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Harvest Ingathering Results for 1917

I feel to congratulate the believers in the churches of Ohio on the splendid work that has been done in our Harvest Ingathering effort during the past few months. The amounts of money gathered in from these efforts during the past years has averaged from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Many will remember that through a special effort we succeeded in raising \$5,000 last year. This year we set our goal a little higher, and it is evident that everyone has worked a little harder with the result of gathering in approximately \$6,500 this year. Our gain over the splendid accomplishments of last year, you will see, was \$1,500, which is considerably more than the entire amount raised in 1916. This is evidence to us that by planning and organizing, and each one doing his bit, results come that will mean much in helping to hasten on the finishing of the work. Now, perhaps everyone did not do his bit last year. I suppose there are those who did nothing. I would like to suppose that we plan that each one shall do his bit, and more than that—that each one shall do his best the coming year. I very much appreciate the earnest activity of our Home Missionary Secretary, Elder Christman, and the hearty co-operation of those who have helped to make these splendid results possible. It is our privilege to rejoice in the advancement of the cause. I take it that that is the most precious thing for our people. We have reached a time in the history of the work that we should be deeply concerned about the finishing of this task that it may be possible for God's faithful children to so enter into the reward of the faithful.

E. K. SLADE.

The tithe receipts for the year were \$3,300, which is nearly \$1,000 in advance of the previous year. About \$100 more was received on the Harvest Ingathering fund than for 1916. A similar growth in all lines and in the work in general is indicated for Cincinnati. The good work that is in progress in that important city is very much appreciated.

A Million Dollars for Missions in 1918

We want to keep this large plan for 1918 before our people. It sounds big to talk about raising one million dollars for missions in one year, yet it seems evident from the results of the past year that this thing will be accomplished. It calls for everyone to do his part. The success in each local church will depend very much upon the faithfulness of the church elder and those associated with him in leading out and keeping up the quota from month to month.

I hope that everything that comes from the conference office designed to aid this campaign will be quickly adopted and set in operation in its true purpose. We are engaged in a work that calls for promptness, activity, and sacrifice. A few years ago it would have been thought quite impossible to raise 25 cents a week per member for missions. We aimed for 20 cents a member for 1917, and it is found, as you will see from the report of the conference treasurer, that we have passed 26 cents a member. Now, that we are working for 25 cents a week per member for 1918 will it not be a welcome and gratifying accomplishment if we can go as far beyond that as we have beyond the 20 cent-a-week aim this year? Let us set out earnestly for the accomplishment of that. I feel that we shall not have many more years in which to plan and labor and set goals and work out problems like this for the cause of God.

E. K. SLADE.

Reaching the Ideal

Several weeks have passed since we stepped across the threshold into the activities of the new year, and now that final reports of our work for the year that has passed into history have been completed we felt that possibly the readers of the "Visitor" would be pleased to learn of the success that has attended the efforts of our people in the various churches in Ohio in their soul-winning activities. We cannot in a few words give many details right from individual experience, but trust that this brief synopsis of results will help us to appreciate just what it means to co-operate with heavenly angels in the great work of God in the earth. We can only wish it were possible for the hundreds of our people in Ohio who have been real soul-winners during 1917 to have a grand reunion, and thus have opportunity for a mutual rehearsal of experiences.

During the closing months of the past year we have been putting forth every possible effort to develop a simple, concrete organization for missionary work in every church. Our people in the churches have given a noble response to this effort, and as we launch out upon the duties of the present year we find our forces prepared for a strong united move. This is as it should be, and is in full harmony with the pointed instructions given us by the servant of God. Prayer and missionary bands formed in practically every church are exerting a strong influence in the development of the missionary spirit. We trust that as the many bands meet together from time to time the Spirit of God will do the first work, that of binding the hearts of the brethren and sisters together in the bonds of Christian unity, and secondly kindling upon the altars of their hearts a passion for souls.

We are glad to report that the final records of our Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1917 went beyond our expectations. Approximately 54,000 Harvest Ingathering Watchmen were placed in the homes of our friends and neighbors in Ohio, and as a result our people forwarded to the office \$6450.00 for missions. This is almost \$1500.00 beyond our efforts for the previous year. In this effort our

In a letter just received by Elder Slade from Elder J. H. Behrens, the pastor of the Cincinnati Church, the results of the work in that church are given for the year 1917. The Cincinnati Church has made splendid advancement in all lines.

"Satan lies in ambush, ready to destroy those whose leisure gives him opportunity to insinuate himself under some attractive disguise. He is never more successful than when he comes to men in their idle hours."

faithful people have received a unique training. They have been brought in close touch with many in the outside world who are groping in darkness and yet longing for a word of hope, a message of cheer, and a ray of light that will lead them out of the gross darkness that is enshrouding their souls, where they can grasp by faith the hand of Christ. Thus an excellent foundation has been laid for a promising work in practically every church. This is reaching the ideal, and will mean much in the future success of the work.

