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

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"One ship drives east and another drives west

With the self-same winds that blow.

'Tis the set of the sails,

And not the gales,

Which tells us the way to go.

"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;

As we voyage along through life,

'Tis the set of a soul

That decides its goal,

And not the calm or the strife."

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

Sabbath, October 28, has been set apart by the General Conference as the Sabbath for our churches to come together to carry out the suggestive program which will be found in the VISITOR on another page. That suggestive program is given in order that all the churches may outline and prepare their work for the Harvest Ingathering campaign of this year. It is planned that actual work among the people with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs of the Times* will begin October 30. We therefore earnestly urge all our churches throughout the Union to begin to prepare not later than Sabbath, October 14, to carry out this suggestive program. At that time persons should be appointed to prepare and present the different parts of the program.

It will be needless for me to say much more respecting the value of this great Harvest Ingathering campaign. All of our brethren throughout the churches know that for the past two or three years it has contributed a handsome fund for the increase of our missionary operations in foreign fields; but who can measure the benefits which have resulted as our brethren went from home to home using their personal influence in presenting to the people a paper filled with important points relating to the work of the message and in instruct-

ing the people concerning the third angel which is flying through the midst of heaven and proclaiming to all men the last message of warning to this generation. The great solemnity of these facts ought to bring us to our knees in earnest prayer to God; and prayer in turn will re-impress upon our hearts the value and solemnity of the truth which we are handling. It is indeed a glorious privilege that we have in being servants of the living God. It is as Dionysius, one of the early Christians who had witnessed the persecutions of the first century, wrote:—

"The Christians," says this writer, "are not distinguished from other men by country, by language, or by civil institutions; for they neither dwell in cities by themselves nor use a peculiar tongue nor lead a singular mode of life. Yet they present a wonderful and confessedly paradoxical conduct. They dwell in their own native lands, but as strangers. They take part in all things as citizens, and they suffer all things as foreigners. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every native land is a foreign. They marry like others; they have children; but they do not cast away their offspring. They have the table in common, but not wives. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They live upon earth, but are citizens of heaven. They obey the existing laws, and excel the laws by their lives. They love all and are persecuted by all. They are unknown, and yet they are condemned. They are poor and make many rich. They lack all things and in all things abound."

What a beautiful picture of the early Christians; and yet the Saviour has told us that when he comes the second time his church on earth will be in this pure condition, even as the one which he left when he ascended to heaven. Let us seek to fulfil the Saviour's anticipation in this respect, and make our work this coming fall and winter an evidence of our being detached from the earth to become more attached to heaven.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Columbus Christian Citizenship Convention

In the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, September 25 and 26, the National Reform Association held a convention, with the object of launching its views on national and state reformation, and also to establish permanently its organization in this state.

Mayor Marshall heartily welcomed the Convention to Columbus. He said the movement was in harmony with his personal views, and that it represented the best thought of the best people of Columbus.

Bishop D. H. Moore, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal church, who presided the first evening, said that "the fagot and stake do not enter into real reform," but that "we should all go on without losing our tempers, and give ourselves to this work."

W. S. McClure, D. D., of Xenia, read a strong and vigorous paper entitled, "The Sabbath as a Civic Necessity." Dr. McClure argued that "God is the moral governor of mind and matter and that all righteous law is based on the ten commandments; people have no more right to violate the fourth than any other." "The state's duty is to punish any infraction of the moral law." He said; "Rest is essential; for the barber's razor must have rest, and machinery gives better service when it has periodical rest. Street car mules in New York which have Sunday off live much longer than those which work seven days in the week." "Israel prospered while keeping the Sabbath, but fell when they profaned the day." "The Sabbath is necessary for the maintenance of the church; and the violation of the Lord's day by man or nation means no worship, no religion, and no God. The refusal to keep the Sabbath means to walk in practical atheism." Of course the Doctor gave no scriptural evidence whatever on the change from God's Sabbath to the "Christian Sabbath," but took it for granted that quotations in both Old and New Testaments referred to the "Sunday Sabbath."

The following are some of the sayings of the Rev. J. S. Martin, General Superintendent of the National Reform Association: "Moral men can be made by law." "Sunday newspapers, the greatest enemy of Sabbath observance." "If the Sabbath law is trampled upon, all other law can be." "This is neither a Jewish nor a Roman Catholic country, and some of us are determined that it never shall be." "If the Jew does not like this country, let him stay out." "The conscience of the nation must rule the conscience of the individual." "I have no more respect for Americans who disbelieve the Bible than for the Jew,—hardly as much."

The speeches of Judge Kinkead of Columbus, and Judge Blair of Adams County, (who disfranchised 2,000 voters), were along the line of strict law enforcement.

