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

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AN EXPERIENCE

It was in my life's fair morning
That the Saviour called to me,
Just as, long ago, he whispered
To the fishers by the sea,—
"Leave the world and all its pleasure,
Give up all that thou wouldst be;
Mammon hath no lasting treasure;
Leave it all and follow me."

But my heart was still unyielding,
Many days of sin I'd trod,
Knowing not his hand could lead me
To the blissful light of God.
Duty's path seemed cold and dreary,
But that still, small voice called on
Until I was sad and weary,
Helpless, hopeless and undone.

Then it was I grasped the promise
Which of all we love the most,
"Come to me, thou tired and lost one,
Come and I will give thee rest."
Then I listened to that pleading
In such gentle tones and low,
And I cast my care upon him
Just as he had told me to.

Now I rest upon his promise;
Nothing in the world I see
That would give the least enjoyment
Or a bit of rest to me.
And when he shall come in glory
With the vast angelic host,
I'll be ready then to meet him,
And of all I'll love him most.

But and yet I still remember
Those dark days of sin and woe,
And the gentle way he led me
To the light which now I know;
And I can but thank and love him
That a poor, lost child like me
Could be numbered 'mong his jewels
And his Father's mansions see.

Now in early blush of morning
I am thinking of him still,
And at latest dew of evening
My desire's to do his will.
Wouldst thou know, O, weary worldling,
What will give to thee most rest?
My poor language fails to tell thee,
Go to him; he'll tell thee best.

—Selected.

Courage in the Lord

Recently in the night season my mind was impressed by the Holy Spirit with the thought that if the Lord is coming as soon as we believe he is, we ought to be even more active than we have been in years past in getting the truth before the people.

In this connection, my mind reverted to the activity of the advent believers in 1843 and 1844. At that time there was much house-to-house visitation, and untiring efforts were made to warn the people of the things that are spoken of in God's Word. We should be putting forth even greater effort than was put forth by those who proclaimed the first angel's message so faithfully. We are rapidly approaching the end of this earth's history; and as we realize that Jesus is indeed coming soon, we shall be aroused to labor as never before. We are bidden to sound an alarm to the people. And in our own lives we are to show forth the power of truth and righteousness. The world is soon to meet the great Lawgiver over his broken law. Those only who turn from transgression to obedience, can hope for pardon and peace.

We are to raise the banner on which is inscribed, "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Obedience to God's law is the great issue. Let it not be put out of sight. We must strive to arouse church members, and those who make no profession, to see and obey the claims of the law of heaven. We are to magnify this law and make it honorable.

Christ has commissioned us to sow the seeds of truth, and to urge upon our people the importance of the work to be done by those who are living amidst the closing scenes of this earth's history. As the words of truth are proclaimed in the highways and the byways, there is to be a revelation of the working of the Spirit of God on human hearts.

O, how much good might be accomplished if all who have the truth, the Word of life, would labor for the enlightenment of those who have it

not. When the Samaritans came to Christ at the call of the Samaritan woman, Christ spoke of them to his disciples as a field of grain ready for harvesting. "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest," he said. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Christ abode with the Samaritans for two days; for they were hungry to hear the truth. And what busy days they were! As a result of those days of labor, "many more believed on him because of his own word." This was their testimony; "We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

Who among God's professing people will take up this sacred work, and labor for the souls who are perishing for lack of knowledge?

The world must be warned. Many places pointed out to me are in need of consecrated, faithful, untiring effort. Christ is opening the hearts and minds of many in our large cities. These need the truths of God's Word; and if we will come into a sacred nearness with Christ, and will seek to draw near these people, impressions for good will be made. We need to wake up, and enter into sympathy with Christ and our fellowmen. The large and small cities, and places nigh and afar off, are to be worked, and worked intelligently. Never draw back. The Lord will make the right impressions upon hearts, if we will work in unison with his spirit.

I have words of encouragement for you, my brethren. We are to move forward in faith and hope, expecting large things from God. The enemy will seek in every way to hinder the efforts that are being made to advance the truth, but in the strength of the Lord you may gain success. Let no discouraging words be spoken, but only such words as will tend to strengthen and sustain your fellowworkers.

I long to be personally engaged in earnest work in the field, and I should most assuredly be engaged in more

public labor did I not believe that at my age it is not wise to presume on one's physical strength. I have a work to do in communicating to the church and to the world the light that has been entrusted to me from time to time all through the years during which the Third Angel's Message has been proclaimed. My heart is filled with a most earnest desire to place the truth before all who can be reached. And I am still acting a part in preparing matter for publication. But I have to move very carefully, lest I place myself where I cannot write at all. I know not how long I may live, but I am not suffering as much healthwise as I might expect.

