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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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TO EXCHANGES.

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HEALTH FOOD COMPANY.

The Ohio Health Food Co. of Mt. Vernon, O., is receiving a good patronage at present. The people seem to be very much interested in health foods, health principles, etc. Many are the questions asked by them. We are only glad to have the privilege of furnishing these foods to those who regard health as an essential matter. All the leading health foods are kept on hand. Any one desiring information will receive it by writing to O. H. F. Co., Mt. Vernon, O., inclosing stamp for reply.

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NEW LIFE AND PERFECT HEALTH IN CHRIST.

When the Son of righteousness arises, it is with healing in His wings. He is our life. He who forgives all our iniquities, also heals all our diseases.—Ps. 103:1-4. He redeems our life from destruction. This He does by giving us His own life, which is eternal life. Now the characteristic of eternal life is that it is ever new, ever fresh. Whosoever drinks of the water of life that Christ gives, has in him a well of water ever springing up.—John 4:14. The vigor of this life will be seen to the full when all things have been created new and sin and sinners have been cleared from the earth by the fires of the last great day. Then the righteous will go forth, and from the very exuberance of life, from the bare joy of being alive, shall leap and gambol as calves let loose from the stall. "Then shall the lame man leap as an hare, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."—Isa. 35:6. But all this freshness is not to be reserved till the last day. Even now does the Sun of righteousness shine, and we may if we will rejoice in his healing beams. When the lame man at the gate of the temple was made strong in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, he went in with the apostles into the temple, "Walking and leaping, and praising God."—Acts 3:6-8. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."—Isa 11:31. The life is manifested in order that we may have fullness of joy, and joy of the most real kind. The life is life indeed. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we

are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning."—Lam. 3:22, 23. It is possible—and whatever is possible with the Lord is our privilege and duty—for men to live as fully by the life of the Lord, that his new mercies will make them feel new every morning, so that they will be glad with the joy of life. This is not sentiment, it is not a matter of theorizing, but comes by conscientiously taking the life of the Lord as it is manifested in his gifts to us, and of receiving it fresh from the Fountain-head.

E. J. Waggoner.

WHAT IS UNDERMINING THE STRENGTH OF THE RACE?

It requires no juggling of figures to demonstrate the fact that race deterioration is increasing. When a nation spends many more millions for soul and body-destroying substances than it does for its bread, Bibles and education, then we should expect nothing else, unless God has revised that significant declaration, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

According to the United States census returns, our insane population is increasing three hundred per cent faster than the increase in the general population.

The consumption germ is now responsible for nearly one-third of all adult deaths. In other words, ten millions of the inhabitants of this country will, either because of their parents' race-destroying habits or their own, fall victims to this disease unless the public shall become sufficiently aroused to at once begin to make earnest effort to cultivate health.

Doctor Park, who has charge of the New York laboratory for the investigation of cancer, recently stated that if cancer continues to increase during the next ten years at so rapid a rate as it has done during the past decade, it will then be responsible for

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more deaths than are now caused by tuberculosis.

Neurasthenia, or nervous prostration, was an almost unknown disease a generation ago, but now it has become a household word; and the patent medicine men are becoming millionaires by selling annually two hundred million dollars' worth of nostrums, quack medicines, and harmful stimulants intended to brace up those who are on the border line of physical bankruptcy.

Thanks to the vigilant efforts of health officers and the wide diffusion of the knowledge of sanitary science in reference to the management of epidemic diseases, the great death-dealing plagues of former years have been practically stamped out. The bubonic plague has been cornered in a small portion of the earth. Although smallpox has, during recent years, broken out in a thousand different places, yet by prompt quarantine, it has been successfully held at bay. By such measures the average length of human life has been lengthened, but the fact remains that there is a far less number of old people alive today than ever before, and longevity is the real evidence of the physical strength and endurance of the race.

The physician who recognizes these facts is forced to conclude that the temperance question is not confined entirely to the consideration of the evils of the liquor traffic, for the liquor curse is only one of the factors contributing to this alarming race deterioration.

All stimulation is only mortgaging our nervous forces, and sooner or later, nature will foreclose the mortgage. It makes little difference whether it was secured from alcohol, opium, tobacco, tea or coffee, or a stimulating dietary. What we need is nourishment, not stimulation. Let us heed the admonition of John the Baptist and lay the ax at the root of the tree, instead of being content to pick away a few of the leaves. Inquire the rising generation with the truth that their bodies are divine temples and that it is an insult to God to wreck, mar, or defile this divine dwelling place.—David Paulson, in *The Union Signal*.



