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Did You? Will You Not?

Did you reach your individual Harvest Ingathering Goal last week? Will you not go out with some timid, faltering brother or sister who has not and who feels that they cannot, and help them to reach their goal? "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves." Rom. 14:1. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16.

Did you not feel happy when you reached your goal? Will you not then help some soul to reach their goal, who has tried and failed, and rejoice with them? Your joy will be greater than it was when you reached your goal. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. Christ reached His object-goal—when on the cross He said, "It is finished," and He triumphed over the tomb. His great joy now is in helping to "succor them that are tempted." Heb. 2:18. His desire and intent is to help others to "press toward the mark (and reach) the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. He will finally see "the travail of His soul and be satisfied." Isa. 53:11. The greatest joy one will have in the new heaven and the earth, will be in having fellowship with those whom they have been instrumental in helping to overcome. See Ps. 17:15; Rev. 3:21,22; 1 Thess. 2:19,20.

When you have reached your goal read Luke 11:6-10, and then go out and reach another, or help some one else, and "rejoice with them that do rejoice." Read Rom. 12:10-16.

Encourage others by relating your good experiences at the Sabbath services. Do not fail to report your good experiences and the work you have accomplished during the week to your missionary secretary Sabbath by Sabbath.

Reports of the most encouraging nature

are coming in from all quarters. Complete victory is nigh. J. W. HIRLINGER.

What Does It Mean?

Strange things are happening in these days. Everywhere God's people are purchasing the testimonies. Recently at a meeting at Takoma Park, nearly \$700 worth of the testimonies were taken by the people at one meeting. In other places the same thing is taking place. What does it mean? we naturally ask.

It means that there is a revival of the living testimony in our midst, and that through this God is preparing a people for service, and for His second coming.

For forty years God had perserved His church in the wilderness through the spirit of prophecy. They had reached the border of Jordan when Moses was laid away. After the death of Moses, the Lord said to Joshua, "Arise, and go over this Jordan, thou and all this people."

In order that he might be successful as a leader God said, "Observe to do according to all the law which Moses, my servant, commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left." It seems from this that it was not additional light that was needed. Enough, it would appear, had been given, which, if heeded, would lead the people into the land of promise.

Attention was now to be given to what had been written by Moses, the servant of God, but which, during his life time, had been slighted. Not merely was Joshua to "do according to all the law which Moses commanded, "but what Moses had written was to be kept before the people. "This book of the law," the instruction was, "shall not depart out of thy mouth." If this program is followed, God said, "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." See Joshua, 24th chapter.

The carrying out of this instruction brought about a great reformation among the children of Israel. The people had brought with them strange gods which their fathers served in Egypt. God suffered them to cling to these for a time. They worshipped God, but now the time had arrived when they could no longer serve

God and these cherished idols. Joshua demanded that a separation must take place. He said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve," "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." They "answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods. . . . therefore will we also serve the Lord, for He is our God."

Joshua then said, "Ye can not serve the Lord." The time had come when they could no longer serve God and their idols. One or the other had to be surrendered. If they refused to forsake the strange gods, Joshua said, God "will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that He hath done you good." A decision was now demanded. No longer could they continue as they had been. Then the people said, "Nay: but we will serve the Lord." Joshua said, . . . now therefore, put away the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. The people answered, "The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey."

They were now stripped of their idols. We read, and, "So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance." "And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord that He did for Israel." Judges 2:6,7.

This reformation was brought about by giving heed to that which God had given through Moses his servant, much of which during Moses' life time had been ignored by the people. It was the revival of the testimony of God's spirit that brought about this great reformation among Israel just before they were about to enter upon their inheritance.

It does not seem necessary to make the application, of this chapter from Israel's experience to our time. We all know it applies here. Anciently, "by a prophet was Israel led out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13. It was the spirit of prophecy that preserved ancient Israel. What had been written by Moses was better heeded after his death than before.

For over forty years the spirit of prophecy has been in the remnant church. Much

This May Be the Last Ingathering?--Work As Though It Were.

instruction has been given to us through this gift. Enough to take the people into the land of promise just before us. As a church this gift has been its preserver. But the one who was chosen of God as His messenger is now dead. The instruction given has not been fully heeded, and as a result there are idols still within us that belong to Egypt. NOW, just before taking possession of our inheritance, special attention is to be called to the writing of Sister White, and especially to the testimonies which have been slighted. This explains the awakening which has recently taken place, and which is responsible for so many of these books being placed into the homes of our people.

These books if prayerfully studied with the Bible, will bring about a reformation similar to that witnessed after the death of Moses. The time has come when a separation from Egypt's idols is called for. Up to this point we have been suffered to worship God and serve our idols, but now unless they are surrendered, He will do us harm after that He hath done us good.