Nearly all of the speakers mentioned this country as a "Christian nation," but Judge Blair introduced a little pessimism when he said; "Five thousand girls and women are sacrificed yearly in Chicago alone by prostitution. This nefarious business is more or less controlled by the city officials, bringing in an annual income of \$15,000,000." He said further that "in 1900 there were 52,000 divorces in the United States—to-day there are 100,000. There is from ten to fifteen per cent gain a year in divorces, while marriages remain about the same." The Judge quoted Judge Ben Lindsey as saying: "Two millions born a year with their 200,000 delinquents." This startling evidence certainly does not sound well for a so-called "Christian nation."

Rev. J. S. McGraw, National Field Secretary for the National Reform Association, said: "America for Christ; nation-wide campaign on civil government the most practical thing of the day." "The law of God is the only true basis of civil law." The reason advanced by the speaker that God's name and authority were omitted from the national Constitution was that at that time "French infidelity was sweeping over America," and that when Hamilton was interrogated on this point, said: "We forgot it." The speaker said: "The Sabbath is assailed everywhere. Thirty-five thousand mail trains, and ten times that number of men are working on the Lord's day. The safety of this nation depends upon this country's being brought to Christ."

C. G. Sterling of Indianapolis inferred that there should be a closer union between religion and the state, and that God should be officially

recognized in Ohio's Constitution. At this juncture a well known Columbus clergyman asked: "What would you do with the Jew who does not recognize Christ?" Both the speaker and Rev. McGaw agreed that the Jew did not belong here. Rev. McGaw said: (Reference, *Columbus Citizen*, page two, Sept. 26, 1911.) "If the Jew cannot stand the Christian government, which, because of its Christianity, has thrown open the doors of America to the down-trodden of the world, *the ocean liners are still running.*"

At the close of the convention Rev. J. A. Henderson, D. D., of Dayton was elected president of the Ohio State National Reform Association, with a strong corps of officers to assist him. The following resolutions were passed by the delegates to be considered at the coming Constitutional Convention: "Adequate safeguards for a civil Sunday." "Prohibition of sectarian instruction in the public schools, but not of Bible reading." "Recognition of Christianity as the basis of moral law in the preamble." "Provision regulating marriage and divorce in accordance with the moral laws of the Christian religion."

It is evident that if the Jew is to be excluded for his non-conformity to the principles of the National Reform Association, some others will also be persecuted or invited to take a continental trip to escape the wrath of reformation(?). It was the consensus of opinion that the name of God be inserted in the preamble of the Constitution and that the authority of Jesus Christ be recognized as the arbiter of nations. When this is done men will interpret both the law and its relation to the millions of this fair land of liberty.

The union of church and state is being consummated and not long hence "the dragon" will speak, the spirit of vengeance will be manifest, and again persecution will encircle the faithful. But the Author of salvation still directs in the affairs of men, and his hand is over all. Stand firmly and steadily upon Christian principles, and in a quiet, orderly way give the third angel's message in your community and help to send the gospel to the ends of the earth. Is it not time that we gird on the whole armor of God and do his work before the days of adversity come?

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,
Rel. Lib. Sec. Ohio Conf.

"A flaw in the foundation is pretty sure to be followed by a crack in the superstructure."

Antitheses

Life is but the grave of unfulfilled desires;
Heav'n—the loftiest height to which our hope aspires.
Life—the twinkling glimmer of eve's moonlight ray;
Heav'n—the grand effulgence of an endless day.
Life—a withering flow'ret in a darkened room;
Heav'n—the full-flushed Regia of eternal bloom.
Life—the mystic shadow of some distant scene;
Heav'n—a fairy landscape clad in fadeless green.
Life—the winding mazes of a path untrod,
Heav'n—the place celestial, the abode of God.
Life—a strained conception, hard, not understood;
Heav'n—the true, the beautiful, the blest, the good.
Life—discordant accents of Time's trembling wire;
Heav'n—the glorious anthem from the angel choir.
Life—a roily rivulet, wending slow its way;
Heav'n—Life's glorious river, bright with silv'ry spray.
Life—the fiery furnace where the gold is tried;
Heav'n—the garnished metal wrought and purified.
Life—those heavy losses sinking souls sustain;
Heav'n—the compensation and the priceless gain.
Life—the bloody battle where the strife moves on;
Heav'n—the crown of triumph and the victory won.
Life—the frown and censure, calumny and blame;
Heav'n—the seat of honor and enduring fame.
Life—a noisome pestilence, walking as by stealth;
Heav'n—the fount of youthfulness, blessed balm of health.
Life—the entangled problem by deep thought evolved;
Heav'n—the clear solution and the mystery solved.
Life—the name unspoken; life—the voice unheard;
Heav'n—the benediction of the Eternal Word.
Life—with tear-drops teeming, tend'rest ties are torn;
Heav'n—the long expected resurrection morn.
Life—the sealed-up tombstone where our loved ones lie;
Heav'n—the glad reunion in the by and by.
Look we ever heavenward, waiting wearily
For that change unchanging—immortality.

