollars.

"A life-size swallow in jewels. This corsage ornament is reduced from a life size original; the bluesheen of the wings is given by American sapphires, the ornamentation by brilliants set in framework of solid gold."

From the article accompanying the foregoing described jewels I take the following: "Quite recently the New York *World* published the picture of of a very rich American woman (whose fortune was wrung from the servitude of thousands of torturing mines), 'wearing eight hundred forty thousand dollars' worth of pearls, photographed at the Wickes-Haven wedding. The mere fact that this lady posed complacently for such a picture, and afterward allowed its reproduction in a newspaper, is a commentary on the modest ways of our spectacular millionaires. But we are now considering merely the pearls, 'excrescences of shell-fish,' as Ruskin calls them. Of these the lady wore in her ears two black ones worth forty thousand dollars, five pink ones in a brooch, worth fifty thousand dollars, a rope of white ones worth three hundred thousand dollars, and around her neck two strings of large ones worth three hundred thousand dollars and two hundred fifty thousand dollars respectively. So, as she stood there, posing for the camera, she was worth, in pearls of various sizes and colors, the enormous sum of eight hundred forty thousand dollars. This means that she had spent on useless baubles to dangle over her body enough money to buy a year's meat and milk for two thousand starving tenement children! And the newspaper adds: 'Her pearls represent scarcely a third of her jewels. She has two diamond crowns, one studded with sapphires and another with rubies; she has necklaces that would have been envied by queens a hundred years ago.'"

"'But,' some one may ask, 'are these newspaper statements reliable? Is it true, for instance, as one paper declares, that New York has ten rich women who own jewels to the value of half a million each, or five million dollars' worth in all?' This question I submitted to one of the head men at Tiffany's, who is perhaps the best authority on jewels in the United States, and he assured me beyond all question there are ten women in New York who between them own five million dollars' worth of jewels. 'Is it exaggeration,' I asked, 'to say that there are women in New York City who own single strings of pearls worth from two to three hundred thousand dollars apiece?' 'Two hundred thousand dollars,' he said, 'is no exaggeration; but three hundred thousand dollars,'—he hesitated. 'We have sold a single string of pearls for two hundred thousand dollars, and it is not uncommon for rich women to add new pearls to a string. Very likely there are single strings in New York worth \$250,000, and perhaps \$300,000.' Then I showed him a statement that there are diamonds in New York City to the value of one hundred seventy million dollars. Was that possible? 'It is not only possible,' he replied, 'but I am sure it is an understatement.'

"The late Mrs. Leland Stanford left a million dollars' worth of jewelry! Think of it!"

Recently Mr. Edward McLean of Washington paid \$300,000 for the "Hope diamond" for his wife.¹²

"When the eye of God beholds our earth, and on it the millions of men engaged in manufacturing useless things, such as jewels and laces, side by side with millions of other men in the extremity of want, how foolish, how infantile, how barbarous, must we appear to him! We pass our time in making ribbons and trinkets when we have not sufficient food or clothes."
—*Emile de Laveleye*.

Surely the above statistics show that we are living in a time of great selfishness and pride, the very condition which Scripture points out as a sign by which we may recognize that the coming of Christ is at hand.

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O. F. BUTCHER.

AT THE COLLEGE

MISS EDNA KEPPLER is visiting friends at the College.

Miss Ruth Shingleton, who went home last week for a short vacation, was unable to return on account of the illness of her mother. We hope that she will be in school again in a few days.

Mr. Arthur King was called to his home at Moosic, Pa., last week, his mother having been very seriously injured by a fall.

Mr. Harry Jacobs of the Kentucky Conference visited friends in Dayton during the past three weeks.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Harry F. Benson, of Heroshima, Japan.

Mrs. S. H. Elder, of Coleville, Pa., who has been a visitor at the school for some time, returned home last week.

Mr. Howard Weaks, who, according to our last issue, should now be canvassing in West Virginia, is still in school, having decided to stay for the the last term's work. However, he expects to be among the hills of West Virginia not many days after the close of school.

Because of ill health Professor F. W. Field has been compelled to give up his work in Japan and return to America. We bespeak for him the prayers of his many friends who knew him as a teacher in Mount Vernon Academy.

Miss Martha Brown, who left school in December on account of her health, writes from the New Jersey State Sanatorium that she is gaining in weight and making rapid improvement. We hope that she will soon have fully recovered.