Following the General Conference of 1909 I spent several weeks attending campmeetings and other general gatherings, and visiting institutions, in New England, the Central States, and the Middle West.

Upon returning to my home in California I took up the work of preparing matter for the press. During the past four years I have written comparatively few letters. What strength I have had has been given mostly to the completion of important book work.

Occasionally I have attended meetings, and have visited institutions in California, but the greater portion of the time since the last General Conference has been spent in manuscript work at my country home, "Elmhaven," near St. Helena.

I am thankful that the Lord is sparing my life to work a little longer on my books. O, that I had strength to do all that I see ought to be done! I pray that he may impart to me wisdom, that the truths our people so much need may be presented clearly and acceptably. I am encouraged to believe that God will enable me to do this.

My interest in the general work is still as deep as ever, and I greatly desire that the cause of present truth shall steadfastly advance in all parts of the world. But I find it advisable not to attempt much public work while my book work demands my supervision. I have some of the best workers—those who in the providence of God connected with me in Australia, with others who have united with me since my return to America. I thank the Lord for these helpers. We are all very busy, doing our best to prepare matter for publication. I want the light of truth to go to every place, that it may enlighten those now ignorant of the reasons of our faith. On some days my eyes trouble me, and I suffer considerable pain in

them. But I praise the Lord that he preserves my sight. It would not be strange if at my age I could not use my eyes at all.

I am more thankful than I can express for the uplifting of the spirit of the Lord, for the comfort and grace that he continues to give me, and that he grants me strength and opportunity to impart courage and help to his people. As long as the Lord spares my life, I will be faithful and true to him, seeking to do his will and to glorify his name. May the Lord increase my faith, that I may follow on to know him, and to do his will more perfectly. Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

I greatly desire that the old soldiers of the cross, those grown gray in the Master's service shall continue to bear their testimony right to the point, in order that those younger in the faith may understand that the messages which the Lord gave us in the past, are very important at this stage of the earth's history. Our past experience has not lost one jot of its force.

Let all be careful not to discourage the pioneers, or cause them to feel that there is little that they can do. Their influence may still be mightily exerted in the work of the Lord. The testimony of the aged ministers will ever be a help and a blessing to the church. God will watch over his tried and faithful standard-bearers, night and day, until the time comes for them to lay off their armor. Let them be assured that they are under the protecting care of him who never slumbers nor sleeps; that they are watched over by unwearied sentinels. Knowing this, and realizing that they are abiding in Christ, they may rest trustfully in the providences of God.

I am instructed to say to our ministering brethren, let the messages that come from your lips be charged with the power of the spirit of God. If ever there was a time when we needed the special guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is now. We need a thorough consecration. It is fully time that we gave to the world a demonstration of the power of God in our own lives and in our ministry.

The Lord desires to see the work of the third angel's message carried forward with increasing efficiency. As he has worked in all ages to give victories to his people, so in this age he longs to carry to a triumphant fulfillment his purposes for his church. He bids his believing saints to advance unitedly, going from strength to greater strength, from faith to increased assurance and confidence in

the truth and righteousness of his cause.

We are to stand firm as a rock to the principles of the word of God, remembering that God is with us to give us strength to meet each new experience. Let us ever maintain in our lives the principles of righteousness, that we may go forward from strength to strength in the name of the Lord. We are to hold as very sacred the faith that has been substantiated by the instruction and approval of the spirit of God from our earliest experience until the present time. We are to cherish as very precious the work that the Lord has been carrying forward through his commandment-keeping people, and which, through the power of his grace, will grow stronger and more efficient as time advances. The enemy is seeking to becloud the discernment of God's people, and to weaken their efficiency, but if they will labor as the spirit of God shall direct, he will open doors of opportunity before them for the work of building up the old waste places. Their experience will be one of constant growth, until the Lord shall descend from heaven with power and great glory to set his seal of final triumph upon his faithful ones.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

Mount Vernon To Remain A College

During the past year there has been considerable discussion throughout the denomination upon the question of the reduction of our colleges. This has led to a great deal of speculation and very nearly every school has felt itself threatened or involved. We are glad to say, however, that nothing has yet been done along this line. Some have asked whether or not Mount Vernon is to remain a college. The Board has so voted. Of course the Board took the willing attitude that if the denomination should do anything in its general plans which would effect Mount Vernon College, the Board of Mount Vernon College would be willing heartily to cooperate. However, the General Conference has not done anything so we do not wish anyone to be in doubt about the matter. Therefore, we are writing this article.

