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

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The Overcomer

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God and he shall go no more out."

He shall go no more out
From the presence of God,
An exile no longer to roam
In the valley of tears
With its sorrows and fears;
Christ will give him a glad welcome home.

He shall go no more out,
For he's triumphed o'er sin.
A conqueror's crown he shall wear
In that city of light,
In those mansions so bright,
Which the Saviour has gone to prepare.

He shall go no more out,
But shall evermore dwell
'Mong the bowers of perpetual bloom.
There the flowers never die,
Nor the soft zephyrs sigh
A dirge o'er the cold silent tomb.

He shall go no more out,
Precious promise of God.
In that glorified home of the soul
He shall walk by the side
Of the Saviour who died,
While the years of eternity roll.
MRS. MAGGIE A. PULIVER.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sixth Annual Session of the District of Columbia Conference

The first meeting was beld according to appointment February 15, 1914, at the Memorial Seventh-day Advent-Church, Washington, D. C., at 10 o'clock

The opening meeting of the session was begun by singing hymn No. 477 in "Christ in Song," "Working, O Christ, With Thee," and prayer was offered by Elder W. A. Spicer.

The roll call of delegates showed rather small attendance at the opening of the session, but soon a very representative body of delegates were present. There attended during the session from Alexandria No. 1, one delegate; People's, 15; Arlington, 3; Seminary-Sanitarium, 7; First, 9; Takoma, 14; Memorial, 11; Mt. Rainer 3.

The president then read the following brief address in connection with which he made some further remarks in reference to the work and the outlook in this conference:

"To the Delegates of the Sixth Annual Session of the District of Columbia Conference,

"Greeting:

"Another year has passed, and this body of delegates face the responsibility of again making recommendations that will influence and shape the policy of this conference the coming year, and choosing men to serve in administering the affairs of the conference.

CHANGES

"Before you apply yourselves to this work, however, it will not be out of place to call your minds in brief outline to the work of the past year. I desire to make an apology for not reporting my own work, having been here such a short time; and for this same reason I have thought best to ask each laborer to report for himself, and will, therefore, give him the opportunity during this session.

"We bave abundant reason for thanking God for his overruling providence, that while many changes have taken place that effected the administration, He has not permitted failure to overtake the work.

On June 29, Elder McElhany tendered his resignation, in response to a call to another field of labor, and for three months the conference was without a president. Miss Leach, one of our Bible workers, left about the same time. Later on, Elder Breed, who had charge of the work in the Memorial Church, and Elder Sheafe, in the People's Church, were called West. Two of our Bible workers, Miss Smith and Miss Campbell, later resigned. These changes naturally retarded the progress of the work for a time, and prevented a stronger work being accomplished.

EVANGELICAL

"I want to call your attention to the fact that in this conference we have a population of 608,550. Dividing this number among our present force of laborers, it would mean each worker would be responsible for 43,468. Calling to our help every member of the conference, it would still leave about 740 for each one. But it must be remembered that nearly all of our constituency reside in the city of Washington, while 255,172 of the population is in the fifteen adjoining counties, and most of these counties practically unworked. This condition invites a large force of canvassers, and many of our young people should be encouraged in this line.

"Then we are face to face with the tremendous problem of warning the city of Washington, with a population of 353,378. Various methods have been tried, but experience has taught us that unless we make greater progress, we can not hope to soon accomplish the task. It means the marshalling of all our forces and with steadfast purpose and faith in God and the message, work as we never have before.

FINANCIAL

"The treasurer's report will show that our tithe for last year was \$17,670. 98, an increase over the year before of \$2,500. This is encouraging. But adding to our present force of laborers three tent masters, and reckoning our expense on the basis of last year, we will bave a deficit of \$1869.76. To carry out work here in the city, we will need to equip a new tent, which will cost about \$400. To meet this expense for additional labor, will require a faithful tithe on the part of all our people, and to secure the tents will mean a special offering.

CONFERENCE SESSION

"Last year the conference session was held March 30, but in view of the fact that the Columbia Union Conference convenes in April, it was thought best by your executive committee to hold the session earlier, and also to plan for aggressive work throughout the entire conference the coming year. Your committee on plans may have some suggestion as to the advisability of such an arrangement for the next session.