The donations of the College Sabbath-school last term were \$84.16; an increase of \$8.28 over the previous term. The election of officers for the new term resulted as follows: Superintendent, Howard J. Detwiler; assistant superintendent, Robert B. Wheeler; secretary, Nela Cartmell;

assistant secretary, Earl Bisel; organist, Grace V. Purdham; chorister, Homer Baumgartner.

A letter from Hankow, China, tells us that Dr. and Mrs. Harry Miller were recently guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Esta L. Miller. Dr. Miller went on to Shanghai to attend a mission committee meeting, while Sister Miller with the children remained to visit at Hankow until his return.

Almost everyone has at some time in his life been the victim of misrepresentation. We almost expect such evils, and learn to quietly live them down without attempting to refute them. But it does not seem quite fair to misrepresent a young man in the very beginning of his career, as was done last week when Master Jesse Furnival Brown of Washington, D. C., was announced to the readers of the VISITOR as the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown. Master Brown had just cause for indignation, for he is no girl, but very much a boy as his father says; and that he may be so known in the future, we make this correction of our statement in last week's issue.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Williamsport

WE feel very grateful for the blessing of the Lord which has attended the efforts of our faithful young people as they have assisted in the systematic circulation of our good literature in the city of Williamsport. Some time ago our church ordered ten dollars' worth of the series of tracts known as the "Home Bible Study." Although we were at first able to secure but a small part of the literature ordered, we districted the city and began work with what we had in hand, trusting that our brethren would be able to send us more as it was needed. The church in this city is blessed with a large class of bright young people, and when this work was brought before the body and the literature was furnished, our youth were glad to take hold with us in this good cause. As the result of this tract work, we are now organizing Bible classes in various parts of the city. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that the faithful efforts of the Williamsport church may be rewarded in the conversion of souls.

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

Sunday Closing

THE following from the Williamsport, Pa., *Sun* may be of interest to the readers of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR:—

"Last night's meeting of the West End Civic league was strongly suggestive of the senatorial deadlock in New York state. It was the purpose of the session to elect an executive committee of fifteen members. After fourteen had been elected it required an hour of consistent balloting to choose the fifteenth man. As soon as the committee had been clothed with the judicial power of the organization a resolution was passed authorizing them to serve notice upon Robert Rodgers, a Newberry ice man, ordering him to desist from plying his business on Sunday. In keeping with the policy of the league, if Mr. Rodgers refuses their request, the law will be invoked.

"When iceman Rodgers heard of the action of the league . . . he declared that he wanted it distinctly understood that he delivered ice on Sunday, but did not sell any, and that he was so anxious to carry the matter to the courts that he would do so himself. Rodgers further declared that there were a number of babies on his route that required ice on Sundays, and that the furnace men at the steel plant, toiling in the glare of the white hot rails, could not be deprived of the ice which he delivered. He also claims that some of the church members, and one minister, get ice from him on Sunday.

"It was gathered from members of the league this morning that the notice served on Mr. Rodgers was but the first step in the battle for a closed Sunday in the West End. Stores open on the Sabbath will be attacked next. Officers of the league think that the present time is the crucial one for exploiting the idea of a closed Sunday, because there seems to be a disposition in the present legislature to advance the idea of a continental Sabbath."

This article appeared in the issue of February 21. In the next issue, February 22, the writer had a lengthy article on "Civil and Religious Liberty." At the present writing the press receives our articles, and gives us space to use in bringing before the public the principles for which we stand.

It seems evident that we are facing a crisis in this field, and yet we know that through Christ we shall triumph gloriously.

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

ELDER R. E. HARTER, pastor of the First Philadelphia church, is visiting the churches at Covington, Wellsboro, and Fleetwood.

Elder S. D. Hartwell, our secretary and treasurer, is now comfortably located at 811 Moss Street, Philadelphia, his family having arrived last week.

Miss M. A. Bristol, our Sabbath-school and young people's secretary, will visit the Lancaster, Harrisburg, Lebanon, and Reading churches in the interest of the Sabbath-school and young people's work.

Evangelist B. M. Heald occupied the pulpit of the First Philadelphia church last Sabbath morning.

A vigorous campaign is planned by several churches in the interests of the special temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. We trust that all our churches will take advantage of the opportunity to place this special issue of the *Instructor* in every home in the conference.

J. W. Hirlinger, our field and missionary agent, is visiting the Stroudsburg, Scranton, Covington, and Williamsport churches in the canvassing and missionary work.

A ministerial institute for the Columbia, Atlantic, and Canadian Union Conferences will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 12-30. We expect to see the ministerial force of these union conferences in attendance.

