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SOMETIME

Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned,

And sun and stars forevermore have set,
The things which our weak judgments here have spurned,

The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,

Will flash before us out of life's dark night,
As stars shine more in deeper tints of blue;
And we shall see how all God's plans were right,

And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,

God's plans go on as best for you and me;
How, when we called, he heeded not our cry,
Because his wisdom to the end could see.

And even as prudent parents disallow
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if sometimes, commingled with life's wine,
We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink,

Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink.

And if some friend we love is lying low,
Where human kisses cannot reach his face,
Oh, do not blame the loving Father so,
But wear your sorrow with obedient grace.

And you shall shortly know that lengthened breath

Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friend,
And that, sometimes, the sable pall of death
Conceals the fairest boon his love can send.

If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's working see,

We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery could find a key!

But not to-day. Then be content, poor heart!
God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;

We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.

And if, through patient toil, we reach the land
Where tired feet, with sandals loose, may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we shall say, "God knew the best!"
—Selected.

Our Duty to the Missionary Work

If God has entrusted you with money, show yourselves faithful to your trust; unwrap your napkin, and send your talents to the exchangers, that when Christ shall come, he may receive his own with interest. In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now. If the love of Christ were burning in the hearts of his people, we should see this spirit manifested to-day. Did they but realize how near is the end of all work for the salvation of souls, they would sacrifice their possessions as freely as did the members of the early church. They would work for the advancement of God's cause as earnestly as worldly men labor to acquire riches. Tact and skill would be exercised, and earnest and unselfish labor put forth, to acquire means, not to hoard, but to pour into the treasury of the Lord.

The Lord has made provision that all may be reached by the message of truth; but the means placed in the hands of his stewards for this purpose has been selfishly devoted to their own gratification. If all the means which has been wasted by our people in self-gratification had been devoted to the cause of God, there would be no empty treasuries, and missions could be established in all parts of the world.

Let the members of the church put away their pride and lay off their ornaments. Each should keep a missionary box at hand, and drop into it every penny he is tempted to waste

in self-indulgence. But something more must be done than merely to dispense with superfluities. Self-denial must be practiced. Some of our comfortable and desirable things must be sacrificed. Let love, piety, and faith be cherished in the heart, and the precious fruits will appear in the life.

We shall be brought into straight places in our work. Trials will come. God will test the strength of our faith; he will prove us to see if we will trust him under difficulties. The silver and the gold are the Lord's, and when his stewards have done their duty fully, and can do no more, they are not to sit down at their ease, let things take their course, and let the missionary work come to a standstill. It is then that they should cry to God for help. Let those who have faith seek the Lord earnestly, remembering that the "kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent taketh it by force."

There are some in the church who have with open hand come forward to the work hitherto, and they will not be behind now. We have confidence in their integrity. But the offerings of the church have been in many instances more numerous than her prayers. The missionary movement is far in advance to the missionary spirit. Earnest prayers have not, like sharp sickles, followed the workers into the harvest fields. It is true that there is an interest to see success attend the efforts to unfurl the banner of truth in foreign lands, but there has been a lack of heartfelt sympathy with the laborers, the real burden of soul, that the means invested may do its work.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Usefulness

How often do we sigh for opportunities of doing good, whilst we neglect the openings of providence in little things, which would frequently lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness! Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never

do any." Good is done by degrees. However small in proportion the benefits which follow *individual attempts* to do good, a great deal may thus be accomplished by perseverance, even in the midst of discouragements and disappointments.—Crabb.

Worry a Disease

Worry is a disease. The same poison that produces rheumatism is frequently responsible for feelings of depression and worry. Irritants circulating in the blood may be deposited in the joints. When this is done, gout results. If deposited in the muscle sheath, they produce rheumatism. If deposited in the brain, they may produce irritability, impatience, depression, and worry. The thing to do is to correct the habits of living, and thus get rid of these poisons. In many instances worry will then disappear.

In the endeavor to get rid of rheumatism we recognize that there are certain things we must do. The doctor may say, Give up the use of tea and coffee, and do not use meat. He may give some other sensible advice, which, if followed, will enable one to get rid of the disease. The patient goes about getting rid of rheumatism in an intelligent manner, and he must go about the worry disease in the same way. Known sin may, of course, be responsible for feelings of depression. If so, there is a legitimate way out of the trouble; but frequently this feeling is due to physical causes. In fact, most of our ills, whether physical or mental, may be traced to some physical cause.

It was the mixed multitude, who refused the food prepared by angel hands, who were constantly worrying and complaining. They wanted their accustomed food, and found fault because it was wisely withheld. When their request was granted, it brought sickness and leanness of soul. If they had cheerfully submitted to the use of the simple food, they would undoubtedly have been helped. God allows afflictions to come as warnings. When we are on dangerous paths, it is an act of mercy to have a red light held up to notify us of the danger. Depressed feelings are many times danger-signals and should be heeded. Careful inquiry will frequently point to some dietetic error as being responsible for them.