The words come to us as verily as they did to Israel of old, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served," or the God of heaven. A decision is now demanded. There can now be no longer a union with Christ and these idols. "There must be a painful work of detachment, as well as a work of attachment. Pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness—sin in all its forms—must be overcome if we would enter into a union with Christ. The reason why many find the Christian life so deplorably hard, why they are so fickle, so variable, is, they try to attach themselves to Christ without first detaching themselves from these cherished idols." With Joshua let us say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," and then in a short time from now we shall be permitted to depart, "every man unto his inheritance."

This "great reformatory movement among God's people," will pave the way for the latter rain, the healing of the sick, and other miracles. Then on every side doors will be thrown open to the proclamation of the truth, and great blessings will be received by the true and humble people of God. See Vol. 9, p. 126.

In every home the volumes of the "Testimonies to the Church" should now be placed. These books are a divine commentary of the Bible. Through them we see the law magnified, making it a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the hearts. The prayer of David, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law," should be the prayer of all God's people today. David

went about answering his prayer as we must. He said, "O how love I Thy law . . . for Thy testimonies are my delight." Ps. 119: 97, 99.

"Where there is no vision the people perish, but he that keepeth the law happy is he." Prov. 29: 18. The only people who are commandment keepers are those who "have the testimony of Jesus"—the spirit of prophecy. Others will perish in ignorance of God's law.

We can see why Satan is enraged, and is doing his utmost to ridicule and cast contempt upon this gift. He knows that without it the people perish. "The dragon was worth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Those whom he can not deceive and corrupt, he will later seek to destroy.

Let the good work of placing the Testimonies in the homes of the people go on. It is demanded. It is a fulfillment of prophecy. Israel's experience is typical of the experience of the remnant church.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

Helping While We May

How many sad hearts there are in this world because of the consciousness of having neglected some grand opportunities. How surpassingly strange it must appear to the angels of glory to see one professing allegiance to Christ and at the same time largely indifferent to the needs (those well within his power to supply) of humanity. How few manifest that intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of our Saviour! A burden for the lost will come to every one who gives himself wholly to God and seeks both by precept and example to live a life wholly consecrated to God. God would have us pray for the Spirit of Service. This is a gift from God. We can pray—Help me oh Lord to reveal Christ, my Saviour. Help me to be true and kind. Help me to help somebody today. May my every thought and look and action be in full accord with thy mind. Help me to crucify self and be willing to do service for God in ways that are not in harmony with inborn inclination. God for Christ's sake will hear; and we shall be fruitful in the vineyard of the Lord. The following story will illustrate this thought:

"A Captain of an ocean vessel, one day as his ship was speeding through the waters, saw a signal of distress some distance off. A glass was turned to the spot, and it was seen that there was only one man on a piece of wreck. To go to his rescue, the ship would have to be stopped and turned back in her course, losing much time.

"No," said the captain; 'some other vessel will pick him up.' He speeded on and was in port in good time, and was commended for his swift passage. But he could not get out of his mind the memory of that signal of distress out there on the wild seas, and the sight through the glass of that one man on the piece of wreck left there to perish. By day and night that picture haunted him.

"As we are hurrying on these busy days' do we see no signals of distress on life's broad sea? Do we hear no cries, no bitter wails from souls that are out on the angry waves? Do we heed the signals and hearken to the cries? Do we turn away from our business, our pleasure, our ease, our money getting, our petty ambitions, to carry rescue to those souls that are perishing, or that are in sorrow? Or do we hurry on and say we have no time for these things, no time to save our brothers, no time to lift up fallen ones, no time to wipe away a tear? If we do not turn aside to help or save, may not our deepest sorrow in eternity be the memory of cries of distress unheeded? May not the visions of the perishing ones who called to us for help and got no answer, whom we have left unhelped out on the wild waves, haunt us forever?"

"Look all around you, find some one in need,

Help somebody today.

Though it be little, a neighborly deed,

Help somebody today.

Help somebody today, somebody along life's way,

Let sorrow be ended, the friendless befriended.

Oh help somebody today."

F. W. PAAP.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. S. Brown, Sec.

News Notes

The colporteur work in this field is progressing nicely. Brother Butler writes that he is much encouraged with the outlook.

The Sabbath School department is much pleased to see several church members developed from conversions in this branch. The offerings are also on the increase.

Last week two reports show over \$100 in sales each. Surely now is the time for our people to scatter the literature.

Last Wednesday evening Elder Robbins and Brother Manry returned to the city

Did Some One Fail to Reach Their Goal--Help Them.

after a three weeks' visit among the northern churches. They met with seventeen churches and companies. Seven people who had been thinking seriously about the truth, took their stand for the Sabbath. Our brethren are reaching out after souls.

Although many of the churches visited have no regular minister, yet not one had a discouraging note.

Brother Manry reports that the Home Missionary record shows 40 conversions during the last quarter.

Elder Durrant baptised 22 as a result of the tent effort held among the colored people. Others will be taken into the church soon.

