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## GENERAL MATTER

### Tell It Again

Tell them this in language simple,  
That the Saviour died for them;  
Tell them he, their Lord and Master,  
Suffered, died and rose again.

Then, while visions grand and glorious  
Fill their hearts with holy love,  
Tell them that he's watching o'er us  
From his throne with God above.

Tell the gospel to the heathen;  
Sound it loud in every land;  
Tell it to the poor and needy  
Pressing in on every hand.

Tell it to the wise and simple,  
To the noble, rich and grand;  
In a language fresh from heaven,  
In a way they understand.

Cry aloud and never sparing,  
The blessed message from his throne:  
Soon we'll see the Saviour coming;  
Soon our work will all be done.  
Then will ring our shouts of "alleluia"  
As the chariots roll above  
Where we'll sit on thrones with Jesus  
And forever know his love.

—Selected.

### What Shall It Profit

The question is asked, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" It is dangerous to give time, thought, and strength to the pursuit of worldly gain, even if success follows persevering effort; for in thus doing there is danger of making God and his righteousness secondary. It is better for us to be in poverty, to endure disappointment, and have our earthly hopes shattered, than to have our eternal interests imperiled. Flattering inducements may be presented to us, and we may think to obtain wealth and honor, and so set our heart and soul on wordly enterprises. But as we can not serve God and mammon, we are led to give up the service of God.

### MONEY THE MEASURE OF THE MAN

Money has become the measure of manhood in the world, and men are estimated, not by their integrity, but by the amount of wealth they possess. Thus it was in the days before the Flood, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." "But as the days of Noah so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the Flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

Let us not be determined to get rich. If we see that poverty will be our portion in abiding in the simple truth, let us abide by the truth and enter into life. Jesus said that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." The devotees of the world may smile at this statement, but it is nevertheless the counsel of eternal wisdom. Jesus has left his followers a legacy of peace. He says, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

The Christian who is called into the world by his business, if he follows Christ, will bear his cross and meet his perplexities in the spirit of Christ. He will not make the world his god, give, brain and bone and muscle to the service of mammon. He will realize that Heaven is looking upon him, and whatever success attends him, he will give glory to God. He will realize that God knows, as man does not, that a few more years will

roll by, and the treasures of earth be no more.

### A PLAN FOR THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT

Our Saviour came to the world to adjust the claims between heaven and earth. He knows that man, formed in his image, has been endowed by his Creator in such a way that he may rise to the highest eminence of moral efficiency through co-operation with divine agency provided for his assistance. With what sorrow Jesus looks upon man wasting his energies in pursuit of that which profiteth nothing! In tones of sorrow in which mingle tears, Jesus asks, "What could be done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?" The arch-deceiver has inspired in man, by his temptations, by his presentation of flattering inducements, an inordinate desire to get the riches of this world, and he leads men to practise every form of sin in order that they may gain every earthly treasure. In the acquirement of this world's wealth, the precious promises of God are cast aside as worthless. Through the service of mammon, the love of God has been expelled from the heart, and the love of the world has rushed in to fill the vacuum, and to enthrone itself firmly in the heart, to rule and reign in the life. The power of God alone can force it from its usurped position. Through love of the world, the spiritual vision is blind, and the pleasures and attractions of the future world are hidden from sight.

### GET VISIONS OF THE WORLD TO COME

It is the vision of the world to come that balances the mind, so that the things which are seen do not obtain control over the affections, which have been bought with an infinite price by the world's Redeemer. Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, the things unseen and eternal are brought before the soul, and the advantages of the eternal, imperishable treasure are made to appear before the mind's eye in their attractive beauty. In this way we learn to look to the unseen and eternal, and to es-

teem the reproaches of Christ of greater value than the treasures of the world.

The angels are the servants of Christ, and there are ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands who are sent to minister unto them that shall be heirs of salvation. Angels that excel in strength minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, and impart to them divine power; for they become partakers of the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. Heavenly agencies are ever at the side of him who is wrestling for the victory, in order that while lawfully striving for the mastery, he may not be worsted in the conflict.

But if the human agent places little value upon the precious things which God, through the gift of his only-begotten Son, has made possible for man to obtain,—if he loses eternity out of his reckoning, and listens to Satan's false representation, and is attracted to the things of earth instead of heaven,—he sustains great loss, so cultivating the powers of his mind and soul that he will not have a fitness for eternal life. In this way he not only concentrates his mind and affection upon that which can not possibly bring him happiness in this life, but through the idolizing of the most contemptible things, he degrades himself to a low moral level. In his insane pursuit after earthly gain, he accepts Satan's method, and practises dishonest ways, and is blind to the result. Why should he not do this way when he disconnects himself from him who is the source of all good, all righteousness and truth? Why will not Satan give him his mind and his attributes, and so mold him by his in that he shall reflect the image of the earthly?

The mind of him who follows the suggestion of Satan becomes like his leader; evil propensities gradually take him captive, and he becomes a slave of Satan. He is led on into deeper idolatry, beholding not the celestial imagery, but the deceiving representation of the enemy. Satan pictures before him the advantage of wordly gain, and fills memory's hall with false representations. The mind looks upon these, and becomes debased according to the subject presented.

