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REST

O WILL it not be sweet when storms are o'er,
The battle fought, the victory won at last,
To rest our weary souls on Canaan's shore?
Rest 'will be sweet, and we'll forget the past.
There'll be no night, but one eternal noon,
And no decay to spoil the verdant bloom.

Wherefore comfort one another now,
That home of bliss is nearing day by day.
Do well thy work; perform thy sacred vow,
And all thy treasures on the altar lay.
The joys that wait us over there will be
The fruition of our faith eternally.

I'll trust to him whose promises are sure;
My feet upon the mighty rock shall stand,
My feeble self on him shall rest secure.
Till work is done, and I shall reach that land.
Then joy to hail the Master who has died
To give me life,—my Saviour crucified.

MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.
Academia, O.

THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT

THE work in the Bible department of the College is progressing quite encouragingly. The close of the term did not bring many changes; a few went away, and a few new ones joined the classes. Perhaps as interesting an item as could be furnished this week would be the following essay written for and read in the class in New Testament history by a member of that class.

F. D. STARR.

"NOT WITH OUTWARD SHOW"

IN Luke 17:20 we read, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation" (with outward show.—Margin.) These were the words of Christ in answer to a question of the Pharisees. Three or more years before this John had preached, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" His message was accepted by many of the people, and they began to look for its fulfilment. After waiting so long, some of the Pharisees came to Christ asking when the kingdom of God should come. They had been looking for it and had not seen it; so they sought information from Christ.

It was very apparent that they did not know how to look for the kingdom of God. They confused the holy writings portraying his first and second comings; and were applying the signs and events, which were to

attend his second coming to his first coming. They ignored the many prophecies relative to the lowly life of the Son of God,—his life and sorrow and anguish, and ignominious death. They overlooked such statements as one found in Isa. 53:3, "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief." They looked only to the prophecies relative to the glory of the kingdom of God in the new earth. In other words, they accepted only those scriptures which suited their own belief, and rejected all others,—a thing which we to-day are warned against by the statement, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." 2 Tim. 3:16.

In accepting Jesus as the Christ, even the disciples had believed that their Lord would fulfil these prophecies at this time, and take the throne of David. But in this they were to be disappointed. Christ said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with outward show." It was not to be a visible kingdom to be set up at that time. "Neither shall they say, lo here, or lo there, for the kingdom of God is within you."

Christ must first have subjects for a kingdom; so he must first come and find those who will be loyal to him when he shall set up his visible kingdom. He said, "The kingdom of God is within you." It must be set up in the heart. The enemy now in possession must be conquered and driven out, that Christ may enter and purify it for the abode of his Holy Spirit.

Many to-day think to set up the kingdom of Christ in the kingdoms of the world. They desire to make God ruler in governments, courts, and legislative halls. But how can he rule since he is not here in person? By laws and religious enactments which they themselves make, thus making themselves God, or being a god unto themselves. But we cannot harmonize this teaching with the Scriptures. For there we read, "My kingdom is not of this world."

An entrance into that kingdom is not bought; for the price is above that which we could pay. It is not given to any one without an effort on his part to secure it. It depends upon character. The gates of heaven will open wide to everyone who comes

with a pure character. And that character is made pure by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

GEO. LEIGHTON STERLING.

THE COMING OF CHRIST

WHEN Jesus was here on earth with his disciples, he taught them many valuable and precious lessons which they in turn were to impart to those who would accept him as their Saviour and friend. Among the many important subjects which Jesus taught his disciples, none perhaps seems so weighty and momentous as that of his second coming. In the coming of Christ is centered the consummation of the hope of all true Christians.

In the fourteenth chapter of John's gospel, three times Jesus repeated to his humble disciples that precious promise, which puts life and vigor into every follower of Christ, and which revives his hope,—"I will come again." These poor, despised fishermen believed the promise of their Master; and in their hearts anxious inquiries began to arise,—they would know the sign that would precede the coming of their Saviour, who was now about to return to heaven from whence he came.

We learn from the first two verses of the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, that as Jesus departed from the temple, his disciples came to him for the purpose of showing him the buildings of their beautiful temple. But Jesus informed them that the time would come when one stone would not be left upon another. In the third verse of the said chapter, it is recorded that as the Saviour ascended the Mount of Olives, again the disciples came unto him privately, saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

After foretelling of wars, of the destruction of Jerusalem, and of false Christs, in the twenty-ninth verse of the said chapter, the Saviour gave three specific signs that would precede his coming,—signs in the sun, moon, and stars. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

The tribulation here brought to view is none other than that of the papal tribulation which began in A. D. 538 and ended in . . . D. 1798. Because of the swaying influence brought about by the Reformation, the papal persecution ended in 1773. After this persecution, we must look for the signs which must inevitably take place in the sun, moon and stars.

At what time in the history of this world were the words of our Saviour, in regard to the darkening of the sun, the moon refusing to give her light, and the stars falling from heaven, fulfilled? History answers the important question. What is known as "The Dark Day," which was the result of the sun refusing to give his light, took place, on May 19, 1780.