"Owing to local conditions, the custom has prevailed for several sessions in the past of appointing the standing committees before hand. This has been done to give them an opportunity to have their work well in hand for the conference session. Your excutive committee has followed this plan, as no change has been provided.

"I am sure that I express the desire of every one present when I say we all join in praying that God's richest blessings may rest on this conference session and upon his sacred work the coming year".

R. E. HARTER, President; A. J. BRISTOL, Secretary. (To be continued)

Washington Sanitarium News Notes

The medical instructor in physiology and anatomy at the Howard University was a recent guest here. During his stay here he assisted in the operating room.

Dr. D. H. Kress, our first medical superintendent, spent a few hours at the sanitarium last week. His visits are always welcome.

The interest in the Medical Association still grows. The prominent feature of the programs is the up to date discussion of the treatment of medical and surgical cases.

Mrs. Fannie Harrison, well known to many in the Columbia Union as the first patient who came to our sanitarium, has recently undergone a critical operation, from which she is recovering nicely. Her many friends are glad to know that she is getting strong and well again.

The readers of the VISITOR will he glad to learn that Dr. A. M. Neff is recovering from his late illness. We know that this will he a cause for thankfulness in the conference in which he has served so faithfully for a long time.

The Chinese embassador sent word last week that he wished to come to this institution to have an x-ray picture taken.

Another prominent lawyer from the South accompanied by his wife is spending some time with us.

The Branch Sanitarium is crowded to overflowing. The doctor's office

has had to be utilized as a bedroom. We rejoice that the prosperity of our sister institution is increasing.

M. C. KUHN.

OHIO

Over Against the Treasury

Our plans for the new year are entered upon with confidence that the Lord has even richer experiences and greater results in store for us as we labor for the advancement of his cause upon the earth. His response in past efforts proves that the great storehouse of blessings is opened to us according to our willing service for him. Especially is this true in our exercise of faith to discharge financial responsibility. Such fact is emphasized by a review of statements which show that our people (of moderate income) have given \$67,143.44 during 1913 for home and foreign work, or one sixth of an income indicated by the tithe receipts. Surely we can press forward with greater courage that larger things can be done.

'And the Lord sat down over against the treasury, and heheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury This poor widow hath cast more in than they (the rich)...of their ahundance; she of her want ... all she had." (Matt. 12:41-44) One finds much in the above for reflection as we assume the obligations for more aggressive work. True giving is measured more by the cost to the giver than by the amount. The spirit of self-denial is thus the true giving, that which led our Lord to Calvary-all as in John 3:16-the source, love; the test, the cost; the extent, the world; and the end, eternal life.

An extensive campaign is now heing carried forward among the other denominations for liberal support of mission work in world evangelization. Its thoroughness is indicated by an every member canvass-personal soliciting annually for systematic giving. It is true that the heathen world has turned to Christianity for help, dissatisfied with its old religious forms, and now is the time to respond; hut we have larger work than indicated hy the majority plans. The Lord's closing work places great demands upon his people, urging to greater activity than ever before.

Our stewardship should not require soliciting, and we can feel grateful that such keen sense of investing the means entrusted to us toward the advancement of the work of this last message has already accomplished

much and placed us in close relation to it. Yet with the satisfaction of such results, we need to press forward determined that during the coming year this truth shall be more firmly established in the various fields. As we plan for large receipts in tithes and the twenty-cent-a-week plan, let us hear in mind that the Lord still sits over against the treasury. He knows our true or indifferent stewardship. As we approach with our offerings during 1914, shall it not he said of us that we have given faithfully of our services and means? Shall it he of our ahundance or in self-denial even as he has done with whom we hope to triumph? H. D. Ногтом.

Youngstown

Brother McEachern met Sahhath, March 7, with the Youngstown church. Doctor Venen, the elder, receiving word that Brother McEachern would be present sent the good news hy cards to the isolated memhers. The Roumanian brethren, Doctor's Bihle students, with their friends and relatives, and others came, making a large company for this church.

After Sahhath-school Brother Mc-Eachern presented the subject the "Rapid Formation of the Beast." All were greatly stirred and the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a large measure.