We are very thankful for the cordial support, both moral and financial, which the brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference has given to this institution. And we beg of you, our dear brethren, to continue the same. There are yet a great

many pledges on the card plan to be paid in and we shall be glad to have this money to assist us in clearing off the obligations which now rest upon this institution of learning. There is a debt somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. To cover this, over \$11,000.00 in pledges have already been secured. We must soon secure the remaining portion in order to make good the \$11,000.00 pledges. Will you not, therefore, co-operate with us in bringing about this desired end?

The school will open this fall as usual to proceed with her regular line of work. Let us have a good attendance and we hope that all our brethren and sisters will co-operate to this end.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Second Coming of Christ

The second coming of Christ has been the hope of every child of God from the time that the Lord announced to Satan in the garden of Eden, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. On the cross, the heel of Christ was bruised; at the second advent of Christ, the head of Satan will be bruised.

From the day these words were uttered, there has been war between the human family and the serpent. In killing a snake, his head is always bruised. This is an object-lesson of the final end of Satan.

Yes, Christ is coming,—coming to wipe away the tears from every eye; coming to take vengeance on those that know not God, and who will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. Coming, yes, coming! to destroy death and him that hath power of death, which is the devil. Christ has heard the weeping of the Rachels who have laid their offspring in the grave, and refused to be comforted because they were not. He is coming to bring them from the land of the enemy, even to their own border, to their mothers' arms. Jer. 31:15-17. Coming, yes, coming to bring from their dusty beds, every one who sleeps in Jesus. Coming, yes, coming to bring a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness forever and ever. Coming, yes, coming to lift the fallen and relieve the oppressed from every ill. Christ will destroy the oppressor and set the captive free.

Yes, O yes! Christ will come, and sin and Satan will come to an end.

The entire universe of God will shout praise and honor and glory to him that sitteth on the throne forever, even forever and ever.

Hail, glorious day! Hail thou King of kings! O thou great Deliverer, come! And let thy salvation be seen; bring the welcome day when the saints will go free, and Satan and all the evil hosts will be forever destroyed. The city of God will be established on the earth, and God himself will dwell with men. The twelve pearly gates of the city of God will swing back on their golden hinges, and the transparent streets will be seen; and the redeemed will walk therein. The saints will wear their crowns of glory and will have their harps of gold. The wreath of victory will be placed on every brow, and the songs of everlasting deliverance and praise will be heard throughout a never ending eternity.

S. N. HASKELL.

"Of Course"

One of the worst mistakes which people make in this world, is in taking things for granted. And never is the mistake greater than when it concerns matters of religious belief. In religion, there is no safety in trusting to the correctness of doctrine merely because it has obtained the sanction of general belief. It is the Word of God alone that decides whether a doctrine is true or false.

Many people are preparing themselves for a grievous surprise in the day of God because they will not take the trouble to investigate the truth touching some commonly-received ideas. They are basing their expectations upon a delusion the truth of which they take for granted because it has the sanction of the religious majority. The Catholic, for example, prays to and trusts in the intercession of the "saints" and the Virgin, because "of course" these persons went to heaven when they died. What a surprise it will be to them to learn in the Judgment Day that Mary and the so-called saints were sleeping in their graves all the time that the countless prayers addressed to them were being offered, and knew absolutely nothing of either petitions or petitioners! They might know the truth on this point if they would read and believe God's Word, but there are so many people who firmly believe the doctrine of a conscious immortal soul which survives death that of course it must be true, and does not need to be questioned!

Many people know that the Bible

nowhere says that the first day of the week is the Sabbath or that anybody ought to cease work on that day; but "everybody" believes it is the Christian Sabbath, so "of course" it must be so! Such people should pause and ask themselves whether the sanction of the crowd, in opposition to plain Scripture statements, will seem as valid to them in the day of judgment as it does now.

The testimony of Jesus is, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17. We can not afford to take anything for granted. The Word alone must settle all questions; not, either, as meaning what somebody says it means, no matter if that somebody be the pastor; but as meaning what it says. If there be any doubt, God stands ready to supply all requisite knowledge. See James 1:5,6. Let us take care that no surprise be awaiting us at the end of our life's reckoning. It will be far better to be saved with the unpopular few, than to perish in style.

Observers of the first day of the week who claim that it doesn't matter which day a person observes as the Sabbath, may easily test the matter by beginning the observance of the seventh day, in harmony with the fourth precept of the Decalogue. They will perhaps be surprised to find what a difference this will make with their relatives and friends, their business associates, and with their church. For making this simple and "unimportant" change in their religion, many persons have been disowned by their relations, disinherited by their parents, discharged by their business employers, ostracised by their friends, disfellowshipped by their churches, and prosecuted by the courts. If it makes such a difference with man, who neither made the Sabbath nor commanded its observance, shall we say it makes no difference with God, its author, whether we keep the day he has specified or some other day?