The sign in the moon occurred the following night; and Nov. 13, 1833, the stars fell from heaven.

The wonderful phenomena which took place in the heavens, which caused the wicked everywhere to fear and tremble, could not be accounted for by the wise men of the earth: they stand beyond all human comprehension. These are the works of God; these are the signs that precede the coming of the Son of man; by these waymarks every true child of God may know that the coming of his Redeemer draweth nigh.

The next thrilling scene, which heaven and earth have yet to witness, is the sign of the coming of the Son of man. History tells us of great men, and of their grand triumphal marches after they fought many a battle, and won many a victory. But what triumphal march of earthly monarch can be compared with that celestial procession which is soon to take place when Christ shall descend to earth to claim his own, accompanied by all the armies of heaven?

In triple glory the son of God descends to earth from heaven,—in his own glory, in his father's glory, and in the glory of holy angels. Luke 9: 26. For such a time as this, all Christians, who look for their Lord, in hopeful anticipation wait. The cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," will soon be heard, and blessed is that people that shall be able to lift up their heads and say, "Lo this is our God, we have waited for him, and he will save us."

CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

COLLEGE SPRINGS SANITARIUM NOTES

MRS. KELLY returned to her home in College View, Neb., last Monday.

MRS. GEORGE KEPPLER, of Hamilton, O., arrived at the Sanitarium last Thursday.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. ROBISHAW, who have had charge of the treatment rooms in Cincinnati so long, have recently joined the Sanitarium corps of workers.

PROF. A. W. KELLY, who has been ill with pneumonia at the Sanitarium, is steadily improving, and expects to take his place in the College in the near future.

WE are pleased to state that Miss Rosa Kline, of Millersburg, O., who has been at the Sanitarium the last four weeks, has been improving nicely, and expects to return to her home soon.

OUR WORKERS

Alliance, O.

DEAR VISITOR: The Alliance church thanks the Lord for Brother Marrietta's visit March 7 and 8. The Lord always gives us the things we need. How good the Lord is! I am glad to say that our little company is growing in grace and in the knowledge of the word of God. I hope by the close of the quarter to give a full report of our Sabbath-school. Yours in the Master's work,

MRS. RACHEL RICE.

Cumberland, Md.

DEAR VISITOR: We are glad to be privileged to use your columns to let the dear friends in Ohio know that we are nicely located in our new field of labor. Our present address is at Cumberland, Md., R. F. D. No. 1.

We shall be glad to have the friends passing through the city to call and see us, and especially invite the ministering brethren to do so.

This western part of Maryland (our location) is not very productive as a farming country, and yet many people live here, and some are trying to farm the sides of the mountains as well as the valleys.

The main industry, however, is coal mining, some of the very largest in the United States are located in this west end of the State. Uncle Sam secures a very large amount of this coal, because of its high quality.

I believe that the altitude we have in this part of the State, in connection with the fresh air off of the mountain pines, ought to increase one's physical vigor in a marked manner. Snow banks are yet to be seen.

This is a needy, unworked field. No doubt many precious jewels are to be found widely scattered over and through the beautiful hills and mountains of western Maryland, and it is our prayer that God may use us in searching out the precious straying sheep before it is forever too late. We beg to be remembered in the prayers of God's people, that we may become more and more successful as soul winners.

MR. AND MRS. F. M. FAIRCHILD.

Youngstown, O.

THE church at Youngstown held their quarterly meeting March 21. It was held a little earlier this year on account of the arrival of Brother and Sister Gibson, and thus enabled all the members to extend to them a welcome. There was a very good attendance, in fact the largest gathering we have had for years. Brother Gibson accepted the invitation to serve as pastor of the church during his stay in this city. Brother Numbers was also present, with two canvassers who will work in this locality.

Three dear ones were taken into the church by letter, thus making seven in all who have united with us in a short time. We are also in receipt of another application for admission which will be acted on at the first opportunity.

We are looking forward with much interest to the meetings we expect to hold in the near future, and ask the prayers of the brethren throughout the State for the work and workers at this place. Your sister in the fast closing work,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.

Ohio City, Laura, Piqua, O.

DEAR VISITOR: After a long silence, I will again report through your columns. February 6, Brother Williams and myself began a series of meetings at Ohio City. Our people living there had done all they could to prepare for, and make the meetings a success; but from the start everything seemed to be against the effort. Many of the people who belong to church, and who would no doubt resent the thought that they were untruthful, had promised to attend the meetings, yet many of them never came to even one meeting. The truth, however, has been proclaimed there, and

"THE devil's favorite style of architecture is an inverted pyramid, containing a point of truth or a half truth at the apex, the rest being error."

they must meet the results. Brother Williams was with me only a part of the time.

About two weeks after we began the meetings, I was taken very ill, and they were discontinued for nearly one week. The other churches planned to have something going on every evening in order to keep the people away as much as possible from our services. One church after having closed its revival meetings, reopened after several days.

