

The Welcome Visitor.

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

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COMFORT.

Be not disheartened, brother,
Though weary the task you try;
Strength will come with the toiling,
You will finish it by and by.

That sweet in your ear at sunset,
When the day's long course is run,
Will sound the voice of the Master,
His words of praise, "well done!"

Be not disheartened, brother,
For every step of the road
Is under the eye of the Father,
Who measures the weight of the
load.

He cares for the tiny sparrows,
And how much more for you!
Look up, and never doubt Him,
His promises are true.

—Selected.



THE COMING CAMP-MEETING.

The fortieth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held at Canton, Ohio, Aug. 15-26. We feel sure for many reasons that this will be the best camp-meeting ever held in Ohio, and we trust that all of our people are planning to attend.

Eled A. G. Daniells and wife but recently returned from Australia, will be present at this meeting. Elder Daniells is president of the Lake Union Conference and also of the General Conference, and we know he will be valuable help in the meetings.

Elder W. H. Thurston from Brazil, who is now vice president of this Lake Union Conference, is expected to be in attendance.

W. H. Edwards, secretary and treasurer of the Lake Union Conference, will be present.

Elder W. A. Spicer from India, present secretary of the Foreign Mis-

sion Board; Dr. A. J. Reed, formerly of South Africa; Prof. P. T. Magan, from the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Michigan; Elder F. L. Moody, general canvassing agent for the Lake Union Conference, and D. W. Reavis from the Review and Herald, are all expected. There are several more of our general workers who may be present, but it is not known definitely whether they will attend or not. But more than all else we expect the Lord to meet with us, and with His presence we are sure of a blessing. No one can afford to miss this meeting. Come one, come all.



CAMP-MEETING INSTRUCTION.

Time and Place—The annual Camp-meeting will be held Aug. 15-26, on the fair-grounds, Canton, O.

Railroad Rates—The Central Passenger Association have granted a rate of a fare and a third on the certificate plan, from all points in Ohio. No ticket will be valid unless purchased Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17, and accompanied by a certificate bearing one of the above dates and the name of the agent from whom the ticket is purchased. See also that the agent stamps your certificate as well as your ticket.

How to Reach the Ground—The street car service is excellent. For 5c. you can go from any railway station direct to the ground.

Baggage—The conference will transfer baggage to and from railroad stations only, to the camp ground for 25c. round trip.

Freight—To secure the safe delivery of freight on the ground, observe the following: Write your name on the freight you ship, bill it to H. H. Burkholder, Canton, Ohio, and be sure to send him the bill of lading.

Tents—The Conference will pitch and rent tents as follows: 12x14 ft. with 5 ft. wall, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00.

Lumber—There will be lumber on the ground for sale and rent.

Board—There will be a grocery, dining hall and restaurant on the ground for the accommodation of campers.

Horses—There will be plenty of stable room on the ground at a reasonable rate for those who desire to drive.

Straw—An abundance of straw for bed ticks will be supplied for the campers at the usual prices.

Every convenience possible for the accommodation of those who come to attend the meeting will be provided. The first public service will be held Thursday evening, Aug. 15, at which time we hope to see a large number present. Come early brethren and sisters so that all the work of preparation may be out of the way before the first Sabbath of the meeting.

H. H. BURKHOLDER,

Bus. Agt. O. C. A.



THE LATE CONFERENCE.

The late meeting of the Lake Union Conference and the Educational Institute held at Berrien Springs, Michigan, was a season of blessing and profit to all in attendance. Workers were present from every state in this union conference and many from other conferences.

The spirit of reorganization, which was so manifest at the last General Conference, also came in at this Conference. The plans that were adopted for this work of readjustment will be presented at the coming Camp-meeting.

The meeting was held in a beautiful grove, on the banks of the St. Joseph river, about sixteen miles south of Benton Harbor. It is only about two miles from this place where the new industrial school will be established. Two hundred and fifty-six acres have already been purchased for this purpose. This school will be known as the "Emmanuel Missionary College."

