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

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GENERAL MATTER

If Christ Should Come To-Night.

If you could know that Jesus would appear
Before another morn should give its light,
O, would your heart be filled with joy or fear,
If you could know that he would come to-
night?

The things you'd do, the words that you
would say,
Perchance the letter you had thought to
write,
How many plans would have to change to-
day,
If you were sure that Christ would come
to-night?

How many acts would then remain undone?
How many wrongs would have to be made
right,
If you should meet him ere another sun,
And knew for sure that he would come to-
night.

How many things would you find time for
then,
Now crowded out or else forgotten quite,—
The kindly deed, the hour of prayer again?
Would aught be different, should he come
to-night?

Some day that dawns will mark all time as
past;
Then may we keep our lamps all trimmed
and bright.

O, may we live each day as 'twere the last,
And ready be, if Christ should come to-
night!—*Pearl Wagoner, in Re-
view & Herald.*

Use of Talents

In the parable he that had "received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents; and likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two."

The talents, however few, are to be put to use. The question that most concerns us is not, How much have I received? but, What am I doing with that which I have? The development of all our powers is the first duty we owe to God and to our fellow-men. No one who is not growing daily in capability and usefulness is fulfilling the purpose of life. In making a pro-

fession of faith in Christ we pledge ourselves to become all that it is possible for us to be as workers for the Master, and we should cultivate every faculty to the highest degree of perfection, that we may do the greatest amount of good of which we are capable.

The Lord has a great work to be done, and He will bequeath the most in the future life to those who do the most faithful, willing service in the present life. The Lord chooses His own agents, and each day under different circumstances He gives them a trial in His plan of operation. In each true-hearted endeavor to work out His plan, He chooses His agents, not because they are perfect, but because, through a connection with Him, they may gain perfection.

God will accept only those who are determined to aim high. He places every human agent under obligation to do his best. Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited or cultivated tendencies to wrong-doing. We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. All righteous attributes of character dwell in God as a perfect, harmonious whole, and every one who receives Christ as a personal Saviour is privileged to possess these attributes.

And those who would be workers together with God must strive for perfection of every organ of the body and quality of the mind. True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of the body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life.

Of every Christian the Lord requires growth in efficiency and capability in every line. Christ has paid us our wages, even His own blood and suffering, to secure our willing service. He came to our world to give us an example of how we should work, and what spirit we should bring into our labor. He desires us to study how we can best advance His work and glorify His name in the

world, crowning with honor, with the greatest love and devotion, the Father who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.

Let no one say, I can not remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The possibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you can not overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God.

Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no definite object for which to live, no standard to reach. Such will obtain a reward proportionate to their works.

Remember that you will never reach a higher standard than you yourself set. Then set your mark high, and step by step, even though it be by painful effort, by self-denial and sacrifice, ascend the whole length of the ladder of progress. Let nothing hinder you. Fate has not woven its meshes about any human being so firmly that he need remain helpless and in uncertainty. Opposing circumstances should create a firm determination to overcome them. The breaking down of one barrier will give greater ability and courage to go forward. Press with determination in the right direction, and circum-

stances will be your helpers, not your hindrances.

Be ambitious, for the Master's glory, to cultivate every grace of character. In every phase of your character-building you are to please God. This you may do; for Enoch pleased Him, though living in a degenerate age. And there are Enochs in this our day.

Stand like Daniel, that faithful statesman, a man whom no temptation could corrupt. Do not disappoint Him who so loved you that He gave His own life to cancel your sins. He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing." Remember this. If you have made mistakes, you certainly gain a victory if you see these mistakes, and regard them as beacons of warning. Thus you turn defeat into victory, disappointing the enemy, and honoring your Redeemer.

A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under instruction in this world will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are continually to improve. How important, then, is the development of character in this life.

The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character that will reach out to perfection in action. To every one engaged in this work Christ says, I am at your right hand to help you.

As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command, may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings.—"*Christ's Object Lessons*," pages 329-333.

The Spirit of Compromise

The spirit of compromise is the spirit of the world, the spirit of popular acclaim, the spirit of the multitude. Aaron made a golden calf because he feared the people. Scores of others have departed from the path of rectitude for the same reason. He who keeps before him the fear of God will not be governed by this evil principle.