The membership of the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church has increased to the extent that the church is hardly large enough for the members. At the present rate of increase we will soon have 250 upon our list.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is taking the attention of our people this week. All who have written to the office were full of courage. Some have ordered their second lot of papers. With the Lord's help we hope to reach our goal soon.

NEW JERSEY

St. Francis & Columbus Aves., Trenton
W. H. Heckman, Pres. C. Lawry, Sec.

Evangelistic Work in Newark

The meetings in Newark began August 8, and were carried on continuously till October 7. The attendance has been good from the beginning, and with the exception of two rainy nights the weather has been uniformly all that could be asked. The interest has been and still is good, and the prospects are that a large addition will be made to the membership of the Newark Church. It was encouraging to note that after the presentation of the testing truths the attendance continued as large as before, and was regular.

The donations for over eight weeks amounted to over \$678.00, paying all the expenses of the meeting. After a lesson had been given on "Tithing," a gentleman came to Elder MacNeil and asked him if he would accept some tithe, as he felt convicted that he ought to pay it into the Lord's cause. Elder MacNeil told him that he would receive it and pay it into the Lord's treasury, and the gentleman

handed him a roll of bills amounting to \$123.00. Another man, who had been a regular attendant, stated that as the Lord had prospered him in life, and had given him sufficient of the goods of this world to place him in comfortable circumstances, that he now felt that he ought to make acknowledgment of his obligation and to return a faithful tithe. On different evenings little envelopes containing an amount of money marked "tithe" have been placed in the basket, and this shows the impression the lesson on tithing has made on the minds of the people.

The book sales for the eight weeks amounted to \$150.00 and a large quantity of literature was distributed freely in the community in which the tent was located.

Elder J. W. MacNeil is the minister in charge, and has done all of the preaching. A corps of workers have been assisting in the work by visiting, distributing literature and conducting Bible readings, and the undersigned has been looking after the business connected with the meeting.

It is the intention to still further cultivate the interest aroused in this place by continuing the meetings in a prominent place in the city during the winter. The people are asking for additional instruction, and have been carrying what they have received back to their homes and to their preachers, very much to the discomfort and perplexity of the latter, however. A prominent Methodist minister has advertised that he will tell his people who changed the Sabbath next Sunday night. The Lord is doing a mighty work for the people of Newark, and it is hoped that it will continue till this great city has received the warning message.

T. D. GIBSON.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
Jennie Burdick, Sec.
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

John McHenry has recently moved to Parkersburg. He is busy working with the colporteurs and starting new ones in the field.

Are you going to take the Young Peoples' Reading Course this year? It is now time to begin. Order your books from the West Virginia Book Society. Fifteen from Parkersburg have already pledged to take the Reading Course, also nine of the members of the Walker-Kanawha Young People's Society have pledged to take the Reading Course this year.

Last winter some of our colporteurs held a series of meetings in the Homewood schoolhouse a few miles out from

Parkersburg. Several began to keep the Sabbath. Sunday night meetings have been held there for the past six weeks. The interest is growing and two more have taken their stand for the Sabbath and we feel sure others will soon.

Miss Ruth Fahrner passed through Parkersburg last week enroute to Ohio, to conduct a private school in the home of Elder C. T. Redfield during the winter.

Reports are coming in from the different Sabbath schools and we are very much pleased with the offerings made on the thirteenth Sabbath. The Helvetia school gave \$1.00 per member, and there were three visitors present, not of our faith, who also gave \$1.00 each. The offering from Charleston was \$61.82, or \$1.62 per member.

Miss Jessie Welsh, who had been doing Bible Work in Charleston, passed through Parkersburg last week enroute to Morgantown to connect with the effort which Elder Westbrook will conduct in that place beginning October 21.

Brother G. W. Ellers, who has been the chorister in the three tent efforts held in Huntington this summer, will connect with the effort in Morgantown.

The first report of Harvest Ingathering work for this season came from the Chester Church, our smallest church. Their goal is \$5.00 per member and we feel sure they will reach it. Have you done any work with the Harvest Ingathering papers this fall? We hope that every member will have a part in this campaign. If you need papers, send your order to the West Virginia Book Society and it will have prompt attention.

The church school in Parkersburg opened October 16, with Miss Hazel Leach in charge.

Misses Embleton and Geissinger were recent visitors at the conference office.

Love for lost souls brought Christ to Calvary's cross. Love for souls will lead us to self-denial and sacrifice, for the saving of that which is lost.—Testimonies.

We are to practice the same self-sacrifice that led Him to give Himself up to the death of the cross, to make it possible for human beings to have eternal life.—Testimonies.

This May Be Your Last Opportunity-- Make the Best of it.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Words of Encouragement

Just a few lines to let you know that the District of Columbia Conference is still alive, and enjoying fairly good health in the missionary work of the Lord.

