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A New and Worthy Enterprise

The "Review" has already given its readers the recommendations passed by the General Conference Committee at its July session for the establishment of two schools in which shall be given courses of intensive training in nursing. These schools were to be connected with Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium and the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, Cal.

The purpose of this intensive training is to prepare young men as quickly as possible to render good service to the wounded and sick in the camps, base hospitals, and on the battle fields. The Government is in great need of physicians, thoroughly trained nurses, and others with shorter and more intensive training. The Surgeon-General's Department is making the greatest efforts possible to secure medical and nursing help. The officials of that department have been conferred with by our physicians, and have given the warmest approval of our proposal to give as many as possible of our boys this intensive training.

Now this laudable undertaking calls for means. Barracks must be erected and furnished, treatment rooms must be provided and equipped, and suitable teachers must be supplied. Of course there will be expenses of various kinds in the general management.

To provide the funds for these schools, the General Conference Committee has arranged for taking a special offering. It has been suggested to designate it "Dollar Day," and to ask that each member, as far as possible, contribute one dollar toward this worthy enterprise. The date for this offering will be given later. We suggest that every member prepare now to make this effort a great success. We realize that some will not be able to contribute a dollar for each member of their families, but there are others who are able and will gladly give much more. Thus we believe that an offering equal to one dollar for each member in the United States will be made on "Dollar Day."

We who are permitted to remain in

business, at trades, on farms, and in pleasant homes, should remember with the deepest and truest sympathy our neighbor's boys, and especially our own boys, who are called to suffer from sickness and wounds in this great war. They number hundreds of thousands, and the sufferings of many are very great. Here is an opportunity for us to render our fellowmen the very best service. Surely all our people will make the most cheerful, earnest response to this call.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Fertile Soil for Harvest Ingathering

An Interesting Letter

A very fertile field for Harvest Ingathering will be discovered by reading the following letter: Canton, Ohio.

Dear Brother Hirlinger:

Two years ago the thought came to me to sell literature to the foreign people in our city, so I ordered some small books, and I had good success the first time I went out. From that time I have been devoting some time to this work. I use the small books, *Signs of the Times* and tracts.

I have had time to study their disposition and manner of living and God has greatly blessed me in this work. I devote my Sundays to this work. I go to their homes and just walk right in and usually I find from one to ten persons. I tell them what I have, then pass a copy to each person. While they look them over, I pray for God to create a desire in their hearts to buy. I go to saloons and pool rooms using the same method. Many times I have been called back to sell to some who changed their minds. I stop them on the street or anywhere, but I maintain the same attitude towards them and am just as polite as I am to Americans. It behooves us to do this.

This year I tried the Harvest Ingathering. I sent for 125 Signs. I explained as best I could what it was for. They do not understand missionary work, so I use the term "Mercy Work." In about six or eight hours I received about \$16.00. They are ready and willing to give. When Sunday comes I can hardly hold myself. Yesterday morning it was be-

low zero. When the sun came out after dinner, I loaded up and started out. In about two and one-half hours I sold \$3.80 worth of literature and gave away some tracts.

I am praying that God may cause a Foreign Department to be added to the Ohio Conference and that a secretary may go from church to church and stir up God's people to take hold of this work and go out with them and teach them how to do this important work. I sincerely hope, Brother Hirlinger, you may work along this line. I believe God would bless this work in such a marked degree that it would become self-supporting.

Wishing you His every blessing in your work, I remain

Your Brother, C. F. WILCOX

The foreigners, as a rule, are easier to approach and they are more responsive than are Americans. Their hearts are touched with sympathy when they know that Americans are really interested in them, and in their people living in the needy fields abroad. When Americans meet them in a kind, polite way, they feel honored. When told that you are doing missionary, or "mercy work," for their own people in the homeland, and for the old countries where there is so much suffering and need, they are ashamed to refuse. They give freely and liberally.

Sunday, especially early in the morning, is the best time to go to them. The men usually receive their pay Saturday and are at home on Sunday. It is well for two sisters to go together, as do the sisters of charity. Dress "in modest apparel." Approach them with shamefacedness and sobriety," but with a Christian smile, and their hearts and purses will open wide. A Christian smile will open doors, hearts and purses of American as well as foreigners.

Do acts of kindness whenever possible. Show by deeds of love that you really are doing mercy work.

The habits, customs, and unfavorable surroundings of fallen humanity did not prevent Christ from doing practical missionary work in this lost world. Paul says, "Though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. Unto the

Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews. . . . To them without law as without law. . . . To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak: I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor. 9:19-23.

God says, "the message must be given to the thousands of foreigners living in the cities in the home field." Vol. 8:34. Don't go to them simply for money, but as you visit them "watch for souls as they that must give an account." Devote a few hours to this work each Sunday. Try it next Sunday. Have a good season of prayer, and Bible study. Ask the Lord to give you a vision of the field of foreigners in your own city, which "is white already to harvest," and then go out with confidence claiming God's every promise.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Do You want a Revival?