CHESAPEAKE

ELDER F. H. SEENEY reports interesting meetings at Dover, Del., where he is holding a series of meetings in a hall. One person has accepted the truth and others are interested. Brother Rogers is assisting him in the work.

Elder R. T. Baer was called to Dover last Sunday to conduct the funeral of Sister Laura Seeney.

While at Dover Elder Baer visited the Delaware state legislature. Inasmuch as the Chesapeake Conference Association is incorporated in the state of Delaware, he was interested in a bill which, if passed, would affect religious organizations.

OHIO

Comparative Tithe Receipts for 1908, 1909, and 1910

New Philadelphia and Wilmington

HAVING been asked by the conference committee to visit New Philadelphia and Wilmington in the interests of the sanitarium relief work, I met with the company at New Philadelphia February 11. It was the occasion of their quarterly meeting, and all present testified to the goodness of the Lord and expressed their determination to press forward till the end. During my stay in the city I visited several families who are very much interested in the study of the truth. I believe that some of these families will yet accept the third angel's message.

When we took up the "Ministry of Healing" work on Sunday I was glad to find that the church had sold its full quota for 1910. At this meeting some of the members took their full three years' quota, while others showed their willingness to do what they could.

On Sabbath, February 18, I met with the church at Wilmington and presented the relief work. All the members present took some books to sell. On Sunday morning two of the brethren took me out into the country to visit some of the isolated members. We found each family that we visited ready to do its best in the sale of this good book. The first family took a full quota for three years, paying cash. The other family took \$14.00 worth of books, the two families together taking \$35.00 worth.

We returned home feeling that the Lord had blessed our efforts.

W. M. CAMPBELL.

THE Camden young people's society will hold a temperance rally on Saturday evening, March 25.

Elder Shultz and Brother G. C. Quillin visited La Grange last Sabbath.

Elder J. P. Gaede recently visited the churches at Leesburg and Washington Court House in the interests of "Ministry of Healing."

Elder and Doctor W. W. Miller arrived home from India Monday, February 27. On Sunday, March 5, a Miller reunion was held in their honor at Springfield, O. Among those present were Brother and Sister Harry Weaver, formerly workers in the Ohio Conference, Mrs. O. L.

CHURCH	1908	1909	1910	Receipts for Missions 1910
Akron	\$619 80	\$931 47	\$725 23	\$267 19
Alliance	288 28	389 19	658 86	151 57
*Barnesville	97 97	60 36	89 07	17 40
Beaver	195 14	48 04	4 20	
Bellefontaine	178 95	314 92	282 81	109 87
Bellville	148 88	189 98	200 74	46 88
Bowling Green	626 12	763 92	967 55	228 84
*Broughton	16 54	26 30	16 92	5 85
Brokaw	30 95	12 10		
Camden	565 36	503 93	629 39	77 93
Canton	134 42	176 44	203 03	86 03
Chagrin Falls	442 51	421 61	403 68	187 67
Charloe	143 59	69 22	126 78	30 70
Chillicothe	89 76	260 14	184 61	20 08
Cincinnati	1015 30	954 19	948 01	265 82
Cleveland	1948 92	1973 97	1912 54	218 14
Cleveland (German)	84 44	292 43	535 37	127 07
Clyde	616 09	630 76	541 96	206 08
Columbiana	87 87	58 46	87 09	
Columbus	2142 93	2383 33	2041 75	324 83
*Conant	40 98	76 50	104 93	7 76
Conneaut	93 47	125 62	192 11	19 31
*Convoy		36 25	61 87	14 51
Corsica	275 09	185 49	235 70	91 60
Coshocton	283 04	309 61	374 38	104 30
Cygnat	88 07	35 40	14 63	1 50
Dayton	896 29	614 42	1123 04	194 40
Defiance	163 15	48 80	129 75	18 42
Delaware	93 43	59 80	223 28	13 74
Delta	119 08	206 25	314 29	58 42
Derwent	112 76	170 19	169 47	52 43
*Dixon		8 00		
Dowling	102 14	34 37	10 05	1 25
Dunkirk	32 57	5 00		3 50
East Liverpool	321 26	370 61	283 13	137 04
Elgin	356 44	261 85	182 46	49 74
Fairfield	5 80			
Findlay	112 81	219 14	204 71	62 37
*Fostoria	5 75			
*Geneva	6 93			5 00
*Gilboa	15 70	3 50	35 60	9 33
Greenspring	162 32	145 00	46 34	2 87
Hamilton	568 26	651 21	746 57	348 63
Hamler	507 96	536 42	367 06	117 84
Hicksville	238 97	132 10	232 03	26 41
Jefferson	158 30	270 60	210 37	70 12
*Jackson			27 60	4 28
*Kenton	7 00	8 40	13 80	5 10
Killbuck	253 72	520 56	245 80	72 48
La Grange	706 95	998 72	785 89	199 37
*Lake View	23 25	104 42	181 39	21 63
Laura	202 84	141 20	181 90	131 28
Leesburg	119 66	167 12	282 26	161 77
Lewiston	13 70	11 75		
Liberty Center	195 20	218 20	309 27	56 80
Lima	212 11	254 11	4 80	22 23
Locust Point	30 75	44 84	74 60	13 85
Mansfield	313 31	258 62	306 01	95 14
Marion	341 82	527 40	624 48	55 39
Marshfield	382 00	206 90	133 05	32 15
*Marysville	16 50			
Massillon	162 90	197 89	11 05	6 25
Medina	31 70	32 15	2 00	21 57
Meigs	6 00			
Mendon	39 66	42 79	50 27	6 20

