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AT THE COLLEGE

Commencement Address*

I will read for our word of instruction to-night from the second epistle of Peter, the third chapter, and the eighteenth verse: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." This is the apostle Peter's closing word to men, his last exhortation. I have chosen it for the closing hour of this year's school; for it seems to me a very fit exhortation for the Commencement of the young people who close their school work to-night.

We are exhorted to grow, to enlarge, to develop, to add to what we have. And in this particular exhortation we are admonished to grow mentally and morally, intellectually and spiritually.

To-night I wish to add to these two features the question of physical growth and development. A failure to grow to normal proportions in the physical world results in a dwarf. A fruit tree that fails to develop to normal proportions is a dwarf. A human being who fails thus to grow is a dwarf. A dwarf is a calamity, whether as applied to man or to plant life.

Now there are different degrees of development and dwarfage. The individual who fails to reach the physical development that is possible to him, that God intended him to reach, is to the extent of that failure a dwarf. If for any reason he stunts his growth six inches, to that extent he is a dwarf. And whatever defect or lack there may be in the body, in its height, or its weight, or its strength, to that extent the body sustains a loss. Now the same is true of the intellect. The same is true of the moral nature and faculties. God wants every individual to be a stalwart—physically, intellectually, morally, spiritually. And the exhortation, this last word of

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the apostle Peter before his death, is an admonition to every one of us to give attention to this question of full development. So I shall endeavor this evening to give you a few words with reference to the importance of physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth.

First, with reference to the physical. This is important; but it is a question that many students overlook. It is an important feature of human existence. I will not limit or modify it as I did, that *many* students overlook it; I think I am truthful in saying that this is a question which *most* students overlook, a question which students *generally* overlook. There are very few who pass through college life with a true realization of the value of the physical, the training and development of the natural. But the testimony of scores of thousands of men in later life is to the effect that if they had their college days to live over again, they would be far more careful regarding the physical laws of their being. We all know, when we take special thought, that our bodies are our greatest asset on this earth,—next to the gift of the Spirit to make our natures what they ought to be, to develop us morally,—next to that, the human body is the greatest asset of the man. We cannot overlook this except to our peril. I have an important word here that I want to give, especially to the students who are not closing their school work to-night. It is this:—

"Since the mind and the soul find expression through the body, both mental and spiritual vigor are in great degree dependent upon physical strength and activity; whatever promotes physical health, promotes the development of a strong mind and a well-balanced character. Without health, no one can as distinctly understand or as completely fulfil his obligation to himself, to his fellow beings, or to his Creator. Therefore the health should be as faithfully guarded as the character. A knowledge of physiology and hygiene should be the basis of all educational effort.

"Though the facts of physiology are now so generally understood, there is

an alarming indifference in regard to the principles of health. Even of those who have a knowledge of these principles, there are few who put them in practice. Inclination is followed as blindly as if life were controlled by mere chance rather than by definite and unvarying laws.

"The youth, in the freshness and vigor of life, little realize the value of their abounding energy. A treasure more precious than gold, more essential to advancement than learning or rank or riches,—how lightly it is held! how rashly squandered!"—*Education*.

I cannot, therefore, talk about the importance of intellectual growth, development, without saying a word with reference to the importance of taking care to maintain the very best of health, and rugged, robust bodies, on through to the end of life. We must care for these physical bodies as we care for our minds and for our souls; because it is difficult for an individual whose health is gone to be a real, good, bright, happy, robust Christian. I want to impress upon the minds of these students who are graduating to-night, and the students who are still remaining to pursue their studies, the value of good health; of strong, well preserved, well developed bodies. This is not an unimportant question. Upon the condition of these physical systems of our bodies depends our natural keenness and our moral fitness for the kingdom of heaven, in a measure. We must not overlook them. Therefore, "the health should be as faithfully guarded as the character." No education is what it ought to be if we overlook this important truth.

"I am certain," says Horace Mann, "I could have performed twice the labor, both better and with greater ease to myself, had I known as much of the laws of health and life at twenty-one as I do now. In college I was taught all about the motions of the planets, as carefully as though they would have been in danger of getting off the track if I had not known how to trace their orbits; but about my own organization, and the conditions indispensable to the healthful functions of my own body, I

was left in profound ignorance. Nothing could be more preposterous. I ought to have begun at home, and taken the stars when it should have become their turn. The consequence was, I broke down at the beginning of my second college year, and I have never had a well day since. Whatever labor I have since been able to do, I have done all on credit instead of capital—a most ruinous way, either in regard to health or money. For the last twenty-five years, so far as it regards health, I have been put, from day to day, upon my good behavior; and during the whole of this period, as an Hibernian would say, if I had lived as other folks do for a month, I should have died in a fortnight."

