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GENERAL MATTER

BE STILL

Be still! and know, O troubled soul;
When storms and ills assail thee,
When all looks dark within, without,
And the way is hidden from thee.

Be still! in times of deep distress,
When afflictions sore oppress thee;
When the tempter of thy soul is nigh
And almost overcomes thee.

Be still! He spoke so long ago
To boisterous waves on Galilee,
And quiet and calm, their roaring ceased.
Be still! he speaketh yet to thee.

Be still! and know that I am God,
Thy Helper and Friend wilt ever be.
Through every trial, no matter where,
Be still! I've trodden the way for thee.

Be still! O words of comfort spoken
To brighten this world so dark and drear,
Thy still small voice, O blessed Saviour,
We'll welcome it, aye, as we hear.

Be still! O speak thou to our soul;
Bid darkness and doubts forever flee;
Quiet the tumults within, without,
By thy gentle word,—“Peace be to thee.”

FANNIE E. HAMBLIN.

Mount Vernon College Relief

A rich lady dreamed that she went to heaven and there saw a mansion being built. “For whom is that?” she asked of her guide.

“For your gardener,” came the reply.

“But,” said she, “he lives in the tiniest cottage on earth, with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much.”

Farther on she saw a tiny cottage being built. “And for whom is that?” she asked with interest.

“That is for you,” came the answer in low but unmistakable words.

“But I have lived in a mansion on earth. I would not know how to live in a cottage.”

The words she heard in reply were full of meaning, “The Master Builder is doing his best with the material that is being sent up.”

The motive, the cheerfulness, and the willingness, as well as the amount of our gifts enter into the reckoning of the Master Builder. Some persons seem to always find excuse for not taking part in the various calls connected with the advancement of God's work. Their surprise, when all is over, will be a sad experience. *Now* is our opportunity. Let us plan to share in each call and lay up treasure in heaven that the Master Builder may lack no material.

I sincerely hope a goodly amount of the material “being sent up” the next few months will be labeled “five, ten, fifty, or more dollars for Mount Vernon College.” The way the brethren and sisters are responding, not only in the effort to clear Mt. Vernon College of her indebtedness, but in all the calls coming throughout the Columbia Union, convinces us that no tiny cottage is good enough for any member in our Union.

Continue to send up material, brethren, and again I say, “Do not forget to label some MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE.”

R. T. DOWSETT.

Heart Work Necessary

“Hearken unto me ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law.” Isa. 51:7 The law of God is an expression of the mind of God with reference to righteousness or right-doing, and these holy principles are the standard of life for not only the inhabitants of this world but for all created beings in God's great universe.

God is love, hence the obedience rendered to him must be a service of love, a true heart service. David says, “The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart, none of his steps shall slide.” Ps. 37:30,31. The man who has the law of God in his heart will be careful of his words that he may not in anyway offend God by his conversation. He will remember that he is preparing to associate with heavenly beings during all eternity, and that by divine grace a heavenly

character is to be formed in this world. As the character is when Christ comes and the judgment is executed, so it must remain throughout eternity.

It is written of Christ, “I delight to do thy will, O my God: Yea, thy law is within my heart.” Ps. 40:8.

There can be no hatred, malice, envy, evil speaking, or anything of that kind seen in the life of one in whose heart is the law of God. No desire for self exaltation will be seen, no striving for the highest place. No impure thoughts or desires can abide in the heart where the law of God is written. Both appetite and passions will be under control of the Spirit of God, which Spirit has been given of God to write the law in the heart.

If all who profess to believe the truths of this last message had the law of God fully written in the heart as it must be before we can enter heaven, then perfect unity would be seen among believers everywhere. Church trials and church difficulties of all kinds would be at an end, everyone would see in his brother or sister in the church a precious gem in the sight of God, one whom God had valued so highly that he has paid the highest price that heaven could place upon any object. Looking upon our brethren and sisters from this standpoint and realizing that they are just as precious in the sight of God as we are, we would not feel like magnifying their faults and failings but would feel it our duty to place our arms of Christian fellowship and love about them and do all in our power to help them to gain the victory on all points, that they may stand before God perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If the law of God were written in all our hearts as he desires it shall be, the mighty power of God would rest upon us, the work would very soon be finished, and we should be at home in the kingdom of God.

Oh that God by his divine power and grace may awaken us out of sleep and help us to humble ourselves before him that he may speedily prepare us for his heavenly kingdom!

J. W. WATTS.

The Bible versus Higher Criticism—1

We are living in a time when a spirit of lawlessness—of disregard for authority, both human and divine—is sweeping over the world, and coincident with this lawless spirit there has been a determined and systematic effort to undermine and destroy faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Strange to say, it is not the avowed infidels and skeptics—the Ingersolls, the Thomas Paynes, and the Voltaires—who are engaged in this work. Ministers have stolen the infidels' thunder; the Bible, like its divine Author, is wounded in the house of its professed friends.