*Mrs. E. G. White.*

"The noblest lesson taught by life,  
To every brave, heroic soul  
Who seeks to conquer in the strife,  
Is self-control."

## Weighed in the Balances

### A WORD TO THE YOUNG

It is a familiar truth to all who read these lines that we are living in the judgment hour. How solemn to realize that the time when we all must appear at the judgment seat is now upon us. The following selection from the Testimonies should be read and pondered over:

"I have seen an angel standing with scales in his hands, weighing the thoughts and interests of the people of God, especially the young. In one scale were the thoughts and interests tending heavenward; in the other were the thoughts and interests tending to earth. And in this scale were thrown all the reading of story-books, thoughts of dress and show, vanity, pride, etc. Oh, what a solemn moment! The angels of God standing with scales, weighing the thoughts of his professed children—these who claim to be dead to the world and alive to God. The scale filled with thoughts of earth, vanity, and pride quickly went down, notwithstanding weight after weight rolled from the scale. The one with the thoughts and interests tending to heaven went quickly up as the other went down, and oh, how light it was! I can relate this as I saw it, but never can I give the solemn and vivid impression stamped upon my mind, as I saw the angel with the scales weighing the thoughts and interests of the people of God. Said the angel, 'Can such enter heaven? No, no never. Tell them the hope they now possess is vain, and unless they speedily repent, and obtain salvation, they must perish.'

"A form of godliness will not save any. All must have a deep and living experience. This alone will save them in the time of trouble. Then their work will be tried of what sort it is; and if it is gold, silver, and precious stones, they will be hid as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. But if their work is wood, hay, and stubble, nothing can shield them from the fierceness of Jehovah's wrath.

"The young, as well as those who are older, will be required to give a reason of their hope. But the mind designed by God for better things, formed to serve him perfectly, has dwelt upon foolish things, instead of eternal interests. That mind which is left to wander here and there is just as well able to understand the truth, the evidence from the Word of God for keeping the Sabbath, and the true foundation for the Christian's hope, as to study the appearance,

the manners, the dress, etc. And those who give up the mind to be diverted with foolish stories and idle tales have the imagination fed, but the brilliancy of God's Word is eclipsed to them. The mind is led directly from God. The interest in his precious Word is destroyed.

"God has been trifled with by professed Christians, and when his holy Word shall judge them in the last day they will be found wanting. That Word which they have neglected for foolish story books tries their lives. That is the standard; their motives, words, works, and the manner in which they use their time, are all compared with the written Word of God; and if they come short then, their cases are decided forever."

May God bless these paragraphs to the good of our young people throughout the world.

J. E. FULTON.

## Man Created a Living Soul

God is love; and seeking to bestow his love on a child who could give filial service for paternal love, he created man as an object to receive that love. Thus the strong attribute of love in God accounts for the creation of men, and the warm endowment of love found in a good man's soul proves him to be a child of God. This is why God says, "Every one that is called by my name, . . . I have created for my glory." Isa. 43: 7. And another has said, "Love is of God, and knoweth God. . . . If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." 1 John 4: 7, 12.

In planning for the advent of man, our earth was made to be man's home, and afterward man was formed from the dust of the earth to be its inhabitant. Each was made for the other, but man was the principle consideration that moved God to make it. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; . . . He formed it to be inhabited." Isa. 45: 18.

After the earth was made and the sun was shining, after the trees and the plants had been formed and their fruits and their flowers were on them, when all the complement of lower animals were created and waiting; while each bird was singing its first songs and the bee was sipping its first nectar, "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2: 7.

The man formed of dust was Adam, the progenitor of the human race.

his earliest history shows him in the hands of his Maker, intuitively naming all the lower animals; but finding no mate for himself, he is put into a deep sleep, while Eve, the mother of the human race, is formed of a rib taken from his side. When he awoke, Eve stood by him, perfect as himself, and a part of himself. Then Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." Gen. 2: 20-23.

The formation of Eve was the apex of creation week; and when the world where our race was to make its history was finished, a delegation from the host of heaven came to welcome the new creation. One writing of the occasion says, "The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:7.

#### IN GOD'S IMAGE

God, counseling with his Son (Eph. 3: 15) in creation, said, "Let Us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth. . . . So God created man in his own image, . . . male and female created he them." Gen. 1:26, 27.

David, in praising God for excellent things done for man, says: "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands." Ps. 8: 5, 6.

#### WORK AND PROBATION IN EDEN

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Gen. 2: 8, 9

Man was put in the garden to dwell, and his work was to dress and keep it. They were also to study daily the things of nature, and to eat from the products of the garden. All that Eden contained then, and all that it could be caused to yield, was given man to use freely, with the exception of the tree of knowledge and its fruits. Referring to this tree, the Lord said, "Thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2: 16, 17.

This reserved tree served as a reminder to Adam of God's proprietorship in all things. By the restrict-

ions relating to this tree man's character was to be tested. Would he render obedience to God or not? was the question to be decided. He could live if he chose to abide in righteousness. Would he do it?