Commenting upon the noble stand taken by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in refusing to worship the golden image, the *Western Recorder* of August 31 says:—

"To him who has not the fear of man before his face, but who fears only God, it is a matter of preeminent concern whether God will approve or disapprove his conduct, and a matter

of minor measure whether men, even though they be kings, shall think well or ill of it. What stupendous and self-destroying folly it is to fear man, who at his worst can do no more than destroy the body, and not to fear God, who can destroy both body and soul in hell! Better a thousand times to be hurled into a fiery furnace with the favor of God and a good conscience than to live with the flatteries of kings in the comforts of a palace.

Not what is popular, but what is right, is the correct governing principle of life. 'Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.' Majorities are seldom right. There are more heathen than Christians, more Catholics than Protestants, . . . and more effusionists than immersionists. Numbers are no standard by which to measure right or wrong. 'Neither the rectitude of a course nor the truth of an opinion is to be decided by the law of a great number.' It is the 'wide gate' and 'broad way' through which the 'many' go to destruction.'

We may not be tested in our experience in the same way as these three young men, but in every-day Christian living we have the privilege of demonstrating the same noble stand in our relation to truth and error. Let us keep free from the spirit of compromise in our experience.—*Review and Herald*.

If I Were A Boy Again

As one looks back over the years of life, so many opportunities seem wasted, so little accomplished, and so much to be done, that the most fruitful life seems almost empty. Life at best seems short,—a little span between two eternities,—the greater part of which has passed before we learn how to improve it. We look at the lengthening shadows, and mourn that we have toyed with a few pebbles on the shore while an unexplored ocean of priceless knowledge stretches before us. We long for a "second chance"—an opportunity to live the years over once more.

Were I a boy again,—at life's threshold—I should resolutely turn from the pleasures, fame, and wealth of this world, and surrender my self unreservedly and unconditionally to God to be used in his service.

I should endeavor to use every hour of time in something useful, studying the best authors, feeding my mind with that which is pure and wholesome, storing up knowledge to be used for the good of the human race perish-

ing within sight.

I should set my face like a flint determined in spite of poverty or any other obstacle, to secure a college education in some Christian school. If there were no way to do this, I should make one, at all hazards, though it required a degree or two in the university of hard knocks to do so.

First of all in school, I should master my mother tongue, and so be able to speak the "King's English" with precision and power. In this age of light there is no valid excuse for not doing this.

I should endeavor to learn how to read. What greater accomplishment is there than this? I know of none. Yet good reading is almost a lost art.

As God's workmen we ought to be able to read his Holy Book and sacred song in a clear, impressive way.

I should extend my study of language at least far enough to be able to read the Sacred Scriptures in the ancient Hebrew and Greek, the tongues in which they were originally inspired. To this, if possible, I would add some of the more modern tongues, without which in this age of travel one's field of usefulness is apt to be circumscribed.

I should do my best to gain an adequate knowledge of the history of the world, the rise, decline, and fall of nations, especially those within the sweep of the prophetic telescope; as also of the great field of science interpreted from a Bible standpoint, so necessary in this progressive age.

In other words I should have a definite aim in life, a "one thing," as Paul expressed it, be it the ministry or some other line of gospel work, then bend all the energies of my mind in the attaining of such knowledge as would enable me to do the chosen line of work in the best possible manner. An old clergyman was asked upon a certain occasion by a young man how to become a good preacher. The old man said, "Fill up the cask! fill up the cask! fill up the cask! then if you tap it anywhere you will get a good stream." This excellent advice for preaching is just as good for teachers and all others.—Geo. B. THOMPSON in *Christian Education*.

Read this Slowly, and Think

Does my life please God?

Am I studying my Bible daily?

Am I enjoying my Christian life?

Have I ever won a soul to Christ?

How much time do I spend in prayer?

Am I trying to bring my friends to Christ?

Just where am I making my greatest mistake?

Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?

Is there anything I can not give up for Christ?

How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?

Have I ever tried giving one tenth of my income to the Lord?—*Canadian Churchman*.

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Annual Conference

(Concluded)

16. *Resolved*, That we put forth more earnest effort to place the denominational voice, the *Review and Herald*, also the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, in every Seventh-day Adventist home in this Conference.

17. *Whereas* it was voted by the General Conference Council to continue the earnest effort to raise our foreign mission offering to fifteen cents a week per member,

Resolved, That this conference continue unitedly in this effort until the end shall be attained.

18. *Whereas* The work on the Eastern Shore is calling loudly for help,

Resolved, That we take immediate steps to secure the services of an ordained minister for this part of the field, said minister to locate in that part of the conference.

19. *Whereas* more help for the foreign work in the city of Baltimore is needed,

We respectfully ask the conference committee for a Bible worker for the German work.