Among the Indians of Peru

The Missionary Volunteer Societies of the Columbia Union Conference have undertaken to raise one thousand dollars to aid in the work among the Indians of Peru. All will be interested in the following article from Brother F. A. Stahl, formerly of Ohio who is working high up in the Andes Mountains for these poor neglected people.

Brother Stahl writes;—

"Since the work has been started upon the mission buildings in this

place, the priest and the authorities have been very active to hinder the work. Every one that would work on these buildings was to be arrested, and messengers were sent to us telling us that it was of no use for us to build, for the work was to be destroyed. But we kept right on working. Then the bishop came out here and called the people together. It was decided that the buildings be destroyed and we all killed. The only reply we gave these messengers was that this work was of God, and that it would be wise for these persons making these threats to be careful.

"We can not say that these evil reports coming as they do every three or four days have no effect upon us. We feel at times exceedingly apprehensive, especially upon the feast days when large crowds gather in the nearby villages; for as these people return from these feasts they are inflamed with strong drink and as they pass our place where the building is going on they stop and call us devils.

"At first our people wanted to retaliate, but I forbade them even to answer a word in reply to these insults. I explained to them that these poor people knew not what they were doing, and as we were maglined to think of our dear Saviour and what he passed through for our sake. I told them that they should work on prayerfully, and that when stones were thrown to seek shelter the best they could. This is being done.

"A few weeks ago, as I passed through a village in answer to a call of sickness, I was stoned by the people. I was struck but not injured seriously. The authorities have sent soldiers out here to take our young men to serve in the army, and over a hundred have been taken up to this time. This has lessened the attendance of our Sabbath meetings. Many that came to us from the islands, and other parts of the country, do not come now, but they have sent us word why they do not come. We believe that these things will serve to show the people the true character of the priests, and that the Lord will return us good for all this evil. We encourage ourselves in the Lord our God, and we are thankful for the prayers our brethren and sisters have offered up in behalf of this work. We are fully persuaded that this will be our only success. I beg of you to continue to unite with us in strong pleadings with God that he will grant us liberty to present his message to this people, and that he will put fear into the hearts of these persons that would hinder the work.

"These enemies seem to me to be the kind Paul encountered as recorded in Acts 13:8-10. (Please turn and read).

"The Indian who is instructed in the truth does no longer attend the drunken feasts ordered by the priests nor can he be robbed in any other way. This is that which so enrages the priests. As there is no religious liberty in Peru, one can realize the power these priests have, being backed somewhat by the authorities. Only God can open the way.

"We have been kept very busy in caring for the sick and the needy. We have the very poor here also. In the past two months we have treated and cared for five hundred people, by actual count. In the press of our work we could not keep count of all, and to many of these we have sent food. No one is turned away. Huts are visited wherein the people lay ill with black small-pox, and as we attend the people afflicted with this dread disease, we are led to realize that God has protected us from other dangers besides those from enraged mobs of people. In every home we visit, the sick are made as comfortable as possible; than we pray with them and point them to a loving Saviour. Many friends are being made. The hearts of the people are being 'stolen,' no, reclaimed—restored to the rightful owner, our Lord Jesus Christ, who paid the price.

"We have no complaints to make about the hardships of the way. True, at times we are overcome by weariness. At times we suffer cold and hunger; not hunger for lack of food, but for lack of time to prepare it. But in it all we have the peace of God, and our only real concern is that these people shall be presented with an intelligent view of truth.

"In closing I again ask of you to remember this part of the great field in your petitions to God: and may you not grow weary in well doing as you receive calls for help from the many needy parts of the field. We that are in the heat of the battle will gladly share the reward, and I verily believe at that time God's verdict shall be: 'They shall part alike.' 1 Sam. 30:24."

We trust that as the young people read this article they may receive an inspiration that will lead them to earnest endeavour to speedily raise this amount of money to help in this time of need.

N. S. ASHTON.

Y. P. M. V. Sec. Columbia Union Conf.

Life Sketch of Elder R. R. Kennedy

Rezin R. Kennedy was born in Macsac County, Ill., October 5, 1852 and died June 7, 1913, age 60 years, 8 months and 2 days.