THORO HARRIS.

Suggestive Program for Fourth Sabbath Services

Opening Song: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." "Hymns and Tunes," No. 1055; "Christ in Song," No. 624.

Prayer.

Song: "Come, Saviour, Come." "Hymns and Tunes," No. 1333.

Reading: "Our Mission Work, Prospects, Needs, Help," by Conference president (to be read by church elder).

Recitation: "Almost, but Lost."

From the Fields,—

India—"Our work and Opportunity."

Africa—"The Year in West Africa;" "Among the Basutos with the Message of Christ's Coming."

China—"China's Need of the Word of God;" "The New Honan Training-School."

Japan—"Among Japan's millions."

Korea—"A Bible Institute for Women."

South America—"A Medical Evangelist Among the Aymaras of Peru."

Asia—"By the Caspian Sea."

Bible Lands—"To the Greek;" "Baptism in the Brook Cherith."

Recitation: "The Last Hour."

Closing Song: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling." "Hymns and Tunes," No. 1069; "Christ in Song," No. 641.

The above selections are all found in the *Mission Signs*.

The Teacher's Reward*

He who cooperates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with his, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that can not be completed in this life, but will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above.

An important element in educational work is enthusiasm. On this point there is a useful suggestion in a remark once made by a celebrated actor. The Archbishop of Canterbury had put to him the question why actors in a play affect their audiences so powerfully by speaking of things

imaginary, while ministers of the gospel often affect theirs so little by speaking of things real. "With due submission to your grace," replied the actor, permit me to say that the reason is plain: it lies in the power of enthusiasm. We on the stage speak of things imaginary as if they were real, and you in the pulpit speak of things real as if they were imaginary."

The teacher in his work is dealing with things real, and he should speak of them with all the force and enthusiasm which a knowledge of their reality and importance can inspire. It is his ambition to inspire children with principles of truth, obedience, honor, integrity, and purity,—principles that will make them a positive force for the stability and uplifting of society.

The great principles of education are unchanged. "They stand fast forever and ever;" (Psalms 111:8); for they are the principles of the character of God. To aid the student in comprehending these principles, and in entering into that relation with Christ which will make them a controlling power in the life, should be the teacher's first effort and his constant aim. The teacher who accepts this aim is in truth a co-worker with Christ, a laborer together with God.

"Thou shalt be recompensed," says Christ, "at the resurrection of the just." Then, the results of every life will be made manifest, and every one will reap that which he has sown.

To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God often seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem to be lost. But the Saviour assures us that our work is noted in heaven, and that the recompense cannot fail. The apostle Paul, writing by the Holy Spirit, says, "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." And in the songs of the Psalmist we read, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Gal. 6:9; Ps. 126:6.

While the great final reward is given at Christ's coming, true-hearted service for God brings a reward even in this life. Obstacles, opposition, and bitter heart-breaking discouragements the worker will have to meet. He may not see the fruit of his toil. But in face of all this he finds in his labor a blessed recompense. All who

surrender themselves to God in unselfish service for humanity are in cooperation with the Lord of glory. This thought sweetens all toil, it braces the will, it nerves the spirit for whatever may befall. Working with unselfish heart, ennobled by being partakers of Christ's suffering, sharing his sympathies, they help to swell the tide of his joy, and bring honor and praise to his exalted name.

In fellowship with God, with Christ, and with holy angels, they are surrounded with a heavenly atmosphere, an atmosphere that brings health to the body, vigor to the intellect, and joy to the soul. All who consecrate body, soul, and spirit to God's service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental, and spiritual power.

Wonderful will be the revealing as the lines of holy influence, with their precious results, are brought to view. What will be the gratitude of souls that will meet us in the heavenly courts, as they understand the sympathetic, loving interest which has been taken in their salvation! All praise, honor, and glory will be given to God and to the Lamb for our redemption; but it will not detract from the glory of God to express gratitude to the instrumentality he has employed in the salvation of souls ready to perish.

It is the reward of Christ's workers to enter into his joy. That joy, to which Christ himself looks forward with eager desire, is presented in his request to his Father, "I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am." John 17:24.

Christ's redeemed ones are his jewels, his precious and peculiar treasure. "They shall be as the stones of a crown,"—"the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Zech. 9:16; Eph. 1:18. In them "he shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." Isa. 53:11.

And will not his workers rejoice when they, too, behold the fruit of their labors? The apostle Paul, writing to the Thessalonian converts, says: "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? for ye are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:19, 20. And he exhorts the Philippian brethren to "be blameless and harmless," to "shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." Phil 2:15, 16.

In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one; for in education, as in

*Paper read on Educational Day at the recent Ohio camp-meeting.

redemption, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus-Christ." "It was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell." 1 Cor. 3:11; Col. 1:19, R. V.