Worry and feelings of depression may be cultivated. Some people seem really to enjoy poor health. They talk about it all the time. In this way they dig about and cultivate

this useless and harmful plant. This habit tends to undermine the health. We must talk courage, and faith, and good cheer, and "against hope believe in hope." Efforts must be made to put down every feeling which exerts a depressing or harmful influence upon us. When depressed, begin to sing. After all, there are many things to be thankful for. The rosebush is not all thorns. A good way to drive away the blues is to do an act of kindness to some one who is worse off than we ourselves.

"Is thy cruse of comfort failing?
Rise, and share it with another;
And through all the years of famine,
It shall serve thee and thy brother."

"Give, and it shall be given unto you," is a divine law. As we give, so God imparts. Giving is living; denying is dying. To create sunshine for those about us and assist the needy is one of the best ways of getting rid of feelings of depression and worry. It was not until Job prayed for his friends that God turned his captivity, and gave him twice as much as he had before he was afflicted.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

Why the Ship Wrecked

I recently read the story of a new ship that had been built in an English port, and equipped with all modern improvements necessary to navigate the seas. The compass had been tested, and everything so far as possible had been done to insure safety. With high expectations of a safe voyage, the sailors left for a foreign port. After some days' sailing on the sea, the man on the lookout cried out, "The rocks are ahead of us," and before the course of the ship could be changed, the vessel struck the rocks and was wrecked. On examination it proved that she was many miles out of her course. It was difficult to understand how this could be, until it was found that a steel nail had been driven down near the compass. This had caused the compass to vary a few points, and this small variation caused the vessel to diverge from the true course, and as a result it struck the rocks. So it is with sin; if kept in the heart, sometime it will cause us to swerve from the true path of righteousness, and to be wrecked at last upon the rocks. Sin is a dangerous thing to cover up in the heart.

G. B. THOMPSON.

"A mind educated to feed upon trash is unable to see in the word of God the beauty that there is."

AT THE COLLEGE

Opportunity

If there is anything that we should regret, it is neglected opportunity. Every follower of Christ is indebted to him for faithful service; we have been saved to serve. Every Christian, whatever his occupation, should be engaged in some line of work for his Master. God has entrusted us with talents, and he will hold us responsible for their use.

If Seventh-day Adventists would sense the magnitude of the oncoming crisis, there would be more earnest work, less conformity to worldly standards. Too often we are numbered with the thoughtless, pleasure-loving class. Satan desires that God's people should be lulled into careless and indifferent ways, unmindful of the souls which God will require at their hands.

The time has come when half-hearted service can not be used in the Lord's work. We must be open and bold in giving an answer for the hope that is within us. The preparation needed for this work of witnessing will be obtained if we give our spare time to a diligent perusal of the Holy Scriptures and allow our minds to dwell on the truths contained therein. Our lives will then be radiant with truth and will reflect the bright beams of God's love, and our words and acts will be "a savor of life unto life."

There is a great need for the old-time personal work that was carried on by the pioneers in the message. Much may be accomplished among our neighbors if only we take time to be sociable with them. Many would be interested in the prophecies which have been and are being fulfilled and would thus be prepared to receive those other prophecies whose fulfillment will usher in the reign of everlasting peace. Too often our conversation is turned to the trifling incidents of the neighborhood, or to jesting and joking, when it might dwell upon the exalting theme of God's love, or his soon-coming to complete the great work of redemption. The early followers of Christ were called Christians because they were constantly speaking of Christ and the great plan of redemption through his death. Our lives should be such that we shall be called Adventists because we really believe that Christ is coming soon, and because our lives show what we believe.

The thought of our individual responsibility was impressed upon me last summer in the following manner: I was canvassing in a community where lived a lady of the Millennial Dawn faith. After I had canvassed the Sunday-school superintendent and taken his order for a copy of "Great Controversy," he told me that there was a lady in the neighborhood who was leading many astray, some of the most zealous members of his school were no longer attending church on account of her work. He also added that she was flooding the neighborhood with Millennial Dawn literature. This of course was the secret of her success. God grant that many of our people will follow her example by scattering the precious truth-laden literature which God has so graciously provided. We should seek God for courage and boldness to improve every opportunity to lead others to the truth.

Example is the highest order of teaching. When young people see the earnestness of their elders, they will be led to devote their energies with zeal and earnestness to a preparation for the work of carrying this great truth which God has committed to our charge.

HARRY W. BARTO.

Miss Wanita Shingleton visited her sister at the College over a recent Sabbath and Sunday.

