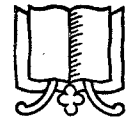


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OUR PRAYER

Gracious Lord to Thee we pray,
We know that Thou art ever near,
And so we look to Thee each day,
For words of comfort and good cheer.

Jesus our Saviour, ever so dear,
To the weary traveler on his way,
His blessed light, oh, so clear,
Leads us onward to the fray.

And though the shadows fall thick
and fast,

Teach us to say, "Thy will, not
mine, be done."

For when the battle is o'er at last,
We have bravely fought and won.

All to Thy glory we have fought,
It was only for Thee alone,
What a wondrous work was wrought,
When Christ, Thy Son came to atone.

While looking back to Calvary,
The heavy cross He bore,
It was for you, for me,
The crown of thorns He wore.

The cup He drank was bitter sweet,
Oh, the terrible anguish of it all,
But when the thief to Him did speak,
Wiped away the bitter gall.

He knew His Father had not
forsaken Him,
Nor does He us, when heavy bur-
dens come.

He sent His only Son to redeem
us from sin,

So let us pray, not my will, but
Thine be done.

Elizabeth Louise Hayman.

Better blunder than do nothing, if only
you know you are blundering, and are
really trying to do well, and are properly
ashamed of yourself for not doing better.

— Scottish Reformer.

The West Pennsylvania Camp Meeting

The camp-meeting which was held this year at Homestead, on the beautiful grounds of the Homestead Park, was probably the best camp-meeting which the West Pennsylvania Conference has seen. In fact some of the laboring brethren from the outside declared it was the best camp-meeting that they had ever attended. The spiritual blessings of God were upon the camp from the very beginning and everybody who attended this meeting enjoyed an uplift and went away strengthened and refreshed by the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

The camp was well pitched and well organized. Prayer bands were organized which went out into the woods at stated intervals every day to seek the Lord for his divine and personal blessing. Some little groups would pray way into the night, pleading with God for personal victory and for power to be a help to others. There is no question but what the praying at this meeting brought the blessing of God upon the camp. There was a splendid attendance as every available place was rented. The people attended each service and manifested great ability for the divine blessing. The revival services were especially marked with great power. Some said that the revival service the last Sabbath was the greatest sight that they had ever seen. Truly those who are looking and are worthy are receiving the great blessings of God for these latter days.

The conference was also behind in the mission offerings for the quota of the first six months on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. The deficit was about \$1400.00. When this was presented to the people, they responded with gifts covering the deficit and nearly \$1,000 over. There was also an appeal made for funds for the local work, namely, tent and camp-meeting equipment, etc., and something like

\$600 was contributed towards this. Thus both spiritually and with means the people testified to their blessings from the Lord.

The report for the year showed a steady gain for the conference in all branches. One hundred and sixteen had been baptized, while about ninety had accepted the truth as a result of the tent and hall efforts. The net gain in membership for the year was ninety-three. Already for 1915 the tithes show a gain of nearly \$1,000.00 over last year. The last Sabbath of the meeting, twenty-five persons were baptized.

We were especially favored with the help of Elder J. O. Corliss, Dr. D. H. Kress and Sister Burroway from India. All of the brethren presented their messages with moving power. Other laborers from the Union were present as well as representatives from the *Review and Herald*.

Elder F. H. Robbins was unanimously re-elected president for the ensuing year and practically the same corps of officers were retained. Everyone who left the meeting felt that it would be a great uplift to the conference this coming year.

B. G. WILKINSON.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Colonial Beach, Virginia

It has been some time since you have seen a report from me, but nevertheless I have been actively engaged in the Master's service, and God has been blessing.

Four years ago this month we went to Charleston, West Virginia to labor. During the short time spent in the conference, we had many good experiences. We saw the hand of God at work in converting souls for his kingdom.

A new church building was erected at Charleston, and sixteen baptized and added to the church. We did our best

for the Lord, and expect to see greater results finally in the kingdom of God.

April 1, of this year we began work in the District of Columbia Conference and located at Colonial Beach, Virginia. This has encouraged the church at the Beach.

We are now engaged in a series of tent meetings at Rollins Fork in King George County, Virginia. We secured a beautiful location for our tent. Now the message for today is being presented from night to night to the people.

Our meetings began on Sunday night, June 20, with an attendance of about one hundred seventy-five. The attendance since, has been from one hundred to one hundred twenty-five each evening.

Brother and Sister Hall, who came from our college at Takoma Park, and who are to sail for China this fall, are assisting in the meetings.

