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"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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ROME

The students of the Mount Vernon College recently had the good fortune of listening to a missionary lecture of the most absorbing interest on the country of Italy and its venerable capital, Rome. It was given by Elder E. R. Palmer, who, having visited the land of the popes, presented the subject with a vividness and flavor of reality possible only to such as have had personal contact with the many scenes and features of this somber city of this historic land. Hardly more than the merest sketch of what was presented will be attempted here; and details, although highly interesting, must be largely excluded.

The Alps were crossed by means of the St. Gotthard tunnel; the Alps, over which great armies had passed, and momentous political struggles had been waged, are now the scene of a marvelous feat in engineering—the construction of this tunnel being one of the greatest mathematical triumphs of modern times. It is nine and one-half miles through, and required ten years in building; the two companies of workmen, who had begun operations on either side meeting in the center without so much as a half of a foot miscalculation, while seven thousand feet of mountain still towered above them.

From the standpoint of history, there is not to be found in all the world a spot of more genuine interest than the city of Rome. Here the hoary landmarks of antiquity and the most progressive appliances of to-day exist side by side and strangely commingle one with the other; the ancient and modern meet; an electric street car of the most approved type will briskly glide in and out among the monuments of the Cæsars. Here, too, the greatest sculptors, painters, and architects have wrought, and left masterpiece after masterpiece to the wondering eyes of later generations.

Here is the seat of the papacy that ecclesiastical giant that exercised such a controlling influence over the affairs of men and nations since the downfall of imperial Rome. The temporal power—in the form of papal states—is gone, but the same spirit remains as formerly. The world being considered

the rightful province of the Roman pontiff, it is represented by three small tracts of ground occupied by buildings and gardens, which, it is claimed, the pope never leaves. If he does so at all, it is purely incognito. St. Peters, St. John the Lateran, and St. Paul outside the wall form the bounds of this self-constituted prisoner, the representative of God on earth. The Italian government and the papacy are distinct and separate in their functions, neither one being subservient to the other.

The renowned St. Peters stands as a great and impressive memorial to the genius of Michael Angelo—sculptor, artist, and builder combined. Its rich interior adornment and its deceptive distances are familiar to the civilized world. To build and beautify it required some fifty millions of dollars. The Vatican has 1,100 rooms, besides 200 that are underground. Untold numbers of people—not a few of whom were prominent but disaffected church dignitaries—have entered into these apartments never again to see the light of day nor the faces of their friends. Could these walls speak, they might tell innumerable sad stories of shameful intolerance.

Here we have the famous Cistine Chapel, and Michael Angelo's masterpiece, "The Judgment." In the pope's bed chamber is yet another specimen of his workmanship known as "Brotherly Love," two donkeys in cardinals' attire. These magnificent buildings with all their exquisite paintings and frescoes, exhibit the best talent of the renaissance. The great artist-architects Raphael, Michael Angelo and others, continue to live on in the memory of men because of their faultless execution.

How vividly is one made to realize the blind sway of the Medieval Church over the consciences of men, as he views the solid bronze statue of St. Peter with the toes of one foot worn off by the lips of myriad pilgrims. This sacred figure was originally a statue of Jupiter at Athens, being carried to Rome, and by the pope's blessing made to commemorate the Apostle Peter.

Nor can it be said that this is the only instance where something pagan has been Christianized by this myste-

rious legerdemain. The Coliseum, or Flavian amphitheater, is the greatest ruins of Rome. Beyond this is Nero's palace, where it is said he calmly viewed the city in flames. In turn come the spring, where it is fabled the wolf found Romulus and Remus; the Appian Way, with its carefully laid pavement—the Apostle Paul's footprints are to be observed in the stones, and the spring is pointed out in the prison where he baptized (sprinkled) his fellow prisoners.

Nothing of greater interest is to be seen than the catacombs of St. Colixtus. Descending about 100 feet by the light of a small candle, the tunnel is found to be three to five feet wide, and from seven to thirty feet high. The length is forty-two miles, and excavations along the sides are for burial purposes. Whatever the origin of this underground gallery, it served capably as an asylum for the early Christians.

