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A LAUGH

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard,
The ills of life depart.
The happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet—
A laugh is just like music,
For making all life sweet.—Sel.

Harvest Ingathering for Missions

Record of Orders Week Ending October 12, 1915

| | Orders | Orders to | 0rders |
|------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Conference | Last Week | Date | 1914 |
| Ches. | 425 | 8427 | 14920 |
| *D. C. | | 21078 | 12529 |
| *N. J. | 3000 | 12918 | 9137 |
| E. Pa. | 500 | 9885 | 12225 |
| W. Pa. | 290 | 6190 | 9350 |
| Ohio | 235 | 14460 | 19177 |
| Va. | 1345 | 7056 | 8632 |
| W. Va. | 700 | 3198 | 3935 |
| Total | 6495 | 83212 | 89905 |

* Indicates those conferences which have exceeded last year's orders.

Colorado, Nebraska, Northern Illinois, and Southern Illinois have stars this week. Also two more unions, the Lake and North Pacific, have now ordered more papers than last year. Twenty-eight conferences have ordered more papers than last season.

The total number of English papers sent out is 25,641 short of the entire number used last year. We are now printing

the third edition, making the total printing order 800,000 copies.

Notwithstanding the fact that our plant has been running night and day for some time in order to produce literature to supply the demands, to-morrow, the 13th, the factory will be closed tight, and the entire force spend the day in missionary work for the Ingathering Signs. Between 80 and 100 will take part in the work, and the towns from South San Francisco to San Jose will be visited.

JAMES COCHRAN.

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Republican Grove

The weather has been very inclement, and the farmers have all been exceptionally busy yet our meetings since campmeeting have been well attended by our people; and the blessings of God are resting upon the Oak Ridge church.

Progress is being made on our new church building. Trees have been cut down and are now being converted into lumber and will soon stand again as a memorial to God in the way of a house of worship for his people. The brethern are doing all the work and operating on a "Pay as you go" system so that when the building is completed it will be paid for.

The best part of it all is to see the spiritual progress. Every one of the twenty-two persons that have united with the church are showing evidence that God really does things for men in the earth—that, "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save." In this

tobacco saturated country it means much to get men and women to turn away from its deadening influence but, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me", is their testimony. How good it is to hear them rejoicing "Because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth". 1 John 2:8 Praise God for his converting power.

One young man has gone to attend the New Market School, and another man is so eager to know more of the things of God and get a better understanding of the Bible that he is planning to take a course in "Bible Doctrines" through the Fireside Correspondence School at Takoma Park. Surely this is the time of Isaiah's prophecy: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

L. O. GORDON.

News Notes

Elder F. W. Paap spent last Sabbath with the two Richmond churches, speaking in the morning at the No. 1 church and in the afternoon at the No. 2 church. His instruction was timely and much appreciated.

Brother Richard Farley of the Charlottsville effort is spending this week with the churches at Portsmouth and vicinity, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work and his work with the Young People's Society. He made a welcome call at the office on his way.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is holding meetings at Rileyville and leading out in the Ingathering Campaign. School is to close for a day and nearby towns will be visited. The sisters of the Rileyville church are making quilts to raise money to pay off the debt on the school building. Anyone who desires to secure a quilt or help the work along should write to Mrs. Lulu Hill, Rileyville, Va. If preferred only the quilt top can be furnished.

