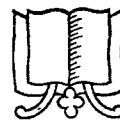


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FLOWERS

While we live, the flowers give,
Don't wait until one's laid away,
The sweetest and best in life
Are the flowers we give each day.
A kind word or deed are the flowers
We can not buy, only give;
They will cheer many lonely hours,
Let's give and take while we live.
For life at best is but a day,
And oft times we are sad at heart,
Cheering the traveler on his way,
You and I can have a part.
For life is sweeter by far,
When we try to do our best,
Jesus Christ, our Guiding Star.
Scattered flowers and many found rest.
Each kind word or deed we do,
Comes only from above,
Let's be like Him so true,
Sow flowers of kindness and of love.

Elizabeth Hayman.

Dedication of the Smithsburg Church

It was my privilege to spend June 5, 6, and 7 with the churches in northwestern Maryland, visiting Hagerstown, Smithsburg and Baltimore.

It was on this occasion that we had the beautiful services which culminated in the

dedication of the new church building at Smithsburg, Md. The spirit of the Lord was present from the very beginning of the service. Elder Kirkendall, the newly elected president of the conference, was there, as well as Elder R. T. Baer who is retiring to accept the call to take the presidency of the Argentine Conference, South America. Though the town is not a very large one, yet we have there a devoted company of people who are endeavoring, to the best of their ability, to hold up the light of truth which God has given them.

Sabbath morning the Lord came preciously near and we had a splendid service. Both young and old surrendered to God and some new moves forward were made. There were other meetings held, but the dedication service took place Sunday afternoon. There was a large turnout. Many of the people from the village were there. As there was a \$2,000 debt resting on the building, at the close of the dedicatory service the writer made a call. Pledges to the amount of \$1,100 were already made when I was compelled to take the train and turn the service over to Elder Kirkendall. As far as we could see and learn, the prospects were good for raising well on toward \$2,000 if not the \$2,000. The brethren in the community lifted with a hearty good will and much devotion. I was compelled to leave in the middle of the service as I was booked to preach that night at Baltimore. We believe the brethren will feel much better in their church home. It certainly is a great change and a great relief from where they previously were meeting.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"Virtue kindles strength."

What medicine will procure digestion?—Exercise. What will recruit strength?—Sleep. What will alleviate incurable evils?—Patience.

—Voltaire.

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Virginia Conference Camp Meeting

The Virginia camp-meeting will be held August 5 to 15, at Charlottesville on the Chautauqua lot, situated on West Main Street, one block west of the Union Station to which all baggage should be checked.

Arrangements are being made with all steam roads for excursion rates. When purchasing your ticket, pay full fare one way and ask for a camp-meeting certificate receipt. If we have two hundred certificate receipts the return fare will be three-fifths of the regular fare plus fifty cents. Those using mileage or clerical tickets will kindly procure certificate receipts as these count in making up the required number.

Tents 12x14 feet, with fly will be rented at \$3.00, flooring extra at cost. Kindly state whether flooring is desired. Chairs, cots and straw for ticks will be supplied at reasonable rates. There is no shade on the grounds. The camp is located in the heart of the residence section, and furnished rooms can be secured convenient to the grounds. Orders for tents or rooms will be filled in the order in which they are received. Kindly send your order at once to F. N. Johnson, No. 2705 West Main Street, Richmond Va.

Meals will be served at reasonable prices on the cafeteria plan at the dining tent and there will also be a grocery tent on the ground for the convenience of our people.

Elder and Mrs. Kime will have charge of the work for our children and youth. We urge that special efforts be made to bring our children to this meeting. It may mean their salvation.

In these trying times, we all need the help which comes from these meetings where the Lord is present in power. You cannot afford to miss the blessing. Begin now to get ready.

W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

It is about as interesting work as one has these days to watch our good canvassers' reports, and to read of the interest developing in our several tent companies. But the book work holds our attention just now especially, as the student canvassers are seeking their scholarships for another season's school. Twelve of our canvassers have sent in their good reports, and three others were delayed for some reason. Brother T. D. Gibson carries off the palm for Virginia this week with a total of \$115.25. This brother is working Augusta County having his headquarters at Staunton. It is wonderful what experiences he is having. Brother Max Trummer follows with a total of \$96.50 with that good old book, "Daniel and the Revelation." And still we might have double this good report for many others could do as well, but they still say, "We can't, we can't," books can not be sold, but right now in the fruitage of the gospel work when results so visibly seen, do not bear out the excuse. Brother George is indeed a busy man and the calls are coming so fast for him to start workers that he hardly knows which to go to first.

The tent companies are hard at work. Brethren Gordon and Armstrong are having an excellent hearing at Republican Grove. Their attendance is increasing, some coming a distance each night. Brethren Beckner and Bidwell have passed through a heavy storm with flood which placed them in a hard position for awhile, the water coming up to their tents, and Brother and Sister Beckner took to their bed to keep out of the water, but withal they are hopeful of results. Monday night a heavy electric storm passed over Richmond which wrecked the large tent. The poles and stakes all remained in their place, but the wind tore the top in several places from eaves to ridge which rendered it unfit for use. After counselling together, Elder Moffett took the mid-night train for Staunton and returned Tuesday with the new tent canvass which was intended for use there, bringing it as baggage, and by quick and hard work was placed in position and

meetings continued as usual on Tuesday evening. Neither the tent company nor Elder Moffett took any time for meals Tuesday, and he got only an hour's rest on the bench in the waiting room at the Staunton station. But withal the pleasure comes in seeing the work move and souls coming to inquire.