Middlefield	82 71	107 85	74 24	5 00
Mt. Vernon	1444 61	1877 96	2471 74	824 17
*Nashville	136 26			2 00
Newark	477 35	444 99	507 75	174 60
New Philadelphia	123 45	131 01	335 24	127 32
Norwalk	191 31	214 41	278 39	74 33
Pemberville	39 92	84 05	52 49	
Piqua	277 10	271 21	278 35	165 00
Pleasant Hill	150 88	240 08	158 84	40 12
*Plimpton	69 42	347 38	153 15	154 69
Powell	156 14	41 58	44 40	
Ravenna	3 40	501 83	438 41	218 46
*Reedsville	7 86	4 32	28 41	4 90
Rows	133 34	50 19	143 17	17 06
Sherwood	232 18	164 85	214 90	95 07
*Shreve	13 15	51 13	9 66	11 43
*Six Points	19 52			
*Spencerville	24 23			
Spencer	62 32	113 85	169 19	51 42
Springfield	1485 01	1510 50	1487 23	264 06
Toledo	805 63	724 74	1026 96	168 21
Trinway	19 41			
Troy	76 85	52 08	249 01	44 80
*Unionport	29 40			
Van Wert	100 29	86 58	225 44	7 20
*Wadsworth	14 24			
Walnut Grove	357 40	285 28	280 72	72 38
Washington C. H.	533 55	531 19	1551 95	142 57
Waterford	345 90	510 22	369 42	96 68
*West Mansfield	10 00	22 77	125 60	6 50
Wheelersburg	767 69	612 19	623 92	101 17
Wilmington	204 68	314 54	355 48	102 88
Youngstown	307 65	506 56	505 32	114 95
Zanesville	349 65	330 77	382 32	122 50
Individuals	838 66	731 75	762 45	268 12
College Sabbath-school				264 62
Florence " "				4 83
Farmer " "				3 13
Home Dep't " "				7 90
Orrville " "				5 10
Tiffin " "				5 79
Uhricksville " "				1 84
Wellington " "				2 66
Wauseon " "				4 53
Camp-meeting				283 31
Totals	\$27,184 62	\$29,572 13	\$32,337 68	\$8,748 73
*Companies				

H. D. HOLCOM, *Treas.*

Daniels, of Tiffin, O., and Mrs. Margaret Wright, of Leesburg, O. Elder Miller will spend the summer recuperating.

Brother John W. Shultz was in Mount Vernon on business last week, and spent a day or two visiting his brother.

On Saturday evening, February 25, fire broke out in the basement of the Dayton church. Only the prompt arrival of the city fire department prevented the total destruction of the structure. As it was, the floor and furnishings of the building were ruined. The insurance company has made satisfactory adjustment of the claim.

Elder Bidwell has just closed a series of meetings which he has been conducting at Pleasant Hill while leading the "Ministry of Healing" campaign at that place.

Elder Shultz visited the Cincinnati and Dayton churches in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Both of these churches have finished their first year's quota of two books per member. Elder and Mrs. Gaede, of Cincinnati, are pushing the work in that city, selling books themselves, and encouraging others to do so. Elder Shultz was accompanied on this trip by Brother Moffett, who visited the churches in the interests of the educational work.

Elder A. O. Burrill, president of the Kentucky Conference, well known to many of our people in Ohio, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the St. Paul (Minneapolis) church. Elder C. A. Pedicord, who has been in charge of the work in St. Paul for the past two years, has received a call to act as chaplain in the Nevada (Iowa) Sanitarium.