We would better understand these physical frames of ours and care for them than to learn about the stars in the heavens. We would better become familiar with that book on physiology than that book on astronomy; because we are not doing much with the stars, but we are doing much with these bodies of ours. The stars will go on whether we are well or sick; but our work will not go on when our bodies are sick.

Now we have heard from two of the greatest authorities on education in this land, in the world, an earnest exhortation to give this matter proper consideration. I can to-night only just refer to the conditions upon which good, sound health is maintained. One of these conditions is proper food, good wholesome food and plenty of it. I am not here to advocate a starvation diet. I am not here to admonish students to eat just as little as they possibly can. It is the greatest piece of folly that one should starve his body. You have heard people say that we must not eat very much. I am not here to advocate that. I believe that every student, and every school, should be careful to provide a good, wholesome, proper diet that is adapted to the needs of the student; have plenty of that, and keep as well and strong physically as possible all through the school year.

Again, exercise is as essential as food. Exercise strengthens the body to take care of food and to give the mind vigor and endurance. Here is where most students fail, and where most teachers fail, and most preachers fail. Most people of sedentary habits do not take the proper amount of physical exercise. The arm deprived of exercise will soon lose its strength altogether. There are a great many students, teachers, preachers, who exercise just

enough to "navigate" well; and when they are put to hard work they give up in thirty minutes. I keep a good large pile of hardwood and a saw-buck at home. In my mind that kind of physical labor is just as good work as you can put in during college days. If you do not have a woodpile, get a hoe or a shovel, and go at the soil; or take good, long, vigorous walks. We must have this for the long run in life. When we get out in the strenuous duties of life we shall have much need of physical strength and endurance. Here is one of the reasons why so many young people break down in a short time when they go out; and why we are paying thousands of dollars to bring back from our mission fields men and women who suddenly break down. We are bringing young men and women to our Seminary, apparently in good health, and yet before six months we find some disease fastening itself upon them; and we have had to turn a number from the mission field, and from the Seminary, who came to us with certificates of health from the doctors. What does it say?—It says that we as a people are not carrying out these principles of health as we ought to.

Sanitation is another essential. If we maintain good health, we must be careful to have sanitary surroundings. We send from our colleges to the mission fields young men and women who do not realize the importance of maintaining proper sanitary conditions. We have lost more than one person on the mission field because he was too dense to put up a mosquito net, because he did not know that a mosquito would hurt him.

Proper rest must also be taken by the person who maintains good health. While I believe in hard work and long hours, I believe that every man, woman, and student should be careful to secure the rest nature calls for. I have students tell me sometimes how they stay up all night with their books. That is a perilous thing for students to do; and nothing is gained. General Grant, the man who made his deep impress upon the world, said he could do nothing without his nine hours of sleep. The time spent in securing seven or nine hours of good, hard, refreshing sleep is just as valuable in results as the same number of hours spent over a book.

Then with proper, plentiful food, good, vigorous exercise in abundance, proper sanitary conditions, and proper rest, one ought to main-

tain himself in the very pink of health, and be in fighting trim against all comers.

Now let us consider the intellectual side. When I was in Australia I saw a sign that used to impress me. It was fastened along on a row of cedars that rose gradually from the short, young tree to the tall, old one that had first been planted. It read, "While I live I'll grow." Now I think that is a splendid motto for every student and every graduate to take for himself. While I live I'll grow, grow intellectually, grow mentally. To-night is the Commencement, not the closing. The young people are not closing their career, thank God. They are just beginning. It is the commencement of the hardest work that they have ever done. Their struggles this last year will not compare at all with the struggles that they will have from this time on, if they develop as they should and reach the high plane of usefulness and efficiency they ought to reach.

No, the Commencement is not the close, it is the beginning. But some people really make it the close of their hard work; and when they get their diploma they hang it up on the wall and put their minds to bed. The graduate who does that will fail. It is time now to work. Lowell says, "No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him." And it will stay with him until he dies. When he ceases to labor he reaches the dead-line; and intellectually or spiritually, he is practically dead. There are plenty of people who live in this world only physically. They do not live intellectually. They dwarf. There are intellectual dwarfs just the same as there are physical dwarfs.

What is to save us from becoming intellectual dwarfs?—It is hard, earnest, mental labor. How will this be done?—We leave school. Perhaps these graduates will enter another school, carry their work further; but whether they enter another school or not, they will continue their study, their intellectual toil, their mental development and improvement. How will they do it?—This is one way. They will improve their spare moments; and this is what every person must do when he closes his school work. In one hour a person can read twenty pages thoughtfully, carefully. If he will do that every day, he will read in a year seven thousand pages, or eighteen volumes. And who can tell the tremendous benefit an individual will receive from devoting one hour

each day to careful study and reading. The story is told of a Vermont shoemaker who spent one hour a day in study, and as a result became one of the greatest mathematicians in the world. He did it while he was carrying on his business as a shoemaker. A careful use of our time, the spare moments,—we must not wait for leisure; that never comes to busy people,—but you will find a leisure moment here, there, just waiting to be nabbed. The thing to do is to lay hold of it and improve it. Men have written books in leisure moments, while they were waiting for people to gather around the table. If you will read carefully the lives of great men, they will tell you that after leaving school and entering business they developed by just improving the short, spare moments that came to them.