Right at this juncture we want to urge upon our people the importance of utilizing the resources at hand, and during the coming months build upon the foundation which has been laid. Within a few days every church in Ohio will receive material and instructions concerning the Present Truth, and the possibilities in its use in systematic effort among our friends and neighbors. We trust that from center to circumference in the Buckeye state this little periodical will be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

Brother, sister, seek the Lord earnestly in this hour of crisis, when everything earthly is fast fading away, for a new life, and a new enthusiasm. Think what it will mean to your church, to your community, to your own soul. To lay all upon the altar for service will be the essential step to bring into our own hearts the "peace of God that passes all understanding," and prepare us for an abundant entrance into the kingdom of God.

H. K. CHRISTMAN. Home Missionary Secretary.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.
J. O. Miller, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

Put in Full Time

To the colporteurs of the Chesapeake Conference, and others who may be interested, Greetings:—

As we are starting upon another year, and the time is here when we are making resolutions that we may keep its pages clean and white, there is one resolution that I hope will not only find a place among your many others, but one that you will persevere in keeping all the way through the year, and that is in regard to our time. Much has been said and written about this, but too much cannot be said, for this is the very point that has caused (would I be exaggerating to say 90 per cent of?) our colporteurs to make a complete failure of the Master's work. Faithfulness will surely be rewarded, and while the writer in times past has felt that it was not much use to canvass on holidays, I have been convinced otherwise by the following letter which I received from our faithful colporteur, J. E. Jones, a part of

which reads as follows:

The Lord blessed me wonderfully because I pressed the battle hard against my own human feelings in Christmas week. The old adversary wanted me to retreat back to my camp Christmas eve, where the fire burned bright on the hearth at home, but I said 'No! I will march on to the front,' and praise His dear name, a great victory was won. I have some good things to tell you when we meet again."

Brother Jones took \$31.25 worth of orders on Christmas day, and \$114.25 for that week. Was not that truly a glorious victory, not only in dollars and cents, but look at the many truth-filled books which will be placed in the hands of the people, and also the victory won over self. Dear brethren and sisters, let us profit by this good testimony, for the night is fast settling down upon this wicked world when it will be too late to work, then the faithful ones will enjoy the uninterrupted companionship of their loved ones through all eternity.

M. S. PETTIBONE, Field Miss. Sec'y.

News Notes

Chesapeake Conference is filled with praise and thanksgiving for the many rich blessings of the past year. Among other things to be thankful for is the fact that we have come out on our twenty-cent-a-week fund. This means that we have raised in the conference \$7405.82. We have passed our allotted apportionment on this fund by \$125.82.

At the beginning of the Harvest In-gathering Campaign we set our goal for \$2000.00. The receipts on Harvest In-gathering for the year were \$2597.29. So again we have great cause for thankfulness, and we hereby express to our dear people in the Chesapeake Conference our thanks for the noble part you have taken in this great cause. We appreciate your faithfulness and your spirit of sacrifice, for we know work like this is never done without work, prayer and sacrifice.

Let us plan now that we will not come behind in any of these things in the year 1918, and although our General Conference brethren are asking that we do more this year than before, we know the seriousness of the times demands our most faithful and consecrated efforts, and let us not for one moment complain that they are asking us to raise from 20 cents to 25 cents per week per member. We can do it if we will.

Brother O. C. Weller, one of our colporteurs, has had a very interesting experience in his work in West Virginia. He met there a man who had been searching for truth, and who said when he heard the

canvass for "Bible Readings," that he knew Brother Weller had been brought to him in answer to prayer, that he had one of the books on the "Return of Jesus" and that he was preaching that Jesus is coming soon, to all he would meet, even holding meetings on the street. When shown the truth in regard to the Sabbath, he immediately accepted it. The question of proper care of the body next came to his attention and upon learning that the body is the temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, he at once threw his pipe and tobacco into the field, saying he would no longer defile his body with the filthy weed. Through his efforts another family became interested and began the observance of the Sabbath. Calls have come from them for a regular series of meetings, as others in the community are interested, and Elder A. S. Kellogg left Baltimore yesterday to spend a few days there with Brother Weller, to investigate and see what plans may be laid for the further development of the work.

Elder and Mrs. A. S. Booth are now located at 139 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, Md., and he will hold a series of theater meetings there. His first meeting was held Sunday night, January 13. The theater seats 1900 people. Every seat was taken and about 200 stood through the entire service, and many were turned away and could not gain admittance. The offering for the first night, without any urging at all amounted to \$60.64. This is another evidence that the people are searching for something they do not have. Let us pray for the effort in that place.

