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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### COME UNTO ME.

Of all our Savior's tender promises,  
It seems to Me the sweetest one is this—  
Sweeter than balm to souls with sin oppressed—  
"Come unto me, and I will give you rest."

"Come unto me," he whispers as He stands,  
And shows the nail-prints in His bleeding hands.

"O weary sinner: come and be my guest,  
Come unto Me and taste of heavenly rest."

"Come unto Me." O words divinely sweet:  
My soul remember, and my lips repeat,  
The promise of the love that follows me  
Through life, though death' and all eternity.  
—Selected.

### A Message to Parents

Recently there have been repeatedly given to me messages of warning and instruction to parents, pointing out the need of diligent effort, and of seeking the Lord with close searching of heart and with earnestness of purpose. God desires us as a people to stand in a position where we shall honor him; and we can do this only as we humble our hearts before God, bringing ourselves and our families into right relation to him. We are safe only when we stand under the broad shield of Omnipotence. Only there can God work through us to will and to do of his good pleasure, as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

The Lord desires to see both the youth and those older brought into a sacred nearness to himself. Christ is not here in person, as in the days of his earthly ministry, to teach the youth; but it is the privilege of parents and teachers so to represent Christ in word and character that the light of heaven will shine into the hearts of the youth, and many will be converted to Christ.

Parents have a great and important

work before them. With an eye single to the glory of God, they must work to fashion the characters of their children after the perfect pattern. Who is this pattern?—It is the Son of God. Christ came to this world as a human being, that he might by his example teach men and women how to bring their lives into conformity to the will of God. He speaks to fathers and mothers, saying, "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Christ is to be the teacher of those who must train the youth. The law of the Lord is to be their rule of life, for this law is to be written on the hearts of the youth, or they will never obey the truth of God's word. All the will must be yielded to God; he demands entire obedience. If the youth will learn of him, Christ will impart to them the knowledge and wisdom needed to serve him acceptably.

Fathers and mothers, how can I find words to describe your great responsibility! By the character you reveal before your children you are educating them to serve God or to serve self. Then offer to heaven your earnest prayers for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that your hearts may be sanctified, and that the course you pursue may honor God and win your children to Christ. It should give to parents a sense of the solemnity and sacredness of their task, when they realize that by careless speech or action they may lead their children astray.

Parents need the guardianship of God and his word. If they do not heed the councils of the word of God, if they do not make the Bible the man of their council, the rule of their life, their children will grow careless and will walk in paths of disobedience and unbelief. Christ lived a life of toil and self-denial, and died a death of shame, that he might give an example of the spirit that should inspire and control his followers. As in their home life parents strive to be Christlike, heavenly influences will be shed abroad in the lives of their family.

In every Christian home God should

be honored by the morning and evening sacrifices of praise and prayer. Every morning and evening earnest prayers should ascend to God for his blessing and guidance. Will the Lord of heaven pass by such homes, and leave no blessing there? Nay, verily. Angels hear the offering of praise and the prayer of faith, and they bear the petitions to him who ministers in the sanctuary for his people, and pleads his merits in their behalf. True prayer takes hold upon Omnipotence, and gives men the victory. Upon the knees the Christian obtains strength to resist temptation.

In ancient times the patriarch Abraham was chosen by God to be his representative in a distant land. But Abraham was also a home missionary, and in the home life he was true to his trust. God chose Abraham to be a teacher of his word. He chose him to be the father of a great nation because he saw that Abraham would instruct his children and his household in the principles of the law. And that which gave power to Abraham's teaching was the influence of his daily life. His great household consisted of more than a thousand souls, many of them heads of families, and not a few but newly converted from heathenism. Such a family required a firm hand at the helm. No weak, vacillating methods would suffice. Yet Abraham's authority was exercised with such wisdom and tenderness that hearts were won.

God declared, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment." There would be no betraying of sacred trust on the part of Abraham. He realized that he was answerable to the Lawgiver, and he was determined to walk in the way of the Lord and to command his children after him. And he who blesses the habitation of the righteous, blessed Abraham, saying, "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; . . . and in thy seed shall all the nations of the

earth be blessed."

Those who are engaged in the work of the gospel need the help that the members of their family can give in the work of character building. Courage and strength will come to the hearts of the workers when there is a united effort on the part of the family to keep heaven always in view, and to work intelligently for God. Faith enlightens the mind. As ministers and people become laborers together with God for the salvation of their families, the power of truth will be revealed in their labors. Their teaching and their deportment will show that they themselves are being sanctified through the truth.

As laborers together with God, parents, you are to carry out his plans for your children. This will call for continual watch-care, unceasing effort; for the enemy of souls is on the alert to lead them astray. So long as you live, your responsibility for them will not end. Your interest in their spiritual welfare must be deep and constant. But by your ministry for them, in co-operation with the Spirit of God, they may be led to see God's purpose for them, and to accept his will for the disposition of their lives. Who can estimate the value of faithful work in the home? In the midst of difficulties and unceasing care, it is the privilege of parents to look forward to the joys of eternity, and by the eye of faith behold the reward of the faithful.