"Number of church members, twenty-two. Persons reporting their work, twenty-two." These items from the February missionary report of the Hamilton church show that the missionary society of that church has a live membership. The following are a few of the items of work done during the month:—

Hours of Christian help work..... 11
Treatments given..... 6
Papers lent or given away..... 70
Books mailed or given away..... 7
Reading-racks, 1. Times filled..... 6
Relief books sold..... 11
Religious liberty signatures obtained..... 24
Number attending Bible readings.... 9

NEW JERSEY

A YOUNG people's society was organized last Sabbath in the Burlington church. Miss Sarah Long is the leader. We are pleased to see our churches waking up to the needs of the young people. They should be encouraged to band together along the lines of Missionary Volunteer work.

Word has just reached us of the death of the aged father of Brother E. E. Pennington, pastor of the Paterson church. We know that all our people in the conference join in sympathy with our brother in his affliction.

A German Sabbath-school has been organized at Paterson. Some interest is developing among the Germans in that city, and it is hoped that tent meetings can be carried on among them during the coming summer.

The new temperance *Instructor*, just off the press, is *simply fine*. This state is one of those most fully in the hands of the rum traffic, and we, as true temperance reformers, should set the pace in the great struggle that must be made against the curse of drink and tobacco, which is ruining the souls of so many, both old and young. Order at once through your librarian a quantity of the temperance *Instructor*.

Special meetings in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" work have been held by Elder Bigelow in Jersey City, Hackensack, Paterson, Newark, Elizabeth, Burlington, and Trenton. After visiting one or two more churches he will be obliged to leave the state for a time, but has promised to return later and continue the work.

One of the sisters of the Second Jersey City church reports that an Italian lady has begun the keeping of the Sabbath as the result of efforts which this sister has been making to reach the people of that language. We are glad for even this small beginning in the work for the 200,000 people of Italian birth in this state, and we trust that our members in other places where Italians live will do what they can to reach these people with the truth, if only by distributing tracts or papers.

Elder Bigelow has been kept busy during his visit teaching volunteers for service how to get into homes and sell the relief book, "Ministry of Healing." His help was indeed appreciated, and a fresh courage took hold of the members as they visited the homes of their neighbors with him in the interests of this work. The conference workers lent their cooperation, and a new impetus was given to the effort to do New Jersey's share in this great campaign which has been undertaken by our brethren everywhere, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

THE canvassers' institute at Elizabeth, which closed last week, was voted by all who attended it to be a grand success. It had been originally planned that the institute would close Monday night, but later it was decided to hold it two days longer. A class of ten earnest workers, besides several visitors, enjoyed the benefits of the instruction given by Brethren Numbers and Grey, assisted during portions of the institute by Elders Bigelow, Smith, and Kneeland. The last two days were the most enjoyed of all. The entire company present, including the preachers, went out together into the homes of the people with the "Ministry of Healing." The blessed experiences of those two days will not be soon forgotten. But we have a right to expect that the Lord will send his blessing to those who start out to do the work that He has given us as a special means of blessing ourselves and others at this time.

VIRGINIA

Spencer

THOUGH we have been silent for a time, the work is still moving onward.

We had good spiritual meetings during the week of prayer, and enjoyed the readings very much. Our quarterly meeting was held at the regular time, and we were blessed with a manifestation of the presence of the Lord.

We have been endeavoring to get the truth before the people by speaking and reading, by selling and giving away literature. However, we do not have much opportunity to work with our literature as we live in the country and the nearest town is twelve miles away. The few members who pay tithes are faithful in bringing all their tithes into the storehouse. Brother Abraham Shelton, who still acts as local elder, is doing all he can for the Lord's cause in this place. The young people's society work has again been taken up, and all feel encouraged to do more for God. Pray for the work and the workers, that both may have the blessing of God.

JANE WOODING.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson was in attendance at the meeting of the conference committee held at New Market recently.

Elder Kime recently returned to Stanley, where he has been conducting a series of meetings. He reports an increasing interest, the house being taxed to its utmost capacity each evening.

WEST VIRGINIA

Temperance and Intemperance

"AND every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." 1 Cor. 9:25. We, as a people, believe in temperance; and should we not, when intemperance brings misery and woe to millions of men, women, and children every day? One hundred thousand of the flower of our land go down annually to drunkards' graves. This serpent, strong drink, is biting eight million boys in the United States every year. There are about thirty thousand idiots in the insane asylums of this country, and three fourths of them are there because of intemperance. The prisons and alms-houses are filled with people who have been

taken there on account of strong drink. The auctioneer's red flag which has been hung on the gate post, and the mortgage which has been foreclosed on the home, in thousands of cases have been due to intemperance.