That book which for more than eighteen centuries has been the bulwark of righteousness, transforming barbarous nations that have come under its influence into the leading nations of the world, converting even the outcasts of society, such as John Bunyan, John B. Gough, and Mary Magdalene, into men and women of spotless character, making them a mighty power for good in this sin-cursed earth—that Book, if it had accomplished nothing more, the world can ill afford to lose.

Thousands and millions of men and women the world over have obtained from the Scriptures guidance in times of perplexity, comfort and encouragement in times of distress and sorrow. It has given new strength and hope to the tempted and discouraged, and kindled on the altar of many hearts those flames of immortal glory which reach beyond the bounds of time and space. Its light alone penetrates the darkness of the tomb, and dries the mourner's tear. Millions have suffered the loss of all things, even of life itself, rather than yield their faith in the Word of the living God, and there is abundant evidence to sustain the martyr's faith to-day.

WHAT IS HIGHER CRITICISM?

"Higher Criticism" is a term used in contrast with the phrase, "Lower Criticism." The term now employed for "Lower Criticism" is "Textual Criticism," and designates the study of the text of the Scripture, including the investigation of the manuscripts, to determine the exact words originally used by the divinely inspired writers. To this useful class of Textual Critics belong such men as Westcott, Hort, Tischendorf, Griesbach, and Tregelles.

"Higher Criticism," on the contrary, designates the study of the historic origins, the dates, and auth-

orship of the various books of the Bible, and includes that branch of study technically known as Introduction. Pursued reverently such a study is of value, as in the case of Horne's "Introduction to the Critical Study and Knowledge of the Holy Scripture," as originally written, modern German theories having been interpolated into the dead man's book.

But the Higher Criticism which largely dominates modern Christianity and permeates modern ministerial thought, instead of seeking to confirm faith in the infallibility of the Scriptures, is absorbed in a microscopic search for discrepancies, designed to destroy faith in a divine revelation.

Spinoza, a rationalist Dutch philosopher of the seventeenth century is regarded as the originator of the movement, although its real fountain-head is doubtless the same scholarly critic, who, in the garden of Eden, cast doubt upon the word of God, promising greater liberty and broader knowledge. In his *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus* (Cap. VII, VIII), 1670, Spinoza ascribed the authorship of the Pentateuch to Ezra or to some later writer instead of to Moses, and repudiated a divine revelation.

Hobbes, the English philosopher, adopted the same views and lent his influence to their dissemination. It was that same Hobbes who, questioned by his friends as he was dying, said "I am taking a leap in the dark,"—a leap which every man takes, when he passes from the solid rock of divine revelation to the misty bogs of vain philosophy and human speculation. We prefer to pillow our head on something better than a guess when we come to die.

French and German theologians took up the work of dissection and the writings of Moses, accepted by our Lord Jesus Christ, were converted into a confused mass of uninspired and unreliable mythical fragments joined together and worked over by unknown and unknowable editors, or "redactors," scattered along from the ninth to the fourth centuries before Christ.

Nor did the critics stop there. Said Jesus, "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" John 5:46,47. Beginning with the rejection of the story of the creation of the earth in six literal days, the fall of man, and the very fundamentals of the plan of redemption, as given in Genesis, it was a

natural result that the Continental critics soon came to deny the validity of miracle, and of any miraculous narrative. They denied the reality of prophecy, and the validity of any prophetic statement. Rejecting everything supernatural they denied the possibility of an inspired revelation from God. Hence the miraculous incarnation of the Son of God, his divinity, his miracles, and resurrection are rejected by many leading critics.

The British and American critics, however, do not go so far as the Continental critics. They still claim to regard the Scriptures as containing a revelation from God, rejecting those portions which are not in harmony with their varied and varying ideas, and virtually destroying any final authority excepting that of human reason, the carnal mind.

W. C. M.

*Written as a requirement in the College course in Ancient History.

The Seven Churches

The prophecy of the Seven Churches is found in the second and third chapters of the Revelation. It is a part of that wonderful book of which the Giver, our Lord Jesus Christ, has said: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." Rev. 1:3.

The whole of the book is addressed to the church of Christ in its seven phases, from apostolic days to the end. Chapters two and three reveal the spiritual conditions through which the church passes and the loving care and sympathy, manifested in reproof, warning, exhortation, and promise, which the Father has for his children.

There were seven literal churches in literal Asia Minor, doubtless known by the names John uses in the Revelation. It is impossible to mark the definite beginning and ending of each division or church. They blended into each other, and the characteristics of each and all continue in some measure to the end. In general it may be said that Ephesus included the closing part of the apostolic age; Smyrna, the time of the pagan persecutions; Pergamos, from the days of Constantine to the sixth century; Thyatira, the greater part of the long period of the Dark Ages; Sardis, beginning with Reformation times, Philadelphia, with Advent-message days, about 1840, Laodicea, especially after 1844, all represent last-day con-

ditions, manifest even unto the very end.