A meeting had been planned for at our home just after dinner. As the people were gathering, I was called to the telephone by Elder R. A. Underwood, who had tried to reach home for Sahhath, but was delayed. My husband went after him with his automobile. The company was greatly surprised when he was ushered in and began speaking at once from Matthew 5. The thought was brought out that all who will study Christ's sermon on the mount prayerfully can give the gospel to the world.

At the close of this meeting the people wanted another. Brother Mc-Eachern stepped forward and said this put him in mind of when Christ was on earth when the multitudes came together hungry for the Word of God and did not grow weary. He closed his remarks hy saying "May each one present hring one soul to Christ in 1914 is my prayer. To God he the glory."

Magazines and tracts were laid on the table and the isolated grasped this opportunity of obtaining them. I helieve this would be a good way for all our workers to do as we are apt to put off ordering by mail and miss many hlessings. Precious hymns were sung until the people had but a few minutes to make the trains.

Praise God for his wonderful love for fallen humanity. May this message go with power is my prayer.

MRS. C. G. ATTERHOLT.

862 Lakewood Ave., Youngstown, O.

Mount Vernon Sanitarium Notes

The Mount Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium has had the largest patronage the past winter in all its history.

We appreciate the spirit manifested by those who are required to occupy rooms with others during our busy season the last few weeks. Owing to the increase in surgical work we have had to use some of the medical rooms for surgical patients also some public rooms as bed rooms. We are thankful for the cooperation and faithful efforts of all, and for the success and blessings the Lord has given us.

Mr. Bert Bloom of Wilmington, Ohio spent Sabbath and Sunday visiting his wife, who is a patient at the Sanitarium. Mrs. Bloom is gaining in strength and doing nicely.

Mrs. Sanford Woods nee Grace Kline of Zanesville, Ohio, Mrs. William Fraunton of Lima, Ohio, and Mrs. Vernon Stover of Mansfield, Ohio are making rapid recovery from serious operations recently performed.

Miss Bettie States of Wabash Valley Sanitarium accompanied Mrs. Fraunton here and is caring for her little daughter while she is staying at the Sanitarium.

Miss Cora Miller, who has been working in Chicago and Washington, D. C. the past two years, has taken up work again with us, acting as head nurse.

We are sorry that it was necessary for Miss Ruth Murphy to be taken from the College to the Sanitarium for treatment and hope she shall soon be able to resume her school work.

Miss Carrie Horne of Columbus, Ohio, is again nursing at the Sanitarium.

Miss Lulu Woods of Zanesville has been caring for her sister and is assisting with the work at the institution. We are compelled to start another Nurses' Training Class this spring and those desiring to enter should write for our booklet and send in application as soon as possible.

COLLEGE NOTES

Professor C. S. Longacre of the Religious Liberty Department made the College a greatly appreciated visit over last Sabbath. Friday evening he spoke to the students at social service time on the subject, "I if I be lifted up will drawall men unto me." Sabbath at the regular service, he spoke on the subject of "Moral Liberty". On the evening of the Sabbath, he spoke upon the subject of "Religious Liberty". This lecture was given as one of the regular numbers in our lecture course. In this lecture, Professor Longacre showed that the same principles of religious liberty given to Moses are embodied in our National Constitution. He recited the history of religious persecution of the Colonial days and on down to the present and placed especial emphasis upon recent developments in this work.

All greatly appreciated the various speeches and hope that Professor Longacre may return to us.

The many friends of Miss Nellie Leach, of the class of 1909, will regret to hear of her illness. Since the holidays she has been teaching and acting as preceptress in Fox River Academy, Sheridan, Ill. Her sister has taken her to her home in Litchfield, Ohio.

Miss Laurel Rushmere, of Columbus, spent several days last week visiting her friend Mrs. Merrit Eusey and others.

On Sunday, March 8, a baptismal service was held in the Baptist church in Mount Vernon. Four were baptized, two of these being students of the College.

When men use powers as God directs them to, their talents will increase, their ability will enlarge, and they will have heavenly wisdom in seeking to save those who are lost."