Obligations should be acknowledged to Miss Chialini, of Rome, for many facts regarding points of interest ordinarily difficult to obtain. Sister Chialini is the daughter of one of the officers who served on the staff of General Garibaldi; she is a linguist, an excellent translator, and a staunch Sabbath-keeper.

There is in Italy, as there is becoming to be in all countries, an open door for missionary work. The Third Angel's Message is now in process of being heralded to every zone from the Arctic Circle to that of the Antarctic.

Dear young people, throw off the state of inactivity, and set a mark for yourselves. Yea, choose a field. Then a certain definiteness may characterize your endeavor.

NO TIME TO LOOSE

'Tis not for man to trifle! Life is brief,
And sin is here.
Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
A dropping tear.
We have no time to sport away the hours,
All must be earnest in a world like ours.

Not many lives, but only one have we,
One! only one,
How sacred should that one life ever be,
That narrow span!
Day after day filled up with blessed toil,
Hour after hour still bringing in new spoil.

VIRGINIA ITEMS

Brother Luther Overstreet is now working at Luray and reports that he is of good courage and his heart is in the Master's work.

When we read "the lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done is being neglected," our hearts should burn within us for our slowness of heart to believe all that the prophets have told us. Come! brother and sister, respond to the call, and we can then go over and take the goodly land.

We would call your attention to a testimony from "Manual for Canvassers," p. 12, "When men realize the times in which we are living, they will work as in the sight of heaven. The canvasser will handle those books that bring light and strength to the soul. He will drink in the spirit of those books, and will put his whole soul into the work of presenting them to the people." May the spirit of the message move our hearts to respond to the call for laborers, by saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

We are glad to welcome several who, in times past, canvassed into the work again. May the message that the work in the South will close up

first move the hearts of many to enter the Master's service now while we have such a favorable time to work. The summer months are about here, and everywhere there seems to be a breathing in the air of momentous events about to happen. Shall not God's people move forward as an army of soldiers and attract the attention of the multitudes to the last message of mercy that is to be given to the world. I know that every one that loves the Lord is anxious that the work shall be finished quickly, but many do not know how they can help to accomplish this work.

Brother Clarence Hennage has returned to his home anxious to give the Message to his former neighbors. He will canvass them for our literature as he visits among them. While he was on the boat going home, he interested a lady in one of our books, and while thus engaged a gentleman stepped up and entered into conversation with him about the Catholics. Clarence answered him from the Bible and history just what the papacy should be and what it has been. The man was very much exercised as he showed by going away and returning several times. When Clarence was about to leave the boat he came back to him and handed him the money for

one of the books and told him that he was going to read it.

We were pleased to hear from Sister Annie Rice that she is having some very rich experiences with her readers. One of them recently asked her if she was a Seventh-day Adventist, and when she told her that she was, she requested readings on the Sabbath, and after having studied the subject she could not break the Sabbath any more. Later on she was asked by one of her former church associates why she had not been attending her church lately, the lady informed her that she had found that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and that she was seriously thinking of uniting with its observers. This was met by the remark that she could prove by fourteen passages in the Bible that Sunday was the right day to keep. When asked for the texts, she said, "O, well, if you are muddled up with those Adventists, there is no use bothering with you."

W. H. ZEIDLER.

"Reverend" is found but once in the Bible, and belongs to God alone.

Castles in the air may be beautiful to dream about, but when men want homes they call for stone and lumber.

