

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

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

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WHY I AM HERE

Cease wondering why you came;

Stop looking for faults and flaws;

Stand up to-day in your strength and say,

"I am a part of God's great cause.

However full the world there is room for an honest man;

It had need of me or I would not be,

I am here to strengthen the plan."

—Selected.

Importance of Seeking True Knowledge

Far more than we do, we need to understand the issues at stake in the conflict in which we are engaged. We need to understand more fully the value of truths that God has given for this time, and the danger of allowing our minds to be diverted from them by the great deceiver.

The infinite value of sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. Through sin the whole organism is deranged, the mind perverted, the imagination corrupted. Sin has degraded the faculties of the soul. Temptation from without find an answering chord within the heart, and the feet turn imperceptibly toward evil.

As the sacrifice in our behalf was complete, so our restoration from the defilement of sin is to be complete. There is no act of wickedness that the law will excuse; there is no unrighteousness that will escape its condemnation. The law of Christ was a perfect fulfillment of every precept of the law. He said, "I have kept my Father's commandments." His life is our standard of obedience and service.

God alone can renew the heart. "It is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." But we are bidden, "Work out your own salvation."

THE WORK THAT REQUIRES OUR THOUGHTS

Wrong cannot be righted, nor can reformations in character be made, by a few feeble efforts. Sanctification is the work, not of a day, nor of a year, but of a lifetime. The struggle for conquest over self, for holi-

ness and heaven, is a life-long struggle. Without continual effort and constant activity, there can be no advancement in the divine, no attainment of the victor's crown.

The strongest evidence of a man's fall from a higher state is the fact that it costs so much to return. The way of return can be gained only by hard fighting, inch by inch, every hour. By a momentary act of will, one can place himself in the power of evil; but it required more than a momentary act of will to break these fetters, and attain a higher, holier life. The purpose may be formed, the work begun; but the accomplishment will require toil, time, and perseverance, patience and sacrifice.

Beset with temptations without number, we must resist firmly or be conquered. Should we come to the close of life with our work undone, it would be an eternal loss.

Paul's sacrifice was the result of a constant conflict with self. He said, "I die daily." His will and his desire every day conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did God's will, however crucifying to his own nature.

God leads his people on step by step. The Christian life is a battle and a march. In this warfare there is no release; the effort must be continuous and persevering. It is by unceasing endeavor that we maintain the victory over the temptations of Satan. Christian integrity must be sought with resistless energy, and maintained with a resolute fixedness of purpose.

None will be borne upward without stern, persevering effort in his own behalf. All must engage in this warfare for themselves. Individually we are responsible for the issue of the struggle; though Noah, Job, and Daniel were in the land, they could deliver neither son nor daughter by their righteousness.

THE SCIENCE TO BE MASTERED

There is a science of Christianity to be mastered—a science as much deeper, broader, higher than the human science as the heavens are higher than the earth. The mind is

to be disciplined, educated, trained; for we are to do service for God in ways that are not in harmony with in-born inclination. There are hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil that must be overcome. Often the training and education of a lifetime must be discarded, that one may become a learner in the school of Christ. Our hearts must be educated to become steadfast in God. We are to form habits of thought that will enable us to resist temptation. We must learn to look upward. The principles of the Word of God—principles that are as high as heaven, and that compass eternity—we are to understand in their bearing upon our daily life. Every act, every word, every thought, is to be in accord with these principles.

The precious graces of the Holy Spirit are not developed in a moment. Courage, fortitude, meekness, faith, unwavering trust in God's power to save, are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the children of God are to seal their eternity.

NO TIME TO LOSE

We have no time to lose. We know not how soon our probation may close. Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. Christ is soon to come. The angels are seeking to attract us from ourselves and from earthly things. Let them not labor in vain.

When Jesus rises up in the Most Holy place, lays off his meditorial robes, and clothes himself with the garments of vengeance, the mandate will go forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still . . . and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be."

A storm is coming, relentless in its fury. Are we prepared to meet it? We need not say, the perils of the last days are soon to come upon us. Already they have come. We need now the sword of the Lord to cut to

every soul and marrow of fleshly lusts, appetites and passions.

Minds that have been given up to loose thought need to change. "Girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in the time of your ignorance; but like he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy for I am holy." The thoughts must be centered upon God. Now is the time to put forth earnest effort to overcome the natural tendencies of the carnal heart.

Our efforts, our self-denial, our perseverance, must be proportionate to the infinite value of the object of which we are in pursuit. Only by overcoming as Christ overcame shall we win the crown of life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A Worthy Example

When love for the third angel's message fills the heart it creates an intense longing to help forward it in the earth. This was fully demonstrated a short time ago in an offering that was made for the proposed church building for Baltimore City.

