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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

On account of not being able to secure the tents which were ordered by the Ohio Conference Association early last winter, it was decided at the last session of the Executive Committee of the Conference to conduct six tent meetings this summer. The following companies were formed, viz., Elder R. R. Kennedy, J. P. Gaede, and H. H. Votaw, to work in the southern part of the state; C. C. Webster, B. L. House and Robert Thurber, in the northeastern part; Francis M. Fairchild, W. W. Miller and V. L. Fisher, in the northwestern part; J. O. Miller, J. H. Smith and W. S. Huffaker, in Washington county; M. C. Kirkendall, C. T. Redfield and F. H. Henderson, in Morgan county; K. R. Haughey, W. E. Bidwell and Fred M. Fairchild, in the southwestern part of the state.

Elder H. H. Burkholder will labor in Columbus; Elder D. E. Lindsay in Toledo; Elder A. C. Shannon in Cleveland; Elder J. G. Wood in Springfield; Elder C. A. Smith in Hamilton, and W. H. Granger in Cincinnati.

Elder W. H. Wakeham has charge of the Educational work, assisted by Bessie E. Russell in the Sabbath School work. G. P. Gaede will oversee the general canvassing work. C. V. Hamer of Columbus has accepted an invitation to connect with the office and have charge of the finances of the Conference. An invitation has been extended to all of the Bible Workers to attend the summer school to be held in Academy buildings, to commence June 17, and continue from four to six weeks.

Elder M. S. Babcock tendered his resignation as a member of the Con-

ference Committee in lieu of the fact that he had accepted an invitation from the Canadian Union Conference to enter upon work in Nova Scotia. His resignation was accepted, whereupon it was the unanimous vote of the committee to invite Elder J. G. Wood to take the place made vacant by this resignation. While it is true that Elder Wood is growing old, we believe him to be rich in experience, and wise in counsel, and his counsel was very much desired by the Committee. Elder Wood has accepted the invitation to deliberate with the Ohio Conference Committee.

Elder A. C. Shannon was elected vice president of the Ohio Conference, to fill the unexpired term of Elder Babcock.

A. G. Haughey, Chairman.

BIBLE WORKERS NEEDED.

A letter from Elder W. H. Thurston, president of the Canadian Union Conference, 571 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., bearing date of May 14th, has been received at this office. In the above-mentioned letter Brother Thurston states the needs of that field. Already two Bible workers have gone from Ohio to the Canadian Conference, and Elder M. S. Babcock goes this week to connect with the work in Nova Scotia. Elder J. W. Collie, formerly a laborer in the Ohio Conference, is president of the Ontario Conference. Edward Dryer and wife, formerly students in the Mt. Vernon Academy, are also laborers in the Canadian Union Conference, and the people there are so well pleased with the work of these laborers, that they now ask for another laborer from Ohio. A Bible worker is wanted, who can play the organ and act as organist for a tent company. This Bible worker is asked for by the Quebec Conference. The tent is to be located in the city of Sherbrook. Now, if there is a Bible worker in the Ohio Conference that desires to enter

that field and feels that this is a call to them personally to engage in labor in the Canadian Union Conference, the way is certainly open for them to correspond with us, or the president of the Canadian Union Conference, making your desires known.

A. G. Haughey,
Academia, Ohio.

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"The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often matures best amid storm-clouds and darkness."



Our Canvassers.

TO OUR CANVASSERS.

The Lord could bless our canvassers more if they would work on right lines. In making out the monthly report for April I noticed that most of the canvassers have fallen back almost entirely to the one book, "Coming King." This is a good book and has its place, but it is not the only book that the Lord would have sold.

"If our canvassers are controlled by the spirit of financial gain, if they circulate the book upon which they can make the most money, to the neglect of others that the people need, I ask, In what sense is theirs a missionary work? Where is the missionary spirit, the spirit of self-sacrifice? Should the canvasser be unfaithful to the principles of missionary work, and sell only those books that are cheapest and easiest to handle, neglecting to place before the people books which will give more light, because by so doing he can earn more money for himself? How is the missionary spirit revealed here? Has not the canvassing work ceased to be what it should be? How is it that no voice is raised against this state of things?"—Manual for Canvassers, pp. 44, 45.

It is necessary to keep this principle in our minds, in order to do the Lord's work as He would have it done.