The general plan, the sevenfold division, of our Lord's letters to the church in each condition is the same throughout, with the exception of a few striking features. We have (1) The speaker or writer, our Lord himself under different titles; (2) approval, if there was ought to approve; (3) the reproof, if the Master saw ought to reprove; (4) the earnest exhortation; (5) the faithful warning and admonition; (6) the call to hear, coming sixth in the first three, and seventh in the last four; so that before and after the promises comes God's blessed invitation; (7) the promise to the overcomer, coming seventh in the first three and sixth in the last four.

It will be noticed that these conditions naturally fall into three irregular pairs, with a seventh, which stands alone; Ephesus and Philadelphia, Smyrna and Thyatira, Pergamos and Sardis, and Laodicea. This last church, Laodicea, is the church which stands alone. It represents the waxing cold of a part of the remnant church, because of abounding iniquity. Matt. 24:12; 2 Tim. 3:1-5. It represents a large holding of theory, but without corresponding zeal. Their case is wretched indeed.

We, Christian student, are in one of these three conditions. Are we in a church united with the world, seeking a closer union with the State, with a name to live, yet dead? Protestants, we may be called, but with no power to protest against the principles of the Papacy in church or state, in our own fold, or in the state. Or are we in Laodicea, counting ourselves possessed of spiritual riches because we have a working theory of the gospel, at ease, having need of nothing, indifferent, wishing to be let alone? Or are we living in that condition where our heart condemns us not, where we have confidence toward God? Are we bringing the sins which that law reveals to Jesus, putting them away forever, walking in his footsteps, obedient to all his law?

Great is the task set before those who now live, great are their temptations, weak are wills, faint and uncertain are purposes, but his grace is sufficient. It is easier to live for God amid the fiercest persecutions than to arouse from the lethargy of Laodicea. In Rev. 3: 14 it says, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. "Behold I stand at the door and knock:

if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

ANN LINGO.

*Written as a requirement in the College Bible Doctrines class.

CHESAPEAKE

Progress of the Work

After an absence of several weeks, I find myself busy with the routine of office work. However, as we enter upon the duties of another year, we have many things to encourage us. The Lord has been with us in the past, and he has brought us through many trying experiences, but never for one moment did he leave us alone.

We have just closed a series of general meetings covering a large portion of our territory. These meetings were well attended and our people were made to rejoice over victories gained. Spiritually, I would say that our brethren and sisters and our young people are leaving the base of Horeb and are moving up into the tops of the mountains.

Financially, the Lord has shown his power to help. The tithes have exceeded anything in our history and I know you will be glad to learn that our conference came out in the clear on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. The conference treasurer has informed me that our people gave to missions alone the sum of \$4,290. This has helped the Mission Board to send workers into the needy fields, and the latest reports show that the message has gone with mighty power the last year. Who feels any poorer by giving of their means to further the work for this time? I think I am safe in saying that there are none who regret what they have sacrificed for the cause of truth. Instead of feeling their poverty, many have been enriched in the things of God.

Now my dear brethren and sisters, I am wondering what the year before us will record. I feel to urge that we lay our plans for genuine aggressive work early in the year, before time steals from us our best efforts. Let us not be satisfied with present attainments but plan to accomplish even greater things this year. It has been said: "No man can from the heart pray 'Thy kingdom come,' and be a loafer in Christian work. If it becomes the real cry of his soul, it will give him steady employment for life. It will put fire in his bones and iron in his blood. It will haunt his

dreams, and fill his waking moments, and put a power in his prayers that will be felt. It will make him an alabaster box that is precious only because it can be used for Christ."

It is hoped that every church member will rally to the cause this year and that God helping us, more may be wrought in his name than was during the past year. Let every church officer study the counsel of the Lord to know how to render the service he should to the church in which he is asked to share responsibility. This will bring the success we want to see in the closing work. R. T. BAER.

Baltimore

It has been three months since a report of our work here has been published. The Lord is with us helping us to get the victory over the enemy. The spirituality of the Baltimore Church No. 3 is such as speaks well for earnest prayer. Although Satan has tried us very much yet the arm of the Lord is a strong support.

Our Sabbath services are well attended; so much so that our little hall is too small. We are still striving to secure the larger one where our Sunday night services are held, but the money seems to come in slowly. Only about \$100.00 has been received. We have three canvassers in the field from our company, who are having rich success and blessed experiences. Good talent has been added to the church in the thirteen new members, and a talented family of three are soon to take their stand on the Lord's side. We are glad for this, for with slight training these dear souls can quickly go out into the work and win some others to the cause.

We have a live soul-refreshing mid-week prayer service, which is well attended; a Thursday night Bible class for members in the extreme eastern part of the city; also a Friday night study for new members, and only two nights to visit other interested homes. The work grows daily, and we desire our readers to pray for workers and means to reach 90,000 colored people in this city.

During the year 1912 \$660.00 from all sources was received into the little company's treasury. Our fifteen-cent-a-week fund was but a very few dollars in arrears, and for 1913 our aims are still higher. We have a most interesting young people's society whose Sabbath afternoon program grows more instructive each week. Pray for the work here for we feel the end is near.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

OHIO

An Explanation

Two weeks ago my article entitled, "Some 1912 Facts and Figures," gave our results in Ohio on the fifteen cent fund showing that we had given about fourteen cents a week for the year. The figures given me by our treasurer included remittances within the year that we thought would be proper and conservative and I was glad and thankful that we could report such splendid results. Since writing that report word has reached us from the Union Conference treasurer that Ohio has raised her full fifteen cents a week per member for 1912 with a surplus of \$471.34. The surplus in six conferences is sufficient to swing the Union clear, although two conferences fall short.