"If any man's work abide, . . . he shall receive a reward." 1 Cor. 3:14. Glorious will be the reward bestowed when the faithful workers gather about the throne of God and of the Lamb. When John in his mortal state beheld the glory of God, he fell as one dead: he was not able to endure the sight. But when the children of God shall have put on immortality, they will "see him as he is." 1 John 3:2. They will stand before the throne, accepted in the Beloved. All their sins have been blotted out, all their transgressions have been borne away. Now they can look upon the undimmed glory of the throne of God. They have been partakers with Christ in his sufferings, they have been workers together with him in the plan of redemption, and they are partakers with him in the joy of seeing souls saved in the kingdom of God, there to praise him throughout all eternity. In worldly business, compensation is given according to the work accomplished. The laborer expects to be paid only that which he earns. But we teachers should show confidence in our Master by believing his promise, "Whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Then we shall not be rewarded according to the amount of labor, but according to the generosity of his purpose. His reward is given, not according to our merit, but according to his own purpose, "which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." Eph. 3:11; Titus 3:5. And for those who trust in him he will do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Eph. 3:20.

Not the amount of labor performed, or its visible results, but the spirit in which the work is done, makes it of value with God.

The Lord desires us to rest in him, without a question as to our measure of reward. When Christ abides in the soul, the thought of reward is not uppermost. This is not the motive that actuates our service. It is true that, in a subordinate sense, we should have respect to the recompense of reward. God desires us to appreciate his promised blessings. But he would not have us eager for rewards, nor feel that for the performance of every duty we must receive compensation. We should not be so anxious to gain

the reward as to do what is right, irrespective of all gain.

And however short our service or humble our work, if in simple faith we follow Christ, we shall not be disappointed of the reward. That which even the greatest and wisest can not earn, the weakest and most humble may receive. Heaven's golden gate opens not to the self-exalted. It is not lifted up to the proud in spirit. But the everlasting portals will open wide to the trembling touch of a little child. Blessed will be the recompense of grace to those who have wrought for God in the simplicity of faith and love.

MYETLE I. LAUGHERY.

AT THE COLLEGE

Miss J. L. Secor and her daughter Rebecca left Mount Vernon last Thursday morning, to spend the winter among relatives in Chicago.

Miss Cora Bennett has just returned from Newark, O., where she has been nursing for several weeks.

Mr. Harvey Gauker is in charge of the mail and the bookstand this year.

Miss Lydia Detwiler has begun the nurse's course at the Mount Vernon Hospital-Sanitarium.

On Monday, September 18, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ethelbert Walker, of Wilmington, O.

Mrs. Phena Greenup is visiting her sister at Athens, O.

Miss Izetta Gardner, of Hampton, Va., is taking the nurse's course at the Mount Vernon Hospital-Sanitarium.

Mr. F. A. Spangler made a flying visit to Mount Vernon last week.

Do not fail to read "The Teacher's Reward" published in this issue. It was written by Miss Laughery, one of Ohio's church school teachers, and read by her on Education Day at the recent Ohio camp-meeting.

Mr. Ray Fisher, who has been visiting at home for a few weeks, returned to the Sanitarium last week to continue the nurse's course. He was accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Paul Nothstine, who entered the College.

Miss Celestia Midkiff is attending the school at Indiana, Pa.

Miss Clara Pettit and Miss Hazel Leach returned from the West Virginia canvassing field last Sunday.

Miss Delilah Briggs is at South Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chilson were made happy by the arrival of a little daughter Friday, September 29.

Mrs. I. J. Gault, of Academia is spending a few weeks at her old home in Ashland County.

Miss Florence Lyons, formerly a student at South Lancaster, and Miss Evelyn Harvey of Daytona, Florida, are among the late arrivals at Mount Vernon. They were accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. Fred. Baker, of La Grange, O., who spent a few days visiting friends in Mount Vernon. Miss Lyons expects to enter the nurse's course at the Hospital-Sanitarium.

The following officers were elected to serve during the first term of the College Sabbath-school: superintendent, Professor C. C. Pulver; assistant superintendent, Merritt V. Eusey, secretary, Grace V. Purdham; assistant secretary, Annie Bennett organist, Della Smith; chorister, Elder Shultz.

Mr. Clarence V. Leach was elected president of the young people's society for the first term of the school year; Miss Florence I. White was elected secretary.

"A German boy was reading an exciting novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: 'Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it. I can't study well after it. So here goes!' and he flung the book into the river. He was Fichte, the German philosopher."

"The Teachers' Round Table," with question box, is begun in the September-October issue of *Christian Education*. In this department our teachers may ask questions and receive answers to some of their most perplexing problems; and the wise parents will profit by keeping in close touch with this department, as it is also open to them for asking questions.

VIRGINIA

Danville

The church at Danville is of good courage. The delegates have returned from conference full of faith, courage, and plans; in fact no one hungering after righteousness could attend our recent camp-meeting and return unbenefited. There is a pressing together in the work never seen before. The soul-stirring lessons and reports will long live in our hearts and minds.