This will postpone the effort at Staunton for awhile. This had been necessary from a Chataqua meeting in session there till June 17, also the condition of Elder Stewart Kime's health, and the strain which the effort would bring to him, and Brother Richard Farley being called back to Philadelphia for a time by the death of his sister. These things would leave a very short time to develop and establish an interest before conference time August 5. Let us remember each of these companies at the throne.

Sister W. H. George has the sympathy of her friends at this time of sorrow, having buried her father in New York City, where she is at present, also the following day the word came to her of the death of a brother in North Carolina. These experiences make the promises of the Lord very precious.

It is hoped that the tract society can sing the jubilee song before Conference time and pay up all its obligations. We could do this easily if each one who is owing the society would pay his bills. A good motto is "Owe the Tract Society Nothing". Lets all try and bring this good result.

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News Notes

Miss Ethel Helfrich of the Washington College has taken up Bible work in Trenton. Mrs. M. Fillius will be here at the time of our camp-meeting to take up the same line of work in Jersey City. Miss Ella Iden takes the work for the young people of this conference, also the Sabbath-school and educational work. We are glad to get these young workers from our college. It is as it should be. They go to the school to prepare for usefulness in the work and then it is a privilege to the conferences to give them the opportunity to work out in actual field

work, what the school, by the help of the Lord has worked in. We are also glad to have with us this summer another of our students from the college, Brother Melvin Munsen who has had a long experience in the foreign field. He will be one of the tent company to follow camp-meeting.

This promises to be the best year of our experience. Over one hundred have already been baptized and more are now waiting for the opportunity to go forward in the sacred ordinance. Our tithe has been going about two hundred dollars a month more this year than last.

We are now ready to load our goods for camp-meeting. This meeting will be the largest that Jersey has ever had and looks as though we will have seventy tents on the ground instead of fifty as we had last year. Truly as we get near the end we need the help that comes from these gatherings.

Aside from the students that we have already mentioned several have begun work in the field with books and magazines and good orders are beginning to come in from them. This line is just as important as any we are doing and we are thankful to see our young people so willing to take it up.

Elder Taylor, who has been laboring in Baltimore since last October, where he was able by the blessing of the Lord to baptize twenty-two as the result of his short work there, has been asked to take up work in the southern end of Jersey City. He has accepted the invitation and is now in the field. We are sure the Lord's hand is in the move and we are looking for the blessing of the Lord to rest upon his work here as it has in other places.

Elder Martin has begun his work in the city of Paterson and the prospects are good for a harvest of souls from that field. Elder Martin's experience in Wilmington, where he has been instrumental in adding about sixty members to the church, erecting a new building and starting a church school will be of much help to him in his new field.

"The wrong judgments of men hurt us not if we remember that the balances of God are justly poised."

Though you may have known clever men who were indolent, you never knew a great man who was so.—*Ruskin*.

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News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath, June 12, with the Norwalk church.

This week finds the students in the field and the excellent reports that have come in to the office show that they are in dead earnest, and are out to win success.

In placing your order for tents etc. for camp meeting, you will understand that the straw supply will be on hand as usual at reasonable prices.

Elder E. K. Slade attended the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting a few days last week, and on his return met with the Youngstown church Sabbath, June 19.

We are glad to see Brother Frank Wells with us again. He has been one of our most successful summer workers. He and Brother F. M. Russell are using their motorcycles and working Licking County. Brother Wells sold \$97.00 the first few days and Brother Russell \$78.00. We are expecting to see some good records from these two workers.

The "Shadow of the Bottle", is selling rapidly. Are you helping to get this good book in the homes? If not, send in your order.

Brother H. O. Kohr has been handicapped in his work, because of the weather. He is unable to travel as many of us are, being blind, but he is now putting in faithful time, and has sent us a report of \$83.00 for his week's work.

The Columbus tent effort conducted by Elder H. H. Votaw is enjoying a good attendance and interest. We also learn that the Cleveland English church is entering into a similar effort conducted by their pastor, Elder R. S. Lindsay. Such a program in these large cities carries with it heavy responsibilities, not only financially but in an evangelistic way both for the leader and the church assisting. Each is anxious for large results in

the endeavor to search out the honest souls. Will not our people throughout the conference remember them in their prayers that the Lord will so direct the efforts put forth that the work may be greatly strengthened not only in these places but also by the other tent companies located at other points.

In Medina County we have Brother John Holder located, and he writes that he is not only meeting with success, but that the Lord is giving him many rich experiences. His sister Mary and also Miss Ethel Howard are working in this same county and meeting with success. They have every indication of getting their scholarship by the close of the summer.