#### THE LIFE GIVEN

The life which man received in creation was imparted from God. It was such life as the Creator wanted his children to have. In the life imparted to Adam was wrapped up the seed of life for all the human family. So in pronouncing the first nuptial blessing, God said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." The life given them was to be transmitted to their offspring, who in turn would possess the same attributes as their parents; and thus the life given to Adam has, through God's plan of generation, filled the world with responsible human beings. In harmony with this plan it is said, And Adam .

. . . begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth." Gen. 5: 3.

The entire logic of creation goes to show that life was given to man that the development of character might be made possible. Therefore God formed man, and gave him life; yet man was to develop a character which would tell whether he should continue to live or whether he should die. The sequel shows that Adam could not die unless he sinned, nor could he escape death if he should sin. Not only this; but if Adam sinned, and thereby brought death upon himself, the one transgression would place all his posterity in the line of death. "For the wages of sin is death." Rom. 6: 23. O, what a fearful thing sin is! But how blessed is obedience! For "in the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death." Prov. 12: 28.

Since there was a character test that Adam had to decide which would settle the question as to whether he should die, we must conclude that he was created a probationer. Life was given him in trust to enjoy as long as he should live in righteousness. Had God created him mortal, that fact would have proved he was created to die, and therefore must sin. If he had been created immortal, he could not have died, neither could he have been a probationer with contingencies as to character lying in his pathway.

The fact that God told him he should die if he transgressed, and he should live as long as he remained in obedience, settles the question as to

Adam's original standing in life. He was a probationer, holding life in trust until he developed a character. The proposition was that the character would determine the question. Would Adam believe his Maker's word and give perpetual heed to his precepts? There was nothing difficult imposed in the test, for he was simply to refrain from eating the fruit of a certain tree,—that was all. But it meant everything to Adam and Eve. If they believed God they would obey him. If they did not believe him they would not obey him. Their mind would rule their conduct. Therefore when the tempter came and said no evil would befall them if they should eat the forbidden fruit, they rejected God's counsel and ate the fruit. Gen. 3: 1-6. They had to cast away the word of God in order to accept what the deceiver taught.

In this transaction they were rejecting God's life, for his life is in his word. His authority and the potency of his being go with what he speaks; for Jesus says, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6: 63. The authority of God's throne and kingdom, and his ability to execute his own wish and will, are all in his word. Therefore when God speaks, his word must stand fast, for he "can not lie."

WILLIAM COVERT.

#### "Be Ye Also Ready"

It has seemed to me this morning, the third Sabbath of the encampment that I should talk about things of our work and faith and hope, not perhaps in the way of a sermon, but rather with an effort to express the feelings of our hearts in response to the calls of this Conference for the consecration of our lives to God. Surely these two weeks and more that we have been together have brought to us a call for the consecration of life and soul and service such as never came to us before.

I will take a text from the seventeenth of Revelation, in which the prophet is speaking of the controversy between Christ and the powers of earth in the very last days. He says:—

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." Verse 14.

Well may we thank God for the picture that he has given to us in the sure word of prophecy. In holy vis-

ion the prophet was shown the great controversy in the days when the apostasy was persecuting the church, and seeking to stamp the truth out of sight. And the prophet saw the witnesses of God triumphing over all the power of the enemy. He saw them overcoming by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, loving not their lives unto the death.

Again, as the prophet was given a view of the last work of God on earth, he saw the advent message being carried by that people keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. He beheld that people in controversy with the beast and its image. He saw that message spreading to every land; and then he beheld the coming of Christ to reap the harvest of the earth. Then the next thing he saw that same company of people standing on the sea of glass in the kingdom of God, triumphant over the beast and his image.

Brethren and sisters, this movement is going through into the kingdom. This movement, born of God, is to sweep in through the gates into the city; for in holy vision the prophet saw the movement ending on the sea of glass before the throne of God. Thank God for the cheering pictures given us in the sure word of prophecy. Men can fight with good courage, when they are sure of winning the victory. We know by the sure word that this advent movement that calls us together is sure to triumph. The infallible Word of God declares it. It is a blessed movement to be connected with. And the family of believers in the blessed hope is a good family to belong to. It is the same all over the wide world. It matters not to what country or nation one may go, he finds Seventh-day Adventist believers just the same,—the same keynote in their testimony, the same hope inspiring their lives.

In visiting various lands, I always want to learn first of all the two words "brother" and "sister." In every tongue on earth, so far as I know, those two words have a sweet and tender sound. If I can do no more, I like to say "brother," "sister," for it expresses the fellowship we have in this blessed hope of soon meeting Jesus. I was with Brother Raft attending a meeting in Finland. One Finnish brother had come in from the country for a first meeting with our people. He had greatly enjoyed conference. After the meeting, I met this new brother on the street. He was on his way to his home in the interior, and I on my way out of

the country. He could not speak and I could not speak. We looked at one another, we hardly knew how to separate; I was surprised into losing my brief vocabulary. But suddenly I remembered that word "brother." That was all I knew of Finnish, but I thanked God for that word. Tears filled his eyes, and my own, and we bade one another good-by, to meet, I hope, at Jesus' feet. But up and down this world of ours a people is gathering, of many tongues, of many races, but they are all one people. Around this whole earth, in these many tongues, the prayer is going up to God, that last prayer of the Bible, "Even so, come [quickly], Lord Jesus." Brethren and sisters, when the Lord has a people in every nation and tongue praying that prayer, he will answer it, and he will come quickly.