Virginia Financial Report

First Nine Months of 1915

| Church | Mem. | Sept, Tithe | Tithe 9 months | Twenty-cent-a-week | Goal 9 months | Per-capita |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| Conference | 16 | 50 19 | 204 69 | 214 83 | 124 80 | .35 |
| Newport News. No. 1 | 20 | 38 52 | 701 45 | 106 12 | 155 97 | .14 |
| Lynchburg | 3 8 | 86 69 | 815 62 | 195 71 | 296 37 | . 132 |
| Portsmouth No. 1 | 29 | 56 52 | 342 47 | 147 46 | 226 17 | .13 |
| New Market | 40 | | 366 18 | 197 96 | 311 94 | .127 |
| Bethel | 17 | 1 00 | 63 66 | 71 45 | 132 57 | .108 |
| Danville | 5 | 5.60 | 50 32 | 18 89 | 38 97 | .098 |
| Richmond No. 2 | 23 | 24 37 | 167 63 | 84 70 | 179 37 | .095 |
| Richmond No. 1 | 94 | 913 26 | 2492 67 | 267 32 | 733 20 | .073 |
| Newport News No. 2 | 20 | 12 06 | 89 68 | 51 67 | 155 97 | .066 |
| Roanoke | 14 | į | 93 83 | 33 96 | 109 17 | .062 |
| Yale | 50 | | 288 85 | 109 15 | 389.97 | .056 |
| Portsmouth No. 2 | 26 | | 237 44 | 52 04 | 202 77 | . 051 |
| Norfolk | 26 | 17 00 | 160 89 | 43 10 | 202 77 | .043 |
| Guinea Mills | 19 | | 47 30 | 26 41 | 148 14 | .038 |
| Stanley | 81 | 42 41 | 217 93 | 98 85 | 631 80 | .031 |
| Thelma | 12 | 1 90 | 26 10 | 9 61 | 93 60 | .021 |
| Mt. Williams | 8 | | 26 00 | 6 60 | 62 37 | .021 |
| Spencer | 13 | 1 | 10 55 | 9 46 | 101 34 | .019 |
| News Ferry | 13 | 5 52 | 24 54 | 9 38 | 101 34 | .018 |
| Buena Vista | 4 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 85 | 31 14 | .011 |
| Rileyville | 13 | ! | | 5 21 | 101 34 | .01 |
| Hamburg | 2 | l | 35 00 | | 15 57 | |
| Oak Ridge | | | 5 51 | 19 99 | | |
| Total | 583 | 1258 03 | \$6471 30 | \$1784 72 | \$4546 65 | .078 |

F. N. Johnson, Secretary.

Elder Moffet is visiting the churches at Stanley, New Market, Rileyville, Newport News and Portsmouth. He has been detained from visiting the churches several months in assisting in the tent meetings at Richmond and Doswell.

While waiting at a junction point for a train Elder Moffett raised his quota with the Ingathering Signs in a short time. The people although entire strangers gave him a most cordial and liberal reception. He says that he plans to keep right on soliciting until the campaign is over at the end of the year. Those who are taking an active part in this campaign are gaining many rich experiences.

The Report

In another column we are passing the cash receipts for nine months of 1915, also the showing on the twenty-cent-aweek fund. The column for the September tithe is vacant in some instances because some of the churches were late in getting their remittance to the office for the month. We trust each church will be prompt to get the report for the month at the office soon after the first. The twenty-cent-a-week column, gives the amount received from each church. The year is nearly to its close and we must put forth effort to bring up our mission offerings that we may not come short on the desired goal. For the month of September our mission offerings only averaged seven cents and eight mills for each one of us for the month.

F. N. Johnson.

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Church Organized at Van Wert

During the past summer, Elder H. A. Weaver conducted a tent effort in the city of Van Wert. Several years ago meetings were held in that section by Elders St. John, Underwood, and D. E. Lindsey with the result that a small church was organized there. For some time in the past only a very few members of that church remained; and while it has appeared on the list of churches, like some other churches in a similar condition. it had practically ceased to exist.

It was thought best to disband the old Van Wert church and with the added members resulting from the recent work carried on there, we could reorganize and start in anew. By this means, it was easier to take care of some conditions that existed, and it was thought by the few remaining there to be the best course to pursue.

There was a little church building a few miles out of the city where meetings were previously held. The plan now is to provide a new church building in the near future in the city of Van Wert. This is a prosperous little city, and we hope for a good work to be accomplished there in the future. It was possible to organize a church of seventeen members with a corps of officers and in good working condition. Doctor D. S. Teters was elected as elder and set apart for that purpose. As Elder Weaver has located his family in Van Wert, though he may be laboring elsewhere, Sister Weaver will be able to give good help in continuing the work and in strengthening this new church. We are glad indeed to see this good work in progress in Van Wert. E. K. SLADE.

