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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## GENERAL MATTER

### JUST AS GOD LEADS ME

Just as God leads me I would go;  
I would not ask to choose my way;  
Content with that he will bestow,  
Assured he will not let me stray.  
So as he leads my path I make,  
And step by step I gladly take,  
A child in him confiding.

Just as God leads, I am content;  
I rest me calmly in his hands;  
That which he hath decreed and sent,  
That which his will for me commands,  
I would that he should all fulfil;  
That I should do his gracious will,  
In living or in dying.

Just as God leads, I all resign,  
I trust me to my Father's will;  
When reason's rays deceptive shine,  
His counsel would I yet fulfil,  
That I should do his gracious will,  
Before he brought me to his light,  
My all to him resigning.

Just as God leads me, I abide;  
In faith, in hope, in suffering true;  
His strength is ever by my side;  
Can aught my hold on him undo?  
I hold me firm, in patience knowing  
That God my life is still bestowing,  
The best in kindness sending.

Just as God leads, I onward go,  
Oft amid thorns and briars seen;  
God does not yet his guidance show,  
But in the end it shall be seen  
How by a loving Father's will,  
Faithful and true, he leads me still.

—Anonymous.

## Importance of Expressing Gratitude and Praise

NOTHING tends more to promote health of body and soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise. It is a positive duty to resist melancholy, discontented thoughts and feelings,—as much a duty as it is to pray. If we are heaven bound, how can we go as a band of mourners, groaning and complaining all along the way to our Father's house?

Those professed Christians who are

constantly complaining, and who seem to think cheerfulness and happiness a sin, have not genuine religion. Those who take a mournful pleasure in all that is melancholy in the natural world, who choose to look upon dead leaves rather than to gather the beautiful living flowers; who see no beauty in grand mountain heights and in valleys clothed with living green; who close their senses to the joyful voice which speaks to them in nature, and which is sweet and musical to the listening ear—these are not in Christ. They are gathering to themselves gloom and darkness, when they might have brightness, even the Sun of Righteousness arising in their hearts with healing in his beams.

Often your mind may be clouded because of pain. Then do not try to think. You know that Jesus loves you. He understands your weakness. You may do his will by simply resting in his arms.

It is a law of nature that our thoughts and feelings are encouraged and strengthened as we give them utterance. While words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. If we would give more expression to our faith, rejoice more in the blessings that we know we have—the great mercy and love of God—we should have more faith and greater joy. No tongue can express, no finite mind can conceive, the blessing that results from appreciating the goodness and love of God. Even on earth we may have joy as a well-spring, never failing, because fed by the streams that flow from the throne of God.

Then let us educate our hearts and lips to speak the praise of God for his matchless love. Let us educate our souls to be hopeful, and to abide in the light shining from the cross of Calvary. Never should we forget that we are children of the heavenly King, sons and daughters of the Lord of hosts. It is our privilege to maintain a calm repose in God.

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts; . . . and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15. Forgetting our own dif-

ficulties and troubles, let us praise God for an opportunity to live for the glory of his name. Let the fresh blessings of each new day awaken praise in our hearts for these tokens of his loving care. When you open your eyes in the morning, thank God that he has kept you through the night. Thank him for his peace in your heart. Morning, noon, and night, let gratitude as a sweet perfume ascend to heaven.

When someone asks how you are feeling, do not try to think of something mournful to tell in order to gain sympathy. Do not talk of your lack of faith, and your sorrows and sufferings. The tempter delights to hear such words. When talking on gloomy subjects, we are glorifying him. We are not to dwell on the great power of Satan to overcome us. Often we give ourselves into his hands by talking of his power. Let us talk instead of the great power of God to bind up all our interests with his own. Tell of the matchless power of Christ, and speak of his glory. All heaven is interested in our salvation. The angels of God, thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand are commissioned to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. They guard us against evil, and press back the powers of darkness that are seeking our destruction. Have we not reason to be thankful every moment, thankful even when there are apparent difficulties in our pathway?

### SING PRAISES

Let praise and thanksgiving be expressed in song. When tempted, instead of giving utterance to our feelings, let us by faith lift up a song of thanksgiving to God.

Song is a weapon that we can always use against discouragement. As we thus open the heart to the sunlight of the Saviour's presence, we shall have health and his blessing.

"Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: For his mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him:

Talk ye of his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name:

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord."

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18. This command is an assurance that even the things which appear to be against us will work out for our good. God would not bid us be thankful for that which would do us harm.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

### Report of West Virginia Camp-Meeting

THE good camp-meeting at West Virginia was held at Parkersburg, August 5 to 15. A nice plot of ground, triangular in form, with the street cars running by the main point and down two of the side streets, afforded a splendid place to meet. The annual conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting.