Elder A. S. Kellogg, who has come from California to take the place of Elder Booth as pastor of the Baltimore No. 1 Church, is located at 2939½ West North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Elder J. O. Miller spent a day with the newly organized church in Dover, Del., and held a public service on Sunday night. A splendid audience was in attendance, although the weather was very unpleasant. So we have great hopes for the work in Dover.

Elder G. P. Rodgers has been having quite a number of additions to his church recently.

Elder J. O. Miller, who was confined to the house for a few days because of a severe cold, is again able to be out.

The church in Wilmington was unfortunate enough to have their boiler burst

for them again. For a number of weeks they could not hold services, but it has been reported that they have been holding cottage meetings and that they will have baptism soon of four or five adults.

Elder G. A. Stevens has been suffering considerably from laryngitis and la grippe, but is improving.

Elder Leslie Muntz of Ohio has come to Wilmington to take charge of the No. 2 Church there in place of J. E. Cox, who has gone to Columbus, Ohio, to take up the work Elder Muntz left.

Brother G. Medairy who has been laboring in Salisbury, Md., has gone to Hagerstown to assist for some time in the meetings being conducted by Elder Booth.

Miss A. C. Dewers, who has been engaged in the Bible work in Baltimore has also connected with the work in Hagerstown.

A good interest continues in the German work, and Elder and Mrs. Wiertz are kept quite busy with the many duties that devolve upon them.

The work is onward in Salisbury, Md., and the little company there are reported as being quite active along missionary lines.

An interesting Home Missionary Convention was held in Baltimore No. 1 Church Sabbath. Elder J. W. Hirlinger was with the church all day, and Elder G. B. Thompson spoke in the afternoon. Elder Thompson spoke to the Baltimore No. 3 Church in the afternoon.

Again splendid reports come of the work in Hagerstown, Md., under the direction of Elder Booth. The theatre was again filled to overflowing Sunday night. Although the weather has been very trying, the meetings were well attended last week, and offerings continue to flow in.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church reached a total of \$902.16 on Harvest Ingathering work for the year 1917.

Elder F. W. Paap preached to the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath morning. His discourse was very timely and much appreciated.

Brother C. Medairy, who has been assisting Elder Booth in Hagerstown, stopped at the office a few minutes Monday on his way to Salisbury to dispose of his

household furniture and prepare to take his wife with him to Hagerstown where they will remain until the close of the present effort there.

We were pleased to see several of the Washington College students in the church in Baltimore Sabbath morning. They were Mrs. North; Miss Baus and Miss Medairy.

Word has just come that the Wilmington No. 1 Church has not yet succeeded in having their furnace repaired, and are unable to hold meetings in the church because of this. But the work is onward and the brethren and sisters are of good courage.

The total Harvest Ingathering receipts for the year 1917 in Chesapeake Conference are \$2624.79. Our goal was \$2000. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of our own people and for the liberality of the public.

Elder Kellog and Brother O. C. Weller have returned from West Virginia and report an excellent interest in the truth in the neighborhood of Kearneysville. While they were there, fourteen dear people signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. This is a great encouragement to Brother Weller, and should encourage every other colporteur to do all he can in the circulation of the precious pages of truth, for people are hungering and thirsting after truth, and it must be carried to them.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Parkersburg Effort

Our work in Parkersburg is progressing very nicely and we are glad to report that the interest is increasing from night to night. When we discovered that we could not secure a hall in this city to carry on our mid-week services, we decided to build a small place of our own and in ten days' time we had a tabernacle erected which seats about one thousand people. This is located in the very heart of the city and is within easy access of all car lines.

Last week, Wednesday night, January 16, we gave a supper for the poor and solicited the foodstuffs from the various merchants who gave very cheerfully to this enterprise. Articles of clothing had been solicited from those who could spare them and it would have done your soul good to see the hungry people gather about the tables and feed upon the good

things which had been provided. We found that many were very poorly clad, and they did not hesitate to make their needs known regarding the wearing apparel. Over one hundred people were fed at the first supper and it has made a bigger stir in the city of Parkersburg, than anything we have yet done. People everywhere are talking about this feature of the work and it is adding greatly to the interest of our meeting and bringing scores of people to the tabernacle who had not previously attended. We plan to give another supper this Wednesday night, January 23, and each week during the entire series. We are getting letters from poor people all over the city telling us of their needs and not only do they receive the temporal help which we are giving, but seem just as anxious to receive the precious message of salvation which is designed to save every one who believes.

The weather has been the coldest that has been known for many years, yet we are able to keep our tabernacle warm and comfortable all the time and the crowds tax the seating capacity practically every night. The collections are very good and we have the largest visiting list of any effort the writer has held. The spirit of God has been manifested in the meetings to convert the souls to Christ and not a single night has passed without some one deciding for the kingdom. By the time that this report will be read by the "Visitor" family we will be considering the Sabbath question with the people, and most earnestly solicit your prayers that God will help them to decide for the truth.

