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

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ALL FOR JESUS.

(The following lines were composed by one of the students, after listening to Sister Plummer's first talk at the District meeting. May they voice the sentiments of all who read them.—Ed.)

Weak, unworthy, sinful too,
Yet God says there's much to do.
So he bids me bear my part,
And I will with all my heart.

Off I've faltered by the way,
And forgot 'tis day by day
That God gives the strength we need,
That 'tis he that takes the lead.

Nothing but for him are we;
Nothing could we ever be.
Let us give our all to Him,
Ask Him polish, fit and trim.

We would faithful workers be,
Help us, Lord, to look to Thee;
Give Thy light now from above;
Fill us with Thy holy love.

Help us lead some soul to Thee;
Snatch from evil, make us free.
Teach us how to lead lost man:
Teach him of redemption's plan.

Lay on us the burden great
Of the souls that on us wait.
Keep us ever humble here,
Filled with simple trust and fear.

And at last when Thou dost come
May we all have gathered some.
May our crowns with bright stars shine,
And we'll praise Thee all the time.

E. M. MERRILL.

DISTRICT MEETING.

The district meeting at Mt. Vernon is in the past. Elders Irwin, Haskell and Lane were present beside the presidents of the different conferences with their committees. Ohio had a full representation of ministers and Bible workers. It was a feast of good things from

the beginning to the end. The testimonies read each day by Elder Irwin were wellreceived. It is to be hoped that the instruction, reproofs and warnings will be heeded and obeyed. The instruction in the Third Angel's Message given by Elder Haskell inspired all with faith and confidence in the word of God. A district conference was organized and many points of interest were discussed and resolutions passed for the advancement of the work. Sister Haskell's instruction in the Bible work was helpful and instructive to all. Sister Plummer gave some very earnest talks on the need of reviving our churches to more earnest work for the Master. A careful study of the scriptures and the field was recommended by following the plan of the Missionary Reading circle. The consecration services were characterized by a deep gentle moving of the spirit of God. A testimony was read concerning the Southern field, after which a free will offering was made of \$353.55. A collection was also taken for the Australian field which amounted to nearly \$200. Our laborers parted to take up their labor again with renewed faith and courage.

R. R. KENNEDY.

NOTICE TO ISOLATED SABBATH-KEEPERS.

As you are nearing the close of another quarter, you will be sending in your orders soon for the Sabbath School Quarterly. We would suggest that now would be a good time to subscribe for it for one year, especially where only one or two are ordered from a place. It will save you the additional postage as one order would take the place of four. They are sent

out at least ten days before the close of the quarter, thus you will always have your quarterly in time for the lessons of the new quarter. The subscription is 20 cents a year. C. V. R.

THE VISITOR AGAIN.

Our offer for the VISITOR, for the remainder of this year and the year 1900 still holds good. We hope all our people will take advantage of this opportunity and send in their subscriptions at once.

We fear the circular letter sent to the librarians some time ago has not been given sufficient attention. We trust each librarian will feel it his duty to look after this matter in his church, and see that all renewals are sent in at least by the first of January.

It was found to be impossible to get the special number ready by the 30th as expected, but there is yet to be one other number for this year which will be the special holiday number. Send in your subscription and receive this number.

A. H.

SOMETHING ALL CAN DO.

From a recent letter from Elder Breed to the secretary of the Tract society, we quote the following:

"Of course you have read with interest Sister Henry's verbatim report of the proceedings of the National W. C. T. U. convention recently held at Seattle, Wash. The resolutions which were formally passed in regard to State Sunday laws, "the usual exemption in favor of those who keep the Sabbath day," and the notice which

Sister Henry served on them regarding her proposed amendment to the constitution of the National W. C. T. U., as printed in the Review, open the way for a brisk "skirmish fire," between that organization and Seventh-day Adventists on the great question of religious liberty. Accordingly, the Review will contain valuable articles on the question of religious liberty, discussing Sunday laws, exemption clauses, the work of the National Reform association, the connection of the W. C. T. U. with Sunday laws, etc., etc., until the next annual convention. Therefore, it seems to us that *now* is the time for each Seventh-day Adventist to send the Review to every W. C. T. U. worker in his or her vicinity.