From the very first the Spirit of God was present in the meeting in a marked manner. Both Sabbath days were occasions upon which the whole camp fully surrendered to God. Splendid meetings were held for the young people conducted largely by Professors Kern and Butler. Besides these two brethren Brother Richardson, the canvassing agent for the Columbia Union, and the writer, joined the conference laborers in seeking to help the people. The camp-meeting closed with beautiful harmony and with full determination on the part of both church members and the conference workers to make the coming year the best in the history of the work in West Virginia.

The cause of Mount Vernon College was presented and the people responded by giving in cash and pledges, payable before January 1, 1910, the sum of \$107.95. Over \$300.00 also was raised for the Tent and Camp-meeting fund.

#### MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE FUND

Previously reported.....	\$571.41
W. Virginia (Camp-meeting)....	107.95
Toledo and Dayton churches....	125.25
Atlantic City, New Jersey.....	31.00
Newark Camp (again).....	11.65
Trenton, New Jersey.....	71.90
Total.....	\$919.16

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Launch Out into the Deep

"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into

the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Luke 5:4. Jesus had come to the lake Gennesaret, and as he stood by the sea, an eager multitude pressed round about him to hear the ever gracious words that proceeded from his lips. The Saviour, who was always willing to dispense the living word to those who sought the path of peace and righteousness, cast his eyes upon the lake and saw two ships standing by. Seeing that there was vantage ground by preaching from one of these ships, he entered into one of them, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. Simon obeyed the voice of the Master, and Jesus preached the word of God to that anxious multitude, who looked for the coming Messiah.

"Now when he had left speaking," says the sacred word, "he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Jesus is always mindful of our needs, and is ever ready and willing to reward an act of kindness done him,—even to the giving of a cup of cold water to a disciple of his. Mark 9:41. As a fisherman, Simon had toiled hard all the previous night, but in vain he had toiled,—surely he had come to his extremity. But Simon's extremity was the Saviour's opportunity. Thus it is, when we have done all that we can do, then God is ever willing to lend us a helping hand.

"Launch out into the deep," was the command of the tender-hearted Saviour to the disappointed Simon, "and let down your nets for a draught." With the awful experience of the previous night rising before him like a dark and thick cloud, Simon exclaimed, "Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." Luke 5:5. Here we see Simon gathering together the remaining fragments of his shattered hopes, and exercising implicit faith in the words of the Saviour: "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

It is not for us to be like the unbelieving Thomas, who could not afford to believe until he had seen and handled; but it is blessed to be like the believing Simon,—to take the Master at his word. Simon exercised faith in obeying the words of Jesus, and as a premium for his obedience, his was a rich reward in a multitude of fishes. His need was supplied; and not only was his temporal need supplied, but his spiritual need as well; for the Saviour said,

"Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Verse 10.

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Today these words, which were spoken on the Sea of Galilee by the Saviour, may still be heard by every true disciple of his. God desires that his people should launch out into the depths of all his precious promises. It matters not how dark the clouds of our lawful ambitions may be; nor how impenetrable the heights to which we aspire may seem, we should take the Master at his word,—for he doeth all things well.

CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

### What Do Your Children Read?

NEXT to human associates, nothing is more potent in moulding the characters of the youth—our children—than what they read; and in many cases what they read is primary in its influence. There are indifferent parents and indifferent associates. Their influence is neither very good nor very bad. They live sort of selfishly honest lives, have a desire that their children shall grow up well, believe that they themselves did, and conclude, of course, that their children will. Their influence over their children is positive in neither a moral nor an immoral direction; it may be said to be unmoral.

It is to this class (among which are many professed Christians) that these words are addressed. How many times do we see the children of such parents among the low, the vicious, the criminal! What is the cause?

In the first place, it is indifference on the part of the parents. The training of their children, which should be the first thought, is generally the last consideration. More attention is often given by the farmer to his colts or calves than to his children. Ofttimes more attention is given by mothers to the peddling of neighborhood and church gossip than to their children. If the little, inquiring mind comes with a question or a trial which might take a little time to answer or smooth away, which would prove a valuable lesson to the parent, he is told to "go out and play," or "Do not bother me now."

In such ways as these the indifferent parent turns the child away from what ought to be his true source of knowledge, to those which are generally questionable, and oftentimes fatally destructive. One evil is always wrought, the child loses con-

fidence in the parent. And many times a greater evil is done in indirectly sending the child to those sources of information which fill the mind of the child with moral poison. In a few years the erstwhile innocent little boy is a mental and moral wreck, and parents, and acquaintances like-minded, wonder why it is so. But it is so, and so because of the selfish do-nothingness of parents.

Not long ago a little girl—a mere baby—was sent to a state reform school. Her sister, older, yet a child, shot her lover, and then attempted to commit suicide. One discerning writer then remarked that these girls were the victims of the indifference of parents. He was probably right.

We are living in a most intense age. All the world and all its classes are brought together by railway and telegraph and printing-press; and yet it is possible for us to choose our associates and the associates of our children if we will give the subject the thought and the energy and the decision and the expense which its importance demands.