Thanksgiving comes this week, bringing a two days' vacation for the students. Many of them will spend it at home, or with nearby friends; but most will remain and eat Thanksgiving dinner at the College.

Sabbath, November 18, the young people's society rendered another interesting canvassers' program. Miss Rosella Smith, who has the record in the denomination as a magazine worker, told us some of her good experiences, and some of the methods which she used and which enabled her to earn her first scholarship in ten days and to dispose of ten thousand copies of *Life and Health* during the past summer. She assured us that anyone can make a success of magazine work. The subject of the book work was taken up by Mr. Clarence V. Leach, who has acted as state canvassing agent of the West Virginia Conference for a year and a half, returning to the College this year for further training. Mr. Leach related instances of how the truth

reaches the people by means of books alone. He told of some very interesting experiences, one of which he will relate for our readers next week.

Mr Harold Ferguson is visiting friends in the College. Mr. Ferguson was a student of the school for several years; he is now taking a nurse's course at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

Mrs. Abby Richardson of Mansfield, O., visited her son in Mount Vernon last week.

Miss Libby Fry has been visiting friends in Mansfield and Lexington, O.

Elder N. S. Ashton of Pittsburg, recently elected educational secretary of the Columbia Union, spent several days at Mount Vernon on his way to the educational convention at College View.

Mr. John Panches, of Hamler, O., has been visiting relatives in Academia the past week.

On a recent Sabbath the College Sabbath-school contributed over fourteen dollars to missions. Everyone is watching the "thermometer" to see if it will be broken this term. It takes \$100 dollars to break the thermometer.

Miss Gladys Shufelt, a former teacher at Mount Vernon College was married, October 25, to Dr. August H. Larson, who has been for three years physician at the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark. After visiting friends in College View, Battle Creek, and New York, Dr. and Mrs. Larson will sail December 12 for Denmark.

Extracts from a letter written by Mrs. Esta L. Miller to her sister at the College give some interesting details concerning the beginning of the Chinese revolution. The letter was written October 12, a few days after the revolution broke out in Hankow, and reads in part as follows:

"You know perhaps that the ruling class, that is the emperors, are Manchurians, not regular Chinamen. The latter do not like the Manchu yoke and are trying to throw it off. There has been trouble in the Szechuan and Kuandong provinces for some little time; not many days ago

it started in Hunan and Anhevei provinces; and Monday it broke out up here in Hupei province. It was in this manner. There were some men who were suspected of being rebels, or revolutionists, and the police made a raid on their house, which is only three or four doors from us, in the same row. These men were found to be rebels and were taken to Wuchang, the city across the river, where the governor lives, and were beheaded. More rebels were found, and were executed at daybreak Tuesday. This so enraged the remaining rebels that they set fire to two yamens, or courthouses, and killed the commander-in-chief. The governor and his family then fled on a Chinese gun boat. The officials who are left have sided with the rebels, and things are in a tumult generally. The policemen employed by the government have all taken off their government badges, and there is not one policeman in the whole Chinese city. (Those employed by the foreign governments having concessions here are on duty as usual.) Several squads of soldiers that were loyal to the government have deserted and are fighting against it. The rebels have full control in Wuchang, and as soon as they can they want to get possession of the cities of Hankow and Hankow.

"This rebellion is not directed against the foreigners in any way; in fact, the leader of the rebels issued a proclamation stating, among other things, that those who harmed the foreigners would be beheaded, and those who helped them would be rewarded.

There are several warships in port, among them an American warship, and in case anything should happen, to endanger the foreigners, we should all get on the warships. However, so far, there is no need on our part to fear.

"We have a chapel in Wuchang, and two men who are members of our mission stay there. We have not heard from them since the trouble began. One of our men went over yesterday to see his mother, and has not returned, as the rebels have prohibited any one to leave the city; the gates are locked, and soldiers are pacing on top of the city wall.

"It is quite different—being in a foreign country and in the homeland when there is trouble. Our lives are really in danger all the time here, as most of the Chinese hate the foreigners. But we know that so long as we represent Christ aright here, his care will be over us, for 'those who are with us are stronger than those who are with them.' "

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

It has been decided to extend the Ingathering campaign two weeks into December. We trust that all our brethren and sisters will bear this in mind and continue their solicitations during this time.

During the first Ingathering campaign, this conference collected \$1,336.56; during the second, \$1,723.72; and last year's campaign netted \$1,868.28. Can we not swell it to \$2,000.00 this year? We believe that every loyal Seventh-day Adventist will work to this end.