When he was seven years of age his parents moved to Scioto County, Ohio, and located near Portsmouth. At the age of seventeen he began teaching public school in Mc Crackin County, Ky., and continued in this work for a period of six years.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Smith with whom he lived until called by the messenger of death. To this union six children were born, four sons and two daughters. Two sons have preceded the father to the silent world.

When sixteen years of age he was converted and joined the M. E. Church where he remained an active member until 1890 when he and his family embraced the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists continuing steadfast in this faith until the close of life.

His public life in a spiritual way began with a license to exhort in the M. E. Church. In 1896 he was voted ministerial license by the S. D. A. Church, and the following year he was elected vice president of the Ohio conference. In a few months later owing to the incapacitation of the president, he was called to assume the duties of this office which position he creditably filled for three successive terms. Later he was elected vice-president several terms and served as member of the Executive Committee nearly a score of years. He was also elected member of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon Academy a number of terms, and filled the position of Business Agent of the Conference Association several years. He was industrious, careful, and successful in business matters.

Above all he was a Christian. Nothing was more dear to him than the cause of God. He not only gave himself to the work of the Master, but he gave freely of his means to forward the Message which he believed to be due the world at this time. It was the writer's privilege to be associated with him many years in labor and we always found him ready to shoulder his share of responsibility and lift to the limit of his ability. He was chaste in conversation, clean in his habits of life and no one could be associated with him long without feeling that he was in close communication with his God. When the infirmities of the flesh began to undermine his physical strength and he could no longer en-

"Be noble! and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

gaged actively in public work, he keenly felt the loss of this coveted privilege. However, after submitting his case to the Great Physician, he was reconciled to his lot and ready to lay aside this burden to be taken up by another. During his illness he was tenderly cared for by his devoted wife and faithful children as long as mortal hands could serve him. At the close of the Sabbath, June 7, he bade farewell to all things earthly and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus at the Medical and Surgical Sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. On the following Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. his funeral service was held in the Baptist Church at Wheelersburg, O., his former home, conducted by the writer. It had first been arranged to hold the service in the S. D. A. Church but it was found necessary to secure the largest building in the village to accommodate the attendance. He leaves to mourn, a wife, two sons, two daughters, two grandchildren and a large circle of relatives and friends.

"For my friend I cannot weep,
He is not lost, he's just asleep.
Resting in hope, he slumbers well,
No dreams invade his prison cell.
Hands once busy folded lie,
Unheeding, so the years go by.
The active brain is now at peace,
Quiet in slumber's glad release.
Though flowers wreath the hallowed spot,
The quiet sleeper knows it not,
But silent, in his narrow home,
He's waiting for the Lord to come."

H. H. BURKHOLDER

OHIO

Our Large Cities

We have in the state of Ohio many large cities where a large proportion of the five million of inhabitants of the state are found. The responsibility of giving the last warning message to these cities must rest upon the believers within the state. While we are responding to calls to give the message to the many millions in the distant lands, we cannot be forgetful of the great work that we have within our own state. In consideration of this important work and realizing the shortness of time, it was decided at a committee meeting held at Washington, that we take steps to raise a fund for assisting the workers located in the cities for hall rent and literature and for other expenses that are made necessary to carry on a strong work. We are not submitting definite plans now for the rais-

ing of this fund, but we will take that up later.

I will briefly refer to the work we are now carrying on in the leading cities of the state. In Cleveland, Elder R. G. Patterson has been laboring for sometime, and will continue there until a suitable minister can be found to succeed him. Associated with him are Brother and Sister G. E. Wales and Miss Carrie Askey, who are engaged in Bible work. Elder Conrad Weber is laboring in Cleveland among the Germans. He will conduct a tent effort this summer and will have associated with him a Bible worker and a young man to serve as tent-master. Brother Kleppe is laboring among the Romania people, and there is a young man who is canvassing for publications in that language. We have in Cincinnati, Elder W. W. Miller and Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell. In the course of a few weeks, Elder Leslie Muntz, a colored minister, will be located in Cincinnati.



ELDER R. R. KENNEDY.

nati to work among his people. We have laboring in the city of Columbus, Elder J. F. Olmsted, and Misses Ida Walters, Hortense Howell, and Anna Smith. Dr. H. M. Jump is carrying forward the work in the city of Toledo, where he is having the hearty support of the church members. At present, no Bible workers are associated with him in the work. Elder J. J. Marietta has just entered upon his new field of work in Dayton, where he must work single-handed, excepting the help that he may have from the church members. In Springfield, Elder C. T. Redfield is working without any assistance. It is planned for Elder R. G. Patterson to follow up the work in Akron, just as soon as a suitable minister can be

located in the city of Cleveland. Dr. W. J. Venen has been asked to locate in Youngstown, and while he will be engaged in a tent effort this summer, we hope to have him give his full time to the city of Youngstown this fall. Brother and Sister H. A. Weaver are located in the city of Newark, where a good work has been in progress during the past six months. Miss Cora Gibson is engaged in Bible work in the city of Hamilton, where she is faithfully prosecuting the work without an associate. Elder F. H. Henderson is still located in the city of Zanesville, where he is at the present working hard to provide a house of worship, in order that the work may be strengthened and placed upon a better basis there. Raleigh French has recently taken up the work in Piqua where we hope to see a good work accomplished.