Many who fill drunkards' graves have sheltered themselves under the counsel given to Timothy, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." 1 Tim. 5:23. These people fail to recognize that there are two kinds of wine mentioned in the Bible, fermented and unfermented. Timothy was advised to drink the pure blood of the grape. Deut. 32:14. It is the unfermented wine that cheereth God and man. Judges 9:13. This wine gladdens the heart of man. Ps. 104:15. Unfermented wine was used in all the passover feasts; therefore Christ did not use fermented wine when he instituted the Lord's supper. Leaven causes fermentation, and fermentation is a sign of death; and for this reason God warns us against using fermented wine. He says, "Who hath woe? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23:29-32. This wine is a mocker. Prov. 20:1. Its use brings poverty. Prov. 23:21. Those who continue to use it cannot enter heaven. 1 Cor. 6:10.

When we see a serpent we usually kill it. What then should we do with this evil, strong drink, which God says at last bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder?

We should strike at the foundation principles of intemperance. Mothers should feed their children good wholesome food instead of spices, pepper, mustard, tea, coffee, etc. Condiments create an appetite for strong drink; and because of an unnatural craving many have formed the tobacco habit. Much tobacco has been consumed since Columbus first saw the aborigines of Cuba using it, though chemists, botanists, and physicians all unite in pronouncing it a deadly poison. We hear people say, "Reform the saloon." You might as well try to reform a mad dog; the only way that it could be done, would be to cut its head off. We say that Uncle Sam should not legalize the sale of intoxicating liquors. But who

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending March 3, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.		BF	5	42	26	29 00	25	29 25	25
Guy Corder, Mahoning Co.		BF	5	30	48	50 50	6 00	56 50	
H. Forsythe, Mahoning Co.		BF	4	22	15	16 50	1 00	17 50	
Ray Corder, Huron Co.		BF	5	34	19	21 00	3 00	24 00	
C. Wilcox, Huron Co.		BF	4	18	12	13 00		13 00	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	2	15			17 30	17 30	129 75
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.		GC	5	47	11	33 00	6 75	39 75	6 75
Totals			30	208	131	\$163 00	\$34 30	\$197 30	\$136 75

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending March 3, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	40	18	25 50	1 50	27 00	
J. W. Marshall, Berkley Co.	GC	2	9	7	27 00		27 00	
W. McElphatrick, Gimer Co.	DR	4	31	7	17 00	13 50	30 50	30 75
A. Hendrickson, Harrison	DR	5	38	10	30 00	2 75	32 75	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	39	17	53 00	8 00	61 00	11 25
Totals		21	157	59	\$152 50	\$25 75	\$178 25	\$42 00

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending February 27, 1911

Maryland

W. Durst, Carroll Co.	CK	9	67	21	34 50	3 25	37 75	
J. Miller, Allegany Co.	BR	10	38	14	43 50	7 50	51 00	1 50
D. Whitmire, Allegany Co.		5	34			11 95	11 95	9 25
Totals		24	139	35	\$78 00	\$22 70	\$100 70	\$10 75

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 3, 1911

J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PG	7	55	3	9 00	3 60	12 60	8 60
T. Saxton, Indiana Co.	GC	4	34	1	3 00	2 25	5 25	90 25
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	45		43 50	6 25	49 75	27 25
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	3	12	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	
Adeline Zoerb, Washington Co.	SP	2	14	10	13 00	30	13 30	30
Miss Midkiff, Washington Co.	SP	5	29	3	3 75	3 30	7 05	3 30
Agnes Zoerb, Washington Co.	SP	5	30	13	16 25	80	17 05	80
Totals		31	218	33	\$97 50	\$18 00	\$115 50	\$130 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 18, 1911

R. Green, Washington D.C.	BR	4	29	36	63 00	75	63 75	12 75
J. S. Glunt, Washington D. C.	BR	4	28	8	8 00	8 35	16 35	9 65
Totals		8	57	44	\$71 00	\$9 10	\$80 10	\$22 40

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 3, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C.	BR	5	38	23	35 00		35 00	8 50
J. Glunt, Washington, D. C.	BR	5	33		9 25	1 95	11 20	10 80
Totals		10	71	23	\$44 25	\$1 95	\$46 20	\$19 30

