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Do You Ever Think?

Do you ever think as the day draws near—
Christmas Day, that day of sweet cheer,
When you are merry from dawn of light
Till close about the shadows of night,
Of the garret abode of children lone
Who starve and shiver with tear and moan,
And the mothers brave whose hearts are torn
With little one's cries, of hunger born?

Think of all this, then open wide
The door of your heart, lest ill betide;
Make for some soul in poverty born
A dawning bright of Christmas morn;
Bring to the homes where joy is unknown
The blessing of gladness—stifle the moan
Of pitiful hunger—then happiness true
And peace all divine will descend upon you.
—Emily Good.

That Report from the Cosh-octon Church

In the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR dated December 13, 1911, which was but a recent issue, there appeared a report, under the signature of Mrs. A. E. Ralls, from the church in Cosh-octon, Ohio. As I read this little bundle of news from what I take to be a pastorless group of our true-hearted Seventh-day Adventists, it drew forth in my mind some experiences and some strong truths which I think are very appropriate for this day, and particularly applicable to believers in the third angel's message.

It is evident, in the first place, that this little company whose labors gave the body and formed the substance of this report, takes pleasure in working earnestly for God, even though silently and unobserved. This method of labor is the true and divine one. We should never, in our labors for Christ, attempt anything spectacular, theatrical, tragic, or of any other nature designed especially to attract to ourselves attention; for such is not of the kingdom of heaven. It is faithfulness in our private life which stirs up God to bless us in our

public life. It is possible for every church to be passing on records into the kingdom of heaven which will be published with great pleasure by God in the day of his glory. And such labors may be carried on by a very small church; for with God it is not quantity, but quality, that counts.

When the writer was laboring in Paris, France, he took occasion to visit the Baptist church in that city. It was a church of about one hundred or one hundred twenty-five members, and it had no pastor; in fact it had had none for years. On this particular Sunday the church was conducting its service, as it always conducted its services, without a pastor. A particular chairman had been appointed for that day, and the sermon had been divided among three of the lay members. The writer will never forget the deep impression that was made upon him by the simple, thorough, and childlike manner in which these lay members performed their service. The brother who gave the Scripture lesson read it as one who had given himself wholly to the thorough study of the chapter, in order that he might not appear in public empty-handed; the brother to whom was committed the task of expounding the lesson of the day did so with brevity, with deepness, and with reverence in his heart; and the brother who was to finish this tripartite program by an exhortation left upon the audience a deep and, I might almost say, an indelible impression. The one thing that impressed me in the service was that each one had done his part in what you might call full preparedness for brevity.

A great speaker was once requested to deliver an address before a great university. He wrote back to the secretary extending the invitation, in this way: "How long an address do you wish me to make? I must know that in order to know how soon to begin to prepare. If I am to speak an hour, I can prepare myself inside of a day; if I am to speak a half hour, I will need a week for preparation; but if I am to speak

for ten minutes, nothing short of a month will be sufficient for preparation." How much truth there is in this which we can apply in our method of work! While to-day there are over fifty thousand periodicals and books coming monthly from the public press, it took the great God six thousand years to write the Bible. I believe our little companies scattered throughout this great country, and having no pastor, should give much more attention to making their Sabbath services more sacred, more holy, more forceful.

And lastly, forgetting the many things which were said in this Cosh-octon report about visiting, Bible readings, etc., I wish to state my thankfulness that this little church felt it to be its duty to give us in our Union paper a report of these interesting activities. I wish that more of our churches throughout the Union would do the same thing. There are many, I believe, of our companies that would be inspired to greater service if they were reporting their labors to the larger audience throughout the Union rather than simply to their own local company. And, furthermore, I think that all the readers of the VISITOR would be greatly profited by such reports, especially if those sending them in took much time and pains to boil them down; to give us the truth which God gave to them; to let the whole body participate in the message which they themselves find life and joy in giving.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Love and Affliction

Jesus' love for us is measured by the measuring rod of the afflictions he bore in our behalf; our love for him is measured by the measuring rod of the afflictions we faithfully and patiently bear for him. This fact was vividly brought before me by a letter received a few weeks ago from an invalid sister, who for seven years or more has suffered the most excruciating pain, caused by tuberculosis of the bones. I presume pain can not be

more severe than this disease, especially at times, can make it. It is not, however, the pain to which I desire to call attention, but the wonderful power that enables her to endure it.

In her desire to express her gratitude to God, and her determination to bide the time till that Providence "who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind," shall deliver her, she enclosed a few verses; nor did she send a clipping, but wrote them out with her paining fingers and swollen knuckles. The verses are as follows:—

"Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer," Isa. 58:9.