20. *Whereas* the question of Health Reform in all its phases is a part of this great message, and whereas, the strong tendency is to neglect the light given through this agency,

Resolved, (a) That we recommend to all our people that they study our health magazines and health books and discard from their homes and tables every thing calculated to prevent their developing a sound body and a strong spiritual life.

(b) That all our ministers and workers give this pillar of our faith its due consideration and attention, by delivering lectures, preaching sermons, and practicing in their lives this glorious light.

21. *We recommend* That the phrase in Article VI, Sec. 1, of the Constitu-

tion, which now reads, "and the secretary shall be the secretary," be changed to read, "and the secretary of the executive committee shall be chosen from one of its five members." EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Sec.*

WEST VIRGINIA

We quote the following from a letter received from one of our canvassers who is having good success in the work:—"Five years ago in a very prejudiced community I sold several copies of "Daniel and the Revelation", the pastor of the church purchasing. I had the pleasure of meeting the pastor a few days ago. He recognized me at once and shook my hand warmly. My first thought was to ask about the book and how many times he had read it through. His reply was that he had not read it through, but was digging away at it." We may not see direct results from the books which are sold but sooner or later they will tell for good.

The 1912 Temperance *Instructor* is now out of print, having been entirely exhausted through the temperance campaign in this state. The 1913 Temperance number will be ready early in the year, probably about February 1.

Brother I. D. Richardson of the Parkersburg church reports that they have organized a Missionary Volunteer society of fifteen members, eleven seniors and four juniors, all workers. We are glad to see this good work started and hope to have more societies in the state soon.

Brother W. H. Snider who has been in the city hospital at Parkersburg for several weeks is home again. Brother Snider was very near death's door at one time, but the prayer of faith and the skill of physicians saved him. Brother Snider feels very grateful to the Lord for sparing his life, and feels that he must render Him acceptable service.

We have received notice that after November 15th, 1912, the rates on the *Review* will be: three months, 50 cents; six months, one dollar; and twelve months, two dollars.

On account of the campaign with the Temperance *Instructors* during the past week, our report is smaller than usual. We are sure all feel repaid for the effort as the State went dry.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

General Meetings

General meetings are being arranged for in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and the following appointments have been definitely made and others are being arranged for:

November 15-17, Philadelphia

November 19-21, Fleetwood

November 22-24, Reading

These meetings are to begin in the evening of the first date mentioned, continuing with two or three services per day, as seems to be most convenient.

Elder R. A. Underwood, who was recommended to labor in this Union until after the week of prayer, will attend all the meetings, and it is expected that Elder H. M. J. Richards, recently chosen as president of the conference, succeeding Elder Heckman, will be present; also other local help.

The meeting in Philadelphia is intended as a union meeting of the churches in the city. The meetings will be held in the West Philadelphia church, corner of 51st and Locust Sts.

Notice of other meetings will be published in the *VISITOR* as they are arranged for. It is expected that the series of general meetings will cover nearly all the churches in the conference, and will continue until about the middle of December, and it is hoped that as far as possible all the members will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded for a spiritual revival.

S. D. HARTWELL

Conf. Sec.

Canvasser's Institute

It was my privilege to have a humble part in the canvassers' institute at Lebanon, Pa., which closed Sunday night, October 27. Elder I. G. Bigelow, the Union Missionary Secretary, and Brethren J. H. McEachern and J. W. Hirlinger were present and gave valuable instruction.

The meeting was more than an institute. On the part of the classes and also the church, it was really a deep spiritual revival. The evening services were conducted in the interest of those not of our faith, and a splendid attendance every evening but one was a source of much courage.

A Baptist and a Lutheran minister attended the meetings, and I had op-

portunity to speak to both; and also had the privilege of calling upon the Baptist minister at his home, and spending a very profitable hour with him. He was deeply impressed with the evening studies. The subjects presented were:

The Messenger and the Message.

The Great Crisis America Is Facing. Will the United States Become a Catholic Country?

Taft, Roosevelt, Wilson or Rome—Which?

United States in Prophecy—Will America Repudiate the Constitution, and Deny the Right of Civil and Religious Liberty?

The Greatest Boycott in the History of the World, and the Brand of Rome.

The Seal of the Living God.

The last Sabbath of the institute we had one splendid, good day, services morning and afternoon, and at the evening service, held in the Baptist church, it was my privilege to bury seven dear souls with Christ by baptism, into death, and to raise them again to walk in newness of life. A goodly company of outsiders were present, also three ministers. Of those baptized four surrendered their hearts during the meetings, the other three had accepted the truth during the spring and summer.

