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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Ledger of Heaven

O, the wonderful ledger the angels keep!
And the watchful eyelids that never sleep,
And the tireless penmen that watch and weep
Over the words they write!

How oft are the hearts of the angels pained,
And how oft are the pages soiled and stained!
How much is lost and how little gained
In struggling for the right!

'Tis thus I mused, in the twilight gray,
In the deep'ning gloom at the close of day,
Ere I rev'rently knelt by my couch to pray,
And laid me down to rest.

And I dreamed that a glorious angel fair
Had borne me away through the boundless air,
To the pearly gates of that city where
Dwelt the good and blest.

O, the peace I left, as my mortal tongue
Joined in the songs that the seraphs sung,
As back were the massive portals flung
At the touch of the angel's hand!
We stood on the banks of the river wide,
Which flows from the throne in a crystal tide,
And I safely followed my shining guide
Over that blissful land.

Still on through the ambient air we sped,
Till she laid her hand on my trembling head;
"Behold the ledger of heaven," she said—
And quick on my wond'ring view
There seemed to flash like a ray of light,
The mystic pen of an angel bright,
As he wrote in the ledger pure and white
The record of life—so true!

And every deed of my life was there—
The careless word and the honest prayer—
And some of the pages were white and fair,
And others were soiled with sin.
And the thoughts of my heart that
were long concealed
Were written down and all revealed.
And, O, how I wished that the book were
sealed,

And the record were hid within!
And my cheek was crimson, as, one by one,
I read the record of deeds I'd done,
And of victories lost that I might have won,
In the hour of mortal strife,
And of gentle words that I might have said;
But, ah! there were hasty words instead;
And now were the golden moments fled,
And mine was a misspent life!

"O, had I but known!" in my grief I cried,
And weeping turned to the angel's side
"I bring thee hope," said the angel guide;
"Thy Saviour has prayed for thee,
And thou shalt return to the earth again,
And dwell once more 'mong the sons of men.
But, O, remember the angel's pen!
Ah! what shall thy record be?"

With tears of joy at length I woke,
And rose from my couch, for the morn had
broke.

"The Lord be praised!" were the words I
spoke,

"For the beautiful lesson given.
I will guard my lips with a jealous care,
I will keep my heart from the tempter's snare,
Lest sin be found on the pages fair
Of the record book of heaven."

My soul, how oft have the angels wept
Over the shameful record kept,
While the daughters of Zion have idly slept,
Nor dreamed of their fearful doom!
O, haste, for the moments are passing fast,
Ere the summer is ended, the harvest past,
And the ledger of heaven is read at last,
And the King of kings shall come!
—Mrs. L. D. Avery Stuttle.

The Religious Liberty Work

A recent letter to our office from a newly elected religious liberty secretary asked for full information concerning his duties, and for literature on the subject of the principles of religious liberty. In our response we told him among other things that one of the most important adjuncts to the administration of his office would be a copy of "American State Papers." When we consider the fact that American history furnishes us incidents and experiences in properly applying the principles enunciated by the Saviour on the question of the separation of church and state, it is hardly possible to over-estimate the value of this important work. "American State Papers" is just from the press after having been revised very carefully and somewhat enlarged. Referring to this work, an advertisement says that it is "a compilation of rare and valuable documents on religious legislation, which have appeared at various times during our

colonial and national history, showing, by the plainest system of deduction, the attitude civil government should sustain toward such legislation."

Attention is called to this work at this time in order to emphasize all that has been said in favor of our religious liberty workers' furnishing themselves with copies of the book. Our canvassers and church officers in general should see to it that this work is given a wide circulation.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Duty in Regard to Baptism

The following, dated Aug. 24, 1850, was published in the *California Missionary*, Feb. 10, 1901, and again in the *Review*, July 19, 1901. It may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR in the time when the children of the Lord are breaking the last cord that binds them to weakness and lack of faith in regard to duty.