A further report will be rendered later as to the outcome of the meetings.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder T. M. French opened a series of meetings in Cumberland, Md., January 20.

Brother A. H. Rulkoetter spent Sabbath, January 19, with the church at Huntington after which he made a flying trip to Cumberland to assist Elder French in his opening service.

Miss Jessie Welsh, who has been laboring for some time in Morgantown, W. Va., has been called to Cumberland, Md., to join Elder French's force of workers.

In connection with the Young People's Convention held in Parkersburg, Sabbath, January 19, \$100 were pledged to the Washington College fund which shows that they are in harmony with this advance move in our Union.

Brother Seal is spending a few days in Parkersburg, enjoying the evening services at the tabernacle.

Mrs. T. B. Westbrook spent several days in Huntington and Charleston recently in the interest of the Sabbath School and the Young People's work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Earl Snyder are assisting Elder Westbrook in his Parkersburg meetings.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4733 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

Enter the Field Now

"Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man,—to stand in the gap."

We are told by the pen of Sister White, "Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Is it not high time the one hundred arouse to their duties and join the one who is now doing his bit in the gap? How can we be surprised if the Master should pronounce over all such slackers those sad words that are full of tears, "Inasmuch as ye did it not—"

We often hear these cowardly, selfish, unchristlike men whining that they cannot see any way of doing what they would like to do because of financial circumstances or a family to support or some other difficulty. There is a weakness in the man who always sees a lion in the way of what he wants to do. He wants success, but he does not want it bad enough to pay the price. The desire to drift along, overbalances ambition. Successful workers in every field find life too short and time and energy too precious to waste any of it in lament over what they wish were different.

Difficulties ought to be used like ten pins—never bring them up except for the purpose of knocking them down. The way to learn to do things is to do things. Begin with the determination to succeed, and the work is half done already. Delay wastes time, weakens the will, dissipates energy and discourages ambition. Resolve and do it! Do it now! Decide, and get at it. Keep at it—this accomplishes results. Pray for spirit of consecration, that we may be willing to pour out our lives, our all at His feet, and then go forth spirit filled, conquering and to conquer.

M. M. STERNER.

News Notes

We are glad to report that Elder Nutter is recovering from his serious illness of pneumonia.

Everybody enjoyed listening to Elder Daniells last Sabbath. All believers in Philadelphia met together in the Grand Fraternity Hall which was packed.

Don't forget to send in your subscriptions for the good old "Review" before February 1. Also the "Signs." After January 31 has been passed, our opportunity to get these good papers at such a low price will be over.

The Garrick Theatre was packed to its utmost capacity last Sunday. People were standing three rows deep clear up to the top gallery. About a thousand were turned away. Elder Daniells gave a stereopticon lecture on the progress of our work in the far East. The crowd listened very attentively and a good impression was made. Offering was \$155.

On Monday night Dr. Wilkinson lectured in the Grand Fraternity Hall on the subject of "Capital and Labor." In spite of the very cold weather and being "Heatless Monday" the hall was filled, being a record attendance for the week night meeting.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

Progress in Pittsburgh No. 1 Church

A few lines may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR, concerning the work of the First Pittsburgh Church this last year.

Our tithes for 1917 amounted to \$6464.03; an increase over the previous year of \$2496.24. For foreign missions we contributed \$2635.79. Of this amount the Sabbath School gave \$1199.95. We set our goal in the Harvest Ingathering for \$1000, and we went over it 61 cents. We have spent for literature used principally in Home Missionary work \$568.94. We gave to Washington and Mount Vernon Colleges \$931.03. We raised for all sources home and abroad, \$12,953.68, an increase over 1916 of \$6361.40.

Our membership during the year was increased by 83. Of this number 58 were received by baptism, 19 by letter, and 6 new Sabbath keepers are now awaiting baptism. These additions were secured without the aid of a tent effort. Preaching services, and Bible readings were held in different parts of the city, and near by localities every night throughout the year. Nine whole families were included among those who embraced the truth in this personal house to house work. Our

present membership is 251. We have many reasons to be thankful to God for His goodness, and we humbly pray that the work may go forward this coming year.

F. A. HARTER.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Sabbath, the twelfth, Elder Heckman met with the Newark Church in the forenoon, and with the Paterson Church in the afternoon. His visit and his sermon was appreciated at both churches.

The people of New Jersey extend their heartfelt sympathy to Elder Sandborn because of the death of his daughter Ruth, on December 9.

Brother Kirk and a corps of colporteurs are putting forth special effort in Trenton this week selling the small twenty-five cent books. Among his helpers are Sister Jenssen, of Paterson; Sister Nellie Reeves, of Paulsboro; Brother Philip Broeckel, of Jersey City. The canvassing work in this conference is growing, and there are several others throughout the state about to take up this work.