Another thing is to have a definite purpose all the time. Some one has said that a person without a purpose is worse off than a man without a country. We must have a definite purpose, a target; aim at that, and keep aiming; and then we shall get somewhere. But without a purpose, without an aim, we shall lose a great deal of time, drifting with the current of each day that comes and goes.

Another thing that is very essential to development in our work and in our studies is a wholesome enthusiasm. The wisest man said, "Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." There is a great deal lost through lack of proper enthusiasm in what we do, of earnestness and concentration of our energies upon our work. When we are reading a book we ought to center our minds upon that book and read there, entirely oblivious to what is going on around us. That is the main thing for students to learn in college days—to center the mind upon the subject in hand so that it can be absorbed into the mind, and laid hold of, so as to become ours in word and truth.

One word about the spiritual side. Spiritual growth is the most important of all; and I presume it has received as much attention during this year as any other phase of life. Grow in grace, as well as in knowledge, as well as in the physical line. It is the most important of all to be right with our God, to have our hearts clean, to have them washed day by day with the blood of Jesus Christ, and to know that there is no cloud between God's dear face and our hearts. This spiritual growth is absolutely essential in order that we

may know how to use our minds and our physical powers. That we may accomplish the greatest amount of good we must have that union with God.

In our spiritual life we must have food and exercise just as in physical matters, and the source of our strength is here in the word of the living God. "Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." This is our meat and our drink and our strength, spiritually; and as we feed upon this word day by day we draw a divine power from the living God to strengthen and to support us. It is the most valuable, the most wonderful book in the world. Of the books that men have written, everyone of them is subordinate to this. This occupies the center; the others are only helps around it. It towers above all the other books in the world. It is the power of God placed here within our reach. It leads to devotion, to prayer, to consecration, to service for our fellowmen. There is a fire in it. I have heard people say they got so much inspiration from this or that man; but we have to get our inspiration from a higher source than any man, and it is put right down here in the world among us; and we may draw from it as we wish. And then this leads to prayer; and prayer is communion with God, talking with the Almighty; it is getting inspiration from him for the duties of life. And, as we leave the school and begin to struggle with the great problems of life, how much we need the power of the word in us to enable us to struggle and toil efficiently and successfully.

And now I wish to say to these young people who have toiled hard these years in this institution, that to-night you have achieved a purpose. You have not reached the final purpose of life. The great purpose is only reached by the achievement of a series of definite purposes. This is only one purpose achieved, to enable us to reach a still higher and greater purpose in our service for our Maker. We are glad to see our young people achieve these victories, and accomplish purposes, and go through with courses. These people who are here to-night have come because they are pleased to see you, and pleased to know that you have finished a portion of the work of life that you have undertaken. And I know that if they could speak through me to-night they would have me tell you that you have their prayers and their

best wishes for abundant success in the service to which God shall call you. And I hope that the good lessons that have been given here in the chapel talks, and the principles that have been inculcated in the class rooms and in the home will ever be gratefully remembered, and will be put into practical work throughout your career; that you will continue to grow from this night, reaching higher ground, ascending the ladder, becoming better equipped for life's duties; and may the Master lead and guide you through to the end.

Commencement Week at the College

The last week of the school year sums up in brief, and lays open for public inspection, the work of the whole year. We are glad to give our readers a brief account of the Commencement week just closed; for we believe that it was a good index of one of the best school years in the history of the College.

The meeting of friends and visitors, the pleasure-takings of various sorts, and the nightly programs in the chapel seemed not to detract from the spirit of earnest work which has characterized the year. Though gladness abounded on every hand, there was not seen the lightness and frivolity so often indulged in on such occasions.

Class day exercises usually furnish a good expression of the spirit and purpose, not only of the class, but of the whole student body; and the large audience that came to listen to what the class had to say before taking its leave did not go away disappointed. Hearty Amens were heard from the audience as addresses and papers brought out what the years of Christian training had meant to the class, and what they wished it to mean to the work of the third angel's message. Mr. Belgrave, in his discussion of the class motto, "Right, then forward," voiced the purpose of the graduates and of the school in the following words:—

"With us there shall be no retreat, but a forward march. And as we go forth from this our alma mater, we would line ourselves up with that mighty angel of Revelation 10, who, having a little book in his hand, and placing his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the land, and raising his hand to heaven, cried as when a lion roareth, 'that there should be time no longer.' We would join in that loud cry as we go forth to proclaim the last message to

a dying world, and to make manifest in our everyday lives the principles for which this school stands."