"Said the angel, 'Can ye stand in the battle in the day of the Lord? Ye need to be washed and live in nearness to God.' Then I saw that those whose hands are making up the breach, those who are standing in the gap, that have since 1844 broken the commandments and have so far followed the pope as to keep the first day instead of the seventh, and who have since the light shone out of the Most Holy Place, changed their course, giving up the institution of the pope, and are keeping God's Sabbath, would have to go down into the water and be baptized into the faith of the sanctuary, and the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

"I saw that those who have been baptized as a door into the churches would have to be baptized again as a door into the faith. Those who have not been baptized since 1844 will have to be before Jesus comes, and some I saw would not make progress until that duty was performed. The angel said, 'Some try too hard to believe. Faith is so simple ye look above it.' Satan has deceived some, and got them to look at their own unworthi-

ness. I saw they must look away from self to the worthiness of Jesus and throw themselves just as they are, needy, dependent, upon his mercy, and draw, by faith, strength and nourishment from him." —Mrs. Ellen G. White.

"We Must Keep in Our Ranks all the Means of which We Can Gain Control"

Thus Satan counsels his angles. He says more: "The more means the followers of Christ devote to his service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects." Control the money matters if you can, and drive their [Seventh-day Adventist] ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. Battle every inch of ground."

When it comes to money matters the fallen angel, Lucifer, is at home. He is an adept as a covetous financier. In this counsel he gave his angles, it is made clear that he understands there is a close connection between "money matters" and the winning of souls for Christ. By keeping in his "control" all the money possible, he keeps the third angel's message away from those he fully understands would be saved by it if they had the opportunity to hear it. He purposes they shall not have the opportunity by making it impossible for messengers who might give it to be sent out with it.

All this becomes interesting when we come up to the place where we are to go out among the people to gather money from them with which to send messengers to the people in distant lands whom Satan holds bound in his snares. That he will fight "every inch of ground" we must expect. That he will try to make us not want to go at all, is very probable. But let us look the thing squarely in the face and count every such suggestion as coming directly from God's enemy and set our hearts resolutely toward going out with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, believing the Lord will give us good success in gathering up means for him.

There are rich men and women who could give a thousand dollars, and less large sums; a few who could give even much more than a thousand dollars and not miss it. God needs this money to do his work. Satan wants to keep it working for him. His aim is to not let it out of his coffers. He counts it out of his hands when it gets into ours—into the treasury of the third angel's message.

Through faith and prayer to our God we can divert thousands of dollars this autumn into God's treasury, where it belongs, for the purpose of saving souls. Shall we do it?

We have from now until October 30 to pray about it, prepare for it by getting in hand a supply of papers especially prepared for this very thing, and then go out among the people to solicit their help.

If any reader of this paper has not already prepared for this good work, he can still join in it by ordering a good supply of Harvest Ingathering *Signs* of his tract society secretary, and be ready to do his part when the time comes.

T. E. BOWEN.

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

UNION

The Annual Offering for the Work Among the Colored People

It would be of more than usual interest, I am sure, for all our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference to participate this year in the annual offering for the work among the colored people. Sabbath, October 7, has been set apart as the day for the reception of this offering.

Two years ago at the General Conference the department for the work among the colored people was organized. In other words, the advancement of the third angel's message among the colored people received for the first time its organization at the General Conference of 1909. What has been the result of this organization? The results have been splendid indeed. Fully one-half of the colored people who are now Seventh-day Adventists in the United States were brought into the truth within the last two years. Or, in other words, as many believers from among the colored people have been added to this message in the last two years as were added in all the years of the message previous to 1909. This not only shows the great benefits of organization, but it also gives us courage at the outlook of our work by means of this department.

There is another reason that our offering for the colored people should be large this year—true, this is a secondary reason, but nevertheless one that gives us encouragement. The General Conference has decided that henceforth all offerings for the colored people shall be counted in the "ten-cent-a-week plan." Therefore,

in order that we might swell the grand total of our offerings for mission work, from which amount is drawn the money to be used for the advancement of the colored work, let us give liberally in response to the call that is to be made the first Sabbath in October.

We trust that throughout all the Union the laborers will call the attention of the churches to this offering, and that the one in charge of each church or each company will earnestly pray and zealously present this call, that the hearts of the people may generously respond to the needs of this work.

I have just returned from the Virginia camp-meeting. I was very much pleased to note during the business sessions of that camp-meeting a statement from the treasurer of the tract society in which he declared that the colored brethren of Virginia were not only just as zealous as our white brethren, but, in this case, even more zealous in keeping their accounts with the tract society balanced. All this goes to show us how well these brethren respond to efforts put forth in their behalf.