The cry of man's anguish went up to God,

"Lord, take away pain!

The shadow that darkens the world thou hast made,

The close-coiling chain

That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs

On the wings that would soar,

Lord, take away pain from the world thou hast made,

That it love thee the more."

Then answered the Lord to the cry of his world,

"Shall I take away pain

And with it the power of the soul to endure, Made strong by the strain?

Shall I take away pity that knits heart and heart?

And sacrifice high?

Will ye lose all your lives that lift from the fire

White brows to the sky?

Shall I take away love that redeems with a price

And smiles at its loss?

Can you spare from your lives that would climb unto mine,

The Christ on the cross?"

"The above lines," this sister remarks, "I read over and over and ponder many times. They seem full of truth to me."

Then on the thought of waiting—and who knows more about waiting than such an one—she sends the following:—

"Blessed are all they that wait for him."

Isa. 30:18.

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

Yea, Lord; and many such perchance there be

Who, unawares, in patience serving thee, Stand all day long before some fast-barred gate.

Beyond, there be sweet dreams yet unfulfilled, Or hope deferred that sickens the stout heart

And makes it far from gladness dwell apart,

While faith yet keeps its clamorous outcry stilled.

Some wait with wistful faces ever set,

With eager longing toward the distant prize;

And some, whose hope is dead, yet lift their eyes;

Waiting and praying still with lashes wet.

So few that wait with smiling, hopeful cheer!

Yet these serve best, for that they seem to say—

"Waiting is blessing, for those who wait and pray;

And praying brings the Kingdom even here."

"These too," she says, "have given me much comfort; if proper, pass them on."

Reader, should not this touch our hearts and cause us to remember how the Lord blesses us in giving us health and strength, and also cause us to use that strength in helping and comforting such dear, afflicted souls—isolated—confined? H. S. W.

AT THE COLLEGE

An Imperative Call*

The crest of the social tide seems just now to have reached the cities. The seekers and savers of human souls must enter these populous centers, where families are literally stored in cellar and garret or pigeon-holed in tenements many stories high; where men and women are faring sumptuously every day in mansions and palaces, sitting down to eat and drink, and rising up to play; where wealth and greed know naught but to gather usury, to effect a combine or a "corner" or a political cabal; or where grim poverty toils sleepless hours for a pittance, begs the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table, culls over the scrap-heap, or gathers coal waste in the freight yard.

To the Christian worker who wants to use his strength in the place of greatest need, who is willing to attack the most difficult of gospel problems, who can look daily upon the frightful mien of vice without becoming familiar with her face, who can endure hardness as a good soldier, steadfast unto the end,—to such, the cities call loudly for help.

Dear student, will you not look upon this need of society, this part of the field, at home and abroad, and give it proper weight in the choice of your vocation? It will require maturity of mind and experience, but you can begin to build now. Special

*From an article entitled "Choosing a Vocation" by Professor W. E. Howell, editor of *Christian Education*.

training-schools for workers must be located in the large cities, but this will not suffice.

"Cultivated intellect is now needed in the cause of God, for novices can not do the work acceptably. God has devised our college as an instrumentality for developing workers of whom he will not be ashamed. The height to which man may reach by proper culture, has not hereto been realized. We have among us more than an average of men of ability. If their talents were brought into use, we should have twenty ministers where we now have one."

Aside from a thorough knowledge of the present day gospel message, three requisites stand out prominent for the workers in a large city—unsullied character, cultivated intellect, and mature experience. It may not always be possible to unite these three in one, but the first is indispensable, the second is your burden while in school, the third will grow with time. The imperative call is for an effective ministry.

Young man, do not hesitate to make the ministry, this high calling, your calling. True, competent teachers and physicians are needed, and needed greatly, and these honorable vocations may lend attractions to you; but do not fail to consider, Where is the greatest need of society just now? Form your Timothy Band, and study to show yourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed before the astute scholar, the vain philosopher, or the caviling skeptic, because of rightly dividing the Word.

Young women, efficient teachers and nurses are needed, greatly needed; but do not forget to consider that the Bible work from house to house started twenty-eight years ago, must be renewed and strengthened, city missions must be revived, the strongholds of iniquity must be compassed about. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of them that published it." Among that company must be daughters, polished after the similitude of a palace.

The Young People's Society

The young people's society of Mount Vernon is made up of Missionary Volunteers from other young people's societies all over the Columbia Union, together with those students, teachers, and others, who reside near the College. During the summer it carries on its regular meetings, gathering on Sabbath afternoon to carry out a program or to listen to a dis-

course from a local or visiting worker.