Those present at this meeting from Ohio were Elders A. G. Haughey, H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsey, A. C. Shannon, W. H. Wakeham, Prof. J.

W. Loughhead, Prof. F. W. Field, Prof. J. B. Clymer, Clara Radabaugh and Almeda Haughey.

An institute will be conducted at this place From July 20 to Sept. 3, for the benefit of those who expect to enter the church school work this fall.



ANOTHER LABORER GONE.

Died.—On Sabbath afternoon, June 29, 1901, at his home near Chesterville, Ohio, after a brief illness, J. S. Iles, aged 60 years, 5 mo., 29 days.

He was married to Miss Sarah Ellen Conklin, June 16, 1861, who proved to be a faithful and devoted wife and mother, until summoned to her final rest, April 15, 1897. To this union were born nine children, six of whom survive and were present at the funeral service. Elder Wm. Lovell Iles, one of the sons, died in Arizona, June 7, 1898.

The deceased was married the second time on June 1, 1898, to Mrs. Martha Peters, who also survives him.

In 1885 he was invited by the Ohio Conference to use his gift in public speaking, which he did with such credit that on the 14th day of April, 1887, he was ordained to the work of the ministry. He was a diligent student of the Bible; one of his favorite subjects being that of the Sanctuary. The last two years of his life, however, were spent at his home in the country near Chesterville.

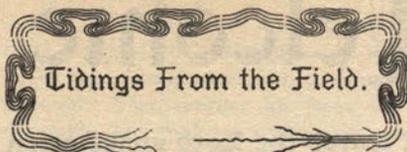
A large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors gathered at his late residence July 2d to pay a closing tribute of respect to his memory, at which time and place the funeral services were also held, conducted by Elders D. E. Lindsey, A. G. Haughey, H. H. Burkholder, and Prof. W. H. Wakeham. Elder Lindsey delivered the address, selecting Isa. 25:6-9 as text. The music was furnished by a male quartet from the Mt. Vernon Academy.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

I had a letter written by Elder Iles, June 27, in which he expressed his desire to enter the field as a canvasser, and expected to do so as soon as camp-meeting was over.

The family very much appreciated the respect shown by the presence of so many of his fellow-laborers and brethren, as well as friends and relatives.

A. G. HAUGHEY.



WILMINGTON—Dear "Welcome Visitor"—We are grateful for the privilege of using your columns to communicate to the friends of the cause of God in Ohio, a report of the work here in Wilmington. According to a desire of the brethren and sisters in this vicinity, and the counsel of the Conference Committee we arranged for a series of tent meetings here, and began the same the evening of the 12th of June, after holding two meetings in each of two school houses near the city, to advertise and interest people in our work.

We have a fine location. We have advertised quite fully with bulletins on the streets, by leaflets, and by visiting from house to house. Yet our attendance has been small and changing from the very first. We have held about 25 meetings. Our average attendance so far will not exceed 30. But I am glad to report at this writing quite an encouraging increase. Just a few have been interested from the first and others are showing some signs of interest. Our tent company is composed of Brother Benj. L. House, Brother Kenneth Haughey and myself, with my daughter Blanche for organist. We have enjoyed our association in the work very much, and the Lord has given all freedom in presenting the precious truth for this time. We are all in good health and courage. The Sabbath-school and Sabbath meetings have been removed from the rented hall to our tent and we all enjoy much the association of our brethren and sisters of the New Antioch and Bloomington churches, and greatly acknowledge their kindness in looking after our temporal needs.

Last Sabbath, July 6, we had the reading of the Appeal for the Relief of the Christiana Pub. house, and the brethren and sisters responded nobly to the call, and something over \$26.00 was raised for that fund with cheerful hearts.

The constant changing of our congregations has made it necessary to review so much that our advancement in the presentation of the "Message" is necessarily slow. Yet this will work

for the good of our own young people, who come quite regularly and give good attention. We were glad to have a visit from our Conference President at the tent last Sunday, who spoke for us in the evening.