Medical Day

The third Sabbath of November is set apart as Medical Day for the Ohio churches. That which has been given us by the Spirit of Prophecy and which is so clearly taught in the Bible relating to health reform and the proper care of our bodies should be given a proper share of attention in our churches.

Doctor W. J. Venen, our medical secretary, has prepared a program to be used on this occasion, and we hope that it will be properly announced and that the readings may be assigned before hand to proper persons, that they may be given with clearness and as effectively as possible on that occasion.

While to many these truths seem to be old, yet to all we feel that they will be a help. There are those who are newer in the faith who are not so well acquainted with the vital principles that are involved in the studies which have been prepared. I hope that every church may give this program careful attention and seek to make the day a profitable one.

E. K. SLADE.

Words of Thanksgiving

On the evening of August 22, at the last service of our good camp-meeting, I was bitten on the spine at base of brain by a mosquito: inflammation with infection followed, and a carbuncle resulted. For seven weeks I endured the most intense suffering of my life. The attending physician despaired of my life for many days. Brethren came to my aid in prayer. Elder Slade, Elder Ashton, Brother Ford, from the Review and Herald, Brother Weaver, Dr. Woolgar, and Brother Kohr and wife, plead with God by my bedside, and when it seemed that pneumonia would follow, then a message to the dear people who gathered at Wednesday night prayer meeting brought help from the Lord, and at 8:30 P. M., all pain left my chest, the cough ceased, and I have had no return of the trouble, and am now on a fair road to recovery.

We hope to return to Clyde October, 19. We will never forget the many acts of kindness, the words of sympathy, the beautiful flowers, the dainties to tempt a poor appetite, nor expressions of pleasure as we again get out among the dear people of Academia. They never seemed so dear as now.

I had a pleasant time compared with poor Job, for his wife forsook him, while mine did not, but stood by me night and day.

I will not likely be able to answer any calls this winter. D. E. LINDSEY,

Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Two persons were baptized at Laura, Ohio, Sabbath, October 16, 1915 by Elder J. J. Marietta.

NEW JERSEY

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Progress of The "Harvest Ingathering Campaign"

Leaving Jersey City, I met with the Newark brethren and sisters, and parties were made up for each day during the week, and it was my privilege to be with each party.

God blessed wonderfully in our efforts, on the Sunday morning Brother Wilson kindly offered the use of his automobile and took four sisters along with him, and in a few hours, raised \$14. One sister of this company had the previous Sabbath pledged to raise \$5 during this campaign, and the Lord helped her to raise this amount the first time out. Another sister who thought she could do nothing received a great blessing.

When prayer meeting night came, the basement of the church was well filled, and it was one of the best prayer meetings I have attended for a long time. All who had been out, were very eager to relate their experiences, and tell of the blessings