Among that body are many honest hearted persons; and what better missionary work can our people do than bring to the light these well-meaning women who are at present in the dark on the great issues involved in true religious liberty? Will you not do your utmost to get the brethren and sisters in your part of the field to working along this line?"

We do not think this needs any comment from us, but we earnestly hope all our people throughout the state will see the importance of the matter as presented by Elder Breed; and as it is something that everyone can do, we trust you may do as suggested in sending the truth to these people, and thus hasten the soon-coming kingdom. A. H.

TITHES RECEIVED IN NOV.

Ashland church.....	\$26 79
Bowling Green church.....	39 00
Bedford ".....	7 75
Bloomington ".....	13 13
Bellefontaine ".....	15 00
Cleveland ".....	232 25
Columbus ".....	93 33
Conneaut ".....	2 80
Corsica ".....	2 50
Cincinnati ".....	45 95
Clyde ".....	35 50
Chagrin Falls ".....	11 56
Dayton ".....	25 42
Delaware ".....	9 20
Findlay ".....	9 59

Liberty Center church.....	\$12 70
Lake View ".....	15 00
Laura ".....	3 36
Marion ".....	24 63
Mt. Vernon ".....	102 95
Newark ".....	50 66
New Antioch ".....	20 75
Pleasant Hill ".....	7 80
Springfield ".....	36 88
Sherwood ".....	13 00
Toledo ".....	23 68
Wadsworth ".....	1 00
Waterford ".....	7 80
Washington, C. H. ".....	117 87
Youngstown ".....	9 75
Scattered Sabbath Keepers.....	10 76
Business Agt.....	10 00

Total.....\$1,038 36

A. A. LAUDER, Treas.

Cidings From the Field.

GILBOA—Our meetings near Gilboa were very interesting indeed. More than forty years ago Brother M. E. Cornell and others held a series of trial meetings at Gilboa and the country was stirred for miles in a very remarkable manner. Many souls were converted and a church organized. As a result of many deaths and removals the church had well nigh expired. We left the field with all renewed in covenant and spirit and three added to their number by baptism. Our meetings began with an open grove service on Sunday afternoon with hundreds in attendance. For the evening service we used Japanese lanterns for lights as our tents and lights had been delayed in coming. Our company of workers was composed of Elder A. C. Shannon, Sister M. C. Huffaker, H. DeFluiter and wife, Chas. Merriam and the writer with his family. All did heroic work in cleaning the ground and getting ready for services. On Monday the tents arrived and we were ready for meeting Tuesday evening. While the weather remained warm we had a very large attendance but the early cold demoralized things so that we never recovered entirely. However we labored on leaving a widespread interest. We shall never forget the

kindness of the dear friends who did so nobly to help us in basket and store and earnest endeavor for the success of our labor. The cash donation was also quite liberal. Brother Merriam and Brother DeFluiter distributed more than 30,000 pages of tracts and periodicals. Brother Merriam, our colporter, remained for a season. Elder Shannon and I hope to hold meetings near Brother Radabaugh's this winter to further strengthen the work.

D. E. LINDSEY.

ZANESVILLE—It has now been a little over two weeks since we came to this city to engage in the Lord's work, and I can truly say that these days of labor spent in the Master's service have been richly freighted with blessings to my own soul. What a glorious privilege is accorded the people of this generation to be engaged in the closing work of God! What a solemn responsibility is resting on those who profess the truths of the last message!

I occasionally find a family who have at some time in their lives enjoyed the visits of the Signs, and as soon as it is known that I represent the people who publish such good reading matter, they are very friendly, and most of them buy something of me. A Welsh lady, who some nine years ago received the Signs for six months, after listening to my canvass, began to tell me about a good paper she used to receive from some one. Upon my mentioning the Signs, she told me that was the paper, and then gave me her order for two books. She also asked me to give them Bible readings. I consented to do so, and from the first we have had a house full of interested listeners. How little we know what will be the result of sowing seeds of truth through our books and papers. I can use almost any amount of our publications if clean and sent post paid to my address. Remember the work at this place in your prayers, that it may go forward.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD,

75 Blandy Ave., Zanesville, O.

SABBATH AT THE DISTRICT MEETING.