I left for Laura March 18, but Brother Williams was to continue the meetings for several evenings, and then follow up the work with Bible readings with those who were interested. We regret that we could not report a number of conversions, but we trust that there will be fruit to gather later on. Our people at Ohio City have a reading rack in the depot from which large numbers of papers are taken weekly. Any one having nice clean papers can assist in this work by sending them prepaid to Miss Alice Black, Ohio City, O.

From March 18-23 was spent with the Laura church. We held several meetings, but there was very little outside attendance. Our people were faithful, and I was glad to meet with them once more. If all will cheerfully do their duty, I believe that there are others here who will soon fully unite with them.

I am now at Piqua, but will leave to-morrow for Bellefontaine. I had a good hearing last night. I am sorry to report that Sister Jennie Sellers has been pronounced beyond all hope of recovery, and Sister Green is very low. Thus the enemy is at work. I was glad to meet Brother and Sister Coffman, who have located here.

Workers of Ohio, what are you doing?
W. E. BIDWELL.

Stanleyton, Va.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: Dear Friend—We have a few crumbs of news to give you this week. During our Institute, Brother I. D. Richardson was with us eight days, giving instruction on the canvassing work, which was highly appreciated by those present.

The character the canvasser should strive to attain was drawn from the word of God as contained in the Bible and the "Testimonies." I believe that we all sensed that it was the Spirit of God that had indicted the message for us.

Owing to a change in the time, for beginning the Institute, several who had planned to attend were unable to do so on account of other arrangements. They would certainly have

been benefitted by the instruction, but God, however, is not limited by circumstances, and these dear ones, by earnest study, will be blessed of God for service. Five who were present manifested their intention to begin work at the first opportunity, by mingling with the people and soliciting their orders. We have heard from three of these and understand that they are being blessed with a goodly number of orders. The angels of God have gone before them, and they have been welcomed with kind words everywhere.

There are many more places in Virginia where the people are equally anxious for our reading matter, and these people will be persuaded by the Spirit of God to give their order, providing we gain the victory at the throne of God before we leave our homes.

There are a number of prospective workers that we hope will soon take up the yoke of Christ, and work together with him. There is plenty of territory in Virginia for a large number of canvassers, and we will be pleased to correspond with all who wish to work, giving them all the encouragement within our power. My permanent address is 1,312 North 28th St., Richmond, Va.

W. H. ZEIDLER, *State Agent.*

A COMPLETE EDUCATION

A GIRL'S education is most incomplete unless she has learned—

- To sew.
- To cook.
- To mend.
- To be gentle.
- To value time.
- To dress neatly.
- To keep a secret.
- To avoid idleness.
- To be self-reliant.
- To darn stockings.
- To respect old age.
- To make good bread.
- To keep a house tidy.
- To be above gossiping.
- To make a home happy.
- To control her temper.
- To take care of the sick.
- To take care of the baby.
- To sweep down cobwebs.
- To read the very best books.
- To take plenty of active exercise.
- To be a helpmate to her husband.
- To keep clear of trashy literature.
- To be light-hearted and fleet-footed.
- To be a womanly woman under all circumstances.—*Selected.*

"THE only way to arbitrate with a temptation, is to kill it first, and talk over it afterward."

SHOULD WE REPORT?

DOES the Lord so desire? Is there encouragement in it? Are we working in harmony with the angels in it? From those who have given up the world and accepted the riches of the world to come in its stead, we expect a willingness, that cannot be found elsewhere, to follow the counsel of the Lord. It is certain that there are thousands of papers and pages on present truth coming into the churches which are never again reported. I do not believe, brethren and sisters, that you destroy all these; I cannot believe this; yet they are not reported. There are some who faithfully report, some are indifferent, and some question the duty of reporting at all.

Angels in heaven carry writing materials, and set down their work and report it. Of one angel to whom the Lord gave a commission to labor for souls, it is said that he carried a "writer's inkhorn." "And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done what thou hast commanded me." *Eze.* 9:11. This was written that we upon whom the end of the world has come might learn a lesson. The apostles reported their missionary work: "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together they rehearsed all that God had done with them." (*Acts* 14:27) — "declared all things that God had done with them." *Chap.* 15:4, also verse 12. They reported their miracles; but it was always what the Lord had wrought.

Many weak hands that had almost relaxed their hold, have been strengthened for a new effort by seeing even a small report from another. If you alone have done the work, let it drop; but if God has sent you, tell it, and he will be glorified.

Some are not where they can attend missionary meetings, and their report may be small. They may not see any immediate results of their missionary efforts; but this is with the Lord. He says, "Sow thy seed. . . . Thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that." *Ecc.* 11:6. It was said of the angel that he "reported the matter." He had done as he was commanded, reported his work.

Dear brethren and sisters, keep a faithful account of the work that you do. If it is but one of the small streams, see that it finds its way to unite with the larger streams, and in this way all will be carried together. A body of water has never been collected so large that it was not made of little drops. Send a report of your work, giving God the glory. See that

tracts and papers do not accumulate in your homes. Read them and pass them on. Keep them nice and clean for the purpose. Give a full report, and it will be blessed of God. "A good report maketh the bones fat." That means it is encouraging.