There is no disagreement between our figures and those of the Union Conference treasurer when the same remittances are included in the year's results. The Union has adopted a basis for all the conferences placing all on the same footing in the results that will be announced. By this you will understand why our last week's statement does not agree with the better showing represented by the Union Conference statement.

I am free to say that this passes my most eager hopes. I knew that it would be a mighty task to come from 7 and 8-10 to over 15 cents and, while it was evident from early in the year that we would make a splendid gain, the fifteen cent mark seemed beyond realization. Since we have raised over \$15,000.00 more in tithes and offerings than in 1911, shall we not begin immediately to do even better in 1913? God has blessed in the past year and to him only belongs the glory. He will bless in a greater measure this year if we will faithfully press forward in every part of the work which is so rapidly coming to a close.

E. K. SLADE.

A church officers and conference workers' convention will be held at Columbus, March 13 to 16. Further announcement will be made in next week's issue.

Elder E. K. Slade visited the Wilmington church, Sabbath, Jan. 25, and the Chagrin Falls church last Sabbath. On Sabbath evening he addressed a representative audience in the Chagrin Falls Methodist Episcopal church on the "Eastern Question."

Answering God's Call—2

In our former article we called your attention to the important testimony the Lord has given us concerning the call of the canvassers back to their work, and that they *would be rewarded by seeing souls converted*. We can rely upon what the Lord has said, and although we may not see immediate results of our efforts, yet God's promises are true and will not fail. We are admonished to sow the *good seed*. This is our work. God will take care of the results and give the increase. It is the power of God alone that can convert the soul. We may be used as instruments in the hands of God in the propagation of the truth for this time, but we are dependent upon the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of those who read our literature as the agency through which they may be brought to a full knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

I will quote from a letter, which I have just received from another canvasser who has *returned to his work*, which reads as follows: "If you remember, about two years ago I canvassed in Meigs County with 'Coming King,' but while canvassing I had the opportunity of selling a 'Bible Footlights' to a certain person. A few days ago I received a letter from a friend who lives near him saying that he has read the book through thirteen times and is now spreading the truths he has found all through that county. I can truly say, Praise God for the canvassing work."

Surely God is rewarding the faithful canvasser by converting the souls of those to whom they have sold our books which contain the truth for this time. May the same spirit that has impressed these dear souls impress the hearts of those who should be out in the canvassing work scattering the printed page as the leaves of autumn, and thus reaching the souls of those who cannot be reached by the living preacher.

J. I. CASSELL.

Brother J. S. Randolph of Marion, one of our faithful canvassers, called at the Conference office last week, while visiting his son, Paul, at the College.

Mrs. M. C. Forsythe of Lewistown, Ohio, writes that the Lord is blessing her in conducting private kindergarten, normal, and Bible classes, and she will be pleased to correspond with any of our people who may be interested in this line of work.

Newark

Thinking that the readers of the VISITOR would be interested in the progress of the work in Newark, I hereby make attempt to give a brief report of what has been accomplished since the arrival of Brother and Sister Weaver.

It was in the month of November that they came from East Michigan Conference to this city and entered heartily upon their work of warning the city of the wrath to come. Many doors were found to be open for the workers, and many people expressed a decided interest in the work and doctrines of S. D. Adventists. This is explained by the prominence given to Bible study by the Evangelist Lyon, whose party held a large meeting in the city just before the coming of Brother and Sister Weaver. On account of the manifest interest it was decided to hold a three weeks' public effort in the church. Capacity attendance was the rule for a few days until the cutting truths presented by the speakers weeded out the curiosity seekers and made manifest those whose interest was worth development. This process of developing the interest is still in progress at this writing, and we hope that several will be added to the church.

One very notable item in the effort here was the genuine friendliness of the newspapers. The editors of both dailies professed themselves ready to print anything in reason that was furnished them, and they have truly lived up to the promise. Brother Weaver informed me that there has been about 22,700 words already printed and sent to the homes of this city. This is an unusual favor of the newspapers and one that has been greatly appreciated by the workers and officers of the Newark church. We regard it as a splendid opportunity to warn the people with but little effort and no cost but the effort to prepare the articles for publication.

Brother Weaver informs me that they both have more work than they can do. Bible readings with interested ones with the instruction of those already attending Sabbath-school and other Sabbath services takes all their time. Besides these duties plans are being laid for a series of health and temperance meetings to be held in the near future which will probably include demonstrations of simple treatments by the Sanitarium people and symposium talks on health topics by different persons. Pray for the efforts made in Newark.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

Sabbath-School Convention

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Jan. 10-12, at the opening of a series of meetings held by Elder Bidwell. Although the weather was inclement, many exclaimed that we were having "showers of blessing" inside of the church anyway. A good attendance was at each service as the important phases of the Sabbath-school work were taken up and discussed. At the close of the convention, a young people's society was organized with Miss Clara Reichenbaugh as leader.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

Columbus

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harding last Sunday night. About forty friends were present to say farewell to Brother and Sister French. They have endeared themselves to the Columbus church and we regret their departure. Nothing can bind the hearts of individuals more firmly than the glorious hope that cheers us on.