I was very much touched with the appeals made by our colored brethren on the Virginia camp-ground for more work to be done for them. There are in Virginia about 800,000 colored people,—a state in itself; and yet up to this time comparatively little has been done for them. They respond readily to the presentation of the message, and, upon its acceptance, become firm believers in the Testimonies, and earnest in their efforts to advance the truth. May the Lord bless us in receiving this year a large offering for this work.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Elder W. J. Stone, formerly president of Indiana Conference was elected president of the Virginia Conference at its recent session. Elder Stone was with the Virginia campers during the last part of their meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Panches are moving from Richmond, Va., to Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Panches having been elected state canvassing agent of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Brother and Sister Panches attended a part of the New Jersey camp-meeting.

Elder E. K. Slade, recently elected president of the Ohio Conference, will be in Mount Vernon after the close of the East Michigan camp-

meeting, and will make his headquarters at Mount Vernon.

Elder James E. Shultz, educational secretary of the Columbia Union, has accepted a call to Mount Vernon College, where he will act as preceptor and continue his work in the college course.

Elder B. F. Kneeland was elected president of the West Pennsylvania Conference. At the close of the New Jersey camp-meeting he will move with his family to Pittsburg, which is to be the new headquarters of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

The largest club of the VISITOR taken by any church in the Columbia Union is that taken by the church at Baltimore, Md.

AT THE COLLEGE

"Don't look for flaws as you go through life;
And even when you find them
It's wise and kind to be somewhat blind,
And look for the virtue behind them."

Mr. Berl Wagner decided to spend another year in Mount Vernon College and was among the first students to arrive.

Miss Laura Ross of Jefferson was a visitor at the College last week, having accompanied her niece, Miss Ruth Atwell, whose sister was a student here two years ago and is now in the Chinese mission field.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence V. Leach arrived in Mount Vernon last Thursday and entered classes at the College. Mr. Leach brought with him his sister, who has entered the training school.

Miss Carrie Leach of Litchfield, O., is coming to Mount Vernon to fill the position of head nurse at the Sanitarium.

Mrs. C. O. Rockwell, of Roaring Branch, Pa., is visiting her son at the College on her way to California.

The Mount Vernon Training School opened last Wednesday with an attendance of seventeen.

Among the new students are Alvin Perrine, Oscar Marietta, Thoburn Martin, and Anita Smallwood, who were in the Mount Vernon Training School last year.

Mrs. Rushmer spent a few days at the College with her daughter at the opening of school.

Miss Florence Austin was called home on the opening day of school by the illness of her mother.

Mr. Homer Baumgartner, who has been canvassing for a scholarship, returned this year with his sister.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Frank Elder may not be in school this year on the account of the death of his brother, which occurred Wednesday, September 13.

Miss Lottie Gibson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Collingwood, at New London, O.

Mrs. Minnie Kuhn, of Lore City, O., accompanied her daughter, Golden, to Mount Vernon last Friday. Miss Kuhn is taking up work in the music department of the College.

Miss Francis Arnold has entered the nurse's course at the Melrose Sanitarium.

Messrs. Wheeler, Wagner, Jacques, and A. I. Baker have joined Messrs. Weaver and Morris in the printing office.

Miss Cora A. Miller will call at Mount Vernon on her way to Washington, D. C., to enter the Foreign Mission Seminary.

Winfield Calvin, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lorne Pengelly, of Philadelphia, died Sunday, September 10, at Sabeka, Minn., while his parents were visiting relatives of Mrs. Pengelly at that place.

Mr. Harley T. Forsythe was a visitor at the College last week. He is now canvassing in Sanduskey, O., and expects to be in school after New Year's.

The students' Sabbath-school reorganized with a membership of 101.

Elder Wm. Woodford, of the Southern Illinois Conference is visiting friends in Mount Vernon. On Sabbath morning he spoke to the church members and students assembled in chapel.

The first Friday evening prayer meeting, conducted by Elder Butler, was an inspiration to old students and new. A large number of earnest, consecrated young people testified to the goodness of God in bringing them to this place, and all rose to their feet signifying their determination to be more earnest and faithful in the service of their Master during the school year before them.

WEST VIRGINIA

The following letter was received from Elder Robbins, who is holding a short series of meetings at Glady, in Randolph County, West Virginia.