"Speak [tell of it, R. V.], . . . ye that sit in judgment and walk by the way. They that are delivered from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel [missionary work in the villages]: then shall the people of the Lord go down to the gates." Judges 5:10.

Telling of your work, then, will cause others to start out. Let us renew our faithfulness in reporting.—*Selected.*

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER?

"YOUNG men and young women, can not you form companies, and as soldiers of Christ enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work. Will the young men and women who really love Christ organize themselves as workers, not only those who profess to be Sabbath keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?"

Here is the call that God sends to our youth to-day. Many have already responded. The Young People's Work is growing with great rapidity. Especially in our larger churches have active bands been formed. Yet our ranks are not yet complete. Jesus wishes everyone to enter his service.

Much more can be gained by united action than by each one trying to work by himself. By gathering together in bands, we gain strength as we meet for prayer and counsel over our work.

Many of our young people cannot have the privilege of meeting with others. For this reason, we wish also to form a "Conference Society of Missionary Volunteers" that we may all work together along the same lines.

Who are willing to enroll as volunteers for Christ's service? We may not meet in bands, but we can by correspondence aid one another in working for the great Commander. We hope soon to see all of our young people who are church members, united in bands, as the Lord has requested. Will you not send in your names?
BESSIE E. ACTON.

A PLEASANT GATHERING

DEAR VISITOR: On March 24 a very pleasant reception was tendered Elder Heckman, I. M. Martin and Brother Bailey, and farewell to Elder Fitzgerald and Brother Cook by the members of both Philadelphia churches, Elder Fitzgerald being called to take the presidency of the Columbia Union Conference, and Brother Cook the business management of the Mount Vernon College.

A highly entertaining program of music, recitation, etc., was interspersed with remarks from each of the brethren.

That Elder Fitzgerald and Brother Cook had won a place in the esteem and confidence of the people was evident by the large number present, and the many kind expressions heard on every hand.

While the prompting power in our work is love for God, and his love for us, yet human loyalty and kindness are a great stimulus to those who are at the front of the battle.

Elder Fitzgerald spoke of his entry into the work in Philadelphia; how he wondered what kind of people he was coming among, and a certain fear and trembling possessed him as to the outcome, but after eight years of experience he could testify to the loyalty and devotion of the people in Philadelphia and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Brother Cook spoke in a similar vein. It was among the hills of Pennsylvania that he first drew the breath of life, and in the same land God breathed into him the breath of life of the Third Angel's Message. While the ties to this Conference are not easily broken, yet anywhere the Master calleth, is his motto. He said he would carry into his new field memories which would be to his enjoyment, and that if his whole life were a desert, his stay among the people of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia would be an oasis.

Elder Heckman who has succeeded Elder Fitzgerald as president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, spoke of his desire to carry on the work of his predecessor, and asked for the same loyalty and kindness from the people. Brother Bailey, who is to take Brother Cook's office, expressed the same sentiments, urging upon all the necessity of oneness in Christ as an essential to success.

While all the members of the conference could not be present, yet all join in wishing these brethren who are leaving our ranks the blessing of God in their new field, and are desirous of giving to those

who take up the burdens in the Conference their earnest support and devotion.

The evening's enjoyment was closed with remarks by Elder I. M. Martin, who has become pastor of the North Philadelphia church, and Elder I. N. Williams who pronounced the benediction. Yours in Christ,

WILLIAM QUINN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Martinsburg, W. Va.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: In the midst of the hard times when everybody is pleading poverty, the good Lord is making his last Message to the world go about as fast here, as ever before.

We found a family of Seventh-day Adventists here, and have started a Sabbath-school, which, so far, has been very interesting. We are praying every day for the president of our Conference that he may have special success wherever he may visit our people and others, and that we may witness a great awakening in our ranks.

We also know that the brethren and sisters are praying for us, and that their prayers will be answered; for the Saviour said, "If ye ask anything according to his will, I will do it." The power of the latter rain is what we need. May we so relate ourselves to the Lord that he can quickly give it.

We hope these few words may help some one to arise and enter the kingdom. Your brother in Christ,

J. H. JENNINGS.

Zanesville, O.

DEAR VISITOR: I am glad to say that I am finding one here and there who is ready to step out and obey the truth. The prophet Jeremiah tells us we are to fish and hunt for the souls of men. By this we are to understand they will be lost unless we as "fishers and hunters" search them out. I have tried a number of methods to "fish and hunt" for the dear souls for whom Jesus has died. The lost one I believe to be the best. It is this. I loaned a periodical that has the truth on the Third Angel's Message, such as the special *Watchman*, which is the best, far as my experience teaches me. I loan them from house to house for one week at a time, with the understanding I will call the next week and take it up, as I want to loan it to another of their neighbors. I find it works well. Several have said to me, "Won't you let me have it another week?" or "Won't you let me loan it to my mother?" or "Won't you sell

it to me?" It takes off all the embarrassment that might be connected with trying to sell the paper.