The Sabbath-school at the District meeting was a very interesting feature of the work. The delegates and visitors met with the Mt. Vernon Sabbath-school in the chapel, filling it to its utmost capacity. About two hundred were present the first Sabbath and two hundred and twenty the last. For lack of room, it was thought best to let the school compose one class instead of forming into divisions. Prof. Field conducted the general review the first Sabbath, and Elder Kauble was invited to question the school on the lesson for the day. The Savior's denunciations of the scribes and Pharisees, were quite fully dwelt upon. The latter part of the lesson was especially interesting as Jesus turned from his denunciations and, in anguish of soul exclaimed, "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" These words came to us with new force and we could but praise God for such an Advocate.

On the second Sabbath Elder Anderson conducted the review and Elder Collie took charge of the class recitation. The question was asked if the widow, taking it in a literal sense, really cast in more than they all. The answer was quoted from Desire of Ages, "When Jesus said of the widow, she 'hath cast in more than they all,' His words were true, not only of the motive, but of the results of her gift. The 'two mites that make a farthing' have brought to God's treasury an amount of money far greater than the contributions of those rich Jews. The influence of that little gift has been like a stream,

small in its beginning, but widening and deepening as it flowed down through the ages. In a thousand ways it has contributed to the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel. Her example of self sacrifice has acted and reacted upon thousands of hearts in every land and in every age. It has appealed to both the rich and the poor, and their offerings have swelled the value of her gift. God's blessing upon the widow's mite has made it the source of great results. So with every gift bestowed and every act performed with a sincere desire for God's glory. It is linked with the purposes of Omnipotence. Its results for good no man can measure."

The donations for both Sabbaths amounted to \$17.76 which will be forwarded to the Foreign Mission board to be devoted to the work in foreign fields. We feel sure that this will be acceptable, for from a recent letter from Sister Estella Houser, we quote the following: "The donations to foreign missions from the Sabbath-school conventions have been received. We are glad to know the Sabbath-schools take such an active interest in foreign missions that they are ready to donate offerings even at conventions. We can assure you that these are appreciated, and thank you very much. Our funds have been very low, and every offering is gratefully received. We could use much more than we have. Indeed, in the past year, very little aggressive work has been done, because of the lack of funds."

Each Sabbath the school proved to be a prelude to the meetings that followed. Both the forenoon and afternoon hours were occupied by Elder Irwin, in reading some very pointed testimonies containing reproofs and warnings, and yet

many words of comfort and encouragement. These were followed by social meetings, in which the spirit of the Lord gave freedom, and all thanked God for the reproofs, for hereby we know we are His chosen people, "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

C. V. R.

THE QUESTION BOX.

The question box in the Sabbath-school department of the VISITOR, has been established for the benefit of the Sabbath-schools throughout the state. We earnestly solicit the aid of every one that is interested in the Sabbath-school work, especially superintendents, secretaries, and Sabbath-school teachers, in making this question box interesting.

While one person might not be able to answer all the questions, yet no doubt could give a good practical answer to one, we would be pleased to receive it.

All answers and questions for the next issue of the VISITOR must reach me by Dec. 21.

CLARA V. RADABAUGH.

1. What methods do you adopt to get all members of your school to work?
2. How do you awaken a missionary spirit in your school?
3. What steps are you taking to convert the children, and have them engage their interest in the closing work for this time?
4. How would you arouse a greater interest in the study of the lesson?
5. How would you secure punctuality and regularity?
6. How do you procure good teachers?
7. What Helps would you advise, during the study of the Life of Christ?
8. How would you arrange

for holding a Sabbath-school convention?

9. How do you prevent whispering in class?

10. How long should a Sabbath-school be held?

Christian Volunteers.

A STUDY

Of the testimonies relative to organized effort in behalf of the youth reveals some interesting facts. It will be noticed that the first appeal was through the General Conference Bulletin in the winter of 1893. Then in May of the same year a personal appeal was made to the youth through the Signs to take up this work in every church. In January of 1894 again the Lord appealed to the students in our schools who "accept Christ by faith," saying, "They will feel it to be their duty to form a Christian Endeavor society." And finally in the same summer in the Instructor the appeal came again to all our youth saying, "Cannot you form a band of workers, and have set times to pray together and ask the Lord to give you his grace, and put forth united action?"