There will go out from the institute a class of twelve, with, we believe, a burden for souls. The prospect before them is far from being all sunshine. They are every one new in the work and they have a great task on their hands.

Reader, they will need your prayers. In your devotions, as you remember others in your petitions, do not forget the canvassers. As fishers and hunters the Lord is sending them after souls.

It will be a great encouragement to them to know that they are being constantly upheld at the throne of grace. And when they come your way give them the best you have.

May the Lord grant to these who have just gone into the field the encouragement of His own presence. I pray that they may be faithful to their task, and that they may be given that full measure of success which will stamp their work as having the approval of God. A. R. BELL.

Harrisburg, Pa.

From One New in the Truth

"Dear Brother McEachern;—

I want to enter the canvassing work soon. I hope it will please my Master to use me in His vineyard. I have a

big Sunday newspaper route and took on a hundred Harvest Ingathering Signs. Seventy-five are gone already.

I sent for fifty *Life and Health* last week. They are all sold and I have ordered fifty *Protestant Magazines*. I am quite certain they also will go like snow on a hot day. I just came into the truth a few weeks ago. I would like to sell our larger books.

Awaiting your quick and favorable reply, I am yours in Jesus."

Surely the above from one so new in the message ought to inspire and encourage those who have known the truth for years to return to their first love where their supreme joy lay in spreading our message filled literature. Order a supply of magazines from the Pennsylvania Tract Society, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., and begin at once to regain that experience. Sixty per cent commission is given on all our magazines when ordered in quantities of forty or more.

J. H. McEACHERN

4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Remember the date of the week of prayer, December 7-14. All our people should plan to have regular meetings each day during that week. There never was greater need that we as a people cry to God for help. Those who carelessly pass this season by, and are no nearer God at its close than at its beginning, run a terrible risk of drifting so far away that they will lose eternal life.

Assignment of the ministers and workers of the conference has been made so that we expect to reach every church and, so far as possible, every company through one of these workers during the week of prayer.

The closing effort of the general meetings that have been held in the conference during the last six weeks was conducted in the Pittsburgh Northside church meeting place, Rodger's Hall, Federal Street, last Sabbath and Sunday. Elders R. A. Underwood, B. F. Kneeland, W. A. Westworth, J. P. Gaede, and N. S. Ashton, were in attendance. A special meeting was held in the Rowan Avenue church, East End on Friday evening. The labors of Elder Underwood were greatly appreciated during the various meetings that he has attended in the conference by both old-time and new found friends.

Elder W. A. Westworth began last Sunday night a series of Sunday evening meetings in the East End, near the Carnegie Auditorium where the conference meetings were held last spring. Taylor Hall, on Kelly Street, near Homewood Avenue has been secured. There was a good audience at the first meeting and it is hoped that the effort will result in much good.

A stereopticon has been purchased for the Pittsburgh effort, and was used to good effect in the first meeting at Taylor Hall in an illustrated song service.

Following the Altoona meeting Elders Underwood and Kneeland held two services with the Huntingdon church, and Elders Underwood and Schwartz met twice with the Johnstown church.

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited the home of Elder J. E. Veach at Saxton, last week. Elder Veach is improving slowly in health, and hopes to be able to get back in active service soon.

A meeting of the executive committee was held at the office on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Considerable attention was given to the needs of the Pittsburgh field and the arrangements for the next annual meeting of the conference.

It is planned to hold the next session of the West Pennsylvania conference at Altoona, Pa., Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, 1913. A convention for church workers and officers will be held in connection with the conference meeting. Further announcements will appear later.

Elder I. N. Williams is visiting relatives at East Liverpool, Ohio, this week.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sanitarium News

Tuberculosis day was observed at the M St. Church in Washington by a special evening program. Talks were given by J. L. McElhany, Dr. H. C. Menkel of the Seminary, and Dr. H. N. Sisco of the Washington Sanitarium. It is well that our churches join in this great world wide campaign against the terrible ravages of this disease.

A few nights ago the sanitarium entertained Dr. Isaac T. Headland, for nineteen years a missionary in China. Dr. Headland spoke twice to the nurses and students in the chapel and his talks were very helpful and much appreciated.

Two of our senior nurses, Miss Ruth DeLhorbe and Miss Helen Osberg, spent a day recently in visiting the people in a neighboring village in Virginia, distributing *Life and Health* and seeking to help the people and to interest them in health and temperance and in the Sanitarium work. They report an interesting trip and that the people received them very cordially.