We must ask ourselves the question, Are we truly "fishing and hunting" for the honest ones? If we are, the Lord will help us to find them. We are told the spiritual help the church needs "is how to work for their neighbors." Now, we who are placed in the cities have a most excellent chance to help the church along this line. I find the church will go no faster along this line of work than I go. We must lead out in the distribution of our literature. I was glad to read in Elder J. O. Miller's letter the sale of so many good books. By the help of the Lord, I am going to sell some "Christ's Object Lessons" this summer. Our church is growing both in numbers and spiritually. We had hoped for several new ones to unite with us at our quarterly meeting, but on investigating them closely, we found it best to postpone to a future time. Your brother worker,
F. H. HENDERSON.

"A GOOD motto—since the hanging of mottoes is the fashion of the day—to put up before every sewing society every corner-store crowd; and to hang from every village steeple, is the ninth commandment,—Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." This is the common offense of good people. Men and women who would not hurt a fly, think nothing of sticking the knife of scandal into a neighbor's back; and persons who would not steal a straw, take a fiendish pleasure of robbing a man of his good name."

THE STANLEY INSTITUTE

ACCORDING to appointment the elders' meeting was held at Stanleyton, Va., and the institute which was appointed for March 1-15 began a little early so as to join on when the elders' meeting closed, thus the evening meetings were continued without a break. The evening meetings, which were preaching services, were well attended by the outsiders as well as by the members of the Stanleyton church.

The evening meetings continued more and more interesting until the close when eight souls stepped out to keep the commandments, seven of whom have never made a profession of present truth. I learned that a few days later three others, who were under deep conviction the evening the meetings closed, took their stand.

I just learned from Brother Zeidler that some of those who attended the

institute are now working and having good success; also that one of the new converts is preparing for the work and will likely be at work soon.

Some of the regular canvassers were not able to be present and now comes the call for a short institute in the opposite side of the State. I hope this second institute can be held, as the colored brethren will be benefitted by it, and there is a large population of colored people in that part of the State. We are pleased to see the colored brethren taking hold of the book work.

Next will come the Eastern Pennsylvania institute. We hope to have a good report from there for the VISITOR soon.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Gen. Agent.*

ON TIME

HISTORY teems with confirmatory illustrations of Shakespeare's saying, "There are tides in the affairs of men, and knowing them and catching them is the secret of what the world calls success." Washington was always on time, and so won American independence. From Belmont, Fort Donelson, Shilo, and Vicksburg to Appomattox, Grant was always on time, and so gave the United States a new birth. Von Moltke was ever on time, and united Germany, the dream of centuries, was the result. Dewey was on time at Manilla, and Schley and the captains at Santiago, and so were won two of the most brilliant naval victories of history, settling the question of the independence of Cuba. Grouchy was not on time, and so Napoleon lost Waterloo and the imperial throne of France.

From the very day the canvasser enters this field he should be on time. If there is one thing that he will be tempted concerning, it will be that of time. Satan knows there is a great work to be done, and that there is very little time in which to do it, so he tries in every way possible to get us not to be on time. O, that our people everywhere could only see the importance of being on time! "Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible."

Brethren, let us work while it is day. Let us remember the examples of the wisdom and importance of being on time. To-day is yours; tomorrow.—*R. J. Bryant, in Atlantic Gleaner.*

NOTES ON TEACHING

NEVER answer a question in the asking of it.

Praise when possible; censure when unavoidable.

Never undertake the new task until the old is finished.

Never tell a pupil to do anything that he cannot do.

It is the teacher's duty to show his pupils how to study.

The spirit of an action is more important than its form.

The teacher should be a close student of human nature.

Never fail to take advantage of an opportunity to point a moral.

See that every lesson has a point around which all others rotate.

Avoid attempting to teach many things lest you fail to teach one.

Anger hides your faults from yourself, but exposes them to your pupils.

Originality is but the faculty of adapting an old idea to a new occasion.

Every progressive teacher takes and reads some practical school journal.

A crank is a man whose mind is so narrow that an idea hasn't room to turn around.

Show me ten successful teachers, and I will show you ten different methods of teaching.

When you assign a new lesson be sure that each pupil knows how to proceed to master it.

To a certain extent you are morally responsible for the conduct of your pupil in after life.

The teacher that expects an increase of salary should always strive to earn more than his salary.—*School Journal.*

DON'T TURN BACK

MOST lives are filled with half finished tasks which were begun with enthusiasm but which have been dropped because the enthusiastic beginners did not have enough grit to carry them to a conclusion. It does not take much ability to begin a thing, and we do not estimate a man by the number of things he commences.

The test of character is a man's ability to persist in what he undertakes until he adds the finishing stroke. The ability to hold on is one of the rarest of human virtues.

Look out for the period in your life when you are tempted to turn back! There is the danger point, the decisive period. All the great things of history have been accomplished after the great majority of men would have turned back.—*Word and Works.*

NOTES FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

ELDER REES reports the organization of a Sabbath-school at Newark on Sabbath, March 21.

BROTHER J. E. MEREDITH, of Berea, attended the meeting of the Conference Committee this week.

ELDER REES' family have now arrived from Indiana, and are nicely located at 1702 Park St., this city.

MISS PEARL L. REES is now the secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society, also treasurer of the Conference.

