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As a pebble dropped in water
Sends its waves out more and more.
In an ever widening circle
Till they reach the distant shore;
So a deed, a word, an action,
Dropped upon the sea of life
Sends a blessing, or a cursing,
In this world of sin and strife.

As a cloud is changed at even
When the sun is sinking low,
From its blackness into beauty,
And reflects a pleasant glow;
So a life, though dark and ugly,
Through God's word grows pure and white,
And reflects to all about it
Hidden treasure from the Light.

F. C. CLARK.

BRING YE ALL THE TITHE INTO THE STORE- HOUSE.

THE tithes and offerings, since August 1, have been coming to the office very slowly. What is the cause?

Another month is nearly gone. We have forty workers on the pay roll who are confidently expecting their remittance when the month will have closed; the question with us here in the office is, "Will they receive it?"

The Lord says the laborer is worthy of his hire; now while this applies to labor of all kinds, yet how much closer is it made to apply to him who is serving in his Master's vineyard.

The Lord has provided means with which his laborers are to be paid. He has deposited it with you and me. Brethren, what are we doing with this trust fund? Many of us have laid it away in a safe place purposing to send it in at a more convenient time, but is this right? Are we doing as the Lord would have us do? Brethren, ask yourselves this question.

Some of the treasurers of the churches which pay the largest tithes, I am sorry to say, are quite negligent of the duties delegated to them, in that, while the members of the church pay their tithes, and pay it promptly, too, the same is held by the church treasurer from three to ten weeks before it is sent to the office.

In view of the fact that we were enabled to show so flattering a financial statement at the last camp-meeting, the Conference took upon itself addi-

tional obligations, expecting that the steady increase in the payment of tithes then reported would continue. We are disappointed and we believe, too, without good reason.

It has been suggested that possibly some of the tithes has been sent to aid the good work now going on in Washington, D. C., in answer to the urgent calls that are going out from them; this we will not believe knowing the education of our people to be too thorough to allow the diversion of the tithes for any purpose other than that which the Lord designed.

Now, brethren, let us see if we cannot do better from now on.

That the dear Lord may impress us with the importance of rendering unto him that which is his, and doing the same promptly, is the earnest and sincere prayer of your treasurer,

C. V. HAMER.

THANKFUL HEARTS IN CHINA.

SIN TSAI HSIEN, HONAN, CHINA,
Aug. 11, 1904.

Mr. C. V. Hamer, *Academia, O.*

DEAR BROTHER: Yesterday the Chinese mailcarrier arrived with a small budget of mail, and on opening its contents we found that the \$157.50 was in one of the letters. You may be sure this was a source of great joy to all of us. We are so thankful that God has answered our prayers by putting it in the hearts of our Ohio friends in time of need here in this destitute land.

The money is the Lord's and inasmuch as God has, by his angel, carefully carried this letter safely to us over stormy seas and through half the length of a heathen country, he will still watch over it and see that all is placed to the best advantage to advance his cause here. God says he will supply all our needs, but not our wants, and he is doing it.

We appreciate the sacrifice made on the part of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. James K. White, R. I. Francis, Frederick Isles and Mrs. R. A. Shane, in sending us \$157.50, but it is an investment that will bring back returns, and each shall share in the reward. Your letter, and the one from the Pacific Press containing the money, came on the same mail, requiring six weeks to

reach us. We wish to thank you for the care you exercised in seeing that no mistake occurred and for the quickness with which you placed this means safely in our hands. Our Ohio friends become dearer to us every day.

We are progressing nicely, and as there is such a great work before us in this field, we are looking for further recruits to help us give the Message to this people. We can but say that we find the Chinese as favorable toward the truth as any people. It requires the power of God to convert a man anywhere, and he can change a Chinaman's heart as well as any other man's.

If we thought we have to make Christians over here, we should become discouraged and think our time was thrown away. If we sow, in due time we shall reap, if we faint not. Your brother,

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION.

