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My Saviour First of All

Jesus, may we ne'er forget thee
In the dark or in the light;
When the sun our world is brightening
Or when fall the shades of night.
Shall earth's trifles, quickly passing,
In the mind be stored away,
While the things of God eternal,
O'er the memory bear no sway?

When we gather round the table,
Jesus, may we ever think
That to do thy Father's pleasure
Was thy daily meat and drink;
When our earthly cares are pressing
May we heed what thou hast said:
"Labor not for what must perish,
But for me, the Living Bread."

When we're tempted, Saviour, aid us;
Thou wast tempted e'en as we,
Through a long and lonely conflict
With our mortal enemy.
Bring the wilderness before us;
Bring the pinnacle and hill;
May thy answer— "It is written,"
Be our own through good or ill.

Should the body be afflicted,
May we trust amid the pain
In thy power, Divine Physician,
Who will make us whole again.
Thou of us, art ever mindful,
May we e'en remember thee,
Loving Friend who ever liveth
And whose face we soon shall see.

—Selected

"Don't cross the sea for gems. Don't seek,
Be sought. Fear not to dwell alone.
Possess thyself. Be proudly meek
See thou be worthy to be known."

The Fourth Sabbath Offering

It was at first thought by the officers and members of the North American Division Conference Committee to have the mid-summer offering taken the first Sabbath in July. But, owing to the lateness of the hour and the inability properly to arrange for it, it has been decided to have it the fourth Sabbath in July.

We trust there will be a liberal of-

fering from our brethren throughout the field at the time and occasion of this event. As time grows shorter, it is evident that the work of pressing forward the message into all lands becomes more insistent upon us. Many of us would long to go and take part personally in the work of warning precious souls, but we cannot. So therefore we are obliged to send our means to support other workers and thus we send substitutes in our place. The Lord has his eye upon the fields which are white for harvest. He wishes us to feel the burden of the work as he feels it. And since he has entrusted the work into our hands, he offers his help by telling us to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth workers into the harvest field.

The reports which came from the different mission fields deeply stirred the hearts of all at the General Conference. We could see that the spirit of God was working with the different missionaries out at their different posts. However, these distant missions and distant missionary workers rely in a great measure upon us who are here in the home land. It is a great privilege for us to share in their labors while they win souls by upholding their hands with our prayers and our means. It is a great privilege, anyway, to be a Christian. It is a great privilege to gain heaven. It is a great privilege to be a Christian worker.

We trust, therefore, that all our brethren will respond to the privileges and opportunities which God has given by joining in a large and liberal offering for our foreign mission work the fourth Sabbath in July.

B. G. WILKINSON

Use of Talents

To every man God has given "according to his several ability." The talents are not apportioned capriciously. He who has ability to use five talents receives five. He who can improve but two, receives two. He who can wisely use only one, receives one. None need lament that

they have not received larger gifts; for he who has apportioned to every man, is equally honored by the improvement of each trust, whether it be great or small. The one to whom five talents have been committed is to render the improvement of five; he who has but one, the improvement of one. God expects returns "according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

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

The talents, however few, are to be put to use. The question that most concerns us is not, how much have I received? but, what am I doing with that which I have? The development of all our powers is the first duty we owe to God and to our fellow-men. No one who is not growing daily in capability and usefulness is fulfilling the purpose of life. In making a profession of faith in Christ we pledge ourselves to become all that it is possible for us to be as workers for the Master, and we should cultivate every faculty to the highest degree of perfection, that we may do the greatest amount of good of which we are capable.

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

God will accept only those who are determined to aim high. He places every human agent under obligation to do his best. Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited or cultivated tendencies to wrong-doing. We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. All right-

eous attributes of character dwell in God as a perfect, harmonious whole, and every one who receives Christ as a personal Saviour is privileged to possess these attributes.

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

Of every Christian the Lord requires growth in efficiency and capability in every line. Christ has paid us our wages, even his own blood and suffering, to secure our willing service. He came to our world to give us an example of how we should work, and what spirit we should bring into our labor. He desires us to study how we can best advance his work and glorify his name in the world, crowning with honor, with the greatest love and devotion, the Father who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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

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

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

Remember that you will never reach a higher standard than you yourself set. Then set your mark high, and step by

step, even though it be by painful effort, by self-denial and sacrifice, ascend the whole length of the ladder of progress. Let nothing hinder you. Fate has not woven its meshes about any human being so firmly that he need remain helpless and in uncertainty. Opposing circumstances should create a firm determination to overcome them. The breaking down of one barrier will give greater ability and courage to go forward. Press with determination in the right direction, and circumstances will be your helpers, not your hindrances.

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

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

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

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

As the will of man co-operates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at his command, may be accomplished in his strength. All his biddings are enableings.