"It is only as God sees his professed people eager to be laborers together with him, that we can impart to them light and grace; for then they will make every interest secondary to the interest of his work and cause."

"Success is no respecter of persons."

Home Missionary Work

According to figures given by the manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at its annual meeting held January 26 at Mountain View, California, that institution printed during 1913 almost two millions of copies of tracts; to be exact 1,966,293. Their tract sales during 1913 increased from \$9,796.99 to \$11,985,06. This item should cheer our home workers, showing as it does a growing interest in lines of home missionary endeavor in which our little tracts are liberally used. Thousands of persons must be put in touch with the truth through these little messengers. Every one can use them- and all of the time. They are easy to carry, and can go everywhere tolling their messages of salvation.

The increase in the popularity of the inexpensive pamphlets is also an encouraging item. During the year 237,820 copies of these pamphlets were published. This class of literture is for use by our lay members, and is being used more freely every year. You get a person interested in the Sabbath question, for example. "The Lord's Day the Test of the Ages," (price only 10 cents) gives opportunity for a thorough investigation. "Matthew 24" serves a similar purpose in leading an interested one into the study of the signs of Christ's coming. It costs only 10 cents. Likewise "Christ Our Advocate" (10 cents) "The Saint's Inheritance" (10 cents), "Crihstian Science and Divine Healing" (15 cents), "The Spirit World" (10 cents), "The Sure Word of Prophecy," (10 cents), and "Prophetic Gift in the Gospel Church" (15 cents), each gives a clear brief exposition of its subject. Every Seventh-day Adventist family ought to keep a supply of these pamphlets on hand. I was particularly impressed with this a few days ago when meeting a lady who has recently come out of one of the popular churches and has accepted the truth. Before doing this she was investigating Christian Science. Adventist neighbor learned of it, and interested her in reading "Christian Science and Divine Healing." settled her mind with reference to the teachings of Christian Science, and she at once began studying the Bible with our Adventist sister. She is rejoicing in the truth today. That may have been one of the 237,000 pamphplets sold by the Pacific Press. The blessed experiences accompanying the distribution of this literature cannot be put in statistics. But we can all continue to sow the seed, and when the records are complete in heaven, we may know the results. Do not be without these excellent pamphlets. Your tract society will supply them.

Resolve to make this a great seed sowing year. Supply yourself with tracts. Sabbath, January, 24, a sermon on the subject of "The Sabbath" was preached in one of our California churches. That is nothing strange, you say, but listen. Sometime ago the elder of that church was stirred by something he read to go out and to interest some one in the truth. He had some tracts, among them, "Which day do you keep, and Why?" Although a busy farmer, he planned to spend enough time to make some ealls in the neighborhood with his tracts. This he did. Then passing along the road a few days later a lady at one of the homes came out and called to him. She and her husband had compared the teachings of the tracts with the Scriptures, and had become deeply interested. Thev wanted more. Our brother lent them "Christ's Object Lessons," with which they were delighted, and promised to call later with his wife to become acquainted. A few studies followed. and a minister in the vicinity was invited to see this family. They wanted to hear the Sabbath preached, and asked him for a sermon to which they could bring a number of relatives. Arrangements were made for the sermon to be given Sabbath, January 24.

You can record the circulation or publication of 1,966,000 tracts, of which may be the tracts that started this interest may have been a part, but you cannot put into statistics such results as this. But the Lord can give every one of us a part in just such experiences if we will only plan for it. His Spirit is reaching out to touch the hearts of men and women, and every facility he has is being called into service to put people in touch with the truth for this time. Among the facilities are the tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals ideally adapted for our work. Let us use them this year as never before. J. R. FERREN, Miss. Sec., Pacific Union Conference.

"The human agent must place himself as a willing student in the school of Christ. As he accepts the grace freely offered him, the presence of the Saviour in the thoughts and in the heart will give him decision of purpose to lay aside every weight, and that the heart may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Report of Sabbath-schools of West Pennsylvania Conference for 1913.

