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

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A. G. HAUGHEY.



FREE WILL OFFERINGS.

One thousand dollars in free will offerings is now needed by the Ohio Conference to start the medical missionary work in Cincinnati. On May 13, 1901, the Ohio Conference, per its Executive Committee, voted to ask its membership to give \$1,000.00 toward this enterprise. We now appeal to you to give to this needy city, and worthy enterprise, of your means.

Cincinnati is the second city in size in Ohio, and has but little work done in comparison with some other cities. The reason that this call has not been made known sooner, is because of the call from the General Conference, and we have waited until that offering was made. Now we believe the Lord will bless us in this work. Elsewhere in this paper will appear an article from the pen of Elder Babcock, which we trust all will read carefully.

As E. A. Merriam is treasurer of the Ohio Conference Association, send all donations for this work to him. Address, Academia, Ohio.

A. G. HAUGHEY.



CLYDE S. S. CONVENTION.

Our most excellent S. S. convention held at Clyde, O., June 22 and 23, is now in the past but its effects for good will be felt in many lives and prove a blessing to the school and church.

I was called away from the convention of Sister White's son of Toledo, O. He was about 14 years of age. The services were held at the grave, with most of the Toledo church present. This is a sorely afflicted family. During the past eight months the father and two sons have died and two younger boys are now seriously ill.

Let your sympathies and prayers

prevail in their behalf. The dear boy buried last left as his parting message to his dear friends, the words "Open your Bibles often! Open them often." How glad I am for the comforts of the gospel in such times of bereavement.

Greeting to all,

D. G. LINDSEY.



REMEMBER

The Educational Conference and Summer School, voted by the General Conference to be held at Gull Lake, Mich., near Battle Creek, beginning July 10.

The Conference is for all Christian workers, and is called in the interest of Christian education in its most comprehensive sense. The Summer School is for the progressive teacher, and all who by a brief training, may become teachers.

Think of it! 2,000 churches which should have schools for their children, and not more than one-tenth enough teachers to take these positions.

If you are a teacher, or have been given ability to teach, God calls you to account for your talents. By His Spirit He has aroused His people to the necessity of truly educating the children and youth. No effort has been spared to make this Summer School meet the needs of the occasion. The expense is very light. Take advantage of the offer while you may.

Write at once for further information and for accommodations if you are coming.

Address, E. A. Sutherland, College, Battle Creek, Mich.



NOTICE—CINCINNATI.

The place of meeting of the church on the Sabbath in Cincinnati is now in hall "G" of Odd Fellows temple, corner of Elm and Seventh streets. Take elevator on either entrance.

Address of pastor, M. S. Babcock, is 3222 Warsaw Ave., Price Hill.

COURAGE.

Why should our courage fail
When swiftly nearing home?
That home where sin cannot assail,
And we no more shall roam.

Renew they speed, O soul!
For soon the race is done.
If but our names be on the scroll
O those which Christ hath won.

Then we should be content,
And bear his yoke with joy.
The pleasures which the world invent
Ne'er charm us, nor annoy.

The food they know not of
Will be our portion here.
Humble, unknown our earthly lot,
But kept till Christ appear.

—Mrs. P. Alderman.



THE OHIO CAMP-MEETING.

It has been decided to hold the Ohio Camp-meeting and Annual Conference upon the fair grounds at Canton, Stark county, Ohio.

Canton is a city of about 30,000 inhabitants. It has a national fame, as it is the home of the president of the United States.

We have no church in Canton. Brother Granger has worked some there during the past winter, and it is promising to be a fruitful field.

We hope all our people will be pleased with the location, as there will be plenty of good water, fine parks of small shade trees, with nice grass. The grounds are high and dry and lighted with electric lights. In addition to this the city street car passes the entrance to the grounds every three minutes, making this a very attractive place for camp-meeting.

The time of this meeting is Aug.

REVIVAL OF THE CANVASSING WORK.

The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me. This work has not of late had the life infused into it which was once given by the agents who made it their specialty. Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other labor. This is not as it should be. Many of our canvassers, if truly converted and consecrated, can accomplish more in this line than in any other in bringing the truth for this time before the people.

We have the word of God to show that the end is near. The world is to be warned, and as never before we are to be laborers with Christ. The work of warning has been entrusted to us. We are the channels of light to the world, imparting to others the light we receive from the great Light-Bearer. The words and works of all men are to be tried. Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible.