Report of New Jersey Sabbath Schools

For Quarter, Ending September 30, 1915

| School | Membership | Attendance | Offerings | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Annandale | 32 | 29 | \$18 49 | | | | |
| Atlantic City | 14 | 10 | 23 38 | | | | |
| Bayonne | 16 | 12 | 16 85 | | | | |
| Rridgeton | 20 | 14 | 17 95 | | | | |
| Burlington | 63 | 44 - | 134 72 | | | | |
| Camden | 78 | 55 | 94 16 | | | | |
| Cape May Court House | 41 | . 36 | 22 92 | | | | |
| Englewood | 7 | 5 | 11 04 | | | | |
| *Groveville | 16 | 11 | 5 05 | | | | |
| Hackensack | 16 | 9 | 18 28 | | | | |
| Hammonton | 13 | 12 | 10 98 | | | | |
| Havenkopf Mountain | 4 | 4 | 5 56 | | | | |
| Jersey City No. 1 | 39 | 29 | 51 71 | | | | |
| Jersey City No. 2. | 36 | 31 | 40 40 | | | | |
| Jersey City (German) | 33 | 21 | 93 26 | | | | |
| Jersey City (Swedish) | 38 | 18 | 24 83 | | | | |
| Jericho | 24 | 19 | 10 63 | | | | |
| Montelair | 3 | 3 | 7 50 | | | | |
| Newark | 101 | 83 | 70.52 | | | | |
| Newark (Cerman) | $\overline{15}$ | 13 | 12 01 | | | | |
| Newark (Bohemian) | 39 | 33 | 26 56 | | | | |
| *Ocean Grove | 15 | 13 | 7 76 | | | | |
| Paulsboro | 6 | 3 | 94 | | | | |
| Perth Amboy | $2\overline{1}$ | 11 | 9 31 | | | | |
| *Phillipsburg | 10 | 9 | 3 00 | | | | |
| Paterson | 49 | 35 | 59 05 | | | | |
| Paterson (German) | 19 | 17 | 31 42 | | | | |
| Pleasantville | $\overline{15}$ | 12 | 7 12 | | | | |
| Plainfield | 26 | $\frac{1}{24}$ | $14 \ \overline{16}$ | | | | |
| Ramah | $\tilde{23}$ | $\tilde{20}$ | 36 24 | | | | |
| Rockaway | 31 | 20 | 19 76 | | | | |
| Salem | 9 | - <u>š</u> | 5 37 | | | | |
| Swedesboro | 2 0 | 18 | 17 40 | | | | |
| Trenton | 117 | 91 | $103 \ 53$ | | | | |
| Vineland | 21 | 17 | 30 00 | | | | |
| *Washington | 7 | 5 | 4 80 | | | | |
| Woodbury | 26 | $2\overline{4}$ | 9 75 | | | | |
| Total | 1060 | 813 | \$1072 23 | | | | |

^{*} Reports are for a part of the quarter only, as they were organized after the quarter had commenced.

which they had received by coming in personal contact with the people. Oh! how much many of our people are missing by staying at home! Let me urge all to be determined, by the help of the Lord, to go out, and receive some of the goodnesses of the Lord.

My brother, my sister, you will receive such blessings that you will be so brimming full, that you will not be able to hold them.

On Thursday a party of eight went to Caldwell, a suburb of Newark, and in about five hours \$21 was raised, and all returned, feeling happy and very much encouraged. Sister Scott found room for us all in her automobile and on reaching Montelair, we stayed at her home awhile, and had a season of prayer, thanking the Lord for his guidance, and the blessings that he had given us that day.

Last week I met with the Paterson church, and I feel very much encouraged at the way in which the brethren and sisters are taking hold of this campaign. On Sunday morning it was my privilege to go out with Elder Martin and family, and in one and one-quarter hours we had disposed of all the papers and received \$6.

Two openings were found for Bible studies, and personal invitations were given to all to attend the Sunday night meetings.

While out with Sister Fuller, the church missionary secretary, we had splendid experiences, and one lady gave us a dollar and said she would be very glad to have Bible studies. Sister Tullet arranged to take Sister Kinner along with her one afternoon the following week, and we are praying that this dear soul may be led into the truth.

Such is the work that is being done by those who are going out, and results will be seen in the Kingdom of God.

Last Sabbath I met with the Annandale and Plainfield companies, and it is very encouraging also, at the way, these dear people are taking hold. The Plainfield company of sixteen members has already gathered in \$70, and they have set their goal for \$150. Annandale, a church that has not been organized much over a year, set their goal at \$100, and we believe that they will raise that amount.

It is encouraging to see the young people enthusiastic in this effort. Our young boys and girls can do much in helping to raise funds. Let us encourage them.

All those who have not yet had any part in this campaign, will you not do something? Do not let one member miss this opportunity, soon your opportunity to work for Jesus will be over. We have from now until the end of the year. If each member would average from \$5 to \$10, we would reach our goal for the conference easily.

Some are pledging \$50, some \$25, and many not less than \$10. Let us all do our very best, and by so doing, we will hasten that glad day, when Jesus will come, and we can all be together in our Father's Kingdom. T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

Miss Elsie Achenbach spent Sabbath and Sunday with friends in Bridgeton.

We hear good reports from South Jersev from time to time. The school work moves along nicely, and the work in general is doing well.

Brother Clarence Lawry was in Camdem on Thursday last to audit the church treasurer's books. He reports that everything seemed to be in fine condition.