	Average Mem-	Donations	Donations	Weekly Average
	bership	for 1913	for 1912	per Member
Adah	13	138 20	78 5 4	20 cents
Albion	22	48 19	23 55	4
Allegheny No.1	3 8	174 78	129 97	9
Allegheny No.2	24	106 44	63 18	8
Altoona	48	67 11	45 85	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Bradford	23	161 81	100 95	$12\frac{1}{2}$
Carter Camp	. 6	23 65	13 86	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Clearfield	22	58 38	41 32	5
Corry	1 6	55 02	53 88	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Corydon	26	81 57	91 70	6
Conference	82	329 34	164 36	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Coudersport	34	187 66	124 58	101/2
Eldred	8	30 72	35 35	7
Erie	36	123 49	111 97	6
Huntington	18	22 66	t5 58	2
Indiana	40	84 36	42 37	4
Jimtown	18	23 72		$2\frac{1}{2}$
Johnstown	40	205 46	175 7 1	10
McDonald	20	27 33	7 90	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Meadville	12	49 65	52 22	8
Millport	8	12 09		3
North Warren	23	134 42	59 26	11
Pittsburg No.1	89	396 44	316 62	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburg No.2	25	70 25	42 69	5
Port Allegheny	8	16 01	27 30	4
Raymond	10	30 1 6	23 80	6
Ridgway	19	89 23		$8\frac{1}{2}$
Shingle House	7	30 98	8 55	8
Six Mile Run	34	56 52	44 85	3
Union City	7	14 04	10 09	4
Washington	26	139 26	78 48	10
Waterford	6	19 95		6
Wrights	9	16 07		3
Camp-meeting		179 64	55 05	
Total	817	3204 60	2036 53	7½

The year 1913 brought many blessed opportunities to our Sahbath-schools, and we are not only very thankful to God for what success he gave to the efforts of our faithful schools, but we also look forward to still greater victories in 1914.

A glance at the figures shows that only four schools failed to increase their donations for 1913 over those for 1912, while some schools nearly doubled their offerings. We find that placing a definite aim before our schools is a great aid in increasing the gifts, and the aim of 15 cents during 1914 is worth special attention. Special devices, like mission thermometers, clocks, etc., bearing this motto will keep the school informed of the progress made, and increased interest brings increased gifts.

We trust that particular attention will be given this year to the matter of special consecration services. Let us not forget that the great aim of the Sabbath-school work is the salvation of souls, and that the winning of the young to Jesus is the greatest success.

May 1914 prove a year in which we shall more fully realize our hopes of success all along these lines.

MRS. B. F. KNEELAND, Secretary.

The readers of the VISITOR may be interested to note that Brother J. S. Glunt, a colporteur, who has been failing in health for some time, is lying ill at his daughter's home in Tyrone, Pa. He is suffering from an attack of inflamatory rheumatism, which has followed an attack first of la grippe and then of pneumonia.

He would like to have the readers of the VISITOR remember him in this hour of need in their prayers. He says: "I have been using strength and patience in these hours of pain. The Lord has answered prayer and blest in many ways. Great and mysterious are his ways in dealing with his children. Greatly is his name to be praised."

Either take Christ in your lives, or cast him out of your lips: either be that thou seemest, or else be what thou art. -Dyer.

[&]quot;How blessings brighten as they take their flight." —Young.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The following is a summary of 10 cent magazines sold by our churches and colporteurs in East Pennsylvania for the two months, January and February, 1914:

January, 1914, Colporteurs.						
Protestant	160					
Temperance Instructor	50					
Signs Magazine	10					
Total for January,	1237					
February, 1914, Colporteurs.						
Protestant	50					
Temperance Instructor	300					
Life and Health	100					
Watchman	70					
Total for February	4065					
Churches						
Protestant	360					
Temperance Instructor	220					
Signs	200					
Life and Health	37					
Bible Training School	200					
Churches						
Protestant	755					
Temperance Instructor	2125					
Life and Health	65					
Watchman	1 50					
Signs	250					
Bible Training School	200					

Experiences in the Home Missionary Work

WANTED NEW PEOPLE. THE LORD GAVE HER SIXTEEN

A sister who had lost her husband, with whom she had done much missionary work, through her grief and loneliness largely stopped working. She tells how she took it up again, as follows:—

"I was shown the sin of my course, and promised the Lord if he would raise me up I would go alone, with his help, and take my Bible as I used to. I go to many places of sin, leaving our tracts on the table and talking with the inmates. Just lately I found a lovely girl, a daughter of Seventhday Adventists, from a Christian home. We had a long talk, and she promised to go back to her home, and has gone. I sell the Signs and Watchman often in such places. One woman who kept such a place gave me a sum of money with which to buy our literature for the inmates who could read, and many had the privilege of reading it.