What is the class planning to do?—Of the fourteen students who finished courses this year, six are looking to the mission fields; one is under appointment for India, and expects to reach that country within the year. Another is under provisional appointment for the same field. Three expect to take up teaching in the denomination next year; and five will continue their school work. It is encouraging to note that every member of the class is planning to do service in some branch of God's work.

Dr. Paulson's visit over the last Sabbath was not the least interesting feature of the week's program. The truths which he presented in his stirring talks on Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon, had they been grasped and retained, would have given every student inspiration for the work of the whole summer.

On Sabbath morning, as Elder E. K. Slade delivered the baccalaureate sermon, the chapel was filled to overflowing. Elder Slade's counsel to the class was that they seek to obtain that true wisdom "which is from above," and which leads to the service of God.

The closing exercises of the church school, conducted on Sunday evening, revealed that a good year's work had been done in that department. No program was listened to with greater interest; and the patrons of the school expressed themselves as fully satisfied with the advancement made this year.

On Monday morning the students gathered in the chapel to receive their grades for the last term. It was found that these averaged several per cent higher than those of the first two terms, showing that there had been no letting down of the high standard of scholarship which had been set up at the beginning of the year. However, the earnest testimonies offered by many of the students that morning told that what they prized most highly was not the grades they had obtained, but the spiritual lessons learned, the earnest determination to be of use in the great work of giving the saving message of truth to the world.

Elder Daniells' address on Monday evening gave in clear outline the three points which students need most to remember after they leave school, as well as when they are obtaining their education,—to keep the body sound, the intellect growing, and the soul in touch with God.

With the presentation of diplomas by Professor Wilkinson, the school year, with all its achievements and blessings, closed. May its fruits be seen in the kingdom of heaven.

College Notes

Miss Blanche de Spelder accompanied Miss Leach to her home in Litchfield, O., and visited there a few days before going on to Grand Rapids, Mich., where she will spend part of the vacation.

Misses Anna Smith and Hortense Howell were at the College for Commencement, and visited friends in Mount Vernon.

Mr. Newell is very ill at the Sanitarium.

Mr. Chester Spangler is canvassing for a scholarship. He is working about sixty miles north of College View, Neb.

Mrs. Phena Greenup visited her son, Mr. Julian Greenup, at Union College, during Commencement week.

Mr. Martin Anderson, who has been principal of the training school at Takoma Park for the past school year, visited his brother, Professor L. R. Anderson, at Mount Vernon, on his way to the West.

Elder and Mrs. Butler went to Columbus on College business last Wednesday.

Miss Cora Bennett, who went from Mount Vernon to Long Beach, Cal., a few weeks ago, was recently made head nurse of the sanitarium at that place.

Miss Anna Moy, Misses Elizabeth and Martha Bailey, and Miss Wise arrived in Mount Vernon last Thursday from Beechwood Academy. Miss Elizabeth Bailey will be preceptress at the College next year.

Professor and Mrs. O. M. John welcomed to their home on Sabbath, May 25, a little son, Edward Allen.

About thirty students will canvass for scholarships this summer.

Summer School opens June 12.

UNION

A Council for the City Workers in the Union

A council for city workers was called to meet in Takoma Park, D. C., May 13-16, and in it were invited to participate the city workers of three unions—the Columbia, the Atlantic, and the Southeastern. It will be of interest to our brethren throughout the Union to know some of the things considered and some of the main resolutions passed.

There was a goodly delegation of our city workers in from most of the conferences of the Columbia Union. The date having been changed at the last moment from May 23 to May 13, all did not get in who would have wished to come, and all of the conferences did not have time to make full and satisfactory arrangements, as they would have desired. Nevertheless there was in the council quite a representation of our leading field evangelists, who all entered heartily into the consideration of the things presented.

Elder Daniells presided over the meeting, and in general introduced the subject by a short presentation of the same, after which he threw the discussion open for all who were present. The first subject to be considered was, How to secure an audience. As the main thing we seek after is the people, it is necessary to get the people in order to give them the message which we bear. How may we properly advertise? How may we eliminate from our advertising such features as might be offensive? And how may we follow up the attendance and interest when once we have secured it? These were some of the main questions considered. All participated with lively interest in the discussion, which was followed by the appointing of a committee to draft definite recommendations upon the matters discussed.

The report brought in by this committee contained resolutions looking toward the procurement of sensible, attractive, yet modest advertising. The elimination of illustrations of the sensational order was especially recommended. The very cautious use of personal photographs was advised by the committee. Besides these there were other items of interest which led us to feel that we are making progress in the matter of advertising.

Much enthusiasm was engendered by the discussion of the subject of

combining our medical and evangelistic work. Very definite propositions were presented concerning the necessity of laboring for the bodies of the people with whom we are working; what value a nurse may be in connection with our public efforts; how we may associate with us a worker whom we may rightly call a medical evangelist; how much personal experience and ability may be displayed by the minister himself in laboring for the ailments of the people he is trying to reach.

