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Vanish Away

O where are the glad happy days of my child hood,
The days fraught with innocent laughter and play?
Like the beautiful castles I built in the the wild wood,
They beamed on my vision then vanished away.

O where are the hearts that so gallantly loved me,
In youth's happy bloom e'er my hair had turned gray?
Oh! some have grown cold as the snow peaks above me,
And others like shadows have vanished away.

All things I've found of this earth are but transient,
Its treasures its pleasures are but for a day;
With smiling delusions they beckon us onward,
Then leave us in tears as they vanish away.

And yet mid life's turmoil I've found one bright treasure
'Tis not of earth, earthy, 'twill never decay.
'Tis a gem that is priceless, a gift without measure,
And I know that it never will vanish away.

Do you ask where I found it, my one priceless treasure,
The jewel I prize above all of earth's dross?
O, it came to my heart in a sweet gentle whisper;
'Tis my hope in the Lamb that was nailed to the cross.

MRS. M. A. PULVER.

Stoddard Wis.

What If Jesus Should Come Now?

(To be concluded)

A. N. DURRANT

With the cares and perplexities of modern life increasing constantly on every side, it is not improbable that many of God's professed people are anxiously desiring to see Jesus come, and take them to the Father's house, to that blessed land where they "shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more", and where "God shall wipe

away all tears from their eyes", not because they are so prepared; but because they long to get rid of life's burdens; because they, like the Psalmist at one time, would desire the "wings of a dove that they might fly away and be at rest", but shall be utterly rejected by the Lord at his coming.

Some one may say: "Then is it wrong to want to see Jesus come? Is it wrong to desire the consummation of the 'blessed hope' of all the ages?" To this we answer, no, if our desires are rational, and in harmony with God's will; if we are consistently doing our whole duty to God and his cause.

There is a work to be done, a message to be given to a lost world, and responsibilities to be borne, before Jesus can come. To our mind the following scripture seems to strike at the very root of the very motive above referred to: "Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" Amos 5:18-20.

While to the truly righteous, that day will be the very brightest, and most glorious, it will be to the hypocrite, and the sinner, the most dark and dreadful, as above described by the prophet.

Jesus our Lord himself warns his people who live down in these days: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21:34,35.

At this time when heart-strings are snapping because of life's trials, God desires his people to unburden themselves of all that would tend to retard their spiritual growth, and discourage them, that they may be able to "loose the bands of wickedness, to

undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free." Isa. 58:6.

It is true that Jesus is coming soon to save his people from all their heart-aches, and fiery trials; but before he can do that, he must first have two things at least accomplished in the earth. "When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory" (Psalm 102:16)—not before. First, he must see his image reflected in his people. All the dross of sin, and self must be burnt out, through the spirit of his word, and those "fiery trials" divinely ordained, or permitted, while he sits as a "refiner and purifier of silver" to purify the sons of God. See Mal. 3:2,3; 1 Peter 4:12; Isa. 48:9-11, and 2 Cor. 3:18. Second, his message of salvation must first be carried to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" as a witness, or savor of death to some, and as the savor of life unto others who, in your own neighborhood, not to say anything of the millions in the far-off lands, as captives taken by Satan, are struggling to be loosed, "and that he should not die in the pit nor that his bread should fail." Isa. 51:14. Yes, there are other sheep on the broken steep, ready to perish, and the tender Shepherd desires to bring them into his fold; other "stones" to be gathered from earth's quarries and "fitly framed together" in Zion—the Lord's building. Eph. 2:19-22; Psa. 102:16; other hearts that desire to be comforted with the message of the "blessed hope." Shall we selfishly desire Jesus to come before they shall have heard his message?

Beloved, God has given us every one a work to do. He calls for workers now as never before, not shirkers. He says, "Occupy till I come;" "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard", and our prayers, and desires to see him come, if not accompanied by ardent zeal, and earnest work, will not avail anything. O, then, let us, while we cry, Come Lord Jesus, also daily ask him; Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? "Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you?"

Pittsburgh, Pa.

OHIO

Our City Work

Our attention has been repeatedly called to the problem of advancing the work of this message in the large cities. Even though the subject readily suggests a large task to reach the masses found there, further study is required to understand the value and special advantage gained in giving due consideration to this important part of the closing work.

A review of recent census statistics supplies many interesting comparisons. The population of the United States has increased from thirteen to fifteen million each decade until it now reaches nearly ninety-two million. There has been a steady increase in the city population since 1820 which is now 46 per cent and a corresponding decrease in the rural (including all towns of less than 2,500) to 54 per cent. In the last decade Ohio is one of the few states showing this tendency decidedly. Her entire population is 4,767,121 of which 56 per cent is city and 44 per cent rural. The density of the population in this section is indicated by the fact that more than two-thirds of the population of continental United States in 1910 was contained in three geographical divisions; viz., New England, Middle Atlantic, and East North Central, the latter of which Ohio is a part. The tendency to congregate in cities and the immediate territory is illustrated by grouping the immediate territory including suburbs into metropolitan districts. Thus we find that over twenty-three million or 25 per cent live in cities of not less than 200,000 inhabitants, or within ten miles of such cities. For instance, we find in Cleveland the city proper has a population of 560,663 and that in adjacent territory 81,692 making a total of 642,355.