Thus the Lord has utilized all our leading periodicals, besides other avenues to bring this matter to our attention. Surely we are none too prompt in taking up this work, but rather dilatory; and it is no wonder the Lord tells us to "make a rush" to catch up. Let none delay in helping this work all that they can. ALBERT CAREY

THE MT. VERNON MEETING.

It was with some anxiety that the work for the youth was brought before this meeting, but with a great deal of joy that we saw the hearty endorsement that it received in the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Lord has said that he wants our youth to 'act a part in well organized plans for helping other youth,' and that there should be among them 'companies organized in every church to do this work,' therefore,

Resolved, That we give this

work our hearty endorsement, and encourage a systematic effort in its behalf throughout the district."

This brings the work prominently forward in the General Conference district No 3, including 6 conferences, and so we can feel that we are not any more alone in this good work, but can press forward in harmony with the Lord and His people in our Volunteer service. A. C.

LA GRANGE CHURCH SCHOOL.

God surely loves this people. Mark his dealings with us. He has stretched forth his hand to touch our children and youth in school and at home.

The two movements now on foot among our people need to reach the denomination as a whole. Are these movements less than indications of the coming of the Lord?

A preparation is going on amongst us. What does it mean?

Are we co-operating with God in his present work?

Dear brethren and sisters of Ohio, pray for our mission school at La Grange.

MABEL JAFFRAY,
Teacher.

CLEVELAND CHURCH SCHOOL

The Cleveland school has now been in session two months, and all are convinced that the Lord's blessing is resting upon it.

When we are willing to take God at His word and walk out by faith, even if we cannot see how a school can be supported, He never fails to do His part.

The school in Cleveland now numbers twenty-two, with promise of more in the near future. We are very pleasantly located in the upper rooms of the church.

Often such remarks as this are heard from the children: "Why, I didn't know such wonderful things were in the Bible! I wish ours was the only class, so we could recite all day long."

A spirit of deep earnestness prevails among the children, and I am sure that the dear Lord is as well pleased with the simple devotion

of a little child, as with the conversion of one grown old in sin.

A very enthusiastic class in hygienic dress making has been organized among the older girls.

A. MAY PINES,
Teacher.

THE MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

The associated lines of reading will be followed in connection with the Missionary Reading Circle work; viz., that relating to the present truth or message, and the field and its needs. The text-book work will be based on the Bible, the "Berean Library," and the "Missionary Magazine." Lessons and outlines will be prepared for the convenience of the members of the circle, and they will be published in the "Review," "Missionary Magazine," and "Youth's Instructor," appearing in time for the beginning of the course, the first week in December.

The direction of the work has been placed with the International Tract Society and the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. L. Flora Plummer 1639 Oakland Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, has been appointed Corresponding Secretary of the International Tract Society, to devote special attention to the interests of this work, the Foreign Mission Board and the International Tract Society co-operating with every facility at their command to push the work to success. They appeal to the friends of the cause in all our conferences to become members of the Reading Circle, and to assist in extending its influence to the greatest possible limit.

No fee is asked for membership, and the price of the "Berean Library" is but seventy-five cents; and "The Missionary Magazine" twenty-five cents, or the two furnished for one dollar. If you have not already done so, send to your Tract Society for this literature, and at once, that you may be able to begin the combined studies on time. The most favorable season of the year for reading and study is at hand. May this

important work have the cheerful support of all the readers of this paper. Yours in the Master's work,

L. T. NICOLA,
Sec. Int. Tract Soc.

DELEGATES.

The District meeting just past was a season of rejoicing for all. Great importance was attached to this meeting, for we were told that we might never hear these things again. As the brethren from different states met and became acquainted it seemed like meeting some very near relatives whom we had never seen before. All being members of the great family of heaven, having the same tender Father, and loving Elder Brother, it brought a tie closer than relationship can give.