Miss Carolyn Kemmerer, a member of our post graduate nurses' class, has been called to take the head nurseship at the Orlando, Florida Sanitarium. We wish her much success in her work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sherman who for several years have been at the Seminary, recently spent sometime at Washington, D. C., Dispensary, preparatory to their work in Argentine, S. A. They were of much service to the Dispensary workers, and also themselves received valuable training in methods of Christian help work and in methods of treating various diseases.

Mr. Rahn, in charge of the Dispensary, reports a recent increase in the number coming in daily to the clinic for treatment, and a good interest in visiting nurses' work with a good prospect for Christian help work as the winter comes on.

H. N. SISCO, M. D.

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Pleasant Hill

Amid a wealth of autumn leaves, garnished with flowers, fruits from orchards, and products from garden and field, the Pleasant Hill Sabbath-school gave their Harvest Ingathering program Sunday evening, Oct. 26. The exercises, which were instructive as well as entertaining, were under the direction of Miss Clara Reichenbach assisted by Miss Nellie Underwood.

The large audience showed their appreciation by making a substantial offering to missions.

The church school at Pleasant Hill has long enjoyed the reputation of standing in the first rank. Under the management of Miss Reichenbach it maintains this standing, drawing scholars from Cleveland and West Mansfield, as well as enjoying a liberal patronage from those near by and not of our faith. May all be faithful until the great ingathering when Jesus receives his own. J. J. MARIETTA.

The Card Plan

Those who were at the Springfield camp-meeting were permitted to become acquainted with and have a part in the vigorous effort now in progress to reduce and wholly raise, if possible, the Mt. Vernon College debt. The card plan has been adopted and it will be kept much before the people until the effort is ended. Elder Dowsett, the Union Conference treasurer, will be in correspondence with all of the churches and he will clearly outline the working of the plan. I hope that there may be seen a disposition throughout our conference to heartily co-operate in this effort.

You have heard a great deal about this debt and many are wishing to hear the last of it. Some may be inclined to complain that the debt is inclined to grow larger rather than smaller. While we must regret that this and other institutions are embarrassed with debt, we can be certain that we each have a responsibility in lifting the burden. The loyal people in our midst are in harmony with the recent recommendations passed by the General Conference Committee calling for vigorous efforts to free our institutions of their debts. I believe that this is a time for us to put our shoulders to the burden and lift hard and long.

The Lord has given us a plan which we should use in this effort. "God desires that the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' should be recognized by all our people as His method of relieving our schools from debt." This is the plan that should be revived and placed in operation in our present effort; and it will work nicely in connection with the card plan. It will take no money from our ranks but it will place precious light in the homes of many if it is carried out.

When you are asked to take one or more of the cards, which are five dollars each, remember that God has given a plan. Let us plan to use "Christ's Object Lessons" largely in the effort we are now making.

E. K. SLADE.

Notice

The first edition of the little pamphlet called "Recreation," by Sister White, has been exhausted. However, a new and enlarged edition is now being printed, the price of which is ten cents instead of five cents. Send all orders through your tract society. J. I. CASSELL.

In a letter recently received at the conference office from one of the members living in a western state we quote the following: "Having decided to make an effort in the Ingathering Campaign I made my longest trip the first day, getting home way after night. I saw thirteen homesteaders and my collection was \$1.10. Do not know how many miles I traveled. The second day out I made ten miles and collected \$.75; the third day I made some eight miles and collected \$.75; and the fourth day I again traveled eight miles and collected \$.25. I reached home well worn out, so you can see from a financial view it does not pay to climb these hills, but seeds of truth left behind in the *Signs* and conversation may yield a rich harvest."

You will note from the above that this brother who is quite advanced in years collected \$2.85 in the many miles he traveled, yet felt that the result was worth the effort. Do you not think that there are many opportunities in this territory to obtain greater results with even less effort? Copies of the *Signs* are awaiting your order if not already supplied.

Five precious souls have just been baptized at Cincinnati by the pastor, Elder W. W. Miller, as the result of the blessing of the Lord upon his labors and the efforts put forth by our Bible workers, Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is arranging to begin a public effort in the city of Medina at an early date.

Two members were recently added to the Zanesville church which is steadily growing under the labors of Elder F. H. Henderson.

Three persons united with the Toledo church recently, as a result of the work of Dr. H. M. Jump, the pastor, and of Brother and Sister G. E. Wales who are engaged in Bible work in that city.