There are many others cities in the state where workers should be located, many of which have had but little attention thus far in our work. We appeal to the brethren and sisters of our churches to remember these needy fields, and to pray for the workers who feel keenly the great responsibility that rests upon them in our difficult city work. Shall we not give more thought to our own cities and support most heartily those who are engaged in that line of work?

At the time of our annual conference, this work will doubtless receive more attention; and steps may be taken at that time to enlarge the work and provide the needed funds for meeting some of the expenses incurred in carrying forward our city work.

E. K. Slade.

Colporteurs' Testimony Corner

We praise God for his blessings upon our faithful colporteurs. Although the first half of May was largely consumed in conducting our institute, and the later portion of the month broken into by some of our number attending General Conference, our total sales for May were more than sixteen hundred dollars. Many hearts have been made glad by our visits, and God will bring forth fruit from the precious volumes of truth which the aforesaid value represents.

"Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, he will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves."

It is inspiring to note the similarity between our publishing work and that which broke the spell of darkness at the beginning of the Reformation. We quote the following from that excellent book: "The Printing Press and the Gospel" under the heading: "Swingli as Field Agent."

On seeing the great work that Luther was accomplishing through his student forces, Zwingle wrote to Luther and asked him to send as many young men as he could spare to Switzerland to work during one vacation period. In response, Luther sent forty. Zwingle assigned their territory, and encouraged them in their work. Shortly after their arrival, he wrote to Luther:

"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 a hundred instead of forty; for then we could set the mountains of Switzerland on fire."

What a testimony was this to the work of those faithful colporteurs. The same could be said of many of our workers to-day. The time likewise is near when our truth-filled books will shine forth as electric bulbs in the mountains and plains of Ohio. "To a large extent through our publishing houses will be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." Vol. 7, p. 140.
J. H. MCEACHERN.

Akron

As we leave our work in Akron and go to our new field of labor, it is with the prayer that the Lord will remember the faithful company of believers and reward them for their earnest endeavors and support in the closing message to a dying world.

We are thankful to God for the measure of success given during our two years stay in the "City of Opportunities." Truly to God belongs all the credit and honor. Twenty-nine souls were added to our numbers; and I am glad to report, while the most of our people are poor in this world's goods, they give and some beyond measure.

From the beginning of the dollar-day or thirteenth sabbath offering, the church has never failed in giving one dollar for each member of the sabbath school.

I believe a record of faithfulness will be kept in heaven, and when the

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending June 6, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	9	67			54 15	21 45	75 60	59 45
H. K. Christman, Clarion Co.	DR	9	73	35		111 00	10 60	121 60	1 20
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC						2 60	2 60	5 35
F. W. Hall, Pittsburgh	CK	2		10		16 50	1 00	17 50	25
†W. H. House, McKean Co.	GC	13	97	21		27 50	38 48	65 98	31 90
†A. E. Holst, Greene Co.	DR	15	119	58		182 00	31 25	213 25	8 30
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	8	50	21		33 50	18 15	51 65	54 45
†D. E. Lindsey, Greene Co.	DR	13	121	15		46 00	40 10	86 10	8 70
†J. E. Perkins, Fayette Co.	CK	13	82	41		63 00	5 80	68 80	8 00
D. A. Rees, Clarion Co.	PG	10	83	44		144 00	11 30	155 30	1 45
Totals	10 Agents		92	692	245	\$677 65	\$180 73	\$858 38	\$155 00

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending June 6, 1913

†H. C. Smith, Harrison	PPF	17	152	130		224 00	11 00	235 00	114 00
John McHenry, Ohio Co.	Bibles	8	80	228		374 00		374 00	
Clara Pettit, Marshall	GC	10	79	41		129 00	31 25	160 25	
Leola Neptune, Marshall	CK	5	40			66 50	3 00	69 50	
W. A. McElphatrick, Fayette	DR	1	4						34 40
John Fahrner,	GC	3	29				3 00	3 00	39 10
Totals	6 Agents		44	244	399	\$793 50	\$48 25	\$841 75	\$187 50