It is not best to take so many books at one time for the canvasser will not push the work so well as he will if he just takes one large book, and perhaps a small one for a help. We know that the people will say that they do not have any money, but we know that times are good and the people do have the money, and now is the time to push the canvassing work, by selling our large books which contain so much truth for this time. May the Lord help us to carry His sweet gentle influence with us in such a measure that the people may see that we have something that they want.

Let us lift the standard and the Lord will help us.

G. P. Gaede.

To the Visitor:

The Lord surely guided in sending

me to the churches where I have been. The Lord has given us a precious experience with the dear brothers and sisters at West Mansfield, Bellefontaine, Lewistown and Lake View. Although these companies are small, we feel sure that God will abundantly bless each one who has cheerfully and willingly taken hold of the work for this time. Many from these little companies will join the multitude in singing the "jubilee song of freedom." Our prayer is that God will give them heavenly zeal to be about their Master's business until every book is sold and the money sent to the Ohio Tract Society. May God speed every worker and help us to stand nobly in the Object Lesson work until the glorious hour shall come for which we are working. I am of good courage and God is filling my soul with His peace and joy.

B. L. House.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

J. P. Gaede—8 Object Lessons, 1 Dan. and Rev. Value, \$11.

E. E. Nothstine—Delivered 17 Dan. and Rev. Value, \$29.

Geo. W. Spies—Value of sales, \$3. Gurnie Young—Orders, 3 Best Stories, 12 Marvel of Nations. Value, \$18.25.

J. O. Young—Orders, 11 Object Lessons. Value, \$13.75. Delivered 6 Object Lessons. Value, \$7.50.

F. E. Wagner—Value of orders and sales, \$35.10.

C. L. Wilson—Orders, 12 Coming King. Value, \$12. Value of helps, \$5. Delivered 45 Coming King. Value, \$45.

Mrs. C. Bush—Orders, 13 Object Lessons. Delivered 18 Object Lessons, 2 Steps to Christ. Total, \$39.35.

Fred C. Webster—Orders, 26 Object Lessons, 14 Steps to Christ. Value, \$39.50.

R. B. Thurber—Orders, 14 Coming King. Value, \$14.50. Value of helps, \$6.75.

W. E. Bidwell—Orders, 2 Object Lessons, 1 Gospel Primer, 2 Best Stories. Delivered 16 Object Lessons, 3 Steps to Christ, 1 Gospel Primer, 11 Best Stories, 3 Bibles, 72 pages tracts. Total value, \$37.04.



"There is no danger that the Lord will neglect the prayers of His people."

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Convention just held by the Green Spring Sabbath-school has been a success, and has demonstrated the faithfulness of the Lord, in not forsaking those that put their trust in Him. Although the meeting opened under a cloud of disappointment, it being impossible for some who had part in the program to be present, it was not long before the "silver lining" began to appear; and it has been conceded, that while the former Conventions have been excellent this one has been the best. The Lord has proven that the "one thing needed" is a willing mind, and dependence upon Him.

One brother expressed it thus: "It is a good thing to have the 'props' taken away, and we see what the Lord can do when He is permitted."

The attendance was quite good; and while it was necessary to assign the subjects to different individuals, on short notice, many excellent suggestions were made, and helpful experiences related.

Two ministers, Methodist and United Brethren, attended the meetings Sabbath, took part in the discussions, and highly commended the earnest, willing spirit manifested, and adherence to the Word of God in the remarks. The praise service was one long to be remembered; and the testimonies of those not of our faith of the good derived therefrom, were a source of encouragement.

The Green Spring Sabbath-school will hereafter rest in the fact that God can and will give wisdom, liberally, to all that seek for it. They know whereof they speak.

Bessie E. Russell.



"I and my Father are one."

"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not."

