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

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### YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

You never can tell when you send a word,

Like an arrow shot from a bow  
By an archer blind, be it cruel or kind,

Just where it will chance to go.  
It may pierce the heart of your dearest friend,

Tipped with its poison or balm;  
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart,

It may carry its pain or calm.  
You never can tell when you do an act

Just what the result will be;  
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,

Though its harvest you may not see.  
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped

In God's productive soil;  
Though you may never know, yet the tree will grow

And shelter the brows that toil.  
You never can tell what your thoughts will do

In bringing you hate or love;  
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings

Are swifter than carrier-dove.  
They follow the law of the universe,  
Each thing must create its kind,

And they speed o'er your track to bring you back  
Whatever went out of your mind.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



### HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

"Those who are united to the church should be living working agents to impart light to those who are in darkness. They should declare the truth of God, revealing His love and faithfulness. When men use their powers as God directs them to, their talents will increase, their ability will en-

large, and they will have heavenly wisdom in seeking to save those who are lost. It is only as God sees His professed people eager to be laborers together with Him, that He can impart to them light and grace; for then they will make every interest secondary to the interest of His work and cause. With such workers the heavenly intelligences will co-operate."

"God has given to every man a work to do in connection with His kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. But in whatever calling a Christian is found, he has his work to do for the Lord in representing Christ to the world. Whatever may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ."

"Do not pass by the little things and look for a large work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a large work, and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is work to be done. Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for Him. It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talents and aptitude for the work, and it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruitless and withered. This is why there are so many fruitless trees in the garden of the Lord. But let no one feel that because he is not educated he can not be expected to take part in the work. God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work."

"Angels of God will break the way before us, preparing hearts for the gospel message. The Lord Jesus is

our sufficiency in all things; His spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted; for the resources of the power of Jesus Christ are to be at our command. We may draw upon His fullness, and receive of that grace which has no limit."

The above quotations are taken from "An Appeal to Our Churches in Behalf of Home Missionary Work," written by Mrs. E. G. White, and published as No. 147 of Bible Student's Library. Price, 4 cents. This is only a small portion of the good this tract contains. We would recommend all our tract societies to procure a sufficient number to supply each member with a copy. We are sure that all will appreciate the encouragement it gives.



### TO THE BRETHREN OF DISTRICT NO. SIX.

Time, precious time is passing, in which the Lord has given us a special work to do for the relief of our school. I know your hearts are in sympathy with this work, because it is of heavenly origin and is right. But are you doing on this line what you thought you would a few weeks ago, when we visited you, and set the importance of this work before you? If not, then let me encourage you to take up the work at once. Spring, with its busy cares, will soon be upon us; so let us not procrastinate.

"Today is the day." Then let us see how many of these good books we can sell between this and the coming General Conference. Come, brethren, you who have sold what you have on hand, canvass, taking orders to be delivered in the future. Send all orders for books to E. A. Merriam, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He is busy now filling orders, but is not complaining. So give him more to do.

This is the Lord's work and let us be faithful in it.

R. A. BOARDMAN.



## Our Sabbath Schools.

### CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

In order to do the will of God, we must search His Word, that We may know His doctrine, and put to the task all our intrusted ability. We must be diligent in prayer, and fervent in simple, whole-hearted service to God. Those who are engaged as teachers in the Sabbath-school should hunger and thirst for divine truth, that they may impart this spirit to those under their care, and lead their pupils to seek for truth as for hidden treasure. We do not want our Sabbath-schools conducted in such a way as to make hypocrites of the pupils; for such can not advance the interests of true religion. Then let there be more attention given to seeking God, that the Spirit of the Lord may be in your school, than that you may have every mechanical arrangement you may desire. High pretensions of any kind are out of place in the Sabbath-school work, and the mechanical working of the school is of little value if the Spirit of God does not soften and mould the hearts of the teachers and pupils.

Let not the teacher in Sabbath-school follow the example of those who do not grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, even though those who minister in the sacred desk have given them such an example. He who would be accepted as a laborer together with God must not be found imitating the tone, manners, or ideas of any other man. He must learn of God, and be endowed with heavenly wisdom. God has given the gift of reason and intellect to one worker the same as He has to another; and according to your ability you are to put your talents out to the exchange. The Lord would not have any worker the mere shadow of another whom he admires. The teacher must grow up into the measure of the stature of Christ, not to the measure of some finite erring mortal. Your are to "grow in grace," and where is grace to be found?—Only in Christ, the divine Pattern.