Miss Josephine Frazier, 1500 Clifton Ave., Baltimore, was at one time a Bible worker in this city. But her health failed and for quite a number of years she has been an invalid, confined to her chair, and much of the time to her bed. Her hands are so crippled that she cannot do anything, and she suffers the most excruciating pain almost all the time. She has a brother who is very good and kind to her. Not long ago one of her friends suggested that ribbon book marks, containing a favorite poem of hers, "When I Get to the End of the Way" be printed and sold and the money given to her. The brethren and sisters ordered a number of them and some of them have been sold. A few days ago we took her the money we had in hand, amounting to \$12.05. Oh, how happy she was! Her eyes filled with tears, and she said, "May I give some of this to the church?" We told her it was hers and she could do with it just as she liked. She opened the envelope and picking up a five dollar bill, handed it over saying, "I want this to go for the new church building. Oh, how I have been longing to give something, but did not see how I could. How good the Lord is! He has

been working for me and I did not know it. If I could only double the amount I would be so happy. I want you to thank every one who sold the book marks and I pray God's blessing upon all who bought them."

We felt reluctant about taking it, but knew she would be greatly disappointed if we did not. She also paid tithe on the whole amount. A good example for some who are in much better circumstances.

Elder Paap visited her a few days afterward. When he spoke to her about the offering she had made and our appreciation of it she said, "I am praying that God will multiply it to \$5,000."

You may be sure this spirit of sacrifice has made the hearts of the workers to rejoice. And it was a sacrifice. Her room needs new paper, and there are other things she has need of. But without stopping to know if she would have enough left for those necessities she turned this \$5.00 towards the erection a monument to the third angel's message in this great and wicked city.

Perhaps there are others who are similarly situated or who are much better off than Sister Frazier who would like to follow her example. All such would have our profoundest gratitude, and we feel sure the blessing of the Lord will rest upon all who are willing to make such sacrifice.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

An Appeal

Never has there been a time in the history of all the world when the peo- of God needed to be up and doing as much as at the present time.

Everything points to the nearness of the end. The world is in a state of unrest. The people are drunk with the pleasures of this world. On every hand there are the devices of Satan to draw the people from God. The papers every day tell of the thousands of crimes that are being committed all over the world.

Men are teaching that the law of God is not binding. Thus every barrier is broken down. They reason, if the law is not binding we are at liberty to do as we please. On every hand we see capital and labor arrayed against each other. Strikes are the result. The laboring man is oppressed by the monopolist.

Every thing tells us that the day is not far distant when we will not be able to work as we do now. Young man, young woman, I appeal to you as one that is interested in the salvation of men, be up and about your

Master's business. Look all around you. There is work for you to do on every hand. There are many honest hearted people who are asking, "what is truth?" Maybe some one that you are associated with would love to know the truth.

And too, there is a wide field for you in the canvassing work. There is no better work than that of carrying the printed pages of truth to the homes of the people. I beg of you, enlist as a missionary canvasser. There is a blessing in that work for all who engage in it. Oh, that I could impress the importance of this work upon your minds. There should be one hundred now in the field where there is one.

Pray over this matter, and join us in the field, and you may be sure of a feast from the Lord.

C. E. OVERSTREET.

Clifton Forge, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Conference

(Concluded)

Whereas, we as a denomination are in full sympathy with the temperance campaign now being carried on in this state, and believing that nothing but state wide prohibition will correct the evils arising from our present saloon system, be it

Resolved, that we, the delegates to the twenty-fifth annual session of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference at Loop Park, pledge our support to the temperance propaganda and enlist our utmost endeavor in placing our noble state in the dry column. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be furnished the offices of the press of Fairmont and Charleston.

We recommend, that all our people put forth a strong effort to circulate the *Protestant* and *Liberty* magazines and persistently circulate such petitions as may be recommended by the Religious Liberty Association.

Resolved, that we, the delegates of the twenty-fifth annual session of the West Virginia Conference assembled express our appreciation of the favors granted us by the proprietors of Loop Park in furnishing us free the beautiful ground for the holding of our meeting.

Resolved, that we, the delegates to the twenty-fifth annual session of the West Virginia Conference, express our appreciation of the generous consideration accorded us by the press of Fairmont.

The following financial statements of the conference and tract society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1911 were presented by the treasurer:—

CONFERENCE	
RESOURCES	
Property	\$ 627 17
Appro. Rec.	57 57
Accounts Rec.	97 30
Cash on Hand	412 57
Total	\$1194 61

LIABILITIES	
Y. P. M. V. Fund	\$ 92
Orphans and Poor Fund	11 87
Tent Fund	37 40
Acct. Payable	3 34
Total	\$53 53
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1911	\$1141 08

LOSS AND GAIN	
Losses	
Labor	\$4303 36
Traveling Expense	640 13
General Expense	245 58
Tent Meeting Expense	177 14
Camp Meeting Expense	49 95
Postage	11 07
Office Expense	114 52
Storage	3 00
Tithe to C. U. C.	313 56
Sustentation Fund	156 77
Five per cent to Missions	156 77
Mt. Vernon President's Salary	30 11
Sundry Accts. Rec.	19 08
Total	\$6221 04

Gains	
Tithe Received	\$3136 00
C. U. C. Appropriation	1000 00
G. C. Appropriation	2000 00
Ohio Appropriation	341 70
Donations	460 20
Total Gains	\$6937 90
Total Losses	6221 04
Net Gain	\$ 716 86
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1911	424 22
Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1912	\$1141 08

Of the \$97.30 Accounts Receivable, \$87.28 should be charged to expense, (Thirlwell and Gibson expense not yet reported.) This will reduce the net gain to \$849.58.