Report of Virginia Conference Treasurer—First Quarter, 1908—January 1 to March 1

CHURCHES	TITHES	FIRST DAY OFFERINGS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	S. S. OFFERINGS	COL. WORK IN SOUTH	\$150,000 FUND	ANNUAL OFFERING	VOLLEY SCHOOL	RICHMOND CH. DON.	MOST NEEDY FOR MISS. FIELD	REL. LIB. WORK
Arlington.....	\$ 54.69		\$.60	\$ 1.47	\$ 2.80		\$ 17.70				
Alexandria No. 1.....	53.37	\$ 2.30		4.60			8.50				
Alexandria No. 2.....	21.90		4.35	1.43							
Cardwell Comp.....											
Claremont.....	35.62		.53								
Danville.....	14.00										
Farnham.....	72.00	2.50		.42			2.40				
Hebron.....	28.02			.98	1.00		2.96				
Individual.....	13.60										
Lynchburg.....	44.91		3.35	6.34			7.00				
Lowry.....	106.06		2.00							\$58.05	
Mount Williams.....	10.10						1.35				
Newport News No. 1.....	114.00	1.11	6.13			\$12.00	8.75				
Newport News No. 2.....	30.25		.99	2.67			4.91				
News Ferry.....	6.19		.61								
Norfolk.....	43.69										
Naruna.....	.75			.79			3.30				
Portsmouth.....	151.82	4.00	.60	12.92	2.00		29.15				\$ 8.70
Quickburg.....	120.84	2.60				6.00	33.75				
Richmond No. 1.....	221.69	6.78	14.30	14.99		7.00	10.07	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		
Richmond No. 2.....	3.50										
Roanoke.....	16.25			4.43			6.18				
Stanleyton.....	52.88		10.00								
Spencer.....	5.42						1.27				
State S. S. Sec.....				8.42							
	\$ 1,221.55	\$19.29	\$43.46	\$59.46	\$ 5.80	\$25.00	\$ 137.29	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$58.05	\$ 8.70

O. F. DART, Treas., 1300 N. 28 th. St., Richmond, Va.

"JESUS LOVES ME"

In the crowded railway train,
Dimpled cheek against the pane,
Sang a baby, soft and low,
"Desus loves me, 'iss I know."

Then, unconscious, clear and strong,
"Little ones to him belong,"
Rose the dear voice at our side;
"Desus loves me, he who died."

Hushed the hum of voices near,
Hoary heads bent low to hear,
"Desus loves me, 'iss I know,
For der Bible tells me so."
So, 'mid silence, tearful, deep,
Baby sang herself to sleep.

But the darling never knew
How the message, sweet and true,
Raised one heart from dull despair,
To the Love that lightens care

—Selected.

THE CHRIST CHILD

Christ is our example. He was subject to all the conflicts which we have to meet, that he might be an example to us in childhood, youth, and manhood. Many dwell with interest upon the period of his public ministry, while they pass unnoticed his early years. But it is in his home life that he is an example to children and youth.

"His quiet and simple life, and even the silence of the Scriptures concerning his early years teach an important lesson. The more quiet and simple the life of a child, the more free from artificial excitement, and the more in harmony with nature, the more favorable is it to the physical and mental vigor and spiritual strength."

Only a humble peasant lad, living in a little, obscure, and despised mountain village, the very name of which was used as a symbol of wickedness, yet he is the only sinless one who has ever lived in this world. Jesus lived in a peasant's home and faithfully and cheerfully acted his part in bearing the burdens of the household. The parents of Jesus were poor, and dependent upon their daily toil. He was familiar with poverty, self-denial, and privation. In his industrious life there were no idle moments to invite temptation. No aimless hours opened the way for corrupting associations.

His mother was his first human teacher. From her lips and from the rolls of the prophets he learned of heavenly things. His early years were given to the study of God's word. His leisure moments were spent in the fields and groves. Apart

from the unholy ways of the world, he gathered stores of scientific knowledge from nature. He studied the life of plants and animals, and the life of man. He was constantly growing in spiritual grace and knowledge of the truth. At that time men were departing from the word of God and exalting theories of their own invention. For this reason Jesus did not attend the popular schools of the rabbis. Yet, though he had not received instruction from the wise men, they could not but see that he was an instructor to them. They recognized that his education was of a higher type than their own, although they were ignorant of its source.

How precious the promise given through the Spirit of prophecy should be to every parent, that "every child may gain knowledge as Jesus did."

He who once said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," is the same Saviour to-day. He views the dangers that surround them, and pleads with his people to arouse to their responsibilities. We know that the world is full of wickedness. God wishes his people to gather their children away from its influence, and place them in schools where they may receive a true education,—one that will fit them for his service.