"We need a minister," "Send us a worker," "We would like to have a revival in our church," are calls which frequently come to us from every church in the conference. Now do you really want a revival? You may have one without a conference worker or minister if you are really in earnest. Let me tell you how to proceed. If your church needs to be revived, and you desire to see a great work accomplished in your neighborhood just carry out the following instructions.

"When churches are revived, it is because some individual seeks earnestly for the blessing of God. He hungers and thirsts after God, and asks in faith and receives accordingly. He goes to work in earnest, feeling his great dependence upon the Lord, and souls are aroused to seek for a like blessing, and a season of refreshing falls on the hearts of men." R. & H. March 13, 1888.

"A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. . . . When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God the blessing will come. Satan can no more hinder a shower of blessing from descending upon God's people than he can close the windows of heaven that rain cannot come upon the earth." Ibid March 22, 1887.

"If there have been difficulties, . . . if envy, malice, bitterness, evil surmisings have existed, confess these sins, not in a general way, but to your brethren and sisters personally. Be definite. If you have committed one wrong and they twenty, confess that one as though you were the chief offender. Take them by

the hand, let your heart soften under the influence of the Spirit of God, and say, 'Will you forgive me? I have not felt right toward you. I want to make right every wrong, that naught may stand registered against me in the books of heaven. I must have a clean record.' Who, think you, would withstand such a movement as this? There is too much coldness and indifference — — two much of the 'I don't care' spirit — — exercised among the professed followers of Christ." Ibid Dec. 10, 1884.

Now if you really want a revival try this out and see what the result will be. We are planning a series of revival efforts for this winter, and we ask every one to clear the way for the working of the Spirit of God in our midst. The time is here when it is very difficult to work the cities, but we are loath to give these poor souls up, and are determined to make one final effort to reach them this winter.

Plans are all completed now to open an effort in Charleston as the first city effort, this winter. Dr. B. G. Wilkinson will assist us in this effort, and we earnestly solicit the prayers of the Visitor family that God may help us in finding such as shall be saved. Let us continue to support the work with our prayers, tithe, and offerings, and soon we shall hear the well done from the lips of the Master.

T. B. WESTBROOK

News Notes

Remember the Harvest Ingathering days are slipping by. Have you gathered in at least \$5.00? Each one is requested to do this much and as much more as possible. Let each one do his bit; it will all count. If your papers are all gone, order more. Somebody will receive the blessing, is that somebody you?

Elders Westbrook and French motored from Parkersburg to Charleston last Monday.

Miss Nelle Mead of Fairmont is spending a few days in Parkersburg.

Elder French of Clarksburg was obliged to close his effort on account of the Spanish Influenza.

The Review and Herald is our denominational paper. You cannot afford to be without it. Has your subscription expired? If so, reorder at once; the price is only \$2.50 a year. When we stop to consider the increased cost of ink, labor and paper, this is very reasonable.

Be always displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself there thou abidest.—*Quarles*.

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave., Trenton.
W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

News Notes

Reports received this week from the Paterson Church, state that their church Harvest Ingathering goal of \$600 has been exceeded by about \$25. Also the Trenton Church have overtopped by a wide margin their goal of \$625, having reported to date since September 1, a little more than \$825.

A few Young People's societies in the conference have devoted special time and interest to this campaign, and a number have taken pains to report this work thru their own Department. Trenton Senior society reports about \$235 already received. Paterson thru their M. V. society reports 1,220 papers placed in five weeks and \$269.55 received from the same.

Elder Heckman last Sabbath visited Sister Kirchner, of Flemington, one of our isolated members, and found her very courageous and zealous for the work. Sister Kirchner is a widow with her two sons in the army service.

There are on hand at the tract society office the following magazines, clean and in good condition, which any church or individual, wishing to sell them or use in missionary work, may secure at a greatly reduced figure:— 450 Watchman, back numbers; 75 July Signs Magazine; 50 Bohemian Signs, 2nd quarter 1918; 25 Italian Signs; 42 July Life and Health.

Elder H. J. Detwiler of Pennsylvania is spending a few days this week looking over the work in this field, preparatory to locating here in the near future.

Brother G. H. Clark has been spending several days past in the North end, encouraging the Franklin and Dover Churches in the Home Missionary work

Calls are coming in for Foreign Harvest Ingathering magazines. As the churches doubtless know, no foreign papers are being printed this year for this campaign. Nevertheless a limited supply of these papers of last year in the Swedish, German, Russian, and Bohemian languages, may be had upon application to the tract society.

On Wednesday evening, October 16, a very unique and pretty wedding took

place in Summit, N. J. Mr. W. W. Jennings, of Newark, and Miss Mabel Smith, of Irvington, both experienced Bible workers in the conference, together with Elder W. H. Heckman, were the persons most concerned in this event. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings expect to locate in Franklin, N. J., at present his field of labor. Their friends extend to them all due good wishes and compliments.