WELCOME VISITOR: The Toledo church was much saddened to-day by the necessity of taking leave of their beloved pastor, Elder W. H. Granger. Brother Granger will go to the Southwest, into a kinder climate, and try, God willing, to recover his usual vigorous condition of health. He has not spared himself in his work in this place, and as a result the tent meetings which have been held in different parts of the city are bearing fruit to life eternal.

Brother Granger expressed much love for the church family here, and commended them for the unity and harmony that exists among them. The hearts of all, both old and young, will follow him to his new field, and earnest prayers will ascend to the Lord for his ultimate recovery and return to the Toledo church.

Four persons were received into the church to-day, Brother Granger giving them the right hand of fellowship in the name of the church family.

A. M. NICHOLAS, *Clerk.*

'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more, Sempronius—we'll deserve it.—*Addison.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Wilmington.

SABBATH, September 10, was a day of refreshing for the church at Wilmington. An interesting Sabbath-school was conducted at 9:30, followed by a Bible study on Christian baptism. At 2:30 all met again at the home of Brother and Sister Bert Bloom where another service was held. The different points of our faith were briefly studied and two dear souls, adults, publicly professed their faith in the Saviour and confidence in every point of doctrine embraced in the Third Angel's Message.

After presenting their requests for admission into the church they were accepted by a unanimous vote of all who were present, followed by a warm heart to heart and hand to hand welcome. At the close of this service we all repaired to the stream near by where both were baptized by the writer.

As the sun began to sink out of sight in the west we separated, praising God for his presence and blessings throughout the day.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Sidney.

HERE at Marysville we are all of good courage and the interest is increasing. We are looking for results from these meetings.

Last Friday I started to visit the little company of twelve at Sidney, but failed to make connection, so remained over night with Brother Mason. In the morning I went to the depot and there met a Brethren minister. We had a good Bible study all the way to Sidney. He is a very bright young man, and is interested in the truth. He preaches many things in the prophecies the same as we do, and also believes that the seventh-day Sabbath is right. I had heard of him some time ago and believe that the hand of the Lord was in my meeting him thus. May God give him grace to see the light and obey it. I supplied him with literature as I always have some of our good books and tracts in my satchel.

In Sidney I found the little company all of good courage and strong in the faith. These are all new in the faith and having left them alone for quite awhile, we were a little fearful that Satan might have been successful in efforts to scatter them. I was happily surprised when I found twenty-two in attendance at the Sabbath-school, and all so interested we could scarcely close on time.

After Sabbath-school we had a short talk on the love of God and liberty in Christ Jesus. This was followed by a social meeting in which nearly all took part. Those who were too timid to speak arose to their feet as a token of praise to God. We were all blessed of God and strengthened in his service. I held two meetings on Sabbath and Sunday. Two dear people are awaiting baptism, and others will be ready a little later on. Others are investigating the truth and learning what we believe. The prospect is good for the organization of a church later on. We give all the glory to God for his Spirit is moving on the hearts of the people.

G. P. GAEDE.

Funk.

DEAR VISITOR: Elder Kirkendall and I came to Rows the week after the close of the camp-meeting at Marysville. We found the brethren of good courage although saddened by the loss to Brother and Sister Gault by the death of their little girl which is one more link that binds them to the hope of the resurrection of the righteous.

Elder Kirkendall and the writer went to Lakefork to find a place to pitch the tent for our fall series of meetings. All places that seemed suitable were closed, but the Lord opened the way for us at Funk, a little station on the A. & W. R. R., about one and a half miles from Lakefork, where we secured a fine location without any trouble.

On September 5 Brethren Ira Gault and J. F. Osborne hauled our tents from Rows to Funk, a distance of ten miles. These brethren have been faithfully helping in every way they can at all of the meetings that have been held near them. This is equally true of the Rows church and we know God will reward them for it.

Brother Warren Huffaker joined me September 4, his wife the 16th, and Brother Fred Fairchild the 12th. There are four in our company now and the way things are opening up I think there will be plenty of work for all. September 7 we held our first meeting with the tent full and we have spoken each night to a good audience of interested people. Some are coming for more than ten miles away.