Until every member of your family is united with you in the faith, do not feel that you can relax your efforts. Through the pleasures and ambitions of the world, the enemy is working to draw the youth into his ranks, and he has much success. As we approach nearer to the close of time, he will invent every possible attraction to draw their minds into worldly channels. At this time we need a pure and undefiled religion. And if parents will make the training of their children their chief work, God will give them the increased ability.

There were mothers in Judea who heard of Christ's ministry for all who came to him, and they determined to go to him and ask him to bless their children. They were helpless and needy. Would not the great Teacher help them as he had helped others? Gathering their children together, they took their way to the place where he was preaching. As they went, other mothers with their children joined the company.

When they reached the place where Jesus was, they found him surrounded by a company of men and women, all

desirous that he minister to them. The mothers pressed nearer to the Saviour, but the disciples, seeing them, rebuked them. But Jesus heard them, and he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Then taking the children in his arms, he blessed them, speaking to them words that their young minds could comprehend. Thus he comforted the hearts of these earnest mothers.

When we welcome the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, he gives his grace in large measure. When we reach out for him, he reaches out for us. Never does he refuse the hand that is stretched out for aid.

God calls for us to come out from the world and be separate. "Ye can not serve God and mammon," Christ declared. If we are indulging habits that unfit us for a place in the kingdom of heaven, let us in Christ's strength overcome these habits. By our example of surrender to the will of God, we are to teach our children that if they would inherit eternal life, they must consecrate their lives to him. If we share the joys of the redeemed in the future life, we must give no place in this life to foolishness and pride and vanity. We are to be overcomers over everything that wars against the principles of the kingdom of God.

MRS E. G. WHITE.

## The Passion and the Highways

*Concluded*

Oh, these people were filled with the Holy Ghost; the passion was in their hearts; tongues of fire were in their mouths. They were willing to bear the taunts and sneers and scoffings and scorn if men might be turned from sin unto God. No carnal dignity is this, the dignity of God was in it—the dignity of self-sacrifice, the dignity of heroic devotion, and these are what I covet for the church to-day.

We must go out from our inconsistency. We shall have little inclination to obey this call if our lives belie our profession, and even though we do obey there will be no power. God will use all sorts of vessels in his service, vessels of gold, of silver, and of earth; but he will not use a vessel that is unclean.

Where are we to go? In the highways and hedges! Wherever there are Christless souls. Into the hut of poverty, into the haunt of sin, into the abode of the outcast. Jesus com-

missioned his disciples to "preach the gospel to every creature;" and wherever there is a creature with a soul to save, that is the place for some child of God. We are to bear witness "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Where is the farthest point from God? Is it in China, or Japan, or India, or Africa, or the Islands of the sea? Nay, these are as near to his throne as the land of stars and stripes. The farthest point from God is the unregenerate heart and this is the sphere for our ministry; wherever that heart may be.

O church of the living God! Wouldst thou minister to these lost ones of the highways? These who have fallen among the thieves of sin? Who have been robbed of virtue and character and everything else that gives real value to life? Then find thy spirit in the breast of the Good Samaritan. It is the spirit of Jesus. Go where they are, lay a sympathetic heart close against their distress.

There is another word in the Master's command which has a message for our ears, "compel." I like its ring. If the first effort fails, try again. If that is still unsuccessful, at it still again. Yet we cannot force men into the gospel feast. We cannot bring them in against their wills. Ah, there is a mightier compelling power than physical force; you know its name—"love." It is possible for us to wind about these lost ones the gentle cords of love and draw them in.—*Selected.*

## Uncle Sam's Supreme Court Bible

It is a tiny little book, only five and one-half inches long and three and one-half inches wide. It is bound in bright red morocco leather, with the word Bible printed in diminutive gold letters on the back. But one does not see that red morocco cover unless he removes the little black leather slip that protects it. Long, long ago the little red Bible began to show wear, and then the little black slip was made to protect it,—so long, in fact, that fifteen of those covers, made to protect the venerated little volume, were worn out in the service. It is without doubt one of the oldest Bibles, if not the very oldest Bible, connected with the government, and is certainly the most historical. It is the book upon which, since 1800, every chief justice, with the single exception of Chief Justice Chase, and every member of the Supreme Court, has taken the oath of allegiance when accepting his appointment to our highest tribunal. More than that, every attorney who has practiced before the Suprem

Court since that date, 1800, has pledged his allegiance over this little volume,—all, with one exception also, and that exception was Daniel Webster. It is told even yet of the Supreme Court of that day that Mr. Webster's fame as an orator had so preceded him that on the occasion when he came to argue his first case before the court, the clerk, Mr. Caldwell, in his eagerness to hear the great speaker, forgot to administer the oath.—*The Christian Herald.*

## Work is a Heaven Appointed Blessing

"Fear God and work hard." These words were spoken by, and served as the watchword of that great and noble character, David Livingstone. He who toiled from the early hours of the morning till late at night understood what it meant to work hard, and the fact that he was found in the attitude of prayer at the time of his death, would suggest that he had a practical experience in the things of God.

