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

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WISHING.

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives,
Let your thoughts be clean and high
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Well, suppose you make a start,
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrap-book of your heart.
Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn, and learn to live.
If you want to give men knowledge
You must get it, ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?
Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness
As you pass along the way.
For the pleasures of the many
May be oft-times traced to one,
As the hand that plants an acorn
Shelters armies from the sun.

SELECTED.

THE INESTIMABLE GIFT.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Our Lord designed that his church should reflect to the world the fullness and sufficiency that we find in him. We are constantly receiving of God's bounty, and by imparting of the same we are to represent to the world the love and beneficence of Christ. While all heaven is astir, dispatching messengers to every part of the earth, to carry forward the work of redemption, the church of the living God are also to be co-laborers with Christ. We are members of his mystical

body. He is the head, controlling all the members of the body. Jesus himself, in his infinite mercy, is working on human hearts, affecting spiritual transformation so amazing that the angels look on with astonishment and joy. The same unselfish love that characterizes the Master is seen in the character and life of his true followers. Christ expects that men will become partakers of his divine nature, while in the world, thus not only reflecting his glory, to the praise of God, but illuminating the darkness of the world with the radiance of heaven. Thus will be fulfilled the words of Christ, "Ye are the light of the world."

"We are laborers together with God,"—"stewards of the manifold grace of God." The knowledge of God's grace, the truths of his word, and the temporal gifts as well,—time and means, talent and influence—are all a trust from God, to be employed to his glory and the salvation of men. Nothing can be more offensive to God, who is constantly bestowing his gifts upon man, than to see him selfishly grasping these gifts and making no returns to the giver. Jesus is today in heaven preparing mansions, a kingdom which is to be ours. But all who shall inherit these blessings must be partakers of the self-denial and self-sacrifice of Christ for the good of others.

Never was there greater need of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than now, when the hours of probation are

fast closing, and the last message of mercy is to be given to the world. My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes every direction, from the cities and villages of our own land, from across the Atlantic and the broad Pacific, and from the islands of the sea, "Come over and help us." Brethren and sisters, will you answer the cry? saying: "We will do our best, both in sending you missionaries and money. We will deny ourselves in the embellishment of our houses, in the adornment of our persons, and in the gratification of appetite. We will give the means intrusted to us into the cause of God, and we will devote ourselves also unreservedly to his work." The wants of the cause are laid before us; the empty treasuries appeal to us most pathetically for help. One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars at some future period.

Work, brethren, while you have the opportunity, while the day lasts. Work, for "the night is coming, when no man can work." How soon that night may come, it is impossible for you to tell. Now is your opportunity; improve it.

THE WORK IN CLEVELAND.

The gospel work moves steadily along. Many of the members of the church come in and render valuable assistance, both in singing and testimonies. Some might inquire what we present to the people. Do you give them any of the message or do you, night after night, tell them to quit drinking,

and give their hearts to the Lord? All this is a part, but not all of the message. If we never tell them any more than that, what more do they learn from us than any one else? They hear that much at every mission they visit. I have told them that much but I have gone farther. The most interesting time I have had since coming to this mission was last night when I presented the second chapter of Daniel, with the chart on the wall. After the meeting closed, they came forward and inquired further into the subject. They could go away and tell their friends something of what Seventh Day Adventists taught. They need to know as well as you or I, what kingdom is next to be set up. We entreated them at the close to get ready to inherit it. A man came to me at the close of the meeting and asked me what the true religion or church was. I did not mention any church but told him that Rev. 14:12 pointed it out, and for him to find out for himself by a study of the word, then to unite with it. If angels of God are preparing the hearts of the people for the reception of the truth, let us not keep it back, and rob them of that which is so important to every one that hears.

W. W. MILLER.

Cidings From the Field.