Ohio, Week Ending June 6, 1913

C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	5	40	19		67 00	10 50	77 50	4 00
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	5	45	19		62 00	6 50	68 50	4 50
D. J. Royer, Ashtabula Co.	GC	5	39	15		45 00	6 75	51 75	
J. B. Reichenbach Mont'g'y Co.	BR	5	44	12		41 00		41 00	
Mrs. Reichenbach, Mont'g'y Co.	Signs	3	24			18 40		18 40	
Marion Bauer, Huron Co.	ES	5	33	12		38 00	1 50	39 50	
Freeman Coolen, Seneca Co.	PG	5	50	12		38 00		38 00	
*Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	6	27	30		30 50	25 15	55 65	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	ES	5	31	6		19 00	15 50	34 50	43 50
H. E. Bisel, Richland Co.	GC	5	36	10		34 00		34 00	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	5	31	9		29 00	2 75	31 75	
J. L. Holder, Richland Co.	GC	5	46	6		18 00	8 70	26 70	
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	BR	2	14						26 00
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	5	36	3		11 00	13 50	24 50	20 25
Joy Walden, Sandusky Co.	ES	5	41	4		13 00	11 30	24 30	
Helen Leslie, Wood Co.	ES	5	21	5		16 00	4 25	20 25	
Elsie Hanghey, Mahoning Co.	ES	3	4	5		21 00		21 00	
Ruth E. Atwell, Mahoning Co.	ES	4	10	5		20 00		20 00	
John Moyer, Van Wert Co.	GC	2	9	6		18 00		18 00	
J. I. Butcher, Seneca Co.	PG	5	45	6		18 00		18 00	
H. L. Sheneman, Jefferson Co.	ES	5	36	3		11 00	5 25	16 25	
F. E. Wilson, Hamilton Co.	CK	3	17	7		11 50		11 50	
Mable Edeburn, Summit Co.	CK	3	23	4		6 00	4 25	10 25	1 60
Dorothy Shryock, Wayne Co.	ES	3	22	1		3 00	5 00	8 00	1 60
Totals	24 Agents		104	724	200	\$588 40	\$120 90	\$709 30	\$99 85

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 31, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	13	79	69		131 50	25 50	157 00	162 50
W. B. Dunkinson, Franklin Co.	PG		95	10		30 00	51 65	81 65	14 90
S. L. Burkhardt, Franklin Co.	CK	9	62	11		16 50	5 05	21 55	5 52
F. Willruth, Lackawanna Co.	CK	15	121	65		109 00	44 40	153 40	89 20
Stella Grube, Lebanon	CK	12	65	8		7 50	20 35	27 85	14 65
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	7	42	16		49 00	4 00	53 00	21 75
J. L. Gearhart, Snyder Co.	DR	8	70	5		15 00	41 75	56 75	1 50
Mrs. H. Trauger, Lehigh Co.	SP	3	12	4		3 75	60	4 35	
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	CK	2		15		24 00	5 00	29 00	
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	5	42	15		51 00	10 65	61 65	14 10
Laura Maxwell, Harrisburg	Mag.		246	24		60		24 60	24 60
Grace Stone, Pottsville	Mag.		245	24		50		24 50	24 50
Mrs. R. Luchenbill, Pottsville	Mag.		347	34		70		34 70	34 90
Totals	13 Agents		64	568	1056	\$521 15	\$208 95	\$730 00	\$407 92

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending May 30, 1913

†K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF	97	38	83	60	5	50	89	10	74	10
†Miss Annie George, Norfolk						28	40	28	40	28	40
H. A. Wright, Richmond	PPF	42	28	47	00	15	50	62	50	42	00
J. Meyer, Richmond	PPF	19	11	17	50	1	00	18	50	18	50
C. E. White, Richmond						20	00	20	00	20	00
W. B. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF	28	5	10	00	10	50	20	50	22	00
Totals	5 Agents	91	45	\$158	10	\$80	90	\$239	00	\$205	00

*Two weeks.

†Three weeks.

‡Four weeks.

Grand Totals: 59 Agents Value of Orders, \$3373 43 Deliveries, \$1055 27

final day does come, it will be said "well done", to every God fearing soul who has sacrificed for his suffering cause.

May God bless our dear people in Akron, and when from the east and the west the north and the south, the redeemed shall gather on the sea of glass before the throne, may we all be there for his name sake. Your Brother for a speedy finishing of the work. FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD

WEST VIRGINIA

We were glad to receive a call at the office this week from our new state agent, Brother E. R. Corder. brother Corder is located in Clarksburg, R. F. D. 2.