Brother Kirk was called to Washington last week in the interests of the book work, and plans are on foot for further extension of this work in the conference.

Encouraging reports are coming from Brother Otto Westerhoff, of Paterson, who has re-entered the canvassing work. Brother Westerhoff is working up a substantial 100% delivery for the near future.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

News Notes

Don't forget the great campaign time, November 5, and our slogan, "Do it in a Day." Inasmuch as the epidemic "influenza" has hit East Pennsylvania very hard, our Harvest Ingathering Campaign work has to some extent suffered. But by the time this note reaches you I trust the work is again in full swing. Let us remember that we lost about three weeks. Time is rapidly passing, so let all work the harder to reach the goal set by the conference of \$8,500.00.

Elder Schwedrat called at the office last week and we were deeply sorry to learn from him of the death of Mr. Emil W. Schirmeister and the illness of his wife, who before their marriage on Thursday, October 10, was Miss Elsie Schleier. Brother Schirmester, was taken suddenly ill with the terrible epidemic that is causing so much sorrow in this city, and died October 14.

Brother Kafer, one of our German brethren and a member of the Sellersville Church, still continues his faithful work of selling our small books. Success seems to be attending his labors and he is thoroughly enjoying his work of warning lost souls.

Brother Reichenbaugh is making the deliveries of several of the student colporteurs. This week he is at Montoursville delivering books for Brother Milne, who has returned to the college.

Brother William Hess, one of our faithful "soldiers" has moved from Mohnton to Reading.

Another of our colporteurs has been called to the colors. Brother Eugene Gloor is expecting to leave for camp as soon as the quarantine for the influenza epidemic is lifted.

Brother Richard Sabella, a native of the Philippine Islands, was a visitor at the conference office last week. He has recently enlisted in the navy of the United States and has traveled through the Orient, and is now settled in this country. He is in the wireless telegraphy division of the navy and is located at Philadelphia. Brother Sabella's visit at the office was much enjoyed. His common expression was that no matter where you go on this globe the Adventists are all alike, the same spirit of friendship is found all over.

Elder Parsons was confined to his bed a few days of last week suffering from a severe cold. He is now able to be around and is attending his duties as usual. Elder McCord has also been on the sick list and is now improving. Thus far our workers, and from reports, our brethren and sisters, have been spared from the terrible epidemic that has been raging throughout the land. A number of cases have been reported, but all have been very slight.

The second advent movement is the greatest work in the world, and one who professes to believe in it, and would keep pace with it, should not only be a regular subscriber, but a regular reader of the advocate of that movement, the "Review and Herald." Every believer in this message must avail himself of every means to keep thoroughly informed concerning its advancement in all the world, and our church paper is the very best means of information. One who is a regular reader of the "Review and Herald" will not lose faith in the advancement and work of the church it represents. Are you a subscriber? If not, send us your subscription immediately. Do not delay.

"Reputation is what men and women say of us; character is what God and the angels know of us."

Sweet are the uses of adversity which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head.—*Shakespeare*.

CHESAPEAKE

1901 Rosedale St., Baltimore, Md.
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

In spite of the prevalence of the influenza among the people, and the fourth Liberty Loan drive that is being made, our workers are meeting with marked success in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

The Fords Store Church reports a little more than \$47.00 collected. Four of our sisters in the Baltimore Church went out last Sunday and in four hours' time had collected about \$55.00. Others who went out did equally or nearly as well. Surely the Lord is preparing to finish His work in the earth, and the unprecedented liberality of the people shows that His hand is in it. Do you not want to have a share in this closing work? The cause needs you and you want to take your stand with those who are working faithfully.

Brother J. W. Siler called at the office today on his way to Crisfield, but before he could get away from the city a telegram from Brother J. W. Taylor, at Crisfield, told him he would be unable to take up the canvassing work at the present time as he had been seriously ill. We are sorry, for we were expecting Brother Taylor to do good work in that section of the country.

Brother G. Medairy and wife have both been ill with the "flu" but are better. Elder G. A. Stevens, who had been ill with the "grip," is again about his work. Elder C. E. Andross had so far recovered that he is planning to move his family to Wilmington in the very near future.

Miss Violet Jacobs, our assistant in the office, has been out of the office for more than a week because of sickness. She is better and the other members of her family who have been sick are improving also.

Miss Beulah Wagner has been assisting in the office for a few days in the absence of Miss Jacobs.

Elder Booth, Elder Wierts and Elder Strachan spent Sunday in Washington, attending an important committee meeting. As a result of the meeting, plans are being laid for a strong school in Baltimore city this winter for colored students of the city. The colored work in the city is doing nicely. Their Sabbath School offering for the third quarter amounted to \$310.10. Their tithe for the same per-

iod amounted to \$1131.65. This is the best quarterly report this church ever had, and we want to express our appreciation for their faithfulness.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

I. D. Richardson Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

Our office force is settled in our new quarters at Indiana, and everything is running normally again, so the readers of the Visitor may expect our news items more regularly hereafter.