If the race and nativity phase of the problem were added to that of the increasing majority in our cities, we can more accurately estimate the need of aggressive work there and its relation to carrying this message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; for to reach these cities with their many nationalities, we more surely prepare the way for a larger movement in speeding this truth to the uttermost parts of the world. Government statistics give the entire population composed of 81,731,957 white, 9,837,763 negro, and 412,546 including other colored races, the native white of native parentage being 60 per cent of

the white and 53 per cent of the total population. The distribution of five sixths of the foreign born whites coincides with the density of city population in territory. Again we find Ohio in a special class of a few states, this time showing a decrease of native whites of native parentage. The statistics indicate her proportion as 111,462 negroes, and 4,654,897 white of which 4,168,747 are native and 598,374 foreign born. Thus we find while 85 per cent are classed as native whites and 12½ per cent as foreign born, that 21 per cent of the former class is of foreign or mixed parentage thus making over one third of the total population foreign (native or foreign born).

Of the aggregate city population of the United States in 1910, 41 per cent were native white of native parentage, 29 per cent of foreign or mixed parentage, and 22½ per cent foreign born whites and 6 per cent negroes. In the rural on the other hand, 64 per cent were native white of native parentage, 13 per cent were native white of foreign or mixed parentage, and 7 per cent foreign born whites, while negroes constituted 14 per cent. Thus the foreign born whites and their children constituted fully one half of the city population and only about one fifth of the rural. Native whites of native parentage constituted hardly more than two fifths of the city population, but over three fifths of the rural. This same proportion is true of Ohio.

In 179 cities of the United States having 25,000 to 100,000 inhabitants in 1910, Lima and Newark are mentioned in which the native whites of native parentage exceed three fifths of the total population. Lorain is included in 27 of the 179 cities where the foreign born whites exceed one third of the total population, in which place we have but two or three members. The following table gives some interesting comparisons:—

The immigration into Ohio from 1899 to 1910 was 407,285, representing many nationalities. Statistics show that for every 100 foreigners coming to this country about 32 return to their native land, making a net increase of 68.

In view of opportunities thus afforded to present this truth to the natives of other lands who in turn usually become aggressive missionary agents directly or indirectly, we can sense more clearly what the city problem means to us and the great missionary field it affords. Should we respond to the needs of this feature of the work as well as the urgent calls from the distant lands, we are thus doubly hastening the message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Many of our leading workers in the European Division Conference received their knowledge of the truth in the States; and after a short time in preparation, have returned to develop the work of this message in their native land. Shall we not respond to these greater responsibilities placed at our door and thus hasten the triumph of this work? Many others, too, are waiting to hear this precious truth.

A liberal response was made to the call at our last camp-meeting in support of the fund for the city work. Early payments on pledges given at that time will be greatly appreciated. Will not many others give of their means that more workers may be sent and the thousands in our large cities warned? H.D.HOLTOM, Sec.-Treas.

The colporteurs' institute opens at 8:30 A. M. January 12, in the Columbus church, corner Fair and Ohio Avenues. An attendance of fifty is expected. All should come Sunday the 11, with definite plans to remain until the close. We ask all our people to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon our self-supporting missionaries in attendance at this institute.

	Population	Native born of " Par- centage Mixed	Native born of Foreign or Mixed Parentage	Foreign Born	Colored
Ohio	4,767,121	63.6%	21.5%	12.5%	2.4%
Cleveland	560,663	23.6	39.6	34.9	1.6
Cincinnati	363,591	42.6	36.4	15.6	5.4
Columbus	181,511	64.4	19.6	9.	7.
Toledo	168,407	44.6	35.2	19.	1.2
Dayton	116,577	62.	21.9	11.9	4.2
Akron	69,067	54.7	25.1	19.2	1.
Dayton	50,217	58.7	32.5	17.2	.6
Hamilton	35,270	62.	26.9	9.4	2.
Lima	20,508	76.9	14.6	5.3	3.2
Lorain	28,883	29.3	31.6	37.8	1.3
Newark	25,404	75.1	15.4	8.1	1.4
Springfield	49,921	65.2	17.6	6.7	10.5
Youngstown	49,066	32.4	33.7	31.4	2.5
Zanesville	28,026	74.5	14.8	5.7	5.