Brother and Sister Hague with their daughter proved their interest in the meetings by driving some ten miles, and bringing their organ for our use. Sister Hague did not forget that we, like other workmen, sometimes get hungry.

We have one stove up in the large tent and may put up another. A Mr. Tyler gave us some wood.

Some made very rash vows concerning us and the meetings, and report of the Rows company when they learned that we were Adventists, but God's Spirit is working and giving us the hearts of the people; even some who have spoken against us are now our friends.

Brother Huffaker is rendering good help in the meetings and is a good faithful man about the tent.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Sept. 19, 1904.

Marysville.

WELCOME VISITOR: This is the beginning of the third week of Tent Company No. 1. The first week was spent in a diligent search for the great interest left here, as a result of our recent camp-meeting. Completely failing in our efforts, our attention was directed in another channel, viz., to work up an interest.

We first painted us a bulletin board, upon which our subjects are written daily. Then we advertise in the daily paper, and together with the personal work done, we have been able to increase our audience from three and four persons each evening the first week to twenty and thirty the second week. Sunday nights we usually have fifty to sixty persons present. Considering the opposition of the five ministers who have combined and publicly spoken against us, the spirit of indifference and frivolous excuses, we congratulate ourselves on the present ratio of increase.

In answer to prayer, God has shown us he has some dear souls here and with the eye of faith we see a few drawing nigh unto him. If there ever was a time when we need to stand united as a body, having one common purpose in view, it is now. May the Lord give us all more power to influence others to eschew evil and love the good.

We should have reported sooner, but had nothing to report. This week, September 14, is the gathering of the Methodists here in their Conference, which will continue six days. But we are not crossing the bridge till we reach it, and will continue to preach the gospel, which is our mission. We look with eagerness for a report from the other tent companies. We are of good cheer.

J. O. MILLER,

A. C. SHANNON.

Corsica.

SEPTEMBER 17 and 18 were shared with the church at Corsica. It was at this place that we attended our first institute of Conference workers in the early part of the year 1880. Many

changes have come to the Ohio Conference since that time. Some who were active and prominent in the work then have since apostatised; others have been laid to rest, while nearly all that remain are now scattered in different parts of the world. One thing, however, remains the same; that is the Message of God for this generation. This remains the same. We were glad to find some who were happy in the truth at that time still rejoicing in it.

We had a pleasant visit with Brother and Sister D. K. Mitchell. Brother Mitchell served the Conference in the past, well and faithfully, for several years as State Treasurer. God was present with us in all our meetings and blessed in speaking the Word and in the hearing of it. At our last service on Sunday night the house was well filled with a congregation largely of young people who gave excellent attention to the discourse based on the exceeding great and precious promises of God. We believe that a short, well directed effort conducted here in the near future would result in several additions to the church. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Youngstown.

WE are of good courage. The Lord has blessed us during the past quarter. We have taken up our weekly Bible studies again, after an interval of a few weeks rest. Several from the outside are attending and are very much interested. Brother W. J. Read is conducting the readings. We have a tract rack in a store in this vicinity and are also using a number of the *Family Bible Teacher*. We ask an interest in the prayers of the saints, for the work here. Yours for the truth, Mrs. P. ALDERMAN.

HAVE YOU READ IT ?

IN the *Review and Herald* of September 8, pages 5 and 6, will be found a contribution from the pen of Elder A. G. Daniells which ought to be read by every Seventh-day Adventist of the Ohio Conference. Fearing that some who did not attend the recent camp-meeting at Marysville, and because of a press of daily duties might not read this article, I wish to call special attention to it with the request that it be read by every one who feels an interest in giving our Message to the world in this generation.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

PLEASURE is seldom found where it is sought. Our brightest times of gladness are often made by unexpected things.—*Our Young Folks*.

EDUCATIONAL.

A PRIVILEGE APPRECIATED.

WELCOME VISITOR: Your readers will no doubt rejoice with us that another school year has opened, and that many of our young people are again in school studying to know more of God and the Third Angel's Message,—the greatest thing in the world to-day.