The precious Present Truth never seemed so bright and clear to us as now, and we are seeking daily for a deeper consecration to its service. Our whole company send greetings to all other tent companies and laborers in the Ohio Conference. Yours in the truth for the company.

CHAS. A. SMITH.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—It was the privilege of myself and wife to visit our old home church at Springfield, Ohio, after the General Conference, which we also praise the Lord for being able to attend. After being absent from Ohio for almost fourteen years we were greatly rejoiced to get back to our home again if only for a visit. We were indeed glad to see the progress the church has made at Springfield. They have had many additions of good substantial members, and a goodly number of the members with whom we worshipped before leaving the Ohio Conference are still active, live members, and are growing in the truth and are strong in the Lord. It did our souls good to meet with these old soldiers of Jesus and to worship with them again, and also to see so many new faces, and to hear them praise the Lord for His truth. We had some glorious meetings together. Oh, how our hearts did rejoice to see our dear brother-in-law, Norman L. Hill, now in the fold of Christ and rejoicing in the blessed hope with us and a real active worker in the church. Also our beloved Brother Wm. Miller, who has been converted since we left and is now one of the leading workers in the church there. We could not refrain from saying, "Oh, what the Lord has wrought."

Springfield is one of the best missionary fields I know of. We were kept busy nearly all the time we were there, visiting and talking with the people. We also visited my old home at Medway, about 10 miles out from Springfield. I had the privilege of speaking to old friends and many others in the Methodist church at that place. A very good impression was made. We held several meetings in a church building near the home of

Brother and Sister Robert Hill. Several were much interested and want to hear more.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

BEAVER.—Dear "Welcome Visitor," thou messenger of glad tidings, with what eagerness we wait for your visits which come to us so silently, and how earnestly we peruse your columns to glean the precious truths. Some times you cause us to weep when you announce the death of some loved one, as in the case of Brother Guilford. But we are often made to rejoice, and the only fault I find with you is that your pages are too few and your columns too short. Our Sabbath-school convention is over and we have been greatly blessed. One brother said in his testimony that he now saw his duty as he had never seen it before. Another said he had been laboring under a cloud of unbelief, but that the cloud had been lifted and his faith restored and that he wanted to redeem the time by exercising a living faith in God.

As the 6th of July had been set apart as a day of fasting, prayer and donations we used the hours between 3 and 5 o'clock in reading the letters sent out by those in charge. A liberal donation was given and a rich blessing followed this response to duty.

THOS. A. BROWN.

LIBERTY CENTER. — Dear "Welcome Visitor," we are daily receiving of heaven's bounties and the blessings of God are attending our labor. Hicksville, Farmer, Sherwood and Delta are among the places visited and we can truly say God has blessed in a special manner. Some that have been straying from the field have started anew toward that city whose builder and maker is God. Pray for the blessing of our heavenly Father to attend the work in this part of the harvest field.

Yours in the work,

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.



NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh Day Adventist church, Monday, August 19, 1901, at 10 a. m., at Canton, Ohio, to transact business and elect officers for the ensuing year.

R. R. KENNEDY,

Pres.