All the churches in the conference are now actively engaged in the distribution of the Harvest Ingathering magazines, and receiving good liberal donations to help carry on the work of God among the people who have not heard the last message of mercy, which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

One sister, Mary J. Owens, of Foneswood, Virginia, who is over seventy years of age, and lives in the country where her nearest neighbors are about one quarter of a mile from her home, writes me the following: "I know that God has work for us all to do, and may we be faithful in doing our part. I have already taken twenty of the Watchman Harvest Ingathering Papers and have disposed of ten, and have sent the money in to Brother Taylor. I hope to sell and give away the other ten in a few days.

"I know that we have not long to work for the Master before He comes in the clouds of glory, so I am trying to do what I can, while I can. I have prevailed on our members here to have cottage prayer meetings, so we started the meetings about two months ago, first at one home, then at another. We have a pretty good interest. We have a nice little Sabbath School, and also are planning on having a church school. Pray for our success.

May the Lord bless you, and all of His workers, and may He bring us safely into His kingdom, is my prayer for His name's sake."

I thought that perhaps this report might stimulate those of us who are younger in years to do more for the Lord. I know if all of our church members would do as this dear old sister is doing, the Harvest Ingathering work would soon be finished, and in fact all the work of God, and we would very quickly see Jesus face to face.

Only those who are active missionaries will be ready to see Jesus in peace when He soon comes. By the help of the Lord, in two and one-half hours, I solicited and received \$13.25, and gave away 30 papers.

I find that the gentiles are ready to give of their means to help spread the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth.

I believe as our faith is, so shall it be. Let us pray much so that we may have

power from God, as we go out into the homes of the people with these good magazines filled with gems of truth. I know that God's people are soon to triumph and enter those mansions Jesus is preparing, and I am determined to triumph with them. FLOYD EDSON GIBSON,
Missionary Secretary.

News Notes

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is being entered into with enthusiasm by every church in the conference. Ephesus and First Churches have set goals of \$300 each and are well organized for work. Capitol Hill Church has accepted the suggestion of \$5.00 per member, and set a goal of \$300 for its sixty members. Memorial Church, whose last year's aim was \$350, is this year setting its mark at \$650, with unalloyed confidence that, by the power of God, it will not fall short. Takoma Park and Sligo Churches are well organized and funds are coming in. From various churches reports of amounts of \$7.00, \$12.50, \$4.50, etc., are coming. Success is in the air this year. God's Spirit seems to bear up our aims and efforts more than ever before. The conference goal has been set at \$3,500. We are attempting Great Things For God these days and are counting on you to do your bit.

Five were baptized at a special baptismal service at Memorial Church, Sunday, September 30. Several others are awaiting baptism about the middle of October. Souls are constantly being won to the truth on all sides. Are you enjoying a share in these efforts put forth? Who knows but that your next door neighbor may now be awaiting your message of love and hope. Watch your opportunity, and "Win them one by one."

Elders Harter and Enoch spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Kilmarnock Church, encouraging the faithful company there in their earnest efforts. The Harvest Ingathering work was already making good headway, one brother having secured more than \$12.00, imparting to him a determination to raise it to \$20.00 before the close of the campaign. Pledges and donations for the new college building were taken amounting to \$150.00.

The Laurel tent effort is progressing steadily, and several are manifesting a sincere interest in the testing truths now being presented. The tent has been well banked with straw, and, with the two wood stoves, we are prepared to defy any

usual October temperature. There are prospects of a good nucleus for a Laurel church as a result of the effort. We feel the need, however, of your continued earnest prayers that our hopes may become a blessed realization before the close of the year.

Brother J. I. Butcher called at the office the first of the week on his way from Northumberland County to new territory in Fairfax County. Brother Butcher is enjoying immensely the great work of placing "Great Controversy" in the homes where the truth has not yet reached. He has delivered some \$800 worth during the past three months in the Southeastern part of the conference and plans to continue until the first of the year at least.

We are glad to report plans being made for a church school at Kilmarnock, Va., just as soon as a teacher can be arranged for. This is the fifth church school in the conference this year. In addition to a continuation of the schools at Takoma Park and Capitol Hill Church, schools have been organized at Ephesus Church, Foneswood, and Kilmarnock. Let the good work increase. Our people are learning that it is worth while to make these special efforts for the safety of our children and youth. Happy homes in the earth made new will testify to the value of these efforts.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.
W. F. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

News Notes

Miss Amy Walters stopped over in Gordonsville a few days on her way home from New York to Republic Grove, where she will take charge of the church school this year.

Brethren F. E. Hankins and W. H. Jones paid a visit to the Valley last Sabbath in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. Monday, October 15, was set apart as field day for the academy, and all of the students took part, separating into bands and visiting the nearby towns and cities. We hope to report later the full amount raised which promises to be very satisfactory. The brethren also visited the Stanley Church in the interest of the same work. These Brethren also report a splendid beginning for the Shenandoah Valley Academy this year, with a school full of students and the best possible spirit prevailing

The Nation Over-Subscribes its Goal-- Should Not God's People?

throughout the school family. Let us rally to the support of this noble work and help both with our means and influence.