The Columbus church unites in wishing these young people Godspeed as they go to Piqua, their new field of labor. May many blessings be theirs as they journey on through life winning souls for Christ.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

Brother Cecil Waller is back at his work in the conference office, he and Mrs. Waller having enjoyed a pleasant visit at their former home in Michigan.

Miss Bessie Acton is visiting the church schools in north-eastern Ohio.

One lady has already taken her stand for the truth at Pleasant Hill where Elder Bidwell is holding a series of meetings.

Elder J. J. Marietta is visiting churches in his district in north-western Ohio.

Some of our canvassers are planning to attend the Bookmen's Convention at Mt. Vernon, February 20 to 27, for a part of the time.

Dr. W. J. Venen writes that there is a steady increase in attendance in the meetings he is holding at Bainbridge.

The inhumanity of man toward man is our greatest sin.—Mrs. E. G. White.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Kane

Elder C. Meleen and the writer began work in Kane in a tent June 16, and held services in the tent until Aug. 10. We then rented a house, the front room of which was 16 by 22 feet. This we heated for a meeting hall. The audiences were not large but a few persons were deeply interested. We then left the work here and went to camp meeting. After camp meeting I was called to James-town and other points to look after the interests of the Swedish work, and was not able to reach Kane again until Oct. 9. Since that time it has seemed very hard to get the interest up to where it was before.

Jan. 1 we rented an empty store room up in the central part of the town. Our audiences have been small but the Lord is blessing the effort, and souls are turning to the Lord. Four persons are now keeping the Sabbath and others are seemingly about ready to step out and obey God.

By our special effort in the town this month we have found some, who are favorable to the truth, that we had not known before. We hope to see a little company established in the truth here in Kane, although it has taken a long hard pull to accomplish anything at all.

But other churches find it hard work to get up a religious interest in this town. Four of the leading churches in the town—the Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians—united in a special week of prayer service. A revival service followed but no interest was developed, and the combined efforts of these churches closed with no results, so far as getting converts was concerned.

The five cent shows and other places of pleasure have large audiences. We feel thankful to God that in a place like this a very few dear souls can be found who will listen to the truth and obey the same. We are nothing of ourselves; God only can reach hearts by his love and grace. To him be all praise for what may be accomplished in this work. Brethren pray for the work and workers in Kane.

J. W. WATT.

Word has reached the office of the death of Mrs. Addie Hibbard, the aged mother of Elder E. J. Hibbard of California, who died at her home at Wattsburg, Pa., Jan 22, 1913. Elder I. N. Williams conducted the funeral.

Remember the postponed date of the next annual conference and church officers' convention, March 4 to 9, at Altoona.

Elder I. G. Bigelow and Brother V. O. Panches are visiting this week among the churches at Johnstown, Clearfield, and Altoona, in the interest of the sale of our literature.

The Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* for 1913 is out, and is splendid. This ought to be sold by the thousands in every county in the conference. Who will help on the good work, and at the same time earn some money for other purposes? Send in your orders at once to this office.

Every church should see to it that its elder and as many of the other officers as possible attend the conference and church officers' convention to be held at Altoona, March 4 to 9. The time has come for decided advances in our churches, and those who are the leaders need the instruction which will be given at this convention. As announced before, the charge for board and room for the session will be only \$2.50, which is a very low figure. One meeting each day will be devoted entirely to the discussion of different phases of the work of the various church officers. Besides this there will be conventions for the Sabbath-school, young people's, colporters' and educational work.

Let us start the year right by keeping up our donations for missions. Had West Pennsylvania done as well all the year of 1912 as was done during the last quarter, we would not have to face a \$1,200.00 deficit in our mission offerings, but would have come out ahead. A word to the wise is sufficient.

What are you doing during these long winter evenings to improve your mind by the study of the grand truths of the third angel's message, or to help some other soul to gain a part in this "blessed hope"? Let us not sleep in the hour of our opportunity.

The officials of the W. C. T. U. are quick to sense the value of the splendid 1913 number of the *"Temperance Instructor."* Already they are opening doors for our workers, and pleading for us to take hold of the work of circulating this temperance issue.

NEW JERSEY

The Canvassing Work for 1912

The year opened with six faithful canvassers in the field, soon increasing to ten, and in the summer months to from fifteen to eighteen. The average for the year was seven. At the first of the year we set out stakes for ten thousand dollars worth of orders. This seemed like a very difficult undertaking, but we hoped that God would so bless our faithful laborers that they might see this accomplished.