Then let every one look to Christ and copy the divine Model. Let every worker tax his powers to the utmost to work in harmony with the

plan of God. Let him learn in the school of Christ, that he may be wise in instructing others. Those who are committed to the care of the teacher in the Sabbath-school will need the wisdom and experience that God can give to the follower of Christ. Let the teacher learn of Christ's meekness and lowliness of heart, that he may be a true teacher, and win his pupils to Christ, that they, in turn, may become faithful missionaries in the great harvest-field.—S. S. W., October, 1892.



### REPORT OF S. S. ASSOCIATION

For the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1900.

No. of schools .....	107
Present membership .....	1903
Average attendance .....	1492
No. of classes .....	319
Total contributions .....	\$434.89
Donations for orphans .....	\$36.26

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

Cash on hand at the beginning of quarter .....	\$117.22
Tithes received from schools.	44.86
Donations from schools for needy mission fields .....	189.97
Received from other sources.	2.90
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$354.95</b>

### PAID OUT.

Sent Int. Assn. for needy mission fields .....	\$189.97
Sent Int. Assn. tithe from State Assn. ....	4.49
Total sent Int. Assn. ....	\$194.46
Paid out for postage and other expenses .....	\$ 17.25
Total paid out .....	\$211.71
Cash on hand at close of quarter .....	\$143.24

CLARA V. RADABAUGH,  
Sec.



### "FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY."

It was Lord Bacon who termed a nation's lawmakers her "perpetual rulers," because, as he affirmed, they ruled the land in the laws which they enacted long after they themselves were dead. Has it not often occurred to the reader that this very important class of men are sadly and strangely neglected by those who are charged with the duty of giving the great three-fold message to every creature? The apostle exhorts that supplica-

tions, prayers, etc., "be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority (or eminent place—margin) 1st Tim. 2:2.

It is interesting and instructive to recall in this connection a declaration found on page 610 of "Great Controversy," from which we quote the following:

"While many of our rulers are active agents of Satan, God also has His agents among the leading men of the nation. The enemy moves upon his agents to propose measures that would greatly impede the work of God, but statesmen who fear the Lord are influenced by holy angels to oppose such propositions with unanswerable arguments. Thus a few men will hold in check a powerful current of evil. The opposition of the enemies of truth will be restrained that the third angel's message may do its work. When the final warning shall be given it will arrest the attention of these men through whom the Lord is working, and some of them will accept it, and will stand with the people of God through the time of trouble."

While we view with sadness and regret the tendency on the part of our lawmakers toward evil legislation, let us think often and gratefully upon the fact that the "restraining influence of the Holy Spirit" is felt by these men as well as by us. Let it also inspire us with hope and with energy to diligently undertake persistent and well directed effort in behalf of these men in view of the assurance that "God has His agents among the leading men of the nation," and that some of them will ultimately accept the final warning. Let us faithfully labor and pray to this end.

H. E. OSBORNE,  
Sec'y I. R. L. Ass'n.

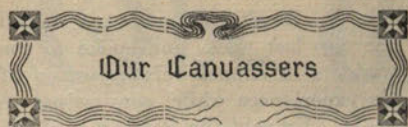


Never lay too great stress upon your own usefulness, or perhaps God may show you that He can do without you.

All growth comes from within. We do not take on virtues as we put on clothes. Outward graces are but the manifestation of the inward spirit.

What you do every day is a promise of what you may do some day. The crowning act will not differ much, except in degree, from the habitual act.





Our Canvassers

TO OHIO CANVASSERS.

There is to be a two-weeks' Canvassers' Institute held at the Mt. Vernon Academy, beginning on Tuesday, April 30, and continuing to and including May 14, 1901.

You are all invited to be in attendance at this Institute, and take part in giving and receiving instruction in the science of canvassing.

There will be present men and women of experience in canvassing, who will come prepared to teach others how to tell the interesting features of our different subscription books. All the different lines of successful book-selling will be considered.

The faculty of the Academy has kindly consented to give special instruction in each of the following subjects: Reading, language, keeping accounts, hygiene and simple treatments. A special chorus class will be conducted for the benefit of those in attendance, if desired. Arrangements will be made for all to get the benefit of the Bible studies.

We expect an attendance of at least seventy-five. This will be the most important canvassing class ever assembled in Ohio. Coming as it does at the close of the General Conference, and there being present those who shall have received the benefit of the special teaching for this time, and fitting ourselves to enter upon the summer's campaign with the students from the Academy, and the members of its faculty, together with the conference laborers and canvassers now in the field, what else may we expect but that this will be the beginning of more than we can now imagine?