Elder Richardson and family are settled in their new home in Indiana, and Mrs. Richardson has taken up her work as Sabbath School and Medical Secretary. All correspondence concerning these two departments should be addressed to Mrs. I. D. Richardson, Indiana, Pa.

Elders B. F. Kneeland and R. M. Spencer have closed their tent effort in Sharon with a good interest and eighteen definitely keeping the Sabbath. A Sabbath School has been organized, and the prospects are good for the organization of a strong church in the near future.

Elder Kneeland will be visiting churches in the Coudersport district during the month of October.

Geo. W. Lawrence, one of our new workers, has arrived, and is taking up work in Sharon with Brother Spencer, who will stay by the interest there until a permanent organization is effected. Brother Lawrence will stay in that part of the field permanently.

A letter just received from Elder I. N. Williams states that a man came in to talk with him about the truth one evening and Brother Williams told him about our foreign mission aims, with the result that he gave him \$20. Elder Williams has already sent in \$47.00 on the Harvest Ingathering work. There are many who would gladly give us nice sums if we would only go to them. Let us plan to work hard through November and December, and raise the largest sum that we have ever raised in the Harvest Ingathering, and then top it off with a good big personal gift as an annual offering.

Because of the Spanish Influenza, the church services throughout Pennsylvania have been suspended for a time. We suggest that our people study their Sabbath School lessons at home and lay by their Sabbath School offerings plus street car fare, until the closing order is lifted,

and then come bringing their offerings with them, that the Foreign Mission Funds shall not fall short.

As it is drawing near to the close of the year, we would suggest that all who pledged to Foreign Missions at Homestead camp-meeting, kindly send their money in just as soon as possible.

If the quarantine of Influenza does not prevent, Elder Richardson plans to hold a Worker's Institute, October 25-30, at Pittsburg, where the workers will discuss and study plans for more effective service.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

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

News Notes

The business in the conference office the past two weeks has been somewhat delayed owing to all the office force being down with the grip. Our conference secretary was confined to his home two weeks. We trust our people will be patient in these trying times. We regret the inconvenience that many of our people have been put to.

Brother F. E. Hankins has been confined to his home on account of the grip. The last word we have received is that he is improving.

Elder R. F. Farley and wife are spending several weeks' vacation with his people in Philadelphia.

Elder L. O. Gordon writes that he has had to close his meetings at Lacy Springs on account of the Spanish Influenza. He has had a splendid interest there and feels confident of organizing a church.

Our Shenandoah Valley Academy has had to close on account of the grip. Many students are sick.

Brother Werline, our Union Educational Secretary, was a visitor at the office last Sunday.

Brother D. W. Percy, who is following up the interest in Harrisonburg, reports having collected nearly \$100.00 on the Harvest Ingathering so far and is still at it.

Sister H. A. Wright of Harrisonburg, wife of our faithful colporteur, recently underwent a serious operation at the Washington Sanitarium. We are glad to report that she has returned to her home and is regaining her health rapidly.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Keep at it

Conditions have arisen during the past week which makes it impossible for us to meet with our brethren and sisters as we had planned to do. The epidemic of "Spanish influenza" has spread very rapidly in this State and all churches are ordered closed. We trust however that the ban will soon be lifted and conditions become normal once again.

Let us all seek God earnestly that His work may not be hindered by these conditions. Don't slacken in your effort with the Harvest Ingathering, but work all the harder and press the battle to the gates. Surely we can now fully appreciate the statement made by Sister White, that what we failed to do in times of peace, we must do in times of trouble. Let us ask God right here and now to forgive us for our slothfulness and negligence, and ask Him to use us at this time in His vineyard. Although we have reached the darkest period of this earth's history and sin and wickedness abounds on every hand, yet with the help of God even the Harvest Ingathering work is a glorious possibility.

In Youngstown we had a most happy and profitable time together, and at the meeting following a day's experience in the field, we had a hard time in closing. The meeting Tuesday was one of the liveliest meetings the writer has attended for some time. O, what a blessing would come to us as a people if all would be determined to do something during the week and thus hasten the coming of our blessed Master. How happy we would all be, and how bright and cheerful would our Sabbath services and Missionary meetings become. My brother and sister, it is not so much the preaching of the message you need, but a living, practical experience, in it by giving it yourself to someone else. There is not an excuse for a single soul for not doing something. All can do a little if it be sending the Harvest Ingathering papers by mail to your friends and relatives accompanied by a spicy missionary letter, or, by handing a paper to all who come to your door.

