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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Toiler's Prayer

O Lord, most high, exalted, holy, pure,
With awe I near thy throne and speak thy
name
To ask no riches, honor, ease, or fame;
I ask no days from busy toil secure:
So long as brawn and sinew can endure
Hard task and busy labor, it were shame
To drown a life away in useless game,
Or fill the idle chair of sinecure.
But Lord, give unto me the strength, I pray,
To earn my bread in a day that is rife
With toil: give me a heart to never shirk;
And make me strong to tread this stony way:
Give me the sequel of a happy life—
The boon of greatest good—the ~~hour~~ ^{mark} of
mark. D. D. REES.

Family Worship

It is said of Cornelius that he was a devout man. And the Scripture, commenting on his devotion, says that he "prayed to God alway." The record says further that he "feared God with all his house." May we not therefore conclude that the family altar was set up in his home, and that the prayers offered thereat came "up for a memorial before God," and were answered by the outpouring of his Spirit upon them?

The value of family worship cannot be overestimated. The home in which there is no family altar cannot expect the divine benediction. If the Lord does not cover our habitation with the shadow of his wing, surely our home will be without shelter in the time of storm. If we do not seek the Lord for his guidance, our household will be like a ship without a pilot.

The misbehaviour of many of the children of professing Christian parents is often due to the neglect of family worship, or the cold formality at the altar of prayer. Many a sore judgment has befallen households because God has not been duly honored therein. We have seen parents allow their young children to play or run about during worship, and later on they wonder why their children are

not more inclined to seek the Lord at the family altar. We cannot begin too soon to teach our children to reverence the house of worship. A spirit of irreverence is one of the first steps toward the world. "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Matt. 26:40.

"Eli was a good man, pure in morals: but he was too indulgent." "He did not want to hurt the feelings of any one, and had not the moral courage to rebuke and reprove sin." "The guilty sons of Eli were slain in battle. He knew that his sin of neglect in failing to stand for the right and restrain wrong had at last deprived Israel of her strength and glory. What a lesson we have here for the parents and guardians of the youth! We are just as accountable for the evil we might have checked in others, by reproof, by warning, by exercise of parental authority, as if we were guilty of the acts ourselves. Eli should have first attempted to restrain evil by mild methods, but if that would not avail, he should have subdued the wrong by the sternest measures. He was gentle, loving, kind, and had a true interest in the service of God, but he did not add to his faith the courage and power to say 'No,' at the right time, and in the right place."

A lady with whom we are acquainted said: "I never knew family prayer to be neglected in our home, no matter how busy we were. If my father was away, mother would lead out." That family of seven are all devoted Christians. Did the earnest prayers and faithful requirements of these parents have anything to do with making the children what they are?

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." James 4:8. "If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now." "And yet in this time of fearful peril some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear him. Many have separated themselves so far from him

that they feel under condemnation in approaching him. They cannot 'come boldly unto the throne of grace,' 'lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.' They have not a living connection with God. Theirs is a form of godliness without the power. The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin the soul.

"By sincere, earnest prayer, parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power." "In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship." "The father, and in his absence the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of scripture that is interesting and easily understood." "Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day." "The prayer offered should be brief and pointed. In simple earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for his goodness and help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer." "Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such seasons of worship are fraught." "Each morning and evening gather your children around you, and in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help." "Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self. Each morning consecrate yourselves and your children to God for that day. Lay all your plans before God to be carried out or given up, as his providence shall indicate. Accept his plans instead of your own, even though their acceptance requires the abandonment of cherished projects."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VII. page 42.* Read this whole chapter over and over again, and it will prove a great blessing to you. J. M. COLE,

Australian Union Conference Record.

Public Men do Read Liberty

It will be a source of satisfaction to those who are contributing of their means to supply *Liberty* to their state legislators and others, to know that public men do read *Liberty*. The fact is that public men do read *Liberty*. The fact is that legislators as a class are the most observant in grasping the contents of the journal. Of course, there are legislators who, like many other people, pay little or no attention to some of the publications that are sent them. But I believe that the percentage of this class of men is very much lower than many suppose, and, therefore, their neglect to read the journal should be regarded as the exception rather than the rule. Incidents proving that prominent men do give this journal critical attention have been brought to our attention in our work here at the national capital. It will be admitted that, if Congressmen read the journal, men who occupy places of less prominence and who have as much or more time at their disposal would certainly give the magazine a more careful reading. An illustration or two showing how closely Congressmen do read the journal may be of interest to the reader.

Not long since, a prominent Congressman called our attention to a short article that he found in an obscure place in the magazine *Liberty*. This was very convincing evidence to us that he had examined quite closely the contents of the journal.

Another incident served to impress us again with the idea that members of Congress carefully examine the contents of this magazine. It appears that a number of Congressmen discussed very enthusiastically matter they found in this journal.