Without question this council was of great profit to the laborers who were there assembled. It stimulated great interest on the part of the workers, opening up to them new thoughts, new methods of labor, and emphasizing lines which should receive emphasis. We believe that the blessing of God was upon the consideration of the subjects presented, and we expect to see this blessing translated in the future field efforts of the workers throughout the conferences of the Union.

B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

Notes from the Field

The Lord has been with us and has richly blessed our faithful canvassers in their work. Though the weather has been bad, many of our canvassers have been putting in full time. Brother Fink, one of our new canvassers, has been working rainy days as well as clear ones, and the Lord has blessed his earnest efforts; and while he has had some hard struggles, his reports are growing better from week to week. We are sure that the Lord will reward his faithful work with success.

Brother Stagg reports some very good deliveries in Sussex County. He has been having some interesting experiences with the people of that county.

Brother Samuels has been selling, on an average, about \$35 worth of "Glorious Appearing" each week, in the city of Newark. This seems to prove a very successful method of reaching the honest souls in our cities. Brother Hartman is also placing hundreds of copies of "His Glorious Appearing" in Jersey City. While it is very difficult to gain an entrance into these city homes, the angel of the Lord is going before these faithful brethren and preparing the way for them. Several of those who have bought the little book are now taking

Bible readings, and we hope in the near future to see them accept the truth. Thus the seed that is being sown is bringing forth fruit.

Brother Beach, who is handling "Past, Present and Future," has been unable to put in full time on account of sickness and other hindrances; however, he has been averaging over a dollar an hour. This is very good, as that county is populated mostly by city people. He hopes to be able to get in better time from now on.

We are glad to note the success that Brother Cruickshanks is having in Somerset County.

Last week was a banner week for Brother Blinn. He reports 40 hours and \$121 worth of orders for "Bible Readings." On Thursday his orders amounted to \$53.50. Surely the Lord is with the canvasser. Brother Blinn feels that it was the Lord who took these orders for him. We hope that God may continue to give him success. We believe that his Thursday record is the best one-day record ever made in New Jersey. While we are not working for high records alone, yet our hearts are rejoiced to know that so many good books are being placed in the hands of the people. We find that where the books are being sold and read prejudice is being broken down, and the way prepared for the tent effort and the Bible worker.

Brother Pond, who has been home for a short time, is again in the field. We hope that he may have much success. He is located in Mt. Holly, Burlington County.

Brother Glunt is doing faithful work in Camden County.

Brother Rambo, who has been in the canvassing work longer than any other canvasser in the state, is still pressing on. Many good reports have come from him. We have the promise that the seed thus sown will not be sown in vain.

Brother Williams, one of our new canvassers, has been having trying experiences; but he is struggling on toward success. We are praying that he may soon have better success. The harder the fight, the greater the victory.

Our magazine workers are also laboring hard, and faithfully sowing the seeds of truth.

While we may not always see immediate results from the canvassing work, still we know that the seed has been sown, and some of it will fall into good ground and bring forth fruit, "some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold."

"What place have I in thy work to-day,
O Lord of the harvest field?
Have I naught to do but wait and pray,
While others the sickle wield?
Why stands another with sickle bright,
And I with an empty hand?
Why brings he sheaves with the evening
light,
While here I fruitless stand?"

"Go forth, go forth, to the field," he cried,
"And lend thy willing aid;
And when thou comest at eventide,
Thy toil shall be repaid."

The Master's word I heeded then,
But falteringly obeyed;
For I could not follow the reaper men
Without the reaper's blade.

But when I reached the field, and stood
In the midst of the ripened grain,
With a heart to do what my two hands
could,
My Lord's command was plain.
There were sickles enough for each reaper
there,
And sheaves of golden brown;
And the whole broad field was a house of
prayer
From dawn till the sun went down.

—C. M. Snow.

C. E. GRAY, *Field Missionary Agent.*

The Woodbury church is at work. Miss F. G. Tallman, missionary secretary of the church, reports as follows:—

"I think all are trying to do something in the missionary work, just as the opportunity comes to each one; some by talking or speaking a word for the truth to some one who does not have it, or by living it out in their lives; some by giving out a tract or two to those ready to receive them; others by handing out some of the papers and periodicals; some by making a loan of one or more books and by visiting their friends and acquaintances and trying to interest them in the truth. Some subscribe for papers to be sent to friends at a distance, and some are sending out packages of tracts and periodicals pertaining to the message. So you see there are many ways by which the truth may be given to the people, and by which some are trying to give it."