The German Sabbath school at Paterson is doing well and seems to be planning on doing even better. A club of eight workers has been organized and this always means advancement to any Sabbath school.

Brother Carl Klaiber of Brooklyn conducted the service for the Paterson German church last Sabbath and gave an excellent discourse on the subject of the Sanctuary.

At Bridgeton a well attended service was held in the little church on the evening of October 14 at which a good number of outsiders were present. seemed much impressed with the theme-"Justification and Sanctification".

The office received a visit from Brother J. M. Gaff recently. One by one our conference committee men have been calling on us during the last few weeks. I wonder if they aren't doing it to see how things are running at the office in the absence of the president?

We received word at the office last week of the death of Sister Madden of Bridgeton. We were sorry to learn of this; yet this faithful sister was ready to lay down life's burdens, and we can feel confident that just a little way in the future she will awake when the Saviour calls his faithful children home.

At Rockaway last Sabbath a promising Missionary Volunteer Society was organized. There are a number of intelligent. earnest young people in the church, and the society just formed will not only be a blessing to the young people themselves, but to the church, and the Lord's work. May he bless them in making this volunteer work a success.

Brother Gaff tells us that the church in Annandale has been organized ten months now; at first they had one class in Sabbath school; now they have four. On pleasant days there are from forty to fifty present at the services. There must be a progressive Sabbath school at this place, for when Brother Gaff left us to return to Annandale he was loaded with six missionary barrels, a Sabbath school clock, and twenty new thirteenth Sabbath labels.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

more, Md.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall is visiting the church and church school at Rock Hall.

Miss Emma S. Newcomer has gone to her home at Hagerstown, Md. for a week's vacation.

Let us all remember the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Cannot each member of the conference set his goal at not less than \$5?

Elder C. S. Longacre preached to Baltimore No. 1 Church on Sabbath, October 16. His words of counsel were much appreciated.

Little Ethel May Shaffer came to stay at the home of one of our colporteurs, Brother N. O. Shaffer. We are sure she will brighten their home.

Professor and Mrs. Hamer of Washington College and Mr. and Mrs. Cool spent Sabbath and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hankins at Annapolis, Md.

Elder L. E. Froom called at the office recently. Good reports are reaching us from the work in Wilmington. church is filled at their Sunday night services.

Elder G. P. Rodgers has not been well and not being able to conduct his meetings, Elder Kirkendall preached several sermons there to large and interested audiences. This is a growing congregation. The Lord is greatly blessing the colored work in our conference.

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The Awful Responsibility

Sir James Pagent, late Surgeon-extraordinary to Queen Victoria, in one of his addresses to students, uttered the following striking words:-

"We sometimes see the beam of life and death so nearly balanced that it turns this way or that, according to the skill that may be cast into the scale of life. And surely, if we could gather into thought all the issues that are involved in the life or death of any man, the anxiety of ignorance at such a time would be intolerable. All is permitted to depend upon the skill of one. Conceive that one yourself: what would be your remorse if, when in their confusion and distress they look to you, you felt helpless as themsemselves; your hand paralysed by the fear of ignorance, your mind confused in that half-knowledge, whose glimmerings only show that more skill might save the dying man! Yet this must be the remorse of every one who will neglect the study of his profession, and yet dare to undertake its responsibilities."

If every physician realized the solemn responsibility laid upon him, surely he would study most earnestly to be successful in his life-work in which are involved the issues of life and death. If the responsibility of this temporal life be so great, what shall we say of the responsibility of the Christian teacher; of him who holds in his hand eternal destinies; who may by a word turn souls toward heaven and eternal life, or may lay a stumbling-block over which souls may stumble into eternal death!

And every Christian, even the most humble, is indeed a "savour of life unto life" or "of death unto death," and "who is sufficient for these things? Not only our own eternal destiny, but the destinies of our friends and even the most casual acquaintances, is in our hands.

solemnly warns us that for every idle word we shall give account in the day of judgement.