Satan worked very hard to keep us from getting our large tent up, and from getting the lumber, but the Lord helped us in getting the large tent pitched. A terrible hail storm struck us a week ago Wednesday, after having one of our tents pitched, and for a while we thought there would be nothing left of our tent, but the Lord cared for us, so that only a few large rents were made in it, and a number of small holes cut through. Hail stones fell as large as my fist, the largest I ever saw.

We are truly thankful to the Lord for what he has been doing for us and for the splendid interest which the people have in the Word of God as it is presented.

Thursday night I spoke on the subject of "The Second Coming of Christ". At the close of the service, I made a call to the people and asked, how many wanted to be prepared to meet Jesus in peace when he comes, and there were quite a number of hands went up. Then I asked how many wanted to become Christians, so that they could be ready when Jesus comes, and desired God's people to pray for them, and about fifteen hands went up. The Spirit of God is at work. We desire that all of God's people remember us at the throne of grace, because we realize that without the help of the Lord all would be a failure. Our courage was never better in the Lord and his work.

F. E. GIBSON.

News Notes

The big tent for the Washington effort at 11th, and "C" Streets Southeast, is ready for the opening meeting Sunday, June 27. Elder Harter has taken for his subject "The Crisis of the Ages". Brother Steinel's chorus is in good working order and prospects are favorable for a good interest from the start.

Elder Campbell has practically completed arrangements for the Washington effort among the colored people, in the northwest part of the city. A large chorus is now being worked up and these meetings will be under way in a very short time.

Notwithstanding the favorable reports from our workers and tent companies in the field, let us not forget that it is usually only the pleasant and encouraging side that gets in. It is the policy of our workers to look on the bright side and trust in God and the many unpleasantnesses and difficulties are kept in the background. Let us all remember, that Satan is hardest at work in opposition to our aggressive efforts and there are often most discouraging circumstances to be met. Our workers need and are certainly deserving of the most earnest prayers of every believer in meeting these obstacles and carrying forward the work. If we are doing nothing else we can do much by prayer, if we are doing much beside, we can increase our service by prayer. The work is dependent upon our prayers, it cannot succeed without them.

Mrs. Prieger will soon be with our workers at Reedville to assist in the Bible work in connection with the tent effort there.

And let us not, in fixing our attention upon the tent work, overlook the opportunities lying all about us, perhaps at our very door. Quoting from Elder Harter's address to our Seventh Annual Conference: "We believe that an earnest and decided campaign should be started, to work all of our territory thoroughly, with every available means at our command, with the object of saving souls. Our people should be aroused and impressed with their individual duty of co-operating with this movement. I believe there should be a more energetic campaign started for our literature. But a small per cent of the people attend our tent meetings. The masses must be reached with our literature. It has been demonstrated in the past that more people accept the truth from reading our literature than from our evangelistic efforts. Statistics covering the United States for the year 1914 show that seven hundred fifty-five persons accepted the truth from reading our books; three hundred ninety-four from reading our periodicals, and three hundred ninety-nine from reading our tracts; a total of 1,548. We recommend that a strong effort be put forth to employ all the latent talent lying dormant in our churches in the canvassing work, especially with our papers and our smaller publications".

It is also to be remembered that there are a number of new colporteurs just taking up the field work in this conference. While it is seldom reported, it is a fact that there is probably no branch of the work so liable to discouragement at times as the canvassing work. These workers also need our prayers and their work will be much more effective if upheld in our petitions to our Heavenly Father.

Elder Gibson and Brother Hall, in charge of the tent effort at Rollins Fork, Va., report an attendance of some one hundred seventy-five on their opening night, Sunday June 20. Later reports state that a continued attendance of one hundred and more has followed throughout the week and a very favorable and lively interest has been awakened. Prospects are bright and by persistently "Attempting great things for and expecting great things of God" in that locality we hope to see many souls enter the kingdom. A good report, however, does not mean that the effort does not need our prayers. Let us pray all the more earnestly that when the testing time comes these interested ones may have the strength to its trials.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Resolutions Adopted by the West Pennsylvania Conference

Homestead, Pa., June 10-20, 1915.

1. *Whereas*, The blessings of God upon the work in our conference during the past year has been specially manifested in a goodly number of conversions, and the preservation of the lives and health of our workers, and there also has been a decided increase in the tithes and offerings received, and

Whereas, We believe that the church has reached the last portion of time allotted to it for the finishing of the gospel work; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep gratitude to God for his manifest blessings, and we earnestly pray that God by his Holy Spirit will bring us all to that higher spiritual experience promised us under the "Loud Cry of the Great Advent Message."