"Last fall our church took quite a number, some 500 copies of the Mission Signs, and I used the greater part of them. The experiences I had were refreshing, for they were of God. I always watch for places where I can sell our large books and in that way make my visit more profitable. I have sold many and always have money for the Lord's cause.

"When my papers gave out I worked off all my old ones, also three years of the Bible Training School and then the old papers of other church members, until all were cleared up. I kept this up for two whole months, doing all that walking and talking after rising from a bed of sickness, and obtained \$30.

"Then I asked the Lord for a change, as I wanted to do Bible work again, so I prayed earnestly for souls with whom to study. Some of our members had moved away, and the church was lonely without my husband, who had been elder for years. There was no one to go ahead and keep up the meetings, so we did that work, and now the members each take their turn in giving a Bible study on the Sabbath and at prayer meeting.

"But I wanted some new people, and I received what I prayed for. I tell you it is God's part to give, but we have to ask, believing. He showed me when to go back to some I had visited just as truly as he ever showed me the way of life.

"At one place I called, the husband, a bar tender, was at home sleeping in his room. While I was talking to his wife, he woke up, sat and listened while I explained some things from the Bible that had puzzled him. While she did not want me to come back, he desired to know more and to ask questions. I did not see him again for some time, and thought my work there was ended, but thanked the Lord that I could still pray for them.

"A little later the woman came to our church one Sabbath to ask me to come to her house and give them all studies, as they needed them very much. A friend of hers with several daughters wanted to join us the second week. The attendance increased until as many as twenty were listening to the third angel's message. After they had carefully gone over all our truth, I had them wait awhile to be sure they understood it, and last month sixteen of them were baptized, among them some fine people.

"One of those baptized had a Catholic husband, who opposed her bitterly. These new Sabbath keepers all help now and give Bible studies in the church, because I wanted to teach them they had to work for others, and they do. It is such a pleasure to hear them tell of their efforts to give

the truth to others. It has made some of our old Seventh-day Adventists ashamed, and now they are going to do some work with the Ingathering Review. I have another family waiting for me to give them studies. I have sold fifty magazines since the camp-meeting and will have many of our old papers to take out again. Remember us here in our work for the Saviour, for it is he who has done it all."

This is a most encouraging testimony. This sister laid aside her grief and went to work for others, and already the Lord has given her sixteen precious souls. She has not only brought them to a knowledge of the truth, but has taught them to work for others that they may help to give the good news. This is as it should be. Every new Sabbath keeper should be taught that he is another channel through whom the Lord desires to give the last warning message.

What Prayer Can Do

The following is the experience of the sister spoken of whose husband is a Roman Catholic. It shows how by prayer and love, hard hearts may be softened.

"As I have been accepted into the light and truth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, I was asked by one of our dear sisters to send a message as a witness of God's power and tender mercy to those who keep his commandments, and stand as true temples of the living God.

"When I was eleven years old I was baptized in the First Baptist Church at Canton, Ohio, and although I was not so faithful as I should have been. I knew that God had not forsaken me. In 1900 I was married. My husband being a Roman Catholic I soon found that all church ties were broken. I said nothing, but prayed for God to lead me in the path of righteousness. We had two little boys, and my husband was told by the priest that we should have to bring them up according to the Catholic faith, or he could not continue in the church. So I finally decided to let them have their way and do the best I could. But as the time drew near when I would have to take them to a place where I felt that their teaching was not of a true religion my heart grew very sad, to think I could never take my own little ones into church with me. But I knew the Lord would not forsake me We started to Sundayschool. I would take them to the class room, and wait in the church room.

We went only a few times when the children became discouraged and did not want to go. I hardly knew what to do, for I did not want to do their father an injustice by keeping them away.