It is only a little while until the Saviour will come again. Let us strive to follow his instructions, that when he does come we may meet him with joy, bringing with us the little ones he has entrusted to our care.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

Cleveland, O.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: Thinking the readers of the VISITOR would be interested in hearing from Cleveland, I will write a few lines. It is quite evident that the line is being drawn between those who love the truth and those who are against it. The opposition is becoming more bitter every week on the part of those who have not received "the love of the truth," but it cheers our hearts to see how eager many poor souls are to learn the Message for these last days.

Last Sabbath it was our privilege to accept into the Cleveland church twenty-four members,—nineteen on profession of faith and five by letter. A number of others are deeply interested, and some have this week made request for baptism. May the work in this city be remembered in your prayers. Yours in the Master's service,

R. G. PATTERSON.

Delaware, O.

Dear VISITOR: For reasons unnecessary to mention, our second quarterly meeting for the present year was not held until April 25. We are glad to say however, in spite of the rain the attendance was very good.

As we performed the appointed preparation for the sacramental service, the subduing grace of Christ came into our souls and drew our hearts together in a blessed unity, and prepared us to receive the communion of his body and his blood.

As we gathered about the communion table bearing the emblems Christ employed to represent his own unblemished sacrifice—tokens of the precious blood of the everlasting covenant—we were made to rejoice in the blessed promise, "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." In faith we looked forward to the time when the token will cease, and in the kingdom of our Father we shall realize the fulfilment of all embraced in the everlasting covenant.

All expressed courage amid the trials that are inevitable to those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

Say a little prayer betimes in behalf of the work at Delaware. Yours in the love of the fast closing Message,

ISAIAH H. AMORE, *Church Elder.*

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A bill for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia has lately been introduced by Senator Johnston of Alabama. A hearing before the Senate Committee has already been given, and although all such measures have been strongly and reasonably protested against by our brethren at Washington, the Sunday bill was favorably reported by the Senate Committee. This brings the bill before the Senate to be acted upon by all the senators, and doubtless this action will not be long delayed. The enemy is quick to follow up every advantage and this advance step may be soon followed by the other. This bill has already gone farther than any Sunday bill which has yet been before Congress. This should mean earnest effort on the part of every one opposed to the union of church and state. It is now the privilege of every lover of religious liberty to write earnest letters of protest to the senators, remonstrating against the passing of this bill or any other measure tending

toward the enforcing of religious observances.

While these things indicate to the observing mind that we may be very near the realization of the dark picture drawn by the inspired writer, would it not be well for every one to consider very carefully the efforts so skilfully made to relieve this government of its boasted horns of liberty. For years persistent effort has been made to lead this nation to commit itself to a course of religious legislation. It is the Master's gospel that will enable man to see not only the inconsistency, but the danger of this course. Upon the gospel principles of liberty of conscience this nation was established, and they have for a long time served as sharp, defensive horns against Catholic and misdirected Protestant encroachment. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." In recognition of this principle in 1797, this nation, in making a treaty of peace and friendship with the people of Tripoli, said, "The government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion." This was why this nation could at that time act as friendly and justly toward that Mohammedan nation as toward any Christian nation. It was doubtless in recognition of this principle, that heathen Japan and Greek Catholic Russia felt this to be a very desirable place to meet for the settlement of their late differences.

In 1829 when so many churches in their mistaken zeal besought Congress to stop the carrying of the mails upon the first day of the week, that honorable body held firmly the true principle, and replied, "It is not the legitimate province of the legislature to determine what religion is true or what false. Our government is a civil, and not a religious institution."