TRACT SOCIETY

RESOURCES	
Inventories	
Property	\$ 125 00
Fifty per cent Books	205 00
Merchandise	46 50
Bibles	14 38
Total	\$ 390 88
Canvassers' Accts. Rec.	2417 42

Society Accts. Rec.	180 01
Cash on Hand	1005 35

LIABILITIES

Pub. House Accounts	\$1135 72
"Ministry of Healing"	277 24
"Christ's Object Lessons"	1 90
Canvassers' Accts. Payable	22 27

Total	\$1440 13
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1911	\$2553 53

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses	
Office Expense	\$ 135 45
Canvassers' Travelling Exp.	53 50
Postage	50 87
Scholarship	34 38
Freight and Drayage	17 24
Don. to Parkersburg Church	100 00
Don. to Sundries	53 93
Merchandise	48 29
Property	10 00
Accounts Receivable	169 48

Total	\$673 48
Gains	

Fifty per cent Books	\$1380 83
Bibles	73 11
Periodicals	49 39
Health Foods	1 80

Total Gain	\$1505 13
Total Loss	673 48

Net Gain	\$ 831 65
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1911	1721 88

Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1912	\$2553 53
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Dr. Nina Case Bairele and little daughter went to Wheeling, Sunday, August 18th, where Doctor will conduct a few health lectures in connection with the tent effort now being held in that city. We feel certain that much good will be done through the influence of this, "The right arm of the message."

Brother Barrows is in Weston and Sutton this week where he is assisting some of our canvassers.

We are glad to have such good reports from our canvassers. These faithful laborers will some day know the result of their work. May God bless each one with success for His name's sake.

Elder Robbins gave a very clear exposition of Daniel 7, to a very attentive but small audience last Sunday evening. The meetings are conducted in the Airdome, the use of which is given free to our people.

Brother and Sister T. M. Butler expect to move to Marlinton, W. Va., in about three weeks, where Brother Butler and Brother H. C. Smith will continue their canvassing work.

NEW JERSEY

Plainfield

The weekly visits of the VISITOR are a source of considerable interest. I look forward to the date each week with much pleasure.

Since my last report my field of labor has been changed, yet the vineyard is the same. I find many hearts with responsive chords which vibrate when touched with the precious truth of the soon coming of our blessed Lord.

I am associated in a tent effort with Elder W. H. Smith; we are continuing our first effort begun before the camp-meeting which was held here. The interest is excellent and the attendance has been constantly increasing. Already one family has started to keep the Sabbath, although the subject has not been presented. The Lord is blessing us greatly and the people are welcoming us into their homes on every side. The two daily papers print articles three times a week, with splendid headlines on the front page. We prepare the reports and so far they have printed them word for word, thus affording us an opportunity to reach every subscriber with the precious truth; besides, every Monday we place in their homes two thousand circulars containing a list of subjects for the week.

There are those constantly attending the meetings, who tell us of having seen the articles in the paper, and are following the subjects with interest. Then one can see the hand of the Lord permitting us to enter avenues in every direction, that his message may go speedily to every quarter.

I praise the Lord for the humble part I have in this work. May all who read this remember not only us around their family altars every day, but all other tent companies, so that as a result of this summer's effort a rich harvest of souls for the Master's garner will be gathered.

G. MEDAIRDY.

Brother Medairy writes: "To our friends I would like to state through the VISITOR, that my wife, who underwent an operation at our Sanitarium in Takoma Park five weeks ago, is rapidly recovering, and ex-

pects to return to Plainfield this week, where we will make our home.

Camden

The work in this part of the conference is progressing nicely. The members of the church are all of one accord and a spirit of love and unity prevails.

On July 14, a goodly number of our people from Woodbury and Camden met near Washington Park on the bank of the Delaware River, and the writer had the blessed privilege of burying eight souls in baptism. A number not of our faith were present and spoke of the solemnity that attended the service.

July 21, we held our first meeting in the tent. It rained hard all day until about 7:00 P. M., when it began to clear away. We did not expect to have any meeting that night, but to our surprise at 7:45 the tent was well filled with the better class of people.

Our congregation averaged about 175 for the first three weeks. Since presenting the Sabbath question the attendance is not so large. Three are keeping the Sabbath, and many are interested, some of which we feel sure will obey.

