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

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### PRAYER.

Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,  
Or others—that we are not always strong,  
That we are always overborne with care,  
That we should ever weak and heartless be,  
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,  
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?  
—Selected.

### THE CAMP-MEETING.

We are nearing the time of our annual camp meeting. We desire that that this meeting shall be the best ever held in the state. This is right, but are we individually determined to make it so? Now is the time to get right before God. There should be a mental, physical and spiritual preparation for this important meeting. If this is neglected we shall be disappointed. We are too near the end to afford this great loss.

Let each one feel that he is responsible to God to bring light to the city of Tiffin. The Lord wants us to be light bearers to the world. If we go with this determination we shall not be disappointed, for the Lord will pour out his Spirit abundantly on those who are ready to receive it. "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him."

This is the indispensable gift that we need to worship the Lord, for they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. God giveth not the Spirit by measure. Praise the Lord there is abundance for all. Jesus is still calling as he did at the last day of the great feast. If any

man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. Then come along and enjoy the meetings with us

R. R. KENNEDY.

### THE \$6 000 FUND.

Our brethren throughout the state, no doubt, would be pleased to know about the \$6,000 fund that was so generously donated to our Academy to pay the obligation that we owed the General Conference. About \$3,000 of this has been paid in good faith, believing that \$6,000 of the debt would be liquidated, and that the General Conference would be assisted in bearing the great burden that is resting upon it. These obligations were to be met during the year. Now we believe that the brethren who still have pledges unpaid love our good school, the general work of which we all form a part; also that they will not suffer the dear brethren to become discouraged who have, by sacrifice, already paid their pledges in good faith. We are near the close of this world's history. All our worldly estate will soon be lost unless deposited in the bank of heaven.

It should be the determination of every one to stand clear and just before God. Read Deut. 23: 21-23 carefully in this connection, and ask the Lord to guide you to your duty. Those having property should read carefully pages 47 and 48 in Early Writings for instruction as to what to do.  
R. R. KENNEDY.

### THE AMERICAN SENTINEL.

Under the leadership of Wilbur F. Crafts, the National Reform Association is in the field again for aggressive work. Realizing their mistake of the past in attempting to enforce Sunday laws without first educating the people in favor of them, this Association has now taken it in hand to mould and fashion public sentiment by the aid of the printed page; and they are flooding the country with their literature.

Knowing this, what shall we do? Shall we stand idly by and see this work done, without any effort on our part to check it, or shall we with the same means, "the printed page," which the Lord has told us "is doing

a much greater work than the living preacher," strive to bring the truth along this line to the attention of the people?

Set in the order of God, occupying a unique position among our periodicals, the "Sentinel" has a work to do peculiarly its own. That work is to set before the people the evil results which can only follow the accomplishment of the purposes of the above and other kindred organizations. God has wonderfully blessed it in the past, and we believe that His blessing will attend it in the work before it. We feel that our people should remember Tennessee, and knowing what the "Sentinel" accomplished there, take hold with renewed zeal and do their best to bring to nought the devices of the enemy.

The publishers of the "Sentinel" have begun a new departure. They have already had three original drawings in the paper by which, instead of illustrating an article, they seek to illustrate a vital principle at stake, and they promise more of them right along.  
A. R. BELL.

### THE MISSION.

As was announced in our last issue, the Helping Hand Mission has been moved from 60 Wood Street, to 84 Michigan Street, occupying the building formerly used by the Men's Home. There are three large floors and over \$200 worth of improvements, shower bath, fumigating room, painting of the interior, etc., etc. This will make the place when completed a most excellent Mission home. The dormitory for men will accommodate about 100 per night and arrangements will be made to feed from two to three hundred per day.

The Lord has signally led in securing such excellent quarters and much more can now be accomplished with all the facilities at hand.

J. W. COLLIE.

### REEDSVILLE.

Perhaps the readers of the VISITOR would be interested in a brief report from the little company here. July 2nd was a good day for our little church. The Ordinances of

the Lord's house were celebrated, we trust, with profit to all. Eight were present to take part.

Some few years ago a Bible Reading fell into the hands of a young man and his wife, who were members of the M. E. Church at that time, although not satisfied. As they studied the book they became convinced of the truths of the Third Angel's Message. Last Sabbath they were with us on our quarterly meeting occasion. As the young brother bore testimony with choked sentences and tear-dimmed eyes, it seemed evident that he had taken his position because of a real understanding, and a deep conviction of the Spirit.