The future is filled with promise for our colored churches. "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them." Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 226. The recent camp-meeting proves that the brethren believe the foregoing statement. No one in attendance could find just ground for complaint. Their patience with our failures, their outspoken interest in our development, and their well-laid plans for aggressive work for our race must send a thrill of earnest endeavor through every heart, and arouse in us a wholesome longing for a deeper consecration to the truth.

In this state the past five years show slow but steady growth in the seven organized churches. During that period two churches have been organized, an encouraging number of accessions are recorded, three church edifices have been erected, hundreds of books, periodicals, and tracts have been distributed; and, too, there is an increasing confidence in the organized work, and a growing faith in the Testimonies. The membership is showing improvement in dress and health reform. The various offerings have also received attention; and a growing faithfulness in tithing tells of a higher spiritual life.

We are also learning that we cannot make loyal Seventh-day Adventists in the worldly institutions. The Newport News school, under Sister Jordan's direction, has continued two years, supported by the sale of literature—and that largely by the teacher. The Danville church has sustained a school for two terms by voluntary contributions.

The treatment rooms in Danville, under Sister Warnick's management, have been blessed. This enterprise meets keen opposition from the ministers, and some of the physicians. Our printing department has helped to bear some of the financial burdens.

The largest part of our income from all sources has been cheerfully turned into the work. Since March first, when the treatment room was opened, five boarding patients and four local patients have been treated, and three have been treated at their homes, two of the latter being white; making twelve in all. The effort seems to have produced a good impression in the city and won friends to the cause. It also serves as a miniature school where our own people can get a practical idea of the working of the "right arm of the message."

Brethren, the Lord means to lift us out of the mire and polish the gems for his kingdom. Let us work on, trusting in the Lord, and seeking to keep step with the body. We can assure those unacquainted with Elder Stone, our new conference president, that he will show no less interest in the negro department than those who have occupied the presidency before him.

Courage brethren! May this year prove to be a banner year in finishing the work and hastening the return of our blessed Lord.

FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

WEST VIRGINIA

When this issue of the VISITOR is being read by the many subscribers in West Virginia we shall be at our annual gathering in camp-meeting at Parkersburg, where we should be addressed for the next ten days. Should this note be read by any who are not at the meeting, we hope that it will remind them that they are still expected to be present and will receive a hearty welcome from our president, who would be pleased to take every hand in hearty Christian fellowship.

Remember that the beautiful new church building at Parkersburg is to be dedicated during this meeting. This church is the first to be dedicated in one of the large cities of West Virginia; but if it please God it will not be the last one.

The rapidly growing church at Charleston now has its new building almost ready for occupation, and it is hoped that it may be dedicated this early fall.

That our camp-meeting may be the forerunner of a great spiritual uplift in this conference is our firm belief; that our people may be present and receive the foretaste of what is to come is our prayer.

"He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Elder Meyer closed his tent effort Wednesday, September, 20. About seven have taken their stand for the message. Several more, however, are expected to decide favorably, as the interest will be followed up by personal house to house Bible work with the many who have manifested a special interest during the meetings.

One adult was baptized a week ago by Elder T. H. Branch, pastor of the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church of Philadelphia. Brother and Sister Branch are working hard in house to house Bible work among the large colored population of this city. Let us pray for their success.

Elder Heckman occupied the pulpit of the First Philadelphia church Sabbath, September 16. The following Sunday evening he preached in the large tent located at 64 th Street and Woodland Avenue.

On Sunday evening, September 24, the last services were held in the West Philadelphia tent and also the tent located at Chambersburg. Both efforts have been blessed of God. In the former effort about twenty-five have taken their stand for the truth and in the latter about ten.

Elder Hartwell spent Sabbath and Sunday, September 16 and 17, with the Souderton church. He reports excellent meetings.

Our church school located at Souderton [Fairhill] opens October 2, with Sister Anna Tucker in charge. All indications point to another successful school year. The church was very fortunate in securing so able and experienced a teacher as Sister Tucker.

Elder Sufficool, who is conducting a tent effort at Newport, Perry County, reports a good interest, the tent being crowded each evening, and many of the people coming several miles to attend.

Five young people of the Souderton [Fairhill] church left last week for Mount Vernon College. This certainly speaks well for our church school.

The tent effort in Chambersburg closed last Sunday night with a large attendance, Elder Heckman conducting the service. Brother and Sister Heald will remain to follow up the interest with house to house work, Bible work, and some public services.

East Pennsylvania has twenty-five students in Mount Vernon College this year.

Married, at the home of Elder Heckman in Philadelphia, September 7, Howard J. Detwiler and Mary Sprecker. Brother Heckman performed the ceremony.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Kittanning, Indiana, Dixonville

Since the close of our camp-meeting I have visited the churches at Kittanning, Indiana, and Dixonville; I also paid a short visit to Barnesboro, where there is a family interested in the truth.