Elder Heckman recently conducted the funeral services of the husband of Sister Lodge of Camden.

The annual meeting of the conference auditing committee was held at the conference office Tuesday, January 15.

Elder B. G. Wikinson and Brother C. C. Pulver of the Union Conference spent Tuesday with the workers in Trenton, and attended the meeting of the auditing committee.

Brother Warren spent a large part of last week with the people in Paterson in the interest of the school work. We expect to see greater faithfulness exercised on the part of the church members in supporting our elementary schools. Here is where our nearest interests should be directed, in the training of our children.

The Missionary Volunteer goal cards have been sent out to those churches having a Young People's society. Now is the time to begin to work to reach our goals. If your church has no society, continue to do an individual work and report what you do to the conference secretary.

Some splendid reports have been received of the fourth quarter's work in the Sabbath Schools. The Thirteenth Sabbath offering was especially good. Watch for a fuller report later.

Nearly five hundred Morning Watch calendars have been distributed throughout the conference. Are you among those who secured a copy? If not, there is still time to avail yourself of this helpful little book.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

W. C. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

Colporteurs Institute

As these lines appear in the VISITOR, we will be entering into the Institute at Portsmouth, February 6-16. This promises to be the best Institute this conference has ever held; the entire conference has been requested to make it a subject of prayer, and we believe the prayers of our people will be answered.

From the replies coming to us from the letters we have been sending out over the state there will be a good attendance. If you act quickly you may yet be there in time to receive the instruction and training. Brother, sister, this may be God's last call to you, will you not heed the call and be at Portsmouth, Va., February, 6-16? Come, we will take care of you.

F. E. HANKINS, Field Secretary.

SPECIAL

Man's Moral Mission in the World

By D. E. LINDSEY.

(Concluded)

First, that we resort to the right scene. The prophet ascended to "his tower." It is not necessary to suppose that the prophet had any particular locality in view; the language is metaphorical. He withdrew from his usual avocations and associations and retired to some quiet spot in order "to see what he would say." God is everywhere present and everywhere is He speaking, but you cannot hear Him unless you resort to silence and solitude. Amid the shouts of worldly pleasure, the din of passions, and the bustle of business, we cannot hear His voice. Moses heard Him in Midian; Ezekiel on the banks of the Ulai; and John on rugged Patmos.

Second, that we resort to the right scene. In the right spirit. "I will watch and see what He will say unto me."

It is of no service to resort to the most favorable scene, unless you take with you

the right spirit, the spirit of devotion, attention and inquiry. If you will go with your spiritual ear open to listen to Him, you will hear His voice speaking to your inmost soul, otherwise you will not hear Him. I believe that God makes communications to man immediately, as well as by means, but in neither way can we receive from Him without the spirit of attention.

There is a general impression that God has no communication with the soul; none but through means; that since the canon of Scripture has been completed, all direct communication has ceased. I cannot believe this. He is in ever living contact with souls. This age is as near to Him as those ages in which the patriarchs, prophets, and apostles lived. The great Father does not desert His children. How often have good men received thoughts, felt emotions, and been thrown into moods of a holy character altogether apart from the ordinary means. God speaks to us now in "visions of the night when deep sleep falleth upon man," but we do not always hear aright, for the want of a right attitude of soul.

Love gives new senses to the soul, new ears and new eyes. What is it that makes that mother's head so restless upon the pillow and renders her sleepless through the silent midnight watches? All the other residents of the house are still and calm in the soft arms of repose. It is the faint moaning of an afflicted child that lies in a distant room. Even the nurse upon whose arm the dear child is resting its little feverish head hears it not. But the feeblest moan travels into the chamber of the mother; enters not merely her ear, but her heart, and heaves her spirit into surges of anxious thought. Amid the loudest peal of thunder she might sleep, but not amid the faint moans which are inaudible to all others. What is it that makes that mother's ears so exquisitely quick? It is love. It is so with mankind and his God. Fill man's soul with divine love and you will fill his universe with divine voices, and man will walk and talk with God.

Again: Man's moral mission in this world consists in imparting communications from God. The message which the prophet received, he was to make known. "Write the vision and make it plain upon the tables that he may run that readeth it." From this we may conclude that writing is an ancient and divinely sanctioned art. For it we cannot be too thankful. Through writing, the past is handed down to us. It gives an imperishable power and a universal influence to thought. It reflects the institutions and deeds of men and nations long since departed. A true book is a second incarnation of man's self in it, as in a second body; he lives and labors long after his

mortal frame has mouldered to ashes, or dust returned to dust. The press is the most effective organ through which we can reach the past, and one of the mightiest instruments by which we can influence the present, and aid the future. Writing is as divine an ordinance as preaching. The prophet was commanded to "write the vision and make it plain." Let the characters be bold; let the language be simple, so "that he may run that readeth it," that men in bustle and haste may decipher its meaning.