Many look upon labor with regret, feeling that it is degrading, a constant grind. If this be true, this life is indeed a bitter, curse and this earth a vale of tears. This, however, is a mistaken idea. "At the creation labor was appointed as a blessing. It meant development, power, purity, and firmness; and thus becomes a part of God's great plan for our recovery from the fall." Action pervades the whole creation.

"Never the ocean wave falters in flowing,  
Never the little seed stops in its growing.  
More and more richly the rose heart keeps glowing,  
Till from its nourishing stem it is riven.

"'Labor is worship,' the robin is singing,  
'Labor is worship,' the wild bee is ringing.  
Listen, those eloquent whispers upspringing  
Speak to thy soul from out nature's great heart!"

In order to fulfill our mission we, too, must be active. Yes, the whole nature of man was created for activity and nature revenges herself bitterly,—on him who would rashly defy this law. The expanding bud becomes a rose; the acorn which assimilates the richness of the earth becomes an oak. "Six days shalt thou labor." With this prescription many of the petty aches and pains to which our flesh is subject would be unheard of except so far as they are inherited from idle ancestors.

The Infinite is nowhere more beneficently present than in the strain and anguish of toil; and the necessity of

putting forth one's strength in some form of activity is not a hardship, but a divine opportunity.

To work in one's day with one's fellows, to accept their fortune, bear their burdens, perform their tasks, and accept their rewards; to be one with them in the toil, sorrow, and joy of life, is to put oneself in the way of the richest growth and the purest happiness.

Since the days of the Pharaohs of Egypt, until the present time all nations have made their greatest progress under seemingly insurmountable difficulties. But at the zenith of their power, and the height of their glory, love of ease took the place of their characteristic activity, and with luxury and love of ease came debauchery and inevitable ruin. The working races have always been the victorious races; the non-working races have been the subject races. Therefore work should be considered one of the most divine gifts offered to the race.

Work has emancipated, educated, and developed mankind; it has made man acquainted with himself; it has set him in harmony with nature; and it has created that permanent capital of force, self-control, character, moral power—educational influence which we call civilization. Work has been, therefore, not only the supreme spiritual opportunity, but the highest spiritual privilege and one of the deepest sources of joy.

The Lord has "given unto every man his work." We are not all able to perform the same tasks. The polar bear finds sweltering death between the tropics, while the sinewy tiger freezes in the frigid north.

There is nothing small in the sight of our heavenly Father. The significance of the small is just as the significance of the great. In the sight of Omnipotence there is nothing small, nor great.

"From the dark cloud flows the life-giving shower,  
From the rough sod blows the soft breathing flower,  
From the small insect, the rich coral bower."

The fungus under the microscope is a wilderness of flowers. The milky way, viewed through the telescope, is a flower bed of stars. Perfection exists in the least as well as in the greatest of God's works. "The same hand that hung the worlds in space fashions the flowers of the field. The blossoms of the common wayside flowers are complete in themselves and manifest a beauty equal to that of the most conspicuous." So in the humblest lot true worth may be found. The most

humble tasks wrought with loving faithfulness are important in God's sight. Conscientious attention to the little things will make us workers together with Him who seeth and knoweth all.

"Work for some good, be it ever so lowly.

Cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly.

Labor, all labor is noble and holy."

Opportunities are great for laboring in a cause worthy of commendation.

Attach yourself to some great interest of human life. To the elevation of the neglected class, to the abolition of drunkenness, to social reform, to prison reform; and most of all to the completion of God's last warning message to a fallen world. As has been said by another "The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being. The whole world is opening to the gospel. Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. From Japan, and China, and India, from the still darkened corners of our own continent, from every quarter of this world of ours, comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love". How appropriate the Master's words, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." May the Lord help us, each one, to perform faithfully the work allotted to us, so that when our loving Saviour shall return we may hear the "well done" said unto us.

H. J. DETWILER.

Class-day oration.

## Knowing Him

It is true that Jesus is revealed in his word, and if we would find him, we must study his word. Yet, one may know the Bible well, may be able to quote long portions of scripture, he may admire the construction of the sentences, the sublime beauty and strength of its simplicity, and yet not know him. That is knowing the text; it is not knowing the person who speaks through the text.