W. C. WHITMARSH.
A. C. LONG.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

We are nearing the time for our Harvest Ingathering campaign which begins October 1. We have just received a copy of the *Signs of the Times* monthly magazine, which will be used during the campaign. We believe all our people will gladly use this paper among their friends and neighbors in soliciting means for foreign missions. Those who have not yet placed their order, kindly do so at once.

All indications point to a successful tent effort in West Philadelphia. Elder R. E. Harter is in charge of the work here, assisted by his brother, F. A. Harter, Sister Janet Morris, and Brother and Sister Harvey Gauker.

The tent company in North Philadelphia is composed of the following: Elder C. S. Wiest, Miss Jessie M. Weiss, Mrs. Harriet Snyder, Sister Tillie Ertle and Brother Richard Farley. While the attendance is not so large, they expect some Sabbath-keepers as a result of the summer's work.

Owing to the illness of Sister B. M. Heald, Brother J. W. Hirlinger has connected with the tent effort in Waynesboro.

Since camp-meeting, Elder W. H. Heckman has visited the following churches and companies: Phoenixville, Souderton (Fairhill), Hamburg, Wade, Orwell, Allentown, Stroudsburg, Lebanon, and Williamsport. With the exception of one, the ordinances were celebrated at all of these churches.

Sister Tillie Ertel, who has been connected with the North Philadelphia tent effort, has gone to her home in Williamsport for a few weeks, after which time she expects to return to Philadelphia.

The Wade church had their Sabbath-school picnic August 15, in a beautiful grove nearby. Everybody reports a good time.

Two were baptized by Elder W. H. Heckman during the quarterly service which he conducted in the Orwell church at Wysox.

You will be glad to learn of the interest in the various tent companies. Elder Heckman, in visiting them, reports that many will undoubtedly accept the truth as a result of the summer's work.

Brother O. F. Schwedrat, who is conducting an effort in Philadelphia for the Germans, assisted by Brother George Eichmann and Sister Fritzenwanker, reports a good interest.

Sister Sarah Arnold, who is a member of the Harrisburg church, has gone to Mount Vernon College to take charge of the culinary department. The experience Sister Arnold has had along this line will make her services of value to our school.

We are receiving splendid orders from the different churches for the special Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs of the Times* monthly magazine. This predicts another successful campaign in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

Brother Harvey Gauker and wife, who are now connected with the West Philadelphia tent effort, expect to return to Mount Vernon College Sep-

tember 1. Their connection with the effort here has been greatly appreciated.

Brother C. S. Baum, who is at the head of the tent company in Sayre, reports a splendid interest and some keeping the Sabbath. Connected with this company are Sister Elsie Evans and Brother and Sister Harry Rhan.

The 13th Sabbath offering this quarter will be for mission homes in China.

Brother Howard Detwiler and wife paid the office a pleasant visit Tuesday morning. Brother Detwiler expects to finish his course at Mount Vernon College next spring, after which time he will enter the work.

Miss Ella M. Talmage, our Sabbath-school and Young People's Secretary, visited the Phoenixville company last week, in the interests of the two branches of the work she represents.

Brother Sam Swingle, who for several years has been connected with the canvassing work in South Carolina, is returning to East Pennsylvania and expects to take up the canvassing work here. We are glad to welcome him back to his home conference.

The attendance at the tent in Harrisburg is not as good as the company there would like to see, as the ministers of that city are working hard against them. However, they expect some souls as the result of the summer's effort. Besides Elder Bell, who is conducting the work, there is connected with the effort Sister L. V. Wurts and Brother and Sister Glen Swingle.

Don't forget what the 13th Sabbath offering is for.

Colporter's Testimony Corner

G. F. B. Unger: I am indeed glad to see the book sales climbing up so nicely in this conference. Would to God they could be doubled, or even more. It would hasten the time when the saints will be rewarded with the beautiful crowns that await the overcomers.

H. C. Baumgartner: The last week of vacation canvassing has come. Soon the last order will have been

taken. The Lord has given me much more success this summer than last, for which I am thankful.

Josephine Bauerlein: I did not think I could stay away from home so long, but when I see how hungry many precious souls are for the truth the desire to go home leaves me and I really enjoy the work. Pray for me.

Ella M. Padgette: I do thank the Lord for a small part in this important work. Prayer has been answered in my behalf. I feel that God has led me to this place and has sent his angels before to prepare the hearts of the people. Many whom I meet are beginning to realize that we are nearing the end.

Minnie B. Gerhart: This report closes our work in canvassing for this summer. I praise the Lord for all the rich experiences and blessings I have enjoyed in the work in the past few weeks. They have strengthened me spiritually. I anxiously wait for the *Visitor* and can hardly wait to see and read the good reports of my faithful fellow canvassers. It makes us somewhat lonesome to think of our faithful student canvassers leaving the field. It is hard to give them up, but we know it is God's will that they should go to school. We praise him for giving so many their scholarships. Our prayers go with them as they pursue their studies. O, that many more young people would follow their noble example. There is still an opportunity. Who will step in now to take their places in the canvassing field and join them at Mt. Vernon College the beginning of the winter term? Angels that excel in strength are waiting to assist you. What others have done you can do. Be determined to make something of yourself to the glory of your Creator.