Those of the General Conference workers present were: Elder G. A. Irwin, president of General Conference; Elder S. N. Haskell and wife, who have been laboring so long in Australia, Elder A. J. Breed, Superintendent District No. 3, and Elder S. H. Lane. Michigan was represented by Elder J. D. Gowell, president of the Conference, Elders W. R. Matthews, E. I. Beebe, S. E. Wight, M. C. Guild and C. N. Sanders.

Indiana was represented by Elder R. S. Donnell, president of the Conference, Elders A. L. Miller, P. G. Stanley, A. L. Chew and D. W. Dolier.

Ontario was represented by Elder F. D. Star, president, and Elder E. J. Dryer and wife.

Illinois was represented by Elder N. W. Kauble, president and Elder C. H. Bliss.

The president of Wisconsin Conference was unable to be in attendance, but the state was represented by Elder J. N. Anderson, president of the State Sabbath-school Association.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer of

Iowa was also in attendance, in the interests of the Missionary Reading circle; and E. P. Boggs, general canvassing agent, for District No. 3, in the interest of the publishing work.

Ohio was well represented by all of its laborers, about forty in all, beside many of the laymembers who came to enjoy the feast of good things which the Lord so abundantly supplied. We trust all will be better workers because of the baptism of the Spirit received at this meeting,

A. H.

FROM INDIA.

It is now some time since I last wrote a note for the VISITOR, but as it came to my hand a few days ago with a good account of the camp-meeting and report of the Conference, I was reminded that I owe you many thanks for its frequent visits; it seems like receiving a letter from home and it really is; and I look forward to its arrival as much as I do to the arrival of any other mail from America.

I received a letter from Brother C. A. Pedicord a few days ago, and in it he asked me if I ever got homesick for "Ohio." In reply I remarked that I did not, that India was getting to be home to me now as I am enjoying the blessings of good health and success in my work. I am now waiting at a railway station which is at least 1,500 miles from any Seventh-Day-Adventist and the surrounding country as barren almost as it can be. India is again suffering from famine. Hundreds, yes, I may say thousands are suffering from its effects; relief work is going on as fast as can be arranged for, yet many are suffering death.

The plague is not so bad as it has been; one town about 190 miles from Bombay, lost about one-fifth of its population this summer in less than four months. Many famine stricken people have already rushed into Bombay and other cities. Such an increase of population will cause an increase of the

plague: some have prophesied that the plague this winter will be worse than at any time in the three previous years that it has been in India.

Darjuling (a small mountain station where our medical work is located for the summer) recently received a very hard shock from earthquake, resulting in a great loss of both lives and property. None of our people were in any way injured.

The canvassing work, as well as the other branches of work established here in India, is resulting in a great amount of good. Several persons have taken their stand on the side of truth just recently, as a result of a canvasser's work and influence. One of these is now employed in the spreading of the message which is so dear to us all. Others are doing all they can by their influence in their home life and among their neighbors.

Much more work needs to be done among the natives than is being done. It seems to me if there is one place on the face of the earth where we need to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers it is India. Remember us at the Throne of Grace.

Your brother in the Blessed Hope,
I. D. RICHARDSON,
Kunachee, India, Sept. 22, 1899.

GOD'S GIFTS.

Realizing that every good and perfect gift comes from God we find that we were wonderfully favored of heaven in more ways than one during the meetings. The weather was so warm and beautiful most of the time, that it seemed almost like spring. For a day or so, however, the sun veiled his face, and the dark clouds, and cold rain and winds made us feel that winter had come to stay. But remembering that it is a desert where the sun always shines we could but thank God for the wind and rain, which He sent us as an object lesson of His love and mercy in permitting trials to polish and refine, and remove every plague spot from our characters.

Mt. Vernon Academy.

WORK AT THE ACADEMY.

The Lord has visited his people in Mt. Vernon in a remarkable manner. The solemn testimonies given through the Spirit of Prophecy, and the instruction by Elder S. N. Haskell and others at the District Conference has produced results that only the power of God could accomplish. It was decided by the faculty to lay aside the regular class work of the school during the entire session of the Conference, and give all the students and teachers an opportunity to attend all of the meetings. All heartily acquiesced in this plan.