There were three accessions to the church. Another sister, the result of tent labor by brethren Burkholder and Boardman, offered herself for baptism, but desired to have Elder Burkholder perform the ceremony as he had first brought the message of truth to her. Had these brethren had time to finish the work started here, there might have been others also. Four await baptism. Probably two will be buried in the Ohio next Sabbath by Brother Mays, our church elder. W. E. ARNETT.

#### REPORT OF TITHES RECEIVED DURING JUNE, 1898.

Alliance .....	\$ 37 00
Bellville .....	15 83
Bloomington.....	32 99
Broughton.....	5 73
Camden.....	23 20
Chagrin Falls.....	11 36
Cleveland.....	287 20
Clyde.....	40 58
Columbus.....	68 70
Conneaut.....	16 06
Corsica.....	12 34
Coshocton.....	4 37
Dayton.....	101 58
Delaware.....	41 61
Dunkirk.....	3 85
Elgin.....	31 86
Findlay.....	1 50
Gilboa.....	13 25
Green Spring.....	25 60
Hamler.....	33 84
Hicksville.....	30 82
La Grange.....	111 77
Lake View.....	4 55
Lima.....	21 65
Locust Point.....	11 10
Marion.....	54 11
Mt. Vernon.....	108 88
Newark.....	12 91
New Antioch.....	34 19
North Bloomfield.....	26 84
Pemberville.....	43 78
Portage River.....	36 00
Sherwood.....	14 00
Springfield.....	39 14
Troy.....	11 60
Van Wert.....	2 95
Waterford.....	47 66
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	111 85

Total.....\$1,523 21  
Total for quarter ending June 30,  
1898.....5,200 01

I would again call attention to the fact that many letters come to me

without name or date. *Be sure to sign your name to your letters.* Also state to what church you belong so that proper credit can be given your church. All who need more monthly tithe envelopes can be supplied by writing me. D. K. MITCHELL,  
Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF FIRST DAY OFFERINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1898.

Alliance.....	\$ 1 32
Akron.....	1 00
Bowling Green.....	2 25
Bloomington.....	1 50
Bellville.....	2 28
Conneaut.....	35
Clyde.....	2 25
Chagrin Falls.....	4 54
Columbus.....	5 25
Coshocton.....	1 06
Delaware.....	1 45
Dunkirk.....	1 00
Dayton.....	3 51
East Liverpool.....	66
Findlay.....	94
Geneva.....	4 00
Green Spring.....	1 34
Hamler.....	4 29
Hicksville.....	85
Individuals.....	24 42
Lima.....	1 00
La Grange.....	3 12
Laura.....	1 02
Leesburg.....	50
Mt. Vernon.....	9 25
Newark.....	2 87
Reedsville.....	50
Shreve.....	1 54
Springfield.....	7 36
Spencer.....	38
Toledo.....	3 60
Wheelersburg.....	79
Washington C. H.....	2 12
Youngstown.....	1 70

Total.....\$100 01

E. A. MERRIAM, Treasurer.

### Our Sabbath Schools.

#### HELPS ON THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

By correspondence with E. A. Merriam, Secretary of the Tract Society, Clyde, O., we learn that our people can secure the several helps suggested in the Lesson Pamphlets, for use on the Sabbath School lessons, while our lessons are from the Book of Genesis, at a reduction. All subscription books, such as Patriarchs and Prophets, Gospel in Creation, etc., can be secured at a discount of 50 per cent. from the listed price. Other books at the usual discount, 20 per cent.

We trust all who do not have these different books referred to in the lessons will take advantage of this offer to supply themselves. You will not only find them of value in the study of the lessons, but later when you can make the books themselves a study.

The Tract Society has just a few of Christian Education on hand.

These can be secured at a small reduction while they last. This book is out of print now.

CLARA V. RADABAUGH.

#### HOW TO STUDY THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON.

No. 4.

Study it with a will to know;  
Study it with a wish to grow;  
Study it in the Spirit's power;  
Study it every waking hour.

Study as seeing Him who gave;  
Study, knowing the Word can save;  
Study, receive it as Christ's mind;  
Study the heavenly pearls to find.