We are glad to welcome to our field Brother Wayne Barto of the Washington College. He has joined his brother Harry in Pickaway County. We feel sure he will succeed and will now watch for his reports. He is the only student we have from that school.

Last week Brother Rees was helping Brethren Schuster, and Perrine start in the work. They had a hard time getting started, for the people told them that they would not buy the book unless their minister recommended it. They prayed over this and called upon five of them. As a result three ordered the book. The boys thank the Lord for this victory and feel sure that he will give them success. This week brother Rees is working with some of the students who are connected with the tent effort in Columbus.

This is early to report scholarships, but Brother Jesse Smith of the Academy has worked but eight days and has orders for over half his scholarship. \$98.50 in one week. He is working in the beautiful hills of Harrison County.

Brother Johnson one of our colored colporteurs who is out for a scholarship says the Lord has greatly blessed him, and opened the hearts of the people. He sold \$78.00 worth the first week.

The company that is located at Lake View consisting of Brethren Reichenbach, Simpson, and Fairchild with their families are now nicely located and say they are ready for service. We are glad to see these companies starting out into new places. Their aim is to start a church school and help to warn the people in their respective territories. We hope to see more of our people get the missionary idea and go out into new territory. We

have a large area in the southwestern part of the state where there is practically none of our people. We need some good colporteurs to go in there and open it up.

Recently we received from one of our isolated families, a check for nearly \$450 part of it back tithed. There is added the acknowledgement of special blessings in good health, high prices for farm products, etc. Has any reader the need of trying for such experience by which the Lord's promises in Malachi 3:8-10 are fulfilled for them?

V. O. Punches and Brother Richardson, the general agent, spent some time visiting the churches in the eastern part of the state and securing some new recruits for the colporteur work. While on the trip they took a little time to gain a little experience canvassing. They report a fine time, and in seven hours took \$36.00 worth of orders.

What about that order for a tent? Already half our supply is taken and all the rooms in the academy building. You cannot afford to miss this annual gathering with its special opportunities and blessings. If inexperienced in such a program, send us your inquiries and we will try to aid by further explanation and suggestions.

It is encouraging to see the fine increase in our book sales this week. Once more Ohio is above the \$1,000.00 per week. This has not been the result of large records, but by a steady growth all along the line. The prospects are that she will remain there for some time. There is plenty of room for more workers and we would be pleased to hear from any one who is interested.

Morning Watch Calendar

The Morning Watch Calendar is not only a calendar in the ordinary sense, it is much more than that.

It suggests a Scripture text for every day in the year.

It encourages the study of the Bible and prayer and personal missionary work, the three essentials of a growing Christian experience.

It contains a blank for recording missionary work done each day.

It has a sunset table showing when the Sabbath begins anywhere in America.

It is a daily calendar that contains all these helpful features which are such a blessing to hundreds of people young and old.

It surely is "much in little," and the price is only 5 cents per copy postpaid. If you do not have one, order it from your tract society.

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News Notes

Our brethren are busy in getting tents pitched and other necessary work done for the camp meeting, to be held in Hamilton.

Do not forget to attend this good season. It will do your souls good to be here.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson stopped over in Baltimore on his way from the dedication of the Smithsburg Church and preached to the No. 1 Church here.

Some of our colporteurs have again been having very successful deliveries. Others will deliver next week. We trust all our people will pray for these brethren who are sacrificing so much to get the truth into the homes of the people.

Brethren R. H. and H. R. Miller from the Washington Missionary College have just entered the work in and about Dover, Delaware. We wish them success.

Sister Thelma Keyser, of Baltimore, is also entering our ranks in order that she may earn a scholarship and be able to enter school next year. We ask the prayers of our people in her behalf.

Are there not others who will be willing to join the ranks of these hunters and fishers of men?

A New Temperance Book

"The Man That Rum Made" is one of the most interesting and helpful temperance books that has ever been written. Its many striking and forceful illustrations can not fail to attract attention wherever the book is circulated, while its interesting and touching stories, as well as the facts it presents relating to the effect of alcohol and other stimulants

upon the human system, will make a lasting impression upon those who have the privilege of reading it.

A Fifty Year Test

For more than fifty years I have read the *Review*, read it when the "Testimonies", the *Review*, and a few tracts and pamphlets comprised about all of our denominational literature. These, with our Bibles and hymn books were prized above temporal necessities, and the *Review* should now be the first of our periodicals in every S. D. A. household, and the last to be dispensed with. God blesses the dear old *Review* and none can afford to forego that blessing.

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Martinsburg

Sabbath, June 12, the Martinsburg S. D. A. church was organized. We held two services, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. At both these meetings the presence of God was manifested. Elder B. G. Wilkinson preached a helpful sermon in the morning service, after which the meeting was thrown open for testimonies. Different ones told why they wanted to organize into a church body, and expressed their courage and loyalty for the truth. Many eyes were moistened, as we rejoiced together over the zeal and fervor of new found love.

We were pleased to have with us on this occasion Elder Hirlinger, president of the West Virginia Conference, and Brother Barrows, secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Conference, and other visitors.