The influence of the Spirit's moving among the students was not so visibly manifest during the Conference meetings as it was several days after the meetings closed. As is usually the case, these manifestations came not as the result of noisy demonstrations, but through the entire consecration and earnest prayer of a few who really felt the burden of souls resting upon them. On Wednesday morning after the usual opening exercises of the school, opportunity was given to the students to express themselves in any way the spirit might prompt; and the scene that followed was without a parallel in the history of the school. The Spirit of God came in mighty power. Hearts that had long resisted the Spirit's pleadings were melted into submission. Witnesses to the power of God to save and keep from sin testified. Confessions were made that unloaded the burden of sin from souls long in bondage. And those who had grown somewhat cold in the service of the Master were warmed by the sunshine of God's presence. This continued

for nearly two hours, when nearly all present had responded to the call of the Spirit. The regular work of the school was lost sight of for the time, and all seemed glad to let the Lord have His way. One marked feature of the meeting was that when the students began to get right themselves, immediately their hearts went out to those not in the light; especially relatives and loved ones. And many fathers and brothers and sisters were borne by faith to a throne of grace. A season of earnest prayer, in which a large number took part, closed the meeting. But as the regular work of the school was resumed the gentle influence of the Spirit of peace was felt in the classes in a marked degree.

Every day since evidence is seen that shows that the good work is going on. That these meetings will make a new era in the history of the school, we fully believe. The time has come when we must mark quick work. The message is moving rapidly. "A short work will the Lord make on the earth." We earnestly desire the prayers of all our brethren and sisters in the state in behalf of our school. We are of good courage in the Lord; for we know the work is His.

W. H. WAKEHAM.

THE TITHE.

The tithe is inadequate to pay our present number of laborers. We are sorry to have any one on whom the Lord has laid the burden of the work to leave the field. Our ministers and Bible workers are willing to economize and make all the concessions they can to keep as many laborers in the field as possible. Shall the work be retarded by unfaithfulness in rendering to the Lord a full tithe? Let all exercise great caution along this line so

that none shall be found guilty before God in robbing Him of tithes and offerings.

Those who give their entire time to the ministration of the word should be supported from the tithe. Those who have their expenses to meet can not draw from an empty treasury. The Lord is testing us now on tithes paying. Shall our depleted treasury lead us to greater carefulness in paying our tithe? Shall we be found guilty of robbing God of that fund that the Lord calls holy, and which he has set apart for a sacred use? I feel deeply concerned over this matter for we are surely nearing the time when it will be too late to redeem that which has been kept back by thoughtless neglect. Our work must be an aggressive one, and should be pushed rapidly while the angels are still holding the winds a little longer. R. R. KENNEDY.

THE MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

The anxiously looked for outlines for the Reading Circle have appeared in the Review and Missionary Magazine, and additional notes in the Instructor. We are now ready to begin the study in earnest, and would be glad to have those who read this that have not already taken up the work to begin at once. Some have the impression that they must be Seventh-Day-Adventists before they can become a member of the Reading Circle, but this is a mistake; anyone that wishes to take up the study can become a member.

Some may not have the Berean Library and do not feel able to take it just now but have the Missionary Magazine. We would suggest that you begin the study of the field. If you have not the Magazine but have "Daniel and Revelation," you

could take up the study of the message.

At the close of each month as you send in your answers, especially to the field study, if there are any points that you would like information or help on, we shall be pleased to assist you as far as lies within our power.

It might be well for you to notice the label on your Magazine this month. From the mailing list I notice there are at least 40 subscriptions that expire and you cannot afford to miss a number now. It is certainly important that we keep in touch with the work in other lands, that we may assist the workers that have gone forth to spread the gospel, by our prayers and means. C. V. R.

OUR MISSIONARY AND BIBLE WORK.

These two important phases of the work received much attention at the recent meeting. Sister Haskell, who has been in Bible work for about fifteen years, and therefore, could speak from experience, gave very valuable instruction, not only for Bible workers, but for all in attendance. Very clearly was it shown in her talks the central place occupied by the sanctuary question, and how every truth of the gospel may be taught from it. Thoughts were suggested as to the various ways of presenting the different subjects, it being especially emphasized that no worker should attempt to present a subject until he was so thoroughly acquainted with it as to present it in several different ways. We feel sure the thoughts presented in these talks will be of help to every one.