WE are glad to report that Sister Georgia Welsh, who has been quite sick, is now on the way to complete recovery.

BEAUTIFUL spring weather is here in West Virginia. Making garden seems to be the principle work being done just now.

BROTHER C. J. FOOTE, formerly secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society, is now the field secretary of the Conference.

ONE of the canvassers who has been in the field only since the institute reports forty dollars' worth of orders the past week, and this notwithstanding the hard times.

ELDER SUFFICOL was up from Charleston attending the Committee meeting and reports very encouragingly for that part of the field.

ELDER SUFFICOL recently organized a Sabbath-school at Willow Hill, composed mostly of new Sabbath keepers and interested ones where he had been holding meetings.

OUR Conference Committee was in session here in Parkersburg the 24th and 25th. They were able to transact a great amount of business necessary to the advancement of the work in the Conference.

BROTHER KEYS, of Newark, paid the office a visit a few days ago. We are always glad to have our brethren when in the city call at the office. It encourages us to know that they are interested in the work of the Conference.

THE Idaho *Scimitar*, of January 4, contains the following:—

"A few Sundays ago a farmer drove over to the county attorney's office and demanded the arrest of a near neighbor's threshing-crew that were violating the Sabbath. The

county attorney was pulling weeds in his garden, and he suggested that the complainant go before the justice of the peace of his township, but he was informed that the justice was fixing his windmill. He was then asked to telephone to the sheriff and have him attend to the matter, but he was loading cattle at the stock-yards. The farmer was exasperated and resolved to saddle a horse and go for the constable, but his good wife, who was canning fruit, informed him that the boys had driven the horse to town and were playing ball."

My verses are but simple rhymes,
Of little merit, well I know.
But shallow streams may sometimes serve,
Where deeper ones would overflow.
Strong meat is for the strong grown man,
Yet there are babes in Christ to feed,
And lesser minds, the weaker ones,
Toward the King's highway may lead.
True, small the mites, I offer thus,
'Tis what remains of heaven's loan.
The rest is wasted, wasted, lost,
I can not give my Lord his own.
Unfaithful with the Master's goods,
His time, his life, for self I've spent.
And in the world's great fortune wheel,
Are lost the years so important:
But mercy reaching heaven's dome,
And love ne'er known in mother's breast,
Have welcomed home this prodigal,
And on me Father's blessings rest.
My love, for love to me revealed,
I long in service now to show.
To help some erring brother man,
The pard'ning love of God to know.

J. E. WALKER, SR.

Liberty Center, O.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY

SIXTEEN mammoth battleships, the flower of the United States navy, are slowly making their way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

It is expected that the fleet will enter San Francisco harbor about May 6, 1908, and then will occur one of the grandest naval demonstrations in the history of the world. In addition to this battleship fleet, the entire Pacific coast squadron will be in the harbor.

The mayor of San Francisco has appointed a large representative committee to make preparations to receive this fleet, and a very elaborate program has been arranged.

From fifteen to twenty thousand men are on these battleships, and their arrival will bring together a vast concourse of people.

The attention of the whole country,—yes, of the whole world,—is now turned toward this event, and their arrival here is being watched with great interest. It is a subject of general conversation.

This presents another splendid opportunity for us to get the truth before the people. We have therefore

decided to make the *Signs of the Times* dated May 13 a number devoted especially to this subject.

This number will be beautifully illustrated with special half-tone engravings.

On the first page there will be a large portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet, surrounded with an illustrated naval border, printed in colored ink.

The fourth cover page will contain a view of the United States battleship fleet.

On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon by Mr. Maybell, our New York artist, entitled—

"Consecrated Service"

Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on to victory.

The whole paper,—sixteen pages and cover,—will be filled with live articles on the great themes of the gospel, written with a view not only to interest the reader, but to save souls. Here are some of the subjects:—

God's call to service: The Conflict; The Captain; The Reward.

Signs of the Times: Riches, Intemperance, War Preparations, etc.

The Law of God.

Bible Readings on Important Topics.

The Outlook Department, specially illustrated. Here we will give the statistics of the navies of the world, their wonderful growth within the last few years, what all this means, etc., etc.

Altogether it will be one of the most interesting, attractive and important numbers we have ever issued.

The California Conference expects to circulate 25,000 copies, at least, among the soldiers, sailors, and marines, and the cities around San Francisco Bay.

It will, no doubt, sell equally as well all over the United States, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to give it a wide circulation. This event presents another opportunity to give the truth to the people in an attractive form.

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CANVASSING WORK

CANVASSER'S LETTER

DEAR VISITOR: This is my first report through your columns, so I will say that I am thankful that I have been spared to have a part in the work of spreading the everlasting gospel of the kingdom. The Lord is very good to me, and is blessing me in the work here in New Jersey.

I have given Monday of every week to work for the Lord, and to show how he is blessing me, and for the benefit for others who are thinking about canvassing, will say that when I first started in the work I asked God to go before me and touch the hearts of the people that I might be able to get the books filled with the Third Angel's Message into the homes. The first two hours I worked, I got two orders for "Seer of Patmos," and seven for "Glorious Appearing." The next two hours, two "Seer of Patmos," and six "Glorious Appearing." In this experience the Lord came very near to me, and I felt like going out again.