To know him we need to enter into the closet, open the good old book, bend the knee, and the will too, and hold ourselves steadily to its searching, enlightening influences. Our hearts must be held open to his suggestions. We need to cultivate this friendship daily, hourly. How this would delight him! There is nothing he desires more than the companionship of humanity. Steadily following

this plan our minds will become like sensitized paper, and the very image of his mind will be written in our own. There will be no fear then, there will be no doubting.

Abraham held his mind open to the suggestions of God, and his will ready for obedience. Whenever he pitched his tent, his first thought was to erect an altar where he could hold communion with his God. From reading the record we may learn how pleased God was to draw near to him time after time, and repeat the promise again and again, or gently reprove him. The oftener Abraham came to this place of communion, the oftener he yielded quick obedience to God's suggestions, the more sensitized his mind became, and the keener he was to discern these suggestions. God called Abraham his friend, and this friendship grew so close between them that God often talked with his friend and told him what he was about to do. When he was about to bring destruction upon Sodom and Gomorrah he says "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do." Abraham knew God.

Samuel was asked to select a king for Israel from the sons of Jesse. When he looked upon the powerful frame of the eldest, his own judgment was "Here is the man." But his years of obedience to God had made his mind so sensitive to the voice of God that he was able to lay aside his own judgment and say "God has not chosen him." Samuel knew him.

At one time Paul thought he would go into Bythnia, and even started. Paul was a man of strong conviction and determination, but when the Lord spoke, Paul knew no way to answer except by obedience. His mind was so accustomed to obeying the voice of God that he laid aside his convictions and turned about to obey the Lord. Paul knew him, and if he had not he would certainly have gone wrong this time, for the record says he had determined to go.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul says "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." May this be the experience of every child of God.

—Selected.

Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for Christ.—*Horace Mann.*

"Do what you ought, let come what may."

## Love

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

There is a story told of the great Napoleon, that, when he sent out a draft for recruits, a man was drafted who did not want to go into the army; but he had a friend who thought a great deal of him; this friend offered to go in his place. He was a robust, strong, healthy man, and so was accepted. A battle was fought and the man was killed and buried on the field.

Some time afterwards another draft was made, and by mistake this man, whose substitute the other had been, was drafted a second time. When they came to take him he said, "You can not take me."

"Why not?" was their answer.

"I am dead," said the man.

"You are not dead," was their ready response.

"Yes I am. I died in such a battle and you will find me buried on yonder battle field."

The man declared that he was dead; the officers maintained that he was still alive.

"See if I was not drafted at such a time?"

They looked and found that he had been drafted; and found another name against his; and then they said that he had got a substitute.

"I know that," said he, "and he died for me. Therefore you cannot take me."

They said that they would take him, and they did. He appealed to the emperor, who decided that they could not take him, for another man had died in his place,

There were hundreds of such cases during our civil war, where men bought substitutes, and others served through love, the father for the son, and the son for the father, and brother for brother. One wealthy man hired another to go to war for him and he was killed,

After the war, the wealthy man went down south, and built a monument over his substitute's grave; and on it he put this inscription: He "Died For Me."

Let us go to the tomb of Jesus and say over it, "He died for us." Yes, we can go still farther, and say, He rose for us, and to-day He is at the right hand of God for us, and we have life in him and the hope of eternal glory.

What are we going to do with the precious blood of Christ to-day? Will

we trample it under foot, and send back the insulting message to God, that we do not care for his Son, or for the blood that flowed from Calvary? Or will we find refuge and shelter in the blood of Jesus now? Why should we not give our all to Christ's service now, when we know what he has done for us.

A good many years ago, when the California gold-fever broke out, there was a young man who left his wife and little boy and went to California. He told his wife that, as soon as he succeeded in business, he would send for her and his darling boy. They watched and watched for the letter to come, bringing the money, but no news came. It was a long time before he met with success. But finally the money came to bring them to the Pacific coast; they now thought they would soon see him whom they loved. They went to New York and took their passage in one of the beautiful Pacific steamers. They sailed out of this harbor; but they had not been out at sea very long when, one beautiful day, when everything seemed calm and still, all at once there was a cry, "fire! fire!"

The pumps were set to work, but in spite of everything the flames increased. There was a magazine of powder on board; and the captain knew that the moment the fire touched it, all would perish. The lifeboats were quickly launched, and the strongest of the passengers and crew sprang into them, and left the rest to die. Among the number left was the mother and her boy. The last lifeboat was pushing away. It was her last hope. She bent over that ship, and begged them to take the boy and herself, but all in vain. They did not dare take any more. At last one of them said, "Let us take them," but the others said "no." Finally they promised to take one of them. Did the mother leap into the boat? No, no true mother would do that, and leave her boy to perish. She seized her darling boy, pressed him to her heart, handed him down to the men, and as she dropped him into the boat she said: "My son, if you live to see your papa tell him that I died in your place." The boat pushed off and in a little while the mother perished. What would you say of that son, when he had grown up, if he would speak disrespectfully of such a mother as that?