OHIO

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Dayton and Hamilton

Acting on the recommendation of the conference committee we came to Hamilton to take up the work. Elder T. B. Westbrook had just closed an evangelistic campaign. Thus we found a good company of believers and an interest that we trust may be developed until many accept Jesus as their Saviour and walk in the light of present truth. Sister Cora B. Gibson's tireless labors, under the blessing of God, have been the means of adding many to the church membership.

Before leaving Dayton the Lord gave me the privilege of baptising four persons who had recently accepted the truth. Sabbath, October 13, two persons followed their Lord in baptism to unite with the Hamilton Church.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord." The approaching events of that great day call for a deeper consecration to service and this is our desire as we enter upon the work here.

J. J. MARIETTA.

Special

Teaching Obedience

"In these last days children are so noted for their disobedience and disrespect that God has noticed it and it constitutes a sign that the end is near."

Every one of us as parents should ask ourselves if we are rearing our children to strengthen the influence and swell the ranks of darkness or for the cause of Christ. Unless we are successfully teaching our children the importance of obedience, they will grow up to dishonor both God and their parents.

Feeling the great need of positive knowledge as to the best methods of teaching obedience, I have almost wished that my study had resulted in discovering some infallible rules which could be followed invariably, but God has given us foundation principles and nothing can take the place of a living connection with Him to work out their application in our own lives and those of our children.

There are three essentials to the successful training of children. As they all begin with the same letter, they will not be hard to remember. They are patience,

painstaking effort, and prayer. We are told that angels of God flee from a home where there are unpleasant words, fretfulness and strife, and that we drive Christ away by an impatient, passionate spirit. Without either Christ or the angels to help us, what can we hope to accomplish?

We must learn to control our own spirits. The Bible tells us that he who rules his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city. If we know that, we have our own selves under perfect control. We can with quietness and confidence attempt to control our children and our efforts will be successful. Then let patience do her perfect work.

Too many of us depend more upon pain giving than painstaking efforts. The latter takes more time, wisdom, prayer, and patience, but results in developing character instead of blind or sullen submission. The painstaking effort must begin with the babe in the cradle. They necessitate a careful study of the disposition and temperament of each child under our care, and of the best way to train or restrain its natural tendencies. Every normal healthy child is possessed with a mind and a will of its own, with energy enough to make a move or less emphatic effort to get what it wants. A strong will rightly directed and consecrated will enable our children to stand firm in the trying times which we know are before them. If they are taught nothing better than to yield blindly to a stronger will than theirs simply to avoid bodily pain, what will keep them in times of persecution?

Painstaking effort will endeavor to teach obedience from principle rather than from fear. Love should be the motive power. Jesus said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." In all our experiences, no doubt, have come the times when our efforts to obtain obedience from love and principle seem to fail and we are face to face with a wilful disobedience.

Here arises the question of punishment. Some writers advocate letting the natural consequences of the disobedience be the only punishment. No doubt we have all read much on the pro and con for corporal punishment. It is evident from the word of God that disobedience demands punishment, and if we let a wilful disobedience go unpunished, we give the children a wrong impression. The method of punishment must be left to the individual parent who knows her own child, but one thing is certain that the rod is far superior to no punishment at all.

It takes painstaking effort to contrive other effectual means of punishment. I always feel a measure of defeat when I resort to the whip to gain obedience, but am still convinced that it is better to

secure obedience by its use than to let a child have its own way. We have Bible examples of the dreadful results of the parent's failure to restrain his children.

We must be careful in giving our commands. We must not hastily make unreasonable demands or accompany them with threats. We must convince the child by our words and works that our requests are just and right and that we mean what we say. We can never do this by making unreasonable demands or by yielding to the childish entreaties to let them have their way or what they want when once it has been denied. But by far the best help a parent has in teaching obedience is the privilege of prayer which every one of us can use. O! it is good to feel that an ever watchful eye is upon us and our children. An ear is ever open to a call for help that rather than see us fail, every angel in heaven would be sent to our rescue if necessary. In my own experience I have found that nothing has ever helped in the struggles with stubborn wills like prayer with and for the children. A parent who can first kneel with a child and get it to surrender in prayer and then administer a punishment needed and willingly submitted to, has gained an infinitely greater and more lasting victory than the one who, vexed at the child for disobedience, administers the rod more in anger than in love, and thereby obtains a sullen obedience. It takes time to pray, and so many times the struggles come when we are tired and nervous and overwhelmed with pressing duties and it seems we cannot take time to pray, but it pays. God grant that we may all be patient, spare no painstaking effort or opportunity for prayer that we may be able to teach our children obedience and claim the promise that they shall "all be taught of God."

DR. RUTH MERRIT MILLER.

(Read in parent's meeting. August 22, 1917, at camp-meeting.)