Our canvassers, one and all, have worked hard, but I am sure that they feel well repaid for their efforts, for now, at the beginning of another year, we can look back and feel encouraged, for God has answered our prayers; yes, he has given us more than we asked. We not only reached the ten thousand dollar mark, but have taken orders for \$11000.00 worth of books. This is about \$3500.00 worth better than the year of 1911. About 90% of the orders taken in 1912 were delivered. The average value of orders per hour throughout the year was \$1.03. We feel very grateful to God for this good report.

Truly this is a progressive work. May we all keep pace with it. While we can not give a report of the spiritual side of this work, we are sure that in the kingdom of God the truth loving canvasser will have many stars in his crown. May we all so live and labor for the Master that we may hear the "Well done," and have an abundant entrance into that blessed abode prepared for those who keep his commandments.

O, may we all be faithful workmen
In the vineyard of our Lord;
Until upon the clouds we see Him
Coming with His rich reward.

If faithful here, we'll then look upward,
And say with joy, "Our trials are o'er;
We know our Lord has come to save us;
We'll reign with Him for evermore."

C. E. GREY.

Experiences from the Field

Last week Brother Blinn worked in territory that had been canvassed over for two or three of our books. He was handling "Bible Readings." By the help of the Lord he took orders for \$76.00 worth of books. He finds that, the more times he goes over the territory, the more books he can sell.

Another of our colporters, Brother W. F. Schmidt, who is located in Eliz-

abeth, has been having some experiences with the Christian Scientists; he writes: "Another of those wonderful weeks in the canvassing field. I sold \$57.00 worth of 'Daniel and Revelation' and two 'Great Controversy' to Christian Scientists in New York City. The first place I went to I sold \$10.00 worth. Four ladies bought \$35.00 worth of books. I had a glorious week. After I would make a sale I would get three or four names of people to go and see. I kept that up for four days; after that I would give them from twenty minutes to an hour's talk on the history of our work. I gave a Bible study to one lady on the immortality of the soul. After I had finished she had me give the same study to another lady.

"They are surprised to hear of the work we are doing, and they believe it is a good work. In this experience I met people who had lived in many different parts of the world. I visited many of the largest hotels of the city to find those who wanted my books. I could write a volume on my experiences."

These experiences show that God's hand is in this work. The battle is not ours, but we have a part in it. As I was visiting one of the colporters in the northern part of the State, where I sold the "Coming King" and "Great Controversy" about four years ago we visited some of those who had bought books, and found them delighted with them. They had not only read them, but had loaned them to their friends so that nearly the whole neighborhood had read them. In a very short time we took \$14.00 worth of orders for Bible Readings. We find that one book prepares the way for another. C. E. GREY,

Field Missionary Agent.

Newark

Sabbath and Sunday, January 25 and 26, were good days for the people in Newark. It was a time to which they had been looking forward for over a year, and God certainly blessed us, who had the privilege of meeting there. It was the time of the dedication of the new house of worship that has been built by that church.

Elder C. H. Edwards was with us, and preached the dedicatory sermon to a congregation of about four hundred. Their interest in the work was manifested by the donation that was made just before the dedicatory prayer was offered. This amounted to \$725.00, much of it being given by people not of our faith. We were thus enabled to dedicate the church, valued at ten thousand dollars, free

of debt.

About two years ago they began to think about a place of their own, in which they might worship God and, as they began to plan, donations continued to come in until they felt that they had enough to warrant their beginning the work. The Lord's hand has been with them from the very start and, as they have worked with willing hands to erect this building, the funds have come as they were needed, many times in a miraculous way. This building has been erected almost entirely by the brethren of the church working nights and holidays. The sisters have done all in their power to raise the funds, thus seconding the efforts of the brethren.

Truly God has been good to the people in Newark and we rejoice with them that after they have passed through the trying times of the past, they are able to have this monument of God's goodness and mercy with which to hasten the work in that large city.

A. R. SANDBORN.

WEST VIRGINIA

On January 24th Elder F. H. Robbins was called to Mt. Vernon, Ohio to conduct the funeral services of Brother C. V. Hamer, who was the former secretary and treasurer of this conference. Sister Hamer and the family have the sincere sympathy of the brethren and sisters in West Virginia.

We were pleased to receive a call from Brother H. W. West of Williams-town, W. Va., at the office this week. Brother West who is a member of the Fairmont Church spent the Sabbath here.

T. M. Butler, of Marlinton, spent last week in Pickens, Randolph County, giving instruction to a new canvasser, Brother John Fahrner, who will canvass in that county. We are glad to see new ones taking up the work.

Brother I. D. Richardson sends word that four more persons have accepted the truth as a result of the meetings held at Kanawha, making a total of twelve.

We are now able to fill orders for the 1913 Year Book, the price of which is fifty cents. The Temperance *Instructor* for 1913 is also ready for circulation.