The Week of Prayer

From different parts of the conference we are receiving reports of excellent meetings and of victories won by our people. During that week, I held meetings in Mount Vernon, Newark, Zanesville, New Philadelphia, Alliance, and Canton. As you may know, I could spend but little time with each church. One prominent feature of the situation in the churches that I visited was they had not waited for or depended upon a minister, but were holding their meetings, having the readings, and earnestly seeking God for his blessing.

I never witnessed a greater earnestness on the part of our people in confessing sins, adjusting difficulties, and pressing together in brotherly fellowship. The Lord richly blessed the Mount Vernon church, and it was because its members entered into such a work as this early in the week.

All of the churches I have named have more than raised their twenty cents a week for 1913. Some of them have passed the mark by a long way. Knowing the condition financially, I am prepared to say that such good results have been brought about by faithful and sacrificing efforts on the part of the officers and most of the members. The gracious way in which God has blessed us at this time should prepare us for beginning 1914 with an energy and constancy that will make the coming year one of great advancement for the cause in Ohio.

E. K. SLADE.

The Churches in Western Ohio

On my recruiting trip among the churches in the western side of the state during the past month, I found encouraging conditions all along the line. Mention has been made of Newark, Cincinnati, and Dayton. I find other churches awakening in a similar manner. Especially is this true of the Toledo and Lake View churches. They are doing an excellent work and are worthy of emulation.

I had not expected to find much at Lake View as the conference directory gave them a membership of only eight. But to my surprise, when the meeting commenced the church was almost full of people. Through the activity of the few faithful members and the assistance of Elders Bidwell and Fairchild, the membership has greatly increased during the past summer. Their success has served to stimulate to greater missionary endeavors. A large club of the *Signs* weekly, the *Protestant*, and other of

our magazines are being used by the missionary society among interested readers. Brotherly love and the sweetness of angelic companionship, which is a natural characteristic of a church wide awake on home missionary work, can be felt in their midst. Space will permit only a word concerning the missionary activity of the Toledo church. At their recent election plans were laid deep and broad to carry out the instruction of the Lord in Vol. IX of the Testimonies. A capable and zealous missionary secretary was chosen, and with her, a strong missionary committee. Every officer of the church has subscribed for the *Church Officers' Gazette*. And the members are taking the *VISITOR*, so as to keep in touch with what is being done by their sister churches in this great missionary movement which will soon bring the appearing of Jesus to gather his loved ones home.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

An Interest Awakened by a Colporteur

Brother and Sister J. B. Reichenbach are located in Dayton. Although they have a family both are engaged in active missionary work. The Lord has not only sustained them financially but, from time to time, has given them fruit for their labor. Under date of November 23, Brother Reichenbach wrote the following letter:

"Dear Brother: It gives me joy to report again. I started Thursday to deliver, expecting to finish Friday, but have been delayed. Since I took the orders the Holy Spirit has impressed hearts and awakened an interest among the people. When I came with the books they were so anxious to learn the truth that I could not get away quickly from them.

"One fine appearing young man, who has been studying the prophecies, was working in the back end of a fifty acre field husking corn. When I brought his book he said: 'I know you are in a hurry and I am very busy myself, but I would like to have a little talk with you. I have studied the prophecies till I know what the papal beast is, but am not a member of any church. There is one thing I do not understand and that is how to be a true Christian. I do want to be a real Christian.' By this time we had forgotten our hurry and as I told him how to find Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord came very near. When I started away he left his work and walked along with me. He wanted to talk to me as long as possible.

"The people are so interested in this territory that I have consented to hold a lecture or give a Bible reading in their Dunkard church. I can do this without it taking time from my regular canvassing work. The news has spread like fire, and there are indications that people will attend for miles around. Pray for me, dear brother, that the Lord will make my work a great blessing in winning precious souls to the truth."

Those who attend the Columbus Colporteurs' Institute will meet Brother Reichenbach. Do you not long to follow his example? The Lord has said: "Where there is now one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" I Chron. 29:5.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

Cincinnati

We are glad to report that we are busily engaged in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and it has proved such a blessing to us that we wish to tell some of our experiences.

The Lord has sent his angels to prepare hearts to be willing to give, and has blessed in a special manner all who have engaged in it.

This church ordered 1000 copies early in the season and has since ordered 400 copies more.

One sister, who has recently accepted the truth, placed out 25 copies among business men. Her papers yielded an average of \$1.00.

Mrs. Campbell and I have used 250 copies receiving \$75.00 for the same.

The people of Norwood are becoming acquainted with us and our work and the business men alone of this city donated \$25.00 for missions.

Other members of our church have been doing faithful work and we are all hopeful that this church will raise her quota.

I am glad to note that God is greatly blessing the work in all the conferences. Let none miss the blessing.

