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

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GENERAL MATTER

WHAT IS HOME?

Home's not merely four square walls,
Though hung with pictures nicely gilded;
Home is where affection calls,
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded.

Home! go watch the faithful dove,
Sailing 'neath the heaven above us;
Home is where we've one to love,
Home is where there's one to love us.

Home's not merely roof and room;
Home needs something to endear it;
Home is where the heart can bloom—
Where there's some kind heart to cheer it.

What is home with none to meet,
None to welcome, none to greet us?
Home is sweet, and only sweet,
When there's *one we love* to meet us.

—Selected.

The Judgment

(Concluded)

THE FIRST TO BE JUDGED

THOSE who have become Christ's have their names written in the book of life. When the seventy whom Christ sent out returned with expressions of satisfaction because of their success, the Saviour said, "In this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."¹⁹ And Paul speaks of his "fellow-laborers, whose names are written in the book of life."²⁰ It is with this class who have made a start in the service of Christ that the judgment begins. Just as on the day of atonement, or the cleansing of the earthly sanctuary, no cases were considered except those who belonged to Israel: so now in like manner during the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, the great antitypical day of atonement, or the investigative judgment, only those cases are considered who have made a start in the service of Christ and whose names have been entered in the book of life. Peter refers to this when he says, "The time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of

them that obey not the gospel of God?"²¹ Those who overcome will have their sins blotted out. This fact was declared by Peter when he said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."²² And of this class it is said, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."²³ This shows that the Lord will not permit the names to remain in the book of life and the sins still recorded against those names. If the name remains in that book the sins must be blotted out. Of this class whose names remain recorded in the book of life it is said, "They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."²⁴ And again, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."²⁵ But we learn that in some cases instead of the sins being blotted out, it is the name that is blotted out. When Moses pled for Israel, he said to the Lord, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, who-soever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book."²⁶ And it is evidently the same class to which the apostle John refers in the book of Revelation when he says, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."²⁷ When the judgment is completed whosoever is not found written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death.²⁸ From the above scriptures we see that as a man's case is considered, if he has been an over-

comer his sins have been blotted out and his name retained in the book of life, which will mean eternal life to him; but if he has not been an overcomer his name will be blotted out from the book of life and his sins remain recorded and he will be cast into the lake of fire and will suffer the second death.

THE STANDARD OF JUDGMENT

The ten commandments are the standard by which all are to be judged. James writes, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For that law which said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."²⁹ Here the apostle quotes a part of the ten commandment law, which he calls the law of liberty, and says that it is by this law that men shall be judged. And in the book of Revelation we have the judgment scene described, and at that time it is said, "The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament."³⁰ This ark of the testament contains the ten commandments. Thus special attention is called to the ten commandments during the time of the judgment.

THE WITNESSES

The psalmist says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."³¹ As angels of God are ever present with his children they must be familiar with all their acts and words. And in the judgment scene as presented to the prophet Daniel we read of a great company of these angels. Thousand thousands minister unto him and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before him.³² If these are the angels who have accompanied men in their earthly career how efficient they must be as witnesses on this occasion.

THE JURY

When Christ was raised from the dead there were graves opened "and

many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.³³ It is evidently these risen saints that Christ took with him when he ascended; for the apostle tells us that "when he ascended up on high, he led a multitude of captives."³⁴ The apostle John describes just such a company as this. As in vision he saw them in heaven, "They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."³⁵ And there are twenty-four of these that he describes as occupying a special position; for he says, "And round about the throne were four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones I saw four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold."³⁶ These might be considered as a representative jury chosen from "every kindred and tongue and people and nation." The Lord is not carrying forward the judgment in secret, or in a way that cannot be opened or viewed by his children. These representatives from all nations are joining in that work, and when it is completed they will be able as others of the redeemed, to say, "Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages. Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for all the nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy righteous acts have been made manifest."³⁷

THE ADVOCATE

Those who have confessed their sins have opened them up before God and they have gone beforehand to judgment.³⁸ For all such the righteousness of Christ is given, and he stands as their advocate. The apostle writes, "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."³⁹ "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."⁴⁰ Unlike earthly advocates, Christ not only pleads our cases, but has borne the sentence of death, which otherwise would rest upon us. He, as our substitute, was made to be sin for us, that we, receiving his righteousness in exchange, might become the righteousness of God in him.⁴¹ Thus when death would be our

lot, he lifts his hands, which were pierced in the place of ours, and says, I have graven them upon the palms of my hands.⁴²