Board and room can be had at \$2.50 per week. We want the old and young, men and women. Even the children should have a part.

A. G. HAUGHEY.



"Goodness is more than innocence; it is active opposition to evil."

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

Daniel and Revelation.....	1
Christ's Object Lessons, delivered	4
Best Stories .....	31
Heralds of the Morning .....	5
Power for Witnessing .....	4
Marshaling of Nations .....	40
Fathers of Catholic Church .....	1
Bibles .....	2

L. D. GALLION.

Coming King, orders .....	17
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J. E. OSBORNE.

Christ's Object Lessons, delivered	3
Christ's Object Lessons, orders...	2

IDA M. WALTERS.

Coming King .....	32
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GEO. W. SPIES.

Christ's Object Lessons, delivered	2
Christ's Object Lessons, orders....	2
Steps to Christ, delivered.....	1
Gospel Primer, delivered .....	3
Best Stories, delivered .....	15
Best Stories, orders .....	13

JAMES A. PARKER.

Easy Steps.....	7
Object Lessons .....	5
My Mother's Life.....	1
Power for Witnessing .....	1
Steps to Christ .....	2
Best Stories .....	89
Total value .....	\$64.20

A. L. PHILLBRICK.

Steps to Christ, delivered .....	3
Steps to Christ, orders.....	5
Christ Our Saviour, delivered....	3
Bible Dictionary, order .....	1
Gospel Primer, delivered .....	18
Gospel Primer, orders .....	9
Best Stories, delivered .....	8
Best Stories, orders .....	2
Coming King, delivered .....	18
Coming King, orders .....	25
Bibles, delivered .....	1
Bibles, orders .....	4
Mt. of Blessing, delivered.....	1
Making Home Happy, delivered..	2
Glorious appearing, delivered ...	1
Pages of Tracts.....	1860

W. E. BIDWELL.

REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

Calls made .....	239
Bible readings held .....	8
Papers given away .....	17
Pages of tracts given away.....	326
Cash sales .....	\$43.24
Orders .....	\$62.30
Delivered .....	\$43.10

W. E. BIDWELL.

DO YOUR BEST.

Tho' sun may shine, or clouds arise;  
 Tho' laughter turn to tears and sighs;  
 Oh answer nobly to each test;  
 What'er betide, still do your best.  
 With courage hold your steady pace;  
 Ne'er falter in the earnest race;  
 Still nourish in your dauntless breast  
 The flame of hope, and do your best.  
 The clouds will break, the sun will shine,  
 The bow of promise is divine.  
 In cloud or shine, what'er the test,  
 Press on, press on, and do your best.  
 —Selected by John E. Deamer for the Canvassers.



S. S. CONVENTION.

A Sabbath-school convention will be held at Mt. Vernon, Sabbath, Mar. 23, 1901.

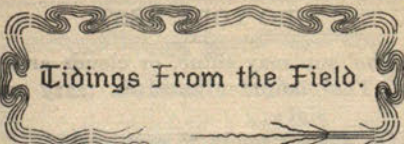


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Akron .....	\$ 6.00
Alliance .....	10.20
Beaver .....	8.20
Camden .....	11.75
Cincinnati .....	18.42
Cleveland .....	193.65
Clyde .....	4.89
Columbus .....	68.49
Corsica .....	14.73
Dayton .....	41.71
Elgin .....	25
Gilboa .....	13.00
Green Spring.....	5.00
Killbuck .....	6.00
Locust Point.....	50.00
Liberty Center.....	13.82
Marion .....	34.35
Meigs .....	11.47
Marshfield .....	121.00
Mt. Vernon.....	187.20
Nashville .....	5.00
Newark .....	15.59
Norwalk .....	4.10
Pemberville .....	11.75
Springfield .....	19.21
Spencer .....	5.10
Toledo .....	585.59
Troy .....	2.50
Wheelersburg .....	5.81
Wadsworth .....	1.50
Yellow Springs .....	5.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers..	60.66
Total .....	\$1,541.94

A. A. LAUDER, Treas.,





## Tidings From the Field.

DAYTON—Since my last report to the Welcome Visitor, besides my pastoral duties and other labor in Dayton, I spent nearly two weeks, January 11 to 24, in a series of meetings with Elder Chas. A. Smith, at New Antioch. Because of old age, bodily infirmities and the scattered condition of our people, but few of them could attend regularly. The outside attendance was good, composed largely of younger people, paying attention to the word spoken. Elder Smith continued the meeting. I went to Wengerlawn for Sabbath and Sunday the 26th and 27th. The Lord gave freedom in His truth. Of His word the Lord says, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isa. 55:11.