With the opening of the College in the fall, the society takes on larger numbers and a fuller organization, and enters into the more active work of the school year. Its terms also correspond to those of the school year.

The record made by the society in the first term, just closed, is, we believe, a good one; both in respect to the public meetings held and the work done by the various bands of the society.

The programs were carried out principally by members of the society, and consisted of discussions of such topics as canvassing and magazine work, home and foreign missions, the work in the South, experiences in conversion and coming into the truth. We also enjoyed a talk from Elder N. S. Ashton, educational secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

The missionary effort of the society is conducted by the various bands organized at the opening of the school year. Only a brief summary of the work of each band is here given.

The ministerial band with a membership of fifteen meets every Friday evening for practice in public speaking. On Sunday evening public services are conducted by the band in a building about three miles from the College. The last meeting held this term had an attendance of about thirty-five.

One of the largest bands in the society is the canvassers' band. Its members meet every Monday evening to discuss the general principles of the work and to give practical demonstrations on selling books. Subdivisions of this band study separately the various subscription books which our colporteurs use. A class of eleven is studying "Practical Guide to Health," and smaller classes are taking up "Coming King," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," and "Past, Present, and Future." This band is doing excellent work.

The Bible workers' band has a membership of twenty-two. It meets weekly at the close of the students' Sabbath-school to study Bible readings and discuss plans for practical work. The *Family Bible Teacher* is used as an entering wedge in missionary endeavor, the members going to the homes of the people two by two. During the term this band has made 35 calls, given 5 Bible readings, sold 41 copies of the *Signs of the Times*, 23 of the *Watchman*; distributed 17 Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and written 15 missionary letters. In response to an appeal in the *Youth's In-*

structor, the members are also raising money to help the inmates of a girls' school in Korea.

The literature band reports five copies of the *Signs of the Times* and two copies of the *Youth's Instructor* going weekly to addresses furnished by different members of the band. Besides this the society is sending sixty-nine copies of *Liberty* to ministers, lawyers, and other leading citizens of Mount Vernon and nearby towns.

The contributions of the society for the term amounted to \$14.61, of which \$10.35 was received in subscriptions for *Liberty*, and \$4.26 in the regular weekly collections.

The officers elected to serve during the second term are as follows: president, Professor John; vice-president, R. B. Wheeler; secretary, Clara Pettit; organist, Myrtle McPeak; chorister, Edgar Welch.

FLORENCE WHITE, *Secretary*.

School closes Thursday, December 21, for the midwinter vacation, and reopens Wednesday, January 3.

The second number of the lecture course will be given Wednesday evening December 20, by Elder J. L. McElhany, of Washington, president of the District of Columbia Conference. It will be a stereopticon on the subject of the Philippines. Elder McElhany has spent several years as a missionary to the Philippine Islands, and will speak largely from his own observations and impressions.

The Bible department has been very successful in raising its chair fund. One of its twelve bands has collected already over twenty-five dollars. The full amount raised to date is \$73.82.

The Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College meets in annual session at the College this week, to consider important matters concerning the school, and to elect a faculty for the year 1912-1913. There will be a number of new members present to be sworn in and take part in the deliberations of the meeting: Elder Slade, of Ohio, Elder J. L. McElhany, of the District of Columbia, and Elder A. R. Sandborn, of New Jersey. It is a great pleasure to have the members of the Board present with us, though a report of their visit must necessarily be delayed for our next issue, January 3, 1912.

Elder N. S. Ashton was a College visitor over Sabbath and Sunday.

Mr. Harold Butler went to Port Hope, Ontario, last week on business.

Mr. Fred Baker of La Grange, O., has moved to Mount Vernon with his family. Three children will attend the church school, bringing its attendance up to twenty-eight.

Elder Slade visited the chapel last Tuesday morning, and after the reading for the week of prayer, talked to the students about their advancement in the Christian life.

Mrs. F. E. Hankins with her children visited her parents near Mount Vernon and called at the College on her way to Baltimore to join her husband, who was recently elected state missionary agent of the Chesapeake Conference.

Miss Clara Pettit, one of the student canvassers, left Mount Vernon Monday, December 11, for Logan, W. Va., to make her final delivery and complete the summer's work. We wish her success.

The science department is gradually increasing and improving its facilities. Within the last two weeks a new microscope and a human skeleton have been placed in the laboratories for the use of the advanced science classes.