THE INVESTIGATION FINISHED

When the investigative judgment is finished, Christ will say, "He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work is."⁴³ As Christ comes, the brightness of his appearance destroys the wicked, the righteous dead are raised incorruptible, the living saints are changed from mortality to immortality, and together with those who are raised incorruptible are caught up in the clouds to ascend with Christ.⁴⁴ This resurrection of the righteous is called in Scripture, "the first resurrection," but the rest of the dead, that is, the wicked, are not raised until a thousand years later.⁴⁵

JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED

Not only are the wicked destroyed by the glory of Christ's coming, but by his presence the cities are broken down, and the whole earth becomes a wilderness.⁴⁶ It is in this earth thus desolated, "a land not inhabited," that Satan, the great antitypical scapegoat, bears the sins of the overcomers for a thousand years.⁴⁷ The righteous, who are then in heaven, will assist in the judgment of the wicked.⁴⁸ This work of judging the wicked to determine the amount of their punishment will be accomplished during the thousand years' reign of the saints with Christ in heaven.⁴⁹

THE NEW EARTH

At the end of the thousand years, Christ returns to this earth with the New Jerusalem and the saints. The wicked are then raised, and receive their final punishment, which terminates in the second death, and this earth is then made a beautiful home for the redeemed. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."⁵⁰ "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."⁵¹ "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of

them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."⁵²

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O. F. BUTCHER.

AT THE COLLEGE

MRS. T. A. GOODWIN, of Indianapolis, Ind., with her son Maurice, visited her daughter Lucile at the College last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neptune, who have spent the winter with their daughters, Leola and Luola, returned last week to their home near Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mrs. J. L. Secor, who has spent the winter months with her sons in Chicago, returned home last week.

Miss Mary F. Rice is assisting in the Bible department of the College by teaching the class in Bible II, the Life of Christ.

Miss Nina Hamilton returned recently from Homersville where she has been nursing for a number of weeks.

Mr. Frank Moffett was an Academia visitor last week.

Miss Grace Donnelly of Michigan and Mrs. Ross Lindsay of Alabama are visiting their mother in Academia.

Mrs. Bertha Gibson-Ross, well known to the older students of the College, is spending the year in Philadelphia, where her husband is taking post-graduate work in the medical college.

While in session last month, the Union Conference committee voted to hold a Summer Normal School at Mount Vernon College, beginning June 7 and continuing six weeks. Regular college work will be offered. Watch the VISITOR for additional information.

Those schools in the Columbia Union Conference needing diplomas for those finishing the eighth grade can obtain the same by addressing the educational secretary of the Union, James E. Shultz, at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Two cents each or fifteen cents a dozen will be charged.

Mr. Vernon Hagmann of La Grange plans on canvaasing for a scholarship to Mount Vernon College after graduating from the La Grange high school in May.

Of the total enrollment of one hundred eighty students at the College this year, just one half of them have come from our preparatory schools, which shows that the ideals held before the pupils in the church school are not impossible of realization.

Brother and Sister Carr of Nebraska will have charge of the Shenandoah Academy during the coming school year. Brother Carr is coming East early in the season so as to be able to put in the crops of the school farm in time.

Elder Kime, the president of the Virginia Conference, tells us that the "Old Dominion" will send us at least seven bright students for the College next year.

Brethren J. E. Shultz and G. E. Wales recently visited the Norwalk church in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. They report a very encouraging and profitable experience. The church willingly subscribed for nearly its entire quota at the meeting held.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, with the assistance of Elder F. H. Henderson and Brethren J. J. Marietta and W. C. Moffett conducted a "Ministry of Healing" campaign in Mount Vernon last week. A meeting to discuss the book, its merits and selling points, was held in the chapel on Sunday afternoon. During the three days following about twenty-six members of the Mount Vernon church and students of the College went out with the

leaders to gain an experience in selling the book. A considerable number of copies were sold, and all came back enthusiastic over their work and willing to try again. A number of families were found who desired to learn more about the truth, and thus openings were made for Bible readings. On the whole the campaign was a success.

Professor H. R. Salisbury, chairman of the Board of Education of the General Conference, visited the College last Wednesday. He was able to stay only a few hours, but his visit was greatly enjoyed by the students and faculty. During the morning session his time was fully occupied with visiting classes and speaking to the students in classroom and chapel. The burden of his message was the relation of our educational work to missions, and the object of our schools was shown to be the preparation of workers for the world-wide field. Few, he said, and only such as are carefully chosen, need enter the universities for more advanced work after finishing our college courses. On the other hand many should enter the normal departments of our colleges to fit themselves for positions in our church schools, which are so greatly in need of competent and trained teachers. It having been announced that Professor Salisbury would speak to the class in S. D. A. Missions, the history room was found to be much too small, and the class adjourned to the chapel to listen to another stirring talk on missions. Many of the students will not soon forget Professor Salisbury's visit, and all will have a more active interest in the great work for which our school stands because of his short stay with us.