Bro. C. L. Woodward, editor of the *Ralston Herald*, and his son Arthur write that they are disposing of their printing establishment in preparation to attend our fall institute and enter the work in Adams county with "*Patriarchs and Prophets*." Bro. Woodward was one of the pioneer canvassers in this conference many years ago. He hears the call to the finishing of the work.

A goodly number contemplate attending this institute. It may be, dear reader, that God is calling you to this important work. Write me at once for particulars.

"Time is flying, Souls are dying."

J. H. MCEACHERN.

4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Conference

Desiring to visit if possible all of our churches before the coming conference meeting, I began a tour about the first of July. I spent most of the month with the churches and companies situated on the eastern shore of Maryland.

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath and Sunday, August 3 and 4, with the church at Hollandsville. I spent a little time at the home of Brother S. H. Lister, who is elder of the church. We held a service at his home Sabbath evening, studying the precious lessons in 2 Tim. 2. Sabbath morning we studied the Sabbath-school lesson with a few of God's children, after which I spoke on the subject of "Prevailing Prayer." After this meeting Brother Lister took me to Greensboro, a distance of seven miles, where we found a company of earnest believers waiting for us. The meeting was opened and the Lord gave much freedom in presenting the thought found in Isaiah 11, that we are to be ensigns and that by our lives we are to impress the people of the world that we have the message for the hour. The Lord came very near in this service and gave us all a splendid meeting together. Even the children arose and asked for prayers that "they too might be saved."

Sunday, August 4, we held two meetings at the home of Sister Schaub. The people of the community responded to the invitations sent out and at both the afternoon and evening meetings, the house was well filled, and a good interest was manifested. The Hollandsville church is of good courage and each member is desirous of doing something to advance the cause and to see its close. Monday, August 5, I was called to Baltimore to prepare for a trip to Mountain Lake Park with Elders Daniells and Thompson. We spent a day looking over the beautiful chautauqua grounds to ascertain the capacity of the place with a possible view of bringing the General Conference there in 1913. Upon my return I stopped off at Cumberland where Elder Martin met me and took me to the tent which is pitched on a beautiful lot in South Cumberland. I spoke in the tent to a fine congregation of earnest listeners who seemed eager to know the truth. We hope for good results from this effort. I came on down the western Maryland

line and spent Sabbath and Sunday August 9 and 10, at Hagerstown. I held meeting Sabbath evening and in the afternoon. The Lord blessed very materially in these meetings and the drooping hearts of some were revived. Sunday morning, August 11, I joined Brother Adkins at Smithsburg where we baptized two very earnest souls. The occasion was one of solemn significance and an impression was made upon those who as yet are not with us. After this meeting we returned to Hagerstown where a business meeting of the church awaited us. The Lord signally blessed in the meeting and plans were laid for more aggressive work. After this meeting I accompanied Brother Adkins and Brother J. M. Reightler to a little town called Mapleville where I spoke to a fair sized congregation of interested people. This meeting was held in a church building used by all denominations. Many who are halting between two opinions, were led to seriously consider anew the importance of taking a firm stand for the truth, as the subject of "Obedience" was presented.

Monday, August 12, was spent in planning for the work in that section of the field. Tuesday we drove to Leitersburg where we held a meeting at the home of Sister Martin. Wednesday I had the privilege of speaking to the church at Ponds ville. I was especially pleased to meet the brethren and sisters at that place and to note their courage in the Lord. They are laying the foundation for their new church building. This will add much to the progress of the work in that section of the field.

While I expect to visit other churches in the near future, I am already convinced that the Lord is blessing our conference and that our people are anxious to see the work advance, even to the extent of their means. From personal observation I have every reason to thank God and take courage. ROSCOE T. BAER.

An Invitation

You are cordially invited to join the reading course circle. The courses for 1912-1913 begin in the *Instructor* of October 1. We heartily recommend these courses to you. The books, selected by a large committee of workers, are among the very best published. The workers chose those books which they believed to contain valuable information for you, and to be particularly useful in helping you to equip for more efficient service in

"Pray without ceasing."

the great army of Prince Immanuel. The books to be read are as follows:-

SENIOR COURSE NO. 6

1. *The Uplift of China*, by Arthur H. Smith, thirty-five years a missionary in that field, is dedicated to "Christian Young People of America." Every page contributes something of special interest. The author's intimate acquaintance with the field and his rare gift as a writer enable him to present in an exceptionally interesting manner the most important facts concerning the social system, the religions, and other things about this new republic. Price \$.50.