We should first of all see not only that our children do not have evil associates and companions, but good ones. And to insure this, we ourselves should associate with our children so fully, so absolutely, so confidentially, so helpfully, so companionably, so purely, that they would measure all others by us, and reject what did not meet their standard.

We should not only see that our children do not read bad books of light and trashy literature, of fiction and folly, of crime and brutalism, but we should provide them with good books and papers,—useful, interesting, and such as will materially assist in good character building and usefulness in the chosen profession or vocation of life.

As the foundation book of all, take the Bible. Read it with them. Make it interesting to them by taking it into your own life. Encourage them to form a library for themselves. Books on the teaching of God in history, in nature, in science and art, are all useful.

Much more might be said. We feel intensely in earnest over the matter. We would that we could arouse parents everywhere to the infinitely important duty which God has laid upon them of the training of their children, important elements of which are their companions in persons and books. Our children are forming characters for eternity, for death or for life; what are we doing about it?—*Signs of the Times.*

## West Virginia Conference Proceedings

THE twenty-second annual session of the West Virginia Conference convened on the camp-ground at Parkersburg, West Virginia, August 5-15. We appreciated the presence of Elder B. G. Wilkinson, Professor S. M. Butler, Professor M. E. Kern, and Brother I. D. Richardson during the session, and these brethren were invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference. Also, in view of the fact that our conference is small and not many delegates present, all accredited members of the different churches took part in the conference proceedings.

The chair, in connection with the conference committee, appointed the following committees:—

Committee on Nomination: B. G. Wilkinson, W. H. Snider, David Haddix, John Keys, and Wm. Ross.

Committee on License and Credentials: S. F. Ross, M. E. Kern, W. R. Foggin.

Committee on Plans and Recommendations: John F. Steele, I. D. Richardson, A. T. Halstead, John D. Snider, Mrs. M. L. Haddix.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names after careful and prayerful consideration, which were accepted by considering each name separately: President, W. D. MacLay; Vice-President and Religious Liberty Secretary, John F. Steele; Secretary and Treasurer, Tract Society Secretary and Treasurer, and Missionary Secretary, Pearl L. Rees; Field Missionary Secretary, D. W. Percy; Sabbath-school and Educational Secretary, Mrs. M. L. Haddix; Executive Committee, W. D. MacLay, John F. Steele, S. F. Ross, A. T. Halstead, W. H. Snider. Delegates to the Columbia Union Conference this year: W. D. MacLay, John F. Steele.

The Committee on License and Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted after considering each name separately: Credentials; W. D. MacLay, John F. Steele, W. R. Foggin; Ministerial License, W. L. Adkins; Missionary License, D. W. Percy, Pearl L. Rees, Blanche Grubb, Mrs. M. L. Haddix.

The report of the committee on Plans and Recommendations, which was adopted after careful consideration, is as follows:—

*Whereas*, The blessing of God has rested upon our work in the last year, and,—

*Whereas*, The favor of heaven falls

for recognition on our part; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for his past mercies and that we pledge ourselves to a renewed consecration to his service.

*Whereas*, It has pleased our heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and love to permit the removal by death of his faithful servant and our beloved brother, Elder J. M. Rees, therefore,—

2. *Resolved*, That we, as a conference, bow to the necessity of this loss, which we profoundly regret, and we express our Christian sympathy with the bereaved family.

*Whereas*, The Lord has said that he will open the window of heaven and pour out a blessing upon those who are faithful in paying tithes and offerings; and,—

*Whereas*, He has also pronounced a curse upon those who are unfaithful in the performance of this duty; therefore,—

3. *Resolved*, That we urge our brethren and sisters to be faithful in returning unto the Lord his own in tithes and offerings, and thus secure to themselves the blessing of heaven.

*We Further Recommend*, That all our people be encouraged to pay their tithes and offerings weekly and that all regular funds be passed from the respective treasurers through the regular channel monthly, and the special funds be forwarded immediately.

*Whereas*, The testimonies teach us that the Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities in bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth; also that the Sabbath-school is the nursery for the church, and,—

*Whereas*, The success of the school depends very much upon the consecration of officers and teachers;

4. *We Therefore Recommend*, (a) That more care be exercised in selecting those who are to carry the responsibility of this important part of the Lord's work;

(b) That we advise our teachers to avail themselves of the benefit of the Reading Course prepared by the General Conference;

(c) That we enlist the co-operation of our ministers and canvassers in adding to our Home Department list by obtaining the names of isolated brethren and sisters and sending them to the state secretary; and,—

*Whereas*, The Lord has blessed the Sabbath-school work in West Vir-

ginia the past year, which is manifested by an increase in our donations; most of our schools giving their entire regular contributions to missions, and,—

*Whereas*, We are taught in the testimonies that the Sabbath-school is not yet what it should be,—

*We Would Further Recommend*, That the state Sabbath-school secretary make a greater effort to get all our schools and scattered members to work in harmony with the body.