In a recent communication from Brother B. M. Heald, he states that thus far he and his wife have distributed one hundred and fourteen papers and have averaged twenty-five cents apiece. This is certainly very encouraging. They have three hundred more copies of the special *Signs* to distribute.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, field missionary agent of the Columbia Union, is visiting the Scranton, Wilkes Barre, and Allentown churches in the interests of missionary work, especially the Ingathering campaign.

Elders Heckman and Hartwell visited the Williamsport and Roaring Branch churches November 10-14. They report excellent meetings. Brother Hartwell while there audited the books of both these churches for the year 1911.

Sunday evening, November 19, the First Philadelphia church was crowded to the utmost, every seat being occupied. Elder Harter, the pastor, gave an interesting discourse on "Why we should rejoice at the coming of the Lord," giving eight or nine special reasons.

Brother Fred Harter, brother to Elder R. E. Harter, occupied the pulpit of the North Philadelphia church Sabbath morning, November 18, giving a most profitable and interesting discourse on Christian growth.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, our field missionary agent, has been visiting the Hawley-Honesdale and Carbon-dale churches in the interests of the Ingathering campaign. He also expects to visit the Fleetwood, Reading, and Lebanon churches.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath, the 18th, with the Hawley-Honesdale church. Nearly every member was present. Three new members were admitted and given the right hand of fellowship. After the service in the afternoon a business meeting was held, at which time the following officers were elected: W. B. Lindsay, elder; Albert Roberts, deacon; Mrs. A. Roberts, deaconess; Mrs. Annie Donachy, treasurer; Olive Thornton, clerk; and Sister W. B. Lindsay, missionary secretary. God's spirit came in and blessed during all the services.

A communication received from Miss J. M. Weiss states that at the time of writing the Scranton church had received \$115 for the Harvest Ingathering, and that they are going to try to double that amount. We wish them Godspeed in carrying out their ambition, and believe they will be blessed in their efforts.

Brother C. S. Baum has been visiting the company at Chester in the interests of the Ingathering campaign. He also spent a week with the Lebanon church. From both these places he reports a splendid interest in the campaign. He will visit the Wade-Pottsville church November 21-30.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Shawmut, Dagus Mines, Elban, and Hydes

Since my previous report I have visited the above named places.

At Shawmut there are a few who are interested in the message for our time. One lady would doubtless accept the truth were it not for the opposition of her husband. May the Lord open the way for such to obey him.

The superintendent of a large brick plant at Shawmut, who sometimes spends two or three weeks in this place, was a regular attendant at our meetings and became deeply interested in what he heard. We were assured by him that should any of his men desire to keep the Sabbath, they should be given that privilege.

At Dagus Mines, where Brethren Meleen and West held a series of tent meetings the past summer, a few are keeping the Sabbath, and others there are convinced that they ought to keep it. Since the tent was taken down we have had the free use of the Presbyterian church. I spoke two

evenings in this church, fifteen persons being present the first evening and eighteen the next.

At Elban a very few are willing to become more enlightened concerning the truth, but the interest is not sufficient to justify a special effort there at present.

At Hydes I spoke one evening in a school-house in the country. A few families in that vicinity have become interested in the truth.

In this part of our conference there are in different places interested persons; but they are so widely separated that it is impossible to get them together in one place. This makes it very difficult to do what needs to be done in order to properly organize and establish the work.

We are now offered the use of the Free Methodist church near Warsaw, about seventeen miles from Shawmut. There are a few interested in that vicinity.

Brethren, pray for the work in this part of the field. J. W. WATT.

OHIO

The Week of Prayer

Recognizing and ever realizing that we should pray always, it is needful that we unite in a special way for divine help during the special week of prayer. Two things strongly indicate the timeliness of such a season; our own personal need in view of the nearness of the end, and the need of men and means and divine power for the rapid completion of the work. God's blessings await our demand and reception. He invites us to come to the throne for help in such a time as this. We pray too little, and too often to no purpose. Dear reader, shall we not sense our need of God's saving and enabling grace, and then exercise our right and privilege purchased at such an infinite cost, and seek God in effectual prayer for the great gift?

The leaders among the people, and ministers, and church elders should lead out at this time and help to have all heartily unite in the movement. The united prayers of Israel will, as of old, bring the blessings of God. It will be well if we are led to liberality in giving. It will open the way for greater blessings if those who have been unfaithful in tithes and offerings will make good now before the year closes. Let us make this the most precious season of prayer that we have ever known.

E. K. SLADE.

Marion

We had the pleasure of spending Sabbath and Sunday with our Marion church, in the interest of the \$300,000 fund. At the close of the Sabbath morning service money and pledges were taken to finish the fund in this church. By carefully checking the treasurer's book we found that the members at Marion had done nobly in raising their share. Their quota is \$81.60. By their receipts we found they have paid \$65.20; and \$15 more has doubtless reached the office by this time, making a total of \$80.20, or \$1.40 less than their share; but pledges, when paid, will bring this amount to \$91.50, or \$10.90 more than their quota.