2. *Whereas*, The present developments in the political world indicate that the close of probation is very near, and

Whereas, The great business of the Christian is soul-saving therefore,

We recommend, That our conference workers and church officers interest all our people in active service in the great soul-saving work, and we recommend as special aids in the work the circulation of "Present Truth Series", "Weekly Signs

of the Times", and other literature containing the message for this time.

3. *Whereas*, "The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence;" therefore,

Resolved, That this question receive due attention at our camp-meeting, and that our people everywhere prepare for united and effective action whenever the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic shall be submitted to a vote of the people in the respective communities where they reside, and that our people be encouraged to circulate our splendid temperance literature on this subject.

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as favoring the national prohibition of the liquor traffic as the most effective measure for the elimination of this national curse.

4. *Whereas*, The *Review and Herald* is our denominational family paper, and represents the work and policies of the General and North American Division Conferences, and

Whereas, Its pages are filled each week, not only with articles from our various departments and from our mission fields throughout the world, and

Whereas, This weekly periodical is our most able minister, tending to establish our people in the great fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message, and leading those who read its pages to a higher spiritual life, therefore,

We recommend, That we urge every family of Seventh-day Adventists to become a yearly subscriber to this periodical.

5. *Believing*, That civil and religious freedom can only be guaranteed as long as there exists an absolute separation of Church and State, and that Sunday laws abridge the free exercise of religion, therefore,

Resolved, That we continue to protest against the enactment of laws by the civil government for the compulsory observance of Sunday, or any other religious enactment which discriminates between the different sects as being contrary to the Gospel plan and a departure from the fundamental principles upon which the American Republic was founded.

Resolved, That we continue to protest against the enactment of laws by the Congress and State Legislatures for the abridgment of free speech, a free press, and the freedom of the mails beyond existing statutes.

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"There is one thing in the wide universe that is valuable, and that is character."

Annual Report of the Sabbath School

We are glad to report progress in the Sabbath-school department of this conference. God has added his blessing, and most of our schools are alive to their privileges and opportunities. The membership, donations, and attendance are increasing from year to year.

The membership for the fourth quarter of 1914 was \$75. The offerings were \$1,244.91. The increase over the fourth quarter of 1913 in membership is 53; and in offerings \$432.34. Five schools have been added.

The total offerings for the year amounted to \$3982.28, being an increase of \$742.23 over the previous year. On December twenty-sixth, the offering exceeded that of any previous thirteenth Sabbath, being \$415.29.

The membership of the Conference Sabbath-school is increasing each quarter. This is made up of isolated Sabbath-keepers. We trust that the time will soon come when every isolated Sabbath-keeper who is not a home department member of a local school will be enrolled as a member of the Conference Sabbath-school. The offerings from those who reported during the year amounted to \$525.13, or an average of eighteen cents per week per member. This is worthy of notice to all.

Twenty-three of our schools are seeking to reach a higher standard by using the Sabbath-school Worker.

The conversions reported during the year were thirty-eight.

Something was done towards reaching the three goals, daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson, personal work for every pupil, and a million dollars to missions as soon as possible. But much more needs to be done. We are not discouraged, but determined to press forward with all our might.

God grant that this year may prove the very best in the history of our work in West Pennsylvania Conference. May every member, teacher, and officer in our schools open his heart, that the Holy Spirit may work in and through him to the winning of souls.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE, *Secretary*

VIRGINIA

Virginia Conference School

A number of years ago a burden was laid on the heart of one of our brethren for the education of our young people. Seven years ago this burden led to the giving of forty acres of splendid land in the beautiful and historic valley of the

Shenandoah for this purpose. After much counsel with the educational department of the General Conference and arousing enthusiasm in this conference there was erected suitable buildings for the school. There is a dormitory for the girls and another for the boys, a commodious chapel, recitation rooms, parlor, office, bath rooms and a spacious dining room where the reputation of this part of Virginia as to its lavish endowment by nature of the luscious bounties of earth's purest and best foods, is maintained.

The school has had a rather checkered experience. Its infancy has been little different from most of our other schools. Financial difficulties, trouble in securing acceptable teachers have been some of the hindrances. Last year it was threatened with complete failure due to the break down in health of Brother Ryan. However God has a care for his own and supplied the need for the emergency so that the school closed with a splendid spirit and a good financial showing.