Christ Object Lessons.

The Spiritual Phase of the Late General Conference

The common thought of the object of a conference gathering is that it will be almost wholly devoted to business; that is, the unraveling of intricate situations, the solving of difficult problems of finance, and the for-

mation of long-headed plans by which to circumvent possible misfortune in home and mission fields. Indeed, these are conditions all of which must receive more or less consideration; but if these were the only object to be met in such a concourse, one might well mourn over the expenditure of so vast an amount of money as is required for the maintenance of a meeting of this character.

Those who were present at the General Conference just closed in Washington can not fail to be glad for the business results of that meeting, and especially for the harmony manifested in every open meeting of the delegates. Probably no general gathering ever held among our people was marked with more unanimity of sentiment in the transaction of business.

The reason for this is not far to seek. From the first, among both delegates and visitors, there seemed to prevail the sentiment that God would manifest his presence in a special way in the meetings, and many prayers were offered that this might be the case. And it was so. From the first meeting to the last, the deepest devotion to the Master's name, and to hasten the coming of his dear Son, was uppermost in every plan presented, and in every testimony borne.

Every discourse delivered was an earnest exhortation to prepare for the great crisis so near to come. In every social meeting, this sentiment rose high above every other. The burden of the papers in the medical department, although for the most part prepared before the conference assembled, all partook of the spirit which looked to a speedy closing up of the work. The publishing department meetings were marked by the deepest devotion, and earnest petitions ascended for power to carry the printed truth to its intended end. The religious liberty work was not so much characterized by logical dissertations as by inquiries concerning the best way to carry the message to all both high and low.

The young people's meetings were of the highest character. It can not be doubted that in these, surrenders were made which will give to our mission fields strong recruits for the closing work. Sabbath-school interests rose to a high point of excellence. It is perhaps enough to say that this was made evident by the Sabbath offerings for missions, which aggregated \$1,736.54, being several hundreds of dollars more than was ever received at one of our general gatherings.

But some of the most impressive meetings of the session were held re-

gularly at 6 A. M., in the seminary chapel. About a hundred missionaries met there each morning to compare experiences in widely separated mission fields, and to profit by the experimental knowledge imparted by each. These were truly meetings long to be remembered, and will doubtless be the means of accelerating work in all our mission fields.

Letters of encouragement were received from time to time from Sister White, which, though she could not be present in person, were next to her personal admonitions of earlier days. They breathed the same strong confidence in God's power to help close up the work, as in former days, and were a source of much comfort and joy to those who must go out to battle for the interests of the Lord's work.

All together, the General Conference just ended was well worth all it has cost the cause to maintain it, and we believe the meetings connected with it must insure results that will bring eternal joys to many who were in attendance. Personally, it has been a decided uplift of courage and blessing to the writer. —Selected.

"I will find a way or make one."

"I never made a sacrifice."

OHIO

Helpful Hints on Delivering

"Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Rom. 12:11. Freight is liable to delay at any time. If your box of books has not made its appearance drop a line or a telegram, to the *Review and Herald*, South Bend, Ind. to send a "tracer" to hurry it through. Keep the wires busy rather than be a day late. One or two orders saved that otherwise might be lost will more than equal the expense. Avoid being "Penny wise and pound foolish."

Plan a system in your route before starting. Know just where to lay your hand on each customer's book, and approach the customer with a spring in your step and an overpowering confidence in God and in humanity sparkling in your eye. There is power in enthusiasm. We are to be balls of fire melting wells of ice.

Be original in suggesting ways by which your customer can get the money if they are short. Exhaust every resource before consenting to a postponement. Postponed orders are usually two-thirds lost.

While we are to be firm in urging business principles upon our customers, yet let us never lose our patience or resort to threats. Our weapons are not carnal. The Spirit of God within us manifesting itself in a real love for their souls, is our mighty weapon. It will pierce even to the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Do not fail to make out an accurate report of your delivery. This is just as essential, and even more so, than the weekly report of orders taken. Most colporteurs are slack in this, but you can have the honor of being the exception. Remember that the tract society is charged with your bill of books and it has to meet these obligations every month. Your faithfulness is its chief asset, so be prompt in paying for your books as fast as you deliver.

Colporteurs are not expected to pay for books they may have on hand. But with this leniency we require each colporteur to report in detail the number, bindings and wholesale value of all tract society property entrusted to their care. Please be explicit in this.

As you deliver, call to mind the Three-pocket idea advocated at the institute, and suggested in Luke 16:10-12. One for God, (the tithe) one for the tract society and one for yourself. This will be a shield to protect you from the hour of temptation which experience has taught, seems to try every colporteur. God will open the windows of heaven and shower his blessings upon the faithful.