"Dear Brother: We are holding meetings in the school house at Glady. I held my first meeting last Friday evening. The people appear to be very much interested in the truths which are being presented. There was an audience of about one hundred and twenty-five last Sunday night (September 3), and an average of about seventy-five each night since. The choir with its organist, from the Presbyterian church, came out every night and lead the singing. They are very attentive listeners to the sermons. I have an invitation to visit the home of the organist to-day. She and her husband are both interested in the truth. They are excellent people and have quite an influence with the people here. The singers come into the school house and take their place around the organ as if it were their own church. I hope some may take their stand for this truth.

"There is an elderly lawyer who, with his family, comes out to almost every meeting; they say they do not want to miss a sermon. The father and daughter both sing in the choir. They are much interested."

Brethren, the camp-meeting will soon be with us. Are we ready for it? Have we made all our arrangements to be there? Are we expecting God to be with us?

We are confidently looking for and expecting that the Lord will be with us. Come, for this may be the last camp-meeting that many of us may ever attend. The evidences on every hand of the soon-coming of the Lord in the clouds of heaven, are so great that we cannot afford to miss any opportunity presented to assemble ourselves together and enjoy the rich spiritual blessings which are always in store for God's people. Come

brethren, let nothing stand in your way. Come and enjoy the rich feast that is in waiting.

Elder Robbins was called from Glady, W. Va., where he had been holding a very interesting series of meetings, to officiate at the funeral ceremony of Elder W. R. Foggin. Elder Foggin had been connected with the West Virginia Conference since its organization, and had brought, through his labors, the light of the Sabbath truth to many in this conference. He died at his home in Reedsville.

Dr. Sisco of the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium will be with us at the camp-meeting, where he may be consulted by any present who may be in need of medical advice. He may probably be accompanied by a nurse.

Brother and Sister Vaughn, with their little daughter, paid the office a very pleasant visit to-day.

Elder H. W. Waggoner of the Amos church contemplates moving, with his family, to Clarksburg.

Do not forget the camp-meeting—Parkersburg, September 28 to October 8. Take the Seventh Street car.

CHESAPEAKE

A Report of the Work in Baltimore During the Summer of 1911*

Many times I have looked out over the great city of Baltimore from the window of the upper floor of one of the sky-scrapers of the city, and letting my glance run over the tens of thousands of homes and the hundreds of thousands of people whom they shelter, I have wondered how they were all to be reached with the great message that is being delivered by Seventh-day Adventists. We have been working here in this city for many years, much house to house work has been done, many tracts have been distributed, many hall and tent efforts held, and yet at the beginning of this summer as I attempted to lay plans for the warning of the city, I knew that there were tens of thousands of people in Baltimore who knew nothing whatever of what

*Read at the 1911 session of the Chesapeake Conference, at Dover, Del.

Seventh-day Adventists are teaching, and many of them had never heard the name Seventh-day Adventist. How few there were in the great city that knew anything at all concerning the message which God in his infinite mercy is sending to all the world!

In thinking over the matter of reaching the people with the truth, I knew that the time would come when all the people of this as well as other cities would have an opportunity to hear or read the truths of the message, and I tried to think how this was to be accomplished. Looking over the thousands of homes of the city, I was impressed with the fact that about the only thing that went into all these homes which could carry the truth with it was the daily newspaper. Very few of the homes in any city are without the newspapers. Very nearly everyone in the cities and towns is acquainted with the current news and happenings of the day. If, then, we would reach them with the most important matter of all time, it seemed obvious that the way to do it the most effectively and rapidly was in some way to secure the publication of the truths of the message in the daily papers. It would take years for the canvasser to reach every home in this great city with one of our publications, it would take years for Bible workers to visit every home of the city and teach the people the truth, in fact this work can never be done in this way, for our workers will not be received in all the homes. It would take years for all the people to be reached by tent efforts; for there are only a comparative few who ever attend the most successful tent effort. But the paper, the daily newspaper, visits all the homes in the city every day in every week of the year. It seemed obvious, therefore, that the thing to do was to get the truth in the daily newspaper.