Camp-meeting time will be here in five weeks! The place is Plainfield, and the date June 27 to July 7. Plan, pray, and work to the end that you may attend this annual gathering. In connection with the camp-meeting will be held the annual conference session, to which delegates should be elected from all the churches.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Colporters' Testimony Corner

Our colporters, in staying faithfully by their work, improving every hour of the day in the spread of our precious books and magazines, are voicing the sentiments of the following beautiful poem:—

"When I enter that beautiful city,
Far removed from earth's sorrow and
fear,

I want to hear somebody saying,
'It was you who invited me here.'

"When at home in those mansions
eternal,

The saved of the nations appear,
I want to have somebody tell me,
'It was you who invited me here.'

"When the glad harps of heaven are
ringing

With music so tender and clear,
I want to hear somebody singing,
'It was you who invited me here.' "

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." One of our canvassers writes: "This week I found a woman who is earnestly seeking for more light. She asked me to come and teach her out of the Bible whenever I have any spare time. If only this dear soul will accept the truth through reading 'Great Controversy' I shall feel abundantly rewarded for all my labors in Hazelton."

Brother W. B. Lindsay, who had very encouraging success in taking orders, is now enjoying the same rich blessings in his delivery. At this writing he has not lost an order. Many were waiting for their books with money in hand. Others, who were doubtful customers, were persuaded with such Christian tact that they were constrained to borrow the money from their neighbors, rather than disappoint the messenger God had sent to them. We have asked Brother Lindsay to write a brief article on his experiences. Watch for it in the next issue.

Brother H. H. Gerhart had to leave the work for a time on account of home duties, but his two consecrated daughters immediately took his place. They left for Easton Sunday, and a room was soon secured in a respectable home. They write that they are having good success and rich experiences.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending May 17, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*Wm. Black, Hardin Co.		BR	10	85	79	249 50		249 50	
L. H. Waters, Morrow Co.		BF	5	31	21	24 50	3 00	27 50	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.		BF	3	11	5	5 00	8 00	13 00	
Juanita Gibson, Hardin Co.		GC	2	17	3	9 00	2 85	11 85	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	1	5	6	6 00	1 20	7 20	7 45
J. Reichenbach, Montgom'y Co.			2	29					149 00
J. Schick, Summit Co.			2	16					26 25
Totals			25	194	114	\$294 00	\$15 05	\$309 05	\$182 70

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Juanita Gibson Hardin Co.	GC	5	42	16	56 00	11 90	67 90	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.	BF	5	37	22	22 00	3 75	25 75	1 00
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	2	5	11	11 50	6 10	17 60	
Totals		12	84	49	\$89 50	21 75	111 25	1 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 17, 1912

*J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.	GC	10	73	8	24 00	56 75	80 75	2 25
D. Percy, Caroline Co., Md.	DA	11	89	32	100 50	16 00	116 50	41 00
J. Sheirich, Carroll Co., Md.	BF	9	53	25	25 00		25 00	42 00
H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.	CK	11	94	40	81 50		81 50	126 00
R. Murphy, Alleg'ny Co., Md.	PPF	7	38	19	31 00	50	31 50	45 80
Totals		48	347	124	\$262 00	\$73 25	\$335 25	\$257 05

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	LH	Value
Harold Richards	38	\$3.80

West Virginia, Week Ending May 17, 1912

T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	5	42	8	27 00	3 00	30 00	11 50
F. E. Wagner, Elm Grove	GC	5	35	15	50 00		50 00	9 00
J. Marshall, Berkeley Springs	GC	5	32	5	13 00	4 25	17 25	3 25
Totals		15	109	28	\$90 00	\$7 25	\$97 25	\$23 75

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 17, 1912

J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	5	28	22	38 50	3 60	42 10	3 10
I. Lawrence, Bedford	PPF	3	24	8	12 00	8 00	20 00	40 00
Wm. Seigle, Blair	PPF	10	33	7	10 50	5 25	15 75	38 80
T. Saxton, Indiana	PPF	2	14	7	10 50	75	11 25	3 75
Totals		20	99	44	\$71 50	\$17 60	\$89 10	\$85 65

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 17, 1912

W. Hess, Perry Co.	GC	4	29	6	20 00	6 75	26 75	4 00
Lucy Dicks, Hazleton	GC	4	21			4 80	4 80	27 30
E. Kesselmeier, Phila.	DR	4	21	5	15 00		15 00	
W. Lindsay, Philadelphia	DR	4	32	2	8 00	20	8 20	57 60
Irma Gerhart, Easton	CK	5	39	18	30 00	2 60	32 60	2 60
Minnie Gerhart, Easton	CK	5	39	19	29 00	2 80	31 80	2 80
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK	5	25	8	13 00	2 00	15 00	
Geo. Unger, Lehigh Co.	CK	1	9					12 75
Jesse Smith, Lackawanna Co.	HM	4	21	4	8 00	5 00	13 00	23 25
Leon Williams, Phila.	GA	5	9	16	4 25		4 25	5 10
Gertrude Wallace, Phila.	GA	1	4	3	75	25	1 00	2 75
Totals		42	249	81	\$128 00	\$24 40	\$152 40	138 15