"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

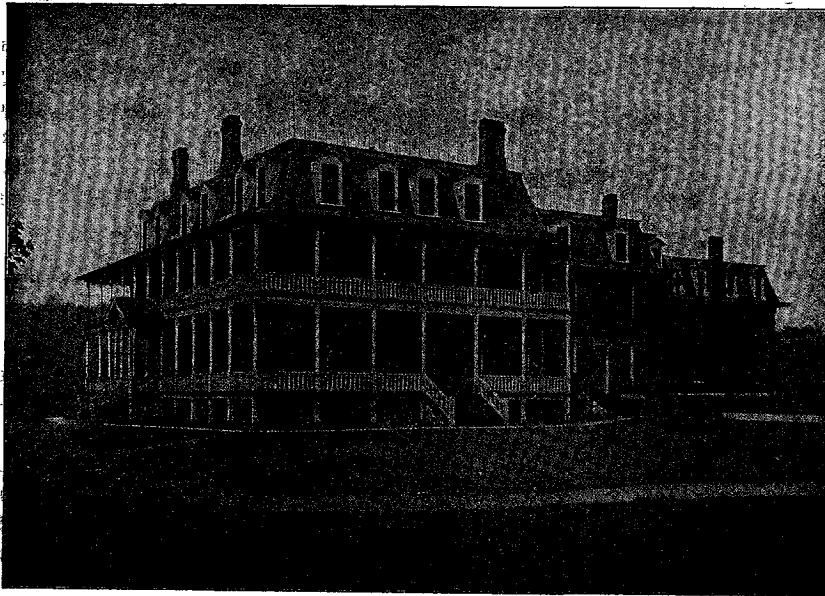
"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

"These things I command you, that ye love one another."

"Let all things be done with charity."

"But godliness with contentment is great gain."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

HE IS OUR ASSURANCE.

"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."—Jcs. 1; 5.

The assurance of his success, and his ability to overcome all who would oppose him, was the promise of the presence of the Lord. This same truth is stated in 2 Cor. 2; 14. "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the saviour of His knowledge by us in every place." Again we see it is Christ who "always causeth us to triumph." And this, too, "in every place."

Now this experience is for every one, for God is no respecter of persons. The conditions must, however, be complied with; then He will only be too glad to "manifest the saviour of His knowledge by us." To Joshua the Lord made plain the conditions by which this Presence would give him success. "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest."—Jos. 1; 7. Note that it was by being "strong and courageous," that he would be enabled to keep the law and so have good success. The man that gives way to discouragement, or looks at difficulties and says that they cannot be overcome, is de-

nying the Lord, and opening the way for satan to defeat him in his work, or in his Christian experience. The person that would be an overcomer, must grasp the promise first, and believe that "what He had promised He was able also to perform." This is true of those who are working in any branch of the Lord's work. The person that does not believe the Lord will give him success will see little success attend his efforts. Not only is it necessary to believe, and thus "embrace" the "substance" of what is "hoped for," but be "strong in faith, giving glory to God." He should give "thanks unto God who always causeth us to triumph."

Now the canvasser who seeks God for this experience will never complain of "hard times," "the people have lots of books," "we cannot sell the large books," or "I cannot canvass, as I have no ability for it," etc. The one who "foresees the Lord always before His face," will say, "He is at my right hand that I should not be moved. Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad."—Acts 2; 25, 26. The one who beholds Him will never see the difficulties, as difficulties, but see in them fresh opportunities for the mighty hand of God to be manifested, and will "rejoice in his heart" for the privilege of being a "laborer together with God," even though it cause him pain and hardships.

I wish I could be with each of you canvassers in Ohio for a short time

to share with you your experiences. When I was going from house to house with my book, was the brightest experience of my life. But I am glad to know that you have One with you to help you who is not limited in power or wisdom, and to Him I would counsel you to go, and invite Him to go with you, and never grieve Him by any complaining, or discouragement.

J. B. Blosser,

L. U. C. Cany. Agt.



DOUBTING THOMAS.

By R. S. Owen.

Did you ever meet a doubting Thomas? They are quite numerous in these days. They claim never to believe a thing until it is proved. They take pride in commending the prudence of Thomas in not believing everything he heard. They, too, would never have believed that Christ had risen from the dead until they had put their fingers into the prints of the nails of thrust their hand into his side. With them Thomas was a model of prudence, and they think it a clever thing to consider themselves like him in that respect. Did they but know it, it is a very foolish thing. It is not only foolish, but wicked to disbelieve as Thomas did. God's prophets had foretold that Christ would rise from the dead. Jesus had told them repeatedly that he would be crucified, and would rise again the third day. They should have believed the Lord's word.