May the solemn, the glorious responsibility be realized, be accepted by every one of us, and we enter into the joy of the Lord in the great day when he shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. Oh, in that day when the mists of time and earthly imperfections have vanished, and we see clearly the eternal reality, how worthless, how empty will appear those vain things which fill the minds of men, while the unseen everlasting reality is utterly neglected or made only secondary. In him who would speak the word of eternal life, the King of eternity must reign alone, absolutely,

"The last reserve of earthly dross, Means countless souls' eternal loss," J. S. Washburn.

The following conferences failed to send in copy for the Visitor this week.

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Special

Skipping Hard Things

Some people have the habit of skipping everything that is difficult. This habit

begins in childhood in school. Easy lessons are learned because they need no great effort. But when a hard one comes in the course, it is given a half-hearted trial.

When reading a story, the hard word is skipped over, not mastered. The habit thus allowed to start from childhood easily finds its way into all the life. The boy does the same in the playground. When the game needs no special exertion, he gets through it very fairly. When the game is hotly contested and the victory can be only won by a struggle, he drops it. He does not have the persistence for a great effort.

The girl who lets her school lessons master her, who leaves the hard words unread and the hard problems unsolved, soon begins to allow other hard things to master her. The home tasks that are disagreeable, or that require special effort, she leaves unattempted, or to her sister.

And so at last the habit of doing only what is easy and pleasant, and skipping what is hard and disagreeable, pervades the whole life, with the result that nothing brave or noble is ever accomplished, and the person never rises to anything above the commonplace.

This habit of leaving and shirking hard things damages our character. The difficult things are put in our way, not to stop us in our course, but to call out our strength and devolop our energy. If we never have any but easy things to do, things that require no effort, we should never get strong. If we timidly give up whenever we come on something hard, we shall never outgrow childhood.

The Indians say that when a warrior slays a foe, the strength of the conquered man passes into the victor's arm. This is true of the difficulties and obstacles which we master. We get the strength of each victory into our own hearts.

The skipping of hard things, and leaving them behind, has a hurtful influence also on the future.

The lesson is:—Be thorough; go to the root of things. Anybody can conquer when the conflict is easy, when the opposition is feeble, and the enemy is cowardly.

—Exchange.

Satan's Rights

Satan's rights! Surely he has none. I have heard of divine rights, and the rights of others; but whoever heard of Satan's rights? I do not believe he has any; I believe he is nothing more than a usurper." Not so fast in your conclusion, my young friend. That he has been conquered, that he was excluded from the council of heaven because of the triumph of the Lord Jesus, that he is limited in all his operations, are comforting facts; yet

there are things he is seeking to obtain as his own and over which he claims the right of control. In real estate transactions there are reserved rights. That is, if I own a forty-acre farm, and in selling it I reserve half an acre in the very centre of it, that gives me the right to cross the new owners farm in order to reach my half acre. He may protest, and seek to prevent my crossing his land; but I simply appeal to the road commissioners, who will make a road for me. The mistake was made when the purchaser consented to the reservation; this gave me a right to cross his land.

When the prince of this world came to the Son of God, he found nothing in him. No reservation had been made by the Saviour. His surrender of Himself to His Father was complete, absolute. Herein lay the secret of His triumphant life.

King Saul reserved a spirit of envy, and Satan, because of this, made a beaten path into his life. When the crisis was reached, and his loyalty to G o d tested, he failed dismally. Saul spared Agag, an added reservation to many another one, resulting in the loss of his kingdom and of his life.

There are many reservations which we may make, and they invariably end in disaster. The gaudy apparel, display of jewels, love of pleasure, novel-reading, desire to be honored of men, listlessness in the service of God, neglect of Sabbathschool and church services, unfaithfulness in stewardship, evil-speaking, a spirit of fear when called upon to rebuke wrong, impurity, a failure to study the Word of God,—when any of these things are indulged in, Satan claims the right to enter the heart. Robber that he is, he speedily adds to his territory, and if not cast out will soon control the life, deface the image of God and exult over a ruined life. Complete and continuous surrender of everything to God is the secret of success in the service of God.—Selected.

A Completed Work

"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4.