Coming to Our Doors

The other day I was talking with an elderly sister about the opportunities for service on the part of some of our sisters who cannot leave their homes very often.

"Oh yes," she remarked, "they are coming to our very doors," and she went on to tell me of a vegetable man who calls at her door each week.

One morning he asked our sister about the treatment for pellagra. She gave him some copies of "Life and Health" in which suggestions were made regarding the diet of persons thus afflicted. This information was greatly appreciated. Later our sister made up a package of "Our Little Friend" for the man's children.

Yours for the Union Goal \$25,000--and Still Another Goal.

Inside these papers she placed certain copies of the *Signs of the Times*—intended for the older members of the family. An interest was created. The vegetable man offered to carry some *Signs of the Times* to his neighbors. The interest grew and now our sister has had to secure help in visiting and instructing the several interested families in the valley where the vegetable man lives. Results will doubtless follow such seed sowing. Let us show ourselves friendly to the tradespeople coming to our doors, speak the warning message kindly, and place some reading matter in their hands. Here is a mission for every mother in our ranks—at her own door.

Brother J. R. Ferren, manager of the Pacific Press Branch in Kansas City, wrote us and stated that during an enthusiastic missionary meeting at the recent Colorado camp-meeting many orders were given for clubs of the *Signs of the Times*. Among the experiences related was one by Professor H. A. Morrison, who with Mrs. Morrison had recently taken a number of the *Signs of the Times* in the College View Church club. They had sent these to persons who had purchased "Bible Readings" from student colporteurs and followed with correspondence. One lady in answer to Sister Morrison's letter said she thinks the *Signs of the Times* a wonderful paper. "I believe everything that the *Signs of the Times* teaches," she continued, "unless it is the Sabbath. I had always believed that Sunday was the Sabbath. Now I don't know. I want a chance to study. Where can I find a minister? I wish I knew who it was that brought me that good 'Bible Readings.'"

"How wonderfully," adds Brother Ferren, "the various methods and agencies for reaching people fit together. The book, the *Signs*, a personal letter, opens the way for the work of the minister if one can be secured. Thousands wait to be pointed heavenward by the simple lines of home missionary work in which everyone can have a part."

Dear Reader, may I suggest to you a simple plan that hundreds of our people are adopting and by which they are reaching many with the message of the hour? Order a little club of the *Signs of the Times* sent to your address each week—new and bright and brimful of stirring articles on the meaning of current events. If you cannot give the circulation of these papers your personal attention, arrange for the publishers to mail them for a period of time to your friends and others. This is just the kind of work that is bringing daily inquiries and subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* office from all over the land, and which doubtless will finally result in many definite trophies for the kingdom.

ERNEST LLOYD.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending October 5, 1917									
J. S. Seal, Logan Co.		BR	5	28	25	95 50	15 75	111 25	10 25
W. E. Arnett, Logan		BR	5	50	24	92 50	9 90	102 45	4 25
C. G. Mays, Pendleton Co.		BR	5	41	29	115 50		115 50	1 75
Norman Haye, Fayette Co.		BR	5	38	30	136 00	5 25	141 25	1 75
W. C. Fisher, Mingo		BR	5		7	28 50	19 75	48 25	42 25
N. D. Fisher, Mingo		BR	5			17 50	38 00	55 50	38 50
Mrs N. D. Fisher, Mingo		WW				22 00			16 90
W. A. McElphatrick, Greenbrier		COL							93 25
C. E. Wills, Ohio Co.		PPF	4	46	17	42 50	33 55	76 05	
Miscellaneous						337 50		337 30	
Totals	9 Agents					\$887 30	122 20	1009 50	\$207 15

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 12, 1917									
Margaret Bateman, Cambria Co.		HM	3	13	18	48 00	3 50	51 50	
Paul Baroudi, Washington Co.		BR	4	28	13	45 50	7 50	53 00	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SP,SD	10	90		72 00	76 70	149 60	98 05
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	37	25	107 00	3 50	110 50	6 00
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	5	39	4	6 00	6 00	12 00	17 25
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		BR	5	39	32	133 00	4 50	137 50	12 00
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	23	25	105 50	2 85	108 35	2 85
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	32	12	48 00		48 00	
Totals	8 Agents		42	301	129	\$565 00	\$105 45	\$670 45	136 15