The above hints are kindness by one who carries the welfare of every colporteur on his heart. We are glad to say that so far, in Ohio almost every worker has been faithful, so these few remarks are largely upon the preventive order.

"An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure." J. H. McE.

The Colporteur

Among the workers in God's vineyard wide,
That tell the tidings that the gospel saith,
Not least important, though less known than most,
The colporteur goes forth in simple faith.

Midst mighty cities' busy, bustling din
He hurries on to wage his war with sin;
And in the humble hamlets of the West,
To many a home he bears the message blest,

Now, where the wintry sun doth disappear
For full three months of every passing year,
In ice-bound lands he joyfully wends his way,
To sell his books that tell of endless day.

In far Australia, newest land of earth,
He goes to tell them of another birth
This world shall know when God shall cause to cease

The curse of sin, and rule in sinless peace.

In eastern lands, where pagan temples rise,
And shrill muezzins startle morning skies,
He bears, to those who sit in error's night,
Truth's beacon pointing to the source of light.

Where the "White Czar," intolerant, claims the throne,
And calls the people's very souls his own;
Unterrified by bigot priest, there still
He bears the message of God's holy will.

By ancient castles on the far-famed Rhine,
Along the vales of Alps and Apenine,
E'en where the "beast" is throned by Tiber's flow,
I see him trend, and angels with him go.

Where the proud Britian in his "castle" dwells,
In town and village joyfully he tells
Of that great day when earthly kingdoms fall,
And Christ shall rule eternal over all.

Where western genius marks its wondrous power,
And cities rise as moments in the hour,
And through the Spanish main that southern ire
Has cursed with revolutions, sword, and fire.

On goes the colporteur, nor slacks his zeal,
Through hard times or prosperity, through woe or weal;
Placing, in countless homes, books full of grace,
That point earth's weary to a resting-place.

Speed on thy holy work. Let no despair
Press down thy spirit; God for thee doth care.
By every water sow thy seed, and he
Who increase gives, shall bless thee mightily.

—Selected

VIRGINIA

Visit to Thelma

Our brethren and sisters will be interested to hear about our visit to the colored settlement of Sabbath-keepers in the western part of Louisa Co., Virginia.

On Friday morning, June 27, Dr. A. M. Neff, my wife, my son, and myself started in the "auto" for the western part of Louisa Co., a distance of seventy-five or eighty miles, to visit this company. It had been raining more or less for several days, but we hoped to find a pike road most of the way. In this we were disappointed. The roads were fairly good for the first twelve or fifteen miles, but after that we found them very hilly and

many had mudholes. We also found much of the road corduroyed.

It was a very hard trip. We finally succeeded in getting to Thema just as the sun was setting. We encountered some difficulty in getting a lodging place among white people, but finally succeeded.

I told my wife that the Lord must have some jewels there as we were having so much trouble in making an effort to visit them. In addition to the bad roads we had one blowout, and several tire punctures. On returning we came by the way of Gordonsville and escaped some of the worst hills. We only had two punctures on our return trip, and felt that we were fortunate.

While at Thelma we held as good as four or five services. On the Sabbath they had appointed an all-day meeting. Dr. Neff gave two short talks, which were appreciated. I never saw a people more eager to hear the truth than these colored people at Thelma. I asked them if they desired to be fully instructed in the truth of the Bible and become connected with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, and they by a rising vote testified that this was their desire. They have met more or less opposition from both the white and colored people, so they are prepared for almost any opposition that may arise.

We hope to arrange for a colored minister to go to that locality in the near future and fully instruct these people in the truth. It now looks as though we would be able to build up in this section the strongest colored Seventh-day Adventist church in the conference. Most of these colored people own their own farms, and seem to be a nice class of people, and have a good reputation for honesty in that community.

We ask the prayers of all of our people for the work at Thelma that no mistakes may be made and that a strong church may be established at that place.

W. J. STONE.

New and Notes

Brethren Mallory and Sebastian have secured a good location for their tent effort at Portsmouth in a good colored settlement, and the outlook is encouraging.

Elder Stone and Brother George left Richmond this week, Wednesday, for New Market. A meeting of the Academy Board is to be held Thursday. They expect to spend Sabbath at Stanley, and Sunday at Rileyville.

Elder Stone visited Portsmouth last week looking after a location for the camp-meeting. Several places are under consideration, but no definite location has as yet been secured.

Brother George, our field agent, is securing quite a number of colporteurs to sell our literature. He says that the future prospects are good for a large corps of workers.

Are you preparing to attend the camp-meeting at Portsmouth Aug. 14-25? Begin at once your preparations. If you wish a tent or room, write Dr. A. M. Neff, at our conference office.