Illustrations may also be cited showing that what is true of Congressmen in this particular is also true of state legislators.

At a hearing on a Sunday bill before the Senate Committee of the New York state legislature last March, a senator asked the representative of the Religious Liberty Association who was present at the hearing, "Are you connected with the people who publish the magazine called *Liberty*?" to which question the representative replied in the affirmative. Whereupon the senator said, "I would like to have another copy of the last number, as I mislaid or lost my copy." The senator in question, while he did not coincide with our views as to the religious character of Sunday-laws, spoke approvingly of

the magazine and its influences.

We are also informed that last winter, when a Sunday bill was defeated in the North Carolina legislature, one of the prominent legislators who opposed the bill informed the representative of the Religious Liberty Association that he obtained the principles that led him to oppose successfully the measure by reading some years ago a journal known as *The American Sentinel*.

A prominent United States Senator wrote in regarding *Liberty*:—

"I have just this morning received a copy of the number (of *Liberty*) which I suppose is the one you refer to in your letter, and will read with pleasure the article to which you call attention."

The following testimony from a religious liberty secretary in a large western state is to the point on this question:—

"For some time past we have been sending *Liberty* to all the legislators, and I have found since meeting them on this trip that in the case of those who were here last term and who have received *Liberty* regularly, the results are most gratifying. In the majority of cases each one has been influenced to see the wrong principles involved in the present movement on the part of the nominal Christian churches toward securing legislation on certain so-called reforms. The results have been beyond my expectation, May such good work be continued is the sentiment of my heart. I feel that every conference should by all means supply its legislators with the magazine *Liberty*. They will read it—of this I am certain."

Let no one be deceived with the idea that legislators do not read the magazine *Liberty* because there is now and then some indifferent member who does not appreciate the journal.

K. O. RUSSELL.

AT THE COLLEGE

School opens September 13. Send for a calendar if you have not received one.

Mr. Floyd P. Klopfenstein went to Toledo to attend a reunion of the Klopfenstein family last week.

Mrs. Spohn returned last week from the West in company with her son Eugene.

Dr. V. L. Fisher, Miss Martha Poole, and Mr. J. R. Kennedy, of the

Mount Vernon Sanitarium, are in attendance at the camp-meeting at Wooster.

Mrs. G. A. Donnelly, of Academia, underwent an operation at the Mount Vernon Hospital-Sanitarium last week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Howard Weeks' operation for appendicitis was successful, and that he is making a rapid recovery. He is in the hospital at Sayre, Pa.

Mr. Edgar Welch, who has been canvassing in southern Ohio during the summer, has returned to Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Harvey Cassell and her daughter Ruth left Mount Vernon last Thursday to spend a few weeks at the home of Mrs. Cassell's parents, at Laura, O.

Elder Butler left the College for the Ohio camp-ground on Monday.

Professor and Mrs. Hall, Professor and Mrs. John, Mr. V. H. Cook, and Mr. W. J. Walter left Mount Vernon for the Ohio camp-ground last Thursday morning.

Miss Nina Hamilton has been nursing near "the Caves." She is now on duty in the medical tent on the Ohio camp-ground.

Miss Nellie Rudolph, of Springfield, O., is visiting her sister in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Metcalf are residing in Mount Vernon, Mr. Metcalf and his brother having bought out a bakery in the city.

Mrs. Clements has returned from a visit to her daughter in Rome, N. Y.

Miss Hart writes enthusiastically of her visit to Yellowstone Park. "We have had a grand trip," she says. "Words cannot tell the grandeur of this Park. We camp each night. Today (Friday) we came to the Canon, and will stay till Monday morning."

A letter from Elder F. D. Starr, Forest, Idaho, says that he and his family are well. We are glad to learn that Elder Starr has partly recovered his sight. He says: "My sight is not perfect, but I can read and write, and

can get around with very little difficulty. I have no use of my right eye, but my left eye serves me quite well since my operation last September. It was blind four and a half years, but it has now stood the test for nearly a year since the operation. Yesterday I was able to read almost all day."

CHESAPEAKE

The Chesapeake Camp-meeting

The twelfth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Dover, Delaware, September 14 to 24. The first meeting will be held Thursday at 7.45 P. M.

LOCATION

As the location is a question of utmost importance, the usual degree of interest was taken in the selection of suitable grounds. It has been decided to hold this meeting in Johnson Park, one block north of the state capital building. From the standpoint of natural surroundings everything is propitious for an excellent meeting.

HOW TO REACH THE GROUNDS

Those coming from Cumberland, Hagerstown, Smithsburg, Ponds ville, and all points on the Western Maryland Railway, will come to Baltimore, change at the Union Station to the Pennsylvania Railroad; a direct route to Dover. The Rock Hall and Fords Store delegation will find it convenient to take train at Love Point, via M. D. & V., to Greenwood, change at Greenwood to the P. B. & W. Railway. The Cambridge and Hollinsville delegation should come via the P. B. & W., changing at Seaford and Clayton. The place of meeting is situated in the northern part of the city, only a few blocks from the railway station. A suitable person will be appointed to meet all trains and direct the delegates to the grounds. Baggage will be delivered to and from the grounds for twenty-five cents. Hand baggage will be carried one way for five cents.