Professor T. M. French, who has just come to America on furlough from the west coast of Africa, made a three days' visit at Mount Vernon on his way westward to his home in Texas. He spoke to the students on Friday morning concerning his field, telling them of its geography and history, and the customs of its peoples, and also exhibiting costumes and curios. On Friday evening Professor French spoke to a large audience on the consecration which is needed by the people who are to give the gospel to all nations in the present generation. On Sabbath afternoon he related his experiences in West Africa, and as he told how the gospel was able to change the most hopeless of

the heathen into earnest, active Christians, the joy of service, we trust, was planted in many hearts among those who listened.

Mr. Ned Thornton, who is in the employ of the Watchman Publishing Association, at Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama, writes as follows to Mrs. Thornton's brother at the College: "Our building here was completely destroyed by fire yesterday, March 23. The fire started about one block from us, but traveled very rapidly. It swept about seven blocks and did nearly \$800,000 damage. Our loss is probably \$20,000. Edith and I live in another part of town, and so escaped with little loss." Brother H. H. Cobban, manager of the Association, is reported to be on his way to Washington, D. C., to make arrangements for the erection of a new printing plant. Mr. and Mrs. Cobban and Mr. and Mrs. Thornton will be remembered as students at Mount Vernon College.

The class in S. D. A. Missions has just completed the study of the Asiatic field. The many needs of this field are strikingly apparent. When we remember that the sale of our magazines is a comparatively new department in the home land, the recent reports from Japan and China are very interesting.

Elder I. G. Bigelow spoke to the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath morning in the interest of "Ministry of Healing."

Let the youth who need an education, set to work with a determination to obtain it. Do not wait for an opening; make one for yourselves. Take hold in any small way that presents itself. Practice economy.—*Christ's Object Lessons*.

"If I could choose a young man's companions, some should be weaker than himself, that he might learn patience and charity; many should be as nearly as possible his equals, that he might have the full freedom of friendship; but most should be stronger than he was, that he might forever be thinking humbly of himself and tempted to higher things."

A Letter from Japan

THE following letter, written to Elder Shultz by a Japanese worker whom he met while in the Orient, will be of interest to our readers; for it shows the same love for the truth as

we see among our own people, and the same means of advancing it as we use in our own land. We publish the letter just as it was written by Brother Kuniya.

Kagasnima, Japan, Feb. 25, 1911.
Dear Brother Shultz,—

I must offer you many excuses for my neglects. But did I forget you? Nay, I always remember the blessings at the General Conference at Washington. It was a great privilege to me.

No doubt you read the reports which appear in the *Review and Herald* from time to time. Since I return from America am fighting at front always. As you know it is not easy task to build and conquer, but I am grateful that the Lord called me to save our fellow countrymen. The work in Japan is progressing. We hear the Macedonian voice from every direction. Simply because we have so few workers souls are perishing.

After Nagasaki tent meeting, we marched to Kagasnima, Mrs. Kuniya and my nephew accompanying with me. We canvassed among over 50,000 people, and sold 1900 copy of *Owari No Fukuin* (*Signs of the Times*) in three weeks, and got number of subscriptions for the paper. Every meeting we have more than ten or dozen who specially interested with the message. I am planning to hold the tent meeting at Kumamoto and here both in this spring. Then I expect to get help from Tokyo. At school we have about twenty boys and girls who are willing to devote their life to the cause.

Have you heard about Elder Field's illness? He is well again and teaching school, but will go back to States after school over and stay there for while to rest. We are very, very sorry to let him go, but can't help it. Dr. Dunscombe went back to home last month. He took boat which go around England. Thus our force are decreasing; but we who left in ground must fight hard till the end of the world.

Dr. Kawasaki is not well. He came back home last summer, but since he is not able to work. We feared that he would not live for long time, but now seems better again. He is staying at home to restore his health.

Are you planning to come back to Orient again? If so, to China or Japan? Poor souls are dying every day without Saviour in heathen land. Do you hear their cry? Please remember me in your prayer.

Yours in Christ, H. KUNIYA.

NEW JERSEY

We have just received at the office the following letter from one of our isolated members: "Enclosed you will please find \$1.00 for the *Youth's Instructor*. I enjoy reading the *Instructor* very much. I believe it is one of the best youth's papers printed. I am very anxious that some day the *Youth's Instructor* will be one of the means of turning heavenward the heart of my daughter, to whom the paper is sent."