Miss Martha Poole and Miss Myrtle Amick, who graduated from the nurses' course with last year's class and have since been nursing at the Sanitarium, left Mount Vernon Monday, December 11. Miss Poole went to her home near Sciotoville, O., for an extended vacation. Miss Amick is nursing in Columbus.

The week of prayer brought many blessings to the school family. Special services in connection with the reading were held in the chapel each morning, and the regular prayer bands met daily at the close of the evening prayers. Professor Wilkinson was with us during the last two days of the week, and the Friday evening and Sabbath morning meetings were seasons of great revival. Many received a special blessing which will

enable them to begin the new year with brighter hopes of final victory than they have ever had before. May God bless our school, and make it a great light at which many lights may be kindled to shine for benighted souls in this and other lands.

The children of the Mount Vernon Training School, responding to a call to help the needy inmates of a girls' school in Korea, brought to school from their little store last Friday morning eighty-six cents, a large number of pictures and Scripture mottoes, and several articles of clothing. The giving was done with enthusiasm; and we know that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Do not forget the special Winter Course which opens at the College immediately after the midwinter vacation, January 3, and continues twelve weeks, closing March 28. This course is open to all classes. While it is furnished especially for conference laborers, canvassers, and home missionary workers, it is equally beneficial to the general student, as all the classes of the College are open to students of the winter course. It is an excellent opportunity for young people whose work prevented their entering school at the beginning of the year. It holds great possibilities for the young person who has never attended one of our schools. It has something for each one. Come and try it. Be here on the opening day, January 3.

NEW JERSEY

The president of the conference spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Trenton church, and left Monday to visit Newark and other churches in the vicinity. Good reports are given from the week of prayer meetings.

Brother C. E. Grey, field missionary secretary, made a visit to the office the evening after the Sabbath. He was on his way home from the upper portion of the state, where he has been laboring with some of the canvassers. He reports a very successful trip.

Before the Congress of the United States, for a number of sessions now, have been presented Sunday observance bills in one form or another. One is now pending with reference to closing the post offices on Sunday. Petitions are being sent out by the Religious Liberty Department for signatures

against this measure. If you have not received one, you may obtain it by applying to the office of the tract society. "If a solemn act of legislation shall in one point define the law of God, or point out to the citizen one religious duty, it may with equal propriety, proceed to define every part of divine revelation, and enforce every religious obligation, even to the forms and ceremonies of worship," etc. This is why you should secure one of these petition blanks and secure signatures—that Congress shall not violate the principles of the government and enact the first entering wedge.

OHIO

Akron

From December 1 to 3 there was held at Akron a very profitable and instructive Sabbath-school convention, which was attended by representatives of nearly every church in the district. Some splendid thoughts along the line of the various topics that are of interest to the Sabbath-school, were ably presented in a number of excellent papers, the discussion of which brought out many other valuable points. As these papers were read and discussed, we were all caused to sense the vast possibilities of the Sabbath-school and the responsibilities that rest upon its teachers and officers. The presence and instruction of Elders Slade, Moffett, Graff, and Patterson were appreciated by everyone present. As the meeting drew to a close all felt that they were glad for the privilege of being in attendance.

W. J. VENEN.

Columbus

Elder I. G. Bigelow visited the Columbus church Sabbath and Sunday, December 9 and 10, in the interest of the tract and missionary work. A good representation of the membership was present at all the meetings, and a practical interest was manifested in the effort to revive the old-time missionary spirit. The periodical work entered into by the church some time ago has been increasing week by week; and tracts are kept in the church for free distribution. Elder Bigelow's visit aroused in many a deeper interest in the tract work. When a call was made for workers, a number responded, ordering \$31.40 worth of tracts which will be wisely scattered in this city. We were pleased to see this hearty response, and trust that the church may never

be wanting in consecrated zeal and missionary effort. We are of good courage and all feel blessed and contented in the service of the Master. We long, however, for greater returns and more lasting results; but if faithful we shall see greater things accomplished, and many won for Christ.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED, *Pastor.*

Report of a Junior Band

The Junior Missionary Volunteer Society at Columbus sends the following report of work which the members have done in the past three months. We know we haven't done all we could, but each month finds us trying to do more than we did the preceding month.

The church school pupils are the members of the Society. Our meetings are held on Friday afternoon in the church school room. The program consists of missionary stories either read or told to the society in an interesting way. Our songs are full of the missionary spirit. Occasionally special songs are sung by some of the members. Missionary letters received by any of our members are always read; reports of work done during the week past are given in; and plans for more work are generally made.