It is a blessed thing to belong to this family. The world may despise those who turn aside from the ways and customs of the world, just as in the days of Methodism those Methodist believers were despised and ridiculed. Lady Huntington, over a hundred years ago, had found the salvation of her soul in the Methodist revival. She tried to bring influential friends among the nobility to the little meeting-house in Fetter Lane, London. She brought the duchess of Buckingham to the meeting once, and tried to get her to come again. But the duchess wrote that she could not see how her ladyship could go to a place where they taught that people of position were just as sinful as the poor wretches of the streets. But Lady Huntington counted it the highest honor to be among the despised children of God.

It does not matter what the world may offer; the best thing, the sweetest thing, the truest thing on earth, is to have a part with the people of God.

At a court function a titled lady was asked by the Prince of Wales (later George the Third of England) where the Countess of Huntington was. "O," the lady said, "I suppose she is somewhere praying with her beggars!" "Ah," the Prince said, shaking his head, "I think that when I come to die, I would be very glad to hold the hem of Lady Huntington's mantle!" For the highest in the world, for the poorest and simplest on earth, there is this precious gift from God, above all earthly cost or price. Some time ago, a German countess died in a hospital ward. She sent word to the little company of believers to which she belonged, that she died a Seventh-day Advent-

ist, in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. That was worth more to that sister on the hospital cot than all the title or honor the world could give.

Thank God for the new birth, brethren and sisters, that second birth from heaven above, that makes us one in the citizenship of Zion. It matters not where a man may be born on this earth—everything depends upon that second birth from above. That makes us one family round the circle of the earth, the family of believers in the blessed hope! I thank God for the fellowship of the saints in Christ Jesus, for the brotherhood in service and in devotion, that God's Spirit puts into the hearts of his children here below. We differ in temperament, and in our ways; but we all meet at Jesus' feet in devotion to this blessed truth that God has given to us. We are going together into heaven in just a little time, in through the gates into the city. I thank God that he is to give to us the spirit and the love of heaven to help us on our way to the gates of the city. — *Extracts from a sermon by Elder W. A. Spicer.*

## VIRGINIA

### Work in the Virginia Conference Summer Campaign.

All will be glad to know the plans for the summer's work. After the plans of the General Conference were quite well matured so that we knew our plans for Virginia would not be interrupted, we called together the Virginia Conference Committee, and a few of our other brethren and sisters who were at the General Conference, for counsel regarding the work for the summer and to consider a location for our camp-meeting and conference.

I am glad to report that upon all points considered there was perfect unanimity. We had three meetings during the General Conference of all the brethren and sisters from the Virginia Conference. These were held in the Religious Liberty tent. Our workers gave reports of their work and Prof. D. H. Lampson, who is thinking of locating in Virginia, was with us in one of our meetings, and told us of his desires to locate in Virginia, and the object of his coming. He said that he and others had been contemplating for sometime locating in Virginia and starting a school, especially, for outsiders or those not of our faith. But that, Seventh-day Adventists, of course, would not be ex-

cluded. He thought he would prefer the Piedmont Valley, but was investigating other places. He visited Doswell and was much pleased with the location there, but went from there to Lynchburg and other places further west.

At one meeting where a number of our brethren and sisters were present we considered the location of our next camp-meeting and conference. All of the members of the Conference Committee, but one, (A. J. Painter) were present, and it was unanimously decided to hold this annual gathering at Portsmouth. It was also decided to hold two tent efforts there this summer. One for the whites, following up the interest awakened by Elder Tindall and his associates at the hall, and one for the colored people. Elder Sebastian and Brother Mallory are to have charge of the meeting for the colored people. Two camp-meetings will be held the same as last year. One for the whites and one for the colored at the same date, so that the laborers assisting in the white meeting can also work for the interest of the colored meetings.

It was planned for Prof. Smith to assisted in the tent effort for east Richmond, but during the General Conference he decided to sever his connection with the work in Virginia and resigned his official position in the conference. Brother George, our State Agent, was chosen to fill his place on the Conference Committee, and Elder S. W. Walker, of Mass., was invited to make Virginia his field of labor, and assist in the tent effort at Richmond. He is expected to reach Richmond this week. His wife for many years was engaged in the Bible work.

Elder Muntz has been invited to labor in Ohio, and leaves soon for that field. Elder Sebastian, from Georgia, takes his place and we trust these changes will work for the advancement of the message in Virginia among the colored people. Elder Kinny has been invited to come to Richmond for a time and work as pastor of the Richmond church No. 2. Some one, it is hoped, can be provided to take his place at Danville.