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 24, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
M. Pettibone, Baltimore Co.		PPF	4	29	33	51 00	1 75	52 75	
T. Barritt, Baltimore Co.		PPF	3	29	47	87 50	7 05	94 55	15 30
R. Urkums, Baltimore,		PPF	4	24	15	25 50	1 00	26 50	
D. Percy, Wycomico Co.		GC	5	37	16	45 00	30 60	75 60	
J. Jones, Somerset		GC	5	34	10	16 00	12 10	28 10	151 95
J. Laurent, Baltimore Co.		PG	1	5			50	50	50
Totals	6 Agents		22	158	121	\$225 50	\$53 00	\$278 50	\$167 75

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J. Laurent	LH							50	50
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West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 24, 1913

A. Davies, Pittsburg	OK	5	31	34	51 00	2 75	53 75	12 95	
C. Guenter, Olean, N. Y.	GC	5	32	9	30 00	12 45	42 45	1 50	
F. Hall, Pittsburg	CK	5	20	14	24 00	2 00	26 00	11 00	
W. House, Cameron	BF	4	20	13	15 00	5 35	20 35	6 75	
J. Kimmel, Huntingdon	DR	5	30	10	27 00		27 00		
J. Kimmel, Somerset	DR	3	19	2	6 00		6 00	34 00	
J. Perkins, Pittsburg	CK	5	23	26	39 50	1 25	40 75		
J. Paden, Pittsburg	CK	5	25	27	44 00	2 50	46 50	2 50	
Totals	7 Agents		37	211	135	\$236 50	\$26 30	\$262 80	\$68 70

Ohio, Week Ending January 24, 1913

J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	5	32	8	23 00	11 75	34 75	19 25	
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	30	21	32 00		32 00		
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	PG	5	34	10	30 00		30 00	9 60	
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	5	35	5	17 00	5 85	22 85		
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	4	28	5	16 00	2 60	18 60		
Mrs. " " " "	Mag	1	10			21 00	21 00	21 00	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	3	24	1	3 00	12 65	15 65		
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	6	1	1 00	2 00	3 00		
Totals	8 Agents		30	199	51	\$122 00	\$55 85	\$177 85	\$49 85

West Virginia, Week Ending January 24, 1913

W. McElphatr'k, Fayette	DR	5	45	20	54 00	26 00	80 00	2 50	
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	5	35	9	27 00	3 75	30 75	3 00	
A. Halstead, Logan	DR	2	16		17 00	11 50	28 50	2 00	
J. Fahrner, Randolph	GC	1	9	4	12 00	6 00	18 00	2 00	
Totals	4 Agents		13	105	33	\$110 00	\$47 25	\$157 25	\$9 50

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending January 24, 1913

G. Blinn, Hunderdon Co.	BR	10	81	40	122 00	2 40	124 40		
J. Rambo, Camden	CK	10	53	69	113 00	9 75	122 75	7 50	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	5	27	18	64 00	8 70	72 70	70 70	
A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	10	62	117	10 50		10 50		
A. Waer, Whippany	PPF	3	21	5	10 50		10 50		
Totals	5 Agents		38	244	249	\$361 65	\$21 45	\$373 00	\$113 30

District of Columbia, Four Weeks Ending January 24, 1913

S. N. Brown, Washington	CK	4	13	21	30 50	2 00	32 50		
Mrs. L. Dennis, Washington		21		31	63 00	2 25	65 25		
L. Godwin, Washington		3		16	25 50	1 25	26 75		
W. William, Washington		5	24	37	56 50		56 50		
F. Smith, Washington		4		43	65 00	25	65 25		
Students Band, Washington	PG	1	8	1	3 00		3 00		
Students Band, Washington	Mag		3		5 50		5 50		
Totals	6 Agents		38	48	149	\$249 00	\$5 75	\$254 75	

Grand Totals: 35 Agents Value of Orders, \$1504 65 Deliveries, \$409 60

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Colporters' Testimony Corner

We praise God for the increasing success he is giving our canvassers this winter. Our report for the past two weeks is \$618.35 as compared with some \$140.00 for the corresponding weeks of last year. Our faithful canvassers are doing the planting; God is giving the increase, not alone in figures, but in the salvation of precious souls.

All who know Brother George F. B. Unger will rejoice to see the increased success he is having since we have placed him in Northumberland County. He passed through some very trying experiences in Lehigh County, but remained faithful. Now God is rewarding and honoring him. He will do this for every faithful soldier who is true to his post of duty.

It cheers our hearts to see Brother Kesselmyer back with us in the work.

We welcome to our conference Brethren Jones and Abbott from Massachusetts. They find East Pennsylvania a fine field in which to labor.

Brother Willruth of Scranton sends in a cheering report of \$73.90 for 47 hours work, at the same time delivering \$45.70. O, that many more would follow this godly man's example and join us in this good work.

Several of the Scranton church desire to enter the work, so a local institute is being arranged for their training Jan. 31 to Feb. 9. Good ministerial help will be present, and we pray that it may prove a great spiritual uplift to the people of Scranton as well as a source of training to those who will enter the work. It is expected that Elder H. M. J. Richards will open the institute with a stirring sermon Friday evening, Jan. 31. While we have designed this only as a local institute, yet, if there are those from other churches who desire to come for training, we welcome them, and will make all possible arrangements for their entertainment.