I am glad to report that at Kittanning another has decided to keep the Sabbath, a man who has preached under the auspices of the Church of God. Another brother who is of this company has preached for many years for the Evangelical church. These brethren, I trust, will be a great help to the little company at Kittanning.

At Dixonville there are two or three persons who are deeply interested in the truth; we hope that they may soon decide to obey it.

Our church school at Indiana has now begun its sixth year's work, with Brother I. A. Hewitt as teacher. If any of our people in Western Pennsylvania desire to send their children to this school, we shall be able to board and room a few students at reasonable rates. The tuition charged is \$1.25 or \$1.50 a week, according to the age and grade of the pupil. We are hoping and praying for a prosperous school year, and that God will greatly bless our efforts to follow the light he has given us in reference to educational work.

I go in a few days to conduct a series of meetings near Worthington, Armstrong County, where a lady has recently accepted the truth through reading our publications. A large number of our books has been sold in that community, and we hope that there may be others who will accept the truth soon. Brethren, pray for the work in this part of the field.

J. W. WATT,

Indiana, Pa., R. F. D. 5.

OHIO

Appointments

Conventions will held in the following churches during the months of October and November:—

Camden, October 13 - 15, an educational convention.

Pleasant Hill, October 20 - 22, a Harvest Ingathering.

Columbus, November 3 - 5, an educational convention.

Akron, November 10 - 12, a Sabbath-school convention.

Elder Slade and other conference workers will be in attendance at these gatherings, and with the local laborers will give their best efforts to make the meetings interesting and beneficial to all who come. Members of the neighboring churches are cordially invited to attend.

W. C. MOFFETT,

Educational Superintendent.

Church Schools

The following is a list of the church schools in the Ohio Conference, with the names and addresses of the teachers, and the present enrollment:—

Alliance	Miss Nela Cartmell	1
	849 South Arch Ave.	
Akron	Miss Janet L. Presley	12
	799 Yale St.	
Bowling Green	Mrs. Clara Leslie	7
	417 Thurston Ave.	
Camden	Miss Lottie Gibson	6
	R. F. D. 4, Wakeman	
Camden	Miss C. Reichenbaugh	5
	R. F. D. 1, Wakeman	
Canton	Miss Lelo Welch	4
	R. F. D. 3.	
Chagrin Falls	Miss Bertha Laughlin	4
	R. F. D. 4.	
Clyde	Mr. S. F. Love	11
Columbus	Mrs. A. F. Holobaugh	20
	1529 Walsh Ave.	
Creston	Daisy M. Delph	6
Dayton	Miss Bertha Mitchell	12
	24 Pleasant St.	
Grafton	Miss Myrtle Laughery	5
	R. F. D. 2.	
Mount Vernon	Florence I. White	19
	Mount Vernon College	
Pleasant Hill	Miss Leila Clough	14
	R. F. D. 3, Dresden	
Ravenna	Mr. Otto Hershberger	8
Springfield	Miss Rosella Draper	10
	Pearl and Catherine Sts.	

The total number of schools in our conference is 16, and the total enrollment 144.

W. C. MOFFETT,

Educational Superintendent.

The less men think the more they talk.—Montesquieu.

Cleveland

The work among the Germans in the city of Cleveland is progressing slowly but surely. This year our church has sent six students to the Clinton German Seminary; and two of our number have crossed the ocean to help proclaim the message to the dear ones in the old home land. The interest within the church is good. We are having excellent meetings three times a week. For the many blessings which have attended us in our efforts and for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our meetings to impress and convince the people we wish to render to our heavenly Father the thanks due to his name.

H. F. GRAF.

Omega

No doubt the readers of the VISITOR have learned of the effort which is being made to give the third angel's message to the people of Omega, O. Our first meeting was held Thursday evening, September 14. On the first two or three evenings the attendance was not large, owing to the heavy rains; not more than forty or fifty were present. Since then our audiences have numbered from one hundred to one hundred thirty-five. Excellent attention is given to all that is presented from the pulpit. The people are willing to assist us in any way they can, and show in many ways that they are very favorable to our work. Already many have invited us to their homes, and we gladly accept these invitations.

Our courage is good, and our determination is to be faithful in presenting the gospel in this place, both by public effort and by house to house work. Brethren and sisters, we ask that as you seek the Lord in prayer you remember the interest at Omega.

JAMES H. SMITH,
RALEIGH FRENCH.

Miss Ella M. Talmage has been visiting friends in Mount Vernon.

Dedication services will be held at the Ravenna church next Sabbath, October 8.

Elder Moffett has been visiting the church schools in the northeastern part of Ohio.

On a recent Sabbath Elder Francis M. Fairchild, pastor of the Akron church, baptized two adults.