The following is a report of what has been done in the past three months:—

Magazines sold	180
Papers mailed	9
Papers given away	157
Books lent	4
Missionary calls	13
Missionary letters written	7
Missionary letters received	9
Subscriptions for magazines secured	4

When making missionary calls we usually carry flowers to the sick or read verses from the Bible to some sick person or to an interested one. The younger members do errands for their parents or neighbors. They must be prompt, exact, and polite when doing errands as missionary work. We have eleven errands reported.

When the Senior Volunteer Society made a special effort for the needy at Thanksgiving time, we assisted by giving and soliciting food and clothing. We secured six bushels of choice, substantial food and many articles of clothing.

In October we heard of a little girl far away from us who needed shoes; she could not go to church school until she had a pair. The matter was brought before the society, and soon

we had raised enough money to buy the shoes. We also take a collection for missions each week, and already we have a nice sum.

We are glad that the Lord does not despise the small things we do. We wish to have his blessing upon us for being "faithful in a few things."

PEARL BAUDEN, *Leader.*
ALTA MCCRAY, *Secretary.*

The Ingathering Program in the Newark Church

On Sabbath, November 26, the young people of the Newark church rendered a program appropriate for the annual Ingathering time. The church stepped aside for the day and gave the time of its regular service to this occasion. The program as given in the *Youth's Instructor* was used. Practically all the young people and children of the church took part in the program. The Sanitarium young people had a prominent part, and were greatly encouraged by the effort. The children were also prominent in the service, to their great delight. The entire service went off harmoniously and to the edification of the entire church. The donation for missions at that service was \$10.00, which does not include the money brought in by the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* work.

The officers of the church feel that it is wise to step aside occasionally and have the young people develop their talent in a public way. The church thus demonstrates to the youth that it is interested in their progress and welfare. A bond of mutuality is created between young and old in the church, that the allurements of the world will not so easily sever. Many of our youth will be saved to the work because the church gives them due notice.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

From a Canvasser

The past two weeks have been fraught with rich blessings, and I am very thankful to the heavenly Father who leads and guides his trusting children.

I worked all of Thanksgiving, with good results. Among those on whom I called was a Methodist minister, a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, also a student for several years at the Chicago University. He promised to give me a recommendation for my book that will help much in my canvassing in Delaware County, as he is well and favorably known

there, and as that will be my territory as soon as I have finished Marion County.

I meet with much kindness among the people with whom I find lodging, and I am sometimes able to help them, too, to a clearer conception of Scripture on which they are in doubt. One man asked me about the state of the dead and the punishment of the wicked. I was very glad to be able to make this point clear and plain by a "thus saith the Lord;" and both he and his wife received new light that was a relief and comfort to them. This man said that he had read the Bible until he had read himself out of the churches. He is an earnest seeker after truth. May it be revealed to him in all its fulness.

A revival being in progress in the Disciple church at Martel, the little village where I have canvassed the past week, I was invited by the evangelist to address the congregation one evening, which I did, speaking from John 11:35, on the first word — Jesus. So the Lord helps me from day to day, and gives me work to do for him. I am profoundly thankful to have a share in spreading this last gospel message.

JAMES S. RANDOLPH.

Elder Slade spent last Sabbath with the Columbus church.

Brother Clarence Gibson, the elder of the Camden church, is recovering from a serious illness.

Elder W. E. Bidwell spent Sabbath, December 9, with the East Liverpool church, after having assisted Elder John W. Shultz in getting settled at Toronto, near the Ohio River.

Miss Nela Cartmell is gradually recovering from her illness, which will be good news to her many friends.

Miss Grace Kennedy of Elsworth, O., has taken Miss Cartmell's place as teacher in the home school at Alliance.

Elder Moffett taught the church school at Creston for a week pending the arrival of Mr. Ira Rickett of Nova, O.

Elder Henderson sends the following word: "The week of prayer is proving a great blessing to the Zanesville church, both spiritually and fi-

nancially. The business and professional men have given me \$50.00 for the Harvest Ingathering."

Ohio now has seventeen church schools in operation with a membership of over 150.

The young people of Ohio have raised \$328 on the College tank fund, leaving only \$72 to finish their quota. It is hoped that those who have pledged to this fund will make an effort to redeem their pledges at an early date, being sure to state that the remittance is for the tank fund, which is distinct from the Mount Vernon College fund.

The Ohio Tract Society is doing a rushing business now just before the holidays. The Morning Watch Calendar for 1912 and the new Sabbath-school quarterlies are rapidly disappearing.