In talking this matter over with Brother Walter L. Bergan, an experienced newspaper man, a member of the editorial staff of the *Baltimore American*, and a member of the Baltimore church, whom many here will remember as one of those who were baptized at the last camp-meeting in Chestertown, Md., I was encouraged to believe that with proper care and effort it might be possible for us to get some reports of sermons in the paper. I desire to say in this connection that the success with which our efforts in Baltimore this summer have been crowned is largely due to the care and pains which were taken

by Brother Burgan in instructing me how to write articles for the press. I do not mean by this that the success in getting them into the paper depended upon Brother Burgan, for I wish to emphasize the thought that what has been done in Baltimore this summer can be done just as easily everywhere else where the same methods are followed. This is not a thing which depends on our having a Brother Burgan in every newspaper office in the country. It can and will succeed where we have no friend at court. All that it needs is for the men who do it to know how to do it. There are just as many little things connected with writing for the paper as there are in any other work or calling, the knowing of which or the ignorance of which makes the difference between success and failure. I am of the firm conviction that if all our workers throughout the country could be instructed in the matter of writing for the press it would be possible for us to warn very quickly the entire population of the United States, and of the world as well, of the soon-coming of our Saviour. And it would not take them long to learn what it is necessary to know. They could all be instructed very quickly. But it ought not to be neglected any longer, for knowing how is the thing that is essential to success.

While the success that has attended our efforts in getting these articles in the papers of Baltimore has been largely due to the fact that we made the effort to do it, and took the time to do it, it is nevertheless the fact that it is just as largely due, and undoubtedly more so, to the wonderful working of the spirit of God. None of us who have been connected with the work in Baltimore have any desire to claim any of the credit for this work for ourselves. Many times we have been made to exclaim at the evidence of God's guiding hand, for many things that we had no expectation of seeing we have been privileged to see during this wonderful summer's work. God himself has been at work, his guiding hand has been over the effort in Baltimore, and we gratefully acknowledge that without his power and guidance we would not have seen the success that we have witnessed. Many incidents might be cited to show that God has blessed this work. One, however, must suffice. In the office of the papers, it is the city editor who handles all city news. Over the city editor is the managing editor, who in all newspaper offices is the court of last

resort as to what matter shall go into the paper. The city editor of the *Baltimore American* has received this summer from me fifty-five articles, fifty-one of which he has published. When about forty had been published, the managing editor went to the city editor and directed him not to publish any more of the reports of the tent meetings. The city editor, however, declared that these reports were good ones, with considerable news value, and that many people were interested in reading them, and that he intended to keep on putting them in the paper. The managing editor insisted that they be left out, but the city editor told him he intended using them in the paper; and use them he did. In many such ways as this we have seen the guiding hand of our God in this newspaper campaign, and as we report these things to this conference we feel that our gratitude is due him for all that has been accomplished in it.

Some statistics of this work may be of interest to the delegates. During the course of the tent effort we sent 88 articles to the daily papers in Baltimore, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Baltimore American*, the *Evening Star*, the *Baltimore News*, and the *Evening Sun*. Two of these are morning papers, and three are evening papers. Most of the reports of sermons have been in the morning papers, the *American* and the *Sun*. How marvelous this work has seemed to us will be seen when I say that the *Sun* is a Catholic paper, and can almost be called Cardinal Gibbons' official organ. The time has been when any reporter from another paper calling on the Cardinal for news was told to go to the *Sun* for the information that he wanted. And yet God has opened the pages of even the *Sun* to articles containing the truths of the third angel's message.

Of the eighty-eight articles taken to the papers, eighty-four have been printed. The *American* has published seventy-two, the *Sun* twenty-three, the *News* nine, the *Star* four, and the *Evening Sun* one. In connection with three of these articles pictures have been published, one of Dr. Bourdeau-Sisco, and two of the writer.

The *Baltimore American* has a circulation of 80,000 copies daily. The *Sun* has a circulation of 85,000 daily. The *News* has a circulation of 75,000 daily. The *Star* has 55,000, and the *Evening Sun* 35,000. From this it can be seen that the *American* has published 80,000 copies each of seventy-two articles on some phase of pres-

ent truth. The *Sun* has published 85,000 copies each of twenty-three articles; the *News* 75,000 copies each of nine articles; and the *Star* has had two articles of which it published 55,000 copies each; while the *Evening Sun* published 35,000 copies of one article. Totalling these figures of circulation we find that of all the papers in Baltimore there have been printed and circulated 8,645,000 copies of newspapers, each one of which contained an article on some principle of the message: Reckoning five readers to a copy, as newspapers do to find the number of their readers, we discover that the papers published in Baltimore this summer containing articles on different points of the truth have been read by 43,225,000 people.