As a people, we believe that the Message of Jesus' soon coming must go to all the world for a witness, then shall the end come. From the signs that are to be seen on every hand, we believe that that time is at hand. One of the signs that may be seen in our school is the spirit of devotion and earnestness which characterizes the student body.

Surely God is calling the young people of our denomination to do for him a work; yes, a specific work—a work that means eternal life to those who hear and obey; eternal death to the disobedient. Could a call be given our young men and women, carrying with it more solemn obligations than that which has been and is being given to our youth of to-day? God not only calls to this as a duty, but as a privilege,—a privilege granted no other people in all the history of the world, but to those "who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus."

God has in his great love and mercy established a school in our midst whereby the young may prepare for a greater work than could be done without the preparation which may be gained at Mount Vernon Academy. "Come out from among them, and be separate," appeals with much force to the young.

While the ways and practices of the world are downward, God desires to have his people turn their minds to things above and not toward things below, which perish. In the days of Queen Esther, Mordecai recognized that God had called her to the kingdom not to be queen and nothing more, but to save the people who were doomed.

Mordecai was much older than the queen, but he urged the thought upon her mind that God had called her to do a special work. So may the older ones of our faith encourage younger members of the Lord's family to get an education that will fit them for use in the Master's service.

The motto of our school is: "They shall all be taught of God," and this is constantly kept before the student in all class work. The aim of the

school is to make all things as practical as possible; consequently the young men and women have this year, as for years in the past, organized societies for training in public speaking. Each society meets in a different room and there listens to earnest talks given by some of their members. Every third Sabbath a union meeting is held, in which only two speakers have the time, one representing each society. Very many thoughts ennobling and elevating are presented and we feel that no training could be more beneficial for this purpose. God has called the young to the kingdom for such a time as this.

JAMES M. IRVING.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

WE are planning to hold a Sabbath-school convention in Cleveland, October 7-9, at which time the following subjects will be considered. Under the general heading of Sabbath-school work will be given: Order, Reverence, and Punctuality; Teachers' Meetings, Are They Essential; Should the Bible Be Used During Class Study and Review; How to Teach the Lesson and How to Conduct the Review.

Under the church school work we will have these subjects presented: Relation of Church School to Sabbath-school Work; the Kindergarten Work; Moral Support of the Teacher; the Necessity of Seventh-day Adventist Families Sending Their Children to Seventh-day Adventist Church Schools.

The medical work will also be considered: Its Purpose and Scope; its Relation to the Message, and the Attitude the Church Should Sustain Toward It.

The young people's work will receive attention and the matter of an organization and a State convention will be considered. Also the best methods of conducting young people's meetings and keeping up the interest.

The Convention will begin Friday evening and close Sunday night with a public service conducted by Elder Lindsey. We expect Elder Burkholder and Brother Shultz to be present with us, and I would most cordially invite all who can or wish to do so to attend. ALMEDA HAUGHEY.

GOOD habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The workshop of character is every day life. The uneventful and commonplace hour is where the battle is lost or won.—*Mallie D. Babcock*.

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HAVE you seen the revised edition of "Science in the Kitchen"? It is fully up to date in every scientific particular. Usual substantial oilcloth binding, \$1.90. Order of Ohio Tract Society.

THE tithe receipts for August, 1903, were \$1,522.79. The receipts for the same fund for August 1904, were \$1,108.62. Brethren of the Ohio Conference, how do the above figures appeal to you?

ALL reports, notices etc., intended for publication in the WELCOME VISITOR, should be received at the office not later than the evening after the Sabbath, if designed for the next edition of the paper.

MISS BLANCHE GRUBB, who has been engaged to teach the church school in Academia, the ensuing year, arrived last Friday evening. We extend to her a hearty welcome, and trust she will receive the sincere co-operation of the entire church.

BROTHER Jas. H. Smith and family left for southern Texas Sept. 18. Sister Smith's health is not good, and it is hoped the change of climate will be beneficial to her. Let us all remember these dear friends at the throne of grace, and pray that health and prosperity may be their portion.

BROTHER KENNETH HAUGHEY writes from Graysville, Tenn: "I have been here in Graysville nearly a week and we are almost ready for the opening of school on Wednesday, September 21. The prospects for the coming year are good and I am glad I am here. Remember me in your prayers that my work may be successful."