Another isolated sister writes: "Enclosed please find twenty-five cents, for which kindly send me five more copies of the temperance number of *Youth's Instructor*. I have disposed of five copies and think I can sell a few more." This note is from the sister whose husband is being persuaded through reading our literature to give up the use of tobacco, after having used it for ten years.

Sister Florence Mercer, of Newark, writes that she is greatly enjoying her work with the periodicals. She begins work at 10.00 A. M. and stops at 1.30 or 2.00 P. M., and disposes of fifty papers each day.

Brother Roy Stagg writes that the work is onward in Woodbury, three having already begun to keep the Sabbath.

Our field missionary agent, Brother C. E. Grey, made a pleasant call at the office Sunday on his way to the northern part of the state to assist some canvassers located there. We always enjoy a visit from Brother Grey, because he never calls without giving us some encouraging news concerning the canvassing work. We know that he believes in wearing optimistic glasses.

We understand that the new German Sabbath-school in Paterson is getting on well.

Brother L. B. Smith is not only meeting with excellent success as a canvasser, but also now has several Bible readers. A Sabbath-school is being started at Plainfield, in the vicinity of which he is canvassing.

Brethren Stowe, Plant, and Beach are having some very interesting ex-

periences in their work in Newark.

Brother George Blinn is now going over his territory in Hunterdon County for the third time, and is taking more orders than ever. He is canvassing for a book which should be in every home in the land—"Bible Readings for the Home Circle."

Brother Rambo has been busy for a while about his home, but is planning to take up his work again within a few days. He has been in the canvassing work for a number of years and has placed hundreds of truth-filled books in the homes of the people. Only the record in heaven can fully show the number of persons helped to a nobler, higher life, as the result of his faithful labors.

We are glad to welcome to our corps of canvassers Brother Glunt, of Takoma Park, D. C. Let us give him and all of the canvassers our loyal support by remembering them at the throne of grace.

OHIO

Wheelersburg

ON Sabbath, March 25, Elder Kennedy was present with the company at Wheelersburg to conduct the quarterly meeting services. The weather was fine, and quite a number of the brethren and sisters from a distance came in to share with us the rich blessing the Lord had in store for us on this occasion. Elder Kennedy delivered a discourse from Psalms 118: 8, 9, showing that God's people in these perilous times should put their trust in him rather than in the arm of flesh.

Just at the close of the sermon, a telephone message brought the sad and startling news to Brother Clinton Coyle and family that their home was being destroyed by fire. They left the services, and went home with all possible haste, only to find their house burned and all their household goods and clothing destroyed.

Brother James H. Smith presented a request to unite with the church, and was accepted. Brother and Sister H. C. Coyle were received by letter from the Washington church. We were also glad to welcome into church fellowship Brother Charles Fritz, who was baptized the following day.

Before celebrating the ordinances we engaged in a season of prayer, asking that God by his Spirit might

comfort our brother and sister who had lost their home.

The Lord came very near as we celebrated the ordinances of his house, and we separated feeling that it had been good for us to meet together in his name.

LULU PIEPER SMITH.

Dayton

SINCE coming to Dayton we have had many trying experiences to pass through, but we have enjoyed our work and have learned to love and respect our dear people in Dayton. Time and careful effort have been expended, and while we are not satisfied with our work, we are truly grateful to our heavenly Father for his tender care and loving kindness and for his long forbearance with us; and our prayers shall ever ascend to the throne above in behalf of those of the same precious faith from whom we are so soon to be separated. And when we think of the shortness of time, when we think of soon entering the heavenly mansions, when we sense the meaning of that last precious promise of God's word, "Surely I come quickly," we can but exclaim with the seer of Patmos, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Is it true that we are about to enter into our everlasting rest?—Yes, it is true—we are almost home. Our time to work for the lost will soon be over. Many of us have loved ones sleeping in the cold and silent grave; the thought of soon meeting them again gives us new inspiration. Thank God for the blessed hope!

Take courage, my dear brother, tossed by the tempest on the angry waves of time; for the one who stilled the storm on the lake of Galilee has pledged his eternal word to rescue every soul that will lay hold of the life-line which is fastened to the throne of God and still reaches out wherever sin is found.

Your brother in the blessed hope,
FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

MASTER HAROLD SHULTZ accompanied Elder Stewart Kime to Richmond, Va., where he expects to visit his aunt, Mrs. V. O. Panches, during the next two months.

Brother A. R. Bassler and family have moved from Newark to Clyde.