A. J. Kennedy, manager of the Newark Sanitarium, was in Academia recently. He reports that the Lord is blessing the work at the Sanitarium, the twelve nurses having all the work that they can do.

Mr. James Rowe has purchased the Perrine property at Academia and is preparing to move there from Clyde, having sold his home in the latter place.

Elder Wm. Woodford, who is laboring at Decatur, Ill., was called to Mt. Vernon last week by the serious illness of his mother.

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports five persons baptized at Canaan Sabbath, Nov. 2, following the tent effort at that place. Two of these were the result of the work done at Wooster last year following the camp-meeting.

Elder J. J. Marietta visited the Bellefontaine church on his way to Mendon in the western part of the state where he will hold a series of meetings.

Miss Bessie Acton visited Hicksville and Camden in the interests of the church school work last week.

Elders E. K. Slade and W. E. Bidwell organized a church last Sabbath at Canaan where a tent effort has been held this fall.

Mrs. Vernon Panches visited her brother, Elder J. E. Shultz, and other friends in Academia last week.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

OCTOBER, 1912

Akron	\$ 124 78
Alliance	37 13
*Barnesville	.....
Bellefontaine	41 22
Bellville	9 00
*Broughton	.....
Bowling Green	147 99
Camden	57 47
Canton	.....
Chagrin Falls	39 13
Charloe	3 75
Chillicothe	8 02
Cincinnati	250 72
Cleveland	161 50
Cleveland German	154 84
Clyde	89 44
Columbus	30 26
Columbus S. D. A. Mission	12 16

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania Week Ending November 1, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. N. Brown, Pittsburg		CK	4	23	25	41 50	5 75	47 25	1 75
*A. Brownlee, Washington Co.		GC	10	73		53 60	50	54 10	28 35
Wm. Burnett, Center Co.		GC	4	27	6	20 00	1 75	21 75	
A. Davies, Pittsburg		CK	5	34	18	28 00	75	28 75	16 30
E. French, Center Co.		PPF	4	22	2	7 00	2 35	9 35	1 60
C. Guenter, Potter		BF	5	27	18	19 50	5 75	25 25	26 35
W. House, Potter		CK	5	31	8	21 20	27 15	48 35	43 30
F. Hall, Pittsburg		CK	4	26	9	15 50	3 50	19 00	6 75
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.		PPF	4	35	17	56 00	1 70	57 70	60
J. Perkins, Pittsburg		CK	4	30	12	20 00	1 50	21 50	5 00
J. Paden, Pittsburg		CK	3	12		12 00	2 00	14 00	1 00
Totals			52	340	115	\$294 30	\$52 70	\$347 00	\$131 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 1, 1912

W. Hess, Waynesboro	DR	68	15	45 00	33 00	78 00	
G. Unger, Lehigh Co.	DR	44	2	7 00	2 00	9 00	63 50
G. Swingle, Sayre	GC	57	13	38 00	18 50	56 50	
R. Towne, Chester Co.	GC	16	4	8 00	4 44	12 44	
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK	28	11	17 00	8 55	25 55	18 00
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	20	5	8 00	8 25	16 25	43 80
Mrs. M. Schmidt, Phila.	CK						20 00
Lucy Dicks, Williamsport	CK	30	10	15 00	4 20	19 20	8 15
Grace Swingle, Sayre	CK	24	10	16 00	15 95	31 95	75
Mark Hale, Pottsville	CK	22	8	13 50	6 00	19 50	
S. Burkhardt, Franklin Co.	CK	19	5	8 50	2 50	11 00	
Stella Grube, Lehigh Co.		19	3	4 50	20	4 70	
Totals		367	86	\$180 50	\$103 59	\$284 09	\$154 20

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending November 1, 1912

G. Lawrence, Perryville	DR	4	32	20	57 00	4 25	61 25	
T. Barritt, Rock Hall	CK	7	40	27	64 00	17 00	81 00	3 50
Alverta Rodgers, Baltimore	BF	4	15	33	35 50		35 50	
J. Jones, Storkland	GC	5	40	26	47 00	2 25	49 25	
Mabel Davies, Eden	BF	4	21	6	6 00		6 00	
Anna Seeney, Baltimore, Md.	BF	4	19	33	34 00		34 00	
D. Percy, Betterton Md.	DA							34 00
Totals		28	167	145	\$243 50	\$23 50	\$267 00	\$37 50

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Mabel Davies	LH	6	60
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Ohio, Week Ending November 1, 1912