Remember brother, sister, if you are not able to go out and seek the lost, God will send them to your very door. Don't let them go away empty handed. I feel safe in stating that every member in the Ohio Conference could average as least \$5.00 in this campaign, whether young or old, and I think it a terrible thing when we do not at least do that much, when God has blessed us with such blessings and privileges.

Our dear sister Butts of my late conference (East Pennsylvania) gathered in last year nearly \$500.00 by nickles, dimes, and quarters, and is well on her way this year of reaching her \$500.00 goal. This sister, I understand has reached her allotted time, three score years and ten.

Brother Hackman and myself enjoyed meeting with the Ashtabula company and God blessed our efforts in going from home to home. One home I entered with two of our sisters. The man was very deaf, but I was able to talk with him through a speaking tube, and he handed me a silver dollar. He enjoys reading and our sisters have his name and address, and are following up this interest with further visits and literature. Several others gave a dollar which plainly goes to show that whatever the conditions are in the earth, God will keep His word, all we need to do is to trust Him and go. Learn these words from that beautiful song.

I have heard my Saviour calling;
Calling me to service true,
I am willing, I am ready
Blessed Lord Thy will to do.
But I must have Jesus with me,
All the way, every day,
I will go with joy and gladness
If my Lord with me, will stay:
Here am I Lord for Thy service,
I will give up all for Thee,
I am willing, I am ready
Blessed Lord, Thy will to see.

T. H. BARBITT, *Home Miss. Sec.*

News Notes

Word from Dayton states that good progress is being made in Harvest Ingathering.

In a letter to Brother Barritt from Mrs. Harriet Thomas of Hubbard, Ohio, she says when the campaign for 1917 closed I did not stop but kept right on up to the present time gathering what I could from time to time to be applied on the 1918 fund. Using the 1916 and 1917 papers I gathered in this way up to the second day of September \$14.00. In addition to this I have \$10.00 on the new papers.

Harvest Ingathering is an all around year's work.

Sister Eusey of Millersburg, says, "we (my daughter and our little boy) have disposed of 62 papers and received \$13.18 for same. Two pledges not received yet." This is a good average, Sister Eusey, keep the good work going.

Elder J. J. Marietta says, "when I read of your good experiences in the work and the success our people are having, I always rejoice with you, I never enjoyed a Harvest Ingathering work so much as I have this year. Don't let the 'flu' stop

you from working, but keep a going and report your offerings and experiences and when the ban is lifted you will be able to report good experiences in the church."

We are hoping that conditions will be better and the ban lifted so that the two conventions planned for Cleveland and Akron can be carried out on the dates arranged Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17 respectively.

Don't forget to renew your "Review" subscription if run out.

Now is the time to begin to send in orders for Christmas books.

SPECIAL

"Look and Live"

"And they journeyed from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way." The Lord does not remove all the difficulties and trials and hardships from the pathway of His children. He would have them learn to put their trust in Him, believing that the invisible God is their mighty Helper. The children of Israel became accustomed to the presence of the pillar of cloud that covered them as a canopy by day, and was a pillar of fire by night. They came to look upon the cloud as a common thing.

The Lord had fed them with the bread of heaven, yet they murmured against Him. By His power He had held in check the wild beasts of the forests, and the reptiles of the wilderness, so that they had not hurt His people; but now He removed His restraining hand, and let the poisonous serpents do as they would have done all along the way had the Lord not restrained them. The real trouble that now came upon them served to bring them to their senses, and to awaken their paralyzed thoughts as to what course to pursue. "Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us. . . . And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

Throughout the camp of Israel there were the suffering and the dying who had been wounded by the deadly sting of the serpent. But Jesus Christ spoke from the pillar of cloud, and gave directions

whereby the people might be healed. The promise was made that whosoever looked upon the brazen serpent should live; and to those who looked the promise was verified. But if any one said, "What good will it do to look? I shall certainly die under the serpent's deadly sting;" if he continued to talk of his deadly wound, and declared that his case was hopeless, and would not perform the simple act of obedience, he would die. But every one who looked, lived.

A SYMBOL OF CHRIST

Jesus said: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. . . . For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Christ is speaking to us now, as certainly as He spoke to the children of Israel in the wilderness. He is the Healer of both body and soul. Our attention is now called to the Great Physician. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Just as long as we look at our sins, and talk of and deplore our wretched condition, our wounds and putrefying sores will remain. It is when we take our eyes from ourselves, and fasten them upon the uplifted Saviour, that our souls find hope and peace. The Lord speaks to us through His Word, bidding us "look and live." "He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

REASON FOR HOPE

There is every reason why we should be encouraged to hope for the salvation of our souls. In Jesus Christ every provision for our salvation has been made. No matter what may have been our sins and shortcomings, there is a fountain open in the house of David for all sin and uncleanness. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." This is the word of the Lord. Shall we accept it? Shall we believe on Him?

David had been bitten by the fiery serpent,—he had been poisoned with the venom of sin,—yet hear the words that describe his experience after looking upon the uplifted Saviour: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. . .