The missionary work, especially that of the Missionary Reading circle, was quite fully and forcibly presented by Sister

Plummer. It was shown by quotations from the Testimonies that the burden of souls should be upon the church. Not one-hundredth part of the members of the church are doing what God requires of them. This hovering about churches to keep them propped up, makes them more dependent on human effort. The blood of souls will be upon the garments of the church. God has given to us talents of wealth, intellect and reason. It is he who has but one talent that is most likely to bury it and say of the Lord, "Thou art an hard Master." But God has given to everyone his work in making Christ known to the world. "No one is to be an idler in the vineyard." Every soul should take an active part in the advancement of the cause of God. Before they can do this our churches must come to understand the truths and be able to give a reason for the hope that is within them. When the church members are thus fully aroused, then the workers who are now in the field can be spared to go to foreign countries. To this end the Missionary Reading circle was planned, and is

now being started among the families of our people. We trust every family of S. D. A.'s in Ohio, will take up this work in earnest, feeling the responsibility that rests upon them for the salvation of the souls around them.

A. H.

ITEMS.

A short synopsis of Elder Haskell's discourses will appear in the next issue of the VISITOR.

Elders Boardman and Van Horn spent Sabbath and Sunday at Killbuck, following up the interest at that place.

Elders Kennedy and Burkholder visited the Mansfield church Sabbath and Sunday. A good meeting was reported. The little company were encouraged to press forward and Brother Marcellus Andre was appointed leader.

Elder J. W. Collie made the office a short call Monday. He has received and accepted a call to connect with Battle Creek college. He expects to leave the 10th and will return about Jan. 1st to move his family. We regret very much to see him go for we feel that Ohio is giving up a valuable worker; but we would at all times acquiesce with God's will. The VISITOR wishes him success and the Lord's blessing in his work.

CANVASSER'S REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 25, 1899.

	No. Days	No. Hrs	Orders	Value
Mr. Fred Huber	2	10	5	\$ 5 00
Miss Florence Hall	1½	0	13	6 20
Mr. S. D. Gallion	0	0	31	44 55
Mr. L. R. Williams	5	20	24	43 75
Mr. Jay Raymond	5	37	19	32 75
Mrs. Laura E. Hicks	1	6½	2	2 00
Mr. F. H. Henderson	5	27	9	24 00
*Mr. W. E. Bidwell				18 63
*F. M. Fairchild				29 25
Mrs. L. R. Campbell	2	13	6	3 41
Miss Cora Cuddaback	4	17½	9	16 00
Mrs. C. L. Painter	1½		16	8 00
Mrs. Alice Edwards			78	128 45
Mrs. A. Williams	5	20	11	12 25
Total				\$874 24

FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 30, 1899.

	No. Days	No. Hrs.	Orders	Value
Mrs. Carrie English	3		13	\$ 10 60
Mrs. Laura M. Hicks	3	10	1	2 50
Miss Cora Cuddaback	3	9	7	10 50
Mr. L. R. Williams	2	15	4	6 75
Mr. John Sprinkle	2		4	5 25
Mr. E. E. Cooper	2	16	12	7 50
Mrs. L. R. Campbell	2	11	7	5 63
Mrs. Carrie English	3	13	23	11 35
Mrs. E. A. Berry	3	3	16	6 50
*Mr. W. E. Bidwell				18 51
Mrs. C. L. Painter	2		17	7 50
Mr. F. H. Henderson	5	30		18 00
Total				\$110 59

*Colporter. Total sales for the month of November. 803 32

ITEMS.

We unders and that Brother W. W. Miller expects to take up Bible work in Cleveland soon.

The obituary which appeared in the VISITOR of Nov. 16, should have read John E. Scanlan.

Jessie Sweet left this place for Cincinnati, which she expects to make her field of labor the coming year.

Mrs. T. L. Carr of Bluffton, O., visited her parents and brother, Prof. J. B. Clymer of this place and attended the meetings.