On Friday, January 12, we went to Columbus to hold a district meeting. On arrival we were joined by Dr. Carey, Elder Haughey and brother R. I. Francis. Some recent testimonies were read which made a deep impression upon all present. The Sabbath-school work was taken up by Dr. Carey from a Biblical standpoint which was both entertaining and instructive. Several important subjects were taken up and studied by different individuals with profit to all. Sister Radabaugh was present and rendered valuable assistance. The young people's work received due consideration. A careful

study of the testimonies showed the importance of this work and the great field of usefulness for our young people to enter. The Missionary Reading Circle work was heartily received by all present. Brother Francis and others spoke of the canvassing work with regard to its importance and progress. Some good practical work was done along this line. The time was fully occupied and was a source of encouragement to all present. On Monday we left for Mansfield to secure a place to hold meetings. We were cordially received by friends and were successful in securing a nice new hall in which to hold our meetings at a reasonable price. Here we separate. Elder Guilford will be joined by Dr. Carey in the meetings at Mansfield. Elder Kennedy will visit the brethren in Cincinnati next Sabbath and Sunday, January 20 and 21. We are of good courage and hopeful for the work and feel to praise the Lord for his blessings.

O. F. GUILFORD.

R. R. KENNEDY.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Thinking your readers may be interested in District No. 3, I will state that just prior to the week of prayer, I spent a week at Akron where I found Brother Granger engrossed in his work having all he could look after. I went with him to a Bible reading at Barberton where several were then interested and a recent letter tells me he has since organized a Sabbath School there and calls for help. I also visited at Ravenna and Kent, spending Sabbath and Sunday in Cleveland. Found Brother Collie's place vacant and his presence was missed. I found Brother Miller had but just arrived, but his presence at the mission was greatly appreciated

in Brother Collie's absence. The mission workers after working hard seemed happy and of good courage.

Inasmuch as I was the only minister except Brother Granger in my district I knew I could not meet with all the companies during the week of prayer. I felt it would be wise and profitable to ask some of our lay members to visit some of the churches. So I invited Brother W. S. Chapman to spend the week at Akron, Chagrin Falls and Fullertown. Brother C. T. Noble, Kirtland; Dr. Venon, Richmond; and Brother Granger the first part of the week at Alliance and the last at Akron. With this arrangement all the churches in my district but one were visited.

All reported excellent meeting so far as I heard. Brother Chapman and Dr. Venon especially were blessed.

I spent the first few days at Conneaut and I was rejoiced to see the love and zeal of this little church composed as it is of nearly all sisters. Sister Hicks, the Librarian has long been an active member of the W. C. T. U. and at the last election she was put in as President. Although a week early, we celebrated the ordinances and enjoyed a very precious season. The last part of the week was with our home church and Dr. Venon spent the last Sabbath with us.

I regretted that any company should not have help at that time but I did the best I could.

By request Brother Chapman returned to Fullertown to be with the company on quarterly meeting and he reports a most profitable time. With few exceptions, perfect harmony prevails in this district and I hope soon it will be in every case. I have attended three quarterly meetings and hope soon to visit every family in my district. I have

urged faithfulness in regard to tithes and taken some fifteen orders for periodicals.

C. P. HASKELL.

DONATIONS TO SOUTHERN FIELD DEC. 7 TO JAN. 26, 1900.

Akron.....	\$ 3 25
Alliance.....	2 20
Bowling Green.....	2 25
Bellville.....	55
Bedford.....	45
Cincinnati.....	5 00
Coshocton.....	60
Chagrin Falls.....	10 25
Columbus.....	26 58
East Liverpool.....	2 08
Gilboa.....	1 10
Green Spring.....	65
Grape Grove.....	1 00
Greensburg.....	1 60
Hamler.....	10 00
Holgate S. S.....	1 30
Individuals.....	2 00
LaGrange.....	10 43
Lima S. S.....	1 42
New Antioch.....	1 00
Nashville.....	3 70
Pemberville.....	6 13
Portage River.....	3 69
Russell S. S.....	1 80
Sherwood.....	2 00
Springfield.....	1 25
Toledo.....	2 67
Wadsworth.....	10
Wheelersburg.....	11 00
Youngstown.....	61
Total.....	\$116 66

ORPHANS' HOME JANUARY 26, 1900.