RATES FOR TENTS

A good supply of tents will be pitched on the grounds to accommodate all who desire them. Rates are \$3.00 for unfloored tents, and \$3.50 for floored tents; size 10x12 ft. Those desiring tents with floor should send in their order to the conference office without delay. A limited number of comfortable rooms for those prefer-

ring them will be furnished, prices ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for the ten days.

WHAT TO BRING

Only a limited number of cots can be secured, therefore it will be necessary for campers to bring straw ticks, as there will be plenty of clean straw free for all. A period of ten days is of sufficient length to subject campers to a variety of conditions in matters of health and weather. It would be well to bring rubbers, raps, and plenty of bedding (as the nights may be quite cool), towels, soap, etc. Curtains for dividing the tents into rooms must be furnished by the occupants.

THE DINING TENT

The dining tent has been placed in charge of Brother C. E. Engrim, who with competent helpers will serve meals on the European plan. Each person pays for the amount of food ordered instead of at a regular rate per meal. The plan of conducting the dining services as a cafeteria seems to give general satisfaction, so we have decided to operate on that plan this year.

MUSIC

Music is a very important feature of our worship. Special attention will be given to singing our songs of truth. This department will be under the direction of Elder James E. Shultz, of Mount Vernon, whose services have been secured for the occasion.

LABORERS

In addition to our own corps of laborers, we have been assured that our ministerial help will be adequate to meet the demands of the hour. Elders B. G. Wilkinson, I. G. Bigelow, James Shultz, and Brother E. R. Numbers from the Columbia Union Conference; and Elder A. G. Daniells, Elder W. A. Spicer, Professor H. R. Salisbury, Elder K. C. Russell, and Dr. R. S. Ingersoll from the General Conference will be with us; Professor Salisbury representing the Educational department, and Dr. R. S. Ingersoll representing the Medical department.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

We are planning to give special attention to the needs of our young people. Special meetings will be held under the direction of Sister Alice Fieldberg, our young people's secretary, and I. G. Bigelow, young people's secretary of the Columbia

Union Conference. Special meetings for the children will be held daily under the leadership of Sisters Pagett and Coleman, who have had much experience in teaching the little ones.

WHY ATTEND

You should attend because you need the blessings that God will give to his people on this occasion. Your children and youth need the blessing which will be derived from the daily meetings which will be held especially for them. The servant of the Lord has said: "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth." This will be the most important meeting we have ever had. You will want to be there to participate in the laying of plans for the speedy finishing of the work in this conference. I sincerely hope that no one will be indifferent. We are in a testing time. Our attitude will show our true relation to the cause of God. Come one, come all, and enjoy this annual gathering of God's people.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Do not fail to attend the camp-meeting to be held in Dover, Del., Sept. 14-24.

Let the churches at once elect their delegates to the conference, and then let all attend and help to make the camp-meeting a great success.

Elder R. H. Martin reports a growing interest in Dover, Del., where he is conducting tent meetings.

Elder Seency reports large audiences at his meetings in Wilmington, Del.

The workers at Thurmont, Md., report a number of new Sabbath-keepers, and a number more interested.

The interest in the meetings in Baltimore is still on the increase. On Monday night, August 14, a large crowd attended the illustrated lecture on tuberculosis by Dr. R. H. Ingersoll, of the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium. Dr. Lauretta Kress of Washington, D. C., will give a friendly talk to women on Monday night, August 21.

Our first order for the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* was received a few days ago from the Baltimore No. 3 church; they ask for one thousand copies. Let other churches follow their example. This will be an excellent way to make up what you have fallen behind in your ten-cent-a-week fund.

Mrs. Weber, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Haynes, for several weeks, has returned to her home in Trenton, N. J.

Miss Alice Fieldberg, who attended the Summer School at Mount Vernon College, returned home recently and resumed her usual work in the office.

Mrs. Haynes, of Vineland, N. J., is visiting her son, Elder C. B. Haynes.

Mrs. E. R. Brown, of Washington, D. C., visited Mrs. C. B. Haynes last week.

The Fords Store and Rock Hall Sabbath-schools enjoyed an outing last Sunday at Love Point, on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. F. C. Hankins, who has been appointed to succeed Brother J. E. Jones as State Agent for this conference, will be with us in a few days.

Remember the camp-meeting. The place—Dover, Del. The time—Sept. 14-24. Be sure to be there.