These were the words of Jesus shortly before he died. Even in those hours of sorrow and suffering such as we cannot imagine, what a satisfaction it must have been to him to have a completed work to lay at his Father's feet. He had done everthing God had asked him to do, and could feel that the purpose of his life was accomplished.

To Seventh-day Adventists has been given a work to finish, to warn every nation, kindred, tongue and people of the second coming of Christ. We cannot, however go on in an easy manner, and have one grand finishing up to complete our work. There are different tasks that

must be finished as we go along in order to have one great completed work.

One of these is the Harvest Ingathering. After prayer and counsel over the pressing needs of the cause the aim has been set at \$100,000. Seeing this amount is actually needed, can we believe that the Lord will be satisfied with anything less than the full amount?

If each individual member would personally shoulder the responsibility of this matter, the entire \$100,000 could be raised without difficulty. When the last campaign ended it showed that nine conferences and two mission fields could report a finished work. Each of these had raised its proportionate share of the \$100,000, and what a satisfaction it was to those fields. How happy all the members felt that they could stand before the Lord blameless in this thing.

But what were the other sixty-seven conferences doing that they failed to bring in thier share of the offering? The trouble was that so many of the members did nothing. The members who worked reached an average above what was needed to collect the entire amount. Some got little, others much, but in all they more than did their share. The failure was with those who did not work.

This year we are one year nearer the end, and evidences are increasing that years of time are very few. The needs are more pressing than ever. We cannot think of anything this year but a completed work, the full \$100,000. Will not every Sabbath keeper who loves the Lord take part in this effort this year? If all will shoulder their individual responsibility and go to work in the strength of the Lord, it will be possible to say this year, in regard to the Harvest Ingathering, "We have finished the work which thou gavest us to do,"

E. M. Graham.

Elder J. N. Loughborough

One of the oldest pioneers in this message, now living, writes as follows of Doctor Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War:"

"I have just completed a careful reading of the book, and trust it may receive the wide circulation which it deserves. I was especially interested in the many quotations from Catholic authors, predicting the very things which Bible students declare will take place, thus showing forth their determination that, out of the dreadful struggle of nations, they will again have their power over them, even as the Scriptures predict, but which so few see. This volume is destined to open the eyes of many to the real situation."

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Gibbon spent twenty years working on his famous book, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." But it was a masterpiece when he had finished it. It is regarded as authority at all times. Was it worth the time spent on it?

Webster spent thirty-six years compiling his dictionary; Stevens, fifteen years on his steam engine. These enterprises cost time, but they repaid well. In whatever you are engaged, persevere."

The Great Proof Number

The November number of "The Protestant Magazine" deals a hard blow to Roman Catholicism in its special agitation just now to prove that Catholicism is a firm believer in liberty and the principles of American government, upon which are based such statements as "if our government is to flourish, it must become Catholic."

The November Protestant will furnish abundant proof that such claims are false—that Catholicism is entirely opposed to the principles of American government, and that the present efforts through the press and by display of pomp and ceremony are but a bait to deceive the American people. Once in power, Rome will

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OBITUARIES

MELTON. — Virginia May Melton, six months old daughter of Sister Lydia Melton of Richmond, fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, October 13, 1915, after a lengthy illness during which everything that could be done was done for the comfort of the child and in the vain effort to save its life. The family sorrow not as others which have no hope, looking forward to the blessed time when angels will gather up the children and restore them to the mother's arms.

W. C. MOFFETT.

BLACKISTON.—Julia Christian Blackiston was born near Rock Hall, Md. December 25, 1845 and died September 30, 1915 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Chas. Crouch in Piney Neck, Md.

The deceased was a charter member of the Rock Hall church of Seventh-day Adventists and loved the message of God. Throughout all her suffering with cancer she was always cheerful and expressed a strong hope of a part in the first resurrection. Though all was done that kind loving hands could do she peacefully fell asleep and was laid in the Wesleyan Chapel Cemetary, there to await the call of the Life-giver.