New Jersey, Week Ending May 17, 1912

G. Blinn, Burlington	BR	5	40	36	120	75	1	00	121	75	
W. Fink, Warren	BR	5	50	4	16	00	1	00	17	00	1 00
J. Glunt, Camden	BR	4	21	1	3	00	6	35	9	35	4 25
R. D. Stagg, Sussex	PPF	2	14	12	20	00		50	20	50	
*N. R. Pond, Mt. Holly	CK	5	23	2	3	00			3	00	3 80
A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	5	41	138	51	00			51	00	34 00
B. Hartman, Jersey City	GA	5	32	65	19	60			19	60	12 75

Totals 31 221 258 \$233 35 \$8 85 \$242 20 \$55 80

Virginia, Week Ending May 17, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	22	1	2	00	5	35	7	35	
C. E. Overstreet, Keller	PPF	23	8	25	00	8	10	33	10	1 35
A. Schenk	GC		3	7	00	7	20	14	20	

Totals 45 12 \$34 00 \$20 65 \$54 65 \$1 35

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1391. 15 Deliveries, \$745.45.

OHIO

Zanesville

We sometimes take it for granted that our people throughout the conference know just what we are doing. It is a fact, however, that when we are accomplishing but little, we are apt to neglect to inform the readers of the VISITOR just what is being done in our field of labor.

The work has gone hard here since I returned last fall. The enemy has been wide-awake, and has done all he could through his appointed agency to hinder the progress of the message. Nevertheless the cause has advanced step-by step. Seven have united with the church by baptism. Two others are keeping the Sabbath, and we hope to see them go forward in baptism soon. The church has taken on new life, and while it is not as yet what we wish it to be, we feel greatly encouraged by what the Lord has done. We have a very good place to hold meetings.

The interest is still good here, and we hope to see more added to the church during the summer. We are of good courage, and by the help of God we mean to press the battle with new determination and win the victory and the crown of life.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Cincinnati

The work in Cincinnati is onward, for which we praise the Lord. On the 11th of May eleven souls were baptized. Eight of these were readers of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, who are doing faithful Bible work

among a large circle of interested ones. Others are already keeping the Sabbath and paying tithe. We hope these will soon go forward in baptism and unite with the church. Two of the number baptized had heard the truth, and were attending the church, but had never taken a decided stand until now. One was already a member of the church.

A young man whose sister interested him in the truth, has attended only two meetings at the church and two prayer-meetings, but he has begun to keep the Sabbath, and will enter the canvassing work. We trust he will be successful.

Brother Raleigh French was with us Sabbath, May 18, and gave a very stirring talk on the importance of getting our literature into the homes of the people. Fifteen dollars was raised to supply some of the leading men of the city with *Liberty* and the *Protestant*.

We are planning to organize a young people's society in the near future.

We are enjoying our work in this place, and look for many souls to accept the truth this year. Pray for the work in Cincinnati.

CONTRIBUTED.

In the Ohio tithe report for April, published in last week's issue, the following churches should have nothing opposite their names,—Chillicothe, Columbus, Greenspring, Jackson. The amounts given were for the previous month.

Elder E. J. Van Horn, who has been acting as chaplain of the Chamberlain Sanitarium (South Dakota),

returned recently to his home at Lake View, O., to take a needed rest. His work at the sanitarium was appreciated.

WEST VIRGINIA

As it will be necessary for us to hire tents from the Ohio Conference for our camp-meeting, we must know how many are planning to attend the camp-meeting. All orders for tents should be sent to the conference secretary during the next month. Rooms can be obtained at a reasonable price.

We are glad to report that a number of outsiders attended a meeting conducted by Elder F. H. Robbins at the home of Brother Murphy in Cameron, Friday evening, May 10. A lively interest was shown by all present.

Brother and Sister E. R. Brown and family spent last week at the home of Sister J. S. Barrows, Mrs. Brown's sister. They were on the way to California, where Brother Brown has gone for his health. The West Virginia Conference wishes them Godspeed, and Brother Brown a rapid recovery.

Sabbath, May 11, Elder Robbins spent with the Moundville church. He reports that all there are of good courage and pressing forward toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus.

Elder Charles Baierle, who has just returned from the Holy Lands, has taken up the work in Fairmont. We are indeed glad to have so able a person take up the work in this needy field.

Elder F. H. Robbins conducted a meeting in a schoolhouse at Elm Grove, Friday evening, May 18.

Elder F. E. Gibson has just opened an effort in Charleston. He will be joined later by Brother I. D. Richardson. We wish them much of God's blessing and help in spreading the truth in that part of the field. The first meeting was held May 16. A goodly number were present, and the attendance has increased each night since. The meetings have been well advertised. The brethren request that all pray that a rich harvest of souls may be the result.