Ohio, Week Ending October 12, 1917									
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	45	12	50 00	4 50	54 50	9 25
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	45	8	29 50	7 75	37 25	37 75
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	5	44	15	55 50	4 00	59 50	4 00
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	4	34	12	47 00	3 75	50 75	1 50
O. E. Taylor, Franklin		PPF	5	28	16	45 50	1 25	46 75	23 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Mont.		BR	4	27	3	11 50	75	12 25	114 50
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.	W. C. Series	3	26			7 50		7 50	42 00
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	3	23	4	11 50		11 50	3 50
C. H. Ries, Butler Co.		DR	3	22	11	40 50	75	41 25	
Mrs. C. Kelly, Van Buren Co.		BR	2	21	3	10 50	75	11 25	78 25
Mrs. C. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	2	21	6	21 00	3 50	24 50	3 50
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana		BR	3	17	4	14 00	8 25	22 25	12 40
Mrs. Yingling, Columbiana		BR	3	17	4	17 00	5 50	22 50	3 75
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull		BR	5	13	4	16 00		16 00	
Clara Weber, Jefferson Co.		BR							48 00
Totals	15 Agents		52	383	102	\$377 00	\$ 40 75	\$417 75	382 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October, 12, 1917									
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkil Co.		BR	5	40	18	74 00	7 15	81 15	
C. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	47	12	52 75	1 25	54 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	41	12	44 00	4 50	48 50	
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.		BR	4	37	9	35 50	4 75	40 25	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	5	39	58	35 55		35 55	
G. Caine, Schuylkil Co.		BR	5	47	5	18 50	7 10	25 60	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	3	8			9 00	9 00	
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	4	32			14 40	14 40	
Totals	8 Agents		36	291	114	260 30	48 15	308 45	

Virginia, Week Ending October 12, 1917									
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.		BR	5	36	6	21 00	10 00	31 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Nelson Co.		BR	2	20					80 00
Total	2 Agents		7	56	6	\$21 00	\$10 00	\$31 00	80 00

West Virginia, Week Ending October 12, 1917

J. S. Seal, Logan Co.	BR	5	24	39	140	50	28	15	168	65	16	90
C. G. Mays, Pendleton Co.	HM	5	42	21	76	50			76	50	1	50
N. Haye, Fayette Co.	BR	4		15	56	50	4	25	60	75	4	25
W. E. Arnett, Logan Co.	BR	4	21	6	21	00	11	75	32	75		
C. E. Will, Ohio Co.	PPF	5	44	12	38	00	20	25	58	25		
W. A. McElphatrick, Greenbrier	COL	5	41								180	25
Totals	6 Agents				20	172	93	\$332 50	64	40	396	90 202 90

District of Columbia, Week Ending October 5, 1917

J. I. Butcher, Northumberland	GC	3	29		14	00	14	00	291	50		
H. L. Suder, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	27						186	00		
Totals	2 Agents				7	56			14	00	14	00 \$477 50

Grand Totals: 50 Agents Value of Orders \$2457 10 Deliveries, \$1485 85

Principle of Conservation

In helping to feed Europe, an important factor is transportation. It is difficult to procure sufficient vessels for the purpose. For this reason it is important to transport foods in the most concentrated form possible. About four times as much nutrition can be carried in the form of grain as in the form of potatoes. Therefore the shipment of potatoes or of any other vegetables to Europe would be extremely wasteful, and the cost to the consumer would probably be prohibitive.

We must ship carbohydrates or starch in the form of cereals, especially wheat and in order to do this, we may use more largely of carbohydrates in the form of vegetables. It must be admitted that cereals are the cheapest source of carbohydrate, for when we buy vegetables we pay for about 90 per cent water. On the other hand, a high cereal diet, though the cheapest, is not the best unless it is supplemented with fruits and vegetables. Most victims of pellagra are found to have lived largely on cereals, especially denatured cereals, from which the germ and part of the bran have been removed. To what extent the exclusive cereal diet is responsible for this is at present unknown but it probably has an important influence.

For this reason, to say nothing of sparing food for Europe, it is advantageous to live on a diet containing a considerable proportion of garden vegetables including potatoes.

It should not be forgotten that milk contains important nutritional elements that are either lacking or present in too small quantity in the cereals.

Intelligent conservation, so far as the cereals are concerned, would be, (1) substitution of some other cereal for wheat at one meal every day, (2) the fairly liberal use of garden vegetables, and the free use of milk, especially for the younger members of the family.

Your time, your talents, your means,—all are to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost.—Testimonies.

The Kaiser, The Bible and Destiny

A short time ago the following statement, that to us is ridiculous, appeared in one of the big Eastern dailies: "The beast with the two horns in Rev. 13:11 represents Germany and Austria." Seven other equally absurd ideas were voiced in the article. It is plainly evident that there is need of giving wide circulation to such publications as the SIGNS Magazine. The heading of this paragraph is also the heading of a fine, easily understood article that appears in the November number. This article based on the prophecy of Dan. 7, will set some uninformed and other misinformed persons straight. Will your friends and acquaintances be among them?

Mount Vernon Academy

Owing to the many "Special" issues of the VISITOR and the large amount of space devoted to the Home missionary work because of its importance, it has been impossible for us to give space to news items. We shall endeavor to have some in each week in the future.

Up to the present time we have an enrollment of 135 students and others are still coming.

We have a fine class of students and a good spirit prevails throughout.

The Ministerial and Bible Workers Bands have opened with large memberships and expect to do a good work this year.