Sister Rice is continuing her Bible work at Lynchburg since the General Conference, and, although, there are unpleasant features in the work there, there is reason for encouragement.

Brother Arthur King took \$60.00 worth of orders for books the first two days he was in the field, and over \$100.00 worth the following week. Others can do as well.

Elder Walker, arrived in Richmond from Massachusetts week before, last and he and other helpers began a tent effort on the east side a week ago last Sunday night. They are having a fair attendance, considering the weather, and some seem deeply interested.

Elder Tindall and company of Portsmouth, report some interest in the meetings being held there in the tent.

It is now a little over four years since I and my family came to Virginia. We came here with the one object in view, but it seems we have not accomplished what we came here for; namely, to start a school. We felt positive at the time we purchased the farm near Doswell that the Lord wanted us here, and we have never lost courage or changed our minds regarding this matter. We believe that if we could get a school started, no matter how small in the beginning, it would develop into a good work for the cause. In the first place, we are about the right distance from the city. Second, the city affords a good market. Third, the land, water and climate are good. Doswell, the railroad junction, is only about six hundred yards from the farm, and on account of the two railroads, the train

service is very good. We simply want a good church-school, and do not desire students above the seventh or eighth grades. After studying what the Testimonies say regarding school work, we feel sure this farm is admirably adapted for this work. We, therefore, invite all who are interested in getting a home in the country where they can have church and school privileges to write us.

W. J. PFLUGRADT

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The East Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

We have just returned from attending the East Pennsylvania Conference which was held in connection with its camp-meeting at Allentown, Pennsylvania, June 19-29. Every one looked for a small attendance on account of so many of the brethren from East Pennsylvania being present at the General Conference session. But we are glad to state that the attendance this year was practically as large as usual. We were pleased moreover to note a great many new faces of new converts and others who are springing up freshly interested in the work.

The presence of the spirit of God over the camp was evident from the very beginning. On both Sabbath days there was a large revival. The morning hour of the first Sabbath was taken by Elder A. G. Daniells and the morning hour of the last Sabbath was taken by the writer. The closing hours of the week witnessed a mighty movement on the part of those who gave their hearts to God for the first time, of backsliders, of the careless and indifferent, and of those who needed a refreshed consecration to the work. As I left before I was able to ascertain the exact number of those baptized, I can only say that there were three baptismal services and the number of those who presented themselves for baptism was very large. Definite figures will be given later.

Two new churches were presented for admission to the conference. One of these was a church raised up at Sayre by Elder Baum. This earnest, active company was well represented by their numbers on the ground. Brother Baum has been engaged in the ministry now for about five years. The brethren felt under the circumstances that it was fitting to set him aside to the gospel ministry. So the last Sabbath in the afternoon, after

an earnest talk by Doctor Menkel, the ordination of Elder Baum took place. Elder R. E. Harter gave his history. Elder Shilling offered the prayer. The writer of the article gave the charge and Elder H. M. J. Richards welcomed him into the ministry. The whole service was a very touching one. It was followed by a short, but very deep social meeting in which scores participated. Truly this Sabbath day was indeed a blessed one. One of the prominent brethren said it was the happiest day of his life during the fourteen years he had been a Seventh-day Adventist.

Not only from a spiritual, but also from a financial standpoint we may see that this was indeed a very successful camp-meeting. Although on the first Sabbath the Sabbath-school collection amounted only to \$35.00, yet the Sabbath-school collection of the last Sabbath amounted to \$350.00. This was very good for the four hundred people who were present on the grounds. It amounted to nearly ninety cents a member. We also looked over the figures of the conference and found that on the Twenty-cent-a-week fund for the year 1913 there were \$2,865.00 in her ears. On Sunday morning at 6:30 we held a foreign mission rally in behalf of the Twenty-cent-a-week fund, and when the writer closed the meeting there was in hand \$2,523.00 and some of the brethren of the conference said they had not yet said their last word. The scenes during these last days were truly blessed of God. Many felt the urgent call to dedicate themselves, their means, and their pocket books to the work. In fact, a number of those who had not yet fully cut themselves loose from the world sent in their golden bracelets, their finger rings, their lockets, and other bejeweled ornaments and keepsakes.

The question of education also received upon its presentation a splendid response. On the morning when the subject of Mount Vernon College was taken up a large number of young people presented themselves on the front seats to express their determination to enter that institution in the fall if under the blessing of God there should be any possible way whatever of their going. The young people's work also received careful and constant consideration. Large numbers of the young gave their hearts to God for the first time.

Elder H. M. J. Richards was re-elected as president of the conference. The Executive Committee was chosen from the following named

persons. Brethren Richards, R. E. Harter, Fried and Hirlinger. The laborers present in attendance from the outside were; Elders Daniells, Spies, Lipke, Hankins, Konigmacher, Doctor Menkel, Elder Babcock, Professors M. E. Kern, E. G. Salisbury, and the regular union men.