SHOULD you change your address, apprise the office of the fact at once. This will make it possible for your paper to reach you. We are usually notified of such changes by the post masters, but frequently these also prove negligent, or are not acquainted with the new address, and so the paper goes as formerly until we are requested to cease sending it.

SABBATH, September 24, the morning service of the Mount Vernon church was devoted to the children. An interesting program was arranged, and the grown children were as well pleased as the younger members of the family, and hope that there will soon be another Children's Day. Prof. Lawrence and Mrs. Shepherd gave short interesting talks, full of encouragement to the children, showing them that the Lord has a work for them to do here, and a place for them when it is finished. Prof. Clymer reviewed the Intermediate, Primary and Kindergarten divisions, and their quick, intelligent replies gave pleasure to all present.

NOTICE.

THERE was a resolution passed at camp-meeting to the effect that the Ohio Tract Society ship no books to a regular canvasser who does not hold a contract for territory.

Some have thought that this debared them from selling our books, especially isolated members or members of churches who want to do some work near their homes.

We wish to mention that the word "regular," specifies who the canvassers are who are to sign a contract for territory. We do not want to lay one thing in the way to prevent any one from selling any of our books, tracts periodicals, etc. On the contrary we wish to do all we can to help them to scatter the printed page like the leaves of autumn.

We wish every one to take hold this autumn and sell the books containing present truth. The best time to begin canvassing for a Christmas delivery is October 1. Begin October 1 and then you will get the people to buy our books before other books engage their attention. Notice last week's VISITOR, last page, for particulars about canvassing for Christmas delivery.

Any one desiring to know more about who shall canvass under a contract write me at Academia and I will gladly explain.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

I MUST be measured by my soul; the mind's the standard of the man.—
Watts.

THE LIFE BOAT.

Invest a Stamp to Save a Soul.

THERE are thousands who have been driven into infidelity by hell fire doctrine and other monstrous perversions of Bible truth. God loves these people, and will bless our efforts to bring the Bible before them in its original and fascinating beauty. With that end in view we shall issue the November *Life Boat* as a special number for infidels and skeptics. We should not despair of leading many of this class to the feet of the Master and to the acknowledgment of present truth.

Elder Butler, who was once an infidel, will write his experience for this number, calling the attention of skeptics especially to the study of prophecy. Mrs. E. G. White, S. N. Haskell, W. S. Sadler, and other leading workers will contribute telling articles for the *Old Book* that the Spirit of God may burn into the hearts of many unbelievers. Almost every page will contain the most incontestable evidence of the power of the gospel to transform human lives.

Send us the names and addresses of all the skeptics and infidels with whom you are acquainted, and a two cent stamp for each, and we will mail them a marked copy of this special number. Or order a number of extra copies at two cents each and distribute them yourself. Do not forget to ask God to water the seed to be sown. The paper will be ready October 20. Address the *Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS.—Rosa J. Thomas a member of the Green Springs, Ohio, church was buried last Sabbath near the village of Green Spring. The deceased embraced the Third Angel's Message in the year 1891 under the labors of Elder Shrock. A husband and four daughters are left to mourn her death. Sister Thomas had been sorely afflicted physically for some time and was finally removed to the State hospital at Toledo where she died. These striking object lessons of the results of sin cause us to long for the appearing of the Saviour and the restitution of all things. A practical lesson was drawn from Gen. 3:16.

D. E. LINDSEY.

HARPER.—On September 20 I was called to Columbus to preach the funeral of Loyd Harper, son of Nason and Hattie Harper, who was born Nov. 28, 1898, and died Sept. 18, 1904, aged 5 years, 9 months and 20 days. His affliction developed into tuberculosis. He endured his suffering patiently and expressed himself ready and willing to depart and bid farewell to all earthly scenes. While his parents have not identified themselves with us as a people, the little boy attended Sabbath-school, and participated in the exercises held on children's day. The father and mother have buried four children within two and a half years.

J. O. MILLER.