The *American* and the *Sun* cover the whole state of Maryland, and much of Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia. They also go to a considerable part of Pennsylvania. They are sold on all the news stands of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, in all the towns and cities from Richmond, Va., to Boston, Mass. I have received letters from people in Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, telling me that they were reading the articles in the papers. Hundreds of thousands of people have seen these reports of sermons on the truth, and only the day of God will reveal what good has been accomplished through this summer's newspaper campaign. In the city of Baltimore itself, these newspaper reports have interested so many people that I have found it necessary to do very little advertising in any other way, for the newspapers have brought the audiences. I wish to add in closing my report on this part of this summer's work, that all this newspaper publicity has not cost one cent. We have not even advertised in any of the papers. The papers have received absolutely nothing for anything that they have published.

I have dwelt at considerable length on this newspaper work, for we have felt that this has been the feature of the Baltimore effort. Now, however, permit me to submit some facts with regard to the tent effort itself. The first meeting was held on Sunday night, July 9. About four hundred people attended this meeting. During the effort we have held fifty-four meetings. At these meetings 10,675 people have been in attendance. This makes an average attendance of 197 at each meeting. The donations have amounted to \$120.10, which

makes an average nightly collection of \$2.22. At the last three Sunday night meetings pledges were taken from the audience to help carry on a series of Sunday afternoon theatre meetings this winter; and so far about \$150 has been pledged for this purpose. On these pledges \$80 has been paid.

God has wonderfully blessed in presenting the truths to the people. There is a great interest in the message, which we shall return from this conference to develop.

About twenty-five people are observing the Sabbath as a result of the meetings, and will be ready for baptism in a few weeks. We are endeavoring to secure some suitable place for this baptism, some stream or lake near the city; and we fully expect that when the announcement of the baptism is made in the Baltimore papers, many thousands of people will be present to witness this sacred and solemn ceremony.

I have been privileged in the tent effort during the summer to be associated with two earnest, efficient, and zealous Bible workers, Sister Cassie Wilson, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, and Sister Ethel Carroll, of the Hagerstown church. They have done very faithful work in visiting the people and instructing them in the truths of the message. Sister Wilson will return to the Seminary at the close of this conference, but Sister Carroll is planning to return to Baltimore to follow up the interest created by the tent effort. Brother W. J. Vanzant, of the Rock Hall church, has acted as tent master throughout the effort.

I wish to make special mention of the Monday night health meetings which have been held in the tent during the effort. Every Monday night has been devoted to health topics, lectures being delivered by our good physicians from Takoma Park. In all, nine of these meetings have been held, and it is impossible to accurately estimate the good that has been done by the instruction given in the principles of health. One thing has been very noticeable, and that is, that from being the worst night of the week, the Monday night health meetings have become the best of the week. Next to Sunday night, the largest attendance has been on Monday night, and many people have been attracted to the meetings by becoming interested in the health lectures. Four lectures were delivered by Dr. R. S. Ingersoll, two by Dr. Patience Bourdeau-Sisco, two by Dr. Lauretta Kress, and one by Dr. Olive

Ingersoll. The reports of these meetings have been given the most space by the daily papers.

For the many signal blessings which our heavenly Father has showered upon us during this effort, for the preservation of our health and strength, for the presence of his Spirit in the meetings to impress and convince the people, for adding souls to the faith, for his loving care over the workers, and his protection from harm and danger, and for the privilege of working with him for the precious souls of men, we herewith express our heartfelt gratitude to the Author of the great message we bear.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

OHIO

A Letter from the Tract Society

Dear Co-workers:

We are writing you at this time in the interest of the coming Ingathering Campaign. No doubt you are aware that the Pacific Press will issue a special Ingathering *Signs* to take the place of the special *Review* used heretofore. The Pacific Press has already ordered eight car-loads of paper for this special issue, and by the time this letter reaches you it will be ready for mailing. Therefore, we are calling your attention to this matter in order that you may make up your orders at an early date and forward them to this office. All orders should reach us not later than October 1. This will give us ample time to fill your orders and get the papers to you before the dates October 30 to November 3, the time set apart for this important work.

We trust you will feel free to order a liberal supply for this campaign. We know that you are interested in this important work and love to see the message advance in the regions beyond. This line of work affords us an excellent opportunity to discharge a double responsibility which rests upon every lover of this precious message. In our respective communities we are set as watchmen to give the warning of impending doom, and proclaim the message of a soon-coming Saviour. On the other hand our work is aggressive, and we are commissioned to preach the gospel to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." The Harvest Ingathering work proves, in a most interesting and fitting way, the facilities for discharging both these responsibilities.