2. *Patriarchs and Prophets*, by Mrs. E. G. White. Make a close companion of this book. It will throw new light on the Old Testament, and help you better to enjoy and appreciate the sacred pages of the Book of books. Do not say, "I want something new, I read that book long ago." This is a book which, like the Bible, we can re-read each year with profit. Aside from the valuable information its pages contain, the contents will be an inspiration to higher living and to more zealous efforts for the salvation of others. Price \$3.00.

3. *The American Government*, by Frederic J. Haskin. Where is the American young man or woman who does not wish to know something of the land of "the stars and stripes?" Surely every intelligent young person should be acquainted with the fundamentals of our national government. As you read the book, I think you will feel that you are being taken through the various departments of governmental affairs by a guide who is an expert at the business and who points out the most important things in a way that helps you to see, to understand, and to remember. Regular price, \$1.50; special reading course price, 75 cents.

Missionary Volunteer Department.
(To be Continued)

A Canvasser's Experience

The following letter was written to Brother Hankins of the Chesapeake Conference, from a canvasser whose orders for two months amount to over \$500:-

Dear Brother Hankins:—

It affords me great pleasure to write you a few of my experiences while canvassing the last two months. First let me say how thankful I am to be able to engage in this noble work. At first I felt somewhat embarrassed, on commencing to canvass, when I had been in this country only two

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending August 24, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. Morris, York Co.		GC	10	76	18	58 00	27 75	85 75	
F. Williams, Lebanon Co.		GC	3	26	3	9 00	8 75	17 75	1 00
G. Swingle, Harrisburg		GC		21	6	19 00	8 00	27 00	
H. Baumgartner, Lebanon		PG	10	86	31	93 00	3 20	96 20	3 20
Belva Morris, Hanover		PG	10	61	13	39 00	36 50	76 50	
Geo. Unger, Lehigh Co.		DR	9	70	10	34 50	5 75	39 75	50
Nora Gibbons, Chester		DR	10	62	5	16 00	8 75	24 75	60
E. Sterner, Lebanon		PPF	10	93	34	52 50	4 20	56 70	4 20
J. L. Smith, Adams Co.		HM	10	79	7	14 00	9 10	23 10	4 60
F. Willruth, Lackawanna Co.		CK		44	27	45 00	14 30	59 30	18 10
Ella Padgette, Chester		CK		50	30	48 50	12 60	61 10	
Josephine Bauerlein, Newberry		CK			13	20 50		20 50	8 50
Daisy Ott, Newberry		CK			18	27 00	4 75	31 75	
Irma Gerhart, Bethlehem		CK	7		13	20 50	6 30	26 80	21 30
Minnie Gerhart, Bethlehem		CK	5	22	8	12 00	2 40	14 40	17 40
Totals			84	690	246	\$508 50	\$152 35	\$661 35	\$79 40

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†Mrs. Sybil King, Reading	LH			475				47 50	
J. L. Gerhart, Reading	W			395				39 50	
†S. Lemereau, Wilkesbarre	LH			100				10 00	
†Mrs. W. Sleep, Stroudsburg	ST			2				20	
†Sadie Detwiler, Phila.	W		33	199				19 90	
†Mrs. Harriet Snyder, Phila.	LH		18	75				7 50	
†F. J. Detwiler, Phila.	W		38	171				17 10	
Totals				89	1417			\$141 70	

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending August 23, 1912

W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.	DR	10	102	45	123 00	49 75	172 75	5 00	
†J. Marshall, Hampshire	GC	5	70	36	84 00	3 50	87 50	6 00	
†Guy Corder, Charleston	CK	7	75			15 00	15 00	370 00	
†H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	5	38	6	24 00	2 10	26 10	2 10	
A. Halstead, Lincoln	DA	7	64	33	82 00	53 00	135 00	10 50	
Madge Miller, Taylor	GC	10	82	19	58 00	25 00	83 00	2 50	
Clara Pettit, Taylor Co.	PG	9	66	28	88 00	5 40	93 40	90	
Dollie Parker, Taylor Co.	GC	9	65	40	53 50	18 00	71 50		
Hazel Leach, Ritchie	PG	9	77	15	63 00	33 00	96 00		
†H. Forsythe, Charleston	CK	4	29	18	27 50		27 50	12 50	
Leola Neptune, Braxton Co.	CK	9	31	16	25 50	3 90	29 40	153 90	
†Louis Riess, Romney	BF	5	44	6	6 50		6 50		
Totals			89	742	262	\$635 00	\$208 65	\$843 65	\$423 40

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Ohio, Two Weeks Ending August 16, 1912

L. H. Waters, Hardin Co.	CK	10	85	65	103 00	4 00	107 00		
Ray Corder, Greene Co.	BF	9	51	49	59 00	2 00	61 00		
H. Bisel, Greene Co.	BF	7	42	18	19 50	8 50	27 50	4 00	
J. Smith, Greene Co.	BF	3	11	7	7 50		7 50	3 00	
O. Hershberger, Clark Co.	GC	4	38	4	12 00	1 25	13 25		
J. Weldy, Preble Co.	DR	4	24					126 00	
Juanita Gibson, Hardin Co.	GC	4	28					125 20	
Alice Black, Van Wert Co.	GC	2	18					80 50	
J. Reichenbach, Montgomery Co.	Mag	4	28					56 91	
Totals			47	325	143	\$200 00	\$15 75	\$215 75	\$395 61