Owing to the ill health of Sister Haynes, it was decided in a recent council of the General Conference to ask Elder Haynes, who had been booked for England, to remain in the Chesapeake Conference for another year. The Lord is greatly blessing his work in the tent effort at Baltimore.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of Brother W. H. Loose's father. For some time he had not been enjoying good health; however, his doctor thought he was getting well, and he was at his work on Wednesday; but on Friday he passed away. May he be in the first resurrection, and may the Lord comfort his loved ones.

There is an excellent interest in the tent meetings in Baltimore. Eight or nine persons are already keeping the Sabbath; and they are of the right stamp. One who keeps a livery, closes his stable on the Sabbath. An-

other; when he informed his employer that he could not work on the Sabbath, was told to continue his work—that he could have Saturday off. Another brother, a machinist who works in an automobile shop, when he saw the Sabbath truth, said, "Job or no job, I am going to keep the Sabbath." When he notified his employers that he was going to keep the Sabbath, he was told that he would have to "quit"; but before he left on Friday he was asked to come back on Monday morning—other arrangements had been made, and he could have the Sabbath off. The Lord is able to work for those who trust and obey him.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder F. H. Robbins has just returned from Charleston, where he had been working on the new church building for the past four weeks. He reports the building making satisfactory progress, the brethren planning to occupy it for services in the early fall.

Misses Mary Rice, Maud McDade, and Leah Bainbridge are the very latest recruits to the large corps of canvassers in the West Virginia Conference. These ladies are from West Pennsylvania. They are in the conference endeavoring to sell books sufficient to entitle them to a scholarship in Mount Vernon College. We pray that the Lord may bless their efforts.

It seems rather early to begin talking about the 1911 Harvest Ingathering, but time flies so very rapidly that the date for the taking of this offering will soon be here. Let us be ready for it when it comes.

The very aggressive work which the Mission Board is doing, the many calls that are being received, should urge us, as never before, to do more for Missions.

This Conference, in the 1910 Harvest Ingathering, secured in donations from friends nearly \$150.00. In the 1911 Ingathering let us endeavor to do greater things than were done in 1910. Let the figure which we strive to reach be \$200.00; and the Lord helping us we will get it.

An extra early edition of the *Signs of the Times* monthly is now being mailed to its subscribers, by reason of the fact that the August edition was entirely closed out August 31. The September number of the *Signs* is certainly "the magazine with the message."

The Lord is with Brother Steel in his tent work at Martinsburg. He reports an attendance of four hundred, and more at each meeting.

Mr. W. A. McElphatrick and Miss Olive Pangburn each reported a delivery of five days' duration amounting to over \$200.00.

Elder Robbins was called by wire to attend a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee at Philadelphia, but owing to the fact that the message did not reach him in time he was not privileged to be present.

The twenty-fourth annual conference and camp-meeting of the West Virginia Conference will be held in the city of Parkersburg, September 28 to October 8. You are planning to be there, are you not?

Those who desire to rent a tent or a room should send their order to S. F. Ross, 1600 Andrew Street, Parkersburg.

Are you a subscriber to the good old *Review and Herald*, the paper from which we get our inspiration, the paper through which we learn of the mission fields, and of those who are actively engaged in carrying the gospel of the third angel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people? We all agree that something should be done to increase the circulation of our general church paper. All who desire to keep pace with the rapid advancement of the message should be constant readers of the *Review*." We read in the Testimonies that "the *Review* contains matter of great interest to the church, and ought to be placed in every home of believers."

What is true of the *Review* is also true of the *VISITOR*. We read the *Review* to keep pace with the field-wide work. So should we read the *VISITOR* to keep constantly in touch with our conference. Especially is this true of the West Virginia Conference, where things spiritual are developing so rapidly.

NEW JERSEY

Everybody is invited to the camp-meeting at Trenton, September 7-17. This will be one of the best meetings we have had. Splendid help is promised. Bring your friends who are interested and encourage the young people, and those who may be getting

careless, to attend. This may be the turning point in their lives.

Order tents at once for camp-meeting. 10 x 14, \$2.75; 12 x 16, \$3.25.

From the Canvassers

The Lord has been richly blessing our faithful canvassers in the field; and some of the letters which have been sent in report such good experiences that others, we feel sure, would enjoy hearing them.

Brother Blinn writes from Trenton: "My faith is strong in God and his dear Son, Jesus, the friend of publicans and sinners. I am seeing God's promises fulfilled every day. The words found in Matt. 6:31-34 are an inspiration to me every time I read them; I have found them true every day of my life. To-day I started out asking God to so fill me with his Spirit that the people could not help buying books from me; I asked him to fill me with such power that those whom I met would see Jesus in my face. God answered my prayer. I worked ten hours to-day and took \$40 worth of orders. 'Without me ye can do nothing,' said Jesus. I know that is so; but if we get right with God he will do great things through us. I am glad that God can and does use me to carry the last gospel message to a dying world. How thankful I am that I am a worker in his cause, and that I am being used to bring souls to Jesus."