Brother E. R. Numbers left Mount Vernon last week for Baltimore, where he will attend a meeting of the conference workers and a can-

vassers' institute. Having disposed of his property at Delaware, O., he will also decide on an Eastern location for his family while on this trip.

ON Monday evening, April 10, about twenty-five of Ohio's ministers and Bible workers left the state for Philadelphia to attend the ministerial institute to be held there April 12-30.

Miss Jessie Shearn, of Coshooton recently arrived in Mount Vernon to enter the nurses' course at the Sanitarium. Miss Shearn is a product of the church school system, her home church having maintained for several years a good church school.

Elder Bidwell spent a few days at home after a tour among the churches in the eastern part of the state.

Three members of the Camden church will canvass for scholarships for Mount Vernon College this summer. These young people have been in the church school this year.

Miss Helen Morse is pursuing her studies in vocal and instrumental music in Cleveland this year, preparatory to entering our school work to give instruction in those branches. Her help in the choir of the Cleveland church is appreciated by all.

Mrs. Pauline Alderman, of Academia, has been quite ill, but has now fully recovered.

Mrs. F. H. Clymer, of Academia, has been quite ill with lung fever, but is recovering.

Mr. C. B. Waller, recently from Battle Creek, Mich., has connected with the Ohio Conference as stenographer. Mrs. Waller expects to join him next month, when they will take up housekeeping in the village.

Elder J. E. Shultz left Mount Vernon Monday evening for Philadelphia to attend the ministerial institute to be held there April 12-30.

Elders Bigelow and Henderson, and Brethren Marietta and Moffett have

been assisting the members of the Mount Vernon church in the sale of "Ministry of Healing." Their plan is to take the different members into the field and make demonstration canvasses. They report very encouragingly of their effort, a number of books having been easily sold.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gerrard, who have been living in Academia for about two years, have moved to Mount Vernon. Mrs. Gerrard's brother, Mr. W. H. Black, who has connected with the *Republican News* office, will make his home with them.

We are glad that returns from the Sabbath-school secretaries are coming in promptly, and that many of them show an increase in donations over last quarter. We are hoping to hear without delay from those who have not yet reported.

Mount Vernon Sanitarium Notes

MRS. J. J. MARIETTA, of Academia, recently underwent an operation at the Sanitarium, and is making a rapid recovery.

Mrs. John Newell, of the Mount Vernon church, recently underwent a very serious operation, and is improving slowly.

Mrs. U. E. Whiteis, of Academia, is at the Sanitarium for treatment.

Mrs. Ella Babcock, of Bangs, O., who has been with us for some time, left the Sanitarium a short time ago, having fully recovered.

Mrs. O. M. Carmony, of Brookville, O., and Mrs. J. R. Richardson, of Mansfield, have been patients at the Sanitarium for several weeks, and are making progress healthward.

Miss Olive Scott, of Seven Mile, near Hamilton, Ohio, is recovering from an operation. Mrs. G. A. Keppler of Hamilton accompanied Miss Scott to the Sanitarium and remained with her several days.

During the past few weeks the Sanitarium force of nurses and helpers has been unusually busy. Every bed has been occupied. We are glad to note the increasing patronage of our own people throughout the state.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Giving the Truth through Books and Papers

It is very encouraging to note the interest which our people are taking in the distribution of our tracts and other literature. There is dawning upon many a realization that the people in their towns, especially their immediate neighbors, should be warned of coming events and told how to meet them. I rejoice to see this spirit in the churches I have visited thus far. When the *Family Bible Teacher* is presented and it is shown to be one of the most successful instruments to convey this message, our people gladly take up the work of distributing it in a systematic way.

Reports of success with the temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* are already beginning to come in. One sister in Pittsburg went into a Presbyterian church on Sunday with twenty-five copies, she told the minister what they were, and he called upon his congregation to come forward and take them from her—the price was only ten cents. She had sold out in ten minutes. Her intention is to visit several other churches in the city.

Now is the time for everyone to push "Ministry of Healing." It does not take a book man to sell this book. Anyone can do it. Simply lay the case before the Lord, saying, "Help me, Lord, to carry out the plan which thou hast ordained to relieve our sanitariums. I am in thy hands for service." Then study the book and begin to make openings. After you have had a good talk with the Lord about it, do not be afraid to start out. You will be surprised at the results. There is a blessing for everyone who undertakes this work. Remember that there will be no one in heaven who has not labored for the furtherance of God's precious truth, who has not been faithful to the trust committed to him. No idlers enter there.

Let us be up and about our Father's business, for the time is rapidly passing when we shall have around us peace and quietness in which to do this precious work.