"In June 1911 one of the Adventists came to my door with a magazine. I bought one of her, but I saw nothing more of her until November 1912 when she called again. I soon learned that this sister was a true messenger of God sent to prepare my way before But when I learned of God's people, of his wonderful power and true church I became confused and afraid to accept this truth for I knew it would bring great trouble in the future. I prayed for God to deliver us out of this awful condition, and I would keep his commandments and do his will. We did not go to Sunday-school again, but to the Sahbathschool.

"My husband did not approve of our making this change and soon told me that we would keep Sunday in our home, or he would leave. I prayed to God to soften his heart toward us, that we might continue to keep the Sab-Time went on in peace until one Sabbath he asked why I would not go to amusements. I told him I could not go on the Sabbath, and that we could not go to worldly places and be Christians. He became very angry, and did not speak to us for days. I tried to reason with him, but he would not answer and would leave the room. On the next Friday I begged him to come and have dinner with us, I begged him to talk with me, but he only pushed me aside. I had prayed all the week, and I knew my prayers would be answered. But my heart was broken, for I had done nothing but accept the salvation which is offered to all. He finally told us that he bad made up his mind to leave us, and go North to make his future home. I asked him what he wanted us to do, and he said he did not care what we did, but that he was through and was going to leave that night. I told him I would have to live a Christian life and obey God regardless of what would come, that I would give my life without a word if I could save him, and that we would go together. for our lives in this world are so short. We are only here on probation, when we parted in this world it would be forever. I said "I have prayed to God to teach me what I should do to be saved, and he does answer prayer, and I must live according to his will.' I could see him giving way to God's power. He said, 'Well, all right, you can go to church. I will never say

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"God said in 2 Tim. 3:12, Yea, and all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." But out of them all the Lord delivered me, and I praise his name without ceasing."

Our Greatest Need — What Is It?

Seventh-day Adventists have the greatest truth committed to their care that was ever given to any generation of mankind. This last message embraces every ray of heavenly light that has ever shone upon past generations, together with the special truths which God has given by which a people are to be prepared to meet the Saviour as he comes in the clouds of heaven in the near future. In view of this what is our greatest need? Is it money? Is it talent? Is it an education? Is it a high position of trust and responsibility in the denomination? No, it is none of these, but it is the life and character of Christ in the soul. In that excellent book "Counsels to Teachers" we read: "The power of a higher, pure, nobler life is our great need. The world is watching to see what fruit is borne by professed Christians.

"And God and angels are watching. God desires his people to show by their lives the advantage of Christianity over worldliness. Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of himself in his church. When the character of the Saviour shall be perfectly reproduced in his people then he will come to claim his own."

Page 324.

Again we read on page 322: "God expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent him. Their thoughts are to be pure, their words noble and uplifting. The religion of Christ is to be interwoven with all they do or say. They are to be a sanc-

ified, purified, holy people, communicating light to all with whom they come in contact. It is his purpose that by exemplifying the truth in their lives they shall be a praise in the earth. The grace of Christ is sufficient to bring this about."

On this same point we read in Christ's Christ Lessons," page 491: "Christ has made provision that his church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of the world, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is his purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. He desires that we shall reveal his own joy in our lives."

Are we as a people and as individuals meeting the mind of God. Are these points of vital interest to the salvation of our souls? Are we studying the Testimonies which God has given us through his servant, together with the Bible that we may know all the will of God concerning our own individual relation to God? When the writer accepted this truth in 1874 and for years after that our people were urged to purchase and read the Testimonies.

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Indiana, Pa.

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"The Standard of Morality," by Elder M. C. Wilcox, in the April number of the Signs of the Times Magazine, shows the effects in the religious world of the teaching of the popular "God in man" theory. It also portrays the alarming conditions to which the world is brought industrially because the same principles are held to, only differently expressed, in the creeds of lawless organizations, who declare that "each situation will suggest through the infallible instinct of the workers themselves, the line of action to pursue, and the means."

In view of the nation-wide agitation regarding these conditions, this article will be read and appreciated by thinking people. It shows, too, how wonderfully the gospel for this time offers the only solution.

Other special features of this number, a copy of which has just reached us are:—

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With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place."

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