Beaver.....	\$ 1 00
Bloomington.....	1 65
Clyde.....	25
Camden.....	1 45
Columbus.....	5 15
Coshocton.....	1 82
Delta S. S.....	1 00
East Liverpool.....	25
Green Spring.....	2 03
Geneva.....	8 15
Gilboa S. S.....	2 34
Hicksville S. S.....	1 24
Individuals.....	1 04
Lima.....	3 52
Lake View.....	2 00

Leesburg.....	\$ 1 50
Mt. Vernon.....	15 76
Mansfield S. S.....	62
Newark.....	10 14
New Antioch.....	2 64
Ohio S. S. (per Ohio Ass'n).....	109 85
Piqua.....	1 04
Reedsville.....	1 00
Spencer.....	3 35
Springfield.....	3 41
Steubenville.....	25
Toledo.....	4 75
Troy.....	1 50
Tiffin S. S.....	1 66
Wadsworth.....	30
Wheelersburg.....	9 76
Wilmington S. S.....	1 21
Waterford.....	2 95
Wengerlawn.....	1 03
West Mansfield.....	1 50
Zanesville S. S.....	68
Total.....	\$207 79

E. A. MERRIAM.

Our Sabbath Schools.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN VISITOR OF DEC. 7, 1899.

5. By being punctual yourself. Open the school on time and close on time. Practice order in everything. Much depends upon the conduct of the older members of the school. Regularity depends upon the spirituality of your school. If one is not in the habit of coming regularly, when they do come make them feel welcome by your smiling countenance, and hearty hand-shake. Let them know that you are glad they are present. Let them be filled with the love of God which no man should resist.

6. This is a very difficult question in some schools. After you have chosen the best material that you have, give them some of the promises that God has given to strengthen the weak and inefficient. How He will give wisdom to the humble servant that will trust him. God will supply their needs if they will study to know themselves,

workmen approved of God, that needeth not to be ashamed.

7. "The Desire of Ages" is the best help that we can get. Study it by all means. This will help any teacher who will apply their minds.

9. Just as soon as I see a scholar whispering, I ask him a question to get his mind if possible from what they were talking about. If this is followed in love to do them good the Spirit of God will restrain them.

(b) How to prevent whispering in the class is a great difficulty that we have to contend with. I can keep the children from whispering easier than the older members. My plan is to always have a question on hand. Draw their attention from their conversation. If they persist in whispering then I would pray for them and do personal work.

10. One hour, especially if there are a number of children. Make short prayers and avoid all unnecessary talk.

Questions will be published in the next issue of the paper, those desiring information on the change of ideas through the paper, let us hear from you.

OBITUARY.

MERCER—Della May Mercer died of consumption, January 14, 1900, near Belle Center, Ohio. It was my privilege to bury this dear sister by baptism, July 28, 1899, and yesterday we laid her away asleep in Jesus. She died with a bright hope and in perfect peace. The funeral was held by the writer in the Methodist church at Bell Center, Logan county.

Thus one by one the saints fall in sleep, some with but a few month's experience, babes in Christ, others in youth and middle age and others of mature age in Christ. By these things we should be warned to be always ready.

D. E. LINDSEY.

TO THE CANVASSERS.

DEAR WORKERS:—Now that the holidays are over we can settle down to good work, and as we begin the new year, let us all try to put in full time. If each one would work five days in the week, we would see much larger reports each week than we have in the past. Cannot each one of you get one brother or sister to take up this noble work this year? By so doing we can double our force of workers. I desire very much to see at least one canvasser in each county, making eighty-eight in the state. Please report promptly and don't forget to fill all of the blank spaces in your report blanks. All those wishing new territory for the coming spring please write me at once. Let us pray for the advancement of this branch of the Lord's work this year. I remain your brother in the work. R. I. FRANCIS,

Newark, O.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder M. S. Babcock has been suffering from a very hard cold, but was better the last account.