That is right, and with religious observances it should have nothing to do. A few years ago the Supreme Court of California gave an interesting decision upon this point as follows, "Now when we come to inquire what reason can be given for the claim of power to enact a Sunday law, . . . the truth is, however much it may be disguised, that this one day of rest is a purely religious idea. Derived from the Sabbatical institutions of the ancient Hebrew, it has been adopted into all the creeds of succeeding religious sects throughout the civilized world; and whether it be the Friday of the Mohammedan, the Saturday of the Israelite, or the Sunday of the Christian, it is alike

fixed in the affections of its followers, beyond the power of eradication; and in most of the States of our confederacy, the aid of the law to enforce its observance has been given, under the pretense of a civil, municipal, or police regulation. If it be true that the Constitution intended to secure entire religious freedom to all, without regard to the fact whether they were believers or unbelievers, then it follows that the legislature could not create and enforce any merely religious observance whatever." These are true principles, and we will all do well to keep them in mind when the dark clouds of religious intolerance are hovering over us.

A. C. SHANNON.

Toledo, O.

NEW JERSEY ITEMS

Elder G. W. Spies and wife were in charge of the home during the Institute and their help was greatly appreciated. Brother J. H. Carroll was also present, and his labors were also greatly appreciated.

As we have not succeeded in obtaining a permanent State agent for our field, we have been very grateful for the assistance which Brother G. W. Clark, of the Chesapeake Conference, is rendering us for a few days in helping our canvassers get started, and he reports some very interesting and blessed experiences. Surely the Lord is going out before those who are willing to sacrifice their own pleasure for the sake of spreading the Third Angel's Message.

On Sunday, April 26, 1908, at Trenton, Brother Eugene L. McKeen and Sister Florence Burnett of Newark, were united in marriage, the writer officiating. Having thus surprised their friends who were in attendance at the Institute, they were in turn surprised by a few of their friends on the following evening to help them get started. Brother and Sister McKeen are both entering heartily into the canvassing work, and the best wishes of their many friends will go with them.

Sabbath, April 25, baptism was administered by the writer to nine willing souls, eight of whom united with the Trenton church. Six of the candidates were members of one family. Another had been a pronounced atheist. He borrowed "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation" for the purpose of combating its teaching. But the prophetic truths burned their way into his soul, and needless to say he is now

engaged in pushing the sale of the book that brought him the truth.

Last week the writer was called from the Institute to attend a portion of the sessions of the General Conference Committee at Washington, D. C. This privilege was very much appreciated as the spirit of missionary zeal and earnestness manifested there was inspiring. It was my privilege on this trip to talk with a number of students from this State who are taking the course in the Foreign Missionary Seminary and Sanitarium. Some of these are planning to be back with us this summer in the canvassing work.

The Canvassers' Institute which has just closed will long be remembered as a season of great blessing by those who attended. Nearly all came at the beginning and stayed until the close. Four different books were studied, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," "Heralds of the Morning," and "Coming King." The class in "Great Controversy" was the largest; and from the way these workers are starting out, we feel sure that many copies of this most valuable book will be placed in the hands of the people of this State during the coming season. The other classes, though smaller, were just as enthusiastic. Those in attendance at the Institute have gone out to the following fields:—

Sisters Julia W. Janssen and Annie Hugg, Paterson.

Sisters L. B. Haynes and Sadie Winter, Newark.

Brother William Duenke, Little Falls.

Brother Frank Creanzo, Jersey City.

Brother and Sister McKeen, Trenton.

Brother George Blinn, Mercer County.

Brother Samuel A. Paul, Gloucester County.

Brother D. P. Boersma, Camden County.

C. L. Woodward, Atlantic County.

Brother D. W. Percy, and Brother George Taylor, Cape May County.

These with the other canvassers already in the field will make us a corps of workers who, with the blessing of the Lord, will certainly do much toward getting our literature in the hands of the people during the summer.

B. F. KNEELAND.

We may construct beautiful allegories about the hereafter, but when we come to die, we want to pillow our heads upon truth. Ps. 19:1, 4.

"IT WON'T STICK"

A gentleman walked into a cobbler's shop and asked that a patch be put on his shoe, which was breaking out at the side. The shoemaker looked at the shoe and said: "I can put a patch on, but it won't stick. The shoe is made of Cordovan and the glue will not adhere readily to it."

How often we hear the expression, "*won't stick*." Some one says: "O yes, so-and-so is a nice young man, he has excellent qualities, would make a grand worker—but he '*won't stick*.'"