In the afternoon Elder Wilkinson, after giving another address organized a church body of seventeen members. Two others, who live at a distance, were prevented from being present, but will unite on first opportunity. The usual officers were elected. It was voted that Elder Geo. A. Stevens continue as pastor.

A short practical missionary meeting followed, at which orders were given for one hundred fifty books, "Worlds Crisis", "The Shadow of the Bottle", also fifty *Watchman*.

The Martinsburg tent effort commenced Friday, June 11. Elder Hirlinger spoke Sunday night on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures." A good interest was shown. We solicit your prayers for these meetings. RAY R. STEVENS.

Special

Sung on Europe's Battle Fields

One of the most remarkable signs of the coming of the Lord as given by Christ himself, in his great prophecy as recorded in Luke 21: 25, 26, is, "Distress of nations with perplexity, . . . men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth." That we are in that time and that condition today, no one will deny. Statesmen, business men, the masses of the people all in fact have the feeling of unrest, and a fear that cannot be banished by the foolish cries of "Peace, peace, when there is no peace".

In "such a time as this," the very time for which God's people "are come to the kingdom,"—the Lord's command to us is, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people," "Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees; say to them that be of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not. God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore (when the hearts of wicked men are failing them for fear) yet we will not fear, even when the earth is being removed and the mountains carried into the midst of the sea, though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof," Psalm 46: 1-3. Though the mighty tidal waves of the sea roar and bring ruin and devastation, there is a peaceful river, even the river of life, that shall make glad the city of God the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

For God not only dwells in his temple in the Holy City, New Jerusalem, but he says, "I will dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a humble and contrite spirit." Isa. 57: 15. He is in the midst of his people on earth. "I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever." Eze. 43:7. "And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God." Joel 2: 27. Therefore, "She (the church) shall not be moved." "God shall help her, when the morning appeareth," (Mar.). When the great morning of eternity shall come, the morn that ends our night of woe, God shall help her with everlasting help. Note the margin of verse 5. There is a very striking thought in this margin. "When the morning appeareth."

"The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved," verse 6 (R. V.)." He uttered

his voice, the earth melted." What a striking statement! In the beginning, he spoke, and it was done. Now he utters his voice, and all is undone. Creation goes back to chaos. And Oh, remember, it is on this mighty word, that can create and can destroy, on this almighty word, we may rest secure amid the wreck of the world and all that is therein. For "the Lord of hosts is with us, and, the God of Jacob is our refuge." verse 7. Jacob, who wrestled with the angel all night, he who had sinned and who that night was dying to all the sins of his past life, a final, a complete change, represents God's people, who have all sinned, coming to the great crisis of humanity, when "All faces gather paleness. Alas for that day is great, so that none is like it. It is even the time of Jacob's trouble: but he shall be saved out of it." Jer. 30: 6, 7. The same God who delivered and saved Jacob, will save his people from their enemies as he saved Jacob from Esau.

"Come behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire," verses 8 and 9. After this terrific scene of destruction, so vividly described in these verses, there follows one of the most majestic verses in all the Bible. As with Elijah, after the whirlwind, and the earthquake, and the fire, God spoke to Elijah in the "still small voice," so after the awful tempest of desolating war, and after God's judgments in the earthquake and terrific destruction, have been manifest, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Verse 10. (R. V.).

Then the repeated solemn, blessed, comforting, assurance, more solid than the earth itself, "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." This wonderful forty-sixth Psalm is our strong assurance, our battle hymn, in the last day perils. We are not surprised then at the remarkable statement in "Great Controversy", page 639, that in the great final crisis, God's people shall sing the forty-sixth Psalm. Nor can we wonder that in the midst of the awful perils of Europe's battle fields, one of our faithful believers, sang the forty-sixth Psalm every day.

Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A.

March 27, 1915.

"During the first four months of the great European war, I was living near the border line between Russia and Germany, in a town that was occupied alternately by the Russians and the Germans. We were many times in the midst

of great battles, and were exposed to many dangers and hardships. During this time of peril I sang the forty-sixth Psalm every day. I had learned the music to the sublime words of this Psalm in Philadelphia before going to Europe, and in time of peril and danger, I truly found in this wonderful Psalm a "refuge and strength". Surely all of God's people will sing that Psalm in the time of war and trouble." E. Hanson.

J. S. WASHBURN.

The *Liberty* magazine for the third quarter of 1915 is a beautiful and attractive number, and just from the press. The cover design has been painted especially for this number. It represents Jefferson, Madison, and Washington sitting by a table, and evidently engaged in earnest conversation. Knowing the firm stand which these statesmen took on questions of religious liberty, one can almost hear President Washington as he emphasizes some profound point by a gesture of the right hand.

The contents of this number are particularly interesting. Many persons question the right of states to curtail the liquor traffic and other vices. The temperance question and the rights of individuals and of the state are therefore given extended consideration, and the subject is of interest to both temperance workers and their opponents. Be sure to get a copy for your own benefit, or better, send for 5 to 40 copies at 5 cents each, or for 50 or more copies at 4 cents each, and benefit your neighbors and make a good remuneration for your efforts. A circular describing this number and giving some "talking points" on how to make quick sales, will be furnished by your tract society office.