The year opened with bright prospects, the best in the history of the school, and I am sure closed with the best spirit of optimism that has ever marked its close. The writer came into the management the first of March thus completing the last three months. The school was nearly full with a good class of students, the most of them earnest workers. Best of all every one in school gave his heart to God before school was out.

During my stay we were blessed by a visit from Professors Wilkinson and Stone and Elder Dowset. All these occasions were seasons of blessing, especially was it true of Elder Wilkinson's visit. The dear Lord opened the window of heaven and gave us a blessing that we could not contain. It was my blessed privilege to go with nine parents and students into the beautiful waters of the Shenandoah and bury them with their Lord by baptism.

We do not hesitate to bespeak for the school a prosperous future. We are sure that God has led in the selection of a faculty and that he has blessings in store for all who come. From the present prospects nature is preparing lavishly for the coming year. There is a luxurious garden and a bountiful supply of all the viands of earth. The scenic surroundings are all that could be desired. A quiet place in the country free from all the contaminating influences of either city or village life. Just the place for that girl or boy in his "teens".

Last year when the books were closed there was a gain of near three hundred dollars on operating. This is surely a good showing and we feel sure that there will be a much better showing the coming year. For the student up to the eleventh grade this is a good place. The expense

is small, within the reach of most any one. Only thirteen dollars per month, for board, room, tuition, plain washing etc. All who are interested should write to Professor F. E. Dresser, New Market, Virginia. **STEWART KIME.**

The Colporteur Work Growing

It is very encouraging to see the good reports coming in from the faithful men and women out on the firing line. Last week Brother Max Trummer carried off the laurels, putting in fifty-three hours and taking \$123.30 worth of orders for that good book "Daniel and Revelation". The writer while helping the colporteurs, put in forty-three hours and took for "Great Controversy" and "Bible Readings" \$120.00 worth in orders. Brethren we have the best selling books in the world. The only thing lacking is men. We have the books and some of the best territory in the world. I am glad for the good company of colporteurs now in the field, and many of them are having rich experiences. All who will put in good time with a consecrated life back of it, can expect nothing but success.

Last week the writer canvassed in one home for "Bible Readings", dwelling upon the great need of such a book in the homes in which the governors and presidents must first get their training, etc., and closing with the "Home of the saved". Tears could be seen in the eyes, and it was no trouble to place two orders for the good book in that home.

I am very sorry that some are absenting themselves from this very important part of the closing work. My brethren you are losing much in experience that will prove of great value in the future trials.

Quoting from the "Times Star Special Dispatch," Columbus, Ohio, June 17, "Blight is playing havoc with the apple orchards in some parts of the state, according to the State Agricultural Commission. The government is co-operating in the fight being waged on the new menace to the apple crop." This is not only in Ohio, but Virginia, and all over. This is spoken of in Joel 1: 12. I use this in my canvass and it helps. A few months ago this was not seen. May the Lord be able to say to each of us, "well done thou good and faithful servant," is my prayer. **W. H. GEORGE.**

News Notes

Brethren William Jones and Hugh Land of Richmond have caught the canvassing fever and have begun work in Albermarle County. Fine reports are coming in from our canvassers. Brother Max Trummer's report for the weeks work was \$134.00. What Brother Trum-

mer has accomplished by prayer and hard work others can do.

The interest in the colored effort at Newport News conducted by Elders Mallory and Sebastian assisted by Sister Manners and Nixon has gained in interest to such an extent that the brethren had to make additional seats outside the tent.

Elder Moffet was called to Portsmouth last Thursday to conduct the funeral of Sister Gaskins who died with that dreaded disease pelegra. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of their brethren and sisters.

The effort at Richmond also being blessed of the Lord has its 40 by 60 tent well filled from night to night with the prospects of a harvest of souls.

Owing to the combination of unfavorable circumstances Elders Bidwell and Beckner found it necessary to move their tent from Diggs to Gwynn Island, which has a population of nine hundred. They report a fine interest developing in this place.

Brother Yakovenko who is acting as chorister and tent master in the Richmond effort spent a recent Sabbath and Sunday with the Russian church at Yale and reports the company of good courage and steps were taken to continue the church school for the coming year. One brother expressed his willingness to advance \$100.00 rather than be without a school.

We wish to urge our churches to take prompt action in electing delegates for the coming camp-meeting to be at Charlottesville August 5-15. The church is entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one for every ten members. Please report the delegates to the Virginia Conference, 2705 W. Main St. Richmond, Va. as soon as possible. Orders for tents and rooms are beginning to pour in and we wish to urge our people to place their orders promptly as it is evident that we will have to order a supply of tents to meet our needs and we do not want to disappoint anyone. The present indications are that we will have a large camp-meeting and we are expecting the best of help from the Union and North American Division Conferences.