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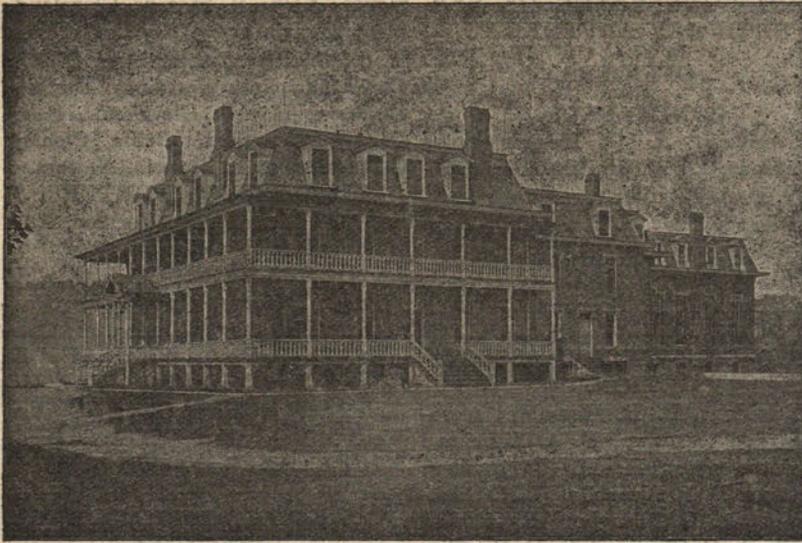
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"Despise not the day of small things."

"Carry not frowns upon thy face. They are much heavier than smiles."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

Mt. Vernon Academy

Mt. Vernon Academy was founded in 1893 to provide a place where young men and women might receive a Christian education, under influences favorable to the development of Christian character. During eight years of successful operation 917 promising young men and women have availed themselves of the opportunity and advantages to be offered at an institution of this nature, and as a result many of these are now engaged in helping to carry the last message of mercy to a lost world.

Within the last four years the school has sent out thirty-eight graduates. Of this number three are taking the medical course, two are teaching in the Academy, seven are engaged in church school work, five are Bible workers, eight are nurses, two are in the ministry, and one is in the canvassing work. Aside from these there are students from the Academy engaged in the work in almost every state in the union, and in Ontario, England, Australia, Honolulu and India. God has wonderfully prospered this school in the past, and our hope and confidence in Him is strong, that the coming days will be yet more prosperous, and that as teachers and students come into closer touch with Him, Mt. Vernon Academy will be a much greater power for good in the great work of training missionaries for foreign fields.

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NOTICE.

I hereby announce a meeting of the Mt. Vernon Academy Board at Canton, Ohio, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1901, at 10 a. m.

R. R. KENNEDY,
Pres. of Board of Trustees.



SEED-SOWING.

The importance of distributing literature containing present truth cannot be overestimated. Our preachers are relatively few. Our number is small in comparison with other denominations. The Lord speaks to us, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

There is far more grain sown than ever grows, yet some produces thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold. None can tell what will grow, or the quantity of the yield, but it is God that causes the earth to give forth its fruits.

Seed-sowing is taken to illustrate the spreading of the truth, which is to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Through the human agent who sows the seed, this is accomplished in various ways. Among these is canvassing. The canvasser occupies a place in the work of God which no other agency ever fill. He makes impressions upon the minds of those with whom he comes in contact, that are as lasting as eternity. Meanwhile the angel of the Lord stands by

his side and aids him by working on the hearts of those for whom he labors. It is thus that he is co-operating with the Lord, and becomes a divine agent to communicate light to others. He is the golden pipe by which is conveyed the golden oil into the lives of others. No position in God's sight could be more honorable.

It is thus also with those who act as colporters, and with those who send out leaflets and tracts through the mail to those whose names may be secured.

The sowing of the seed at the present time has assumed such a position that there are none who need be excused. All can have a part. Even little children should be so educated that their hearts will be drawn out to engage in this work. Their little minds can be trained to live for the Master. A little ten-year-old once came to me and said, "Josie wants to join the Tract Society." Josie was her little brother, two years of age. At that time the price of membership to the Society was one dollar. I asked her what she would say if, when Josie had grown up, he should decide not to spend his money in that way. After thinking a moment she said, "Well, he ought to join." It was after this that Josie came to me with one dollar and said, "I want to take this and put it in the Tract Society, so I can see some souls saved when Jesus comes." That spirit and disposition was worth more than thousands of dollars in gold and silver. With these thoughts in his heart, he would awake in the resurrection and look for the souls saved through the work of the Tract Society.