B. G. WILKINSON

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Leroy J. Schuknecht and Miss Marp L. White of the Corry church were united in marriage on Thursday, June 19th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, near Clymer, N. Y. Elder Kneeland performed the ceremony. Brother and Sister Schuknecht have established their home at Corry.

The following tent companies will be in the field this summer; Pittsburg English, Elder and Mrs. W. A. Westworth, Elder Chas. F. Ulrich, S. R. Haines, Miss Ethel Burnett, and Miss Grace Cherry; Pittsburg German, Elder J. P. Gaede, Bro. and Sister H. Hoefft, Miss Sophia Gooss, and Miss Helen Gaede; Pittsburg colored, Elder A. N. Durrant, Bro. Osman Phipps, and Miss Maude Gauntlett; The English tent at Ridgway will be manned by Elder and Mrs. Schwartz, and Elder G. L. West assisted by two student canvassers, Bro. John Hottel and Bro. Clarence Morris. We trust that as these companies start in their work they will be constantly remembered by our brethren and sisters at the throne of grace that their labors the summer may be fruitful.

Miss Viola Joplin, who has been for about a year engaged in Bible work in Pittsburg and Washington, Pa., left immediately after the General Conference for her home in Oklahoma where she hopes to recuperate her health and do some work among her relatives this summer.

The many West Pennsylvania friends of Elder and Mrs. Chas. F. Ulrich, will be pleased to learn that they have returned to this field after a long absence, and will give them a hearty welcome as they take up work in this conference.

Miss Grace Cherry, of Altoona, has connected with the conference office as stenographer. She will also assist in the tent effort as a trained nurse and demonstrator.

We deeply regret that failing health has compelled Mrs. Mary Matson to seek recovery through rest from active work for a time. She has gone to New York for the summer.

The Corry church had a good attendance at quarterly meeting last Sabbath. Elder Kneeland was present.

Please try to make the midsummer offering to be taken up on Sabbath July 26 the largest offering of the kind we have ever made. We have received word from the treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference to the effect that the West Pennsylvania Conference fell short \$1,752.06 of the full quota on the Twenty-a-week fund for the first five months of this year. A special effort should be made at this time to make up this deficit by a large midsummer offering.

Elders M. W. Williams and B. F. Kneeland attended the quarterly meeting of the North Warren church last Sabbath.

The three Pittsburg tents opened last Sunday evening with very favorable prospects. The English effort, conducted by Elders Westworth and Ulrich, is located on Auburn street, near the corner of Lowell street and Frankstown, east end., Elder Gaede has his German tent on Arlington Ave., and Koehler street, South side; while the colored workers associated with Elder Durrant have pitched their tent at the corner of Center avenue and Francis street. We trust that all will remember these efforts in their prayers.

Miss Burnett, one of the Pittsburg Bible workers, has returned from a short visit to relatives in Michigan.

We note that Robert Wheeler, of Pittsburg, north side, who graduated at Mount Vernon College last spring has accepted a position at the Adelphian Academy, Holly, Michigan.

Miss Grace Kelsey, of Edmore, Michigan, is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Kneeland.

"Do what you know ought you to be doing this very minute whether you feel like doing it or not."

COLLEGE NOTES

Elder Ashton has accepted the invitation to teach Bible at the college next year.

Miss Peck, the normal director at Union College, called at the college last Monday.

Mr. Robert Wheeler went home last Tuesday. He goes to Holly, Michigan, next week, where he has accepted the the position as printer and teacher.

Elder E. K. Slade spoke to the summer school students last Tuesday. He emphasized the importance of acquainting the children with nature.

Professor Hall left Academia last Friday to visit among the churches in Ohio in the interest of Mount Vernon College.

Miss Florence Eusey has been visiting her brother Merritt the past week.

Married

Mr. Edgar F. Welch and Miss Eugene Cook were united in marriage at the bride's home, Sunday evening, June 29, 1913. The home was neatly decorated with ferns and flowers. Festoons hung over the arch through which the wedding party passed on their way to the south parlor, where the bride and groom, attended by bride's maid and best man, pledged themselves to be loyal and true, we trust, for time and eternity. Soon after supper Mr. and Mrs. Welch stepped into a waiting "auto" and were off on their tour. Both are members of the Columbus church, and our best wishes go with them as they face the future together.