Study it as the living Bread;  
When rising up or on thy bed,  
Or coming in, or going out,  
Study heaven's wonders to find out.

Drink it as living waters poured;  
Eat it as food upon thy board;  
Use it in all thy waking hours;  
Rest in it, 'twill restore thy powers.

ALBERT CAREY.

### The Work and Workers.

*Oral.*—We have held thirty-two meetings, with an average attendance of about forty until we presented the Sabbath question. Since then about thirty attend regularly, some of whom are deeply interested.

Sunday morning, June 26, the Disciple minister spoke against the Sabbath, and I reviewed his sermon in the evening to a congregation of 75 or 80 persons. This resulted in a victory for the truth. To the Lord be all the praise. During the following week it was announced that Prof. Hertzog, of Hiram College, would speak on the Sabbath question the next Sunday. I sent for Eld. J. W. Collie to reply to him. At the time appointed all parties were there, but the subject was changed, presumably at the last moment.

It was then announced that Prof. McDermot, ex-President of Hiram College, also ex-editor of the "Christian Standard," and supposed to be one of the most able men in the Disciple denomination, would preach on the Sabbath question, Sunday evening, July 10.

We hope and believe the cause of the Lord will triumph and souls be saved on account of the wrath of the Dragon. We are sure that many will hear the truth that would not have otherwise heard it. C. C. WEBSTER.

*Later.*—It was the writer's privilege to meet brethren Webster and Granger, who have been conducting meetings at Oral, and to find them of good courage in the Lord.

Quite an interest has been awakened upon the Sabbath question in particular. Sunday evening, July 10, Prof. McDermott, of Hiram College, appeared to speak on the Sabbath

## Mt. Vernon Academy.

### ANOTHER YEAR.

It may be of interest to the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR to know something of the prospects for the coming year at the Academy, and while it is too early to give any definite figures, yet their are conditions which are well calculated to give promise for the future.

In the first place the trustees and teachers are heartily united in the purpose to bring the school into full harmony with the instruction given in the Testimonies concerning our schools. With this end in view the work of the Academy will become more practical than it has been in the past, which will doubtless result in a larger and better trained class of youth to enter the work of the denomination. The day of theory and experiment is about spent and we trust the dawn of a better day is upon us, in which our school shall move in the light of God's counsel. Believing this we are of good courage and hope many of our people will see and appreciate these changes and thus be enabled to give the Academy their unqualified support.

Another fact that leads us to hope much for the coming year is the attitude of the students toward the school and their hearty support of all advance moves. With their co-operation both at the Academy and in the home churches, we can reasonably look for a deeper and more widespread interest in the subject of education as carried on by this people. This attitude on the part of the students is particularly gratifying to the teachers as it enables us to do so much more for them while they are here and then enables them to go out and speak heartily and understandingly of the Academy and its work. Such testimony is always at par and can but result in influencing other youth to come and enjoy the benefits of the school.

Those who have been with the school from its beginning tell me that the last year was by far the most prosperous and successful year in its history and that a larger measure of good was accomplished than ever before; and the reason for this lies in the fact of an increased measure of the blessing of heaven. Now we purpose to move out still further toward the light and hence look for even richer blessings in the coming year.

Because of this expectancy we desire to have as many present as possible to share in the lessons and experiences which we confidently believe will be given by the Lord, and which are intended and bestowed for the express purpose of fitting these

youth for the service and coming of our blessed Lord. We therefore ask all our people to co operate with us in our efforts to keep the school filled with young men and women, who desire to be trained for the Master's service and who may become laborers of whom he will not be ashamed.

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

"Is Christ soon to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory? Is the end of all things at hand? If so, those who claim to be followers of Christ must work in proportion to their faith."

### OBITUARY.

BISEL.—On June 26th, 1898, Paul Leeland, little son of C. L. and Libbie Bisel, was accidentally drowned, aged 2 years, 5 months and 17 days.

With his little tin cup in hand he went to the spring, which is incased in a sixteen-inch tile, removed a heavy cover and was evidently in the act of dipping water, when he lost his balance and fell into the water, where he met his sad fate. Little Paul was exceptionally bright and active; the idol of his parents and a favorite of all who knew him. An affecting discourse was delivered at the funeral by Elder W. H. Wakeham, of Mt. Vernon.