Educate your children to take an active interest in missionary work. This cannot be done unless the parents are aroused to its importance. To this end we appeal to our brethren and sisters to take a part in this effort. Let none be satisfied until the missionary spirit is breathed in every Seventh-Day Adventist home. It is time for the Lord to work; people have made void the law of God; the reaping is soon to come; and let none be a fruitless stalk at that time. Now is the sowing time, after which will come the harvest. None will reap who do not sow. It is God that co-operates with us and makes the human effort a success.

ELDER S. N. HASKELL.



CAMDEN S. S. CONVENTION.

A very pleasant gathering to be recorded in the annals of church history was the Sabbath-school convention held in the Camden church of S. D. A.'s, June 29, 1901. Sister Ethel Gibson, superintendent of the Camden school, presided. The state was represented by Sister Clara V. Radabaugh, state secretary, whose interesting instruction was timely and much appreciated. The Norwalk Sabbath-school was represented by Brother George Goodman and wife. The La Grange school by Brother Artie Peet and wife, Sister Anna Peet and Brother and Sister Bates. The Wellington school by Brother O. T. Noble and Sister Thomas. Brother Plum of the Spencer church, Sister Campbell of the Troy church and Sister Davis of the Fairfield church were present, and a large attendance of the Camden brethren. The regular Sabbath-school was held at ten o'clock. Two sessions of the convention were held, one following the Sabbath school and the other in the afternoon. Choice selections from special testimonies on Sabbath-school work were read by different members, bringing out rich instructions from the Lord in the various lines of the work. These topics were discussed at some length. They were interspersed with singing, Sister Anna Peet presiding at the organ. One pleasant feature was the song, "Higher Ground," sung as a quartette by Sisters Davis and Radabaugh and Brothers Goodman and Peet. The children also took part in the convention, adding much to the interest in reciting a number of pieces that were appropriate to the occasion, and singing choice selections under the direction of Sister Draper, who played the organ for them.

There were present two young ladies whom the Lord has called to labor in New York city as Bible workers, Sister Lela Gibson and Sister Flora McAllister. They were expecting to start soon to their new field of labor, so the closing part of the convention took on the part of a farewell meeting, reminding us of the similar occasion, though larger, at the close of the General Conference, when our

brothers and sisters who were going as light bearers to all parts of the world were assembled in a farewell meeting, and as they were bidden God speed on their way, so are these as they go forth to Greater New York to shine in the darkness of that great city. This was a good testimony meeting in which nearly all present took part, telling of the mercy and goodness of our loving heavenly Father. Brother Noble pronounced the benediction, commending us to our Father's care.

C. L. THOMAS.

CLYDE CONVENTION.

Sabbath and Sunday, June 22 and 23, we held the second Sabbath-school convention in Clyde.

The first meeting was held Friday evening, June 21, which consisted of a devotional service followed by an address.

Elder Lindsey occupied the evening sessions. Elder Hiram Guilford, formerly of California, but now residing here gave us much timely advice.

An effort was made to develop home talent, by placing the timid and inexperienced ones on the program. We found this plan to be very good.

The chief subject under consideration throughout the convention seemed to be "How can I best improve the talents God gave me." After the presentation of each subject ample time was given for the discussion of the same, in which all freely joined. Among others the subject of "The Church School Work" and "The Christian Volunteer Work" came up for discussion.

Quite a number of visitors were present, among whom were nearly all the members of the Green Spring Sabbath school. The convention closed Sunday evening with a reading and Bible study given by Elder D. E. Lindsey.

While the convention is in the past we can see its good effect upon the Sabbath school and I think all will heartily join with me in saying the Lord was with us, and it was a decided success.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.



"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

Our Canvassers

I have had some of the grand experiences in taking the truth to honest longing souls, waiting for light. I met several families day before yesterday who were delighted with the present truth. I could hardly get away from them, and they made sure that I promise to come again and study the Bible with them. Some say before I am through showing my book, "I want that book; I want to study more about God." O, this is worth far more than money, and more than pays for all the long walks, excessive heat and numerous snubs. May the work of the Lord prosper and flourish in the land is my prayer, and I will do all I can to help it along.—R. B. Thurber.