It was indeed a pleasure to see our brethren and sisters take such an interest in foreign mission work, and help in such a practical way to better conditions in foreign lands. If all our people could spend at least a few years in other and less favored lands, sentiment would certainly change; the treasury would be supplied, and faithful men and women would be waiting to carry out the Saviour's injunction, "The gospel to every creature." Those who are unable to go certainly ought to be willing to help those who give all, yield all, and risk all to carry the gospel to all the world in this generation, while we in the home-land enjoy so many blessings and favors which are denied our fellow-laborers across the sea.

Do you desire to help the heathen
Beyond the trackless ocean wide
To find the meek and lowly Jesus,
And in his love fore'er abide?
If we're willing to assist them
To find a better way to live,
We must consecrate our all
And either *go* ourselves or *give*.

We doubtless will be loath to leave
Our home and friends and native land
To cross the briny azure ocean,
And thus obey our Lord's command;
But we who love the Master's coming
And would each precious promise live
Must ever, ever willing be
To go ourselves or freely give.

Then let us open now our coffers
To send the living witness there,
To tell them of the Master's coming,
Help them their hearts and lives prepare;
For we must share the Master's burden
In teaching men the way to live;
We must help our weaker brother,
And either *go* ourselves or *give*.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

"If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

All Ohio, Notice

We should like to correspond with any who may have money that they would loan to the conference. Money thus placed will be safer than if invested in any other way; and at the same time it will be helping in the advancement of the work. It is positively unsafe to have money placed for any considerable time in the bank. Those interested in this line are requested to write at once.

E. K. SLADE.

The Columbus church will hold its Harvest Ingathering services November 25 and 26.

The church school at West Clarksfield, with Sister Lottie Gibson as teacher, is doing well; seven pupils are enrolled.

Elder Bidwell spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 18 and 19, with the Camden church. He reports that the church school, which has an attendance of five, is doing good work under Miss Clara Reichenbaugh.

The Camden church has recently added three persons to its membership.

Elder Slade has on his desk a large pile of letters containing calls for efforts in various places where there is an interest.

The Springfield Harvest Ingathering service resulted in a collection of \$33.17 for missions. The La Grange church realized \$26.05 from its Ingathering service.

Elder W. C. Moffett and Brother Raleigh French spent several days with the Newark church. The \$300,000 fund was presented, and pledges were given to the amount of \$253.90, \$28 more than the quota of this church. After a public presentation of the subject of home missionary work, the members were visited in their homes, with the following results: thirty-three subscriptions for the six months special *Signs of the Times* were secured, one hundred copies of the December monthly *Signs* were ordered, the *Protestant Magazine* was sent to fifteen ministers of the city for one year, *Liberty* was sent to fifteen of its lawyers, and half a dozen subscriptions for other periodicals were obtained. The Newark church will hold its Harvest Ingathering program Sabbath, November 28.

Mr. Harry Spangler of Dayton has accepted a position in Toledo, O.

Brother and Sister Thomas Rusk of Florence, O., have connected with the Nashville Industrial Institute at Madison, Tenn.

Brother and Sister J. N. Watros of Norwalk are spending the winter with their son in Battle Creek, Mich.

Elder Butcher was called to Norwalk last Sunday to conduct the funeral of Brother C. A. Stanford.

CHESAPEAKE

Why Observe the Week of Prayer?

The week of prayer has become a permanent institution among us as a people; but we do not understand that we are not to reverently seek the Lord for his special blessing at other times. We are admonished to "pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6. These scriptures teach that we should ever be in the spirit and attitude of prayer.

Then why observe a week of prayer?—It is because we are approaching the close of the year, when we are to sum up our varied experiences, to examine self, and to see whether we are in the faith or not. How appropriate then before the old year's record closes in the books of heaven, that we pray for the spirit of God to search our hearts, revealing the sin which is permitted so often to linger. If we can possess a deeper experience in the things of God in the closing days of the old year, we are sure to be prepared to make each succeeding new year one of greater service to the precious cause of truth. So must we continue to advance in spiritual things until every week is indeed a week of prayer.

In these days of excitement, with the rush of business and the cares of this life to employ our minds, we do not realize the spiritual loss we have sustained through it all. But when we lay aside our work, our burdens, and our cares, and enter into the season of communion with the Divine, we at once feel our great need of help. We pray earnestly to God for freedom from every stain of sin, and peace such as the world cannot give

comes into the soul, we are free in Christ, and go out equipped for service in the great controversy between truth and error. If these are the results which follow a season of this kind, can you not clearly comprehend what the results would be should we fail to observe the week of prayer?