May all their days be blest and bright

And cloudless be the sky,

While on they climb each rugged height

To win while others sigh.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

At eight o'clock Thursday evening, June 5, Jessie Florence Delph and Harry J. Doolittle were by me united in marriage, in the Memorial church of Washington, D. C., in the presence of a number of invited guests. The bride had just completed the nurses course at Wabash Sanitarium, while Mr. Doolittle, a former student of Mt. Vernon College, had been in attend-

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending June 27, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. D. Wells, Delaware Co.	ES	4	31	24	77 00	15 00	92 00	6 00	
C. A. Peterson, Huron Co.	ES	4	28	14	50 00	75	50 75		
G. Cullins, Muskingum Co.	ES	5	36	11	39 00	5 50	44 50		
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	ES	4	21	7	21 00	19 50	40 50		
Elsie Haughey, Mahoning Co.	ES	5	22	11	36 00	4 25	40 25		
J. L. Holder, Richland Co.	GC	4	38	11	37 00	2 25	39 25		
Freeman Coolen, Madison Co.	PG	4	40	8	27 00	4 00	31 00	1 25	
J. E. Gibson, Wayne Co.	GC	5	33	6	18 00	11 95	29 95		
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.	ES	4	15	8	26 00	3 75	29 75		
N. J. Dean Miami Co.	PPF	4	27	13	20 00	8 10	28 10		
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	5	30	7	26 00	50	26 50		
C. B. Kepper, Fulton Co.	DR	5	48	8	26 00		26 00		
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.	PPF	3	24	12	19 50	6 00	25 50		
Dorothy Shryock, Wayne Co.	ES	2	14	5	16 00	8 55	24 55	1 00	
Clara Reichenbach, Muskingum	GC	5	32	7	22 00	1 50	23 50		
H. L. Sheneman, Ashtabula	ES	4	33	5	15 00	7 50	22 50		
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	5	44	6	20 00	1 85	21 85	153 00	
Grace Sims, Hamilton Co.	CK	4	9	14	21 50		21 50	1 50	
Audra Reichenbach, Montg. Co.	CK	3	10	11	16 50		16 50		
J. I. Butcher, Madison Co.	PG	4	28	5	15 00	1 25	16 25		
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	ES	4	16	5	16 00		16 00		
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.	BR	5	35	3	11 00	3 30	14 30	3 30	
D. J. Royer, Ashtabula Co.	GC	4	25	4	12 00	2 25	14 25		
Earl Woodworth, Lorain Co.	CK	5	29	8	12 00	1 50	13 50	7 50	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	3				13 50	13 50	14 00	
Earl Woodworth, Lorain Co.	CK	5	34	8	12 00		12 00	9 50	
Joy Walden, Sandusky Co.	ES	3	25	3	9 00	2 40	11 40		
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	5	41	6	11 00		11 00	174 75	
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Toledo	BR	4	13	3	9 00	1 00	10 00		
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	18	4	10 00		10 00	2 00	
Ruth Leslie, Hardin Co.	BF	4	14	8	8 50	1 50	10 00		
Bessie Cotton, Stark Co.	BF	3	11	2	3 00	6 05	9 05		
W. H. Wright, Leesburg	ES	1	3	2		9 00	9 00		
Helen Leslie, Wood Co.	ES	3	12	2	4 00	4 30	8 30		
Mrs. Chas Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	10	1	1 00	2 55	3 55		
Ruth E. Atwell, Mahoning Co.	ES	5	12			3 75	3 75		
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	3	22					175 50	
Totals	37 Agents		145	884	250	\$667 00	\$153 30	\$820 30	\$549 30

District of Columbia, Four Weeks Ending June 27, 1913

C. I. Boyle, Montgomery	CK	3	17	1	1 50	2 25	3 75	50	
L. A. Godwin, Lancaster	PPF	5	41	27	44 00	8 00	52 00	3 00	
E. R. Button, D. C.	PPF	5	40	79	129 50	21 75	151 25	9 50	
J. A. Miller, Westmoreland	GC	1	7	2	3 00	11 50	14 50		
Frank Smith, London Co.	PPF	4	37	18	32 00	50	32 50		
M. S. Walker, Westmoreland	GC	2	15	4	12 00	13 75	25 75		
W. A. Williams, Berke	PPF	7	55	19	29 00	3 50	32 50	55 50	
Totals	7 Agents		27	212	150	\$251 00	\$61 25	\$312 25	\$68 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 27, 1913

*G. R. Lehman, Newcastle, Del.	GC	10	66	30	67 00	10 75	77 75	14 50	
R. J. Thompson, Kent, Co., Del.	PPF	5	40	43	73 00		73 00		
T. Little, Kent, Co., Del.	PPF	2	18	9	23 00		23 00		
O. E. Thompson, Carroll Co.	PPF	5	32	21	42 50		42 50		
C. M. Paden, Washington Co.	ES	5	33	10	30 00	1 50	31 50	1 25	
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	5	27	10	15 00	6 25	21 25	13 50	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	5	35	18	44 00	5 50	49 50		
G. R. Crowther, Frederick Co.	PPF	5	45	37	60 20	10 50	70 70		
J. E. Jones, Somerset Co.	CK	5	41	20	53 50	11 15	64 65		
D. W. Percy Wycomico Co.	GC	3	21	4	12 00	2 75	14 75	15 00	
Totals	10 Agents		50	358	202	\$420 20	\$48 40	\$468 60	\$44 25