*Whereas*, The Lord has said that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom, and,—

*Whereas*, This fear is not taught or seldom manifested in the public schools in West Virginia, also that the Lord has instructed parents to give their children the advantages of a church school when as many as five children in need of school training can be so situated as to attend the same; therefore,—

5. *We Recommend*, That wherever there is a sufficient number of children and the necessary financial arrangements can be made, that immediate steps be taken looking to the establishment of a church school.

*We Further Recommend*, That no school be started without counsel with the educational secretary, and the conference committee.

*Whereas*, A Union Conference paper is necessary for the advancement and unification of the work in the Union; therefore,—

6. *We Recommend*, That the local church officers encourage the members in the various churches to subscribe for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR.

7. *We Recommend*, That the ten-cent-a-week plan be adopted by our people and that each church endeavor to raise no less than this amount for the world-wide work of the General Conference; and that the following funds be included as making up the ten-cent-a-week offering: Annual Offerings, Midsummer Offering, Sabbath-school Offering, and specific Offerings for foreign missions when not designated for a specific purpose for which no appropriation has been made.

*Whereas*, All our people should be well informed in the principles of liberty, that they may be enabled to meet the rapidly approaching crisis; therefore,—

8. *We Recommend*, That our workers take every opportunity to inform the people in all our churches of the principles of liberty and that in connection with the other conference of-

ficers institutes be held at such times and places as may be thought proper.

*We Further Recommend*, That the magazine, *Liberty*, be given as wide a circulation as possible.

*Whereas*, There is a great work to be done in a very short time; and,—

*Whereas*, There is a dearth of laborers and means with which to do this work in the West Virginia Conference; and,—

*Whereas*, The salvation of every soul depends upon his activity in service for the salvation of others;—

9. *We Recommend*, That immediate steps be taken by our Conference laborers and church elders to secure the services of every Seventh-day Adventist in the sale of our subscription books, home workers books, and magazines, and in the distribution of tracts and pamphlets.

*Whereas*, The Mount Vernon College is the educational institution of the Columbia Union Conference, doing a splendid work in preparing young people for service; and,—

*Whereas*, The Lord has said that our Bible teachers in our colleges should be supported from the tithe; therefore,—

10. *We Recommend*, That the West Virginia Conference appropriate on a pro rata basis with the other conferences of the Columbia Union Conference its share of the Bible teachers salary.

*Whereas*, There are many scattered Sabbath keepers in various parts of the state who have not the opportunity of meeting with those of like precious faith; and,—

*Whereas*, These brethren and sisters should have the advantage of church membership; therefore,—

11. *We Recommend*, That immediate steps be taken looking to the organization of a Conference church.

Seeing that we have an army of youth who can do much toward carrying the message to the world if they are properly trained for service, and,—

*Whereas*, The testimonies teach us that much has been lost to the cause of God by a lack of attention to the young; therefore,—

12. *We Recommend*, That as soon as possible some one be chosen who can visit the churches and encourage the young people by organizing Young Peoples' Societies, and giving the proper instructions as to how this work should be carried on, and afterward to visit them as often as possible, also to keep up correspondence with the leaders of the societies.

Recognizing the great importance

of our young people storing their minds with valuable information,

13. *We Recommend*, That all be encouraged to take up one of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses, and to study for the standard of attainment.

*Whereas*, The General Conference has established a correspondence school that all our people, young or old, and our workers, may have the benefit of systematic courses of study at home,

14. *We Recommend*, That many be encouraged to enter the work of this school that they may be better prepared for the work.

*Whereas*, Mount Vernon College, the educational institution of the Columbia Union Conference, is greatly in need of funds for making repairs and for meeting its financial obligations: therefore,—

15. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the plan of the Columbia Union Conference to raise a college fund equal to one cent a day for each member of the Conference, and that we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to raise that amount for each member of the West Virginia Conference.

*Whereas*, The Lord has greatly blessed our gifts to mission fields by leading those of distant lands to accept the precious light of present truth, therefore,—

16. *We Resolve*, To participate, with all our ability, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign to be launched this fall with the purpose of soliciting gifts for missions from those outside of our faith.

May the Lord help us to follow out the good instruction given at this meeting, that during the coming year we may receive his richest blessing.

PEARL L. REES, Sec.

## Experiences with a New Book

In April I took up "Great Controversy." My faith was not strong enough to take it up outright, so I offered a pamphlet, "Family Bible Teacher," with every subscription. However, I so often forgot to speak of the "Family Bible Teacher" at the right time that I dropped it in a week.

I took one order the first day. It was from a young colored man. At the close of the day I prayed in particular that God would bless me to surely deliver this book to his glory, and he did. I averaged about three "Great Controversy" orders a day, after the first day, for about three

weeks, and lost four orders in deliveries.