Brethren and sisters, are you planning to make this week of prayer a blessing to yourself and to your church? The Lord says: "Call upon me in a day of trouble." "He invites us to present to him our perplexities and necessities and our need of divine help. He bids us be instant in prayer. As soon as difficulties arise, we are to offer to him our sincere, earnest petitions. By our importunate prayers we give evidence of our strong confidence in God. The sense of our need leads us to pray earnestly, and our heavenly Father is moved by our supplications."

We shall make a special effort to reach all of our people in the conference during this season of special prayer. The conference laborers and district superintendents have been invited to visit every church and company in their district and to see that as many of the isolated are visited as time and circumstances will permit.

I trust each church elder will endeavor to plan the work in his church so that a good and regular attendance will be assured. Let the church officers work together to make the meetings interesting to both old and young, seeking the Lord most earnestly for the deep movings of the Holy Spirit to fit us for the last great day. I hope that we may all get such an infilling of the power of the living God, that it will mark a definite era in the experience of all, and that we may see the work advance rapidly, and the discouraged and unsaved brought to Christ. Then our Lord, whom we have longed to see, will come.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Wilmington, Del.

On Sabbath, November 18, Elder R. T. Baer organized a church for the colored people of Wilmington, Del. He was assisted by Elder F. H. Seeney and Brother G. P. Rogers. The writer was also present, and was pleased to see eleven dear souls unite in church fellowship to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Six others who were unable to attend on account of the weather will join later. A number more are deeply interested, and Brethren Seeney and Rogers are laboring earnestly for them. We

wish these brethren success, and trust that God's richest blessings may attend them in their work. They have fitted up a neat little meeting place on Twelfth Street near Market, where, besides the Sabbath services, they hold meetings three times a week. These meetings are well attended by an intelligent class of people, and we hope for great things as the result of this our first effort for the colored people of this city. The new church will be known as the Wilmington Seventh-day Adventist church No. 2.

Elder R. T. Baer visited the writer, and was present to aid in our first Sunday night meeting in the church on King Street.

We ask an interest in your prayers for our work at Wilmington.

R. H. MARTIN.

NEW JERSEY

The president called at Newark, Jersey City, Hackensack, and Paterson the past week; also met with the Elizabeth church Wednesday night, going from there to Atlantic City and Pleasantville to confer with the workers in regard to conditions and needs in those cities. On Friday evening he met with the members at Vineland, on Sabbath morning with the Camden church, and on Sabbath afternoon with the church at Woodbury. He is still carrying on Sunday evening meetings at Trenton.

Brother J. M. Gaff is holding meetings every Sunday evening in the church at Elizabeth.

The brethren and sisters at Dover and Rockaway are much pleased with the prospects of the work there, as a company of about fifteen meet together regularly. We believe that God will bless Brother Pennington in his work in that part of the Conference.

The company at Vineland is holding Friday evening meetings with good results. Several outsiders are attending these services.

Brother Glunt has helped very materially the church at Woodbury. We believe that there are brighter days in the future for this company.

The brethren at Newark expect to get the roof on their new church by

Thanksgiving day. They will thus be able to finish the work on the inside during the winter.

Brother Spies has several interested ones at Pleasantville. He expects to be able to finish his work there by the first of the year, when he will go to another part of the conference to labor.

Many have found that Thanksgiving week is the best time of all to solicit for the Ingathering; people are on the giving hand. We trust the brethren and sisters in this conference will make the best of this time. We are still behind our record of last year, but we expect to pass it. May the Lord bless all who have part in this good work.

We are making a special effort from the office to encourage all our people to take up the distribution of our small books during the holidays. If you have not received notice of this, write to the office for particulars. People are already planning what they will give for Christmas presents, and we want to help them in carrying out their plans. One sister, in a few hours, has taken orders for more than \$18.00 worth, netting a nice profit besides doing we do not know how much good. You can do the same with but little effort. Try it.

WEST VIRGINIA

The readings of the week of prayer will begin this year the second Sabbath in December. The articles are published in a twenty-page paper similar in form to the *Review*.

Elder W. T. Knox, the treasurer of the General Conference, gives in his forcible and convincing manner some suggestions concerning the week of prayer meetings, which all church officers as well as lay members will find it profitable to read. That experience has taught this denomination the great value of this sacred week goes without saying.

The week of prayer is pre-eminent the time when all differences between brethren should be put away. God can not bless disunion.

Plan your work and your time, that nothing may prevent your attendance at every meeting. The blessing of God is for each and every one; do not fail to be present to claim that which is waiting for you.