February 11th I was called to Cincinnati on the funeral occasion of Sister Flora Bell Schuster, whose sickness was brief. Her every day life had been an example of piety and godliness. She had been raised a Catholic. In the study of the Bible more than a year ago, she began to keep God's holy Sabbath, and walk out in every ray of light as fast as she saw it. She intended to unite with the S. D. A. church soon. We believe she sleeps in Jesus.

ELDER J. G. WOOD.

RUSHYLVANIA, Logan Co.—We came to this place Feb. 25, and opened meetings Feb. 26, in a little country church two miles east of the village, with a fair attendance, and last evening (Sunday), the house was nearly full. We are of good courage in the Lord.

Our address until further notice, will be as above.

Remember us and the work in this place in your prayers.

R. A. BOARDMAN.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.



TEN CENTS PER WEEK PLAN.

On account of the pressing demand for means to carry forward our work in "regions beyond," those to whom the Lord has given the general oversight of this work, made a call

upon us to give as much as ten cents per week toward the support of the missionary work. I do not know how many in Ohio are giving this amount, but I do know that a great many are not giving a sum equal to ten cents per week. Should you not take hold of this plan at once? May we all be blessed by giving.

Some months ago, an appeal in behalf of the work in Scandinavia was sent out to all of our churches. In this appeal was made known the needs of this field, also the plans for securing the means of relief. One of those plans was to get all of our church members to adopt the ten cent a week plan.

We very much desire to see each member of the Ohio Conference growing in grace and in favor with God, also keeping pace with the forward movements of the message; and as Ohio is one of the leading states of the Union, we should be among those leading out in this ten cent a week plan; thus helping to publish the glad tidings of salvation.

Much more might be accomplished in other lands had we the men and means at command. The Lord knew all about this long ago, and we know He has the men in training, and the means can be had. Brethren throughout the Ohio Conference we call upon you to accept the plan of giving ten cents per week toward the support of the missionary work. Give this amount to your church librarian, or send it to E. A. Merriam, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, stating what it is for.

Ohio is now supporting one laborer in "other lands," and it may not be long till she will have many more; so let us learn now to think of those outside of the home land.

Success is ahead of us in all lines of the work, as the message of warning will soon close and the harvest gathering of souls will soon be made visible to all of the universe of God. Do you not want a part then? Had you not better have a part now, and thus make sure of a part then?

A. G. HAUGHEY.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Several from this place are planning to attend the General Conference.

I. D. Richardson gave us a call one day last week, and spoke to the students in chapel, relating some of his experiences while canvassing in India. He said the greatest problem was not to learn the language, but to be able to convince the Mohammedan that Jesus Christ is better than Mohammed.

Mrs. Phebe Harding of Marion was visiting her daughter, who is here in school, last week, and also her sister, Mrs. S. P. Flack, and family, and taking a much needed rest.

Elder E. J. Van Horn writes that they have baptism every Sabbath. Twenty-eight have united with the Cleveland church recently.

The Lighthouse Medical Mission at 120 South St. Clair street, Toledo, Ohio, is now prepared to give rational treatment to a limited number whom the Branch Sanitarium Treatment Rooms in this city and the Cleveland Sanitarium may not be able to serve at prices necessary, or for other reasons.

Dr. H. F. Rand of the Battle Creek Sanitarium will be present every two weeks to examine patients and prescribe treatments.

Write first for terms, etc., stating your case clearly and your need.

Address the Mission as above.

A recent letter from Elder S. G. Haughey, dated Feb. 28, says: "I write you from the London office. We are having a meeting of the laborers in this field before Brethren Prescott and Waggoner start to America to attend the General Conference. We have had a good meeting, and today the Spirit of the Lord came in with such a softening, subduing influence that all were melted to tears, and I believe all return to their respective fields greatly benefitted by their stay here.

We had a visit in Birmingham a short time ago from Elder O. A. Olsen. It seemed good, after almost two years, to meet this faithful servant of God again.

Before coming to this city to attend the meeting for laborers, we organized a church of fifty-one members in Birmingham. We have yet a good, healthy interest, and we expect to pitch a tent there again this season.

I do enjoy my work so much here in England. Every where souls are hungering for the truth, and we need laborers so much."