"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."

TITHE REPORT.

Tithe report for month ending March 31, 1902:

Alliance	\$ 3.18
Akron	183.01
Bellefontaine	26.00
Beaver	20.76
Bowling Green	29.42
Broughton	5.36
Bellville	2.50
Coshocton	22.58
Conneaut	1.34
Canton	19.45
Cleveland	396.72
Cincinnati	79.80
Columbus	62.68
Clyde	26.51
Chagrin Falls	13.02
Camden	3.03
Corsica	30.35
Chillicothe	16.00
Dayton	146.16
Dunkirk	5.00
Elgin	9.93
Findlay	18.00
Fairfield	57.56
Geneva	15.85
Greenspring	15.30
Greensburg	5.00
Hicksville	44.69
Hamler	92.92
Hill Grove	6.40
Killbuck	3.00
Kenton	27.20
Kirtland	30.50
Lewistown	13.72
Laura	25.97
Lima	24.88
La Grange	65.00
Liberty Center	56.05
Leesburg	21.40
Mt. Vernon	188.14
Middlefield	22.35
Mendon	4.04
Marion	19.20
Meigs	17.05
New Antioch	1.09
Norwalk	45.15
Portage River	31.11
Pemberville	62.25
Springfield	26.09
Sherwood	9.00
Toledo	106.49
Troy	22.04
Wheelerburg	123.16
Walnut Grove	92.92
West Mansfield	31.62
Wilmington	17.00
Youngstown	6.02
Isolated Sabbath-keepers ..	72.67

Total\$2,623.63

Bessie E. Russell, Treasurer.

FROM THE FIELD.

Toledo, O.

It may be of some interest to the readers of the Visitor to know how the work is moving in Toledo. Our plan for holding meetings is to let the pastor occupy the first Sabbath of each month, the children having their meeting on the second Sabbath, and as we have organized a young people's society we give them the third Sabbath, while the fourth Sabbath is devoted to a missionary meeting by the whole church. All departments of the work are represented. When there is a fifth Sabbath in a month the pastor occupies it. Thus while we have less preaching we have more practical work.

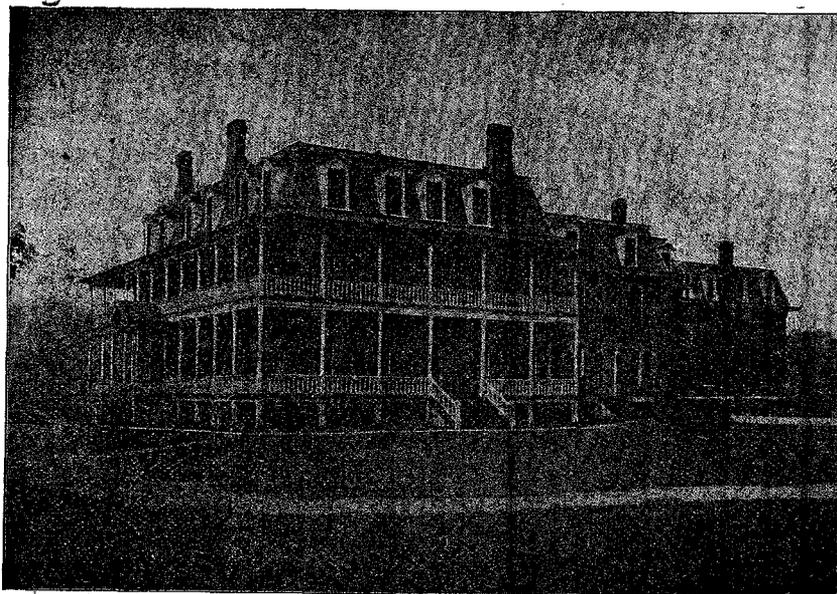
We have enjoyed the change and many articles have been read that for merit are worthy of a place in one of our periodicals. I am holding a series of Sunday evening lectures in a good hall, for the outside public, and with good interest. Our quota (500) of Object Lessons are now at hand and we hope to do our part in the sale of this excellent book.

As warm weather comes the people are less anxious to continue Bible readings. We are having a good attendance at both the Sabbath-school and public service. Brother Mc-Abee and wife are doing excellent work at the Branch Sanitarium. Brother Van Nest is prospering nicely in the Health Food Store. We believe that one with capital and wisdom might successfully conduct a health food restaurant here.

D. E. Lindsey.

Academia, Ohio.