This shows what the Lord can do when we keep ourselves in the background and let Christ go before us.

Brother Schmidt, who has been working very hard and faithfully in Cape May County, writes: "My deliveries are good. I took in \$80 worth last Thursday. I have a \$70 delivery on Monday. The Lord blessed me greatly last week. I received an order, without effort, for "Great Controversy." I took two orders from a Philadelphian minister last Thursday. I am of good courages and full of experiences."

Sister Ruth Murphy, the youngest canvasser we have in the field, has been doing excellent work in Mercer County. She reports a very good delivery—only one book unsold.

When we see what the Lord is actually doing for the faithful canvasser, it should strengthen our hearts and cause us to ask ourselves the question, Am I doing the work that God would have me do? We hope to see many others enter this glorious work of spreading God's truth through the printed page.

C. E. GRAY,

Field Missionary Agent.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

A letter received from Elder A. R. Bell with reference to his tent effort at Harrisburg states that some are already keeping the Sabbath: This is good news, and we sincerely hope and pray that many may accept the truth as a result of this effort, thus strengthening our church in that important city.

Miss Sadie Detwiler cleared over \$8.00 in two hours last Saturday evening, August 12, by selling papers in the city of Lancaster. Miss Detwiler is working for a scholarship at the Mount Vernon College, and there is no question that she will succeed.

The tent efforts at Harrisburg and Chambersburg, conducted by Elder A. R. Bell and Evangelist B. M. Heald, respectively, were visited by Elder W. H. Heckman last week. He reports a good interest. The outlook for a harvest of souls at both places is encouraging.

The dedication of the chapel at Lancaster took place last Sabbath, August 12. It is a beautiful place of worship, doing credit to our work in that city. Members from the Souderton and Lebanon churches were present, as well as some of the neighbors. The dedicatory services were conducted by Elder Heckman. The possession of this chapel was brought about, to a large degree, by the indefatigable efforts of Brother J. W. Hirlinger, the local elder.

Seven new Sabbath-keepers were present at the Sabbath services of the First Philadelphia church, August 12. These have come as a result of the tent effort being conducted in West Philadelphia by Brethren Harter and Baum. Many more are expected to accept the truth, as the effort there has so far proved to be a splendid success. The workers have more names on their visiting lists than they can possibly reach.

We were glad to receive a letter from Brother J. H. Weeks, one of our canvassers who was operated on for appendicitis, stating that he is getting along well and hoping to be about again in the course of a week or two.

The North Philadelphia tent com-

pany moved their tent last Tuesday and located it at the corner of Eighteenth and Courtlandt Streets. The opening service Sunday evening was largely attended, the tent being filled and some standing outside. Let us hope and pray that this location may prove to be the one where the Lord has many honest souls who will accept the truth as the result of this effort.

A very encouraging letter was received from Brother R. P. Morris who is having some excellent experiences in canvassing this summer. Last week he sold a book to a school teacher, a cashier in a bank, and a judge. Brother Morris is canvassing for "Great Controversy."

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JULY, 1911

Alba.....	\$ 1 00
Allentown	26 04
Ariel.....	40 22
Bloomsburg .....	.....
Carbondale.....	.....
Cherry Flats.....	.....
Covington	32 88
Chester Company.....	.....
Carlisle.....	33 49
Fleetwood.....	.....
First German.....	195 10
First African.....	.....
First Philadelphia.....	326 02
Fairhill.....	57 83
Hamburg.....	.....
Harrisburg	70 21
Hawley-Honesdale.....	10 05
Jersey Shore	58 28
Kulp.....	.....
Lancaster.....	.....
Lebanon	114 76
Lorenton.....	.....
North Philadelphia.....	148 40
Norristown.....	.....
Northumberland	88 29
Orwell	2 60
Reading	258 74
Roaring Branch	58 12
Scranton	92 68
Shunk	5 00
Shimersville .....	.....
Stroudsburg	20 05
Scandinavian.....	.....
Wade.....	36 42
Williamsport	99 52
Wilkes Barre.....	59 17
Wellsboro.....	21 55
York.....	3 95
Individuals.....	25 05

Total.....\$1,885 42

S. D. HARTWELL, *Treas.*

OHIO

Columbus

At the close of the regular church service on Sabbath, August 12, we walked over to the Broad Street Church of Christ, where nine candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism; eight of these became members of the Columbus church, and one will join the church at Charleston, West Virginia. Six other candidates will go forward in this sacred ordinance later in the year.

The work has not advanced so rapidly as we had desired, but we are truly thankful for these evidences of the power of the Holy Spirit among us. Twenty-three have been added to the church during the past sixteen months, fourteen by baptism and nine by letter. Perhaps, if we all had been more faithful and energetic in the service of the Lord, there might have been many more; but we rejoice that these have entered the fold of God's commandment-keeping church, and we earnestly pray that they may prove faithful when their way is assailed by the author of rebellion.