One day, out of a recent delivery of three days, proved a great trial of my faith. From morning until nearly night the people were not ready for their books. I had long waits, tramps over fields, much extra driving, returning to houses where at first subscribers were not at home, and objections because I had a Seventh-day Adventist book. My wife was with me, and during the day, and also before the time of delivery, we sought God's favor in fervent prayer, but the day continued to be a trial of our faith until almost dark, when God gave us quick deliveries to the end of the route.

The next two days an Aaron and a Hur held up my hands, and strengthened by our united prayers these two days proved the best deliveries of all my former experiences. My wife and sister were the Aaron and Hur. I lost one "Great Controversy" order and sold one for cash, lost four "Best Stories" and sold two for cash. I had thirty-four "Great Controversy" orders and thirty-six "Best Stories" orders. For this blessing after so great a trial of our faith we praised God out of full hearts.

By faith and experience I know that God is well pleased if we are constantly watchful and prayerful to have pure hearts. Then he can and does bless us with his presence, and our work is not in vain.

Other canvassers may find an item in my experience of some interest to them. To avoid stiffness and formality I get quite well acquainted with my book by reading it through and re-reading. I then tell its principal features, hardly ever reading from it. By such a preparation I find I can readily vary the canvass as I notice what is of most interest to prospective subscribers.

Yet most and best of all, we know by theory and practice that we can put no confidence in the flesh, but in God only.—*H. C. Balsbaugh.*

### Personal Work

THE enemy is at work unceasingly to hinder the onward march of the third angel's message. Can we afford to be idle? The promise to us is, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isa. 59:19. God works for humanity through humanity. He can use you and me as standards against the enemy.

Brethren, we must battle against the powers of darkness, though by no means in our own strength. But there is an enemy to be put to flight. This victory is to be gained chiefly through personal work. He who ceases to work soon ceases to pray. To pray earnestly, effectively, one must have incentive for prayer. Our great need is manifest to us when we experience it in laboring for others: thus comes the immediate necessity for prayer. Those who fail to manifest an interest in the spiritual welfare of their neighbors will soon lose an interest in their own spiritual welfare. Feeling is not to be depended on in any sense in doing personal work. The great need for it by both those who receive it and we who give it, should be a decisive argument to us. Through the spirit of prophecy God has sent us this word: "Go to work whether you feel like it or not."

Our church tract and missionary work must be revived. This work has been neglected in the past by conference laborers as well as lay members. Our literature is a mighty weapon in the hands of the people of God in this Christian warfare. It is certain that opportunities are offered abundantly to all who will work. What can be done? Will our members step forward to lend a hand in this revival?

The writer has an especial burden to encourage the use of our tracts. Every family in the message should have a liberal supply on hand at all times, covering every phase of the truth. These tracts should be handed freely to neighbors, friends, and callers, whenever an opportunity is offered, or inclosed in letters to friends or relatives. Tracts are not expensive, and often accomplish as much as many sermons. Another excellent help is the "Family Bible Teacher," a series of twenty-eight separate lessons or Bible readings on the message. These may be given out progressively to those interested, thus giving opportunity for more personal effort. A new book entitled "The Missionary Idea" is a most excellent help to those who wish to do aggressive missionary work. The price is fifty cents, postpaid.—*The Montana Bivouac.*

GREAT occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.—*Cannon Westcott.*

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ALL will be pleased to learn that Sister Sue M. Andrews is again at her desk. She is very much improved in health.

A canvassers' institute will be held in the West Philadelphia church the first week of September for the benefit of several who are desirous of taking up the canvassing work in this city. Some of these are new Sabbath-keepers, and we are glad to see them anxious to enter this branch of the work, as this will be a means of making them strong in the message.

Brother John T. Jones, of Plymouth, made us a pleasant call last week. He reports a good interest in the meetings he is holding in the vicinity of his home. Two are ready for baptism. This is certainly true home missionary work.

Brother G. E. Hartman and wife called to bid us good-by en route to their new field of labor in South America, sailing from New York August 20. We certainly wish them much of God's blessing in this, and trust they will be the means of bringing many souls to the knowledge of the truth in the field to which they have gone. Brother Hartman has been one of our most successful canvassers in the field this summer. He states he was not only blessed financially, but that it was a great spiritual uplift to him as well.

One of our periodical workers reports that he averages fifty sales a day in house-to-house canvassing. This is as well as many of our workers do in the business sections.

Elder I. M. Martin writes from Asheville, N. C., that they are having a fine interest in the tent effort held in that city; that sixteen have already decided to obey, and these coming from some of the best families there.

The work in West Philadelphia is onward, thirty-four having decided to obey, and the enthusiasm is running high. At the meeting Sunday evening, August 23, there were about seven hundred present to hear the topic discussed, "The Final Judgment; Will the Wicked Be Tortured

in Hell Through All Eternity?" A great many expressed themselves as being in harmony with what is taught in the Bible on this subject. A large number of the new converts are anxiously looking forward to baptism.