Time Devoted	10 days
Orders	Value.
17 Coming King	\$19.00
18 Daniel and Rev.....	20.75
1 Object Lessons	1.25
16 Best Stories	8.50
25 Glorious Appearing	6.60
Cash Sales	7.50

Total sales and orders.....\$63.60
Deliveries—

11 Best Stories	\$ 6.25
10 Glorious Appearing	2.65
17 Coming King	19.00
14 Daniel and Rev.....	22.00
1 Christ's Object Lesson....	1.25

Total value

Grand total

During my last delivery I never lost an order. I also took more orders while delivering. I thank the Lord for the success He is giving me, and for the privilege of working in His vineyard.—Lester L. Chrisman.

It seemed that the Lord hedged up the way, and that I was to take up my cross and go to work in Marion; so I followed out what I was convinced was my duty. It showed me plainly that there was pride to be vanquished and that was what the Lord wanted to do for me. I not only put these good books into the hands of the people, but do any good I can, such as a water treatment or in giving Bible readings. Some precious souls have invited me to hold

readings at their homes, and I esteem this a great privilege to help interested ones to study the truth. In six and one-half hours I sold about \$30 worth of books. Out of twenty houses there were only three where they did not take books. I presume you hear these same experiences over and over again, but it is all so new to me that I can but think and talk about it.—Caroline Harding.

The following is a report of Elder A. C. Shannon's work during the past six months:

January	\$ 25.75
February	32.45
March	33.73
April-May	12.63
June	46.50

Total

Elder Shannon attended the General Conference in April and conducted a two-weeks' institute in May.

I praise God for the good delivery He gave me. I delivered every book and could have sold more books had I had some with me. I found the people anxious to receive the precious truth. I delivered 14 "Desire of Ages," 2 "Christ's Object Lessons," 2 "Heralds of the Morning," and 9 "Best Stories." The delivery amounted to \$53.25.—H. J. Granger.

Number of days	6
Pages Tracts sold	135
Pages Tracts given away	100
Number of orders	20
Value	\$19.25

—Fred M. Fairchild.

2 Christ Our Savior	\$ 1.50
1 Best Stories50
36 Coming King	36.00

Total value

—Geo. W. Spies.

Number of days	4
Value of orders	\$ 8.85
Value of sales	4.73

Total

Value deliveries

Total

—W. E. Bidwell.

Mary Rosenberger reports orders to the value of \$7.25.

Pearl Apt reports value of her orders and cash sales as \$9.75.

Effie Merrill reports her orders and cash sales amounting to \$10.25.

F. H. Henderson reports orders to the value of \$10.00 and cash sales, \$5.50.

Mrs. G. H. Spies reports orders for 5 Steps to Christ, and one delivered; value, \$4.50.

James G. Marlatt reports the sale of 8 "Desire of Ages," value \$31.00 and \$3.00 worth of helps.

G. P. Gaede reports that he is having good experiences. The people seem anxious to learn of the truth.

Laura E. Wikoff reports having taken 14 orders in six days. She did well in her delivery and is still of good courage.



CANVASSERS, NOTICE!

No canvasser can afford to miss the Ohio camp-meeting. At this meeting the canvassing work, concerning which the Lord has given so much instruction of late, will receive special attention. There will be present in the interests of this work Brother D. W. Reavis, who for the past ten years has been an active worker in the International Religious Liberty association, but who now has charge of the Department of Circulation in the Review and Herald office, and Elder F. L. Moody, formerly of Gravity, Iowa, who now is the general canvassing agent for the Lake Union Conference. These brethren wish to see every canvasser in the state of Ohio at the Camp-meeting. We hope that all will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the instruction the Lord has for us along this line. Let all try to be present at the beginning of the meeting.



NOTICE.