New Jersey, Week Ending August 16, 1912

Wm. Schmidt, Cranford	GC	5	14	3	12 00		12 00	20 00	
Emma Krebs, Woodstown	PG	5	36	16	44 00		44 00		
J. Rambo, Cape May Co.	CK	5	32	27	41 00	3 75	44 75		

L. Cruickshanks, Plainfield	DR	3	27	8	31 00	50	31 50	
A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	5	44	122	48 75		48 75	27 00
R. D. Stagg, Ocean Co.	PPF	5	39	23	38 00	4 20	42 20	2 00
G. G. Taylor, Ocean Co.	PPF	4	27	12	20 00		20 00	4 00
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	5	48	11	27 00	75	27 75	
Totals		37	267	222	\$261 75	\$9 20	\$270 95	\$53 00

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Mary Sandborn		207		20 70
Mrs. Job, Paterson		26		2 60
Wm. Schmidt, Cranford		45		4 50
Eva Morton,		100		10 00
Totals		378		\$37 80

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending August 16, 1912.

J. Jones, Worcester Co., Md.	GC	8	65	11	33 00	20 50	53 50	103 25
T. Barritt, Baltimore Co., Md.	CK	11	87	29	45 50	6 15	51 65	199 50
H. Richards, Dorchester Co., Md.	CK	10	93	73	142 00	8 00	150 00	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	4	32	10	22 00	10 00	32 00	4 45
H. Britton, New Castle Co. Del.	GC	4	29	9	27 00	9 75	36 75	
C. Gibbs, Howard Co., Md.	CK	5	51					237 50
G. Crowthers, Wash'gton Co., Md.	PPF	5	44	12	19 00		19 00	
Totals		47	401	144	\$288 50	\$54 40	\$342 90	\$544 70

H. Richards, *LH* 38 3 80

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$2,334 60 Deliveries, \$1,436 20.

†One week

weeks. I really intended securing a position as clerk in the city of Washington, having already the second week of my arrival interviewed a gentleman who needed a clerk and cashier, but left him considering the Sabbath question, which he said he would consider and then write me. But in the meantime I had the burden for canvassing and felt that I really ought to engage in this work.

During the entire eight weeks I have been provided with my daily food and a comfortable bed each night. After earnest prayer I have been guided to some kind people who welcomed me in.

One lady invited me to stay at her house, and insisted upon my staying there until I had completed that district; and what is more, she invited my wife to stay with her also.

A Methodist gentleman with whom I had staid one week, when I said goodbye to him, said, "Brother, whenever you are this way, there is an open door for you; you are always welcome." Truly my heart was made glad at such a statement.

I had rather an exceptional experience last week. I came across a spiritualist medium, and she began to talk about my departed grandmother, she even told me her name, and when

she died, and how she died and also she told me that while I was talking to her of my long illness in England, she was shown that I was on the verge of a dark precipice and was about to go over, but a beautiful angel placed his arm around me and pulled me back. This I suppose referred to my illness last August. How glad I am that I know what this mysterious work is. Had I not have studied about spiritualism and known that Satan was going to work miracles in these last days; I would have been captivated by this experience, and probably won over to spiritualism.

Many other experiences I could relate but time and space will not permit, but I would like to encourage any young man to take hold of the canvassing work, it is an education. I ask for the prayers of the readers of this paper, that I may be kept faithful, and long continue in this glorious work, and help to bring souls to Christ.

I trust this humble report may help to encourage any young brother who may be about to commence in this work, or who may be faltering between two opinions. I say, "Step out in faith, the Lord will bless you, and great will be your reward in

heaven."

Faithfully your brother in Christ,
THOMAS H. BARRITT.

Reporting to Our Union Paper and the Result

The object of having such a paper is that all may become acquainted with all parts of the field and thus have broader views of the field and the work and so keep us from being too self-centered. We have the good *Review*, which most of us take and which keeps us in touch with the work done in fields outside our own Union, but we know but little of what is going on in this our field if the laborers do not report and we do not take the paper.

I am certain that if we could get our laborers to report that we could increase our list of subscribers. I am certain that the paper does not half meet the object for which it is published on account of this thing. This ought not to be, and we as laborers ought to see to it that this is changed and then when we go after the people to get them to take the *VISITOR* we would not be met with the statement "There is no use taking it for there is nothing in it from our own field and little from others." We do not have much courage to urge them to take it when we know that to quite an extent this is true.