### VIRGINIA

#### Warrenton

OUR meetings continue with good interest. Although the attendance has not been what we desired, yet many show their appreciation by coming every night; for which we thank God. While the attendance from the village has not been large, the people from the country have more than made this up. Some have come five miles to our meetings, and many of these come every night. Some are keeping the Sabbath; others have acknowledged that we have the truth; they can see but one way, that is to obey. We hope they will yield before long. God is blessing the work here, and taking out a people for his name.

Sunday, August 22, we received an invitation to visit a family three miles in the country. As my health has been poor, the devil tried to make me think I could not walk three miles; however I decided to go regardless of his suggestions. After we reached the place Satan kept us talking about his kingdom, until at last Brother Providence broke the ice by suggesting a Bible study. After the study, I asked this family if they believed what we were teaching. They said they did. I then asked them if they would keep next Sabbath. They gave me their hands, and with eyes filled with tears, we bowed in the open air, and thanked God for having given us these dear souls. It was a good day on earth and in heaven: we rejoice to see the leading of the Lord.

This family has five children, and there are many more interested families whom we hope to have with us soon. Then we will need a church school. It looks as though we must have it this winter.

We have for two Sabbath nights preached on the streets. We received permission from the mayor of the place to stand upon the courthouse steps. He realizes that the churches have fallen, and that we have the truth that should be presented at this time. These meetings have given stability to our tent work.

One thing from the first has stifled our work here: the ministers of the

## Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 13, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. L. Lush, Rowl'dsville, Md.	GC		5	43	24	\$73 00	\$2 00	\$75 00	\$
B. Arkebauer, Norton, Md.	GC		5	39	18	53 50	60	54 10	
A. C. Williman,*Haydens,Md.	GC		4	35½	14	41 50	6 75	48 25	
A. C. Williman,Ingleside,Md.	GC		5	40	15	45 25	6 00	51 25	
C. Tracy,*M'tgomery Co.,Md.	GC		8	55¾	10	27 50	5 40	32 90	145 00
W. H. Spicer, Talbot Co., Md.	GC		5	37½	4	11 25	6 10	17 10	13 05
J. W. Siler, Bronswick, Md.	GC		4	25½	1	2 75	1 80	4 55	3 95
Mrs. Whaley, Borelay, Md.	GC		3	18	6	18 50		18 50	
Leon Post, Brunswick, Md.	GC		4	31		60		60	1 20
J. G. Mitchell,Carroll Co.,Md.	GC		5	39	11	32 25	1 50	33 75	
Mrs. Wright, Hillsboro Md.	GC		8	24¾	9	24 00	9 50	33 50	50
S. Brown, W'hington Co.,Md.	GC		4	36	2	5 50	4 50	10 00	102 20
O. Yingling,*B'tim're Co.,Md.	GC		5	42½	5	13 75		13 75	35 00
Wm. Paden,*W'h't'n Co.,Md.	GC		7	53	13	33 75	3 75	37 50	2 75
Jas. Jones,†Harrington, Del.	GC			20					70 50
Mrs. Mitchell,Govanst'n,Md.							21 65	21 65	21 10
J. Paden, W'h't'n Co., Md.	CK		2	16	1	2 00		2 00	15 00
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>69</b>	<b>566½</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>\$384 85</b>	<b>\$69 55</b>	<b>\$454 40</b>	<b>\$410 25</b>

#### Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 13, 1909

E. Kasselmeyer, Bucks	DR		4	39	24	66 00		66 00	
H. G. Gauker, Berks	DR		5	42	19	52 25	5 85	58 10	5 85
John Kennedy, Berks	DR		5	33	8	22 00	1 05	23 05	70
Thos. Layman, Lackawanna,	DR		1	12					24 80
H. P. Goodrich, "	GC		4	43	5	13 75		13 75	85 95
H. K. Christman, Berks	CK		3	24	3	3 00		3 00	42 00
B. W. Scholl,† Berks	CK		4	27	21	25 50		25 50	
H. K. Christman,† Berks	CK		4	23	12	13 50		13 50	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK		4	37	20	24 00		24 00	
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>\$220 00</b>	<b>\$6 90</b>	<b>\$226 90</b>	<b>\$159 30</b>

#### West Virginia, Week Ending August 6, 1909

Halla Metcalf, Tucker Co.	DR		5	34	11	30 25	18 55	48 80	4 20
Laura Atwell, Tucker Co.	DR		5	32	4	10 00	8 30	18 30	2 10
Florence White, Cameron	GC		5	33	5	14 75	7 75	22 50	1 60
Maude Pengelly, "	GC		5	34	8	26 00	9 80	35 80	4 85
Dallas Metcalf, Tucker Co.	GC		3	30	10	28 50	10 15	38 65	
Robinson Metcalf, Tucker Co.	GC		3	28	4	14 00	13 85	27 85	
G. Ogden, Marshall Co.	GC		4	40	4	13 00		13 00	70 25
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$136 50</b>	<b>\$68 40</b>	<b>\$204 90</b>	<b>\$83 00</b>

#### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 20, 1909

C. Dunham,* Indiana Co.	GC		10		26	76 45		76 45	46 69
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC		5	41	7	12 75	1 70	14 45	83 37
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR		3	28	1	2 75		2 75	157 75
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC		2	8	1	2 75		2 75	
F. Shaw, Potter Co.	GC		4	26	8	23 00	3 00	26 00	
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	GC		3	12½	5	15 75	5 00	18 75	
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK		3		20	35 50	9 75	45 25	
O. G. Butler, Erie Co.	CK		1		2	3 00		3 00	
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>115½</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$169 95</b>	<b>\$19 45</b>	<b>\$189 40</b>	<b>\$288 81</b>

#### New Jersey, Week Ending August 13, 1908

Mary Barrett, Malaga	DR		2	16	2	4 50	16 00	20 50	3 75
H. T. Murphy, S. Brunswick	DR		4	36					80 00
H. T. Murphy,† Burlington	DR		4	31	8	18 00	3 45	21 45	
S. A. Oberg, New Brunswick	GC		4	35	16	52 00		52 00	
Geo. W. Blinn, Holland	GC		5	55	10	27 50	1 50	29 00	16 50
Geo. W. Blinn,† Alexander	GC		4	30					110 40
C. F. Woertz, Toms River	CK		4	34	22	24 00	1 90	25 90	1 90
Lena Matson, Franklin	CK		5	28	9	9 50	13 20	22 70	
S. R. Haynes, Freehold	DR		4	30					102 00
Ira E. Porter, Freehold	DR		4	30					90 00
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>\$135 50</b>	<b>\$36 05</b>	<b>\$171 55</b>	<b>\$404 55</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending August 13, 1909

Laura Atwell, Tucker Co.	DR	5	25	3	8 25	6 30	14 55	1 40
Halla Metcalf, Tucker Co.	DR	5	27	7	19 25	7 35	26 60	1 40
Maude Pengelly, Wellsburg	GC	4	27	13	38 75	7 75	46 50	
Robinson Metcalf, Wetzel Co.	GC	5	40	4	12 00	14 35	26 35	
Florence White, Wellsburg	GC	4	27	5	13 75	9 00	22 75	
Dallas Metcalf, Wetzel Co.	GC	5	37	2	5 50	20 85	26 35	
Totals,		28	183	34	\$97 50	\$65 60	\$163 10	\$2 80

Virginia, Week Ending August 13, 1909

W. H. Zeidler, Lynchburg			28			21 00	21 00	2 80
K. Oertley, Radford	SP		33	10	12 50	3 50	15 50	
O. F. Butcher, Strasburg	DR		18	4	11 00		11 00	
E. Roberson,* Richmond	BR		43	25	60 25	8 75	69 00	1 30
M. Jemerson,* Richmond			26			5 05	5 05	4 40
A. Schenk, Lawry			35			3 15	3 15	1 40
Totals,			183	39	\$83 75	\$41 45	\$124 70	\$9 90

\*Two weeks

†Week ending July 30

‡Week ending August 6

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,534.95. Deliveries, \$1,357.61.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending August 13

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Newark		45	LH, ST, Lib.	\$26 20
W. F. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Newark		31	Watch. LH, Lib.	15 40
Opha Luttrell, Newark		14	ST, LH	7 30
S. A. Oberg,* New Brunswick		2	ST, LH	3 50
Mrs. Currie, New Brunswick		20	ST	5 00
Louise Henley, Newark		2	ST, LH	2 50
Mrs. Mary Smith, Summerville			LH	10 00
Mrs. Florence Evers, Jersey City		10	ST	60
Mrs. Rose Leidecker, Jersey City			LH	2 50
Totals,				\$73 00

\*Book canvasser

various denominations have told their congregations not to attend our meetings; for we were preaching error. We have tried by preaching on the street, and in various ways, to show the people the truth, and by the help of the Lord we are gaining ground. If we could only have the camp-meeting here it would help us very much. We are of the best of courage waiting for the moving of the waters.

U. D. PICKARD.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PROFESSOR B. G. WILKINSON attended the Ohio camp-meeting at Lima.

Last week Brother E. R. Brown, of Cumberland, made a flying business trip to Washington.

Brother I. D. Richardson is out on a camp-meeting tour, and will not return to his home until September.

Dr. W. A. Ruble, one of the members of the conference committee, is in Eastern Pennsylvania at present.

Elder J. A. Strickland's family left this week for Nova Scotia, where they expect to labor the coming year.

Brother John Irwin, of Takoma Park, is continuing his interest at Alexandria Va., with excellent results.

Brother Province has recently gone to Harrington, Va., to assist Brother W. D. Pickard since Brother Waldo's illness.