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending, September 22, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	10	54	6	13 00	9 00	22 00	
W. S. Mead, Roanoke		GC	5	40					61 00
Viola Joplin, "				31					95 50
A. R. Dennis, "									46 25
F. W. Hall, South Boston		CK		28	35	52 50	5 00	57 50	57 50
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK		15	24	36 00	3 00	39 00	1 25
S. N. Brown, Bristol		CK	4	29	34	51 25	3 75	55 00	
A. L. Shidler, Roanoke				10					41 00
J. W. Hopkins, Bristol		CK	5	37	39	61 00	2 25	63 25	
W. F. Bekhout, Chase City		GC	5	30	3	9 00		9 00	
Mrs. " "		CK		15	8	9 60	1 25	10 85	1 25
Totals			29	289	149	\$242 35	\$24 15	\$256 60	\$308 75

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending September 22, 1911

J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	12	90	62	126 00	6 20	132 20	5 65
A. Brownlee, Washington		GC	10	75	26	51 50	46 75	98 25	21 60
C. Midkiff, Mercer		GC	5	37	4	6 75	8 00	14 75	39 00
E. Jenks, Ridgway		CK	2	14	4	7 00	2 25	9 25	44 75
T. Dunham, Homerville		GC							29 25
Totals			29	216	96	\$191 25	\$63 20	\$254 45	\$140 25

West Virginia, Week Ending September 15, 1911

W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.		DR	5	48	17	46 00	26 25	72 25	4 75
J. W. Marshall, Braxton Co.		GC	3	27	11	26 00	4 25	30 25	2 50
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.		GC	5	40	3	9 00	11 60	20 60	1 10
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.		DR	3	14	2	6 00	25	6 25	3 25
Totals			16	129	33	\$87 00	\$42 35	\$129 35	\$11 60

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending September 1, 1911

A. Brownlee, Washington		GC	9	82	19	38 00	29 30	67 30	27 95
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	7	45	22	41 00	1 50	42 50	14 75
T. Dunham, Allegheny		GC	4	24	8	21 75	1 50	23 25	18 00
Totals			20	151	49	\$100 75	\$2 30	\$133 05	\$60 70

Ohio, Week Ending September 22, 1911

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BR	4	37	10	33 00	26 10	59 10	13 70
H. T. Forsythe, Wyandot Co.		CK	4	31	18	18 00		18 00	
L. H. Waters, Wyandot Co.		BF	5	39	14	17 00		17 00	
Totals			13	107	42	\$68 00	\$26 10	\$94 10	\$13 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 23, 1911

Wm. P. Hess, Chanceford		DR	5	39	9	27 00		27 00	
H. B. Rohrer, Adams Co.		GC	3	22			6 00	6 00	
F. J. Detwiler, Warwick, Pa.									175 76
Totals			8	61	9	\$27 00	\$6 00	\$33 00	\$175 76

New Jersey, Week Ending September 22, 1911

W. Schmidt, Cape May C. H.		GC	5	37	6	20 00	9 30	29 30	9 50
A. R. Sherman, Hackettstown		GC	5	40	8	21 00	19 50	40 50	
Mrs. " "		"	5	34	6	17 00	2 50	19 50	
Totals			15	111	18	\$58 00	\$31 30	\$88 30	\$9 50

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$988.85 Deliveries, \$715.26

Sister Mary James, of Ironton, and the Irwin brothers of Jefferson, are the latest addition to the Ohio canvassing force.

Mrs. S. L. Rowe, of Clyde, was called to Three Rivers, Mich., by the serious illness of her sister.

Orders for the Harvest Ingathering Signs are coming in encouragingly from all sides. The Cleveland church sent in an order for 2,000.

For the benefit of our people who may be passing through Columbus, Elder J. F. Olmsted, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church in that city, announces a change of residence, from Oak Street to 1048 Fair Avenue. He may also be reached by Citizen's Phone, No. 6532.

Mrs. Vernon Panches is visiting her brother, Elder John W. Shultz, at Barberton, O.

Three persons were baptized in Canton recently, Dr. B. J. Ferciot officiating. Two of these accepted the truth as a result of a series of Sunday night meetings held in a school house by Dr. Ferciot, making five who have accepted the truth through this series of meetings. Two of these are in Mount Vernon College.

Be sure to read the report of the National Reform Association by Elder J. F. Olmsted, our religious liberty secretary, who attended the meetings of the convention and was careful to get the quotations exactly as given by the various speakers. In submitting his report Elder Olmsted adds the following:—

"To show the strength of the present organization in Ohio we need only to mention the fact that its president, secretary, and treasurer will be assisted by twenty-five vice-presidents and a committee of twenty-five made up from some of the leading educators of Ohio,—Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University; and the president of the Wooster University,—and some of the ablest clergymen in the state. It is very evident that we shall have something to fear at the hands of these men, who will lobby in the legislature, and will influence more or less in the coming Constitutional Convention the men sent to revise the constitution of Ohio."