The Columbus young people's society reports ten members taking the Reading Course.

Elder W. C. Moffett conducted quarterly meeting at Derwent Sabbath, December 16, and held a temperance meeting at Creston Sunday night, December 17. An election will be held in the county December 22, and the temperance meeting was held by request of the public.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The headquarters of the West Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society is now located at 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., where all matter for the conference and West Pennsylvania Tract Society should be addressed.

While the removal of the office necessarily broke into the routine of the office work, we feel sure that the business of the conference will continue to receive the blessing of God, with which it has been so generously favored in the past.

Situated as we now are, in the central part of the state, we feel that we are in closer touch with our people, whom we shall be better able to serve than before.

The removal of the office was a source of no small expense, but we believe that through the generosity of our Pittsburgh friends, and others, this expense will be fully met.

Brethren, let your prayers be for

the advanced movement which the West Pennsylvania Conference is now feeling; pray continually that the work of Christ may be advanced more than ever before in the history of West Pennsylvania.

J. S. BARROWS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Word just received from Brother L. A. Rhoads, treasurer of the Reading church, informs us that this church, up to date, has collected \$183.59 in the Ingathering campaign, and still more is coming in. This certainly is splendid work, and we as a conference appreciate the efforts put forth.

Elder C. S. Wiest spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 9 and 10, with the Williamsport church. He reports good meetings.

The services at the North Philadelphia church last Sabbath were conducted by Elder S. D. Hartwell.

Brother C. S. Baum, who has been holding a series of meetings with the Wade-Pottsville church for the past few weeks, is now with the Scranton church. He also visited the Ariel company a few days during the week of prayer.

The Wilkes Barre church was visited by Elder W. H. Heckman Sabbath, December 9. At the close of the service the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Elder, Victor Kline; deacon, Richard Lewis; clerk, Mrs. Harriet Snyder; treasurer, Miss Jean Curtis; missionary secretary, John T. Jones; deaconesses, Mrs. Richard Lewis and Mrs. John Curtis.

Do not delay your orders for the Morning Watch Calendar.

A series of revival meetings are in progress in the Cherry Flats church, under the leadership of Elder R. E. Harter.

In a communication from Brother and Sister B. M. Heald, located at Chambersburg, we learn that they have increased their Ingathering campaign collections to \$85.00. They are working for \$100.00.

The last report from the Wilkes Barre church was that their returns

on the Ingathering campaign amounted to \$233.67.

Elder L. Halsvick, a Scandinavian minister, is now located in the city of Philadelphia to work in the interests of his people. There are many thousands of Scandinavians in this city to whom the message must be given. Let us all pray earnestly for Brother Halsvick's success.

Brother J. F. Philips met with the Orwell church on its quarterly occasion. This faithful company met for this service at the home of Sister Diantha Ott, Wysox, their usual place of meeting.

Sister Stokka, our Scandinavian Bible worker in Philadelphia, collected \$30.00 for the Harvest Ingathering, confining her solicitations to the Scandinavian people of this city.

Order the Morning Watch Calendar from your tract society office, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

VIRGINIA

Guinea Mills

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted; it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 5:13. There is much more in these words than is generally supposed. "We are the savor of death unto death;" or "the savor of life unto life." 2 Cor. 2:16. Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.

It was about the middle of September when I came to Guinea Mills to connect with the work. Brethren Lillie and Gordon had been laboring here during the summer. Brother Lillie had been called to China, and it was thought advisable that I spend some time here with Brother Gordon.

Not long after my arrival Elder Stewart Kime joined us, and together we prayed, fasted, and labored for the further development of the work in this place. At that time few had taken their stand for the truth. After about a week's hard labor, twenty-five came forward, expressing their desire to walk in all the light, and to

keep God's commandments. Elder Kime baptized ten of this number. Some had already been baptized, and others were not yet prepared.

From this time we began to plan the building of a church. All felt that this was the right thing to do. There was pledged and given in lumber more than half enough to build the church. But a harder question, that of securing a place on which to build it, confronted us. Brother Kime now left us, and we worked for three weeks to get a piece of land on which to build, but failed. We saw a faint glimpse of the fulfilment of Rev. 13:17, "No man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." However, we knew that there is a God in heaven who hears prayer, and *does things* for his people. So we took this matter to God, and he heard us. A man who had at first promised to give us land, but had in a measure changed his mind, now told us that he would give us two acres.

From this time the work went steadily forward. Only a few days passed before we had the frame up, and no doubt two weeks more will complete the building. It is a neat little structure, twenty-four by thirty-six feet, with a fourteen foot ceiling, and is situated in an oak grove.