The place I went to was a village of about two hundred inhabitants. This village is supported by a woolen mill, and the people are very poor, as the mill is only working two days in the week. Consequently the people have only about enough to keep them alive. It made my heart glad as I thought of Jesus and his words in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Finding this condition of things, you would think it hard to sell books, but the Lord had sent his angel before me, and I got seventeen orders in three hours. I know that there will be fruit from the seed sown.

This is a glorious work, and I praise God for being permitted to have a part in the work of carrying the everlasting gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation. Then the end will come. I desire to be faithful, so I can hear the "well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I ask the prayers of all the readers of the VISITOR that the work started here in New Jersey may be a success.

"THE truth as it is in Jesus can be experienced, but never explained. Its height and breadth and depth pass our knowledge."

Afton, O.

DEAR VISITOR: Perhaps you would like to hear from over in this part of the field, so I will write and tell about some good news I heard last Thursday. One day the first part of last August I was canvassing in Brown County, and reached a place called Mount Nebo a little after dinner. I got a lunch at the store there, and started north on a dusty road. Stopping at a house near a saw mill, I stood my bicycle by the fence and went in. There I found a kind, open faced woman and a little girl just returned from berry-picking. I described my book, "Daniel and Rev-

elation," to her, and she was just delighted to be able to get a book that would tell her what she had been wanting to know for so long.

Last October I delivered the book, and last Thursday as I was coming from Cincinnati I met a man who told me it was the wonder of the community, and that the owner could hardly keep it home.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of placing such literature in the hands of the people. Let us all join in prayer that the Lord of the harvest send forth reapers into his harvest.

ISAAC R. HARDEN.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending March 20, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del	
R. Lindsey, Licking Co.,	D A	2	12	4	\$14.00	\$2.40	\$16.40	\$ 1.40		
L. Gallion, Holmes Co.,	D R					7.00	7.00			
I. Harden, Clermont Co.,	D R	2						44.00		
C. S. Pember, Wood Co.,	D R	2	18	2	5.00		5.00	48.50		
R. French, Wood Co.,	BR CK	4	25	7	13.25	.50	13.75	22.25		
L. Holobaugh*, Ch'le'the	C K		72	29	29.00		29.00	20.00		
C. J. Fritz, Highland Co.,	C K	5	40	33	34.50	3.60	38.10			
L. Waters, C'umbiana Co.,	C K	5	42	30	37.00	2.10	39.10	42.25		
Totals			19	209	105	\$132.75	\$15.60	\$148.35	\$178.4	

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 13, 1908

H. Scott, Baltimore, Md.,	C K	3	22	19	\$19.00		\$19.00	\$3.00		
J. Jones, Salisbury, Md.,	C K	4	31	16	18.50		18.50			
Lillie Warnick, B'tm'bre,	D R	5	27	11	27.50	\$ 4.50	32.00	1.00		
D. Johns, Baltimore, Md.,	C K	3	21	25	26.00		26.00			
C. B. Engram, F'rd's S'ure,	C K	2	2	17	7.00	17.00	24.00	8.20		
Totals			17	103	88	\$98.00	\$21.50	\$119.50	\$12.20	

New Jersey, Week Ending March 20, 1908

D. Boersma, L'r'l Spr'gs,	D R					\$ 1.50		\$1.25	
Geo. Blinn, Trenton,	S P			17	\$17.00	10.60	\$27.60	8.00	
Totals					17	\$17.00	\$12.10	\$27.60	\$9.25

Virginia, Week Ending March 20, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,	C K		33	30	\$30.50	\$2.70	\$33.20	\$.25	
W. Zeidler, Stanleyton,	C K		23	24	24.00		24.00		
B. Jenkins, Stanleyton,	C K		22	20	21.00	2.00	23.00		
M. Jemerson, Richm'd,	C K		7			.70	.70		
Totals				86	74	\$75.50	\$5.40	\$80.90	\$.25

West Virginia, Week Ending March 20, 1908

W. L. Logan, Braxton Co.,	D R	4	45	10	\$20.00	\$8.00	\$28.00		
J. Marlatt, Marsh'l Co.,	D R	5	38	6	14.00	.75	14.75	\$3.75	
John Moyer, Wood Co.,	G C	3	15	1	2.50	.50	3.00		
O'D. Fletcher, Marshall,	S P	5	32	8	9.50	.40	9.90	.40	
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley,	D R	5	34	14	19.75	8.50	28.25	1.00	
H. Waggoner, Berkeley,	C K	5	32	36	31.50	9.35	40.85	.85	
A. Halstead, Boone Co.,	B R					3.00	3.00	31.55	
Totals			28	196	75	\$97.25	\$30.50	\$127.75	\$37.05

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 20, 1908

A. Brownlee, Beaver F'ls,		13		21	\$63.00	\$11.45	\$74.45	\$3.65	
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*Three weeks.