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Camp-meetings for 1911

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Bygones

Let bygones be bygones; if bygones be clouded

By ought that occasioned a pang of regret, Oh; let them in darkest oblivion be shrouded, 'Tis wise and 'tis kind to forgive and forget.

Let bygones be bygones; and good be extracted

From ills over which it is folly to fret; The wisest of mortals have foolishly acted, The kindest are those who forgive and forget.

Let bygones be bygones; remember how deeply

To Heaven's forbearance we all are in debt; They value God's infinite goodness too cheaply

Who heed not the precept, "Forgive and forget." —*Selected.*

A Fifty-Cent Boy

All boys are worth far more than fifty cents for raw material from which trained, skilled workmen may develop valuable men; but a parent some time ago reckoned that that amount was about all his boy was practically worth. He was prevailed upon to invest twenty-five cents in a good book for the boy, and twenty-five cents for a short-term subscription for *Christian Education*. Both boy and father received a new view of themselves through these purchases, and a reformation took place in each. The boy desired to learn more, and the father grasped the possibilities for even his "fifty-cent boy" through education. The father now feelingly affirms that his boy is of an inestimable value. This is the result *Christian Education* will produce in many homes.

The Good You May Do

Only think of the good things accomplished with the three previous issues of our Harvest Ingathering papers. A vast amount of good has been done in getting our work before the people. Comparatively few have known how extensively we have engaged in foreign mission work, but these papers have enlightened many.

The treasury department of our denomination has had reason to feel very thankful for the substantial assistance which has come to it in this way. Over half a million copies of the 1910 Ingathering *Review* were distributed, and the contributions received amounted to \$41,643.92. While the contributions to missions are increasing year by year, it is stated by those at the head of the work that "the demands upon the treasury are always in excess of our ability." There are open doors on every hand, and people of different lands are inviting and urging us to send them teachers to give them more of this blessed truth. Surely the Ingathering papers have been blessed of God in bringing in gifts for this work from those who are not continually helping sustain the work at home and abroad. Shall we not do our part in giving them opportunity to assist?

—*The Workers' Bulletin.*

The Ingathering Signs

The work on the beautiful Ingathering number is progressing nicely. Only 100,000 copies of the outside sixteen pages yet to run. About 300,000 copies have now been finished and are being corded up in our large warehouse, ready to be sent out to our people. Lists of orders are now coming in nicely, but the bulk of the orders is expected in the next week or ten days. Every effort should be made by church elders and librarians to have their orders in promptly. If yours has not already been sent to the tract society, it should be sent in at once.

The October Signs

The "Graft" number is certainly going. On September 20 about 7,000 copies more than were sold for the entire month last year had been mailed out. An extra large edition was printed in anticipation of its good sales, and now it looks as though a second edition would be necessary. Some record-breaking sales are being made this month. Agents are sending in excellent reports.

The home being the ideal place for the beginning of child-education, the purpose of *Christian Education* in creating a home department is to qualify the parents for effective teachers. The September-October issue contains some suggestions under the heading, "The Kindergarten in the Home" that will be very helpful to mothers, and beneficial to the little restless 'tots,' who come repeatedly with the question, "What shall I do now, mama?"

The Benediction Hymn

Everybody has sung or heard sung the four great lines, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," but how many can tell who wrote them? Thousands of ambitious people would give a great deal of money to be that one, and to be recognized as such.

Mounted on the sure-footed tune, "Old Hundred," this little giant of a stanza has closed more religious services than any other in the world. Others have, so to speak, tried to replace it, but they have not succeeded. The man that wrote this more than famous stanza was Thomas Ken. He was born in 1637, and died in 1711. He was an Englishman, and at one time chaplain to Charles II. He resisted the tyranny of James II., and like Bunyon, was for a time imprisoned.—*Will Carleton's Magazine.*

"The Bank of France has an invisible studio in a gallery behind the cashiers, so that at a signal from any one of them any suspected customer can instantly have his picture taken without his knowledge. So sins are registered whether the sinner is conscious or not."

OBITUARIES

TOLES.—Mary Hall was born at West Jefferson, O., April 17, 1867, and died at her home in Columbus, O., Sept. 15, 1911, aged 44 years, 4 months, and 28 days. She was married to George Toles in 1886, and four children were born to bless their home. Her husband, three children, one brother, two sisters, and a large circle of friends are left to mourn. At the age of fourteen Sister Toles accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Later in life she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and was the superintendent of the colored Sabbath-school at the time of her death. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Frank Hall and the Rev. W. J. Jones; text, Psalms 116:15. A large number who knew the virtues and good deeds of the deceased were present at her funeral. We laid her to rest, not mourning as those who have no hope, but in the confidence that she will be accounted worthy of the life that is to come.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.