In answer to a call from the General Conference Elder L. C. Sheafe has gone to Washington, D. C., to labor. He has moved his family to that place. On the evening of April 24 about sixty brothers and sisters of the Mt. Vernon church met at the home of the writer to present Brother and Sister Sheafe with a friendship quilt and have a farewell meeting. The evening was spent in singing and a general free-for-all talk. After a closing prayer and a hearty handshake all separated and went to their various homes. While we regret to see Brother and Sister Sheafe leave Ohio, yet we can say, "Thy will be done, not mine." J. O. Miller.



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SPRING.

"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; and the time of the singing of birds is come. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with a tender grape give a good smell."

This is a beautiful description of Spring; and as we look out and see the mother earth in her new Spring dress, and smell the fragrant flowers, and hear the sweet songs of the birds, our hearts go out in gratitude to the great Creator for these things for, "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord." We are told that, "Christ's parables are links in the chain of truth that unites man with God, and earth with heaven."

So let us "observe these things" and study the parables of Christ and "become united with God," and go forth "proclaiming the loving kindness of the Lord," and thus hasten that glad day when

"A sweet perfume upon the breeze,
Will come from ever vernal trees,
And flowers that never fading grow,
Where streams of life forever flow."

—Editor.



PRAYING IN HALF A ROOM.

In a large and respectable school near Boston, two boys from different states, and strangers to each other, were compelled by circumstances to room together. It was the beginning of the term, and the two students

spent the first day in arranging their room and getting acquainted. When night came, the younger of the two boys asked the other if he did not think it would be a good idea to close the day with a short reading from the Bible and a prayer. The request was modestly made, without whining or cant of any kind. The other boy, however, bluntly refused to listen to the proposal.

"Then you have no objection if I pray by myself, I suppose?" said the younger. "It has been my custom, and I wish to keep it up."

"I don't want any praying in this room, and I won't have it," retorted his companion.

The younger boy rose slowly, and walked to the middle of the room, and standing upon a seam in the carpet which divided the room nearly equally, said quietly: "Half of this room is mine. I pay for it. You may choose which half you will have. I will take the other, and I will pray in that half or get another room. But pray I must and will, whether you consent or refuse."

The older boy was immediately conquered. To this day he admires the sturdy independence which claimed as a right what he had boorishly denied as a privilege.

A Christian might as well ask leave to breathe as to ask permission to pray. There is a false sentiment connected with Christian actions which interferes with their free exercise. If there is anything to be admired, it is the manliness that knows

the right, and dares to do it without asking any one's permission.—Selected.



Our Canvassers.

Findlay, Ohio.

I left Academia, April 27th, to search Jerusalem, with a lantern, for some canvassers. I stopped in Mansfield and found a company of earnest souls. The Bible workers that were there in the Object Lesson work told me that the company had taken their quota. The workers' faces were lighted up and they were of good courage as they went on to other churches.

We had a good meeting on Sunday evening and a better one on Monday evening. Our congregation was not large, but the Lord was there. As I was to depart on the morrow the meeting was a little longer than usual. Next morning some of the outsiders came in to hear some singing, and I soon opened my Bible again and feed the hungry-seekers for light. I came to Findlay where I met my brother, John Gaede. He had appointed a meeting to give instruction to the church members in the Object Lesson work, and I joined him in the work. I also found the canvassers, Sisters Alice Edwards and Edith Francis. They are of good courage in the work. We are now having a canvassing school every night. We all canvass during the day. The Lord is adding His rich blessing. A sister of Edith Francis will enter the regular canvassing work soon. We expect others to enter the work. Some of the Academy students told me that they wanted to enter the work. May the Lord add many to the list. He has told us to pray for laborers.

Just now is our opportunity. Will not the church elders and leaders of companies send us some names of some good S. D. Adventists who feel it a privilege to work for the Lord and feel called to the canvassing work? What are we doing in this line? Just now the Lord has given the people means to buy the truth. Do we care to withhold it from them? If so what excuse will we give to the Lord? Do we want the Lord to say

to us, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gathered where I have not strewed."

My prayer is that we may shape our affairs so that we may hear the "well done." The business men are shaping their affairs in a way now, so that they may be prepared for emergencies when trying times come. What are we doing as children of light? 21 copies of Object Lessons were sold in Findlay May 1st. The elder, Brother Mackin, sold 9 copies by taking them to the shop where he works. He did not lose any time from his work. Can not others do likewise? Yours in the work,
G. P. Gaede.

West Mansfield, O., April 29, '02.