To the Colporteurs

A letter received from Brother Ford states that the notice letters for the following books are ready. "Great Contro-

versy", "Bible Readings", "Past Present and Future", "Bible Footlights", "Practical Guide", "Coming King", "Heralds of the Morning", and "Desire of Ages", are ready and "Daniel and Revelation", and "Easy Steps", will be ready in a few days. These letters will cost 25 cents per hundred.

I would advise all to use them as they will prove quite an advantage in delivering. I speak from experience. Order them through the tract society.

W. H. GEORGE.

OHIO

News Notes

Sister Bessie Acton and the Ohio church school teachers have gone to Washington to attend the summer school. Several of the teachers met at Pittsburgh, making a happy little party from that point to their destination.

Elder Slade made a trip to Columbus Sunday in the interest of the work there.

Brother J. I. Cassell and family are spending some time visiting relatives at Laura, Ohio. We are hoping to see Brother Cassell much improved in health upon his return to Mt. Vernon.

Faith in that "Prove me now, etc", of Mal. 3: 10, was again substantially demonstrated by the receipt of a check for \$225 from an isolated sister, part being back tithe. The work is in urgent need of many such reports just now. Should any reader need to thus balance up his account? Then in this way those special blessings will be added and the work will speed onward. Now is the time.

The company of girls in Montpelier are now nicely started. They are meeting with success in their work. This company is composed of Misses Elsie Haughey, Marie Snider, Katherine Fickes, and Mrs. E. Y. Smith. These workers have been a little delayed in their work. but they feel now that there is nothing to hinder their getting in full time.

Up at Seville Brother John Holder, his sister Mary, and Miss Ethel Howard are placing many books in the homes of the people. At the rate their sales are now running per week, there will be no question of their reaching their scholarship by the close of the summer. We are glad to see these young people earning their way in this manner. They have written us

many interesting experiences showing how God has blessed them in their work. We are sure that many of our young people could go to school in the same way if they were to take up the sale of our books.

The month of June in Ohio has been a bad month as far as weather conditions are concerned, but it has not hindered to any great extent the faithful colporteur. He has pushed on in spite of the rain, and we have been able to hold our report around the thousand-dollar-per-week mark during almost the entire month.

Brother Glenn Draper has been hindered to some extent by the illness of Sister Draper, who has been at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium for a few weeks, but she has now returned to her home greatly improved in health. Brother Draper says he wants to improve every moment in the future and place many books in the homes of the people.

Brother A. E. Shuster and Alvin Perrine have been having a hard struggle in their work the past week. People have gone through their territory and warned the people against buying any books. At a time like this our people should remember the faithful colporteur in their prayers, for God alone is able to meet these objections.

The work is being opened in Monroe county by Brother B. F. Carter, of Zanesville. He is selling "Bible Footlights" and meeting with excellent success. He is the only worker in the southeastern part of the state. There are several good counties in this section, and we hope soon to find others who will go in there and sow the seeds of truth.

We are glad to welcome Brother George Cottman, of Cincinnati into the colporteur work. His first week, he worked forty-two hours, and took \$58 worth of orders. He writes that he is of good courage, and expects to keep right on in the work.

This week Brother Rees is at Cadiz, working with Brother Smith and Brother Tebbe. Brother Tebbe is from the Toledo church and is planning to earn a scholarship so as to enter school next year.

Brother James Smith, of Leesburg has joined Brother Syphers in selling Bible Readings in Washington Court House, Fayette County. Brother Smith has had success in the past, and we are sure he will be able to sell many books this time.

Some faithful work is being done in Holmes County where Brother Fred Hannah is laboring. He reports finding quite a number who are deeply interested in the truth. He hopes to soon see some accept it.

Mr. W. A. Gibson left Sunday night for Portsmouth, Ohio to visit his daughter Mrs. H. C. Frondorf.

Will you help send messengers of present truth to those "open doors" in Central China (page 13, Review No. 32)? Have you tried that systematic weekly plan as the most substantial response to such calls? Much may yet be done during the balance of the year.

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

The third quarter Sabbath-school rolls, and Memory Verse cards are the best we have had yet. All who desire these for this quarter should get their orders in at once as the supply will soon be exhausted.