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THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

REMEMBER the quarterly payment of tithe is now due. Prompt payment by individuals, thus enabling church treasurers to forward their reports promptly, will be appreciated by the State treasurer.

How can a man learn to know himself?—By reflection never, only by action. In the measure in which thou seekest to do thy duty shalt thou know what is in thee. But what is thy duty?—The demand of the hour.—*Goethe.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

West Pennsylvania

THE "Year Book" is ready for mailing. The added features in the way of conference maps, institutional statistics, etc., will make it more popular than ever before.

WORD has come to us of the death of Mrs. J. W. Brando. Sister Brando fell asleep at the sanitarium in Washington, D. C., where she had gone for medical aid. The funeral took place at Beaver Falls, March 27.

THE subscriptions keep coming in for the VISITOR, and may the good work go on until every family in the Columbia Union Conference have become subscribers for this paper. The subscription price is now only twenty-five cents a year.

BROTHER B. F. PURDHAM writes encouragingly of the work in his territory, "The company here at Belle Vernon seem firm in the truth and others are interested." "At Uniontown I am having interesting experiences putting *Liberty* into the hands of the lawyers, judges and others."

TESTIMONIES on Sabbath-school Work can now be secured. New illustrated edition of "Steps to Christ" is ready.

BROTHER ANDREW NESS writes us that he is of good courage in the work; now that work is brightening up at New Castle; he is planning on taking up his work with the books which he had to discontinue for a time, so many being out of employment. When Brother Ness saw that he could not sell books, he took up work with the periodicals; and states that while in this work, he met many people and had very interesting experiences he would not otherwise have had. He feels that this has laid a better foundation for book sales.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

NOTES FROM VIRGINIA

SISTER ANNA RICE, formerly of Ohio, is now located at Richmond, and has commenced her Bible work, and visiting the people.

BROTHER L. L. FRENCH has a good interest at Roanoke. His wife having moved here, he is now living in his own house again, and is holding Sabbath and Sunday services in one of the large rooms. We should remember the interested ones at this place in our prayers.

THE Virginia legislators were kept quite busy with a number of Sunday laws. Brother Colcord had the privilege of appearing before the committee, and presenting our reason for being opposed to all religious legislation. What effect it had will be seen later on. Sunday advocates seem to be gaining favor, and for that reason, we as a people should be more zealous in teaching the people the principles of true Christianity.

THE meetings in connection with the church officers' meetings in Stanleyton were well attended by the people of the surrounding county, as many as 325 being present in the evening. Three souls have been baptized, and seven others have signified their intention of going forward in this sacred ordinance. There are calls from other places in the near neighborhood for readings, which cannot be filled at present. Brother Thomas Painter is holding evening meetings at Mr. McCoy's store, where from fifty to seventy-five come to hear the truth. It seems as if the droppings of the latter rain are reaching the hearts of the people, and causing a desire to hear the truth. May all Virginia awaken soon, and the lay members prepare themselves to meet the demand for laborers.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

NOTICE

THE union meeting to be held with the Newark, N. J., church will be held in the Masonic Hall, Irvington Center, April 2-5. Broad Street or Springfield Avenue cars from Newark run directly to the hall. Get off at Irvington Center. We expect Elder G. B. Thompson, of Washington, to be with us, and hope for a full attendance of our church officers and members.

B. F. KNEELAND.

SABBATH, APRIL 4

NOTICE the heading, April 4. Will our West Virginia people remember that an offering is to be taken upon the above date to create a fund for the maintenance of our dear old people and the orphans that have been left to our care? It would be a shame for us as a people to allow these dear old people who have once given so liberally to the cause to find their way to the poor house, or that these poor orphan children should drift into the world and soon be swallowed up by it and we lose sight of them forever. Then let us remember that the offering we make on Sabbath, the fourth of April, goes to gladden hearts and make homes for both classes mentioned. I trust we will be liberal for them. We shall see our reward in the next world. Scattered ones will send their offerings in to the office as well as the churches.

J. M. REES.

OBITUARY

HARRISON.—Died near Delta, Pa., Feb. 23, 1908, of tuberculosis. Sister Lucretia Harrison, who was born in Attleberry, Pa., in 1844. While still a young girl she gave her heart to God, uniting with a First-day Adventist Church. Her Christian experience was marked by faithfulness and devotion until the day of her death. After her marriage in 1861, being separated from her early church, she united with the Methodists, with whom she worshipped until 1901. At that time she felt the Lord's call to walk in the greater light of the Third Angel's Message, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Trenton, N. J., of which she remained a most faithful and devoted member until her death. The closing weeks of her life were ones of special blessing. The Lord graciously brought her very near to himself. The last Sabbath of her life was a day in which her soul seemed full of the peace that passeth understanding, and as she named over her brethren and sisters in prayer, she seemed to feel that her work was done. After the Lord took her own little one, she gave loving and faithful care to three other children in need. Two of these, with her husband, remain to mourn their loss. After a service based on Rev. 14:13, conducted by the writer, we laid her away to rest, confident that if faithful we will meet her with the Lord at the first resurrection.

L. F. KNEELAND.