Dear Visitor Readers—I rejoice that I have a part in the blessed work of selling Christ's Object Lessons. The privilege of being "God's helping hand" ought to stir every soul to get yoked up with Jesus. Now is the time "when we must arise in response to the call of God and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul and spirit, in fulfilling His requirements. In this He is testing His people.

As a band of workers we had a blessed time at the ten days' meeting at Newark. The Lord richly blessed us all in going out and canvassing in the city. I had to return to Coshoc-ton for two days to make a delivery, but the Lord blessed my labors in Newark so that in the three days that I was there I took fifteen orders. This was done by canvassing a few hours in the forenoon.

Last week we spent the time with the little company at West Mansfield and tomorrow we go to Bellefontaine and from there to Lewistown and Lake View. We are of good courage, but wish to be remembered at the throne of grace that we may have strength in this our time of need.

B. L. House.

Clyde, Ohio.

We are of good courage and have enjoyed the special blessing of the Lord in our work here from day to day. Christ's Object Lessons have been placed in the homes of some of the best people of Clyde. The president of the W. C. T. U. gave us a recommendation and a list of names

from whom we received orders. Two Sunday-school superintendents gave us lists of teachers to whom we have sold books. The church people have also been blessed in the work. One brother who thought he could not sell a book took five orders in less than two days and sold more of his own goods than ever before the same length of time. All who have taken hold of the work have been blessed in it. Thirty-one orders have been taken the past week. Others expect to canvass soon. We now go to Norwalk, but expect to return here to complete our work.

Ida M. Walters.
Cora Petithory.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

G. P. Gaede—Orders, 6 Object Lessons. Value, \$7.50.

Gurnie Young—Orders, 6 Best Stories, 7 Marvel of Nations. Value, \$13.25.

J. O. Young—Orders, 6 Object Lessons, 2 Best Stories. Value, \$8.50.

B. L. House—Delivered 22 Object Lessons, 4 Best Stories, 1 Bible. Value, \$32.

(For two weeks.)

C. L. Wilson—Orders, 34 Coming King. Value, \$34. Helps, \$1.25. Delivered 23 Coming King. Value, \$23. Total, \$58.25.

W. E. Bidwell—Orders, 19 Object Lessons, 3 Steps to Christ, 3 Gospel Primer, 13 Best Stories, 1 Coming King, 4 Bibles. Value, \$41.25. Delivered 5 Object Lessons, 3 Steps to Christ, 1 Gospel Primer, 8 Best Stories, 1 Bible, 1416 pages of tracts. Value, \$16.60.

THE ART OF NOT HEARING.

The art of not hearing should be learned by all. There are so many things which it is painful to hear; very many which, if heard, will disturb the temper, corrupt simplicity and modesty, detract from contentment and happiness. If a man falls into a violent passion, and calls all manner of names, at the first words we should shut our ears and hear no more. If in a quiet voyage of life we find ourselves caught in one of those domestic whirlwinds of scolding, we should shut our ears as a sailor would furl his sail, and, mak-

ing all tight, scud before the gale. If a hot, restless man begins to inflame our feelings, we should consider what mischief the fiery sparks may do in our magazine below, where our temper is kept, and close the door. If we should be happy, when among good men we should open our ears; when among bad men, shut them.—Selected.



OFFERINGS PAID BY THE OHIO BRETHREN IN 1901.

F. D. Offerings.....	\$ 728.84
Foreign Missions.....	288.29
Annual Offering	1,184.20
S. S. Donations	855.73
Haskell Home	302.85
Miscellaneous	33.56
Shedsburg Sanitarium	306.98
Relief of Schools	15.00
Southern Mission	17.15
Southern Publishing House	17.83



OBITUARY.

Lewis—Fell in asleep in Jesus near Harrisonville at the home of her parents on April 25, 1902; Sister Ada Lewis, aged 31 years and 9 months. Her faith and trust in God was firm to the end. She leaves a father and an afflicted mother and two brothers to mourn their loss, three other sisters having died of the same disease, consumption. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large company of sorrowing friends.

R. R. Kennedy.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The tithe in Ohio for 1901 was \$21,787.84.

The Dayton Sabbath-school will hold a convention Sabbath, May 10.

The commencement exercises at the Mt. Vernon Academy will be held in the Academy chapel Monday evening, May 12th, 1902.

Miss Cora Gibson will labor in Ontario. May the blessing of the Lord be with her.

We are glad to hear such encouraging reports from the Object Lesson workers. May the good work go on.

Sabbath, May 3, the Mt. Vernon church held a meeting to consider the Object Lesson work. They decided to take their quota.

We hope to receive some good reports from the Sabbath-school conventions.