Now is the time to do your figur-

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia Week Ending November 17, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	5	36	2	5 00	1 50	6 50	91 60	
*W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.	DR	5	45					220 25	
W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.	DR	5	26					47 20	
A. Hendrickson, Kanawha Co.	DR	4	35	6	18 00	6 00	24 00		
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.	DR	4	30	8	24 00		24 00		
*Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.		8	45			58 25	58 25		
*Mrs. J. L. Huff, Ohio Co.		8	45			60 75	60 75		
Totals		39	262	16	\$47 00	126 50	\$173 50	\$359 05	

New Jersey, Week Ending November 17, 1911.

W. Plant, Salem Co.	CK	4	25	13	22 00	5 45	27 45		
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	36	17	26 50	4 75	31 25		
C. J. Beach, Bergen Co.	PPF	2	8	6	10 50	3 00	13 50		
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	36	128	32 00		32 00	24 75	
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.	CK	5	33	37	57 50	17 00	71 50		
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	5		4	7 00	4 50	11 50	14 20	
G. W. Blinn Monmouth Co.	BR	5	36	21	67 25		67 25		
N. R. Pond, Burlington, Co.	CK	4	27	7	11 00	7 15	18 15		
*W. Plant, Salem Co.	CK	5	40	27	42 00		42 00		
Totals		41	241	260	\$275 75	\$41 85	\$314 60	\$38 95	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 17, 1911

A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	48	19	28 50	22 25	50 75	18 40	
Mrs. C. Dunham, Allegheny	BS	5	38	47	28 25		28 25	1 00	
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	5	34	13	23 50	60	24 10	2 00	
T. Dunham, Allegheny	GC	3	22		9 00	2 45	11 45	2 45	
Totals		18	142	79	\$89 25	\$25 30	\$114 55	\$23 85	

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 17, 1911

*J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.	GC	10	62	14	44 00	27 05	71 05	50	
*B. Manuel, Perryman, Md.	GC	4	28	15	42 00	11 25	53 25		
Mrs. Durst, S. Cumberland, Md.	PPF	3	15	10	17 00	9 00	26 00	50	
Totals		17	105	39	\$103 00	\$47 30	\$150 30	\$1 00	

Ohio, Week Ending November 17, 1911

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BF	4	29	27	29 50	17 55	47 05		
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	3	23	2	6 00	13 95	19 95	34 65	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	13	14	14 50	4 75	19 25		
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.	OK	2	10	9	10 00	4 50	14 50		
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	23	12	13 00	1 00	14 00	3 00	
H. Forsythe, Seneca Co.	BF	4	26	10	12 00		12 00		
Totals		21	124	74	\$85 00	\$41 75	\$126 75	37 65	

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$879.70

Deliveries, \$460.50

ing; as the Lord has prospered you, so give.

It will be noticed that in the arrangements for the week of prayer, special provision has been made for the children. Separate readings have been prepared for them. In every church there should be chosen leaders for the children, persons who will be able to draw from the lesson just the thoughts which are intended to be

brought out, in just the language that the children will understand.

The readings for the week of prayer are now ready and have been sent out to the churches and to isolated members. An extra number has also been sent to the tract societies, so that, should any person fail to receive a copy, he may address his tract society, whence he will be supplied without delay.

Sister M. L. Haddix is now giving Bible readings in Parkersburg. She is distributing the *Family Bible Teacher*, and is thus finding the interested ones, whom she will visit regularly, holding Bible studies with them.

Elder Robbins contemplates holding a short series of Bible studies with the isolated believers, beginning with those near Gladys, where he has already found many who are deeply interested.

At Fairmont Elder Robbins will take up a line of studies from the prophecies of the Bible, beginning shortly after the week of prayer. These studies will be held in the conference headquarters. It is hoped that all isolated Sabbath-keepers in or near Fairmont will take advantage of this opportunity and will endeavor to be present at these meetings.

The office and headquarters of the West Virginia Conference are now located at 391 Maple Avenue. Mail intended for the conference or the tract society should be addressed to the West Virginia Conference S. D. A., Lock Box 353, Fairmont, W. Va. We would prefer that no mail be addressed to an individual if the same be for the conference or the tract society. When mail is intended for our president, the same should be addressed to him at number 94 Winsley St., Morgantown, W. Va.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is now on in West Virginia. Any person who desires to take part in this campaign may order supplies from the office now, and receive the same without delay. There is a blessing in store for all who participate in this Ingathering. Those who are already engaged in the distribution of the Ingathering *Signs* should forward the money already received to their respective church treasurers, that they may forward the same to the state treasurer, who will immediately send it on to the union conference treasurer. Funds are indeed low at the treasury of the Mission Board. The Ingathering is intended to better its depleted condition.

The new church at Charleston is now dedicated to the service of God. Elder Wilkinson and Elder K. C. Russell of Washington, D. C., assisted by our president, Elder F. H. Robbins, officiated at the ceremony of dedication. The members of the Charleston

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church are happy over the fact that this memorial of God is their home, where they may praise him until called to worship in that home which he has gone to prepare for all those who may prove faithful.