That we have to implant as well as receive is evident.

(a) From the tendency of divine thought to express itself.

Ideas of a religious kind always struggle for utterance; they cannot well be suppressed. The divine things "which we have seen and heard" "we cannot but speak." There are certain thoughts which a man may keep secret: they have no connection with his conscience and social nature; but not so with divine thought. He who has them will feel "a necessity laid upon him" to proclaim them. Like beams of light their very nature is diffusive.

(b) From the universal adaption of divine thoughts.

The thoughts we receive from God are not for a class; they are "for all generations." The communications, for example, which David received and wrote are as suited for us as for himself and his generation. Men have thoughts that are only for the initiated, but God's thoughts are for the human race.

(c) From the spiritual dependence of man upon man.

Man is as dependent upon his fellow for spiritual blessings as he is for material. He is dependent upon him for his education, his knowledge, and religious impressions. It is God's plan that man should be the spiritual teacher of man. The world wants the religious thoughts we get from God. They are the only forces that can break sin's fetters, chase away the darkness and lift the soul into true freedom and light.

(d) From the general teaching of the Bible.

What the prophet and apostle received they taught,—what they heard they communicated. What the apostles received from Christ, they were commanded to go preach to all the world. Paul says, "When it pleased God, to reveal His Son in him, immediately he conferred not with flesh and blood." Men are giving their thoughts and impressions to others every day, and these exert an influence upon the character and destiny of men, that will be fully known only in eternity. No man can live to himself alone. In every act we produce a ripple upon the great sea of existence that shall go on in ever

widening circles. Every moment we touch cords that will vibrate through the air. Let us then get from God true thoughts and give them out, let us catch the rays and reflect them, and we shall to light this dark world until the Son of God, who is the Light of the world, shall come.

Again, man's moral mission consists in the practical realization of communications from the divine mind, "Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come; it will not tarry. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and will not lie." Rest assured that that which God has said shall be accomplished. There is a time afforded for every promise of God, for all His promissory communications to man. The vision of the prophecy is yet for an appointed time. In the divine purpose there is a period fixed for the realization of every divine promise. That time may seem remote to us, but one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. However distant it may seem, our duty is to wait for it in earnest faith. Has He not promised by all His holy prophets since the world began that there shall be a restitution of all things? That it shall yet be under the genial and merciful reign of Christ? It may seem far off to us. "Wait for it." "It will surely come." "As the rain cometh down from heaven and returneth not, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away."

To live under all the practical truth of all the communications which God makes to us, to embody His word in our life, to work out the doctrines in living characters, to furnish the world with a living exposition of Christ's righteousness as revealed in the Bible; to become "living epistles of Christ" known and read of all men, this is our mission. Oh to be ruled in everything, to be moulded in every part, by His communications: to have His word dwelling richly in all our hearts, as the nucleus around which all our thoughts gather, as a light through which we look at the universe, and in which we pursue our way!

From the whole we learn who it is that fulfills his moral mission in the world. Who is it? Not the man who amasses the most wealth and becomes most securely influential, not the man who reveals most in material luxuries and animal gratification, not even the man who has risen to the most clear and comprehensive knowledge of the universe of God. No! But the man whose spiritual eye and ear are open to receive communica-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, One Week									
N. H. Haye, Sistersville		BR	3	17	13	46 00		46 00	1 25
T. H. C. Metcalf, Sistersville		BR	3	23	16	72 00	4 65	76 65	3 55
J. S. Neal, Sistersville		BR	3	15	7	31 00	1 00	32 00	33 25
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	5	24	20	99 00	21 55	120 55	10 50
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	4	28	24	106 00	10 95	116 95	7 90
H. J. Fisher		Misc.				57 73		57 73	57 73
Dale Read		Misc.				32 75		32 75	32 75
N. D. Fisher		Misc.				35 89		35 89	35 89
Totals	8 Agents					480 37	38 15	518 52	182 82

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 18, 1918									
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	5	18	13	58 00		58 00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	22	9	40 00		40 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	5	36	51	32 25		32 25	40 25
Geo. Caine, Schuylkill Co.		BR	2	15	1	4 00		4 00	7 25
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.		BR	2	13			2 25	2 25	30 75
G. H. Hawthorne, West Chester		WW	2	9		4 00		4 00	4 30
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	7	32		28 45		28 45	13 25
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	7	57	20	88 00		88 00	15 20
W. Garrett		GC	8	50	26	128 00		128 00	80 75
Totals	9 Agents		43	252	120	382 70	2 25	384 95	191 75

District of Columbia, Three Weeks Ending January 18, 1918									
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.		BR	4	19	10	46 00	4 50	50 50	10 00
W. D. Culveyhouse, Charles Co.		BR	7	50	35	93 50	10 60	104 10	2 10
E. Wilcox, S. L. Christie, Mont.		BR	7	35	14	49 50	6 25	55 75	159 75
Totals	3 Agents		25	139	59	189 00	21 35	210 35	171 85