Two weeks ago it was necessary for me to leave the work here to look after the canvassing work in other places. On my return I found the work on the building about ready to stop for want of means. I had previously talked with Elder Stone about this matter, and after consulting Brother Gordon, we decided to bring the question before our new brethren here.

In order to complete the building without debt, we needed to raise one hundred dollars. We knew that God had said, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," and we therefore called the people together, and choosing several texts on the subject from the word of God, we closed the discourse by reading one paragraph from "Early Writings" regarding our duty, preparatory to the time of trouble; then we told our brethren what was needed. God came near, and they pledged themselves to raise the amount that was lacking by the first of January, 1913. All took part in the giving. The pledges ran from one to twenty-five dollars. In all one hundred and five dollars was pledged; and we had to tell the brethren to stop giving (Ex. 36:56).

The brethren here are laying up

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending December 8, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BR	5	34	19	58 50		58 50	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	42	6	17 50	14 15	31 65	90
J. Reichenbach, Portage Co.		BR	5	37	8	24 00	2 50	26 50	
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.		BF	5	36	20	24 00	1 50	25 50	1 50
C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.		CK	4	28	15	21 50	1 20	22 70	
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.		BR	5	33	4	14 00	6 50	20 50	2 25
M. J. Leach, Guernsey Co.			5	47	35	19 95		19 95	
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.		CK	3	17	2	3 00	9 00	12 00	2 25
Totals			37	274	74	\$182 45	\$34 95	\$217 30	6 90

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 8, 1911

A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	45	13	22 00	11 25	33 25	31 25	
*J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	6	52	7	13 50		13 50	119 95	
*T. Dunham, Pittsburgh	GC	9	60	11	37 50	95	38 45	9 45	
*C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	GC	10	40		24 00	4 95	28 95	14 45	
*Mrs. C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	BS	9	36	44	29 25		29 25		
Eva Jenks, Ridgway	CK	5	12		10 50	3 25	13 75	26 50	
Wm. Burtnett, Allegheny	GC	1	10	15	45 00	10 25	55 25		
M. Crawford, Allegheny	DR	3	10		3 50	70	4 20	4 20	
Totals		48	265	90	\$185 25	\$31 35	\$216 60	\$205 80	

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 8, 1911

*J. Jones, Royal Oak, Md.	GC	9	66	12	36 00	27 45	63 45	1 50	
*J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	9	54	34	34 50	5 50	40 00	1 50	
Mrs. Durst, S. Cumberland, Md.	PPF	4	17	12	18 50	10 50	29 00		
Totals		22	137	58	\$89 00	\$43 45	\$132 45	\$3 00	

West Virginia Week Ending December 8, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	40	27	40 50	22 05	62 55	11 40	
W. McElphatrk, Braxton Co.	DR	5	38	10	24 00	10 00	34 00	3 50	
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.	DR	5	35	10	30 00		30 00	9 00	
Totals		15	113	47	\$94 50	\$32 05	\$126 55	\$23 90	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 8, 1911

Wm. P. Hess, Eden Lane Co.	CK	3	62	7	11 00	1 00	12 00	3 50	
Wm. P. Hess,	DR	2						70 00	
S. F. Zenger, Chambersburg	CK	2	18	1	1 50		1 50	53 00	
Totals		7	80	8	\$12 50	\$1 00	\$13 50	\$126 50	

Virginia, Week Ending, December 8, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC		25	1	4 00	1 50	5 50	50	
S. N. Brown, Bristol	CK		12	5	8 00	1 00	9 00	6 00	
F. W. Hall, Bristol	CK		12	10	15 50	2 25	17 75		
Totals			49	16	\$27 50	\$4 75	\$32 25	\$6 50	

New Jersey, Week Ending December 8, 1911

R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	31	17	27 50	3 00	30 50	1 75	
C. J. Beach, Bergen Co.	PPF	3	15	13	20 50	4 85	24 35	1 60	
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.	CK	5	33	36	55 50	12 00	67 50		
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC			1	3 00	9 00	12 00	3 00	
Totals		13	79	167	\$106 50	\$28 85	\$135 35	\$6 35	

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$874.00

Deliveries, \$378.95.

treasures in heaven. The salt has not lost its savor. We have a thriving little company of twenty or more, who are seeking a supply of oil to carry them through the dark night that is just before us.

We hope to have this church building dedicated in the week of prayer. May we not have the prayers of all the brethren for the work at this place?