The Private Life

What a world of meaning in these words! Many and varied are the thoughts that rush through our mind as this expression falls upon our ears. It causes each one of us to seriously ask ourselves the question, "What am I deep down in my soul, in the innermost chambers of my heart, where no human eye has the power to see? What am I? Really what am I?" We may be ever so charming on the outside, perfect in form and feature, the inside — what about it?

For a moment let us liken our hearts to a garden, where we can sow seed thought. These thoughts may be purity, honesty, kindness and love. What is the result of the sowing of such seeds? The result is a garden filled with beautiful plants and fragrant flowers, so fragrant that the whole atmosphere around us is just laden with sweetness. Then too, we

may plant seeds just the opposite from those mentioned, namely: impurity, dishonesty, unkindness and hatred. What is the result of a planting of these kind of seeds? A garden with black, ugly stones, briars, thorns, and all kinds of poisonous weeds. The atmosphere around is dark and gloomy, altogether unpleasant. It all lies with us which kind of seeds we are using.

Our hearts are so much like a picture gallery, where day by day, month by month, year by year, we have been hanging pictures. The paintings may be of the best assortment, but how sad that some hearts have nothing but low, cheap, and degrading scenes upon memory's walls.

The apostle Paul has truly said that evil communications corrupt good manners, and has said in another place, it is a shame to speak of those things done in secret. It is appalling to think that all over this broad country that we live in, there are institutions established for the sole purpose of caring for people who have degraded themselves to such an extent that their bodies are full of disease and decay. If we could only realize the terrible condition of a great many lives, we would fall back in horror and astonishment. To think all this evil originates in wrong thoughts which result in wrong actions! The characteristics of a person given to sinful habits are extreme nervousness, a twitching of the facial expression, flighty in actions, and one of the most marked characteristics of a person of this kind is that they are unable to look at others straight in the eyes.

When Sister White has said that among our own young people these conditions exist, it makes us pause and think. (Volume two and other volumes give this instruction.) These things show us how important it is to develop a good Christian experience. It does not matter how honorable a person may be, no one is safe, unless they are hid in Christ. One might do good for a time, but by degrees they will go down and down to destruction and perdition. When Christ comes, there will be just two classes of people, those who are spotlessly pure and on the other hand those who are stained with sin.

Solomon's experience should teach us a great lesson on this point. To know that he really had tasted to some extent of the Christian life and that he was in the last years of his life, led away by his own wicked inclinations, should sound a note of warning to all of us.

Of all the touching experiences recorded in the Bible, no doubt the one that appeals to us most, is David's. We all know how he became infatuated with that beautiful woman Bathsheba and how he planned to put the husband of

Bathsheba, Uriah, the Hittite, in the forefront of the battle so that he might be killed. David accomplished his purpose, but think of the sorrow he brought upon himself all the rest of his life. He truly repented of his sin, as recorded in the fifty-first Psalm, where he says, "Create within me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Although the Lord truly forgave David, yet his life from this time on was filled with many sorrows. His sins were seen in the lives of his children. We can imagine how David must have felt, when Absalom that handsome young man, the nation's idol, rebelled against his father, and tried to overthrow the government. David was finally compelled for the sake of the kingdom, to take up arms against his son. David warned his soldiers, if they captured him, to deal gently with him, but they did not do so, but slew him. David on learning what had been done, wept bitterly and said, "Absalom, Absalom, my son, I would have died to save thee". Sin always brings remorse and sorrow.

Lest we forget it might be well to say that we must remember our obligations and relations to each other in the private life. There are many little courtesies and duties we can render to each other by not intruding in any way.

We will find one of our deepest joys in our secret prayers to just mention the names of the different students with whom we associate. If the channel between earth and heaven is clear, and we experience secret communion with God and a contemplation of his Word, we will need have no fears about our private life.

RUTH ROBBINS.

Music in Worship

In these days of worldly choirs the Lord's people should see that those who lead the music should have more than simply a good musical knowledge and a good voice. The first qualification of the leader of music must be that he is a Christian, that he plays (if there be instrumental music) and sings "with the spirit." That the music is not simply outward display, but in the soul and from the heart. "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Eph. 5:19.

Such a leader of music is a spiritual power for good. The singers should all sing with earnest thought, every word so clearly that all can understand. Realizing the deep meaning of every word