We are also thankful for the spirit of cooperation and unity that exists in the church; our hearts have been made glad many times as we have seen the zeal and devotion of our faithful members who are desirous of hastening the Lord's return. Our large churches are not free from trials; but "where sin abounds grace doth much more abound"; so our hearts are filled with courage, and we would press on and work till Jesus comes. We desire to do the duty that lies nearest, and be faithful to our God. JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

The tract society and conference offices are now closed. All mail for the same should be addressed to Wooster, O., in care of the S. D. A. Camp.

Brethren H. D. Holtom and J. I. Cassell left last Tuesday for the campground at Wooster.

Brother H. F. Kirk delivered \$302 worth of books before going to camp-meeting.

Our periodical sales [during the month of July passed all previous records, over \$900 worth of papers having been ordered during that time.

Last month the tract society's subscription sales amounted to over \$2,700, the largest monthly sale to date this year.

Miss Rosella Smith, of College View, Neb., who is canvassing for a scholarship, and has been working some of Ohio's large cities with our magazines, ordered 5000 copies of *Life and Health* within thirty days. If her sales continue as good as they have been during the past two months she will have earned three or four scholarships before the close of the summer. She confidently expects to do this. Others could do as well.

Brother Carl Weaks is at his work. We read in *Eastern Tidings*, published at Lucknow, India: "Brother Weaks reports prospects of two more canvassers for India this fall."

Mr. C. H. Panches, of Hamler, O., has rented Mr. Spohn's farm residence and expects to move to Mount Vernon in the fall, in order to obtain school privileges for his children.

Dr. Harry Miller and family are visiting at the home of Mrs. Miller's parents in Portland, Me. We are sorry to learn that Dr. Miller's condition seems not to be improving, but rather to be growing more critical.

The first edition—65,000 copies—of the August *Life and Health* was all sold by August 8. The second edition of 7,000 copies was ready for mailing August 10; making 72,000 copies in all for August. The September number is now ready for mailing.

We understand that Elder Votaw recently enjoyed the novelty of a siege of measles.—*Eastern Tidings*.

In a letter containing his subscription for the *Visitor* Mr. Esta L. Miller writes:—

"The Lord is greatly blessing the work here in this land, and many show an interest in the message, which makes our hearts glad. It is not a year since active work was begun at our station, Hankow, in Hupei province, but we now have a church of twelve, besides the foreign workers, and there are several others who are ready for baptism.

"This is the hottest weather in the season now, and we are spending a few weeks in the mountains, so that we may avoid the heat, and also be-

come rested for our winter's work.

"We ask an interest in your prayers that we may do our part to hasten the day when our Master will come to gather his jewels, and that we may be among that number."

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Akron.....	\$117 76
Alliance.....	59 16
*Barnesville.....
Bellefontaine.....	96 71
Bellville.....	21 62
*Broughton.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	149 75
Camden.....	126 66
Canton.....	21 95
Chagrin Falls.....	54 42
Charloe.....	5 71
Chillicothe.....	9 55
Cincinnati.....	.....
Cleveland.....	318 05
Cleveland German.....	100 00
Clyde.....	24 72
Columbiana.....	7 44
Columbus.....	150 42
*Conant.....	39 59
Conneaut.....	17 27
*Convoy.....	.....
Corsica.....	106 92
Coshocton.....	23 76
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	.....
Defiance.....	3 63
Delaware.....	15 00
Delta.....	191 51
Derwent.....	12 65
*Dixon.....	.....
Dowling.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	18 78
Elgin.....	22 49
Findlay.....	34 15
Greenspring.....	.....
*Gilboa.....	.....
Hamler.....	82 31
Hamilton.....	148 76
Hicksville.....	32 90
*Jackson.....	6 60
Jefferson.....	90 76
*Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	31 12
LaGrange.....	33 48
*Lake View.....	62 51
Laura.....	32 56
Leesburg.....	55 06
Liberty Center.....	48 30
Lima.....	3 00
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	45 38
Marion.....	25 63
Marshfield.....	3 30
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Mendon.....	4 50
Middlefield.....	10 00
Mount Vernon.....	197 99