West Virginia, Week Ending June 20, 1913

Madge Miller, Jefferson	ES	10	77	14	66 00	47 40	113 40		
Hazel Leach, Jefferson	GC	10	74	13	62 00	34 10	96 10		

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	47	29	50	00	1	50	51	50
Guy Corder, Mercer Co.	BF	3	26	46	50	00	5	00	55	00
Leola Neptune, Ohio Co.	CK	4	24	16	22	00	2	20	24	20
Haskell Cunningham, Mercer	BF	3	23	28	30	00	1	50	33	50
Clara Pettit, Marshall,	CK	3	19	17	25	50	1	40	26	90
Totals	7 Agents		38	290	163	\$305 50	\$93 10	\$398 60		

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 27, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	27		16	45		16	45	20	35	
A. Davies, Pittsburg,	CK	5	33	33	50	50	1	00	51	50	2	75
Chas. Dunham, Pittsburg	DR	5	35	7	27	00			27	00	14	50
Mrs F. W. Hall, Allegheny	CK	4	21	13	20	00			20	00	2	00
H. K. Christman, Clarion Co.	DR	4	24	14	42	00	1	80	43	80	1	20
F. W. Hall, Pittsburgh	CK	5	24	5	8	00			8	00	6	25
*A. E. Holst, Greene Co.	DR	8	79	30	93	00	13	80	106	80	1	50
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	5	30	1	1	50			1	50	43	10
*D. E. Lindsey, Greene Co.	DR	8	14	33	101	00	17	20	118	20	2	50
J. E. Perkins, Fayette Co.	CK	5	26	11	16	50	3	00	19	50	3	75
D. A. Rees, Clarion Co.	PG	4	29	9	27	00			27	00		
Totals	11 Agents		58	392	156	\$402 95	\$36 80	\$439 75		\$97 90		

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending June 27, 1913

K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF	18	8	12 00	4 00	16 00	25 00
H. A. Wright, Richmond	PPF	17	10	18 00	4 00	22 00	8 00
J. Meyer, Richmond	PPF	33					76 00
Mrs. E. R. Pollard, Richmond	PPF	11	10	22 00		22 00	
Elsie Pollard, Richmond	PPF	5	5	11 00		11 00	
L. A. King, Ringgold	GC	69	54	169 00	1 00	170 00	1 00
E. E. Rogers, Hampton	GC	87	46	86 00	7 00	93 00	1 50
Wm. Singer, Hampton	DR	28	13	28 00	1 75	29 75	
A. S. Rees, Locust Grove	CK	20	10	15 50	4 00	19 50	4 00
Totals	9 Agents	288	153	\$361 50	\$21 75	\$383 25	\$90 75

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: 71 Agents Value of Orders, \$2527 25 Deliveries, \$1249 30

ance at the Foreign Mission Seminary during the past year. Both were under appointment for mission work in China, and the fact that they were joining their interests to more effectively win souls for Christ from heathen darkness, made the service an impressive one.

As Brother and Sister Doolittle leave the homeland for their field of labor, the prayers and best wishes of their friends go with them, that God's blessing may be with them in all their endeavors.

—JAMES E. SHULTZ

The Ten Virgins

Jesus used the parable of the ten virgins to represent the condition of the church before his coming; and the question that concerns each one of us, are we among the five wise or the five foolish virgins? Without going into the details of the parable, we may ask ourselves, what is our condition before God? Those who were wise went in to the wedding. We shall make it manifest what is our true condition by our conduct and

conversation. Jesus has warned us as to what should be our position at this time. He says, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh."

He who relaxes his vigilance because he knows not the day nor the hour when his Lord shall come, who becomes careless, and neglects to have his vessel filled with oil (the grace of Christ), will be found unprepared, and will not go in to the wedding. How solemn is the oft repeated warning that our Lord has given to watch! He says, "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." If a much loved friend in the last hours of his association with us should give us counsel, warning or instruction, how carefully would we follow his instruction and give attention to his cautions! Christ is our best friend, for he has purchased us at an infinite cost, and has made us sons and daughters, and these soul-stirring words have been uttered by him for our benefit. Shall we not regard his claim upon us, and give him our ser-

vice and our sympathy? If we do this, we shall not be neglectful of his warning, "Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping, And what I say unto you (My disciples) I say unto all, Watch." "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