We are looking to our general meetings and church officers' meetings this fall and winter with the hopes that our people may become more closely connection with the work and we believe that one way to do this is to get them to take the *VISITOR*, but this cannot be done if we as laborers do not report. Brethren, let us decide to let our people know how the battle is going. If it is hard, by reporting we will have more prayers to help us endure the hardness. If the Lord is blessing us, that will encourage the people. Shall we be more faithful? I hope the answer will be, yes. A. R. SANDBORN.

It is not growing like a tree
In bulk, doth make men better be;
Or standing long an oak, three hundred
year.

To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sere:
A lily of a day
Is fairer far in May,
Although it fall and die that night;
It was the plant and flower of light.
In small proportions we just beauties see;
And in short measures life may perfect be.

—Ben Johnson.

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AT THE COLLEGE

Miss Grace Taylor, who will have charge of the Music department arrived August 24.

Miss Francis Arnold left last week for Clyde, O., where she will teach church school.

Miss Marie Snyder left for her school in Alliance, O.

Mrs. L. M. Christman and family of Reading, Pa., arrived last Wednesday. They have purchased the Morris residence.

Mrs. B. L. Morris and family have moved into rooms in the Bricker house.

The Conference office has enlarged its storehouse.

Miss Clara Pettit will have the company of her niece and nephew, Lillian and Wm. Woolgar, in school this year.

Mrs. Esta Miller arrived in San Francisco August 26 on her way home from China. She expects to reach Mt. Vernon some time this month.

Mr. Lonh Metcalf left last week for North Carolina to bring back his brother Dallas, whose health is not improving. His mother will take him to Colorado.

Mrs. S. M. Butler recently visited her relatives and the parents of Elder Butler at Ithaca, Mich.

Mrs. E. D. Ostrand and Mrs. M. J.

Cook have returned from a visit to their old home in Pennsylvania.

Professor and Mrs. C. C. Pulver, and Mr. and Mrs. Klopfenstein have rooms in the old Sanitarium cottage.

Professor and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson arrived last week. They have rented Brother Gault's house on the hill.

H. D. Fairchild is installing a steam laundry in Academia. It will be in operation about the first of November.

Mrs. Sarah Arnold reached the college last week and has charge of the culinary department.

Mr. Oscar Spohn is severely ill with complications resulting from his former sickness with the measles. His brother is also in a similar condition. Their sister Mrs. Hammond arrived last Friday.

We learn that Carl Hamilton and Mrs. Hamlin were married on the camp grounds.

Letters of inquiry from prospective students indicate a good attendance.

Miss Blanche de Spelder has been spending the summer at her home studying and resting and writes that she is anxious to hear from old M. V. C.

Miss Mary Rice returned after having sold a goodly number of magazines.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Detwiler are visiting in Pennsylvania.

Visit the new laboratory building when you return.

It seems good to again see the bright faces of the students as they return.

If you cannot be here today come as soon as possible. Do not fail to attend college this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Miss Harvey spent a day at Cedar Point last week.

Miss Olive Krum arrived at the College last Thursday, after having spent her vacation canvassing and during the past few weeks visiting her home and relatives in Michigan.

The following words from Mr. C. C. Belgrave, written from Melrose, Mass., Aug. 19, will be of interest to all: Dear VISITOR: I leave here today for New York and sail on 31st inst. for British Guiana, S. A. I trust the blessing of God may rest upon my "alma mater" and the coming year be the most prosperous for her. Farewell to all.

CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

The past week has been a busy one at the college getting ready for the opening of school.

Taken

A trunk with the name, Mrs. Clara Leslie, Bowling Green, Ohio., was taken from the Ohio camp ground. Anyone having information regarding it will kindly address the owner at 417 Thurston Ave.

Book Summary

Last year the summary of book sales for June, covering a period of five weeks, amounted to \$135,800; this year the June summary, which covers only four weeks, amounted to \$137,800. The July summary, which we have just made up, amounts \$156,166.90. These figures are for book sales alone. The total amount of literature sales, including books and magazines, during July, is \$188,135.33.

N. Z. TOWN.

OBITUARY

KENT.—Brother Hugh Kent was born in Fayette County, West Virginia, in 1842, and died Aug. 4, 1912, of cancer of the stomach. The deceased leaves a wife, one son and three sisters, and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. In his early life Brother Kent lived at Turkey Creek with his parents, then they moved to Charleston, W. Va., and later to Pomeroy, Ohio; from there he moved to Mason City, W. Va., where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and served his country for four years and was honorably discharged. He was a soldier for the Lord 15 years in the Methodist church, and about 15 years ago he learned the truth of the three angels' messages at which time he joined the remnant church. He loved the truth and all of God's people. He was a good citizen and lived peaceably with his neighbors and fellow-citizens. Brother Kent requested the writer to speak words of comfort from 1 Thess. 4:13-15. The funeral service was held in the Welch Baptist church which was crowded with friends and relatives. The remains were interred in the little cemetery of Mason City, W. Va.

F. E. GIBSON.