"Intense earnestness should now take possession of us. Spasmodic efforts will do little good. We must arrest the attention. We must be deeply in earnest. Our slumbering energies should be aroused to untiring effort." Vol. 2, pp. 44, 45.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending March 24, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	9	63	22	33 00	14 00	47 00	1 55
A. Hendrickson, Harrison Co.		DR	5	23	6	18 00		18 00	
J. Marshall, Berkeley Co.		GC	6	58	18	45 00	7 50	52 50	
W. McElphatrick, Gilmer Co.		DR	10	85	17	35 00	21 75	56 75	9 00
H. Rees, Kanawha Co.		DR	9	54	27	28 00	4 50	92 50	1 50
Eva Pruett, Cabble Co.		DR	5	13	4	8 00		8 00	10 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	8	50	20	65 00	7 25	72 25	38 75
Totals			52	346	114	\$292 00	\$55 00	\$347 00	\$60 80

Ohio, Week Ending March 31, 1911

R. Corder, Mahoning Co.	BF	5	31	49	46 00	17 25	63 25	3 00
G. Corder, Mahoning Co.	BF	5	34	41	42 50	9 75	52 25	
C. Wilcox, Mahoning Co.	BF	5		16	14 50	18 00	32 50	
M. Krimp, Ouyahoga Co.	BR	5	24	4	13 00	3 50	16 50	9 00
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	3	23					39 50
Totals		23	112	90	\$116 00	\$48 50	\$164 50	\$51 50

New Jersey, Week Ending March 31, 1911

S. Stowe, Morris	GC	4	28	14	50 00	2 10	52 10	
L. Smith, Somerset	BR	4	28	15	36 00	1 00	37 00	50
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester	BR	4	29	9	19 00	5 00	24 00	1 05
C. Beach, Essex	GC	5	22	5	14 00	9 50	23 50	
W. Plant, Essex	GC	5	33	6	16 00	6 25	22 25	
Totals		20	140	49	\$135 00	\$23 85	\$158 85	\$1 55

East Pennsylvania, Three Weeks Ending March 24, 1911

W. P. Hess, C. Valley	CK	15	85	45	56 00		56 00	86 50
G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	15		9	27 00	11 00	38 00	25 00
H. Rohrer, Fall Brook	DR	2	13	5	16 00	6 75	22 75	25 00
S. Zenger, Blossburg	GC	2	16	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	
H. Minier, Wyalusing	GC	2	16	1	3 00	1 25	4 25	
Total			130	62	\$108 00	\$22 00	\$130 00	136 50

New Jersey, Week Ending March 24, 1911

L. B. Smith, Somerset	BR	5	38	19	51 00	3 00	54 00	1 50
J. Rambo, Cumberland		2	13					29 00
G. Blinn, Hunterdon	BR	3	21	7	21 00		21 00	
W. Plant, Essex	GC	5	38	5	13 00	2 25	15 25	
S. Walker, Newark	BR	4	27	4	12 00	25	12 25	4 25
C. Beach, Essex	GC	2	14	4	11 00	1 50	12 50	
S. Stowe, Clinton	GC	3	15	3	8 00		8 00	4 00
Totals		24	166	42	\$116 00	\$7 00	\$123 00	\$38 75

Virginia, Week Ending March 24, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK		16	8	7 50	2 00	9 50	1 00
S. N. Brown, Martinsville	CK		31	35	53 50	5 50	58 50	
G. W. Holman, New Market	PG		37	18	55 00		55 00	
Totals			86	61	\$115 50	\$7 50	\$122 50	\$1 00

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 24, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C.	BR	4	29	14	45 00		45 00	
U. D. Pickard, Clifton Va.	CK			67	74 00	1 00	75 00	
Totals		4	29	81	\$119 00	\$1 00	\$120 00	\$ 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 31, 1911

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	44	9	29 25	41 20	70 45	14 15
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	MH	2	14	6	14 50	1 30	15 80	7 30
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	3	15	5	16 00	3 00	19 00	
Totals		10	73	20	\$59 75	\$45 50	\$105 25	\$21 45

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending March 24, 1911

Maryland									
W. Durst, Carroll Co.	CK	10	68	9	13 50	2 00	15 50		50
R. Murphy, Lonaconing	CK				17 00	25	17 25		
Totals		10	68	9	\$30 50	\$2 25	\$32 75		\$ 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 31, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C. BR	5	30	7	15 00		15 00			
Totals	5	30	7	\$15 00		\$15 00			

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1318.85 Deliveries, \$312.55

Let everyone who reads these statements remember that he is a light to carry the precious truth which God has intrusted to him; then let him deem it a pleasure to be one of God's instruments.