Brother H. F. Kirk spent last week assisting the colporteurs who are located at Beckley, West Va. Brother J. R. Medlin of Ohio has recently joined the Corder Brothers at this place. We are glad to welcome Brother Medlin to our field.

Brother Guy Corder who has been having excellent success in the colporteur work left last week to attend the six weeks summer school at Washington Missionary College.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger, President of this conference will be located for the summer at Bridgeport, West Va. Any persons wishing to communicate with him should send his mail to this address.

Brother and Sister Harry T. Murphy and little son, of Cameron, West Va., spent last Sabbath and Sunday at the home of Brother and Sister Barrows of Fairmont.

On June 25 while walking rapidly on a board walk, Brother W. A. McElphatrick, of Huntington, suddenly slipped and came down with great force, striking his right leg against the edge of one of the boards, badly bruising it from the knee upwards, and almost fracturing his hip. We are very sorry to report this severe accident as Brother McElphatrick had just connected with the tent effort which is being held in Huntington. At the

present Brother McElphatrick is a little better but not able to get about much. We trust he will have a speedy recovery.

Mrs. W. J. Tanner's two older sons Jesse, and Bertie are spending the summer in Huntington, West Va., with Elder Redfield and family. We are pleased to note that they are having good success selling "Worlds Crisis," and "The Shadow of the Bottle".

Elder J. W. Hirlinger spent Sabbath, June 26, with the Charleston church. From here he went to Huntington for a few days and on his way home stopped off at Parkersburg with our people there over Sabbath, July 3. We will give a report of his trip later.

With reference to his tent effort, Elder Redfield writes as follows, "Our meetings opened Sunday night, June 13, with a fair attendance altho it was a very bad night and we had a big storm for the first three nights, but the people continued to come and since, our attendance has increased and at the present we have a regular attendance with several who seem deeply interested".

Special

Elmshaven

During the last few weeks I have not written to you about mother, because there was not much change for better or for worse. She seems to be slowly failing in strength, and peacefully nearing the end of her life. She says from time to time that she has no desire to live except for service, and she feels that her life-work is done.

Thursday, June 3, she could not eat, and since then she has been able to eat, each day, only three raw eggs, and four or five teaspoonfuls of other food.

During the last week she has not been comfortable in the wheel-chair, and the only change of position has been from the bed to the big reclining chair in the bay window.

Thursday, June 10, Elder and Mrs. Daniells came, and although very weak that day, she smiled when she saw them, and said, "I am very glad to see you, but others must do the talking." Elder Daniells told her in a few words how richly the blessing of God was resting upon the workers in Australia, India, and China, and that our people in all these places sent greetings to her, and were praying for her. She smiled and nodded her gratitude; but did not try to speak. After this Elder Daniells prayed for her, and

District of Columbia, Week Ending June 25, 1915

Chas. Warren	BR	5	26	4	12 00	2 25	14 25	6 00
H. L. Gould	BR	5	43	17	56 00	13 70	69 70	
H. A. Wright	BR	5	47	34	119 25	5 20	124 45	10 25
B. Richards	BR	1	6	4	13 00	2 00	15 00	50
Paul Hottel	PPF	5	40	15	30 00	7 00	37 00	
A. W. Bennett	BR	4	32	10	30 00	5 20	35 20	
Miscellaneous								46 30

Totals 6 Agents 25 194 84 \$260 25 \$35 25 \$295 60 \$63 05

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Mrs. Cross	5 00	Eva Kern	5 00
Mrs. McKean	9 50	Antonio Oliveri	2 50
W. K. Park	10 00	Chas. Patterson	2 50
Joe Shellhaas	2 50	Laura Stout	2 20
Miss Welch	5 00	Miscellaneous	3 30

Total \$47 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 25, 1915

Wm. Bryson Allegheny Co.	Helps	10	41		19 30	19 30	19 30
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	10	77	12	25 50	24 65	50 12 68 30
Basil Burdell, Potter Co.	BR	5	50	2	6 00	80	6 80 80
C. G. Guenter, Potter Co.	BR	4	33	6	23 25	25	23 25 9 75
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	2	15	9	29 00		29 00 3 00
W. H. House, Potter Co.	BR	5	47	7	26 00	15 20	41 20 21 95
Clifford Hubbel, Beaver Co.	CK	4	36	9	14 00	2 00	16 00 2 30
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	BR	5	40	3	10 00	2 50	12 50 40 00
Fern Lavelly, Cambria Co.	BF	3	24				74 05
C. B. Moser, Somerset Co.	BF	3	20				59 25
Garnell Roger, Cambria Co.	BF	3	26				104 50
H. Riemann, Allegheny Co.	GC	4	28	2	6 00	1 90	7 90 13 90
Elton Wetmore, McKean Co.	BR	7	48	8	24 00	12 75	36 85