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending July 29, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	5	46	13	42 00	15 70	57 70	1 90	
Maud McDade, Randolph Co.	SP	5	41	21	26 75	30 75	57 50		
Mary Rice, Randolph Co.	DR	5	50	7	17 00	38 75	55 75		
L. Bainbridge, Randolph Co.	SP	5	45	14	19 25	27 00	46 25		
H. V. Leach, Roane Co.	PG	4	34	13	43 00	2 00	45 00		
A. Hendrickson, Harrison Co.	DR			15	45 00		45 00		
Clara Pettit, Roane Co.	PG	4	34	1	3 00	30 50	33 50		
D. E. Metcalf, Ritchie Co.	GC	5	51	7	23 00	8 25	31 25	41 76	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	38	8	23 00	80	23 80	111 15	
Sadie Gee, Putnam Co.	OK	4	38	7	12 50	9 35	21 85		
L. C. Metcalf, Ritchie Co.	GC	4	32	3	8 00	7 50	15 50		
Hanna Beatty, Mason Co.	CK	5	42	6	9 00	4 95	13 95		
W. McElphatrick, Gilmer Co.	DR	5	52	2	5 00	7 00	12 00	228 75	
B. E. Wagner, Doddridge Co.	DR	3	25	4	11 00	1 00	12 00	140 00	
R. B. Wheeler, Doddridge Co.	DR	4	23	1	3 00	75	3 75	27 00	
A. A. Austin, Jackson Co.	CK	4	27	1	1 50		1 50	60 50	
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	2	13					95 00	
J. E. Gibson, Mason Co.	CK	3	34					86 20	
Olive Pangburn, Wayne Co.	DR	5	40					209 00	
Totals			77	665	123	\$292 00	\$184 50	\$476 50	\$1001 26

Virginia, Week Ending, August 4, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	3	18	1	3 00	2 00	5 00	5 50	
John Hottel, Winchester Co.	PPF	5	46	24	37 00	25	37 25	25	
Paul Hottel, "	"	4	34	29	45 00	50	45 50	50	
G. Holman, New Market	DR	5	36	14	39 00	2 45	41 45		
S. N. Brown, Danville	CK	3	20	5	7 50	75	8 25	16 00	
Mrs. S. N. Brown, Danville	CK	17	21	31	50	6 25	37 75		
W. T. Durst, Danville	CK	25	6	9	00	1 25	10 25	17 25	
F. W. Hall, "	CK	24	21	33	50	2 75	36 25	1 50	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "	CK	17	18	27	00	2 75	29 75		
W. S. Mead, Roanoke	GC	5	38	1	3 00		3 00	81 00	
A. L. Shidler, Roanoke	GC	5	48					166 25	
A. R. Dennis, Roanoke	GC		26					67 50	
Viola Joplin, Roanoke	PG		5	10	30 00		30 00		
A. Arkebauer, Roanoke	DR	4	32					50 00	
Totals		34	386	150	\$265 50	\$18 95	\$284 45	\$405 75	

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending August 12, 1911

H. Barto, McAllisterville	GC	4	37	20	60 00		60 00		
R. P. Morris, Hanover	GC	5	50	19	58 00		58 00		
H. B. Rohrer, Hanover	GC	5	43	12	36 00		36 00		
A. E. King, Moosic	GC	5	40	6	23 00	3 45	26 45	9 10	
*Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster	DR	9	93	18	56 00		56 00		
E. Sterner, Mifflingburg	CK	5	40	16	24 50	2 10	26 60		
H. Baumgartner, Mifflingburg	GC	5	45	14	42 00	1 90	43 90		
Totals		38	358	105	\$299 50	\$7 45	\$306 95	\$9 10	

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 11, 1911

H. Britton, Sussex Co. Del.	GC	4	34	13	41 00	10 75	51 75	1 00	
J. Jones, Queenstown Md.	GC	5	33	7	21 00	20 75	41 75	2 75	
D. W. Percy, Sussex Co. Del.	DA	9	62	10	30 00	6 00	36 00	101 05	
B. E. Manuel, Garret Ca. Md.	CK	3	30	10	16 00	6 00	22 55		
Totals		21	159	40	\$108 00	\$43 50	\$151 50	\$105 80	

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1219.40

Deliveries, \$1521.91

Newark	43 18
Norwalk	34 69
New Philadelphia	51 95
Pemberville	13 38
Piqua	46 66
Pleasant Hill	12 75
Lakeville	33 69
Powell	13 74
Ravenna	32 06
*Reedsville	
Rows	53 44
Sherwood	
*Shreve	
Spencer	59 54
Springfield	549 73
Toledo	96 67
Troy	
Van Wert	90
Walnut Grove	101 51
Washington C. H.	157 32
Waterford	46 10
*West Mansfield	
Wheelerburg	214 32
Wilmington	
Youngstown	45 60
Zanesville	78 99
Individuals	
Isolated	107 74

TOTAL... \$4,467 79

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

JULY, 1911

Tithe	\$4,467 79
Tract Society	1,041 96
Sabbath-school Donations	497 51
First Day Offerings	107 51
Annual Offering	18 62
Mid Summer Offerings	475 06
Mission Review	9 85
\$300,000 Fund	518 68
Mount Vernon College Fund	1 00
M. V. C. Tank Fund	30 66
Tent Fund	1 00
Blind Fund	5 00
Africa	12 50
Camera Fund Little Friend	60
Orphans and Aged	5 96
Tent and Hall Donations	31 89
Religious Liberty	
Ministry of Healing	
Missions	76 28
White Memorial Church	7 33
Wellsboro	
West Philadelphia	
York Company	
Sanitarium Relief Fund	
China	
Colored Work	
Missionary Volunteer Society	
City Work	
Caribbean Watchman Fund	
Jewish	

TOTAL... \$7,297 75

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The next issue of the VISITOR, No. 35, will bear date of September 6.