Christ has done more than that for each one of us. He left a life of glory to endure a life of shame. He did all this, not because he was compelled to do so, but because he desired that all

might have eternal life. Let us appreciate our daily blessing more and more, and render loving service each day to Him who loved us so much that he died that we might live.

L. R. ANDERSON.

## OHIO

### Assignment of Territory to Colporteurs

Believing it will be encouraging to the Ohio people to know where our colporteurs are to labor this summer, we give below their names, the books they will use, and the fields to which they have been assigned:

D. J. Royer, G. C., Ashtabula County, East half.

H. Shenneman, E. S., Ashtabula County, west half.

Miss F. Gable, E. S., Cleveland, N. E. quarter of city.

Mrs. Chas. Cable, G. C., Cleveland, S. E. quarter of city.

M. B. Bauer, E. S., Huron County; Fitchfield, Ripley, Greenville, Fairfield, Branson and Hartland Townships.

E. Woodworth, C. K., Huron County; Clarksfield and New Landon Townships; Ashland County; Ruggles, Troy, Sullivan, Rochester, Bright, Huntington and Wellington Townships.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Hagman, D & R., Huron County, north tier of townships.

A. E. Schuster, G. C., Erie County. Joy Walden, E. S., Sanduskey County, S. E. quarter.

J. I. Butcher, F. S. Coolen and M. G. Klopfenstein, P. G., Seneca County, to be divided equally.

Helen Leslie, E. C., Wood County, Bowling Green.

Olsen Fairchild, E. S., Wood County, to be divided with associate worker.

Mrs. S. D. Phillips, B. R., Toledo.

W. H. Geisweller, P & P., not yet assigned.

Mrs. W. H. Geisweller, E. S., not yet assigned.

Donald Cotton, D & R., Fulton County, north half.

C. Keppler, D & R., Fulton County, south half.

John Moyer, G. C., Van Wert County, west half.

Leslie Waters, P. P. & F., Shelby County, to be divided with associate worker.

Amos Hopkins, G. C., Shelby County, to be divided with associate worker.

Glee Mills, P & P., Miami County, north half.

J. B. Reichenbach, B. R. Montgomery County.

Mrs. J. B. Reichenbach, B. F., Dayton.

Miss M. E. Marietta, P. G., portion of Dayton city.

Wm. Wright, E. S., not definitely assigned.

Frank Wells, E. S., Delaware County, south half.

J. S. Randolph, E. S., Delaware County, north half.

John Holder, G. C., Richland County, S. E. portion.

Earl Bisel, G. C., Richland County, S. W. portion.

Dorethy Shyock, E. C.; J. E. Gibson, G. C.; Elsie Carter, G. C.; Wayne County.

W. B. Padmore, G. C., Medina County, south half.

J. Schick, G. C., Summit County.

Mable Eddyburn, C. K., not definitely assigned.

Lloyd Swallen, E. S., Stark County.

Bessie Cotton, B. F., Canton city.

Elsie Haughey, E. S.; Ruth Atwell, E. S.; Grace Taylor, C. K.; Youngstown.

C. E. Reichenbach, E. S., not definitely assigned.

W. E. Wagner, G. C., not definitely assigned.

H. J. Rossin, B. R., Cochocton County, south half.

F. E. Wagner and family, expected to take Lawrence County.

Grandville Cullins, E. S., expected to take Hamilton County.

Marie Flenner, G. C., Clara Reichenbach, G. C.; Zanesville city.

R. De Garmo, E. S., Medina County, Wadsworth.

The aforesaid fifty workers have taken upon themselves solemn obligations in responding to the call of God. They have become the ambassadors for Christ to stand between the living and the dead. In contracting for the territories assigned, they became responsible for the souls of every family within their borders.

"Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them; when I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman. If when he seeth the sword coming upon their land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword coming,

and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Eze. 33: 2-6.

Let every family altar bear up our colporteurs daily before the throne of grace that we may be sufficient for these things. J. H. McEACHERN.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

This is written on the grounds where the General Conference session is in progress. This is undoubtedly the greatest and most important meeting ever held by our people. The Lord is coming very near to the delegates, and we trust will guide in all the deliberations.

Nearly all the workers, and many of the brethren and sisters of West Pennsylvania have availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the General Conference. A number of others are expected to be here during the latter part of the meeting.

The talks by Elder J. N. Loughborough, one of the pioneers of this message, have been most inspiring, as he has told of the blessings enjoyed by the believers when they were few in number. And the reports of the workers who have come to the Conference from all over the world have stirred our hearts, as we have seen that God is indeed pouring out the latter rain on those who are willing to be used by the Holy Spirit. We trust that none of our people will miss reading the reports of these workers and the Conference proceedings as they are printed in the General Conference Bulletin, and the Review and Herald.