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Brother and Sister G. W. Mitchell are now located in Romney, W. Va. They request late, clean copies of the *Signs of the Times* sent each week for use in missionary work. Their address is P. O. Box 163, Romney, W. Va. Kindly remember this request.

Brother J. S. Barrows is attending the Auditors' Convention now in session at Washington. He will therefore be delayed a little with his correspondence, but will give it his prompt attention as soon as he receives it.

CHESAPEAKE

The Canvasser

The many golden opportunities to be found in the canvassing field can not be well estimated. The glorious work of getting the threefold message before so many people through the printed page is indeed a great privilege. The prophet Isaiah looked upon it as a most beautiful demonstration; for we read from his pen, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" Should not we, as children of the heavenly King, be about our Father's business, when one of the greatest prophets of all time looked upon it from such a standpoint?

David said by inspiration: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company (or army) of those that published it." As I chance to meet from time to time some of the soldiers

of this army, I am reminded of the following beautiful poem:—

I met him on the dusty road,
He plodded patiently along;
Though burdened with a heavy load,
He cheered his journey with a song.

He bore the blessed "printed page,"
The message of the eternal word,
To careless youth and sober age,—
"Prepare to meet your coming Lord."

I saw him in the busy street,
I met him in the crowded mart,
He hastened on with eager feet,
And with a trusting, hopeful heart.

He was a worker for the King,
Who gladly, nobly, did his best
Some golden sheaves at last to bring
Into the harvest home of rest.

I saw him kneeling as he passed
Beneath the painful, chastening rod;
Though dark the hour, his faith held fast
The certain promise of his God.

The light of heav'n shone in his face,
He shunned not storms, he feared not dearth;

No night so dark but heaven's grace
Illumed his pathway through the earth.

Again we met— the blessed land
Lay peaceful, glorious all around;
A victor's palm was in his hand,
Upon his brow a star-gemmed crown.

How encouraging it is to know that so many are willing in the day of his power. Brethren, we must have a mind to work; and then stand by the work until it is finished. Faith, earnest prayer, and stick-to-it-iveness, is the great underlying secret that brings success.

"Go ye into all the world," "and lo I am with you," is the promise. What a privilege to have the Saviour with us each day. The canvasser has a great many opportunities to do evangelistic work in pointing sinsick souls to the great Physician. Hearts are made tender as these dear souls realize that some one cares for them. Our most sincere prayer is, Lord, bless us that we might be a blessing to others.

It is true that there are a great many obstacles that confront the faithful canvasser as well as the other worker in the Lord's vineyard, yet he has his pleasures. One great joy is to see the good, Spirit-filled books, papers, and tracts placed in the homes of the people. But his greatest joy will be in the ultimate results—precious souls forever saved in that beautiful kingdom that will have no end.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

VIRGINIA

The Shenandoah Valley Training Academy

Our people will be glad to hear that we have secured Professor J. H. Smith of Ohio, who is a graduate of the Mount Vernon school, to take the principalship of our Academy at New Market. A Board meeting was recently held and the faculty for the coming year chosen. At this meeting it was decided to give the school quite extensive repairs, and put everything in good condition. Work will be begun at once. We are looking for the largest attendance this year of any year in the history of the school. A student from Loma Linda who is in the tenth grade has already made application for a place in the school.

We expect to make the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy second to none of our schools in its training up to and including the tenth grade. We wish to appeal to our people to assist us in making this school all that it should be the coming year. Those wishing information should write to Professor J. H. Smith, New Market, Va. W. J. STONE.

OBITUARIES

SMITH.—Elder Charles A. Smith was born Feb. 11, 1840. His mother died when he was only six years of age. At the beginning of the Civil War Mr. Smith was among the first volunteers in the 8th Wisconsin regiment. He served four years in the army, and was promoted to the position of first lieutenant. After the close of the war he returned to Wisconsin, where he resided until seventeen years ago, when he came to Ohio. At the time of his death, which occurred May 16, 1912, he was 72 years, 3 months, and 5 days of age. The direct cause was erysipelas, which at his advanced age he was unable to overcome. His oldest daughter, Mrs. Harriet Brasier of Wisconsin, preceded him in death only five days. He leaves a wife, one daughter, two sisters, and many friends to mourn their loss. Elder Smith's religious experience was one which we are glad to note. When only a young man he was converted and united with the Baptist church, in which denomination his father was a minister; but when he listened to the truths held by Seventh-day Adventists as presented by Elder H. W. Decker in Wisconsin, he, with Elder A. J. Breed, began the observance of the Sabbath, and a little later entered the ministry in this denomination, in which he continued as long as he resided in Wisconsin, and for eight years after coming to the state of Ohio. Elder Smith was always active in missionary endeavor, and he looked forward with strong faith to the second coming of Christ, at which time we believe he will come forth in the first resurrection. O. F. BUTCHER.