While at the General Conference, we learned of a company of Sabbath-keepers (colored) of seventy-five or more near Gordonsville. Their pastor came to Washington to get some one to come there and fully instruct them in the faith. Nothing preventing, I expect to visit them soon and ascertain the situation and render whatever assistance may be needed. Thus we see the message rapidly gain-

ing ground. Let us pray for all these efforts that are to be put forth in the near future.

The matter of church-schools is receiving some attention. Sister Swan has gone to the summer school at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to better qualify herself for the work. The church at Ford is asking for a church-school the coming year. Stanley and Rileyville should have church-schools; and Brother Pflugradt is making an effort to have a church-school at Doswell. There are prospects of several families locating there. These efforts are in the right direction, and if carried out will give an impetus to the work and assist in building characters for the children that will hold them to the truth in later years. Had all the children in the denomination been given a Christian education, they would have been held, quite largely, in the message, and to-day, many of them would be workers in the cause instead of being engaged in worldly pursuits. Shall we not all awaken to the importance of giving our children a Christian education, and wherever it is possible, have a church-school? I shall be glad to hear from any who are interested along this line.

We trust that all of our workers will take hold unitedly as never before to push forward the work during the next few weeks in the Virginia Conference. W. J. STONE.

## News and Notes

The date of the Virginia camp-meeting is August 14-25. The location is Portsmouth. Begin preparations now to attend.

All of the workers in the Virginia Conference were present at the General Conference a portion or all of the time, and such a gathering should be a great inspiration as we take up the work for the future.

The future of the work in Virginia has not looked as encouraging at any time during the past two years as now. Many are the omens for a large ingathering of souls the present year.

The General Conference is now in the past. For weeks we looked forward to this great gathering. It was truly a world's Conference, and the greatest meeting ever held by Seventh-day Adventists. Its value will be shown in the future developments of our work.

All our tent companies expect to begin meetings next Sunday night. We ask our brethren and sisters to remember these efforts in their prayers daily, that this may be the most successful year for the work in Virginia that has ever been witnessed.

The churches should elect their delegates for our coming conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for every ten members. Report the names of the delegates to our conference secretary, R. J. Brown, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va.

Are you interested in continuing the Shenandoah Academy? If so, put forth your best efforts for the next two months to secure students; endeavoring to show every young person the importance of a Christian education, and report the names of all such person who will attend as cash paying student or a scholarship student. Send the names of all such persons to A. M. Neff, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va.

Elder Kneeland was called to this conference to labor for the churches during the winter. He spent about seven months in the conference, all of this time, but about five weeks, was spent with the churches in the Shenandoah Valley. We trust that great good will result from his labors. About the last work he did was to organize a church at Rileyville where Elder Kime labored for several months. He was present to assist in the closing exercise of the Academy.

"Fear God and work hard."

## Colporteurs' Testimony Corner

The following letters reveal the missionary character of the work of our colporteurs.

Dorothy Shryock: The Lord has certainly blessed me during the past week. My report would be larger, but finding a sick lady, I took care of her a couple of days. When she learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist, she said; "Are all the people of that church as good as you are?" I told her there was none good, save Jesus. We had worship together night and morning. It seemed to touch her heart, and she said; "If all the Seventh-day Adventists live like you they certainly are the people of

God." She bought a book, and I am sending her tracts with the hope that she may accept the truth.

I do rejoice to be called a colporteur. It may be the Lord can use me, weak as I am, to say a word to encourage some poor soul who sits in darkness.

D. J. Royer: I have had another pleasant week in the Lord's vineyard. He has shown me his wonderful love and care many times. I often think, if more of our people could realize the blessings the Lord has in store for those who engage in the colporteur work, there would be many more at it. And what is more, they do not realize the times in which we are living. I meet many unbelievers who think that we are living in the last days. The Lord's spirit is striving with them; and how nice it would be if there were only more to give the final warning.

Brother J. B. Reichenbach also speaks of a family who are about ready to accept the truth. The Spirit of prophecy has truly said, "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order." Continue to pray for those whom God has called to this important work. J. H. MCEACHERN.

#### "Keep Pegging Away"

Men seldom mount at a single bound  
To the ladder's very top;  
They must slowly climb it round by round,  
With many a start and top;

And the winner is sure to be the man  
Who labors day by day,  
For the world has learned that the safest plan  
Is to keep on pegging away.

You have read, of course, about the hare  
And the tortoise—the tale is old—  
How they ran a race, it counts not where,  
And the tortoise won; we're told.

The hare was sure he had time to pause  
And to browse about and play;  
So the tortoise won the race, because  
He just kept pegging away.

A little toil and a little rest,  
And little more earned, than spent,  
Is sure to bring to an honest breast  
A blessing of glad content.

And so, though skies may frown or smile,  
Be diligent day by day.  
Reward shall greet you after a while,  
If you just keep pegging away.

D. A. Rees: Another week has quietly slipped around, and a varied number of experiences with it.

We have some precious seasons with the people whom we find hungering for that which the world does not give and then our pocket Bible always comes in handy and as we read those promises that mean so much to us, it fills us with renewed courage and determination to follow in the steps of the One who has trod the way before us.