Totals 13 Agents 72 486 58 \$163 50 \$79 86 \$242 85 \$417 10

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Let us not forget the souls around us, but let us provide literature to help to carry the truth, that is so precious to us, to them. As much of this literature as possible should be sold, because people value more what they buy than what is given them. But there will always be a demand for quantities of literature for free distribution, in order to reach those who will not or cannot buy. Let us give as many as possible the opportunity of accepting salvation from the Lord.

E. M. GRAHAM.

God's Hymn Book

God has not only provided for his people a book for reading and study, and divine guidance, but he has also provided for them an inspired hymn book. By far the largest book in the Bible is the Psalms. In this book are one hundred and fifty inspired songs to be sung by God's people. This is the only book of the Bible originally divided into chapters. All other books were divided by men. That the Psalms were originally divided by the Lord himself, is evident from Acts 13: 33, where the Apostle Paul refers to the 'Second Psalm,' and in verse 35, to

"Another Psalm".

So then here are one hundred fifty songs God gave his people to sing. Surely the fact that by the order of God, by far the largest book in the Bible is devoted to singing, proves the tremendous importance of music in the worship of God. In the Hebrew language, the Psalms are all metrical; not all in rhyme but all are poetry and in real meter. Whoever has heard the Hebrews chant the Psalms, can imagine dimly what must have been the musical rhythm and the wonderful beauty of God's own music, in God's own language; for remember, Hebrew is the language in which God anciently spoke and wrote to his people.

The 119th Psalm is a remarkable example of Divine poetry: for in this Psalm are twenty-two divisions, under each one of the Hebrew letters, eight verses. In the Hebrew, each one of the eight verses begins with the letter under which it is divided. That is—in the Hebrew, the first eight verses of the Psalm begin with the letter "Aleph"; from 9 to 16 inclusive each verse begins with "Beth"; from 17 to 24 inclusive, with "Gimel"; and so on through all the divisions of the 176 verses of this remarkable chapter (or song rather) of all the Bible.

It is impossible to tell whether any part of the music as sung by the great choir of

David has been preserved, even by the Hebrews in their majestic chants of today. But the fact is very clearly taught that the singers, both men and women, were an honored and respected class, and must have had special training for the rendering of sacred music which was their life work. Even to this day the Hebrews are a very musical people. One of the most remarkable voices I ever heard was in a Jewish Synagogue. Some of the greatest composers, singers, and musicians have been, and are today, Hebrews.

Nineteen hundred years of darkness, and sorrow, and exile have not robbed them of their skill and musical ability, so wonderfully bestowed upon God's chosen people. When the Lord inspired the wonderful Psalms, and the sweet singer of Israel led the mighty chorus, there must have been a solemn beauty, a divine power in their music, which we can scarcely imagine today.

For nearly nineteen centuries that beautiful temple of God, the most wonderful hall of music, the world has ever known, has been only a sad memory. Its mighty walls that once trembled with the glorious Psalms of praise, sung by the great choirs of God's chosen singers, have fallen and vanished forever. When words and music were divinely inspired and the singers were led by that wonderful man of such varied gifts, King David, whose inspired musical talent banished demons, and brought down the Divine Spirit, whom God himself terms the sweet singer of Israel—music led later by other kings and prophets, and men divinely chosen, this heavenly music is today but a mournful memory of a dead and darkened past, whose glory is departed forever. And over the chosen city, the holy Jerusalem, is settled the pall, the shadow of death. Its joy and music hushed forever, the children of kings and prophets, and divinely chosen singers, exiles in every land as wrecks of the mighty past, strewn on every foreign shore. And where in glorious Jerusalem were heard the pealing anthems of praise and joy, a few sad exiles return to wail beside its ancient broken walls.

But Jerusalem of old is a sad memory, and its people a race of wanderers, yet thank God, its blessed old hymn book is still ours, the inspired hymns still live, bringing comfort and joy and hope to God's people. How could we live through the sorrows and perils the agonies of these terrible days, if there were no book of Psalms. I must read them every day. I must live in them and by them. But I truly believe the Psalms were given us, not only to read, to study, and to pray, but first of all to sing. Yes truly it would be a blessing to us and to all who heard us if we sang the Psalms today, sang them just as they are written, with-

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out any feeble poetic rhyming changes but just as written word for word. Christ sang a Psalm with his disciples, the night before his death, Matt. 26: 30. (Margin). The inspired command of God for all time, is not only to sing hymns and spiritual songs, but also to sing Psalms. Eph. 5: 19; Col. 111: 16. J. S. W.