She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

S. T. SHADEL.

SPONSLER, -William Henry Harrison Sponsler was born April 18, 1841, in Beaver Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, and his death occurred October 11, 1915. On April 30, 1868, he was married to Margaret Richards, of Ashland, Ohio. To this union were born one son and one daughter. Brother Sponsler enlisted at the call of the nation in the war of the Rebellion, August 16, 1862, and had his honorable discharge at Camp Chase, Ohio, July 19, 1865. He was a private in Company A of the 120th regiment. In later years he gave heed to the call of his Master in obedience to his will, and for forty years was a member of the Nova Seventh-day Adventist church. His belief remained firm to the end in the promises of God and in the great truths pertaining to the latter days. He was respected and honored and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and their children, and a large circle of friends. E. K. SLADE.

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"As a pebble dropped into the water
Sends its waves out more and more
In an everwidening circle
Till they reach the very shore,
So a word, a deed, an action,
Dropped upon the sea of life,
Sends a blessing, or a cursing
To this world of sin and strife."

Trouble Ahead

There is trouble ahead for those who teach the children in the Sabbath schools when they come to teach the lesson for November 6. The lesson Scripture is Matthew 19:1-15, and there are only three verses that can be said to be adapted to the comprehension of the children. But the Sabbath School Worker solves the problem. It tells just how this difficult lesson may be well taught. For the sake of the children we hope that every teacher will have access to the November number of the Sabbath School Worker.

President Wilson and Carranza

Carranza, the man whom President Wilson is charged with having acknowledged as leader in Mexico, is being characterized by the Catholic press throughout the country as a villain of the worst kind, and already the President is being warned that unless he changes his selection he will suffer at the next election.

Carranza, as well as all the Mexican leaders, is tired of Mexican rule, and is determined it shall not further despoil the country.

A prominent Mexican statesman furnishes a thirteen page article in the October *Protestant*, showing what Catholicsm has really done for Mexico, and in view of the present agitation the people should know the truth along with the

Catholic side of the issue as given in the daily press.

Now is the time to circulate this important number, while it is a live issue. Fifty copies, \$1.00; 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each. Address your tract society office.

Academy

We are glad that Miss Grace Taylor, the music director at the academy, is feeling better and is able to take up her work again.

Mr. D. E. Whiteis entertained the students last Saturday evening in the chapel by playing on his Victrola.

Miss Jessie Shearn visited relatives and friends here recently. She returned to her work of nursing in Michigan last week.

Miss Alice Miller returned from the Washington College to stay at home for a few weeks during the absence of her mother.

Mr. Earl Smith from Leesburg, Ohio is attending the academy.

Brother W. C. Fleisher of Pittsburgh, Pa., visited at the academy this week while at Mt. Vernon on business. The students here from Pittsburgh were very glad to see someone from home.

Mr. Ralph Ashton, who has been conducting a self-supporting school in Tennessee for the poor people in the mountains, stopped on his way back from visiting relatives and friends at his old home in Pittsburgh to visit his brother Elder N. S. Ashton.

The commercial department is well filled and the work is progressing under the direction of Professor Kelly. Three new offices have been added making five in all and four new typewriting machines have been installed making eight machines in use. The advanced students are doing practice work in the tract society office.

Washington Missionary College

On Sunday the New Jersey students particularly those from Newark, enjoyed a visit with a large party of their friends from home. An excursion to Washington gave them a good opportunity to visit the college. At dinner a large table was arranged for the students and their company.

Miss Hazel Shadel has been called home because of the illness of her mother. We are glad to have had her with us one month and hope she will be with us again next year.

There was quite a little excitement at the college building the other morning when a fire broke out in the engine room. Little damage resulted, however, due to the prompt action of a few of the students.

We are not ready to report fully as to the results of the Harvest Ingathering as the students are still carrying on the campaign. More than two hundred dollars have been collected already. Those connected with the campaign have had many pleasant experiences thus far, and several places to hold Bible studies have been obtained.

Mrs. Steele, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, paid the college a visit. For over thirty years Mrs. Steele has been conducting a boarding school for homeless children. During this time more than fourteen hundred children have passed under her care, the majority of whom are colored children. She occupied the chapel hour one morning telling us something about her work, its problems and possibilities. Mrs. Steele believes that the life of the Christian should be one of service for others, and this motive actuates all her work.

Advertisements

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