Elders R. R. Kennedy and A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath and Sunday in Cleveland, where they expected to be joined by Elder J. W. Collie.

The recital given by Prof. Welch and pupils on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 24, was very entertaining indeed. All seemed to enjoy the hour very much.

Word has been received since the writing of this letter, stating that Elder Robinson also proved a victim of the disease; but as yet nothing has been heard concerning the condition of his wife.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald and wife have but recently finished their meetings at Linesville, Pa., and will now begin a series of meetings at Springboro, Pa. They write that the interest was fair, five taking hold of the truth; there are

others also, whom they hope to see obey in the future. Two who have started are going to move to Conneaut, so will be added to the Ohio conference.

Sabbath, January 20, was a profitable day for the Mt. Vernon church. Elder R. A. Underwood was present and delivered an excellent discourse at the morning service from Deut. 33:1-3. After the sermon, Brother Clyde Stokes, who was recently elected by the church to the office of deacon, and Sisters S. P. Flack, Effie Field, S. A. Clymer, and Anna Sheaf being elected as deaconesses, were ordained and set apart to their respective offices according to the divine instruction. Elder Wakeham gave the charge and Elder Underwood offered the prayer.

Brother J. B. Clark, in a recent communication says, "I am very thankful that so many have co-operated with me in sending papers regularly to prisoners in Florida. If there are those who wish to send old tracts and papers to prisoners in the Southern states, and to prisoners and others in Mexico, they can obtain addresses of J. B. Clark, Welsh, La., box 1. Please inclose self-addressed, stamped envelope. Of the twenty-seven states in Mexico, twenty-five have no representative of the message. While we are waiting here to earn enough money to return to Mexico, we want to do what good we can. Is not this the best time you will ever have to buy a new Bible and send the old one, prepaid, to me to give to some of the negroes and needy people in the South? An old Bible poorly bound, marked, soiled and

torn, may save a soul from being lost. Pray for us."

We quote the following from a letter dated December 27 just received from I. D. Richardson, our Ohio canvasser who went to India about two years ago: "The 21 inst. brought us the sad news from Karmatar, 165 miles from here [Calcutta] of the death of Elder F. W. Brown, who visited our Ohio camp meeting at Tiffin two years ago. Brother Brown came to India on the same ship that I did. He often remarked while coming over, that he was coming back to the people for whom he loved to labor. Feeling so much better equipped for the work with his medical education, he really rejoiced from day to day as we neared India. Elder Brown was proving a valuable worker, both in preaching the word and ministering to the sick. The cause of his death was smallpox. He was laid away under a shady tree, to await the Life giver's call. We greatly mourn his loss, but at the same time believe that God will and does work out all things to His glory. Elder D. A. Robinson and wife are also suffering from smallpox, but we trust that they may soon recover."

"The character, with all its variety of elements, is so connected together that a breakage at one part is really the breakage of the whole thing. How you resist at the point where you are weakest is the real measure of it."

"The essence of righteousness is doing the right thing, at the right time, and in the right way."

CANVASSERS' REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 21, 1900.

	No. Days	No. Hrs	Orders	Value
Pearl Stevens	10	.....	68	\$ 37 00
Jay Raymond	3½	.....	14	17 70
F. H. Henderson	2	.....	6	7 75
L. A. Holobaugh	4	.....	30	41 50
Jno. J. Merrietta	3	.....	11	14 50
Total	22½	.....	99	\$118 45

DELIVERIES:

W. E. Bidwell	38 50
Pearl Stevens	34 00
James K. White	8 25

Total.....\$ 75 75