The presidents of our conferences and others in responsible positions have a duty to do in this matter, that the different branches of our work may receive equal attention. Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need. There is need of men of deep Christian experience, men of well-balanced minds, strong, well-educated men, to engage in this work. The Lord desires those to take hold of the canvassing work who are capable of educating others, who can awaken in promising young men and women an interest in this line, leading them to take up the book-work and handle it successfully. Some have the talent, education, and experience which would enable them to educate the youth for the canvassing work in such a way that much more would be accomplished than is now being done.

Those who have gained an experience in this work have a special duty to perform in teaching others. Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has

stirred His servants to write. God desires us to be faithful in educating those who accept the truth, that they may believe to a purpose, and work intelligently in the Lord's way. Let inexperienced persons be connected with experienced workers, that they may learn how to work. Let them seek God most earnestly. These may do a good work in canvassing if they will obey the words, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine." 1 Tim. 4:16. Those who give evidence that they are truly converted, and who take up the canvassing work, will see that it is the best preparation for other lines of missionary labor.

If those who know the truth would practice it, methods would be devised for meeting the people where they are. It was the providence of God which in the beginning of the Christian church scattered the saints abroad, sending them out of Jerusalem into many parts of the world. The disciples of Christ did not stay in Jerusalem or in the cities near by, but they went beyond the limits of their own country into the great thoroughfares of travel, seeking for the lost that they might bring them to God. Today the Lord desires to see His work carried forward in many places. We must not confine our labors to a few localities.

We must not discourage our brethren, weakening their hands so that the work which God desires to accomplish through them shall not be done. Let us not too much be occupied in fitting up men to do missionary work. Instruction is necessary, but let all remember that Christ is the Great Teacher and the Source of all true wisdom. Let young and old consecrate themselves to God, take up the work, and go forward, laboring in humility, under the control of the Holy Spirit. Let those who have been in school go out into the field, and put to a practical use the knowledge they have gained. If canvassers will do this, using the ability which God has given them, seeking counsel from Him, and combining the work of selling books with personal labor for the people, their talents will increase by exercise, and they will learn many practical lessons which they could not possibly learn in school. The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education.

There is no higher work than evan-

gelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties. Those who engage in this work need always be under the control of the Spirit of God. There must be no exalting of self. What have any of us that we did not receive from Christ? We must love our brethren, revealing our love by helping one another. We must be pitiful and courteous. We must press together, drawing in even cords. Only those who live the prayer of Christ, working it out in practical life, will stand the test that is to come upon all the world. Those who exalt self, place themselves in Satan's power, preparing to receive his deceptions. The word of the Lord to His people is that we lift the standard higher and still higher. If we obey His voice, He will work with us, and our efforts will be crowned with success. In our work we shall receive rich blessings from on high, and shall lay up treasure beside the throne of God.

If we only knew what is before us, we would not be so dilatory in the work of the Lord. We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken. The Lord will not excuse those who know the truth if they do not in word and deed obey His commands. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done, but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. Those who belong to the Lord's kingdom must work earnestly for the saving of souls. They must do their part to bind up the law and seal it among the disciples.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

G. P. Gaede took orders to the value of \$25.00.

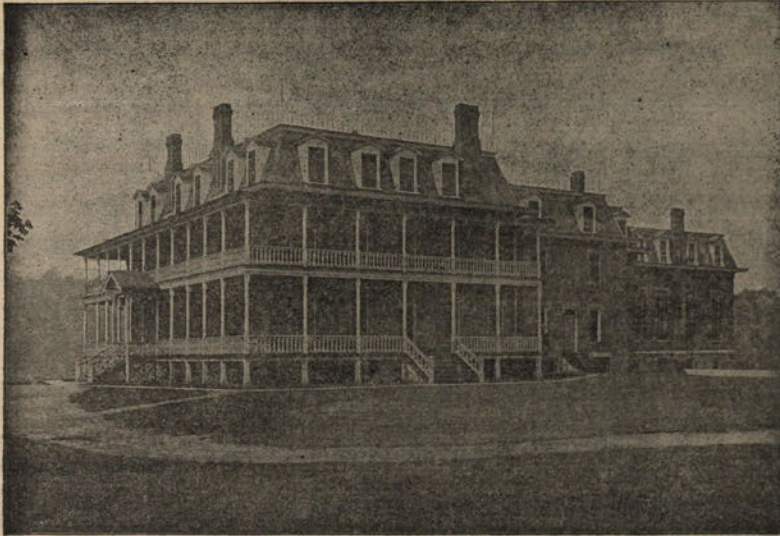
A. L. Phillbrick reports book sales to the value of \$29.99.