Wednesday of last week was set apart for the students to go out with the Harvest Ingathering Watchman. The visible results obtained by chapel hour on Thursday were \$118.85 in cash, many good experiences and a group of happy students.

Mrs. Ella O. Robbins of South Lan-

caster, Mass., spent several weeks at the home of her son, Professor A. C. Robbins, on her return from Pacific Union College, where she also spent some time with a son.

We were pleased to have Brother C. V. Leach occupy the chapel hour on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Pitaton, Pa., a young couple who recently accepted the truth, were called home, as Mr. Brown was called to serve his country.

Mrs. Hocket of Wichita, Kans., visited the school last week and is contemplating sending her son.

Mrs. E. L. Hayman of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent some time visiting her niece, Miss Willetta Heiser, and friends.

Mrs. H. Teesdale and her daughter, Miss Clara Teesdale, of Colusa, Ill., are spending some time at the home of Professor and Mrs. W. H. Teesdale.

OBITUARIES

LAUDER.—Mary M. was born April 25, 1836, in Brown Township, Knox County, Ohio. Her marriage to Mr. Lauder occurred January 4, 1872, whose death took place May 11, 1915. The only son and his wife also preceded her in death. Upon the death of her beloved companion she made her home with Mrs. Mary Hubbard of Academia, where she remained, and from whom she received most faithful care, until the time of her death, which occurred at 8 o'clock A. M., October 3, 1917, at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

In 1883 through the ministry of Elder Mann, Brother and Sister Lauder were led to accept present truth and became charter members of the Mt. Vernon S. D. A. Church at the time of its organization.

Sister Lauder's one ambition was to so live and labor and trust in the promises of God that she might be prepared for the call of her master. As a sheaf fully ripe for the harvest she waits for the great gathering time. Her many friends and loved ones who have known her to be a devoted and constant Christian, mourn not as they who have no hope in the promised reward and the resurrection morning. E. K. SLADE.

WHEATON.—Jennie Dunlap was born in Toledo, Ohio, September 25, 1848, and was married to Francis Wheaton in Brooklyn, N. Y., September 19, 1889. She accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventists in 1901 in New York City, when

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Elder S. N. Haskell was laboring there. She passed away at her home on "Hovenkopf" Mountain near Suffern, N. Y., September 28, 1917, after a lingering illness of nearly four months. She leaves her husband, a sister, a brother, a nephew, a niece, and four adopted children, who will all miss her. She had an amiable and unselfish disposition, was always trying to help others. She started the school work on the mountain, giving her time, energy, and ability, gratis, for several years, for the education of a number of poor children for whom no other provision was made; the school is now under state direction.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer [who has been acquainted with her for nearly 18 years,] to the sorrowing family, and a large circle of friends, from Rev. 14: 13 and other scriptures. She was laid to rest on the mountain side in a spot of her own choosing, to await the call of the Life Giver.

R. H. MARTIN.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

WANTED.—Competent girl to do cooking and another to learn baking in Adventist establishment. Must be at least 20 to 25 years old or older. Good position for reliable people. Address Miss Bertha Grœunke, 2142 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

FOR SALE. The corner Grocery with full stock of goods, house with 19 rooms, 2 baths, horse, 2 sleighs, 4 wagons, 1 auto truck, barn, shed, garage, etc. Prefer to sell in lump. Address F. P. Munn, South Lancaster, Mass.

Married man desires place on a farm to hire by the year. Church school privileges preferred. Address J. Revens, Cuckoo, Va.

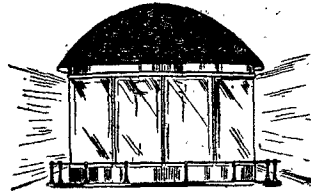
FOR SALE.—Seven-room modern house. Two lots, stable, some fruit. Two blocks south of church. For particulars address W. J. Huffman, College View, Neb.

WANTED.—Middle-aged or younger Adventist shoemaker who is a good repairer. Good wages will be paid. With a view to constant employment, correspond with T. A. Stagg, 29 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

An Appeal

Second-hand shoes and clothing for adults and children could be used to great advantage during these winter months. Prepay all freight, please. Address W. H. Sebastian, 1779 Lexington St., Norfolk, Va.

The work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness. Christ is dishonored . . . when for lack of means workers cannot be sent to destitute fields.—Testimonies.



"For a light of the Nations and for salvation to the ends of the earth."

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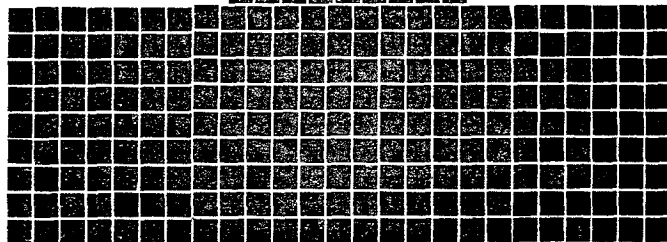
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