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 24, 1911

H. Johnson, Washington, D. C.					10 75		10 75	6 00
R. Green, Washington, D. C.	BR	5	37	41	76 00	50	76 50	50
Totals		5	37	41	\$86 75	\$ 50	\$87 25	\$6 50

Virginia, Week Ending February 24, 1911

S. N. Brown, Martinsville	CK		36	39	58 50	2 75	61 25	
T. E. Phillips, Stanleyton	PG		17	3	9 00	12 85	21 85	
†O. C. Panches, Staunton	PG		110	40	115 00	13 40	128 40	1 00
Totals			163	82	\$182 50	\$29 00	\$211 50	\$1 00

†Two weeks

†Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1016.80 Deliveries, \$369.20

is Uncle Sam? You and I are Uncle Sam, and we know that to make lawful the liquor traffic is to legalize crime. It is strange indeed that society has so long suffered this intolerable condition to continue.

The following appeared in the *Review and Herald* of October 11, 1906: "In our favored land every voter has some voice in determining what laws shall control the nation. Should not that influence and vote be on the side of temperance? The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example, by voice, and pen, and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple this giant foe, our motto, 'No compromise, and no cessation of our efforts till victory is gained.'"

In a tract on temperance written in 1908 Mrs. E. G. White says, "Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question." We are brought into close touch and personal sympathy with reformers to whom we can introduce the great "Temple of Truth," of which temperance is only a single stone.

I wish to express my thankfulness to God for the agency that in his providence he has ordained and placed in our hands to be used in enlightening the people on the principles of true temperance. I refer to the last temperance issue of the *Instructor*. Let us bring forth from our tract society office this sharp arrow from the Lord's quiver, and vitally pierce this demon of error and destruction. Not only am I thankful for the facilities that we have in our good literature, but I am glad to be identified with a people who present such a solid phalanx against this hydra-headed monster in all its forms.

A large edition of the temperance *Instructor* has just been issued. It is the best that has ever been printed. Please send all orders for this paper to the tract society office, 1212 Seventh Street, Parkersburg, West Va.

F. H. ROBBINS.

ELDER P. W. PROVINCE, who has been laboring in Charleston, has just received word from Chelan, Washington, that his father, who is eighty-seven years of age, is quite seriously ill. Elder Province, not having seen his father for twenty years, felt that his duty lay in that direction, and decided to leave for Washington. He

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left West Virginia Sunday, February 5, going by way of Battle Creek, where he will see his son, thence to Chicago, leaving Chicago March 12 for Chelan, Washington.

Brother Province reports the passage of the Sunday bill which has been before the West Virginia Legislature at Charleston to have failed.

Elder Robbins was called to Pennsylvania, where his brother is confined in a sanitarium by a severe attack of rheumatism.

Brother H. L. Reese is again in his canvassing field. He reports many good experiences in his work of last week.

Elder P. W. Province visited the Kanawha church last Sabbath and Sunday. He reports a good interest and a large attendance. Many outside people are eager to hear the word of God. Elder Province reports that he baptized two precious souls and that others will be baptized soon.

The weather had been quite unfavorable to the inauguration of the "Ministry of Healing" work, yet our people are of good courage and are entering into the spirit of the campaign with the intention of prosecuting it "to the finish."

Read the article, "Temperance and Intemperance," by Elder Robbins, and then sit down and order a good supply of the temperance *Instructor*.

WANTED.—A middle-aged woman to assist in light housework. A good home, wages, and church privileges. Address L. B. Manful, R. F. D. 4, Springfield, O.

OBITUARIES

TAYLOR.—After eight weeks of patient suffering, Harold Everett Taylor, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, passed away early in the morning of Jan. 28, 1911, at the age of 4 years, 9 months, and 11 days. He was a faithful little Sabbath-school pupil, and had a sweet and lovable disposition which endeared him to all. He will be sadly missed by his father and mother, two little brothers and many relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. W. A. Dunham, a minister of the Methodist church.

MRS. E. MACKIN.

PRUTZMAN.—Alice Prutzman was born March 2, 1885, and died Jan. 22, 1911, aged 25 years, 10 months, and 20 days. She was married to Edward Prutzman May 29, 1903, and to this union were born two children, William and Herl. Sister Prutzman was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Reading. She accepted the message last summer during a tent effort held by the writer, and was one of the seventeen who were baptized at the close of the effort. We have every hope and confidence that she was prepared for the hour of death, and will enjoy the blessings of the redeemed. The writer spoke words of comfort from John 16:22.