Too often this is said of our canvassers. They start out fresh from an institute, full of courage and enthusiasm, and the Lord seems very near and his work exceedingly dear to them. Then comes a period of trial—rainy days, opposition, disappointment—which is followed by discouragement. Next, their weekly report, instead of showing full forty hours, dwindles down to twenty or twenty-five. Then we hear something like this; "I am not fitted for the canvassing work," "I don't believe the Lord intended me for this work," "I can't make a living." So they leave God's work for a secular position.

Discouragement is the worst disease which can get hold of anyone. It is not only disastrous to the individual who allows it to get possession of him, but it is also highly contagious. Many are watching the efforts of others, and their success or lack of success will have a great influence over others.

When you feel the symptoms of discouragement, start abortive treatment at once. Treatment:—A daily study of God's promises found in the Scriptures, making a *personal* application of each one; a careful reading of the messages sent you in "Canvasser's Manual"; and prayer, according to the instruction found in the first chapter of James. "Be filled with the Spirit."

There is not one "*won't stick*" promise in the Bible. There is not one "*won't stick*" quality in the work of God. In Christ Jesus we have a friend "that sticketh closer than a brother," and he has said, "Go . . .," and "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

The Bible holds out every inducement to those who will remain steadfast (*stick*). Christ is coming to receive a "sticktoitive" people. He will award a crown to those who have continued faithful to their work. "Hold fast that no man take thy crown." Stick to your work. If you have been one of the "*won't stickers*," turn over a new leaf and keep it clean from the start.

"There is to be no despondency in God's service. Our faith is to endure the pressure brought to bear upon it. God is able and willing to bestow upon his servants all the strength they need. He will more than fulfil the highest expectations of those who put their

trust in him. He will give them the wisdom that their varied necessities demand."—"Testimonies," vol. 8, p. 11.

Incentive and strength are both supplied; why shouldn't we make a success? S. WILBUR CURTISS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending April 24, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. T. Weeks, Youngstown,		G C	5	36	4	\$10.00	\$ 2.50	\$12.50	
R. S. Lindsay, Licking Co.,		D A	3	25	7	24.50	5.20	29.70	\$1.05
E. M. Horst, Wayne Co.,		G C	10	82	5	12.50	27.45	39.95	
C. VanGorder, Youngstown,		D R	5	38	11	28.50	8.00	36.50	
C. S. Pember, Wood Co.,		D R	5	35	9	22.50		22.50	
R. French, Ottawa Co.,		C K	4	35	11	12.00	2 75	14.75	41.50
C. Fritz, Highland Co.,		C K	5	40	31	32.00	3.00	35.00	
E. J. C. Sharp, Pike Co.,		B F	3	22	20	20.00		20.00	
Totals			40	313	88	\$162.00	\$48.90	\$210.90	\$42.55

Eastern Pennsylvania, Three Weeks Ending April 10, 1908

R. Spangenberg, Lackawana,	C O L	12	67	66	\$82.50	\$ 2.45	\$84.95		
Elsie Sivingale, Northampton,	C O L	13	86	48	60.00		60.00		
Bessie Donachy, "	C K	13	68	46	48.50	3.00	51.50	\$.50	
Wm. Seigle, Lycoming,	C K	15	118	53	61.50	15.45	76.95	31.45	
G. Seigle, "	C K	5	50	22	25.00	2.25	27.25		
N. Bigart, Lackawana,	H M	13	52	33	57.75	1.00	58.75		
Walter Garret, "	H M	13	77	57	99.75		99.75		
Walter Houck, "	H M	9	63	47	118.00	.75	118.75	19.00	
Harry Gerhard, Hatfield,	D R	12	89	18	43.00		43.00	54.50	
H. J. Detwiler, York,	D R	15	134	75	138.50	1.40	139.90	3.50	
A. S. Miller, York,	D R	9	85	37	91.50	2.00	93.50		
Totals,			129	879	502	\$826.00	\$28.30	\$854.30	\$108.95