F. W. Fields's report for three weeks were orders for 62 "Christ's Object Lessons," 19 of which were delivered; 1 "Steps to Christ," 1 "Daniel and Revelation," 5 "Easy Steps" 11 "Best Stories," and 1 "House We Live In."

Mrs. Geo. W. Spies took \$9 worth of orders for "Christ Our Savior."

Geo. W. Spies sold \$10 worth of "Coming King."

W. E. Bidwell reports orders to the value of \$23.10 and cash sales, \$8.27; total, \$31.37.



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

TITHE REPORT FOR JUNE.

Beaver	\$ 9.16
Bellville	14.35
Camden	24.55
Chagrin Falls	9.70
Cincinnati	55.96
Cleveland	106.15
Clyde	2.19
Columbus	153.56
Dayton	76.72
Conneaut	9.17
Delaware	17.25
Dunkirk	13.35
Findlay	88.49
Fairfield	24.40
Gilboa	2.50
Grand River	23.25
Green Spring	9.03
Killbuck	6.82
La Grange	35.00
Lake View	11.00
Lewistown	15.00
Marion	17.20
Marshfield	11.20
Mt. Vernon	153.13
Newark	22.61
Nashville	1.48
Portage River	18.56
Reedsville	4.00
Springfield	23.65
Troy	5.50
Wheelersburg	1.53
Isalted Sabbath Keepers	31.22
Total	\$997.73

A. A. LAUDER, Treas.



THE "SIGNS" OF JULY 24.

What are the two chief characteristics most talked of in the world at the present time?

What has been discussed with in-

creasing and wide-spread interest for the last two years?

What do we find elaborated in almost every newspaper and magazine of the present?

Two words will answer these questions: "War," "Wealth."

Preparations for war have been conducted for years on a scale unparalleled in the history of nations; and the end is not yet.

Capitalistic corporations, trusts, monopolies, have compassed vast wealth, heaped up gold, and they now control the life currents of commerce to an extent that strikes alarm throughout the world.

Mammon and Mars hold universal sway.

"What do these things mean?" multitudes are asking. What will be their influence upon the world? Are the immediate conditions they forebode likely to be permanent?

They affect this entire world; they affect religions, politics, commerce, industry, and the very existence of man himself; has not God, who gave His Son to die for this world, said naught concerning this in His Word?

The storm-centers of all this agitation are in this hitherto favored land; has God left its people in darkness?

He has not. The light of the "more sure Word of prophecy," which has foretold every great epoch-making, era-reckoning event or movement, illuminates the paths through which the nations are now passing; clearly, definitely, and at times in wondrous detail is the story foretold.

It shall be the effort of the Signs of the Times of July 24 to set before its readers, whom we hope for that issue may be multiplied ten-fold, what these things mean in the light of the Word.

Beautifully illustrated, by pictures that speak, and clearly told by pens that are consecrated to truth, will be this issue. It will contain 16 pages with colored cover containing a fine illustrated poem that is itself worth much more than the price of the paper, so inspiringly true it is. Prices as follows: Single copies, five cents; 10 copies, 30 cents; 100 copies, \$2.00.

Order at once of the Tract Society.



PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth, O., June 24, 1901.
To the S. Schools Throughout the State:

Knowing that all Sabbath-Schools are interested and anxious to learn of other schools being organized I write the following:

We are now engaged in a tent meeting at this place, and of course seeing so many children in the vicinity we organized a S. S. of 12. The writer was elected superintendent, and Miss Stella Finey, secretary.

Brother R. R. Kennedy was appointed teacher for the senior class and Bessie Russell for the children, and we had a very interesting time to begin with. But on June 22 our membership increased to 28. This made our hearts glad, for truly they looked like sheep without a shepherd. Seventeen of the 28 were children from 6 to 14. And these did not simply come in off the street through curiosity, but the way they were dressed showed that a mother had prepared them for the occasion.

These same children attend our meetings at night. They bring their Bibles, note paper and pencil, and mark down the texts.

Already they can tell how the Lord will come. They brighten up when a question is asked them and are ready with the answer.

Now, we would like to have all the Sabbath-schools pray for the success

of this school and by so doing become one with each other.

Wishing that much of the blessings of God may rest upon all the schools I am one with you in looking for that blessed hope that is soon to be realized.

W. W. MILLER,

Cor. Offnere and Fifth streets,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

Portsmouth, O., June 17, 1901.