W. M. CAMPBELL.

Cincinnati

Our work among the young people of this city is not very old. It started about one year and a half ago, but we can report success.

When we first organized our society, we accepted a number as members of our society who were studying the truth, but had not accepted it. We praise God that they have all now come into church fellowship.

Several members of our society

have passed examinations in Bible doctrines and denominational history.

We are also glad to report that five of our society are attending Mount Vernon College this year, preparing themselves for some branch of the Lord's work.

Thanksgiving Day was a day of joy and blessing for our society. We packed twenty large baskets of food and clothing and carried them to families who were in need of help and sympathy. Bouquets and fruit were also taken to friends who were sick. One brother took his horse and carriage and delivered some of the baskets for us, for which we were grateful.

Some of our young ladies brought material and made garments for several children.

Groceries, clothing, and money were donated to members of the society from business men in different localities of the city for this good cause.

We are deeply interested in the young people's work, and we are thankful for what we have already been able to do, and we believe that this work will develop much more in the near future. MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

Cincinnati

November 8 was a good day for the little colored church here. Two souls were buried with their Lord in baptism and one joined the church by vote, making in all sixteen members to date.

We are holding Bible studies three nights each week from house to house and meetings Sabbath mornings and Sunday nights. The members are doing all they can in every way to help forward the work here.

Sabbath, December 6, was a day of much prayer with us. A brother and sister, who have a very sick child, read James 5:14, 15 and in harmony with this, brought the child for prayer. After a good long Bible study with them, we presented the child before the Lord as Hezekiah did the letter, Isa. 37:14. Then we claimed the promises of the Lord, Mark 16:18 and John 14:14.

The Lord is increasing our tithes and offerings, for which we have prayed. We beg the prayers of all the readers of the VISITOR.

L. MUNTZ.

Have you secured your Morning Watch Calendar? The first edition of 35,000 is almost gone. Another is being printed. Order from your tract society at once. Price 5 cents.

Springfield, Lima, Lake View

Another week of prayer has passed into history, but it has left in its wake new courage and hope. A good spirit prevailed in the above churches, and from the interest shown, doubtless, a stronger effort will be put forth the coming year to advance the fast closing work.

The Lima company met at the home of Brother Mackin, and the Lake View company at the church. At the latter place one brother was converted and brought to the fold. His relatives and friends have prayed for years for this, and now the community is rejoicing in the conversion of Brother William Van Horn.

After the reading and offering, the Springfield church renewed its allegiance to God. A spirit of consecration settled upon the congregation, and once more we pledged our faith to stand by the work, and put away those hindering causes that retard Christian progress. We are truly thankful for what we have seen and heard.

We need to spend more time in prayer
And all soul winners be,
It brings eternal joy and bliss
To see the captives free;
Then ever look to God above,
And have his presence near,
For he can help us one and all
To win a heaven here.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

Since our last report we have observed the week of prayer. From the beginning every member sought to be so earnest in his petitions that not only would he get a refreshing from the Lord, but that some soul longing for assurance of acceptance with God would enjoy that peace which passeth all understanding.

On Sunday night, December 13, a stereopticon lecture on the seventh chapter of Daniel was given by the writer. The church was packed and the Spirit of God filled each heart. Two total strangers to us, except as they attended the services Sunday nights, which they had for several weeks, came forward asking for prayers that they might find the Lord as their personal Saviour. One, after a season of prayer which followed a straight talk on conversion, testified with joy of the Lord's pardon, which he experienced, and the other, a young lady, found pardon during the week of prayer.

The last Sabbath of the week of prayer was the climax of the entire service. We had labored with our youth every afternoon during the week and our young people and older ones at the night service and after the Sabbath reading of December 20 and an old fashioned prayer and praise service, ten left the valley of decision, and united with the church, eight subject to baptism. All told there were a mother and married daughter, a man and wife, another married young lady, and five young girls, the pride of loving, earnest parents, members of the church. There are still about seven outsiders we are laboring with and solicit your prayers for these dear ones. Without a doubt we had a taste of the latter rain and from their deep poverty the sum of \$10.00 was given in the annual offering adding to this the Sabbath-school donation of \$3.75 making a fair offering for missions.

We wish some liberal friend of the colored people would help on our church. We need \$500 at once. Cannot some one help us? We are doing all in our power to meet our obligation to the conference and our church fund is neglected for this. Kindly help us. We are on the upward march and a little push is all we need.