Last year the sum of \$45,000.00 was gathered as a result of distributing

nearly 700,000 papers. After paying all the expenses of these campaigns, including the cost of the papers distributed, a net sum of \$30,000.00 was left for the support of our foreign mission enterprises. This amount enabled us to pay the missionaries who must otherwise have remained at home. We hope we shall be able to double this amount this season. What an important factor this would be for advancing the message in new fields! May we not have your hearty support and cooperation in this important work?

Yours for the advancement of the message,
Ohio Tract Society,
J. I. CASSELL, *Secretary*.

Mr. A. J. Kennedy, of the Newark Sanitarium, and Mrs. W. C. Moffett were called last week to Graysville, Tenn., by the death of their father.

The Columbus church sent six students to Mount Vernon College this year.

Elder H. H. Burkholder was in attendance at the East Michigan camp-meeting last week.

Elder Moffett assisted Mr. S. F. Love in organizing the church school at Clyde. The attendance on the first day was eleven. Mr. Love is from the Foreign Mission Seminary. On his way to Clyde he spent a week with friends in southeastern Ohio.

Mrs. G. A. Donnelly, of Academia, died last Friday evening. She had been ill for some time and had recently undergone an operation and seemed to be recovering. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Guy and Ray Corder, who have been among our faithful canvassers for the past several years, are now in Mount Vernon College. We wish them success.

Miss Ida Walter and Mrs. John Frances Olmsted are visiting friends in Michigan and will spend a few days at the East Michigan camp-meeting.

Mrs. Shultz returned last week from her visit at Clyde.

Elder Moffett met with the Columbus church on Sabbath. The church entered very enthusiastically into the making of plans for the coming year

of church school work. The Columbus school opened Monday with Mrs. Anna Franklin Holobough as teacher.

On account of the ill health of her mother, Miss Florence Hottes will not be able to resume church school work this year, but will spend the year at her home near Dayton.

The October Watchman

Our October *Watchman* points to the "City Without a Church" or the New Jerusalem. This world is, after all, divided into two classes; one class striving after the things of this world and the other after things eternal. This fact is vividly portrayed on the cover page, illustrating two cities. Compare the great city of light with the great Babylons men have made, and then "Choose you this day, whom ye will serve." Josh. 24:15.

Our leading editorial entitled "The Eternal City" will be an excellent article to hand your neighbor to read. As you know, the popular theory places our loved ones in heaven at death, far removed from this world's troubles. Is it true? Where is heaven? The prophet Isaiah, speaking of the new earth, says: "And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them." Isa. 65:21. A straightforward Bible answer to this perplexing question. G. B. Starr answers the important question, "Will Jesus Come?" Will he come to our world to gather the redeemed? Many doubt it because of the great advance being made toward universal peace. The popular idea causes him to come into the hearts of men to reign. Is this true? The apostle says: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." 1 Thess. 5:2, 3. A true explanation of the deluding peace movement that lulls society to-day.

Will sin always exist? Will God always permit it? Are other worlds involved in the rebellion? The editor will give a very thoughtful treatise on "Our World an Object Lesson." It will be shown we are but the actors in the great and dreadful drama, enacted for the instruction of God's universe, to expose to sinless beings the exceeding sinfulness of sin. The finale is being watched with intense interest by a heavenly audience; soon it will close, and our world will have given its object lesson, and sin and sinners will be no more. Excel-

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending, September 8, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	69	13	40 00	7 20	47 20	1 50	
S. N. Brown, Danville		CK	57	16	24 00	1 75	25 75	136 00	
F. W. Hall, "		"	73	30	45 00	3 50	48 50	82 75	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	8					61 00	
W. T. Durst, "		CK	82	6	9 00		9 00	92 75	
Mrs. S. N. Brown, Danville		CK						69 25	
W. S. Mead, Roanoke		GC	41	1	4 00		4 00	60 35	
A. L. Shidler, "		"	53	1	3 00	75	3 75	225 50	
A. R. Dennis, "		"	44	8	25 00	7 00	32 00	50 00	
Viola Joplin, "		PG	4	5	16 00		16 00		
Totals			421	80	\$166 00	\$20 20	\$186 20	\$779 70	