A. E. Holst: Another week has passed and all is well. We surely are glad to be connected with the Lord's work. I have been wondering why there are no reports in the VISITOR, but I suppose the General Conference is the cause. I am pleased to tell you that the Lord has given me a scholarship in eighteen days, 165 hours. I

thank the Lord for it all because without him I can do nothing.

There is nothing that gives me more joy, than to think of the hundreds of homes that are getting the truth.

May the Lord bless us all in his work and grant us all a place in his kingdom at last.

"Pluck wins; it always does: though days  
be slow  
And nights be dark twixt days that come and  
go,  
Still pluck will win; its average is sure:  
He gains the prize who can the most endure,  
Who faces issues, he who never shirks,  
Who waits and watches and who always  
works."

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending June 13, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. D. Wells, Delaware Co.	ES	4	34	33	106 00	2 00	108 00	1 00	
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	4	32	15	56 00	11 20	67 20	5 00	
W. H. Wright, Hocking Co.	ES	4	32	15	50 00	8 25	58 25		
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	ES	4	29	12	40 00	17 00	57 00		
Dorothy Shryock, Wayne Co.	ES	5	35	12	38 00	14 75	52 75	1 00	
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	4	33	11	38 00	12 30	50 30	7 00	
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.	PPF	4	22	19	40 50	2 25	42 75		
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.	BR	5	39	12	39 00		39 00		
D. J. Royer, Ashtabula Co.	GC	5	41	9	27 00	3 75	30 75		
J. I. Butcher, Seneca Co.	PG	5	40	10	32 00	3 50	35 50		
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	5	31	9	31 00	4 00	35 00	50	
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	5	39	20	35 00		35 00		
J. E. Gibson, Wayne Co.	GC	5	34	15	30 00	1 00	31 00		
Earl Woodworth, Huron Co.	CK	5	29	19	28 50		28 50		
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Toledo	BR	4	20	7	21 00	7 00	28 00	50	
Ruth E. Atwell, Mahoning Co.	ES	4	13	8	26 00	1 50	27 50		
Granville Cullins, Muskingum Co.	ES	5	27	7	21 00	6 25	27 25		
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	12	17	17 00	8 50	25 50		
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	3	24	15	24 00	1 00	25 00		
Freeman Coolen, Seneca Co.	PG	5	37	5	17 00	7 75	24 75		
H. E. Bisel, Richland Co.	GC	5	41	7	22 00	2 00	24 00		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	3	22		5 00	18 00	23 00		
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	35	8	20 00	2 55	22 55	14 50	
Audra Reichenbach, Montg. Co.	CK	5	31	13	19 50		19 50		
M. G. Klopfenstein, Hancock Co.	PG	4	35	5	17 00	2 00	19 00		
Elsie Haughey, Mahoning Co.	ES	4	22	4	15 00	3 75	18 75		
Joy Walden, Sandusky Co.	ES	5	35	3	9 00	9 15	18 15		
Marion Bauer, Huron Co.	ES	4	15	5	15 00	2 50	17 50		
John Moyer, Van Wert Co.	GC	4	18	5	16 00		16 00		
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.	ES	2	11	3	11 00	75	11 75		
Helen Leslie, Wood Co.	ES	4	20	2	6 00	5 25	11 25		
Ruth Leslie, Wood Co.	BF	1	5	7	10 00		10 00		
Beulah Morgan, Columbiana Co.	BF	1	5	5	5 00	2 00	7 00		
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	BR	2	8	2	6 00		6 00		
Mrs. Reichenbach, Mont'y Co.	Mag.	1	3			5 15	5 15	5 15	
H. L. Sheneman, Ashtabula	ES	2	13	1	3 00	1 50	4 50		
Mable Edeburn, Summit Co.	CK	2	6	2	3 00	75	3 75	3 75	
Totals	36 Agents		141	924	337	\$889 50	\$177 35	\$1066 85	\$39 40

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending June 13, 1913

K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF	11	4	6 00	75	6 75	10 50
H. A. Wright, Richmond	PPF	25	27	50 75	3 50	54 25	
E. E. Rogers, Hampton	GC	20	5	17 00	5 50	25 20	
Totals	3 Agents		56	36	\$73 75	\$9 75	\$83 50 \$10 50

## Chesapeake, Three Weeks Ending June 13, 1913

G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	13	99	48	128 00	15 25	143 25	
C. M. Paden, Washington Co.	ES	13	69	54	163 00	4 75	167 75	3 75
T. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.	PPF	3	29	27	57 00	15 75	72 75	
O. E. Thompson, Carroll Co.	PPF	5	41	33	55 50		55 50	
R. J. Thompson, Dover, Del.	PPF	1	7	12	22 50		22 50	
T. Little, Dover, Del.	PPF	2	9	5	9 50		9 50	
G. R. Lehman, Wilmington, Del.	GC	2	11	12			36 00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7 Agents</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>191 \$435 50</b>	<b>\$35 75</b>	<b>\$507 25</b>	<b>\$3 75</b>