Miss Clara Pettit and Miss Leola Neptune are having very excellent success in their canvassing work at McMechen and vicinity. We are glad to see the students come back to the field.

Elder F. E. Gibson and Brother T. W. Thirlwell will conduct a tent effort this summer in the city of Charleston. There seems to be a good interest in this place and we hope to see many added to the church. It has been arranged to hold the annual camp-meeting in Charleston Sept. 4-14. More with reference to the arrangements will be printed later.

We are glad to see Brother Guy Corder in this state for the summer. He will canvass in the southern part of the state making Bluefield his headquarters. We are also glad to state that Brother F. E. Wagner of Ohio will join Brother Corder in about one week for the summer.

Elder Charles Baierle will hold a tent effort at Cameron beginning the latter part of this month. Sister C. V.

Hamer will work in connection with this tent as Bible worker.

We are sorry to state that the infant son of Elder and Mrs. Charles Baierle died at the Philadelphia hospital last Tuesday morning. Although the child was only about ten days old, it will be sadly missed in the home. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

VIRGINIA

Richmond

While those at the General Conference have been enjoying blessings, Richmond church number two has experienced excellent seasons of refreshing.

Brother Taylor has been conducting a series of very helpful studies on the importance of the leading points of the message. The meetings have been well attended. Some came who have never before been in a Seventh-day Adventist meeting.

One of the new members, Sister Alice Robinson, has been very active in securing places to hold Bible readings. The writer began a series of studies five weeks ago in two of these openings and the Lord has blessed. Brother Hancock and his wife have taken their stand for the Sabbath. We expect others in the other home soon to take their stand.

During the absence of Brother Mallory, Sister Chrichlow of Yazoo City has been rendering excellent service in music. Her husband, Prof. Chrichlow, is canvassing in Memphis, Tennessee, while she is spending a few weeks with her parents in this city.

Last Sunday Elder Muntz of Norfolk and Brother and Sister Nelson of Ohio came over from the General Conference to call on us. They brought encouraging reports from the front. We are sorry to see Elder Muntz leave our conference; but we trust that his new field (Cincinnati, Ohio) may be blessed through his labors.

May the Lord bless the work and workers. F. G. WARNICK.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Ashton, the educational secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, was with us during the opening exercises of the summer school.

Clarence Morris and John Hottel will connect with a tent company in Pennsylvania this summer.

The summer school opened with a goodly number of enthusiastic teachers.

Elder and Mrs. Shultz have returned from the Conference. They will sail for China in the fall. Brother Harry Doolittle, a former student, and his wife will accompany them. We wish them much success in their new field of labor.

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Notice

The tenth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp-ground at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa., on Friday morning, June 20, at 9.30 o'clock, to elect its officers for the ensuing year and transact such other business as may properly come before the conference.

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OBITUARY

MERRION.—Hannah L. Merrion, wife of Brother William Merrion, was born in Salem County, N. J., in 1841, and died at her home in Salem, Salem County, N. J., May 6, 1913, aged 72 years. Sister Merrion and her husband accepted present truth about twenty years ago, and has been a devoted, self-sacrificing believer in the truth for to-day ever since. Although a great sufferer for years, her fortitude and faith in God won for her a large circle of friends in the community in which she lived. The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. Church of Salem, and the body was interred in the Methodist cemetery in Salem. Our sister sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of the just. The husband is left to mourn his loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

NEWTON.—Sarah E. Newton was born October 22, 1847 and died at her home at Hillsboro, Ohio, aged 65 years, 6 months, and 16 days. She was united in marriage to Thomas H. Newton in September 1867. To this union were born thirteen children—five sons and eight daughters. Four of the sons and three of the daughters have preceded their mother to their final resting place. In 1865 she united with the Christian church. Later she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She died in the hope of a soon coming Saviour. She was a loving devoted wife who always looked after the welfare of her family. She will be missed by all who knew her. Her husband, one son, five daughters, and many friends mourn the loss of a true friend.

"Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in thy grave so low,
She no more will join our number,
She no more our song will know;
Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the days of life are fled,
And in heaven we hope to greet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed."

REYBURN.—Christiana Reyburn was born January 13, 1843 and died May 5, 1913, aged 70 years, 3 months, and 22 days. Sister Reyburn was a member of the Lancaster, Pa., Seventh-day Adventist church, having embraced the truth about nine years ago, and lived a consistent, Christian life. She leaves to mourn, her husband and five sons, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services at her late home, also the church at Brownstown, Pa., where interment was made. The services were conducted by her nephew, Pastor J. Bixler of the Holiness church.

W. P. HESS.