The reports of the workers who have been in China and various other foreign fields have been specially encouraging, and we can only say, "What hath God wrought?" But with the reports of what has been done come the most earnest pleas for more workers and more funds to carry the gospel to those whose earnest calls for the light of this message are enough to move a heart of stone. The receipts at our office of foreign mission offerings so far this year show that we are not coming up to our pledge of twenty cents a week per member. If you are not doing your share, or if you are to do more than your share, and thus help bear the

burdens of others, will you not arouse to the opportunity? We are in the last generation, so we need not lay up our money for our posterity. We should lay up treasure in Heaven.

The arrangements and grounds used for the encampment are most excellent, and show that the committee on arrangements have done very faithful work, which has contributed greatly to the success and comfort of the meeting.

### VIRGINIA

#### VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS APRIL 1913

Bethel.....	\$	
Buena Vista .....		
Danville.....	3	47
Guinea Mills.....		
Hamburg.....		
Lynchburg.....		
Mt. Williams.....		
New Market.....	101	90
Newport News No. 1.....	83	85
Newport News No. 2.....		
News Ferry.....		
Norfolk.....	20	22
Portsmouth.....	39	22
Richmond No. 1.....	158	69
Richmond No. 2.....	33	42
Roanoke.....	6	02
Spencer.....	10	50
Stanley.....	30	73
Rileyville.....	9	90
Individuals.....	33	69
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5 3169</b>
A. M. NEFF, Treas.		

Brother S. A. Nagel, who is laboring in Hongkong, China, writes:—

"One Chinese recently baptized is manager of the largest firm of Chinese printers, bookbinders, and stationers in the city. He is now superintendent of our Sabbath-school. When I have more meetings than I can handle, I send him, and he can really do about as well as I on topics that he knows best. He likes to talk on the special truths for this time. He knows and appreciates the difference between our work and the work of other churches, something some of our other evangelists do not seem to distinguish. He was formerly of the London Mission, and they were sorry to lose him. He is now studying with others of that mission, and he says he will get all the honest ones before he stops. I am thankful for such good help."

"Quiet and peace reign where justice rules."

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending May 16, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	4	41	1	4 00			4 00	216 25
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	3	21	15	32 50	25		32 75	50
F. E. Wilson, Hamilton Co.	CK	5	23	15	23 00			23 00	
D. J. Royer, Jefferson Co.	GC	4	25	4	14 00	6 50		20 50	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	4	21	8	12 50	6 25		18 75	14 75
H. L. Sheneman, Ashtabula Co.	ES	4	22	5	15 00	3 75		18 75	
John Sebeck, Summit Co.	GC	5	30	5	13 00	4 75		17 75	8 75
Mrs. Chas. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	BF	2	4		17 50	50		18 00	14 50
Mrs. Fillie Gable, Cuyahoga Co.	ES	5	32	3	9 00	13 90		22 90	11 90
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	BR	4	15	3	9 00	50		9 50	16 50
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.									14 00
Glee W. Mills, Miami Co.	PP	4	27	2	6 00	1 50		7 50	
J. L. Holder, Richland Co.	GC	2	20	2	6 00	1 50		7 50	
John Moyer, Van Wert Co.	GC	3	21	1	5 00	2 00		7 00	
Joy Walden, Sandusky Co.	ES	3	22	4	2 00	4 50		6 50	90
Marion Bauer, Huron Co.	ES	2	12	2	7 00			7 00	
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	BR	2	19	1	3 00	20		3 20	8 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17 Agents</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$178 50</b>	<b>\$46 10</b>	<b>\$224 60</b>	<b>\$306 05</b>

#### West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending May 9, 1913

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	10	78	64	125 00	4 00		129 00	2 00
H. C. Smith, Harrison	PPF	6	46	27	52 00	2 50		54 50	2 00
John Fahrner, Helvetia	GC	5	33	9	22 00	8 00		30 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$199 00</b>	<b>\$14 50</b>	<b>\$213 50</b>	<b>\$2 50</b>

#### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 16, 1913

*A. Brownlee, Washington	PPF	10	72		17 30	19 70		37 00	59 45
*Chas. Dunham, Pittsburg	DR	10	35	7	25 25			25 25	66 00
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	5	20						9 30
C. G. Guenter, Potter Co.	BF	2	13	4	4 50	5 85		10 35	35
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	5	31	15	29 00	9 80		39 80	11 20
A. E. Holst	DR	1	8	2	6 00	40		6 40	40
D. E. Lindsey	DR	1	8	2	6 00	40		6 40	40
J. E. Perkins, Fayette Co.	CK	4	23	7	10 50	2 70		13 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$98 55</b>	<b>\$38 85</b>	<b>\$138 40</b>	<b>\$147 10</b>

#### Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending May 16, 1913

D. W. Percy, Wycomico Co.	GC	5	42	13	37 00	5 00		42 00	46 00
J. E. Jones, Somerset Co.	GC	10	55	22	58 50	11 15		66 65	79 60
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	10	40	8	22 00	75		22 75	32 25
Irena Coleman, Kent Co.	BF	1	6						54 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$113 50</b>	<b>\$131 40</b>	<b>\$131 40</b>	<b>\$211 85</b>

#### Virginia, Two Weeks Ending May 15, 1913

K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF		44	29	53 00	2 25		55 85	28 00
W. B. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF		28	5	10 00	10 50		20 50	22 00
Miss Annie George, Norfolk						8 40		8 40	8 40
J. Meyer, Richmond	PPF		19	11	17 50	1 00		18 50	18 50
E. F. White, Richmond						20 00		20 00	20 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$81 10</b>	<b>\$42 15</b>	<b>\$123 25</b>	<b>\$96 90</b>	

\*Two weeks.

†Three weeks.

Grand Totals: 37 Agents Value of Orders, \$831 15 Deliveries, \$764 40

## AT THE COLLEGE

Thermon Metcalf left last Sunday for Akron where he will assist his father during the vacation.

Mrs Neptune and daughter Loula left Monday for their home at Fairmont, West Virginia.

Fern Benson and Sadie Detwiler are going to canvass the large cities of Ohio this summer for the *Watchman*. They expect to be in school again next fall. Let others do likewise.

Oscar Spohn is going to be a busy man during the summer. He has just started a music class having twenty-eight pupils.

Frank Detwiler is canvassing in Ohio this summer. He is working with the *Watchman*.

The business manager is making some improvements in the business office.

Elder Ross Lindsay is spending a few days visiting friends in Academia. Mrs. Lindsey has been here for some time.

Elder and Mrs. Butler went to the General Conference last Tuesday.

We are glad to see Mr. Lemmer's smiling face again. He is just getting up from an operation.

A letter from Elder C. C. Belgrave states that he is pleased to be in India to lend a helping hand to the millions of that dark and benighted country. At present he has charge of the Garwhal Industrial school.

## The College Press

### AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Just about one year ago I went into Elder Butler's office, and presented to him some of the needs of the printing department, telling him that I believed I had a plan to start an "equipment fund" that would materially help us in improving our present equipment. One of the machines most needed was a wire stitcher, and I told him I thought my plan would secure the necessary means for this piece of machinery without taking anything

from the treasury of the institution, to which he kindly replied, "Well Brother Weaver, if you think you can do that, go ahead," so forthwith we launched the "Bookmark" proposition. Now, just a year later, I have the great pleasure of informing our brethren and sisters who have so generously rallied around this plan as to send us sufficient orders for book-marks, that we had the satisfaction of receiving the much needed stitcher into our office a few days ago. And it would have given you genuine joy to have seen the glad faces of the printing office force as the stitcher came winding up around the hill to our front door.

Now I want to say, speaking the sentiments of every young man who is working in this department, we are truly grateful for your kind assistance, and we take much pleasure in announcing this to you. Of course we do not forget our kind heavenly Father who first impressed our own hearts with this plan, then in turn impressed your hearts with a feeling to come to our help. By our efforts we have been blessed in our own Christian experience, and by your helping you have not been made poorer, but on the other hand, could you respond, we believe you would testify that it has been a blessing to you; now especially when you know the stitcher is a part of The College Press' equipment. We could not begin to tell you the many ways this added machinery will be useful to this department. We invite you to visit our department when you are here at the college and let us take you by the hand and tell you face to face how glad we are for your help, and show you the machine your efforts, with ours, helped to secure.

Now, seeing that this has been so easily accomplished and so much good has been done to this department, and that many who have not participated in this effort, and would doubtless wish to, I wish to say the growth of our "equipment fund" need not be stopped, for we are still needing more equipments, and we are still making the bookmarks.

Our desire to improve the efficiency of the printing department runs much deeper and higher than to make for ourselves a name. But the better equipment we have, the more work we can do, and the better we can compete with other printers; and the more students we can help through school. We feel that we cannot tell you in a better way what help the printing department has been to the students than for them to give their

own testimony, so we plan on getting out a little folder giving such testimonies from those who have been benefited by this department, and if you do not receive one of these folders in a reasonable length of time, drop us a card with your name and address and we will gladly send one or more.

We are still having more applicants for positions in this department than we can accommodate, and whatever favor you can show will mean much to the earnest young men who put in their spare time here to help them to complete their preparation for some branch of the Lord's closing work.

In closing I mention again our gratitude to those who have so kindly assisted us in raising the means for our stitcher. It might be of interest to tell you it is a No. 3 New Jersey stitcher.

HARRY S. WEAVER.

## The July Watchman

The contents of the July *Watchman* will be as usual interesting and up to the standard. The following is a portion of the contents:

Was America Discovered by Accident?