J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	35	11	35 00	31 00	66 00	
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	29	9	31 00	1 75	32 75	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	11	8	18 50	9 50	28 00	
*R. Robinson, Wyandot Co.	CK	8	73	31	48 50	3 00	51 50	
*F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	8	36	9	31 00	2 15	33 15	24 40
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	35	6	9 50	1 00	10 50	106 45
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	11	2	6 00	4 25	10 25	
O. Hershberger, Clark Co.	GC	2	14					36 00
Totals		37	241	76	\$179 50	\$52 65	\$232 15	\$166 85

West Virginia, Week Ending November 1, 1912

T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	5	38	6	18 00	7 25	25 25	119 75
W. McElpatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	8	65					75 50
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	4	39	11	37 00	10 75	47 75	2 50
Mrs. John Huff, Ohio Co.		3	16		23 70		23 70	
J. Marshall, Hardy	GC	5	38	5	15 00	5 00	20 00	3 05
Totals		25	196	22	\$93 70	\$23 00	\$116 70	\$200 80

New Jersey, Week Ending November 1, 1912

J. Rambo,	OK	4	17	15	22 00	2 00	24 00	2 75
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	30	44	18 50	80	19 30	18 00
G. G. Taylor, Lakewood	PPF	4	30	19	32 50	2 00	34 50	25 50
A. Waer, Butler	PPF	4	33	11	16 50	5 50	22 00	
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	3	24	8	10 00	1 50	11 50	
Eva Morton, Gloucester Co.	GA	3	10	42	10 50		10 50	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC		40	1	2 00	12 60	14 60	

Totals 23 184 140 \$112 00 \$24 40 \$136 40 \$46 25

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1383 94 Deliveries, \$736 60.

*Conant	.....	Toledo	.....	150 10
Conneaut	15 07	Troy	.....
Corsica	90 77	Van Wert	.....	8 66
Coshocton	54 86	Walnut Grove	.....	72 33
Cygnets	.....	Washington C. H.	.....
Dayton	84 00	Waterford	.....	38 50
Defiance	5 70	Wilmington	.....	60 11
Delaware	.....	*Wooster	.....
Delta	.....	*West Mansfield	.....	41 60
Derwent	5 00	Wheelersburg	.....	61 35
Dowling	1 75	Youngstown	.....	20 80
Dunkirk	.....	Zanesville	.....	78 67
East Liverpool	39 32	Individuals	.....	50 39
Elgin	41 11			
Findlay	43 06			
Greenspring	4 00			

TOTAL.....\$3,717 59

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	.....	\$3,717 59
Tract Society	.....	547 74
Sabbath-school Donations	.....	655 75
First Day Offerings	.....	95 00
Missions	.....	112 86
Mission Signs	.....	356 63
Midsummer Offering	.....	4 84
\$300,000 Fund	.....	3 50
S. S. D. China	.....	140 60
Mount Vernon College Fund	.....	34 06
Religious Liberty	.....	1 00
Colored Work	.....	223 21
Sterling Lantern Fund	.....	10 00
Orphans and Aged	.....	25
T. & H. Collections	.....	24 96

TOTAL.....\$5,926 99

H.D. HOLTOM, *Treas.*

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder B. G. Wilkinson made a stop at Mt. Vernon en route from Cleveland to Columbus, Ohio, and gave a stirring chapel talk to the students Wednesday morning on the supreme issue of these closing years of earth's history.

The College will discontinue its work for one day this week while the faculty and students canvass Mt. Vernon and vicinity with the Ingathering Signs.

Mr. Frank Wells has just moved to Academia from Cleveland, and has entered the College for the purpose of preparing for the work. The College is getting an unusual number of mature students this year.

We clip the following from the North Missouri *Workers' Record*:—

"A letter was recently received from Washington, D. C., asking permission to invite Pastor J. M. Campbell, of Kansas City, to take charge of the work for the colored people at that place. It is presumed that he will accept the invitation."

Elder Campbell was formerly a student in Mt. Vernon College.

Mrs. E. M. Woolgar of Clyde, Ohio, was visiting her sister-in-law, Miss Clara Pettit, and her children, William and Lillian Woolgar, at the College last week.

Small service is true service while it lasts,
The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dewdrops from the sun.

China Band

Nearly all the students who were in the band of volunteers for China last year are in school this year. Several of the new students have increased the number of the band so that between eighteen and twenty attend the regular meeting, which is held every Friday evening. At these meetings we have thus far in the year been studying the characteristics of the Chinese people, the organization of our work in China, and its progress. Last week we had some letters from China which were read before the society that gave the band an insight into the rapidity with which this message is going in that land. Miss Ida Thompson, whose sister a few months ago died with malignant malaria, and who is now left alone at Hong Kong writes, "Nine have accepted the truth and about twenty-five are regular attendants at the Sabbath-school. They are all very fine people and, I think, come for the same reason that you and I go to Sabbath-school. They are here every Sabbath. They are all very young people. I am much pleased with them."