U. D. PICKARD.

News Notes

We are glad to welcome to our field Brother and Sister Gardner of Indiana, who come here to take up the work of giving the message in this needy field.

Elder and Sister R. D. Hottel, who have been visiting in Indiana and Ohio, returned to their home at New-Market the 5th instant.

We shall be glad to get your orders early for a copy of the Morning Watch. It is now ready, and can be had at this office for five cents post-paid.

Word from Elder Stewart Kime, who is holding a series of meetings at Rileyville, reports the baptism of eight persons. The interest still continues.

Elder J. H. N. Tindall and Brother Garnsey are holding several weeks' meetings in Lynchburg, with a good interest. Their visit and labors have been appreciated by the church.

A few reports from the week of prayer have already reached our office. They are very encouraging. We hope to have a report from each church in the conference. Will the elders and leaders please give us a full report of their meetings, in order that we may pass them on for the encouragement of others?

The report of the proceedings of the last session of the conference has not been lost, but as the days have been very busy at the office since the close of the meeting, some things had to be delayed, and this report was one of them. It will no doubt appear in the next issue of the VISITOR. See that your subscription has not expired, so that you will get the report.

"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness."

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From an Isolated Member

Dear readers of the VISITOR: About two years ago we moved to the little mountain state of West Virginia, and have been lost sight of by most of our former acquaintances in the truth. We are living in Williamstown, a beautiful little town on the Ohio River. It has a population of about 1,800, and we are the only family of Seventh-day Adventist in it.

As I took up carpentry on coming here, my manner of hiring men soon called attention to the fact that I keep the seventh day of the week; and a number of people came to see me to ask about my peculiar belief. Some thought we were Jews, some Latter-day Saints, and others Russellites; but all gave opportunity for talks on present truth. We are having some very good experiences. A few days ago one of our near neighbors came to me and asked if we did not believe that Jesus had already come. I explained to him that our Saviour had come and suffered and died for our

sins; that he had risen and gone to the heavenly courts to prepare mansions for his people. He wished to know if I could prove it from the Bible, and I took down my Bible and spent the afternoon with him. He also asked how we pay our ministers. I then explained the tithing system to him, and he said, "I believe that all Christians should do this. I see that it is right." This man belongs to the Methodist church. He has been watching us and remarked that if all kept Sunday as we keep the Sabbath, how much better the world would be. I also met a doctor recently and had a long talk with him in his office, telling him of our faith. He invited me to come back, as he wishes to investigate further.

I should like to see more workers come to this state. It is indeed a needy field, and there is much territory to work.

Yours in the blessed hope,
 H. W. WEST.

An Opportunity for the Holidays

As the year closes and the new year is ushered in, what would be more appropriate than to let the mind dwell for a time on the great world movements, those that affect the nations; what they are, and their significance?

People should have the privilege of studying these great events of the day in the light of prophecy as they appear in the January *Signs of the Times* magazine, just out. Some of its articles are:—

"China in the light of prophecy," by the editor. Mentioned in the Bible years ago. Brought to our attention now. Worthy of serious thought.

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A Happy New Year to All!

The VISITOR will not make its usual round next week. When it calls on you again another year will be in the past. May the new year bring to all our readers happiness and prosperity, or, if God wills it so, happiness in adversity; and may its closing days find us nearer in spirit and in preparation of life to the heavenly kingdom soon to come, where "years shall have no end."

OBITUARIES

HENRY.— Kate, the beloved wife of R. S. Henry, departed this life Nov. 26, 1911. Her residence was in Trinway, O., but she died in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Zanesville, where an operation had been performed for appendicitis. Sister Henry was born in Muskingum County, O., August 26, 1876, and was at the time of her death 36 years and 3 months old. On December 21, 1899, she was married to R. S. Henry; their union was blessed with two children, Pauline and Mary Francis. In early life Sister Henry gave her heart to God, uniting with the Episcopal church. Seven years ago she embraced the third angel's message under the labors of Elder House. Since that time she has been a firm believer in the soon-coming of Christ; and to this fact her life has borne testimony day by day. During her brief illness she endured much suffering, but bore it with fortitude and courage. Not once was she heard to murmur or complain, but rather she would say, "Thy will, O Lord, not mine, be done." All with whom she was acquainted mourn their loss, and sympathize deeply with Mr. Henry and his motherless children. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist Episcopal church by Elder F. H. Henderson, who based his remarks on 1 Thess. 4: 16.

"She hath passed death's chilling billow,
 And gone to rest;
 Jesus smoothed her dying pillow,—
 O slumber blest!"

FLORENCE P. HENDERSON.