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending June 11, 1915									
Clara Reichenbach, Logan Co.		GC							258 75
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DA	7	70	6	18 00	10 00	28 00	158 20
F. D. Wells, Licking Co.		GC	6	51	23	76 00	21 35	97 35	7 00
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	5	44	18	54 00	1 25	55 25	4 25
A. E. Schuster, Adams Co.		BR	5	44	14	47 00	75	47 75	6 75
H. O. Kohr, Knox Co.		DR	5	42	24	75 00	8 25	83 25	
George Johnson, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	5	42	21	65 00	13 00	78 00	
F. M. Russell, Licking Co.		BR	5	42		72 00	4 45	76 45	
C. E. Reichenbach, Auglaize Co.		GC	4	41	6	18 00		18 00	36 25
L. H. Waters, Harrison Co.		PPF	5	41	5	12 00		12 00	122 00
C. R. Fairchild, Hardin Co.		BR	5	40	11	39 00	2 00	41 00	
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.		BR	5	40	8	27 00	4 50	31 50	3 75
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	4	39	4	14 00	6 75	20 75	4 50
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		BR	5	39	5	16 00		16 00	
Ethel Howard, Medina Co.		BR	5	37	16	31 00	2 50	53 50	1 50
J. L. Smith, Harrison Co.		BR	9	76	40	127 00	13 50	140 50	12 25
Joy Walden, Harrison Co.		ES	5	36	4	12 00	12 25	24 25	
J. L. Holder, Medina Co.		BR	5	34	5	15 00	8 50	23 50	3 60
Mary Holder, Medina Co.		BR	4	34	5	16 00	75	16 75	75
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	31	12	38 00	1 00	39 00	
W. S. Scott, Jefferson Co.		HM	4	29	10	20 00		20 00	
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		PG	3	22	7	28 50	2 25	30 75	85
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		BR	4	21			3 00	3 00	59 25
A. W. Perrine, Adams Co.		BR	2	19	9	30 00	50	30 50	50
Wayne P. Barto, Pickaway Co.		PG	2	16	5	17 50	1 70	19 20	85
Totals	25 Agents		115	930	258	\$888 00	\$118 25	\$1006 25	\$681 00

West Virginia, Week Ending June 11, 1915									
C. G. Mays, Roane Co.		COL	5	55	21	31 50	1 85	33 35	2 25
Cecil Ross, Doddridge Co.		BR	5	53	20	93 00	6 10	69 10	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BR	5	47	21	71 00	7 20	78 20	3 00
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.		BF	4	40					180 00
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell Co.		BR	5	43	10	34 00	1 85	35 85	12 75
J. S. Seal, Roane Co.		COL	5	35	21	31 50	7 10	38 60	14 25
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.		COL	2	14		39 00	75	39 75	
J. R. Medlin, Raleigh Co.		HM	2	14	12	24 00	4 50	28 50	
Totals	8 Agents		33	30	105	\$294 00	\$29 35	\$323 35	\$212 25

Virginia, Week Ending June 11, 1915									
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.		BR	5	42	36	110 00	5 25	115 25	
T. C. Cunningham, Washington Co.		BR	4	30	13	41 60	2 60	43 20	35
Carl L. Painter, Warren Co.		BR	3	24	19	38 50	1 40	39 90	
Tennant Bliss, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	25	4	12 00	4 55	16 55	
Herald Jenkins, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	25	1	3 00	10 15	13 15	
Isaiah Y'Shanko, Sussex Co.		BR	4	19	3	10 00	3 90	13 90	
Max Trummer, Smyth Co.		DR	6	51	25	84 00	12 50	96 50	
Chas. S. Hottel, Warren Co.		CK	3	24	17	19 50	2 45	21 95	
M. A. Maloney, King Co.		CK	2	22	10	15 50	7 70	23 20	
R. H. Young, Northampton Co.		GC	5	33	5	15 00	3 00	18 00	
Bennett Hamm, Greene Co.		BFL	2	18	13	5 70		5 70	
S. P. Jones, Northampton Co.		BR	5	36	12	36 00		36 00	
Totals	12 Agents		45	348	155	\$390 80	\$53 50	\$444 30	35

MAGAZINES			
Mrs. H. A. Swank	\$ 70 00	Frank Parsons	14 40
Carl Parsons	8 50	Genievive D. Peacock	14 50
Mrs. L. Hegward	2 00	Total	\$109 40

New Jersey, Week Ending June 11, 1915									
H. Lauterbach, Warren Co.		BFL	4	33	15	19 50	5 50	25 00	
J. I. Applegate, Atlantic Co.		BR	5	39	5	17 00	40	17 40	
Olive Boynton, Cape May		PPF	2	5	7	14 00		14 00	
G. W. Blinn, Mercer Co.		DA	10	83	20	56 00	4 00	60 00	80 00
L. S. Crates, Hunterdon Co.		PPF	1	5					23 10
Totals	5 Agents		22	155	45	\$106 50	\$9 90	\$116 00	\$103 10

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 11, 1915

G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	4	40	14	42 00	9 50	51 50	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	37	14	43 00	75	43 76	2 60
M. S. Pettibone, Carrol Co. Md.	BR	2	17	3	10 00	6 25	16 25	5 50
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	2	20					160 00
Geo. W. Lawrence, Kent Co.	DR	3	24					77 00
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co. Del.	PPF	5	42		13 00	5 85	18 85	148 45
D. M. Percy, Sussex Co. Del.	PPF	7	63	42	92 00		92 00	
Totals	7 Agents	27	243	79	\$200 00	\$22 35	\$222 35	\$393 55