The date of our general meeting will be January 14 to 18 instead of January 7 to 11. At these meetings we are especially anxious to have all our colored believers in the Chesapeake Conference and as many from other conferences that care to come. We plan to lay plans to better reach our people in the cities and villages where the \$275,000 colored people in Maryland and Delaware are scattered. We have never had a general meeting of colored brethren and we expect a feast of good things. Letters are now on the way to each church and company. Let all pray for this meeting. Brethren we need to do more for our people. We must reach them before its too late. Sacrifice to attend these meetings and watch for further notice.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

1901 Druid Hill Ave.

General Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Chesapeake Conference Committee it was decided to hold a general meeting for our colored brethren and sisters in this conference. The meeting will be held in the Third Seventh-day Adventist church, 1901 Druid Hill Avenue and Roberts Street, Baltimore, Md., January 14-18, 19-14. The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Arrangements have made for those coming from a distance in the way of furnishing board and lodging for delegates from churches, traveling expense to be paid by delegates.

Besides our own conference workers, there will be representatives from our Union Conference. The meeting will be full of valuable instruction and it is to be hoped that our colored brethren will avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting in the first meeting of this kind ever conducted by this conference.

Our departmental secretaries will be in attendance and will render any assistance possible along the lines they represent. Let all plan to attend this meeting. The times demand that we press together and seek the Lord for help in bringing the light of truth to the 245,000 colored people in our field. All who plan to come should write to Brother G. P. Rogers, 1901 Druid Hill Avenue and Roberts Street, Baltimore, Md.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
R. T. BAER, *Chairman*.

A General Meeting

A general meeting of all the colored believers in the Chesapeake Conference will be held in the Third Baltimore church, corner Druid Hill Avenue and Roberts Street, January 14 to 18, 1914.

The first meeting will be held Wednesday night, January 14, at 8 P. M. Board and lodging will be furnished free to visiting members in the conference and any attending from other conferences will be entertained at a reasonable rate.

This gathering is planned for many reasons: the colored brethren in this conference have never had a general gathering and definite plans should be laid to reach the many thousands of these people in the two states of Maryland and Delaware. All possible will be done to make these meetings a spiritual feast and it is hoped that all our brethren will attend.

Those coming will notify the writer at 1901 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, Md., at least by January 10, so that suitable accommodations may be secured.

Bring a blanket, sheet, pillow, and towel. GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

It has become necessary to have a third edition of "Wild Life on the Rockies" printed. 500 more new books are needed to supply the surprisingly great demand. Have you a copy? If not, get it while the third special edition lasts.

NEW JERSEY

Harvest Ingathering Experiences

I started early with the Ingathering work here at Allendale. Since I received sixty papers by mistake instead of the thirty I had ordered, and since I am seventy-four years old, I tried to do my share at once. It must have been about the middle of October when I got the *Reviews*. I read the paper some and, after a little shirking, with the dear Lord's help, I set forth.

Well, I really enjoyed it. The kind people I met, some of whom I had met the former three years, welcomed me cordially. I was turned down but a few times and some of my calls were very good indeed. I met one family, who live the third from my home. The gentleman said he worked on the *Instructor* a long time and that his mother was an Adventist. I had never met them before, though I had seen them pass by to the station often. He works on the *Tribune* in the city. (We are near New York.) I spent a pleasant time with them and the lady has called on me once since. I hope to meet them often now. They may be won with the dear Lord's blessing.

Oh, dear sisters and all, if you knew how good it is to take your time first for the Lord's work, your own work would go faster. I know mine did. I asked for strength and it was given.

One gentleman gave me twenty-five cents and then after conversing a short time, asked it back, saying, "I will give you \$1.00." I could not find one of the ten cents easily, so he told me to keep it to pay the postage. I thanked him and put it with the dollar. That was the most I received for one paper. I got a dollar apiece for two others. In all I received \$14.20. I should like to have had a higher average, but I shall not despise the day of small things.

I placed a paper with a Methodist minister and one with a Lutheran minister. I met the one in a house where he was calling and asked him for a contribution just the same as I asked the lady of the house. He gave me twenty-five cents, saying it was all the change he had with him. I met the Lutheran minister on the road. He was at a home where I placed a paper and he said he would take me home in his auto and he did. I gave his wife a paper.

I thank the dear Lord for the wisdom he gives his people in getting out our publications. May we be as earnest and honest in getting them in the

homes of the people is my prayer. I was happy in the work and if we wish a blessing, let us sow beside all waters. I quoted this text often in my calls to meet the objection so often raised by people that they have their own church and so many calls.

Let us work and be faithful and true, doing with our might what our hands find to do. MRS. ELLEN STORMS.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Connellsville

At the request of the conference committee, it was recommended that I make Connellsville my future field of labor. I came here November 6 and began meetings November 16 in a union church at Mt. Braddock.

We had a good attendance from the start. Some evenings there were two hundred and fifty present. Satan also was present from the first meeting and began to work by using some of the church members to persuade the people not to attend the meetings, but they continued to come right along, and as a result some have taken their stand for the truth. We are now having Sabbath school with an attendance of about twenty-five.