(to be continued)

Self Improvement Society

Seed Sowing

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for what a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6: 7. Could men but realize this, they would be careful what seed they sow, as the seed produces a harvest, and this in turn is sown, and the harvest is multiplied. In our relation to others, this law holds true. Every act, every word, is a seed that will bear fruit. As every deed of thoughtful kindness, of obedience, or of self-denial will produce itself in others, and through them in still others, so every act of envy, malice, or dissension, is a seed that will spring up in a root of bitterness, whereby many will be defiled, and how much larger number will the "many" poison. Thus the sowing of good and evil goes on for time and for eternity.

"He that soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly. He that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully." The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away, so it is with those who are faithful in distributing God's gifts. By imparting they increase their blessings, and God has promised them a sufficiency that may continue to give.—*Marie Smith.*

A Pure Heart

"Create in me a clean heart, O God

and renew a right spirit within me." Ps. 51: 10. This is the most important thing to have, a pure heart. If we have a pure heart, we will be kind and loving to every one, no matter if we are at home or where we are. We may appear very religious before the people, but if religion does not come from the heart, it does not amount to anything. God looks at the heart.

We find that when Samuel was giving his prophetic inspection of the sons of Jesse, Eliab was the one he thought God had chosen to be the successor of Saul, because he resembled Saul in stature and beauty. But Eliab did not fear the Lord and would have been a proud, exacting ruler. The Lord did not look upon his countenance or his stature, he looked upon his heart.

David had a pure heart. He had proved himself to be faithful in the humble office of a shepherd, now God was to make him ruler over his people. If we are humble and pure in heart here on this earth, we too, have a blessed promise, for Christ has said. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."—*Martha Ross.*

Mrs. A. E. KING.

Academy

Thursday afternoon, June 24, at two o'clock, Miss Ruth Robbins, daughter of Elder F. H. Robbins, and Harry K. Christman were united in marriage by Elder J. P. Gaede.

The ceremony was performed at Elder Gaede's residence in Pittsburgh in the presence of a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Christman will reside in Greensburg, Pa. Their many friends wish them much happiness as they journey the pathway of life together.

Professor and Mrs. Kelly arrived home Sunday morning. They were at the Educational Convention, and also visited the Exposition.

Mr. Merrit Eusey spent Sabbath and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Ella Baker, of New York, arrived Thursday. She will spend the summer with her son, Mr. Albert Baker. Mrs. Harry Dick, of Cincinnati, is also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Baker for a few days.

What Are You

You are no better than your thoughts. Isn't this the truth? Of course it is. Then it is up to you to have a house cleaning in your mind.

If you permitted half the evil which you think to show on the surface, how

long would you hold your present position in society?

Not a very pleasant thought, is it?

It is well for you to put yourself on the scales and give yourself honest weight once in a while. The result may shock you, but it will impress you with your need of a mental renovation.

Don't you sometimes wish you were half as good as people seem to think you are? And doesn't this wish inspire you to live up to the position in which you are held?

If it does not, all the advice you may receive from now till the last curtain falls, will not benefit you; nor will it make you more of a man than you are now.

What does your self-inventory show?

It is no man's business whether he has genius or not, work he must, wherever he is, but quietly and steadily, and the natural and unforced results of such work will be always the things that God meant him to do, and will be his best. No agonies nor heartrendings will enable him to do any better.—*Ruskin.*

OBITUARIES

PURDY.—Sister Harrett Purdy was born Oct. 22, 1829, died June 17, 1915, at the age of 85 years 7 months and 5 days. She accepted the truth under Elder E. J. Hibbard about 25 years ago, who with Elder W. H. Matteson held a series of meetings at Raymond, Pa. She was baptized a little later by Elder John Backer. Sister Purdy ever lived a sincere Christian life. We expect that she will come forth in the first resurrection.

As Elder B. F. Kneeland and the writer were at Homestead Park for camp-meeting at the time of her death, Elder House the Methodist Minister of Ulysses officiated.

F. L. MOORE.

Camp Meeting Dates

Ohio, Academia, Mt. Vernon, Aug. 12-22.
 Virginia, Charlottesville August 5-15.
 West Virginia, August 26-September 5.

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