In the days of the Reformation when Zwingli was acting as Field Missionary Agent of Switzerland, having secured forty colporters from Germany he wrote to Martin Luther as follows: "I have never before seen such young men as these. Their hearts are full of the power of the Reformation, and like flaming torches they go through these valleys of Switzerland. Would that we had one hundred instead of forty; for then we could set the mountains of Switzerland on fire." J. H. McEACHERN.

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I know my hand may never reap its sowing,
And yet some other may;
And I may never even see it growing,
So short my little day.
Still must I sow—though I go forth with weeping,
I cannot, dare not stay.
God grant a harvest, though I may be sleeping
Under the shadows gray.

We just received a sample copy of the 1913 Temperance *Instructor*. It is by far the most attractive number ever published. Both front and back covers are appropriately illustrated, and printed in three-color effect.

The cartoon on the back cover, illustrating the finished product of the gin mill, will help many to more keenly realize the awfulness of the licensed liquor traffic. All of the illustrations are good, and the contents of the entire number is the best we have ever had, most of it being prepared by our own people—those to whom the gospel of temperance is committed.

This fine temperance number of the *Instructor* brings our people new opportunities, and increased responsibilities. With a paper as popular as the Temperance number is, no one should feel the least timidity in soliciting for it. The temperance people in every locality will welcome our workers. Many of them will help us sell it. In fact, the general situation in all particulars is more favorable to pleasant and effective work along temperance lines than ever before. In fulfilling our obligations, therefore, we are required to go beyond our former records in working, not only to check the progress of the liquor traffic, but to win thousands through our temperance work to the cause of the present truth.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Butler has been conducting a series of chapel studies on the subject of health reform. Daniel's experience demonstrates the value to the student of a conscientious adherence to principle in this matter, and the fate of those in ancient Israel who lusted now and then for evil things is a solemn admonition to modern Israel as we near the borders of the heavenly Canaan. There is danger that, after having preached with marked success for many years, some of us should be cast away through a failure to keep the body under.

During his visit at Mt. Vernon, Jan. 23 to 25, Elder W. A. Westworth of Pittsburgh was kept very busy, in addition to his stereopticon lecture on China, addressing separately the students, the church, the China Band, and the Young People's Society.

Elder F. H. Robbins, who was called to Mt. Vernon to conduct the funeral of Brother C. V. Hamer, spoke to the Mt. Vernon church on Sabbath evening, January 24.

Brother John Babcock, formerly of Mount Vernon, passed away at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and was buried at Battle Creek, Tuesday, January 21.

About thirty students have formed a "Standard of Attainment" Band under the leadership of Professor Lawrence Anderson, and are studying Bible doctrines and denominational history preparatory to taking the Standard of Attainment examinations.

Prof. O. M. John has moved into his home recently purchased from Mrs. Estep.

In addition to a Ministerial Band, a Bible-workers' Band, a China Mission Band, and a Standard of Attainment Band, the faculty and students have organized for the purpose of a systematic, weekly distribution of the "Family Bible Teacher" with a view to warning the people of Mt. Vernon. Arrangements are also being made to visit the aged and sick in the community from week to week. This practical work will undoubtedly prove a blessing to the school and to those who engage in it as well as to the people who, we trust, will be won to the truth through it.

Married

On January 25 Miss Ethel Charlotte Ross and Dr. Frank Clinton Anderson of the Mt. Vernon Sanitorium were united in marriage at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Paul Jones in Cincinnati.

An Invitation

We want to invite every Seventh-day Adventist who reads these lines to send us the names and addresses of several of their neighbors or acquaintances who are in ill health or seriously sick, in order that we may forward to them literature of the Washington Sanitarium. This will familiarize them with our health work at least, and doubtless there will be some who might be directed our way for physical relief. This, we believe, is excellent missionary work for all, and inexpensive. Please address Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D. C.

OBITUARY

BECKMAN.—Mrs. Beckman died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Barker of Keyser, W. Va., Jan. 19, 1913. She was born near Marietta, O., May 1, 1852, and at the time of her death, and for some years prior, had been numbered with God's remnant people, having a bright hope of the resurrection of the just. She leaves a husband, two brothers, two sons, and three daughters, who mourn their loss. Words of exhortation and comfort were spoken to a large company in attendance at the funeral by the writer from Eccl. 9:5, 6.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

STALEY.—Sarah Elizabeth Staley was born in Highland County, November 27, 1835, and died in Columbus, Ohio, January 18, 1913, aged 67 years, 1 month, and 21 days. She was married in 1865, and leaves to mourn one brother, one sister, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Being of a religious temperament sacred things appealed to Sister Staley, and during her last illness she frequently spoke of her confidence in God. She had felt for a number of months that her stay would be short and spent much of her time in prayer and meditation. With contrition of heart mistakes were confessed and all was laid on the altar. Her life went out like a benediction, and we trust that her life is hid with Christ in God. Sister Staley accepted present truth about twenty yeas ago, and died firm in the belief that the Saviour will soon come. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Peter 3:13. Burial in Green Lawn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.