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 13, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	46		16 50		16 50	66 00
H. K. Christman, Clarion Co.	DR	4	30	16	49 00	6 00	55 00	
A. E. Holst, Greene Co.	DR	5	46	18	55 00	8 00	63 00	2 50
W. H. House, Potter Co.	GC	5	32	11	38 00		60 38 60	3 60
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	2	16	17	26 50	3 90	30 40	50
D. E. Lindsey, Greene Co.	DR	5	44	7	23 00	3 50	26 50	3 00
J. E. Perkins, Fayette Co.	CK	5	29	15	22 50	2 65	25 15	
D. A. Rees, Clarion Co.	PG	5	41	27	87 00	7 20	94 20	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8 Agents</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>111 \$317 50</b>	<b>\$31 85</b>	<b>\$349 35</b>	<b>\$75 60</b>

## West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending June 13, 1913

Guy Corder, Mercer Co.	BF	10	87	143	155 50		155 50	
Leola Neptune, Marshall Co.	OK	5	31	29	41 00	3 85	44 85	1 60
Clara Pettit, Marshall Co.	GC	4	29	25	39 00	3 90	42 90	
H. C. Smith, Harrison	PPF	3	21	14	23 00	1 50	24 50	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4 Agents</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>211 \$258 50</b>	<b>\$9 25</b>	<b>\$267 75</b>	<b>\$1 60</b>

## District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending June 13, 1913

C. I. Boyle, Montgomery	OK	11	72	13	20 50	2 75	23 25	11 50
L. A. Godwin, Fairfax Co., Va.	PPF	4	27	14	22 50	1 75	24 25	46 25
Frank Smith, London Co.	PPF	5	38	3	5 50		5 50	113 50
*A. Taltamus, Stafford Co.	PPF	11	72	75	150 20		150 20	
W. A. Williams, Fairfax Co.	PPF	7	56	24	36 50	3 00	39 50	142 00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5 Agents</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>47 \$235 20</b>	<b>\$7 50</b>	<b>\$242 70</b>	<b>\$313 25</b>

\*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: 63 Agents Value of Orders, \$2517 40 Deliveries, \$444 10

## AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. Hugh Kuhn of Lore City, Ohio, Miss Rozella Draper of Springfield, Ohio, and Miss Harris of Takoma Park, D. C. joined the summer school family last week.

Elder Slade addressed the summer school students last Monday. In his remarks he showed that we may draw many beautiful lessons from nature that are of the highest educational value.

The chapel hour Tuesday morning was occupied by President Salisbury. He emphasized the importance of knowing how to present the various subjects one has to teach in the very best way possible. He said that each teacher should try to increase his own store of knowledge each year.

Professor W. John of South America is visiting his brother Otto. He spoke to the summer school students last Thursday and Friday.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, the Columbia Union Conference auditor, spent a few days at the college last week.

Mrs O. F. Butcher is spending a few days at Academia.

President Salisbury is moving into the house recently vacated by Professor Anderson.

President Salisbury left for the East Pennsylvania camp-meeting Thursday evening.

Mr. Wheeler, a member of this year's graduating class, has accepted a call to take charge of the printing department at Holly, Michigan. He will also teach some classes at the academy.

## A Worthy Meditation

Tap! tap! tap! Each knock was firm, and indicative of a good, firm character behind it; so thought the lady of the house as she sent her daughter to the door. But it was not like the knock in the next street, so loud that the people across the way came out to see what was wrong.

A neatly-dressed gentleman stood at the door, and asked to see Mrs. Barton. His manner was quiet and respectful. His boots were nicely cleaned. No hanging bootlaces were to be seen, as was the case with the other canvasser in the town. Neither were his clothes and hat covered with dust. His coat was nicely pressed and not baggy, like that of a book agent who had called at a friend's place where she had been visiting. He carried an umbrella, and seemed to be a visitor, in fact, his general appearance commanded respect. These observations impressed Miss Barton, who, after showing our friend to the drawing-room, retired to bring in her mother.

His introduction and canvass did not betray any nervousness, for was he not heaven's ambassador? Was not his mission one of grave importance? He spoke clearly of the merits of his book, and was in real earnest. Mrs. Barton was a good Christian lady, and the deep, genuine fervor manifested by the canvasser appealed to her. It was long since she had met a man with such a burden for souls. Neither had she seen such books as this one, that seemed the very message of God to her soul. Her heart was softened by the influence of those heavenly intelligences who pave the way for our missionary canvassers. And was not this the gentleman of whom a neighbor had spoken to her? He had knelt and prayed with her, and helped her to realize that the affliction through which she was then passing was one of the "all things that work together for good." Yes, she would have a book, and was very pleased to have met him, for they had been talking over these very things this morning at breakfast, she said. The hearty handshake closed a very happy half-hour, and Mrs. Barton went about her home for the rest of the day brightened and encouraged.