When Thomas expressed his unbelief, he was dishonoring his Saviour as much as though he had said, "I do not believe he told us the truth." One of those to whom Thomas spoke his unbelief, tells us just how God looks upon such things: "He that believeth not God hath made him a liar because he believeth not the record which God gave of his son."—I John 5:10. Although Thomas had virtually called Jesus a liar, yet the Saviour bore with him patiently, just as he does with those who disbelieve now. He showed him his hands and his side, and said to him, "Be not faithless, but believing." Thomas in blank astonishment exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

If the friends of these doubting ones were to distrust them as Christ was distrusted, I fear they would not bear it as patiently. We like to have the confidence of our friends, and want them to believe us when we tell them anything. Then let us treat God's word as we would like ours to be treated. Let us believe what he says, and show our faith by doing what he asks us to do.

If you are looking for evidence, you can find nothing stronger than a Thus saith the Lord. This was all that Noah had as evidence of the coming flood while he was building the ark. It was all the prophets had as the basis of their predictions, and yet not one has failed. "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established."—The Gospel Herald.



FROM THE FIELD.

Wheekersburg—On Sunday, May 18, five dear souls were baptized in the Ohio river near the home of Brother and Sister McNeal. Four were from Portsmouth and one from Beavertown. Three other dear souls from Portsmouth will be baptized soon.

We go from here to Proctorville to give our entire time to the sale of Object Lessons. We esteem it a privilege to have a part in this great movement that is in progress to bring the glorious closing message before the people of this world. We praise the Lord for the blessings received and the experiences gained.

Shall we not, both as Conference laborers and others, spend as much time as possible, without remuneration, in this work and thus roll away the reproach of debt from the Lord's cause?

R. R. Kennedy.



A PLEA FOR HELP.

The new laundry at the Academy is almost completed. The building is a good substantial one and will fill a long felt want that had become an absolute necessity. Some have responded nobly to the call that was made to meet this demand, yet less than half the debt has been raised. Surely we do not want our debt to increase.

Some have not taken hold to lift in this our necessity. Let all help as the Lord has prospered them, remem-

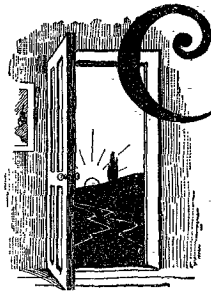
bering that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Send all donations to Prof. J. W. Loughhead, Mt. Vernon, O.

R. R. Kennedy.



TO OUR SISTERS.



Commencing with the issue of June 4 there will appear regularly in the Signs of the Times, for the term of ten weeks, a series of articles by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen treating the oft perplexing questions in many homes—the rearing of children. The health and training of the child from infancy is treated upon by this able writer in a manner that will prove exceedingly helpful to parents who read the articles and practice the suggestions given. In addition to these articles, we believe they open a door of missionary activity to our sisters which they will not be slow to enter. Mrs. Wood-Allen is widely known as a W. C. T. U. worker, and our sisters can circulate the Signs containing these articles among their W. C. T. U. neighbors without exciting prejudice. Certainly this is an opportunity for our sisters which they will appreciate.

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THE FOOTPATH OF PEACE.

To be glad of life because it gives you a chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falseness and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness

of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ, and to spend as much time as you can with body and spirit in God's out-of-doors—these are the little guideposts on the footpath of peace.—Henry Van Dyke.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brother W. H. Granger will have charge of the work in Cincinnati. His address is 3222 Warsaw Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elder M. S. Babcock and wife will go to New Brunswick to labor. Their address for the present will be 311 Princess Street, St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Brother M. W. Wharram in sending in an order for Object Lessons says: "I know they are going fast, and my prayer is that they may go faster, until the shout of victory goes up throughout the land.

Miss Bessie Russell attended the Sabbath-school convention at Greensprings, Ohio, May 23-25.

A Coronation number of the Signs of the Times will be issued under date of June 11. Price, 5 cents each, or 2 cents each in lots of twenty-five or more. Address Signs of the Times, Oakland, Cal.

Married, on the evening of May 14, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents in Corsica, Ohio, Miss Pearl Stevens and Mr. Clement Reed, Elder W. H. Wakeham officiating. The Visitor joins their many friends in best wishes for their future happiness.



BRIEFS.

"We love him, because he first loved us."

"Your heart shrinks back from trials the future may disclose,

But you never had a sorrow but what the dear Lord chose;

And, so, send the coming tears back, with the whispered words, 'He knows.'"

"The noble deed, wrought often all unknown,

The suffering borne without complaint or moan;

The harsh word checked, the little kindness shown,

Are harp strings to 'the song that has no sound.'"