After closing the meetings, I was to have the church every other Sunday night. On Sunday afternoon, December 14, I appointed a meeting for Sunday evening, December 21. The Methodist Protestant preacher appointed a meeting for the same evening. It was sure that both of us could not have it the same night. The trustees decided that if I was willing to let the other preacher speak first for half an hour, it was all right, if not, the church was mine for that evening. I gave him the privilege of speaking first if he would announce that I would have a meeting immediately following his. So he consented.

We had a good attendance. I presume it was the largest congregation he has ever had. At least it was at this place. To introduce his subject he read II Tim. 3 and 4. His remarks were all personal and directed against me. Among the many things that he accused me of was that I was no Christian and that my purpose in coming there was to break up the Methodist Protestant church. After he was through he announced that he wanted every member of the Methodist Protestant church to attend a business meeting in a private house, thinking the people would leave the church.

As soon as he dismissed, I announced that I would review what

they had been listening to. One of the trustees arose and invited the preacher and his members to stay to hear the other side of the question. Then the audience applauded very much, and it became interesting for a few moments. One man was standing up shaking his fists saying such things should not be carried on in the house of God. All remained but about twenty.

While I was reviewing what the other preacher had said, some of the men present were so elated that they jumped up and down in their seats and pounded the seats with their fists.

As a result of the service a number became very much interested and some no doubt will take their stand for the truth. Remember these interested ones at the throne of grace.

GEORGE L. WEST.

418. E. Main St., Connellsville, Pa.

The Week of Prayer

The week of prayer is now in the past, but to the churches of Altoona, Huntington, and Six Mile Run it was a feast of good things. Somehow there seemed to be a spirit of earnestness among our people, a greater desire to come upon higher ground. Confessions were made, and victories gained. I believed all Heaven rejoiced as they watched the advancement in the experiences of our people.

It is high time that we reach a higher plane of living. We have a sublime standard to reach, and but a short time to attain it, but all things are possible with God.

The above mentioned churches are very desirous of attaining the standard, and that each day may bring them a step nearer the goal. The testimonies of all were to that effect.

I was rejoiced to hear the young people testify, in which they expressed a desire to follow in the Master's footsteps. I fear, brethren, that we have been too neglectful of our young people in the past. The reading by Elder Thompson ought to stir all our hearts to earnest activities in their behalf. May the year of 1914 be an active one in the saving of souls, both young and old.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

The members of the Senior reading course are having a rare treat while reading the book "From Judaism to Christianity," for the author is supplying very valuable notes for the Instructor. Do not fail to read these notes.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	5	38	1	8	67 00	5 00	72 09	6 00
Ray H. Chapin, Licking Co.	ES	7	49	17		55 00	6 00	62 75	
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.	DR	7	57	13		39 00	3 00	42 00	111 12
L. H. Waters, Lucas Co.	PPF	7	48	21		39 50		39 50	69 25
Beulah Morgan, Columbiana	BF	5	23	11		11 00	2 75	13 75	19 50
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.	BR	7	54	6		18 00		18 00	89 00
Mrs. J. B. Reichenbach,	Mag	5	19			31 00		31 00	31 00
N. J. Dean, Miami Co.	PPF	8	51	8		12 00	32 50	44 50	67 25
Helen Greunke, Lucas Co.	PPF	5	22	12		18 50		18 50	38 00
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	4	20	7		7 00	9 20	16 20	
Tillie Gable, Cuyahoga	ES	4	24	5		15 00		15 00	10 50
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	9	77	10		36 00	11 75	47 75	211 25
L. H. Bacher, Athens Co.	ES	11	39	5		17 00	10 50	27 50	64 00
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.	ES	9	51	5		16 00	9 25	22 25	117 35
C. Woodworth, Hancock Co.	ES	4	20	6		8 50		8 50	
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	17	1		3 00	2 00	5 00	
S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	ES	5	26	1		3 00	1 00	4 00	56 50
J. W. Grout, Summit Co.	HW	1	2				6 60	6 60	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	4	34						163 50
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.	ES	1	8						80 40
Miscellaneous		9	45				8 75	8 75	81 45
Totals	20 Agents		121	724	146	\$496 50	\$106 30	\$602 80	\$1216 37

West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	15	96	18		49 75	6 75	46 50	122 75
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	10	80	26		47 50	7 85	55 35	128 50
O. J. Belt, Tyler	FS	3	26						87 10
Clara Wood, Wood	CK	8	49	13		19 50	4 75	24 25	26 80
E. A. Maddox, Wood Co.	DR	5	30	8		5 50			52 50
W. A. McElpatrick, Broxton	DR	14	86	9		25 00	20 05	45 05	52 50
Totals	6 Agents		55	337	66	\$142 25	\$39 40	\$171 15	\$470 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 27, 1913