New Jersey, Week Ending April 24, 1908

William Ambs,	G C	5	42	27	\$73.00		\$73.00	
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Virginia, Week Ending April 24, 1908

L. Overstreet, Stanleyton,	C K	39	25	\$27.50	\$ 3.50	\$31.00	\$3.15
Mrs. M. Zeidler, Richmond,	C K	11	4	4.50	13.25	17.75	
Clara Pease, Richmond,	C K	8	7	7.00	1.75	8.75	
J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,	D R	30	8	21.00	21.00	42.00	5.55
Adolph Schenk, Roanoke,	G C	23	4	10.00	2.70	12.70	
Kaspar Oertly, Roanoke,	S P	31	8	8.00	2.10	10.10	
Totals		142	56	\$78.00	\$44.30	\$122.30	\$8.70

West Virginia, Week Ending April 24, 1908

W. L. Logan, Upshur Co.,	D R	5	47	11	\$18 50	\$ 8.00	\$26.50	
J. H. Jennings, Berkeley,	D R	5	41	10	14.30	8.25	22.55	\$6.10
H. W. Waggoner, Berkeley,	C K	2	15	7	7.00	2.00	9.00	4.50
A. T. Halstead, Lincoln Co.	B R	2	14½	9	22.50	2.00	24.50	14.00
J. G. Marlatt, Marshall,	D R	5	45	11	20.25	10.80	31.05	1.35
J. L. Hall, Lincoln,	B R	2	14½	7	15.75	1.75	17.50	
Totals		21	177	55	\$98.30	\$32.80	\$131.10	\$25.95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 24, 1908

I. Lawrence, Twin Rocks,	G P	2	10	31	\$10.85		\$10.85	\$10.85
A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls,	H D	5	41½	3	8.25	\$.80	9.05	15.80
J. O. Nolinger, Clearfield,	D R	1	37	18	32.00	17.05	49.05	7.35
Chas. Dunham, Indiana,	H H, GH	1	7	6	16.50		16.05	13.00
Annie Brown, Gates,	H H	1	5	2	5.00		5.00	5.00
Totals		13	100½	60	\$72.00	\$17.85	\$90.45	\$37.00

* Two Weeks.

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Brother James E. Shultz has been spending several days with friends in Academia.

Elder H. H. Burkholder was called last Friday to preach the funeral service of Sister Ellen Fredericks who died at her home in Hamler after a long and painful illness. Sister Fredericks was an earnest Christian woman and will be greatly missed in the cause she loved. An obituary notice will appear later in the VISITOR.

Elder Andross and family stopped over Sabbath with the College family. He has recently been called from England on account of his wife's health. He gave an excellent discourse Sabbath morning, a synopsis of which will appear in the VISITOR as soon as space will allow. His words of admonition and counsel were highly appreciated, and we all hope to profit by the good things we have heard during the past week.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald preached his farewell sermon as president of the Columbia Union Conference, Sabbath afternoon, in the College chapel. His theme was on the Christian armor, and showed the necessity of having on all the armor that we may be able to withstand all the darts of the wily enemy who is so determined to confuse and destroy the people of God. He said one thing the people of God needed,—moral courage and backbone,—to always do the right, and stand for the right. The good wishes of the Ohio Conference will accompany him to his new field of labor, and may God bless his efforts to the good of his cause.

We are glad to add to our list of exchanges *The Jamaica Visitor*, published at Spanish Town, Jamaica, B. W. I., and of which Brother Harold H. Cobban is editor. Brother Cobban and wife, nee Miss Grace Thornton, were students of the Mount Vernon Academy for several years, graduating in the class of 1903. He writes, "I am glad to tell you that the work is onward

here, and that Mrs. Cobban and I are well and enjoying our work. We look back to the days spent in Mount Vernon Academy with many pleasant memories."

When we think of the many young men and young women from Mount Vernon Academy who are engaged in different branches of the Lord's work in various countries and States, ought we not bear this school, now grown to be a college, on our hearts in faith, that God may bless its teachers and students to the advancement of his cause in the earth?