The man in the next street was home long before our canvasser, and was waiting with discouraged heart for his return. He could not get into the homes very well, and people in these cities are a hard lot after all, he meditated. The door opened at this



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juncture, and our friend came in and passed through to pour out his heart in thanksgiving and prayer, while a certain consciousness of the neglected prayer of that morning crept quietly but persistently over the mind of our discouraged friend by the fireside. Light was dawning, but his meditations deepened. He was slowly learning his lessons of neatness, meekness, and prayerfulness.

"If the God-powers are without limit, does it not then follow that the only limitations man has are the limitations he sets to himself by not knowing himself?"—R. W. Trine in *In Tune with the Infinite*.

"There is a responsibility from which we cannot free ourselves. Our words, our acts, our deportment, even the expression of the countenance, has an influence. Upon the impressions thus made there hang results for good or evil which no man can measure. Every impulse thus imparted is seed sown that will produce its harvest. It is a link in the long chain of human events, extending we know not whither. . . . Thus by our unconscious influence thousands may be blessed."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 340.—F. R. G., in *Australian Record*.

## "Now"

"Prove me now herewith." Mal. 3.10. Oh, yes, 'tis very important to ring out God's "now" to hesitating sinners. Nothing like bringing them to an instant decision for Christ.

True, but God has as mighty a "now" for the saint as for the sinner; and our precept to the latter is often derided by our example, as we delay our abandonment to full obedience to his gospel.

We mean it all to be true in us some day, but when? Have we not a vague idea that it will be easier to take this final plunge into the current of God's will at some future time, when things, or people, likely to make such sacrifice hard for us are removed?

But God's "now" is the accepted time for the fulfilment of his word in us. "Now," in our service, should we display his power and willingness to make the redemption of Jesus available for all purposes.

When the dying thief, or, rather the dying penitent, vaguely wished to be "remembered" when our Lord would "come into his kingdom," did he not illustrate the indefiniteness of purpose shown by many now "in the kingdom of the Son of God's love"? Col. 1. 13.

Although we are, as subjects and children of God, "ever with" him, assured that "all that he has is ours," how much have we never laid hands on yet?

Then to-day let his redemptive "work and power appear" in you. "Prove him now," yea, here and now. It would be well that our experience of life and labor, as in Paul's case, could be summed up in one word—"Christ."

The time chosen by the Holy Spirit in which to work is "now": "I will water it every moment." Does your spirit "press forward," eager for God? In service do you forestall opportunity (Eph. 5. 16, C. and H.)? or as in the case of the prophet's in 1 Kings 20 40, have you been "hasty hither and thither," till the precious soul, laid on your heart by God, had gone beyond your reach, because you were not "alive," and very much "alive," to God?

For these lapses we have excuses, but they are among the things that exalt themselves against God. "Let us turn the sword of the Spirit" to them.

The heavens may not be "opened" to send down our Blessing, Christ Jesus, until he sees a remnant conformed to his ideal. Is it like the Lord to relinquish his purpose with regard to the manner of life, worship, and service of his people? His fulfilment of it will involve obedience to the gospel of the coming of the King.

Men and women will be found putting the finishing touches to their readiness. A few are now doing so. That we be one with them just to-day? That may mean a great click in the machinery of our lives. What about that doubtful investment—the thought of which gives you uneasiness? that unconfessed evasion of

truth? that delay in speaking the truth in love?

Some time ago I awoke with the following words speaking to me: "All things here are transitory." This message is one to pass on. Let us be "as men that wait for their Lord." From out the Laodicean church it can be proved by the "poor of the flock" that the work of the Holy Spirit is not a disappointment.

It may never be so easy to renounce all that is "not of the Father" as now. Such a sacrifice may never so redound to the good of all the members as it may now. It will never bring such lustre to the name of God as now. "Come now and let us reason together." "To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

E. FISHER.

"Trust the promise, and God will make good the performance."

## OBITUARY

BARON.—Thomas G. Baron was born in Bellair, Ohio, forty-six years ago and has spent the greater part of his life in newspaper work. He also was in the Columbus police department eighteen years, and made many lasting friends by his straightforwardness and commendable zeal. He was the friend of the erring and wayward. Many times while he was inspector of police he would help those who were down and nearly out, and in some cases a reformation was brought about that marks him a man of noble principles and devotion to duty. He began his journalistic career in Toledo and later has been connected with all the Columbus papers. His aged parents and brother, of Delaware, and sister, of Indianapolis, survive him. The funeral was attended by a number of prominent men. The service was conducted by the writer, and burial in Green Lawn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

EGGLESTON.—William Horace Eggleston Jr. was born Sept. 20, 1888 at Norwalk, Ohio. Since which time he has resided for the greater part of his life with his grandparents. He met his death by accident June 7, 1913. The deceased has been an exemplary young man free from the bad habits with which the young are tempted, and a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath-school. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, and sister, uncles, aunts, cousins, and his aged grandparents whom he has faithfully cared for, for a number of years. Now his work is done and we must bid him a last long farewell. The funeral was held at the home of the grandparents near Norwalk, Ohio. He was killed by a fast train of cars.

D. E. LINDSEY.