District of Columbia, Week Ending June 11, 1915

Mission Boat.....	BR	3	30	25	80 00	7 70	87 70	73 80
Chas. Warren.....	BR	4	26	3	9 00		9 00	3 00
A. W. Bennett.....	BR	3	22	10	30 00	5 45	35 45	2 55
J. W. Bartini.....	Misc	2	18	50	12 50		12 50	12 50
J. W. Osborn.....	BR	2	16	4	20 00	35	20 35	20 35
Miss Stout.....	Misc	1	3	10	2 50		2 50	2 50
Miscellaneous.....								43 65
Totals	6 Agents	17	117	102	\$154 00	\$13 50	\$167 50	\$158 35

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Mrs. Cleveland	\$ 5 00	Colonial Beach Church	5 00
Mrs. Cross	11 30	A. H. Ferguson	2 90
Mrs. R. H. Miller	15 00	Miss Detwiler	15 00
Mrs. E. R. McKean	6 50	W. K. Park	25 00
Carrie Smith	2 50	Hazel Thompson	1 00
A. Combs	2 80	Miscellaneous	1 00
Total			\$92 00

Grand Totals: 63 Agents Value of Orders \$2033 30 Deliveries, \$1548 60

sung they should not only sing with spirit, but with the understanding also, and should sing so distinctly, so clearly that all who listen may also hear with the understanding also. Often a solo or anthem is sung with such indistinct utterance from lack of thought or silly affection, and being without clear distinction in the sound, no one can ever know what is "piped or harped" or sung. Such music no matter how skillful the performer or how beautiful the voice, is worse than a waste of time. For sacred music is worship, not an entertainment.

Let every singer first believe the words he sings, then sing them so clearly that all his hearers can also hear and realize the true meaning and receive the blessing of the words sung. There is one sufficient rule for singing with expression, viz: Feel the words you sing. See the picture in your song, then your hearers will also not only hear, but feel and live the words you sing. Solo singing in the right spirit is just as truly right in the worship as solo testimonies are right. Quartette, or choir singing, is also right and a blessing if done with spirit and the understanding. But best of all, most important of all, is congregational singing. "Let all the people sing."

The value of a choir in leading the music is recognized by the Spirit of Prophecy, "In the meetings held let a number be chosen to take part in the choir service.....The singing is not al-

ways to be done by a few. As often as possible let the entire congregation join." Vol. 9, p. 144. Those who think music is a matter of secondary importance are wrong. Everyone must give an account for the improvement of every talent. "He who has bestowed upon us all the gifts that enable us to be workers together with God, expects His servants to cultivate their voices, so that all can understand. It is not loud singing that is needed, but clear intonation, correct pronunciation and distinct utterance. Let all take time to cultivate the voice, so that God's praise can be sung in clear, soft tones, not with harshness and shrillness that offend the ear. The ability to sing is the gift of God." Vol. 9, p. 144. There is a whole volume in this statement by the Spirit of Prophecy. If obeyed, God's people would be the best singers on earth, our music would shake the world and be a mighty power in closing the work of God in the earth.

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A New Declaration of Independence

Our forefathers declared the political independence of this country because of certain wrongs which were inflicted upon the American colonists by the mother country, and therefore signed the famous "Fourth of July" Declaration of Independ-

dence. Are Americans being oppressed today? Would a New Declaration of Independence be in order at the present time? The article on this subject found in the July Watchman will answer these queries.

The Papacy

(Concluded)

"The thing which is affirmed is this; that the Christian religion, which was planted in Italy by Paul, has ever since been retained in the primitive purity of its fundamental doctrine and divine worship in the churches of Piedmont to this day. For proof of this assertion, I must acquaint you, that though many of their ancient records, and other authentic manuscripts were destroyed by popish persecutors in the years 1655 and 1656; yet a great number no less authentic, divers of which are to be seen in the foregoing history of the Old Waldenses, were most wonderfully preserved, and give a full and clear history to this truth. Besides, we have the concurrent testimonies of the most eminent popish authors, who were the bitterest adversaries of these churches, and which is almost miraculous, by a strong over-ruling of providence, unwittingly confessed in many places of their writings, this antiquity, for the concealing of which, and to make the world disbelieve it, these very books were purposely written and designed. Rainerius acknowledges, 'that among all the sects which are, or ever were, none have been more pernicious to Rome than that of the Leonists; and among other causes he gives this as the first, that it is the most ancient of all; since some affirm that it has continued from the time of Sylvester, or from the times of the Apostles.'" Id. pp. 275, 279. "Among the true witnesses the first that we distinctly read of were the Paulicians. They arose about A. D. 660.—While the Paulicians were still maintaining their faithful testimony, the Waldenses arose; or rather more probably these two denominations had a common origin and a common faith. The name Waldenses, the most common and popular one of those humble and devoted people was evidently derived, not from Peter Waldo, but from the place of their abode." Id. pp. 2. Also Robinson's Eccl. Researches, Chap. X, p. 302 and 303. From this and other sources we gain the true origin of this wonderful people. Who will doubt upon the testimony of so many witnesses, that the history of these people began with the great apostasy and that the church which the Revelator saw nourished in the wilderness for 1260 years, was not this church? It is safe to say that there can be found no other during that long reign of papal supremacy that held to the truth of the Gospel. And too, this church alone was