The Canvasser a Gospel Worker

The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the minister. Many of our young ministers and those who are fitting for the ministry would, if truly converted, do much good by working in the canvassing field. And by meeting the people and presenting to them our publications, they would gain an experience which they cannot gain by simply preaching. As they went from house to house, they could converse with the people, carrying with them the fragrance of Christ's life. In thus endeavoring to bless others, they would themselves be blessed; they would obtain an experience in faith; their knowledge of the Scriptures would greatly increase; and they would be constantly learning how to win souls for Christ. *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VI., p. 321.*

Something You Can Do

The following copy of a letter written by Lieut. Col. T. W. Richardson appeared in the *Sabbath Recorder*, a Seventh-day Baptist publication. The writer thinks that good might come by sending a number of similar letters from all parts of the world. "President, Imperial Court Martial, Berlin, Germany.

"Sir: In the English papers I have seen an account of a German soldier named Naumann who refuses to discharge military duties on the day we

call Saturday, claiming it to be the sabbath of the Bible. For this he has been imprisoned and has finally appealed to your court.

"Being myself a Sabbath-keeper (Saturday), I feel prompted to write you requesting an unbiased consideration of the case. I know nothing of the man, nor do I belong to his sect (Adventists), but I do know that from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset is God's Bible Sabbath, and it ought to be observed by all Christians, as Luther and Carlstadt admitted. The very name for Saturday in your language (Samstag) means Sabbath day. It is fairly common for the "b" to get changed into "m." In Italian and many other languages, the only name for Saturday is "Sabbath" (Sabato, Sabado, Sabbota, Szombat, Sambata, Samedi).

"In Germany I believe a man is free to be a Protestant instead of a Roman Catholic; then why not a Sabbath-keeping Protestant? You probably allow your soldiers to keep Sunday. Of course I admit there are some duties that must be done every day, but I trust you may see it reasonable to let a Sabbath-keeper keep the Sabbath as strictly as the strictest Sunday-keeper can keep Sunday.

"When I was on military service I used to exchange duties with my brother officers, so as to have the Sabbath as free as possible.

"The Reformation started in Germany, and your country has defended the open Bible; surely, therefore, you cannot condemn a man for obeying and respecting that Bible, and thus further helping to complete the Reformation that Luther and Carlstadt so nobly started.

"Trusting you will see your way to give these points a careful consideration, I am, Sir, Yours respectfully,
"Thos. Wm. Richardson."

In answer to one of the requirements in the review of "Christ's Object Lessons," the last book in the young people's reading course, Miss Ruth Wharram, of Geneva, O., sent in the following:—

Five sentences to be remembered:—
"There can be no life without growth."

"Not judgment and condemnation of others, but distrust of self, is the teaching of Christ's parables."

"However short our service, or humble our work, if in simple faith we follow Christ, we shall not be disappointed of a reward."

"It is not the length of time we labor, but our willingness to do the

work, that makes it acceptable to God."

"Every penny used unnecessarily deprives the spender of a precious opportunity of doing good."

The September Signs

The September *Signs of the Times* is now ready for delivery, and its striking cover and important contents will appeal to and interest the people.

The cover design is supported by a strong article by the editor, showing the intensity of the present times and conditions. Elder J. O. Corliss writes in his forceful way on "The Genesis of the Human Race." This is the first of a series of articles on this absorbing subject, and you ought to follow them. Elder T. E. Brown continues his studies on the subject, "Are Seventh-day Adventists False Teachers and Impostors?" These articles are proving interesting, and are presenting points of Present Truth in a way that holds the readers. They are the very ones that you should be placing in the homes of your townspeople. This one is especially important. The studies in definite creation events will be continued in the same interesting style, showing the testimony of science as to what occurred on the first six days of creation week.

These four articles alone are well worth the price of the magazine, but there are a number of others, and a good line of current topics and good illustrations. In fact the September number of the *Signs* is brimful of just what is wanted and needed. Take hold in earnest. Send for a number of copies at once, and place them in the hands of those in whom you are interested. 10 copies for 50 cents, 20 copies for \$1.00, 50 copies for \$2.00. Order through your tract society.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of Mount Vernon College corporation will be held in connection with the Ohio camp-meeting at Wooster, Ohio, Thursday, August 24, 1911, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing seven trustees, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. S. M. BUTLER, Secretary.

WANTED.—A married couple to care for a farm, the man to work on the farm, and the woman to do general housework; must be Seventh-day Adventists. For particulars address R. A. Cunningham, Route 2, Box 53, Elizabeth, W. Va.