THEIR WISDOM MADE THE DIFFERENCE

Now is the time to look to it that we have on hand an abundant supply of the oil of the grace of Christ. It was the wisdom of the wise virgins in supplying themselves with oil that made the difference between their fate and that of the foolish virgins, who had neglected to keep oil in their vessels with their lamps. In the Scripture, oil is used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The wise virgins are those who have faith and love and patience, whose experience day by day is nourished by the Holy Spirit. They do not conform to the world in careless inattention. They do not put off their daily preparation, but follow Jesus wherever he leads the way. God is not pleased with a flickering faith. It is compared to a lamp that is going out. He is pleased with those whose experience is like that of a lamp that is burning brightly. His followers are to shine as lights in the world. Christ's servants are to keep their lamps trimmed and burning, that they may add their light to the light of others who are following Christ. Those who are not daily desirous of gaining a living, daily experience in the things of God, will not meet his approval, but will be found with those whose lamps are going out, and will not be prepared to go in to the marriage supper of the Lamb. We can not be ready to meet the Lord by waking up at the last minute, when the cry is heard, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh," gathering up our lamps, from which the oil has burned away, and thinking then to have them replenished. Our only hope is daily to love God, to love the truth, not for the sake of its clear arguments, but for truth's sake alone. We must bring the truth into our hearts and minds, and every day be living, shining lights, learning daily more of Jesus. Our conversation

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must be in heaven, whence we look for our Lord Jesus Christ. We should talk much of his coming; then we shall be constantly receiving the grace which comes from above, from the source of all spiritual power.

The time is far spent. It is too late now to sleep the careless sleep of indifference. It is time now to rejoice greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice. It is time to sing of the marriage supper of the Lamb. The question for us to settle is, which class shall we be among, the wise or the foolish? God help us to be among the wise. "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

"The watchman on the mountains
Proclaim the Bridegroom near.

Go meet him, as he cometh,
With halleluiahs clear.

"The marriage feast is waiting;
The gates wide open stand.

Up, up, ye heirs of glory!
The Bridegroom is at hand."

— Selected

Would-Be Murderer's Arm Paralyzed

A prominent minister in Canada relates the following remarkable instance of God's miraculous care over his people: "I am frequently impressed by the Spirit to perform actions at the time unaccountable to myself. These impressions are so vivid that I dare not disobey them.

"Some time ago, on a stormy night, I was suddenly impressed to go to the distant house of an aged couple, and there to pray. So imperative was the call, that I harnessed the horse and drove to the spot, fastened the horse under the shed, and entered the house unperceived, by a door which had been left open. There, kneeling down, I poured out my petition to God, in an audible voice, for the divine protection over the inmates: after which I departed and went home. Months after, while visiting one of the principle prisons in Canada, and moving among the prisoners, I was accosted by one of them, who claimed to know me. I had no recollection of the convict, and was fairly startled when the latter said: "Do you remember going to such a house one night, and offering prayer in the dark for the inmates?" I told him I did, and asked how he came to know anything about it. He said: "I had gone to that house to steal a sum of money known to be in the possession of the old man. When you drove into the yard I thought you were he, and intended to kill you while you were hitching your horse. I saw, when you spoke to the horse, you were a stranger. I followed you into the house, and heard your prayer. You prayed to God to protect the old people from violence of any kind

especially from murder; and if there was any hand uplifted to strike them, that it might be paralyzed." Then the prisoner turned to his right arm, which hung lifeless by his side, saying, "Do you see that arm? It was paralyzed on the spot, and I have never moved it since. I left the place without doing any harm, but am now here for other offences."

—Selected.

The August Watchman

The July issue met with a hearty reception and many good words were received from all parts of the field.

The August *Watchman* will be brimful of good things and will be of usual excellence, a few of the leading features being quoted below:—

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The Apostles and the Law of the Ten Commandments.

Punctuation and Theology.

The Malasian Mission Field.

In addition to these valuable articles the *Watchman* will always contain current comment upon world events that are attracting the attention of leading men. Every edition thus far this year has been practically exhausted and the outlook is indeed very bright for a heavy sale of the August issue.

To indicate how the Lord is using our good magazines as a medium through which to win souls we quote from a letter just received:—

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OBITUARY

PARMETR.—Sister Achsah Parmeter died at Indian Creek, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1913, age 79 years. She was a member of the church at that place, raised up by Elders Hibbard and Matteson about twenty-five years ago, and was holding up the light of present truth in the country where she lived and found the message, and she died in the faith. She was laid to rest near her home to await the coming of the Lord. Her husband, J. E. Parmeter, survives her. Words of comfort were spoken from II Sam. 14:14.

F. H. HICKS