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 18, 1918									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	3	19	7	31 50	1 00	32 50	
Sol. Diehl, Center Co.		SP	2	14					11 50
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	9	46	10	43 75	10 40	54 15	3 50
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	10	88	52	80 50	48 65	129 15	56 10
Totals	4 Agents		24	167	69	\$155 75	\$60 05	215 80	71 10

Ohio, Two Weeks Ending January 18, 1918									
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		OD	5	31	20	41 00	8 00	49 00	8 00
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	25	8	23 00		23 00	5 50
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	4	22	11	47 00	4 00	51 00	
H. W. O'Hara, Crawford Co.		WCS	3	20	21	6 75		6 75	9 75
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.		BR	2	13	1	4 00	4 25	8 25	4 25
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	2	8	3	14 00	1 25	15 25	52 75
Myrtle McPeak, Columbus		OD	4	5	2	9 00		9 25	
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	1	4				50	50
George Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR		30	1	2 00		2 00	104 00
Totals	9 Agents		26	158	67	\$146 75	\$18 25	165 00	184 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 11, 1918									
I. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	5	38	14	62 00	24 65	86 65	4 50
O. C. Weller, Lewistown Md.			2	12			10 50	10 50	10 57
Totals	2 Agents		7	50	14	62 00	35 15	97 15	15 25

District of Columbia, for Two Weeks Ending December 29, 1917									
F. Hartson, Charles Co.		BR	3	26	8	28 00	12 00	40 00	26 00
E. Wilcox, S. L. Christie, Mont.		BR	6	68	65	234 50	25 50	260 00	117 50
Miscellaneous			6	68		500 00	53 22	553 22	553 22
Totals	2 Agents		15	162	73	762 50	90 72	853 22	696 72

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 18, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Md.		BR	5	40	11	46 00	30 50	76 50	5 00
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	22					143 70
Totals	2 Agents		9	62	11	46 00	30 50	76 50	148 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 11, 1918

Sherman Booth, York Co.	BR	5	19	6	26	00	85	26	85	4	00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.	BR	5	24	13	58	00	50	58	50			
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	4	33	13	56	00	4	00	60	00	15	00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.	BR	2	12	2	8	00	4	00	12	00	15	50
Geo. Caine, Shuylkill Co.	BR	4	29	2	8	00	12	00	20	00	10	25
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.	BR	2	13	2	3	00	5	00	13	00	9	00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne	WC	5	35		40	00			40	00	34	50

Totals 7 Agents 27 165 38 204 00 26 35 230 35 88 25

Grand Totals: 46 Agents Value of Orders \$2429 07 Deliveries, \$1751 19

tions from the Eternal God; whose soul is ever in a waiting attitude, receiving thoughts from Him, and saying, "How precious are Thy thoughts to My soul, O God!" The man who not only receives, but communicates what he receives, either by tongue or pen, or both. It is the thought we get directly from communion with God which is full of freshness and life, and not the thought derived from our own poor brain, or borrowed from other men, that gives value to our oral or written discourses. The man moreover, who not only receives and communicates, but practically realizes and carries out in his spirit and life God's revelation, is the man who fulfills his moral mission in the world. We are here for these purposes; not for one, but for all. God is to be everything to us; He is to fill the whole sphere of our being; to be our "all in all." We are to be His auditors, hearing His voice in everything, and we are to be His organ, conveying to others what we hear from Him; we are to be His representatives, manifesting Him in the acts of our lives.

(a) In conclusion, we remark:

First, the reasonableness of the religion of Christ; what is it?

It is to rightly receive, propagate, and develop the divine communications in our hearts and lives, and by life, word of mouth, and written word give the gospel of the kingdom to all the world. Is there anything unreasonable in this? Is it not in keeping with a knowledge of nature? If there be a great Parent Spirit of the universe whom we call God, and if we are His offspring, can anything be more reasonable than that we should seek a living fellowship with His mind?

Second, the grandeur of a religious life.

What is sometimes called religion is indeed a despicable thing. The adoption without reflection of some narrow creed which leads its votaries to damn all who will not believe the same, often passes, alas! for religion. The narrowness, the intolerance, the bigotry, the selfishness of many professors and many sects are misrepresentations of the religion of our Lord. Oh, ye unbelievers, remember that much you denounce is not the religion of Christ; we loathe it as you do. To be truly religious is to be a disciple of Christ; to be truly religious is to be a minister of the all-ruling God; to be truly

religious is to be a representative of the all-glorious God. Is there anything more grand than this? A truly religious life is a grand and glorious life.