Brother J. P. Anderson, who is located in South China, among a class of Chinese called Hakkas, writes concerning his work;

"I am well and think I shall find plenty to do to keep me from getting lonesome. (His wife left for America on furlough in company with Mrs

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Esta Miller). Just now I have two Bible classes and one singing class every day. There are bright prospects before us up here and I mean to stay by the work until something is accomplished."

Brother Bach, who is located in the extreme south-west of China, among other things of a most encouraging nature says:

"We are preparing to open up three more stations here. The story of how the Lord prepared these places, and workers too, is really marvelous. It is my heart's prayer and desire that all these regions shall be filled with the message and that the Lord may get honour in this part of the world. We have been kept among sickness and death. It seems that no Adventist can die of plague. It humbles me much to see how God overlooks our failures and many mistakes and works with us. A preacher of the English mission and his wife and family have accepted the truth and wait for the second coming of Christ. It seems now that the time of reaping has arrived, where in time past there has been hard sowing."

Word was received that Brother Orvie Gibson, who has been suffering from repeated attacks of malaria, is much better and has returned to take up his work in Nanking Training School.

In a communication from Sister Eva Allum she gave a very interesting account of a day's program in their work in Honan. The day selected was Friday, September 6th.

"At 6 o'clock in the morning we assembled on the river bank about a mile from our meeting place, when

my husband baptized six men and two women; all of whom had been heathen before, excepting one, who was a convert from another mission. At 8:30 my husband held a service with those assembled, after which two were ordained to the office of deacon. Following this a committee meeting was called, while I held a meeting with the women as usual. In the afternoon we went to a village three miles out, where my husband performed a wedding ceremony for a believer. We visited one other village and then returned home to prepare for the Sabbath. The day closed with a good testimony meeting at evening. The Sabbath following, thirty-two partook of the ordinances. While at Hsao Yao one man gave us five dollars tithe on his first half-year's crop and in all some twelve dollars was received in tithes and offerings from this little company during our stay there." (Five dollars is the ordinary working salary for a working man for one year.)

Several other very interesting communications were read before the band, which revealed that the workers are beginning to reap a harvest of souls in that great country. The effect of these letters was that of causing us to renew our determination to have a part in the closing of the message in that great needy field.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

A Good Beginning

Of the man or woman, boy or girl, who has an ambition to improve his mind, and has set himself at some effectual means of doing so, it can be truthfully said that he has made a good beginning. An unusually large number have gone away from home this fall to make a business of building up their education. But a still larger number are kept at home for good reasons, who ought to be making it a part of their business to increase their personal efficiency by studying through the well-organized and thorough means provided by the Fireside Correspondence School, of Takoma Park, D. C. A large number have already begun this enjoyable work, but it is not yet too late to begin, as this school admits students the year round. Reader, are you not ready to make such a good beginning at once, while the season is favorable? If so, write to the school, and it will help you through to a good ending.

W. E. HOWELL.

Knowledge is power.

An Important Change

Beginning with the November number, just out, *Christian Education* will be issued monthly each year from September to June. For this year only it will run until July. Each year after this year it will be run from September to June, the June issue being the regular campaign number for the summer.

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The Editor's article on "Stepping-Stones and Pitfalls in Education in the Home and in the School" should be studied by all parents. In any business it is a fine thing to be able to find the stepping-stones and use them in advancing, and to locate and to avoid the pitfalls. It is far more important and of greater value to have such assistance in educational matters.

Sometimes a pitfall in the educational path of a boy or girl is ignorantly, yet innocently, made by a fond father or mother. A close study of *Christian Education* will enable our parents to avoid these mistakes and to greatly assist their children in finding and using safe stepping-stones in their development.

Our parents owe their children their best possible development. *Christian Education* is hereafter to be as helpful to parents as to teachers.

Making Brick Without Straw

When selected articles appear in these columns it is because we have received nothing in the way of reports to occupy the space. We know that our people prefer to read what the workers whom they are supporting are doing and how the Lord is blessing the work in the various parts of the field. We wish to thank those who have contributed reports and news items and trust that we may hear from all of our workers and also from the local churches when there is anything of general interest to report.