Brother Waldo, who helped begin the tent effort now in progress at Warrington, Va., is at the Sligo Sanitarium for treatment.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson spent a few days looking after the interests of the District last week after the West Virginia camp-meeting.

The tent effort held by Brother J. E. Shultz, pastor of the Memorial Church in Washington, has been closed, and is now being followed by house-to-

house work. Elder Shultz is assisted by Miss Cockrell and Miss Leach.

Tuesday evening the members of the Takoma Park church meet for their missionary and prayer meeting. There is a live interest manifested, the young people being present as well as the older ones to tell of their successes and encouraging reports.

Last Wednesday evening the young people's Society gave a book reception to the Takoma Park church on the lawn of Elder K. C. Russell. The object of this meeting was to bring books and donations for books with which to start a church and young people's library. The results were very satisfactory. An excellent program was rendered, and a short while was spent in a social and literary way.

The German Tent Work in Baltimore

WE are now ready to send in a short report of our work in this city. July 11 we held our first meeting on Eastern avenue, near Canton street. Our attendance never was very large from the beginning, but the interest was good. Six dear souls (all German adults) have covenanted to walk in all the light, and others are deeply interested. Now comes the struggle and the test for these dear souls, for their relations are already persecuting them for trying to do right. As this is a Catholic center, it is harder to work here than in some other city or town. Only five blocks from our tent the Catholics are building a church, the cost of which is said to be \$150,000.

We now are ready to put up our tent in a new place, and hold another series of meetings, the Lord willing.

We have sold and given away many *Hausfreunds*, and *Signs*, and German tracts and books. Brother Gernhard, a nurse from Friedensau, Germany, who joined me in this effort, has been treating so many sick people that at the present he can hardly do anything else but tend to the sick. Thus we are gaining entrance into the homes of the people; it is like an entering wedge.

O, how much there is to be done, and how few are the laborers! Pray that the Lord send out more workers. Also remember the German work in Baltimore, Md., when you approach the throne of grace.

G. P. GAEDE,  
J. T. GERNHARD.

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"THE September monthly *Signs of the Times* will be a temperance number; at least the leading articles will be upon the evils of intemperance. The different articles are written from a common sense standpoint, and demonstrate how the intemperate habit is given birth, nourished, and fully developed. Doctors Reed, Kress, Rand, and Sanderson contribute articles which bear upon this point, and the editor presents an article on "How to Overcome the Appetite for Strong Drink." The other departments of the paper will be fully as interesting as usual, the Home Department containing a pathetic story illustrating the evils of intemperance."

## Of Interest to Teachers

THROUGH the co-operation of the authors and publishers, desk copies of the following text-books will be furnished, postpaid, at half price to those who are teaching in our denominational schools:—

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	Price	Price
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Let parents realize that there is something vastly more important than making a living for their children, and that is to train them into a life worth living, by the home influences thrown about them—the intellectual and spiritual atmosphere that goes with good books, elevated conversation, and devotion in the home.

M. E. KERN.

## A Sinking Sun

IN the *Southern Cross*, a religious paper of Australia, is an article by the bishop of Durham, the title of which is, "How May We Stay a Sinking Sun?" This "sinking sun" is England. Among the things which indicate a decline, Bishop Durham speaks of the decaying home, marked by the discontinuance of family prayer, marked by lack of attendance at public worship. The decline is marked also under a wide-spread decay of the sense of duty.

What is true in England is true also in America. He closes with these thoughts: "The Sun of England has passed its noon. Is it to sink into the clouds and go down behind the dark hills of time? It need not. The spiritual sky is independent of mechanical law. The Lord may yet bid our dear land shine in purer light, and from a higher point than ever, but I think that if he does, it will be in answer to the voice of man. It will be because his servants heart by heart, home by home, not in words only, but in life, call aloud to him to stay the setting." The great question is, Will they call upon him, when under the teaching of higher criticism the "Him" is no more than any man. —*Signs of the Times.*

Wanted,—Middle aged woman to assist in light house work in family of three. Church privileges, comfortable house. Wages to right person. L. B. Manful, R. D. 4., Springfield, Ohio.

SET yourself earnestly to see what you were made to do, and then set yourself earnestly to do it, and the loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer with every enrichment to yourself. —*Phillips Brooks.*

## OBITUARIES

BROYLES.—Died at Keyser, West Virginia, July 31, 1909, Emma J. Broyles, wife of W. D. Broyles, aged 52 years, 6 months, and 5 days. The remains was brought to Stanleyton, Virginia, and the funeral was held in the church there and interment in the grave yard adjacent. The funeral was conducted by the writer, and sermon preached from Rev. 2:11. Several years ago this sister came forward to renew her consecration to God at the Stanleyton camp-meeting, and we trust that she rests in hope of eternal life when the Life-giver shall come.

R. D. HOTTEL.