"No service in itself is small,
 None great though earth it fill:
 But that is small which seeks his own,
 And great which seeks God's will."

Parents and the Sabbath-School

The Sabbath-school affords to parents and children a precious opportunity for the study of God's word. But in order to gain that benefit which they should gain in the Sabbath-school, both parents and children should devote time to the study of the lessons. It would greatly increase the children's love for the Sabbath-school if they knew they could answer all the questions in the lesson. Children should be encouraged even more to have good lessons in the Sabbath-school than in the day school.

There is nothing in this world that true parents desire more than the salvation of their children. Then why are they so slow to heed the instruction, "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with your children"?

"It is impossible to estimate" the good results of a few minutes each day devoted to the study of the Sabbath-school lesson. I am sure if this were done in every home we should see a great revival in all our schools. If our boys and girls are to grow into living stones in the great spiritual temple which the Lord is preparing for his eternal habitation, they must be fashioned and molded, while their

natures are tender and pliable, into the image and likeness of Christ.

The real success of the Sabbath-school work rests in a large measure upon the parents, even though they may be neither officer nor teacher in the school.

Where is the superintendent of a school or the teacher of a class of children who has not felt at times that much of the effort in behalf of the youth and children was ineffective because of the failure of the home to co-operate with the school?

—Workers' Bulletin.

Something for You

The Morning Watch Calendar is ready for you; and there are several reasons why you should not fail to get it:—

It will give you a good morning thought. It will invite you to meet your Master face to face before you meet the world. It will remind you to place your hand in the Saviour's as you start out for the day. It will give you one thought on your Sabbath-school lesson each day. It will help you to form the habit of regular secret prayer and personal Bible study. It will help you to give a reason for your hope of salvation. It will make an acceptable Christmas or New Year's gift for some friend or Sabbath-school pupil.

Rev. . . . , the missionary treasurer of the Northwestern Conference of the U. B. Church of . . . , Iowa, accompanies his request for two yearly subscriptions to the *Protestant Magazine* with the following expression: "I have a sample copy of your magazine, namely Vol. III, No. 2. I would like to be a subscriber. Please send it for one year to my address, and also to" This shows the influence of even a single copy.

All who are beginning to sell magazines should secure a copy of the little leaflet entitled, "How to Sell Magazines," which may be obtained from the general office for the asking.

The Roman Catholic church is determined, if possible, to exclude from the United States mail hereafter, all magazines and periodicals which in any way reflect upon the Catholic faith or upon the conduct of the leaders of that church. To this end resolutions have been passed by the American Federation of Catholic Societies, and strong efforts will be made at the next session of Congress

to have our postal laws amended so as to exclude these Protestant periodicals. Let all join in extending the circulation and influence of *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* while there is time in which to do this work. \$1.50 will pay for ten yearly subscriptions to either of these magazines to one address, or one to ten different addresses. Clergymen not of our faith, and Protestant and patriotic societies are sending in from fifty to six hundred yearly subscriptions at one time. Send your list of names and addresses at an early date to this office, and thus help the good work along.

Daily Duty

"Each day its duty brings. The undone task

Of yesterday can not be now fulfilled
 Without some current work's displacement.

"Time

And tide wait for none." Then let us act
 So that they need not wait, and keep abreast
 With them by the discharge of each day's claim,

For each new dawn, like a prolific tree,
 Blossoms with blessings and with duties which

So interwoven grow that he who shirks
 The latter fails the first: You can not pick
 The daisy and refuse the task. To win
 The smile of him who did his Father's will
 In the great work assigned him, while 'twas day,

With love self-sacrificing, his high course
 We must with prayerful footsteps imitate;
 And, knowing not what one day may bring forth,
 Live so that Death, come when he may, shall find

Us not defaulters in arrears of Time,
 Mourning, like Titus, 'I have lost a day!' But busily engaged on something which
 Shall cast a blessing on the world, rebound
 With one to our own breasts and tend to give
 To man some benefit, to God some praise."

OBITUARIES

FRENCH.—Thelma French, infant daughter of Charles and Inez French of Indiana, Pa., died Nov. 4, 1911, after a short illness. At the time of her death Thelma was 2 years, 3 months, and 19 days old. Brother and Sister French desire to express thanks for the kindness shown by friends and neighbors during the time of their little one's illness and death. The funeral discourse, from 2 Kings 4:26, was delivered by the writer. We laid the little one to rest knowing that it will be but a short time until the Life-giver will come to call his sleeping children from the grave and clothe them with immortality, that they may dwell where death and sorrow and crying will be no more.

J. W. WATT.