What is the function of Christianity or the specific design of the gospel? To qualify man to fulfill his mission on the earth. It does this and nothing else can. The greatest of ancient sages felt the need of such help as Christianity offers. "We must," says Socrates, "of necessity wait till some one from Him Who careth for us shall come and instruct us how we ought to behave toward God and man." "We cannot," says the illustrious Plato, "know of ourselves what petition will be pleasing to God, or what worship we should pay to Him, but it is necessary that a Lawgiver should be sent from heaven to instruct us. Oh how greatly I desire to see that man, and who is he?" That Someone for whom Socrates waited, that Lawgiver whom Plato so devoutly desired to see, has, thank God! come into our world, and we have seen His glory, as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. He did this and more than these renowned sages in the vastness of their aspirations, ventured to expect. He transcended their ideal Teacher. In Christianity He supplied all we require to fulfill our mission. He provided a medium of intercourse between man and his God. Human depravity which has caused a mighty chasm between man and his Maker, He has bridged over by His sacrifice, and now a free intercourse can be carried on. "Through Him we have access by one spirit unto the Father."

In addition to these generalities there looms up before us a special message and work for this generation. Living in the hour of God's judgment, on the verge of the eternal world, with signs of earth's dissolution, the anger of the nations, and the safety cry of peace, sober reflections on these questions should arouse all our latent energy that we may fill our place and part in old earth's last mighty conflict. A little time hence and "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Having been presented before the Ancient of Days and received His kingdom and crown, with His scepter of righteousness, He will appear to His saints to be glorified of them. With the glorified of all ages, of every kindred, race, and tongue, and

the earth restored to Edenic beauty, Christ seeing the travail of His soul will be satisfied, and God the Father will be glorified in His Son, the restitution accomplished, and His original plan finished. He will then be their God and dwell among them forever.

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We are pleased to welcome into our midst the following named students:

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BARTLETT.—Edna E., was born August 12, 1896, and died at Academia, Ohio, January 19, 1918, aged 21 years, 5 months, and 7 days. Sister Bartlett united with the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church on accepting the truth a few years ago, she being the only member of her family embracing the truth. Although called at a young and tender age, she seemed to be fully reconciled to what seemed to be the Lord's will, having experienced a very clear faith in claiming the promises of God for His people in this time. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Mount Vernon Academy chapel.

E. K. SLADE.

VAN GUNDY.—Susanna, united with the Seventh-day Adventist church July 24, 1898. Although she lived unto the advanced age of 84 years, 8 months, and 29 days, until a few days before death, she took a lively interest in the teachings of the Bible and the progress of the message. As the end drew near she expressed a confident hope of a future life in Christ.

J. J. MARIETTA.

TAYLOR.—May Ellis, wife of Zecharia Taylor, Camden, N. J., died January 4, 1918, aged 56 years. Sister Taylor was a patient sufferer through a long illness. In her last hours she called her loved ones to her bedside and bade them all a last farewell, and admonished them to meet her in a better land. She leaves a husband, two daughters and three sons in bereavement.

G. E. LANGDON.

The following stanzas were read at her funeral service.

'We Shall Miss Thee'

We shall miss thee, when at early day,
We rise and find that thou art gone;
And as time doth slowly wear away,
We realize that we're alone.

We shall miss thee when at noontide hour,

We sit aside to rest a while;
We shall miss that gentle power,
Which could so sweetly time beguile.

We shall miss thee as the twilight dew,
Comes falling softly 'gainst the pane,
When there steals a whisper.—Oh, too true—

We ne'er shall see thy face again.

We shall miss thee when the moonbeam,
choice,

Comes peering round our cottage door,
When the music of thy soft sweet voice,
We ne'er shall hear its cadence more.

We shall miss that cheerful smiling face,
When from our labor we return;
Yes, we'll miss that easy winning grace,
Which thou didst never have to learn.

But we pray we may not miss thee there,
In that delightful home above—

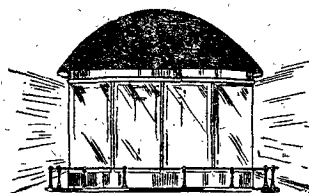
Blissful home, the blest with thee shall share,

Our pride of youth, our early love.

Farewell now, our treasure long so dear,

Farewell, till when this age is o'er,
Hand in hand with joy we then shall hear,

"Come, roam fore'er the golden shore."



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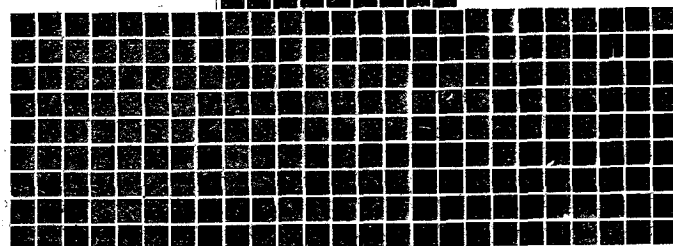
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