G. MEDAIRE, *Field Missionary Sec'y.*

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore, Md.

THE missionary society of the Baltimore Seventh-day Adventist church held its regular monthly meeting on March 25 at the close of the Sabbath morning service. Brother W. H. Loose, the leader of the society, was in the chair. The monthly report of the missionary work accomplished by the society was indeed very encouraging. Several interesting papers were read by members of the society, and two bands were organized,—a "Prison Band" and a "Hospital Band."

We were especially privileged in having with us at this time Elder F. C. Gilbert who gave us a very interesting account of the work among the Hebrews.

We feel that our society is awakening to its responsibility, that of giving the last saving message for this world to the people of Baltimore. We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters all over the field, that we may be the means of hastening the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

MARGARET M. LANGRILL, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

At Work

THE Smithsburg young people's Missionary Volunteer society was organized May 31, 1910, for the purpose of doing more aggressive work in this part of God's vineyard. Thinking that others may be interested in what we are doing, we pass on the following report for the first quarter of 1911, hoping that it may be a source of encouragement to others:—

Letters written..... 6

Missionary visits..... 469
Bible readings..... 3
Papers sold..... 25
Papers mailed and given away 179
Books sold..... 13
Books given away..... 4
Pages of tracts given away..... 1733
Hours of Christian help work. 1
Articles of clothing given away..... 3
Meals provided..... 2
Donations to foreign missions... \$2.13

All the members of our society are supplied with the Morning Watch Calendar, and they appreciate the benefit derived from the verses studied. Our society is planning to do greater work in the future than it has done in the past. In order that we may accomplish this, almost every one in the society is taking the "Standard of Attainment" reading course, hoping to pass the examination in September.

Several prayer bands have been formed for the purpose of having special prayer for different departments of our work. Our society has received many blessings as the result of these special seasons of prayer.

The "Personal Workers' Band" is doing house to house work with the *Family Bible Teacher*. We have enjoyed many precious experiences as a result of this work. The Lord is truly good to us.

We hope to do a great deal more in the future than in the past, and we request the prayers of the readers of the VISITOR in our behalf.

GRACE WOLFINGER, *Secretary.*

WHEN this reaches our readers our workers' meeting and canvassers' institute will be in progress. We are expecting a large attendance, and hope to have good meetings.

We are glad to report an excellent interest in the temperance *Instructor*. We have received orders for 1930 papers, and still not all of our churches and young people's societies have been heard from. We desire that, at the very least, 4000 of these

excellent papers shall be sold in this conference. When we stop to think of the terrible evils of intemperance, we feel that there should be very many more than 4000 sold. What will you do to help stay this terrible evil?

One brother took his stand for the truth, and was baptised by Elder Baer, as a result of the meetings Brother Adkins held in Leitersburg. Others are still deeply interested, and we feel sure that more will come out on the Lord's side.

A card from Mrs. Lulu Dexter of Westover, Md., who moved to this conference in February from Cottage Grove, Oregon, says: "We were much disappointed to find none of our people here; but we will, with the Lord's help, hold up the precious truth in this neighborhood." Upon arriving here they immediately ordered some tracts and began to work. As a result of their effort one lady has begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are reading. Sister Dexter says they cannot afford to buy all the literature they would like to use. If any one desires to make a good investment, this sister would appreciate some of those papers and tracts which *you* may have lying around idle. She would make good use of them, we are sure.

We get good letters from others who are isolated. Let us remember these dear souls at the throne of grace.

Elder Baer recently spent a week at Mount Vernon, O., attending the meeting of the College Board.

Miss Alice Fieldberg will spend a few days in Takoma Park, visiting old friends.

The church school at Cheswold, Del., taught by Miss Mabel Carroll, closed March 30. Miss Carroll will go to her home at Smithsburg. The Leipsic school, taught by Mrs. Fannie Hamblin, has also closed. Mrs. Hamblin will for a time visit her sister in Massachusetts. Both of these sisters feel encouraged with the work their pupils have done during the school term.

Brother Jones, our field agent, spent some time in the office recently, preparing for the coming institute.

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EAST PENNSYLVANIA

SISTER C. S. WIEST is visiting her parents in Wellsboro.

The meetings at Souderton, conducted by Evangelist C. S. Baum, are continuing in interest. We hope that many will accept the truth at that place.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Grandma Trowbridge which occurred at Wilkes Barre on March 30. Sister Trowbridge was a charter member of the Philadelphia church. She embraced the third angel's message several years ago and lived a consistent and devoted Christian life. She was dearly loved by all who knew her.