I acknowledge my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. . . . The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust on Him shall be desolate."

MRS. E. G. WHITE, *Signs*, June 11, 1912.

Why is This Table True?

TEN GENERATIONS BEFORE FLOOD (Gen. 5:3-32; 9:29)

1. Adam	930	years old
2. Seth	912	" "
3. Enos	905	" "
4. Cainan	910	" "
5. Mahalaleel	895	" "
6. Jared	962	" "
7. Enoch	365	" "
(translated)		
8. Methuselah	969	" "
9. Lamech	777	" "
10. Noah	950	" "
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TEN GENERATIONS AFTER FLOOD (Gen. 11:10-32; 25:7)

1. Shem	600	years old
2. Arphaxad	438	" "
3. Salah	433	" "
4. Eber	464	" "
5. Peleg	239	" "
6. Rue	239	" "
7. Serug	230	" "
8. Nahor	148	" "
9. Terah	205	" "
10. Abram	175	" "
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By comparing the above table of ten generations before the flood with the ten generations after the flood we have to the advantage of the ten generations before the flood 5404 years of human life (even putting Enoch down at 365 years old, who never did die); we also note the regularity of the ages of the ten generations before the flood, while in the case of the ten generations after the flood we note a steady decrease.

Suppose we should compare the ten generations before the flood with the last ten generations, counting from the present back ten generations, what would the result be? would the result not be much less favorable for the last ten?

Reader, take a good look at the above picture, consider it well. What a striking

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
Thos. Beamsderfer, Union Co.		BR	4	32	25	125 00	2 00	127 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	6	49	14	61 00	5 50	66 50	172 50
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	5	26	14	58 00	11 50	69 50	184 80
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR		37	5	21 00		21 00	
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	1	7	3	6 00	1 50	7 50	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	16	8	38 00	5 90	43 90	12 15
Mark Hagman, Snyder Co.			1	10					230 00
Misc.						573 50		573 50	
Totals	7 Agents			21	177	69	882 50	26 40	908 90 599 45
Virginia, Two Weeks Ending October 11, 1918									
J. E. Thompson, Lee Co.		BR	5	31	26	121 00	17 15	138 15	5 00
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.		OD	9	91	90	217 00		217 00	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	6	39	30	129 00	50	129 50	
J. P. Spaulding, Hanover Co.		OD	2	16	30	61 00		61 00	
Glenna Mears, Nansemond Co.		OD	10	64	13	33 00	7 65	40 65	164 50
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.		BR	5	40	20	30 00		30 00	245 00
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.		OD	3	9					12 50
E. M. Trummer, Botetourt Co.		BR	4	48					365 00
O. Lawrence, King & Queen Co.		OD	4	40					263 00
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.		OD	4	30					165 00
W. E. Saunders, Roanoke Co.		BR	2	15					120 00
Totals	11 Agents			54	423	214	591 00	25 30	616 30 1340 00
Ohio, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Loudonville		OD	5	45	8	18 00	2 80	20 80	20 65
H. O. Kohr, Cambridge		WP	5	35		100 00		100 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	35	19	42 00	10 90	52 09	4 50
G. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	5	35	10	22 00	7 32	29 32	
R. Shanks, Mansfield		OD	5	33	33	72 00	75	72 75	33 75
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR	5	28	11	55 00	2 70	57 70	6 00
Geo. Harvey, Masillon		BR	10	53	22	94 00	2 50	96 50	
Geo. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	4	25	21	42 00		42 00	
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR	5	24		54 00	24 00	78 00	22 10
John Manuel, Rosewell		BR	3	22		15 00	3 80	18 80	30 10
C. Emanuel, Springfield		WC	2	8		5 00		5 00	
Totals	11 Agents			54	343	93	519 00	55 67	573 79 117 10
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		SD	10	92	53	86 00	66 74	152 74	134 06
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	3	22	26	126 00	1 25	127 25	75
Margaret Bateman, Cambria Co.		HM	6	33	37	95 50	9 50	105 00	97 00
John Leroy, Greene Co.		BR	5	45	15	75 00		75 00	
Mrs. J. LeRoy, Green Co.		BR	5	46	15	53 00	3 00	56 00	
Totals	5 Agents			29	238	146	435 50	80 49	515 99 231 81
New Jersey, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
Frank Krall		OD	5	38	14	40 00		40 00	
Esther M. Lull						3 50		3 50	3 50
Mrs. O. Westerhoff			21	126	730	182 50		182 50	182 50
O. Westerhoff		BR	7	49	16	68 00	7 75	75 75	7 75
Fred Zimmerly		OD	5	24	23	53 00	2 25	55 25	16 75
Misc.						1800 00		1800 00	
Totals	5 Agents			38	237	783	2147 00	10 00	2157 00 210 50
Chesapeake, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	4	26					238 45
W. J. Valentine, Worcester Co., Md.		BR	5	42	23	92 00		92 00	
J. G. Whitaker, Ann Arundel Co.		BR	8	64	52	221 00	29 50	250 50	29 50
Totals	3 Agents			17	132	75	313 00	29 50	342 50 267 95
Grand Totals	42 Agents						Value Orders	4888 00	Deliveries 2766 81

blow do these Bible facts deal the evolutionary theory. But it does more than that when we understand the reason why the above is all too true. Why is it so?