By action of the General Conference Committee, the Reading Circle Work and the Young People's Work was placed in charge of the Sabbath-School Department of the General Conference.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer has been appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Department. Any one desiring to correspond with her concerning either of these three lines of work should address her at Room 705, Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn., the office of the department.



God is love.

REVIVAL OF THE CANVASSING WORK.

The Lord designs that the light which He has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays; and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong, united effort that God's design may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call? Who will go forth to labor in wisdom and grace and the love of Christ for those nigh and far off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith, doing household labor? Who at this time will go forth without the camp, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, bearing reproach for Christ's sake, opening the Scriptures to the people, and calling them to repentance?

God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" the response will come, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8. Let all who labor effectually in the canvassing field feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to souls who know not the truth for this time. They are sounding the note of warning in the highways and byways to prepare a people for the great day of the Lord, which is so soon to break upon the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely re-

spond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me."

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

Selection of Canvassers.—Some are better adapted than others for doing a certain work; therefore it is not correct to think that every one can be a canvasser. Some have no special adaptability for this work; but they are not, because of this, to be regarded as faithless or unwilling. The Lord is not unreasonable in His requirements. The church is as a garden in which is a variety of flowers, each with its own peculiarities. Though in many respects all may differ, yet each has a value of its own.

God does not expect that with their different temperaments His people will each be prepared for any and every place. Let all remember that there are varied trusts. It is not the work of any man to prescribe the work of any other man contrary to his own convictions of duty. It is right to give counsel and suggest plans; but every man should be left free to seek direction from God, whose he is, and whom he serves.

A Preparation for the Ministry.—Some men whom God was calling to the work of the ministry have entered the field as canvassers. I have been instructed that this is an excellent preparation, if their object is to disseminate light, to bring the truths of God's word directly to the home circle. In conversation the way will often be opened for them to speak of the religion of the Bible. If the work is entered upon as it should be, families will be visited, the workers will manifest Christian tenderness and love for souls, and great good will be the result. This will be an excellent experience for any who have the ministry in view.

Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work.

Enduring Hardness.—He who in his work meets with trials and temptations, should profit by these experiences, learning to lean more decidedly upon God. He should feel his dependence every moment.

No complaint should be cherished in his heart or be uttered by his lips. When successful, he should take no glory to himself for his success is due to the working of God's angels upon the heart. And let him remember that both in the time of encouragement and the time of discouragement the heavenly messengers are always beside him. He should acknowledge the goodness of the Lord and praising Him with cheerfulness.

Christ laid aside His glory, and came to this earth to suffer for sinners. If we meet with hardships in our work, let us look to Him who is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Then we shall not fail nor be discouraged. We shall endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Remember what He says of all true believers: "We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 1 Cor. 3:9.

A Precious Experience.—He who takes up the work of canvassing as he should, must be both an educator and a student. While he tries to teach others, he himself must learn to do the work of an evangelist. As canvassers go forth into the field with humble hearts, full of earnest activity, they will find many opportunities to speak a word in season to souls ready to die in discouragement. After laboring for these needy ones, they will be able to say, "Ye were sometimes darkness; but now are ye light in the Lord." Eph. 5:8. As they see the sinful course of others they can say, "Such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11.

Those who work for God will meet with discouragement, but the promise is always theirs, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say, "I believe Thy promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged."

Reporting.—Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our

papers, that others may be encouraged. Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessing he has received in his ministry as an evangelist. These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savor of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with those who cooperate with Him.

Example in Health Reform.—In your association with unbelievers, do not allow yourselves to be swerved from right principles. If you sit at their table, eat temperately, and only of food that will not confuse the mind. Keep clear of intemperance. You cannot afford to weaken your mental or physical powers, lest you become unable to discern spiritual things. Keep your mind in such a condition that God can impress it with the precious truths of His word.