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persecuted because all others bowed to the scepter of Rome, or held to even more heathenish practices. Nothing could make plainer their loyalty to their Creator and Redeemer than illustrations of their persecutions. At Tell, while the minister was preaching to a congregation, the papists attacked and murdered many of them. A lady being exhorted to change her religion, if not for her sake for the sake of her infant son, replied that God gave his son for her and she would leave her child in his care. As soon as she had done speaking they took the child from her, delivered it to a popish nurse to bring up, and then cut the mother to pieces. Dominico Berto, a youth of sixteen, refusing to turn papist, was set upon an ass with his face to the tail which he was obliged to hold in his hand. In this condition he was led to the market place amidst the acclamations of the populace, after which they cut off his nose, ears and cheeks, and burnt holes in several parts of his body until he at last died.

Never did the church of Rome show the fairness of her title "Anti-christ" more than in her insatiable thirst for the blood of these innocent ones. Nor does she stop with heretics. Of injustices and the most abominable incest of her own members, the world knows little, nor shall it until the final day of reckoning. Ah! my dear reader "Popery, a deceiver to others, is a tyrant to its own."

Of crimes too terrible to be printed, for which Rome stands guilty, the pages of history are full. In the days to which our attention is called it was the inquisition, at the present time, the political guillotine. I would cite one instance in closing as related in Perrin's History of the Waldenses. It was in 1809, when the army which Napoleon sent into Spain under Marshall Soult, received orders to sur-

press all monasteries and the inquisition. The orders were not carried out at first but upon the disclosure of some plots a detachment was sent to take the inquisition. The Papal soldiers, unwilling to allow to come to light such scenes of cruelty and rapine as must necessarily appear should the French soldiery gain an entrance, began to fire upon the troops with telling results. But the place was taken after the loss of many men and of the things disclosed even the generals turned away in horror. An institution, apparently used only as a place of culture and justice, upon rigid search disclosed secret avenues and chambers filled with engines of torture which the ingenuity of men and devils alone could invent. A machine that would take the victim and slowly break every bone in his body, beginning with the tips of the fingers and toes. Another called the Virgin was an image of a beautiful woman, very life-like, that clasped the unfortunate ones and a hundred knives chopped and hacked them to pieces. There they also found a box, in which the head and neck were held and a drop of water every second was made to fall upon the shaved head, suspending circulation in a few minutes and causing untold pain. In a remote tunnel were found men and women of all ages; chained to filthy cells, some dead for weeks, some more unfortunate, whose iron constitutions refused them this mercy. There they found prisoners chained on top of the bleached bones of another, for seldom were any removed from this death trap. And all because they refused to accept the heathenish practices of this "man of sin", that we have seen rise above all earthly powers, but chose rather the pure, refining, simplicity of the Word of God. "Who can avoid feeling rapture in the prophetic contemplation, that the period is rapidly approaching when Babylon the Great, that vast habitation of every unclean and hateful bird, (Rev. 18:2;) that seven-hilled metropolis of corruption shall disappear from the world forever; not like the inquisition near Madrid amid a blaze of gunpowder, but as a millstone cast from the height of heaven into the depth of the ocean to be found no more at all; amid heaven's hallelujahs and earth's universal responsive and adoring acclamations. Rev. 18:20,24, and 19:1-6.

"Therefore let us not attempt by hypocritical and anti-christian sensibilities to sympathize with that popery which is one entire mass of satanic depravity! When we oppose the Romish pestilential apostacy, we only contend against a hell-born contrivance which is blasphemy towards God and a curse to the human family; and which having arrogated the divine titles and supremacy, tyrannizes over the bodies and souls, and

brutalizes all the faculties of men."

"How enrapturing the thought; that ere long, the Russian with his knout shall not trammel men with his superstitious absurdities, nor shall a Spanish inquisitor, while he racks life from the heart, extort blasphemy from the mouth! Their arms shall be withered forever; and the great multitude shall all combine in the ecstatic chorus, "Alleluia; for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." Amen."

M. V. EUSEY.

OBITUARIES

PAINTER.—Fannie L. Painter, nee Mayes, was born February 16, 1868, died at their home near Stanley, Virginia, May 30, 1915, aged 47 years, 3 months, and 14 days. Sister Painter united with the Stanley church just thirty years ago, and was a faithful member till the time of her death. She united in marriage with Elder T. H. Painter, 28 years ago; to this union four children were born, who with the husband survive to mourn their loss.

The funeral was conducted in the church on Monday, May 31, in the presence of one of the largest funeral assemblies ever held in that vicinity. The profusion of flowers also attested the esteem in which this sister was held both in the church and community.

R. D. HOTTEL.

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Columbia Union Conference

Eastern Pennsylvania, Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa., June 17-27.
 Chesapeake, Hamilton Avenue Grove, Baltimore, Md., June 24-July 4.
 New Jersey, Burlington, June 24-July 4.
 Ohio, Academia, Mt. Vernon, Aug. 12-22.
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