Elder Heckman reports a most profitable meeting with the Pottsville-Wade church last Sabbath. The ordinances were celebrated and afterward a number of the church members met for prayer and singing at the home of Sister Elizabeth Head, who is just convalescing from a very critical operation. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a very marked manner.

Elder R. E. Harter conducted the quarterly service at Cherry Flats, Sabbath, March 25. On Sunday, March 26, four were baptized and united with the Covington church.

Brother W. F. Myres, an experienced canvasser, who has canvassed in Cuba and other parts of the world, has just come from the Washington Seminary to canvass in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. He has selected Carbon County as his territory. We certainly wel-

come Brother Myres to our field and wish him success. Let us pray that God may greatly bless his work.

Sister M. A. Bristol has just returned from a visit to the Harriburg, Lebanon, and Reading churches. She reports good visits.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia, Notice

THE third annual session of the District of Columbia Conference will be held May 7 and 8, 1911. The first meeting will be held in the Memorial Church, 1210 Twelfth Street, N. W., Washington, at ten o'clock Sunday morning. It is hoped that there will be a full delegation from all the churches in the conference. This will be the meeting to transact all the annual business of the conference, to elect the officers for the coming year and to lay plans for the work. All members are invited to attend the meeting.

W. A. HENNIG, *President.*

Announcement to Those Attending the Philadelphia Ministerial Institute

THOSE who intend to be present at the Ministerial Institute to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 12-30, should observe the following announcements with reference to reaching places of study and abode.

Those arriving on the Pennsylvania Railroad and wishing to go directly to the church, will get off at the West Philadelphia station. Take the elevated electric car going west, going as far as Fifty-second Street. Get a free transfer for the surface car at Fifty-second Street, and go south as far as Locust. Walk east one block to the church. Those arriving on the Pennsylvania Railroad, desiring to go to the Sanitarium building, walk south on Fifteenth Street, two blocks to Walnut. On Walnut Street, take a car marked "North Nineteenth Street," or "Tioga via North Nineteenth Street," getting off at Nineteenth Street and Girard Avenue. Walk less than one block west. Those arriving on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and desiring to go directly to the Sanitarium, should not stop at the West Philadelphia station, but should go to the terminus at Broad Street. The rest of the above instruction then holds good.

Those arriving on the Reading terminal over the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad, and desiring to go to the church, take the sub-way elec-

tric cars on Market Street, and proceed to Fifty-second Street, the same as those arriving at the West Philadelphia station on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

To reach the Sanitarium from the Reading terminal, walk south on Twelfth Street to Walnut, taking the North Nineteenth Street car, or the "Tioga via North Nineteenth Street," getting off at Nineteenth Street and Girard Avenue.

To reach the church from the Baltimore and Ohio Station, Twenty-fourth and Chestnut Streets, walk north on Twenty-fourth Street one block to Market Street, and proceed to Fifty-second Street as in the other instances.

To reach the Sanitarium from the Baltimore and Ohio station, walk or ride east to Nineteenth Street, and take "The North Nineteenth Street" or "Tioga via North Nineteenth Street" car, getting off at Nineteenth Street and Girard Avenue.

It will be observed in each instance, it is the Market Street car passing over Fifty-second Street which takes all from every station to the church. It is the North Nineteenth Street car in all instances which takes them to the Sanitarium building; and it is but a short distance to walk from any station.

B. G. WILKINSON.

OBITUARIES

BALTZER.—Ella M. Baltzer, *nee* Early, born Feb. 12, 1868, died March 18, 1911, of chronic appendicitis. Our beloved sister has been a devoted and faithful member of the Williamsport, Pa., Seventh-day Adventist church for the past ten years, and while we mourn our loss, we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we believe that he who died and rose again from the dead, and liveth forevermore to make intercession for the saints, will soon bring from the dusty grave our sister clothed in the beautiful garments of immortality. During her recent illness the writer was frequently privileged to visit her bedside, and as we talked of the tender love of our heavenly Father, silent tears of gratitude expressed her affection for him who doeth all things well. In the days of childhood Sister Baltzer gave her heart to the Lord, uniting with the Disciple church, of which she remained a faithful member until the year 1900, when she accepted the faith of the people with whom she was identified until death. In 1890 she was united in marriage to George C. Baltzer, and to this happy union were born five children, two of whom have fallen asleep. Besides her immediate family she leaves to mourn, a loving mother, one sister, and two brothers. To these we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour, and may they be the recipients of the Father's promise, "Bless are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Words of comfort from 1 Cor. 13:12 were spoken to a large audience by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian church. L. E. SUFFICOL.