Sister M. B. Carey's health has been failing for sometime, and she is now at the Sanitarium receiving treatment for tuberculosis

Bro. Spawn from Adams Co. has recently moved to Mt. Vernon, and expects to have a partnership in the grocery of Academia.

Dr. Ida Herr of the Cleveland Sanitarium was in attendance at the District meeting. Reports the work there as progressing nicely.

Miss Cora Gibson has become so much better that she is able to take up her church school work, and her sister was permitted to return to the Academy.

Brother Shultz and family of Castalia expect to move to Academia soon, in order that his children may have the advantages to be obtained at the Academy.

We can but express our gratitude for the splendid manifestation of the spirit of God in the school this week. Truly God is good to Israel, and we feel to praise his name.

We are sorry to learn that Sister Nellie Stevens expects to discontinue her work for a time, and take a much needed rest. We hope she may be able to begin her work again soon.

The social meetings which were held every evening at 5 o'clock during the meeting, were pleasant and profitable seasons, many testifying with the spirit of Peter that it was good to be here.

Married at Chesterville, O., Wed-

nesday, Nov. 27, 1899, Miss Iva Lavaum Talmadge to Mr. Fred Ray Draper. The VISITOR joins their many friends in wishing them a life of usefulness.

Frank Hayt, who has been in California for several years, recently returned to Ohio, to bring her brother, who died at his home in Los Angeles, to this state for burial. She was at Mt. Vernon during the recent meeting.

Others who were in attendance at the District meeting were: Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald, Mrs. W. H. Saxby, Jessie C. Dorsey, Louie E. Vandervort, Roy F. Cotrell, Mrs. J. W. Collie, Martha Wintermute, Miss Pearl Stevens, and J. N. Watros and wife.

Sister Kennedy came with her husband expecting to attend the meetings, but was unable to do so on account of illness. She was confined to her bed most of the time with symptoms of fever, and is not yet able to be up. We hope she will be better soon.

Miss Neva Martin of the class of '99 is teaching a church school at Williamsport, Pa. She writes that she has two large rooms in the Tract society office, which are well lighted, and have the additional advantages of electric lights, furnace heat and an organ. One room is supplied with desks; the other, which she uses for a recitation room, has chairs. She has 13 pupils and enjoys her work very much.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pulpit was occupied by Elder S. H. Lane. He spoke from Luke 14, emphasizing forcibly the fact that the message is to go to the highways, as well as to the hedges, giving some of his own experiences relative to his work both in America and abroad, to show that there are those in gilded palaces who are hungering for the truths of God. May the lesson that he gave us be heeded.

FROM A CANVASSER.

This world is ripe for the harvest, many are being lost for the lack of consecrated men and wo-

men to carry the message of God's love and mercy to them. God is asking: "Where are the reapers?"

Christ, over eighteen hundred years ago, was leading an honest, peaceful life; helping to support the family, apparently doing God's will, but he left all of this and went out into the world to suffer untold agony and ignominious death that those who would might have eternal life.

Why did he do this? Because he was called to defeat Satan and bring into the world everlasting righteousness.

We too are called. Everyone who hears the message is called to proclaim the truths of eternal life to a perishing world; to save that which Christ has bought with His precious blood.

How? By our words, by our example and by spreading the printed page, showing to the world that we value the blood that Christ shed for us.

The scriptures say, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Why? Because few choose to place themselves where God can use them.

Now dear reader, do you desire to be one of the chosen? If so be up and doing while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work; and the Lord has promised us that our bread and water shall be sure.

W. E. BIDWELL,

The work in Zanesville is in many ways promising, although there are three of us canvassing in the city and holding Bible readings with those that desire them, yet there are more calls than we can fill. Bro. F. H. Henderson and wife are located at 628 Linden avenue, Bro. Fred M. Fairchild and family, at 73 Blandy avenue, while the writer with his family are located at 164½ Putnam avenue.

We have a Sabbath School of 12 members, and hold Sabbath meetings and Wednesday night we hold our weekly prayer-meeting, and receive much of the blessing of God's spirit.

W. E. BIDWELL.