TITHE RECEIPTS

APRIL, 1908

Akron.....	\$ 98.37
Alliance.....	12.84
Ashland.....	....
Barnesville.....	11.43
Beaver.....	73.60
Bellefontaine.....	33.12
Bellville.....	12.55
Bowling Green.....	100.00
Brokaw.....	4.50
Broughton.....	....
Camden.....	118.91
Canton.....	23.69
Chagrin Falls.....	127.12
Charloe.....	4.65
Chillicothe.....	14.53
Cincinnati.....	87.52
Clarksfield.....	....
Cleveland.....	106.30
Clyde.....	48.19
Columbiana.....	9.08
Columbus.....	319.85
Conneaut.....	14.60
Corsica.....	123.16
Coshocton.....	43.96
Cygnut.....	....
Dayton.....	57.13
Defiance.....	15.00
Delaware.....	....
Delta.....	14.20
Derwent.....	11.28
Dowling.....	7.50
Dresden-Trinway.....	....
Dunkirk.....	....
East Liverpool.....	110.53
Elgin.....	58.68
Findlay.....	7.20
Fostoria.....	....
Geneva.....	6.93
Greenspring.....	12.65
Gilboa.....	....
Hamilton.....	....
Hamler.....	101.12
Hicksville.....	60.66
Jefferson.....	57
Killbuck.....	19.01
Kirtland.....	....
La Grange.....	142.56
Lake View.....	....
Laura.....	29.12
Leesburg.....	27.26
Lewistown.....	....
Liberty Center.....	23.00
Lima.....	5.30
Locust Point.....	....
Mansfield.....	32.51
Marion.....	19.83
Marshfield.....	13.10
Marysville.....	10.00
Massillon.....	38.60
Medina.....	....
Meigs.....	....
Mendon.....	....

Middlefield.....	8.86
Morrow.....	....
Mount Vernon.....	201.80
Nashville.....	30.00
New Antioch.....	....
Newark.....	38.99
New Philadelphia.....	24.40
North Fairfield.....	1.80
Norwalk.....	38.51
Ohio City.....	....
Olivett.....	....
Pemberville.....	....
Piqua.....	32.00
Pleasant Hill.....	6.64
Plimpton.....	....
Powell.....	....
Ravenna.....	....
Reedsville.....	....
Rio Grand.....	....
Rows.....	....
St. Clairsville.....	....
Sandusky.....	....
Sherwood.....	35.00
Shreve.....	1.94
Sidney.....	....
Six Points.....	....
Spencer.....	12.00
Spencerville.....	24.23
Springfield.....	82.86
Swanton.....	....
Toledo.....	104.27
Troy.....	....
Troy (Ashland County).....	....
Unionport.....	2.00
Van Wert.....	5.42
Wadsworth.....	2.00
Walnut Grove.....	78.04
Washington C. H.....	....
Waterford.....	70.70
Wellsville.....	....
West Mansfield.....	....
Wheelersburg.....	121.00
Wilmington.....	....
Youngstown.....	4.74
Zanesville.....	25.96
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	5.51

Total.....\$3,166.32

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES.

APRIL, 1908

Tithe.....	\$3,166.32
Ohio Tract Society.....	555.38
First Day Offerings.....	110.41
Sabbath-school Donations.....	254.17
Missionary Volunteers.....	33.81
Annual Offering.....	19.00
\$150,000 Fund.....	82.30
Religious Liberty.....	12.75
Southern Field.....	1.56
Orphans and aged.....	164.87
India.....	.35
Java.....	10.00

Total.....\$4,410.92

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OBITUARY

JOHNSON.—Died at her home in Salem, N. J., March 29, 1908, Nancy B. Johnson, aged 49 years. She accepted the truth of the Third Angel's Message about twelve years ago. She was a quiet, devoted Christian, beloved by those who knew her. Words were spoken by Rev. D. C. Cobb (Methodist) from Isa. 51:11. She leaves a husband and three sons to mourn their loss; yet we mourn not as others who have no hope.

JOHN C. DICKSON.