The Imminent God.

The Return of our Lord.

Is the Law of Christ the Law of the Ten Commandments?

Christ and Moses in the Redemption Plan.

In addition to these interesting articles, we will continue our Scripture study and Washington correspondence. The Outlook Department will contain current comment upon affairs engaging world wide attention. We have practically exhausted every edition thus far this year and the indications are that we will break all of our records the coming summer.

To show how the magazine work is a great help to the book work, and that both are a part of the great whole, we quote the following extract which we have received this date:

"Enclosed find check for \$2 for 'Daniel and the Revelation'. I buy the *Watchman* every month and read the same with great interest. I am deeply interested in the line of thought presented therein."

As the summer is our busiest season will you not kindly help us to help you by sending in your orders early in the month? Rates in quantities, 10 to 40 copies, 5 cents, over 50 copies, 4 cents each; to Canada, 5 cents straight.

"Ye should follow in his steps."



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All copy for the VISITOR should reach this office not later than Thursday evening.

"The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another."

## Silent Witnesses

Some illustrations of the value of our literature have just been brought to my attention.

Last summer one of our faithful colporteurs succeeded in getting a large number of orders. This seemed to displease one of the clergymen of the place, who immediately made it his business to visit those who had ordered books, warning the people against taking them when they would be delivered.

During one of these calls a lady visitor overheard what the minister had to say, and when she learned it was a Seventh-day Adventist book, she at once took up its defence, nor did she stop until every home had been visited where the clergyman had called. She labored so successfully that not one order was canceled.

You may wonder what caused this woman to take such interest. A few months previous some one had sent her a few copies of one of our good papers, and later she sent in a subscription for the paper. This woman is now a Seventh-day Adventist, and has, together with her husband, offered herself for work in a foreign field.

A woman bought a copy of "Great Controversy" from one of our colporteurs, but when she came to some statements that did not meet her mind, she put the book in the fire. Then she regretted not having read all of the book. The desire to know what was contained in the rest of the book was so great that she decided to purchase another copy. She finally became so interested that she was led to see that she had been mistaken, and later accepted the entire message.

Another woman after buying a copy of "Bible Readings" placed it in her library, where it was scarcely noticed for years. But God was not unmindful of the faithful service of the one who sowed the seed. This woman's grandson, after vainly endeavoring to find the truth among other denominations, came across this copy of "Bible Readings" which had been sold so many years before. He immediately hunted up our people and accepted the truth. —Selected.

"The fabric of life is a homespun web.  
Each weaver fashions his own;  
The ward and the woof are of God's own giving,  
But the 'filling in' of the daily living  
Is the weaver's choice alone.  
Then choose bright threads for the homespun web,  
As the shuttle is daily thrown."

"God's soldiers are trained in the school of toil and discipline, not in the school of ease and selfishness."

Two days after the General Conference closes, the summer school will open at Mt. Vernon College. Every teacher should plan to attend.

## OBITUARY

HASTINGS.—Orpha M. Hastings was born May 11, 1888 at La Grange, Ohio, and died May 19, 1913, aged 25 years and eight days. Until about fourteen years of age her life was spent at La Grange, when she with her parents moved to Akron, Ohio, and lived there until death. In childhood she gave her heart to her Saviour and all through life lived to please him. At an early age she was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church of Akron, Ohio, and remained a faithful and cheerful member until the heavenly Father saw that her work was finished. Orpha's kind heart and loving disposition won many friends wherever she went and all are deeply sorrowful for the loss of such a dear friend, but feel sure that at the resurrection morning when all the righteous come forth clad in immortal bloom, Orpha will be among the number who will be caught up together with her father, mother, brother, and dear relatives and friends who prove faithful here in this sinful world; and we feel sure that Orpha's life has not been lived in vain, but the good seed sown will yield a bountiful harvest. O, that we may all be true and thus have the assurance of meeting our loved one. Funeral services were held at both Akron and La Grange. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder D. E. Lindsey. Burial at La Grange. BLANCH M. FAIRCHILD.

HACKETT.—Ann Simmons Hackett died at her home in Lebanon, Pa., May 11, 1913, aged 67 years, 4 months, and 19 days. She was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, Dec. 22, 1846, and came to this country with her eight children in May 1893, her husband preceding her two years. A Christian from childhood, Sister Hackett accepted the message about eleven years ago. One of her sons, Wm. J. brought the truth into the family, having received it under the preaching of Elder R. A. Underwood, and she and her husband and all the family save one accepted it. She was conscious to the last. A faithful wife, and a loving mother, her last moments were spent in urging her loved ones to be faithful. She quietly fell asleep in Jesus, and we laid her to rest confident that life and immortality will be hers in the day of that resurrection which is so near. Her aged companion and all her eight children and twelve grandchildren survive her. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. A. R. BELL.