To the Readers of the Welcome Visitor:

Thinking that you would be pleased to hear from the company at Portsmouth, we feel constrained to write you a few lines. We came here the first week in June. Our first service was held on the 7th. We are all well pleased with our location on the corner of 5th and Offnere streets. The truth is getting hold of some of the best citizens of Portsmouth.

The severe storms have hindered our work somewhat. Our attendance has not been large but increasing. From what we hear from the ones that have attended we have reason to believe as soon as the clouds break away we shall have a full tent. The Lord has preserved us though the storms. I go today to attend the funeral of a young man who was instantly killed by lightning, "who is a cousin to my wife. So we see the "Stormy wind fulfilling his word." We feel a great burden resting upon us in giving this last message to the people of this city. Pray God dear brethren that we may give the trumpet no uncertain sound. Elder Wood is with us, having located near the tent. We appreciate his help and counsel in the work. The Lord is blessing him in health and strength.

Sister Wood has been able to attend most of our meetings, although quite weary from the extra work of moving, etc. We are all of good courage, and feel to praise the Lord for His love toward the children of men.

R. R. KENNEDY.

SINKING SPRINGS.—When the Visitor came yesterday I read every page eagerly. It gave me pleasure to read of the reports of the different laborers over the field. I then wondered if it was not my duty to send in a report of what is being done here. Brother Smith left us for Wilmington nearly three weeks ago, and since then we have been holding meet-

ings at a school house about 2 miles from here. The attendance is not large, but regular, and several are interested. The weather has been unfavorable, but we hope to see fruit as a result of the efforts. We have invitations to hold meetings at two other places. God is opening the way to give the last message to these people.

Remember us at the Throne of Grace.

JAS. H. SMITH.

CINCINNATI.

The few faithful ones in this pioneer city still hold fast in hope and believe a work is now due in the providence of God, for the "Message" here like that done in other densely populated centers of this great state. On this belief they are moving out as they pray. Some means has already been furnished and more promised to equip and furnish branch treatment rooms, but help is needed through the Conference. Prominent people all speak words of encouragement and assure profitable patronage of such an enterprise, and we know it will aid the gospel work greatly, conducted in harmony with the mind of the Lord. Besides we need the help of those connected with all lines of pioneer effort at once. The way we are received by brethren, friends and the people generally proves clearly that the spirit of the Lord has gone ahead and now is the time—the last time—for a strong, united call, that the whole city may hear and have a chance to heed the voice of God.

Brethren, "come over and help us."

M. S. BABCOCK.

RELIGION VS. SCHOLARSHIP

A gentleman occupying a high position in this country said the other day to the young people of San Francisco: "I know of no richer possession than scholarship, no nobler ambition than to obtain it." We are sorry that he knows no richer possession. One may exhaust the scholarship of the world, and be lost at last. His life may be an encyclopedia of facts, but he is dead as a paper book. The poor ignorant native, who never can hope to become a scholar, may know Christ Jesus, and in knowing Him have eternal life, while the world's greatest scholar may die without hope. In the eternity to come the

most ignorant saved one will rival in his scholarship the combined learning of the world's ages; but to the dead scholar nothing comes. True religion is better than scholarship.



OBITUARY.

Willis—Mrs. Lula Willis died in Columbus in the thirty-first year of her age, and was brought to Springfield, where she was a resident, for burial.

The funeral was held at the home of her mother on E. Main street, where a large concourse of friends gathered to show their tribute of respect for one whom they loved. The house was filled to overflowing, many having to stand on the sidewalk. She leaves two small children and a husband, besides many friends to mourn their loss. She seemed to realize that death was coming, therefore she made arrangements for the funeral, selecting those who were to officiate. A quartet rendered two beautiful and appropriate selections at the opening. At the close Mr. Stratton sang a solo. Sister Willis accepted present truth shortly after the Springfield camp-meeting, was baptized and taken into the church.

The writer had much freedom in speaking from Jer. 9:21, for which he feels to praise the Lord.

W. W. MILLER.



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

The friends of religious liberty work have evidently taken it for granted that the movement at the time of the General Conference to make this line of work more emphatically General Conference work, was calculated to bring it directly under the support of that body financially. The General Conference made no provision for any other than the old plan of a supporting membership, nor has the General Conference committee suggested any change in this plan.

Means is still required for the prosecution of the work, and the friends may still send their dues and contributions to the office at Room 770, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago. This year will be specially full of opportunity to use free literature to meet the Sunday agitation in Canada as well as in many states of the Union.