"Put away the little dresses,  
That our darling used to wear;  
Hide the little shoes and stockings,  
He is in the Saviour's care.

Oh! our arms are void and empty  
For the little form now stilled;  
While our hearts are torn and bleeding  
And our home with sorrow filled.

Soon the earth will shake and quiver,  
Neath the trumpet's clarion sound;  
Angels bright will quickly gather  
Round each dear and sacred mound.

Ah! our hearts reach out with longing  
To that moment, drawing nigh,  
When the angels bear our darling  
Safe from death to Heaven on high.

Soon his little feet will patter  
O'er the streets of shining gold;  
Oh! may we be there to meet him  
Safe within the Saviour's fold."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"The converted soul lives in Christ."

"We are living in an age when almost everything is superficial."

"Those who indulge a perverted appetite, do it to the injury of health and intellect. They cannot appreciate the value of spiritual things. Their sensibilities are blunted, and sin does not appear very sinful, and truth is not regarded of greater value than earthly treasure."

question. The arguments presented by him could hardly be called such and his admissions that as a church they had no divine authority for the keeping of the Lord's day and had no Sabbath, was somewhat of a surprise to those who expected more from him. At the conclusion of his sermon it was announced that we would review him at once in the tent, and although it was nearly 9 o'clock, the entire congregation, of nearly 200 people repaired to the tent and the truth of God was presented in contrast to the sophistries of men.

The Lord gave freedom and added his blessing to the word spoken so that at the close it was freely admitted that a victory had been gained for the truth. To his blessed name we give the honor and glory and feel more thankful than ever for a truth that shines so bright. We confidently expect that precious souls will take their stand on the side of truth.

We left the brethren rejoicing and full of courage in God.

J. W. COLLIE.

Dayton.—Sabbath and Sunday, July 2 and 3, were good days for the Dayton church. Early Sabbath morning we went out by the Miami River side, where two precious souls put on Christ by baptism. Five were added to the church. Our Sabbath School was held at 9:30 A.M. At 10:45 we had the first reading which had been prepared for that occasion, followed by a good social meeting, and the ordinances were celebrated.

On First day we had the second reading with comments, the free-will offerings for the missionary work, also a good business meeting and a Bible reading on the New Covenant in the evening. The Lord in all the above came manifestly near.

J. G. WOOD.

Scioto.—We now expect to close our public meetings here the 17th. Our congregations have remained about the same throughout. Seven adults, all heads of families, have decided to henceforth keep the Lord's Sabbath with the rest of his commandments. Others are investigating, and searching the scriptures daily, like the noble Bereans of old, to see if the things they are hearing are so. For these we still have hopes.

The Dragon is becoming restless and has commenced to threaten those who have rejected his mark. But God is able to keep them from falling and to present them faultless finally before his glorious throne with exceeding joy. To his name be all the glory, both now and forever.

O. F. GUILFORD,

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"Nothing will be a more sure source of evil than indolence."

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## The Canvassing Work.

### DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.
Mrs. Belle Rex .....	28	\$46 75
S. S. Gray .....	93	56 25
E. E. Cooper .....	62	41 00
C. L. Wilson .....	6	8 25
M. C. Kirkendall .....	35	24 25
Julia A. Tracy .....	3	5 25
Grant Leonard .....	1	2 00
Totals.....	223	\$183 75

### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

I canvassed ten days, taking \$20.50 worth of orders. This is my first experience, so of course I met with some discouragement, but the Lord has said that the trial of our faith is more precious than gold, so I am of good courage. ANNA BRENNER.

I do not put in so few hours canvassing because I am not doing anything, but I am busy all the time. I am giving two Bible readings a week, besides all other Bible conversations. The other day I canvassed a gentleman who is a general agent for flowers (roses) and his wife. I gave him a canvass for Daniel and Revelation, and when I had finished he tried to

persuade me into canvassing for flowers, saying I could make so much more money. I told him that money was not my motive, but to spread the truth of the Lord's soon coming. This opened the way for a good Bible talk which followed.

MRS. BELLE REX.

I find quite a number here that have Prophecies of Jesus. They all speak well of it, and some speak of the doctrines it presents. I met one lady who is taking the Signs of the Times. She became interested in it through a few copies which were sent to her by some one, she did not know who. May the Lord hasten forward the work is my prayer.