W. B. Dunkinson, Hanover Co.	PPF	4	12			1 50	3 61	5 11	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	26	7		11 60	1 50	13 00	
F. Willruth, Scranton Co.	CK		37	6		10 50	9 63	20 15	
Jean Curtis, Williamsport		5	27						17 20
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	5	15	8		27 00		27 00	
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a	CK		4	1		2 00		2 00	
Totals	6 Agents		18	22		\$52 50	\$14 76	\$67 30	\$17 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

J. E. Jones, Queen Ann Co.	GC	2	16						69 95
J. J. Martin, New Castle	BF	1	8						15 00
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	3	16	18		31 50	4 50	36 00	
F. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.	PPF	2	16						70 00
Totals	4 Agents		8	61	18	\$31 50	\$4 50	\$36 00	\$154 95

Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 19, 1913

J. Meyer, Chatham	PPF		24				1 55	1 55	110 75
C. Jones, S. Boston			36						214 25
W. H. Zeidler, Meddow									42 50
R. W. Constable, Alberta			12				3 10	3 10	
Annie George, Richmond			10						12 50
F. S. Parsons, Richmond			28				12 25	12 25	3 00
C. K. Kirby, Norfolk			18				4 90	4 90	4 90
Totals	7 Agents		128				\$21 80	\$21 80	\$337 90

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec., 19, 1913

Wilbert Morgan, Beaver	ES	2	11	16	3 00	1 75	4 75	6 00
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	DR	5	24	10	8 00	60	8 60	11 90
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	9	87		37 75	29 20	66 95	234 05
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	ES	1	4					15 50

Totals	4 Agents	17	126	\$48 75	\$31 55	\$80 30	\$327 15
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Grand Totals:	47 Agents	Value of Orders,	\$771 50	Deliveries,	\$2575 72
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VIRGINIA

The High Standard of the Lynchburg Church

I notice in the summary to offerings for missions in the *Messenger* of December 3 that Lynchburg has nearly completed her quota for 1913, on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. The Lynchburg church feel grateful to their Heavenly Father for the means he has given them that has enabled them to come up on this plan, and we expect to complete our quota in full before 1913 closes.

I wish to state to the readers of the VISITOR the plan we worked on. It may be a help to other churches in the future. Beginning with 1913 our church held a special meeting to decide what we were going to do about the fifteen-cent-a-week plan, as that was what we had at the beginning of the year. Our church decided at that meeting that they would stand good for the fifteen-cent plan and went to work on it the first Sabbath of the New Year, each teacher taking the matter up in his class and setting a definite amount to raise each Sabbath in his class. And a number of our members agreed to put in each Sabbath the fifteen cents and if for any cause they were absent one Sabbath, they would put in the next Sabbath thirty cents, and then all the extra offerings taken during the year went to help our absent ones and those who were not able to put in their fifteen cents every Sabbath, and the first of July when the twenty-cent-a-week plan began, we raised our standard to twenty-cents a Sabbath, and some of our members are giving twenty-five cents a Sabbath for the last quarter of '13. And we do praise God for the means he has given us to be used for the advancement of his cause in these last days.

J. Q. CAMPBELL.

Give copies of the Morning Watch Calendar to your unconverted friends. This little daily reminder has helped to lead others to Christ, it may help to guide them to their personal Saviour.

COLLEGE NOTES

Mrs. E. D. Ostrander, the mother of Mrs. V. H. Cook, was happily surprised by eleven of her friends on Wednesday afternoon, December 31, it being the sixty-sixth anniversary of her birth. The combined ages of the guests was eight hundred and eighteen years. After a pleasant afternoon together, refreshments were served, and all departed wishing Mrs. Ostrander many happy returns of the day.

Mr. Lorne Pangburn of Ridgetown, Ontario, spent the holidays with his sister, Mrs. L. R. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Cassell entertained the faculty at their home, Thursday night, January 1. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. I. Secor is visiting her son, Doctor Edward Secor, in Chicago.

A stereopticon lecture was given Saturday night, January 3, by A. B. Graham, Superintendent of the Department of Agricultural Extension, of the State University. The subject was "The Improvement of Village and Country Homes."

How is This for a Beginning?

"Did you ever take up a telescope and look at the fellow alongside of you with the big end of the telescope next to your eye? How very small he looked and how far away! It seemed, perhaps, that you might have to walk long distances to get where your companion appeared to be, when in reality you could reach out and take him by the hand without a single step.

"What was it that caused this strange optical illusion? Just a good instrument used in a wrong way.

"But about the same thing happens in a mental fashion when scientists use the facts of of nature in a wrong way, or reason incorrectly regarding the facts they have discovered. By a

pseudo-scientific method they get the inductive glass turned wrong end first, and in this way the past of our poor old world stretches away in almost endless vistas, till, in dealing with the early history of our earth, it seems that we are looking back far into the recesses of eternity."