Thus you will have an influence upon others. Many try to correct the lives of others by attacking what they regard as wrong habits. They go to those whom they think in error, and point out defects, but do not put forth earnest, tactful effort in directing the mind to true principles. Such a course often fails of securing the desired results. In trying to correct others we too often arouse their combativeness, and thus do more harm than good. Do not watch others in order to point out their faults or errors. Teach by example. Let your self-denial and your victory over appetite be an illustration of obedience to right principles. Let your life bear witness to the sanctifying, ennobling influence of truth.

Of all the gifts that God has bestowed upon men, none is more precious than the gift of speech. If sanctified by the Holy Spirit, it is a power for good. It is with the tongue that we convince and persuade; with it we offer prayer and praise to God; and with it we convey rich thoughts of the Redeemer's love. By a right use of the gift of speech, the canvasser can sow the precious seeds of truth in many hearts.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Miss Clara Radabaugh will sever her official connection with the Ohio

Conference at the coming camp-meeting and will take up the medical work this fall. She therefore wishes to announce that her home in Academia is for sale. For particulars, address her at Box 174, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Elder H. H. Burkholder and daughter Bertha spent Sunday, July 21, in Academia.

Delegates' blanks have been sent to all churches. If any one has not received them send at once to the Tract Society.

The amount of donations to the publishing work in Christiana received by the secretary of the Tract Society from July 6-21, is \$503.15.

This will be the last Visitor until after Camp-meeting. Let those whose subscriptions expire at that time come prepared to renew.



DAILY PROGRAM.

(Standard time.)

Rising Bell—5:00 a. m.

Devotional Meeting—5:30 a. m.

Young People's Meeting—5:30 a. m.

Breakfast—7 a. m.

Family Prayers—8:00 a. m.

Children's Meeting—8:00 a. m.

Conference Meeting—10:00 a. m.

Dinner—1:00 p. m.

Preaching—3:00 p. m.

Youths' Meeting—5:00 p. m.

Children's Meeting—6:00 p. m.

Preaching—7:30 p. m.

SABBATH SERVICE.

Sabbath School—9:00 a. m.

Preaching—10:30 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Preaching—10:30 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m.



THE GODS OF TODAY.

"Majestic, sublime, 'round the great wheel of Time,

The earth through the ages rolls on;

From shadow to light, from the star-sprinkled night

To the gold and the roses of dawn;

But the hordes of mankind to the spectacle blind,

Creep on to their graves as the manacle slaves

With faces bowed down to the dust,

Of selfishness, hatred and lust.

They turn from the dream of the glories that gleam

In the deific light of the stars, And cease to aspire as they kneel in the mire

At the altars of Mammon and Mars."

This is the first stanza of the splendid poem which will appear in the midst of the equally splendid illustration on the front cover of the forthcoming Mid-summer Signs, dated July 24.

It will be a very interesting number on a most interesting subject. It will give the meaning of current events about which every thinking mind is now more or less troubled. Buy it. Sell it. Scatter it. Price, \$2.00 per hundred. Retail five cents. Address all orders to the Ohio Tract Society, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.



FRAGMENTS.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—Dent. 33:27.

Duty and today are ours; results and futurity belong to God.—Horace Greeley.

"There is no mystery at all about happiness. Put in the right ingredients and it must come out. 'He that abideth in me * * * bringeth forth much fruit;' and bringing forth much fruit is happiness. The infallible recipe for happiness, then, is to do good; and the infallible recipe for doing good is to abide in Christ."

"What possibilities are yours! Do not envy your neighbor his chances, yours, doubtless, are far better adapted to you than his would be, though perhaps you do not think so. Every new day that dawns is a fresh opportunity; it is like the marble in the quarry waiting for you to chisel out of it some beautiful thing—some lasting monument of purity and grace that shall stand for you when your earth-life is ended. Remember that God gives you the marble to make of it what you will."

"No religious profession amounts to anything if it does not include a readiness to put one's property at the service of the Lord. It has been well said that 'a personal consecration should be spelled, a purse-and-all consecration.'"—Trumbull.