E. E. COOPER.

As I wanted to enter some branch of the Lord's work, I decided to canvass for the small books, and help to spread the truth. I have not been out all week but found many honest hearted people. All that I canvassed liked the book (Gospel Primer), but some were too poor to buy. I am of good courage in the Lord and will remain in the canvassing field until he calls me to some other work.

MAGGIE HOLOBAUGH.

### BRIEFS.

The watchword now, Prepare for Camp Meeting.

Elders H. H. Burkholder and O. F. Guilford closed their meetings at Scioto last Sunday evening. Elder

Burkholder returned to his home at Bellville on Monday.

Only one more issue of the VISITOR before Camp Meeting.

Pearl Stevens returned to her home this week after an extended visit in Cleveland and vicinity.

Elder E. J. Van Horn and Brother M. S. Babcock began a series of Gospel meetings in the College Hall, at Jackson Center, Monday evening, July 11th.

Elder A. G. Haughey, and W. S. Huffaker, report an excellent interest in their meetings at Honolulu. We have a good report from them, too late for this issue. It will appear in our next.

We learn from the "Field Echoes," (Michigan State paper,) that Bro. C. A. Pedicord, formerly an Ohio worker, has been called to labor in the California Conference. He expects to remove his family to that State soon.

Elder J. W. Collie left Cleveland, July 12th, to spend a few days in Michigan, taking a much needed rest. He was accompanied by Bro. W. E. Beebe. They expected to be gone about a week, spending the time at Mackinac Island.

We learn from Elder Burkholder that Elder C. P. Haskell will superintend the Youth's division, Sister Ida M. Walters, the Children's division, and Sister Carrie R. King, the Kindergarten division of the Youth's meetings at the Camp Meeting. They will select efficient helpers.

Elder H. H. Burkholder will have charge of the Young People's Meetings during the Camp Meetings. He has spent many years in careful, systematic study along this line. He has a feast of good things which none can afford to miss. He will be ably assisted by Sister Henry, Dr. Kress and others.

Elder E. J. Van Horn and wife, and Mrs. Arnett, Mrs. Van Horn's mother, spent a few days the latter part of June in visiting their brother, W. E. Arnett, at Reedsville, on the Ohio River. Three night meetings were held in the school house of the little village while they were there.

The Cleveland Sabbath School held its annual picnic at Edgewater Park two weeks ago. A long table was laid in the grove, around which all gathered and enjoyed the feast together. A part of the afternoon was spent in bathing in Lake Erie. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all.

"The health should be as sacredly guarded as the character."

### REPORT OF THE CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 2, 1898.

	Days.	Hours.	Orders.	Value.	Helps.
BIBLE READINGS.					
Grant Leonard, Athens .....	5	37	11	\$24 00	\$1 25
DANIEL AND REVELATION.					
Isaac Hague, Canton .....	9	33	8	18 00	1 75
Mrs. Bell Rex, Dayton .....	10	62	14	21 00	50
George Goodman, Eaton .....	4	37	5	11 25	1 00
Agnes E. Spangler, Dayton .....	6	20	5	12 75	1 00
GREAT CONTROVERSY.					
F. A. Draper, Scioto.....	8	49	2	4 50	6 00
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.					
Julia A. Tracy, Springfield .....	3	17	2	3 50	1 75
THE COMING KING.					
Mrs. Belle Rex, Dayton .....			8	8 00	
Anthony Williams, St. Mary's.....	5		26	26 00	
James Patridge, Cleveland .....		2	3	3 00	
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.					
W. H. Gossett, Round Head.....	5	33	43	30 00	
L. A. Holobaugh, Jackson .....		40	23	19 00	
C. L. Wilson, Westfield .....	1	8	2	1 75	
E. E. Cooper, London .....		34	44	30 00	
T. C. Parks, Rathbone .....		56	29	26 75	
I. D. Richardson, Marion .....	9	72	139	100 50	
S. S. Gray, Tiffin .....			6	4 50	
M. C. Kirkendall, Marion.....	3	24	25	17 00	
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Maggie Holobaugh, Jackson.....	4	16	19	4 75	
Francis Chapman, Marion.....			12	9 00	
Totals, 19 Agents .....	72	540	426	\$375 25	\$13 75