(Then follows a clear, simple, classic study of a column and a half on the subject of evolution and science, just as interesting all the way through. Notice this close, too.)

"Thus, by putting the geological telescope to our eye in the proper manner, the long ages of the common text-books disappear, and the things of nature are seen to be wonderfully in harmony with the early history of our world as given in the Bible."

Who ought to read this article? Everybody!

It will be in the January 13 issue of our pioneer missionary paper. Do you know that paper's name? Where will you look for the article?

But this is only one of the twenty (more or less) masterpieces for that number.

In fact, every number of the *Signs* weekly is a collection of masterpieces these days. Are you getting them?

Elder R. C. Porter's series of articles begin in the *Signs* weekly, the issue January 13. These are of real value in many ways. Keep adding a few of your friends to the list from time to time. The points of the message are covered every six months. You can begin at any time. It seems as though the matter for our pioneer missionary paper is getting better right along. Every issue is better than the last. Let us help it find the honest in heart with this great message.

The Ohio Tract Society recently received and filled an order for 76 copies of the "True Education Readers" to be shipped to Rev. Johnson, a missionary, in West Africa.

He writes, "If these books prove satisfactory, I will need a good many more in the near future. These are for one school. We have three other schools that will need books soon."

Thus our books are finding their way into the heart of Africa by those not of our faith. Surely God is going on before preparing the way for our missionaries in these heathen lands.

J. I. Cassell.

Every member of every Missionary Volunteer society a working member. Are you?

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College will be held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, beginning January 26, 1914, at 2 P. M. All members of the Board are requested to be present for the transaction of such business as properly comes before the Board at that time.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President.*

Ministerial Reading Course

The General Conference Educational Department begins the Ministerial Reading Course with January, 1914. The first book in the course is entitled "Preparing to Preach" by Dr. David R. Breed. A reading schedule will appear in the Educational Department of the *Review & Herald* each month.

On completion of a book the reader will be asked to report to the Educational Department the fact that he has completed the book, and be encouraged to report his estimate of it, and its practical value in his work. To such as comply with this condition a small certificate in card form will be granted by the Educational Department of the General Conference.

The course is open to ministers, Bible workers, and all having evangelical work in view. No charges are made for the reading course other than the price of books. Those desiring to take the course may do so by sending their names and addresses to the Educational Department and \$1.65 in payment for the first book in the course, "Preparing to Preach." The book contains 455 pages and is bound in cloth. The publishers retail the same for \$2. Those joining the reading course may obtain it for \$1.65. All who have read the book speak highly of it. Address all communications to the Educational Department of the General Conference.

J. L. SHAW.

The next Standard of Attainment test will be held in March. If you are not a member of Attainment, will you not try to take the test in one or both subjects at that time? Every Seventh-day Adventist should know the Bible principles for which our church stands and be acquainted with the history of this denomination which God has led so marvelously from the beginning and made of it a great missionary enterprise which to-day is operating in nearly every country on the globe. Bible doctrines and de-

nominal history are the two subjects of which Standard of Attainment membership demands a knowledge. The Missionary Volunteer secretary in your conference will arrange for you to take the test. M. V. Series No. 21, price 2 cents, explains the Standard of Attainment plan.

A large number of young people in Southern and Western Oregon are studying for Standard of Attainment membership. In Georgia a few in every church are studying to become members of Attainment. In one of the Northern Illinois churches the older people have organized a Standard of Attainment band among themselves.

Our Missionary Volunteer Goal for 1914

1. 1500 young people added to the church and to our Missionary Volunteer organization.
2. 500 new members of Attainment.
3. 1000 reading course certificates.
4. \$25,000 for foreign missions, and all to count on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

HOW TO REACH THE GOAL

1. Every Missionary Volunteer:—
 - a. An observer of the Morning Watch.
 - b. Determined to win at least one soul.
 - c. Studying for Attainment membership.
 - d. A reading course member.
 - e. Give \$2.50 for foreign missions.
2. Determine to reach the goal: "The best way to succeed is to determine not to fail"

OBITUARY

PADEN.—Joseph C. Paden was born at Icksburg, Pa., Feb. 6, 1870 and fell asleep in Jesus, at Hagerstown, Md. Dec. 22, 1913. Brother Paden united with the Hagerstown Seventh-day Adventist church about ten years and remained a consistent, faithful member until death. He spent some time in the canvassing work from which he reluctantly withdrew a few months ago because of failing health. He sleeps, but his works follow him, the message filled books, scattered by him will continue to tell the story he loved. His last few days were filled with expressions of confidence in a kind loving Father who doeth all things well. A wife and babe, a mother, five brothers, and three sisters mourn their loss, but not without hope. The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Brother Hugh Feden. S. T. SHADEL.