C. S. WIEST.

HODGE.—Mary Myrtle Hodge, infant daughter of George Hodge, Jr., and Myrtle Hodge, died very suddenly of acute gastritis, Thursday, February 16, 1911, being 1 year, 1 month, and 1 day old. This was the first experience of that nature in the family, which made it very hard for the bereaved parents. However they were comforted and left everything with Him who doeth all things well. Words of comfort and consolation were spoken by the writer to the relatives and friends who gathered at the funeral.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

WATERS.—Ella D. Waters was born April 28, 1894, and died Feb. 3, 1911, aged 16 years, 8 months, and 5 days. She was baptized Dec. 11, 1909, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Baltimore, Md. Ella was a model Christian, and enjoyed a constant and progressive Christian experience throughout her life. Her constant suffering for many weeks previous to her death was characterized by great patience and fortitude, though at times she longed to be at rest. She was an active member of the young people's society of Missionary Volunteers, and will be greatly missed by her many friends and associates of this society. Her faith in her Saviour and in the power of his resurrection was firm to the end. She was laid to rest to wait the call of the Shepherd's voice at the first resurrection when she will wake from the tomb clad in immortality.

"Dear as thou wert, and justly dear,
We would not weep for thee;
One thought shall check the starting tear:
From sorrow thou art free.

"Angels shall guard thy sleeping dust,
And as thy Saviour rose,
The grave again shall yield her trust,
And end thy deep repose."

Elder H. Crosby (Methodist Protestant) spoke words of comfort to the many sorrowing relatives. Brother W. S. Weaver assisted in the service.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

SEENEY.—Laura Seenev, wife of James H. Seenev, was born Oct. 1, 1866, and died

at Cheswold, Del., Feb. 24, 1911, at the age of 44 years, 4 months, and 24 days. She leaves to mourn their loss a father and mother, five brothers and one sister, besides her husband, three sons, and many other relatives and friends. Sister Seenev was baptized fourteen years ago, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Cheswold. She loved her Saviour and the message for this time, and since her acceptance of both her faith in the gospel of the kingdom has never wavered. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother Rogers, in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing relatives and friends.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

BOOK.—Katie Florence Spangler was born at Findlay, O., Jan. 7, 1886, and died at New Cumberland, W. Va., Feb. 28, 1911, aged 25 years, 1 month, and 21 days. She was married to Thomas C. Book, Jr., July 10, 1908. Besides her husband and infant daughter she is survived by a father, mother, three brothers, and one sister. Death came to her very suddenly. Having been seized with neuralgia pains about the heart, she passed away within twenty minutes. Mrs. Book had become a member of the Christian church about five years ago, and in December, 1910, with her husband embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith. A Christian household had been established and the family altar erected, when suddenly the beautiful home life was broken up, to be restored we trust in the earth made new, when "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." The writer spoke words of comfort from John 14:1-3.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

JARRETT.—William Jarrett, a wearer of the Victorian Cross, died at the family home, 1418 Erie Street, Youngstown, O., Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1911, at 2 o'clock. Death resulted from a complication of ills of several months' duration. Mr. Jarrett was born in Wales, Jan. 14, 1861, and was a little more than fifty years old at his death. When a young man he enlisted in the English army, and saw service in India, Africa, and other British possessions. For bravery displayed while under arms the deceased was awarded several medals, among which was the one before mentioned. Mr. Jarrett came to America nineteen years ago, and located in Pittsburg. For six years he was a member of the police force in that city. After leaving Pittsburg he resided near Hubbard, O., where he kept a fruit farm. Owing to ill health he sold this farm last July, and came to Youngstown, where he opened a grocery. During his short business life here he made a great many friends. Mr. Jarrett was married in 1895, to Dorothy Deiley, of Pittsburg, who with two children, Margaret and Leah, is left to mourn. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Howells, and three brothers, Edmond, Daniel, and Howard, of Pittsburg, and one sister, Mrs. Leah James, of Mineral Ridge, O. The deceased was a believer in the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, and taught them to those with whom he came in contact. He was always ready to talk about the Scriptures. Though he was not a member of our church, I believe that he made his peace with the Lord before his death. He prayed much, and desired the prayers of God's people when they visited him. The funeral service was held at the home February 22. Words of comfort based on 2 Tim. 2:19 were spoken to a large number of people who gathered at the home to pay their last respects to the deceased. Interment was made in the Oak Hill cemetery at Youngstown.

F. E. GIBSON.