We know where the evolutionist says he came from and who he is willing to claim for his ancestors, and a peculiar grin comes over our face when we think of it. But who is more foolish, the one who believes he is right and yet is wrong or the one who knows he is wrong and continues in it? To understand why the above table is true is to know which class we belong in—the one who believes he is right and yet is wrong or the one who knows he is wrong and still continues in it.

Gen. 9:2-5 and Testimonies Vol. 2, thirteenth line from the top of page 64 will give the secret. Any one having a better reason for the above table being true than the one I have given I should like to know it.

HARRY S. WEAVER.

Some Things That God Cannot Do

It is evident that there are some things that God cannot do. He cannot save a man against his will. He can create a world by the word of His power, for inanimate things do not resist Him. He can raise the dead; the righteous have loved Him on earth and the wicked have disowned Him, and therefore they no longer have any right or privilege of choice. God has given to every man a conscience and the divine privilege of choosing life or death, and He will always respect man's choice; hence, God cannot save a man without his own consent.

Men are lost because they will not be saved. "Ye will not come unto me, that ye may be saved." He will save every one who will surrender his will, and desires His salvation. There is no circumstance or condition of earth which God cannot shape for man's salvation, if the man himself desires salvation; but the individual must desire salvation, for with him alone is the right and privilege of choice.

The reason God destroys men is because they so choose. They choose the way of disobedience, and reap the result; we reap what we sow.

When God gives a message through a prophet, He first gives the prophet a vision; that is, He places him in a condition where he has no control over his own mind, and can see and hear nothing but that which is revealed to him. Then if he has no other desire than to give the message which he has received while in vision, God speaks directly through him; consequently his words are the words of God and infallible, although spoken by human lips.

Strange and wonderful indeed is the relation between divinity and humanity; the human mind cannot comprehend it; human philosophy cannot explain it; but eternity will reveal it. The infinite judgment of God shows it.

A worker for God once said, "I want my mind like a sheet of clear white paper, so that only impressions may be made by the Holy Spirit." Our will must be given up and turned over to God; then He can and will, like the potter, do with us whatever He pleases. "He that willeth to do His will, shall know the doctrine."

"But the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked, and who can know it." This explains why God often permits trials and afflictions; we must know our own hearts. "Before I was afflicted," says David, "I went astray: but now have I kept thy word." Ps. 119:67. S. N. HASKELL.

Bible Training School.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. Charles French spent a few days helping his parents move to Galion, Ohio.

Messrs. Charles French and James Lippart, who have been placed in Class 1A and who were expected to go to camp between October 7-11, have enrolled as students of M. V. A.

Mr. John Lily of Hamilton, Ohio, a former student, visited friends here lately. He has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend school there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, Miss Olive Boutelle, and Mr. A. I. Baker, motored to Columbus, October 14, on business.

Professor M. L. Kelly and wife accompanied by Miss Marion Kelner and Mr. Joe Craig, motored from Berrien Springs, Mich., to Mount Vernon, to visit friends.

While most of our schools thus far have been closed for a couple of weeks or more, because of the epidemic, it has been our good fortune to continue our work.

A new pump has been installed to replace the old one.

Miss Beatrice Holquist, who attended school here several months of last year, has returned for another year.

The printing office has received its largest orders for envelopes in years. One order was for 90,000, another for 10,000. Remember the College Press for good work.

Mr. Jesse Sivey has returned from a visit to Washington, D. C., and has enrolled as a student of M. V. A.

Another new piano has been purchased for the school.

A good supply of apples have been stored for the winter.

The water tank and the annex are receiving a new coat of paint.

An interesting department which is in its first year, the oratory department, is growing. Miss Crump, the instructor, favors us occasionally with some of her oratory in chapel.

We welcome Miss Ruth Wagner of Barberton, Ohio, to M. V. A.

Mr. Berl Wagner, former student of M. V. C., stopped here on his way to Louisiana.

Mrs. L. B. Taylor and little daughter Sybil, left for their new home in Parkersburg, W. Va., October 15.

While the new pump was being installed there was no water in the building. The students were a little inconvenienced thereby but the spring met the demand. What an object lesson, comparing the natural thirst to the Christian's thirst for eternal water. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." Let us drink now freely at the well of salvation and partake often of the bread of life.