West Virginia, Week Ending September 1, 1911

W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.	DR	5	45	25	72 00	21 75	93 75	3 75
Clara Pettit, Logan Co.	PG	5	30	22	77 00	5 00	82 00	
H. V. Leach, Logan Co.	PG	5	30	20	67 00		67 00	
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.	DR	2	26	17	53 00	1 50	54 50	1 00
A. T. Halstead, Boone Co.	DA	2	16					34 05
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	5	40	7	20 00	4 00	24 00	3 50
J. R. Midkiff, Upshur Co.	CK	1	6					11 90
Totals		25	194	91	\$289 00	\$32 25	\$321 25	\$54 20

Ohio, Week Ending September 8, 1911

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	3	25	1	3 00		3 00	273 75
L. H. Waters, Wyandot Co.	BF	5	43	30	36 50	6 50	43 00	50
J. W. Smith, Gallia Co.	CK	4	44					157 50
Lsyd Swallen, Meigs Co.	"	4	37					145 25
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	55	5	17 50	8 45	25 95	149 25
Edgar Welch, Warren Co.	GC	3	32					103 75
Totals		24	236	36	\$57 00	\$14 95	\$68 95	\$830 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 9, 1911

M. Gerhart, Easton	CK	5	42	17	27 50	11 20	38 70	9 20
I. Gearhart, Easton	CK	5	40	20	32 50	11 85	44 35	11 85
D. Rebok, Carlisle	CK	2	21					80 25
H. B. Rohrer, Hanover	DR	2	24	1	3 00	6 25	9 25	90 00
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.	DR	5	36	10	30 00		30 00	
H. Baumgartner, Union Co.	GC	3	33	1	3 00	1 50	4 50	199 50
R. P. Morris, Adams Co.	GC	5	42	20	69 00		69 00	
Totals		27	238	69	\$165 00	\$30 80	\$195 80	\$390 80

Ohio, Two Weeks Ending September 1, 1911

Loyd Swallen, Gallia Co.	CK	8	69	39	61 00		61 00	3 00
Totals		8	69	39	\$61 00		\$61 00	\$3 00

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lent to show to your doubting neighbors.

The *Watchman* will have a full report of the National Reform Movement. This movement held a recent convention and its principles and workings will be thoroughly reviewed. Is America free? Most people regard the principles of Protestantism and free America as synonymous. Few

realize they are being repudiated in this country. These principles are opposed to the broader ones of religious liberty, as vouchsafed to us by that great instrument, the American constitution. Every lover of religious and civil liberty should read this article. Get a dozen and distribute to your friends and neighbors. Do you not think this is a strong number made

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"The Spirit and Purpose of Discipline," as set forth in the September-October number of *Christian Education*, will be worth far more than the subscription price of the journal to our church-school teachers, and its value to parents will be limited only by the use they make of the suggestions given. Many children among the best families are ruined for life through the failure of parents to apply the principles taught in this article written by an experienced teacher and a parent.

The "Teachers Reading Course" begins in the September-October issue of *Christian Education*, No. 1, Vol.

One of our sisters in New York recently ordered *Liberty* sent to ten persons, two of them being Catholic ladies. She has just received word from these two that they can no longer receive the magazine, for fear of the priests. One of them used to keep it up in her attic, and would go there in the coldest weather and read it on the sly. She even kept one Sabbath, but was finally persuaded to go to confession to the priest. She did so, and so ended her search for the truth. She does not wish to read any more of our literature. So much for religious liberty among Catholics in so-called free America.

Have you seen the *Seattle* (Washington) *Star*, for Saturday August 19, 1911? It contained on the front page an article exposing the slavery methods used by the House of the Good Shepherd of that city. Rome, however, has succeeded in smothering the investigation concerning the House of the Good Shepherd. Doubtless you could obtain a copy of the paper by sending ten cents.

A business man in Detroit, Mich., recently ordered 100 copies the of *Protestant*, No. 2, to distribute among his

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friends. He wished them to read the article entitled "A Remarkable Document." A business man in Louisville, Ky., last week sent us \$5.00 for his subscription, and also for 119 copies of the *Protestant*, No. 3, to distribute among his friends and acquaintances in order to secure their subscriptions.

The College Press

Since the close of the last school year at Mount Vernon College, Brethren Weaver and Morris have been kept busy printing the VISITOR, and have not had time to do much work along other lines; but now that the printing department force has been increased by four worthy young men students, one of whom has had about fourteen years' experience in job printing, we feel that we are in a position to solicit the printing of the various conferences of the Union.

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