OBITUARIES

MILLER.—Esta Leroy, son of Esta and Laura Miller, and grandson of Elder and Mrs. J. O. Miller, was born in Shanghai, China, April 28, 1912. He died in Battle Creek, Mich., September 27, 1918, of diphtheria, followed by an attack of acute Bright's disease. His father died in China and when Esta was only three months old his mother returned to the states with him. For one and one-half years they were in Mount Vernon, Ohio, then went to Newark, N. J., and in the fall of 1916 came to Baltimore, Md., where he spent much of his time in the home of his grandfather. It was here the writer learned to know and love Esta. He was bright beyond his years. He was very fond of having persons read to him, and we have often heard those who helped take care of him while his mother was in the Bible work, express their surprise that

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he could comprehend such deep reading. Although so young, Esta loved the Lord, and was always anxious to hear Bible stories. Those that seemed to appeal to him most during his last illness were the ones pertaining to the healing of the sick, and the deliverance of Peter and others from prison. He loved the Sabbath School and was a faithful little student, and this summer learned to name the ten plagues of Egypt in order, and the twelve sons of Jacob according to their age. His little heart was full of love and sympathy for others, and when they suffered he suffered. During his severe illness, which lasted ten days, he spoke of the intense suffering of his grandfather. He was extremely patient through all his illness. He was a firm believer in prayer and prayed much. Esta entered the church school in Battle Creek on September 9, and was taken sick on the evening of September 17. He died on Friday evening September 27, just about sunset, and was buried in the Oak Hill cemetery, Sabbath morning at 10:30. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Gaylord based upon Ps. 90:1-6, 12, and 1 Thess. 4:15-18. We believe he sleeps in Jesus and we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

Important Notice

It is our aim and desire that the Columbia Union Visitor reach its readers in good season each week. To accomplish this, it is necessary that the paper be made up Friday afternoon, and this cannot be done unless the copy can be had by Wednesday morning. We request, therefore, that all contributors send in their reports weekly at the time specified, and that the reports be short and frequent, rather than long and far apart.

EDITOR.

"The most valuable lesson any young man can learn is the lesson of self-control."

Notice

You will want a copy of the pretty song "What more could Jesus do?" It is also arranged for ladies' trio. 15 cents sent to H. A. Miller, Mount Vernon, Ohio; % Academy, will bring a copy to your address.

"We are nearing home," is a beautiful song arranged by C. P. Whitford, Orlando, Fla. Send him 20 cents for a copy, or 75 cents for five copies. Special rates by the hundred.

Coming!—October 26

Some good news regarding the recent remarkable influence of the *Signs of the Times Weekly* in winning men and women of all classes to the Message will be sent from the Conference offices to all the churches within a few days. This news of the splendid results of using the *Weekly* among relatives, neighbors and friends and others is to be given out in connection with the *Signs Weekly* program on Sabbath, October 26. Church elders and leaders will kindly note this suggestion. See gazette program for October 26.

The W. C. T. U. Women Like It

The following illustrates the interest of many W. C. T. U. workers in the circulation of the Anti-Tobacco Annual.—

"I just had a phone call from one of our county W. C. T. U. officers, who said, 'I think the Anti-Tobacco Instructor is the best I ever read. I am going to see how many boys will be in attendance at the college this year and will see that each one has a copy. Please send 100 copies and I will be responsible for the \$4.00.'"

Let all remember that the health and temperance work is "the right arm of" and the "entering wedge to" the great Advent message, and that it is hard to plant the message in the hearts of men through the fumes of tobacco.

Notice

BOOKS WANTED.—The Ministerial Band desires books, Bibles and Testaments for use in its activities. These will be given to the paroled prisoners working at the State Farm. A splendid opportunity is thus afforded. Mail to Paul Lipscomb, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

He that is proud of the rustling of his silks, like a madman, laughs at the rattling of his fetters. For, indeed, clothes ought to be our remembrancers of our lost innocence.—*Fuller*.

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.

STUDY AT HOME.—If you can not go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The president of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

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PRINTER WANTED.—A chance to take school work. State experience and what classification you have. A good opening for the right young man. Address Manager, College Press, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

FOR SALE.—22 copies of Great Controversy, cloth with very slight damages at \$1.75 postpaid. 2 Home and Health Half Leather at \$1.75. 2 Two Republics, F. M. \$1.50. 2 Two Republics, H. L. \$1.25. 2 Two Republics Cloth, \$.75. 1 Practical Lessons (Sub. Edition). Proceeds from the sale of these books to go to Foreign Missions. Address, Ohio Tract Society. F. E. WAGNER.

HELP WANTED AT ONCE.—Men and women of middle age wanted at Washington Sanitarium to assist in the general work during the winter. One woman of business ability to take charge of helpers' cafeteria. Five good men or women to assist in domestic departments. Two good men for janitor work. For further particulars write E. G. Fulton, Business Manager, Washington Sanitarium.

"They who accomplish the most have learned the art of using those fragments of time that the rest of us throw away."

"There is nothing more certain than the failure of the man who thinks he cannot fail."