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GENERAL MATTER

"Arise And Go to Bethel"

THESE words were spoken by the Lord to Jacob while he was in Mesopotamia, and were never forgotten by the patriarch. After being away from his father's house for twenty-one years, the Lord reminded his servant again of Bethel, the place where the sacred vow was made. Gen.31:13: "I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me." Again (Gen. 35:1), thirteen years later, when his heart was bowed down with grief, God reminded Jacob of his sacred vow, telling him to "arise and go to Bethel." It was near this sacred place that Deborah, Rachel's faithful nurse, died. With sorrow they buried her under the oak, the place where Jacob slept and saw the ladder that reached from earth to heaven, thirty-four years before. It was near Bethel that Jacob was called upon to part with Rachel, her who had shared his griefs,

and who had stood by his side in every time of trial.

Our heavenly Father ever cares for his faithful children, and they, with the prophet Habakkuk, can say: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will joy in the God of my salvation." The sight that Jacob saw the night of his flight into exile, left a lasting impression upon his mind; and the stone that he used for a pillow he set up as a pillar, and pouring oil upon it said: "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, . . . of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." He did not plead for wealth or fame, nor for a long life of worldly honor, but for divine protection. That God would be with him in the way that he should go, was his only desire. For the first time in his life, perhaps, did he feel that he must have heavenly aid. Then he made that solemn vow, "Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." O, what a small amount to offer back to the One who died for us,— only one tenth! Some may excuse themselves from doing even this much for him. May our heavenly Father forgive them! It is not the amount we give; it is honesty with God that will tell in the judgment day. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." The Saviour, as he watched the rich casting of their abundance into the treasury, saw a poor widow putting in her two mites, and he said, "I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all." It was all that she had,—a complete sacrifice. And Inspiration has recorded it for our encouragement.

We may think because our tithes and offerings are small that it is not worth while for us to give to the

Lord. But in the light of the Saviour's word, how can we think thus? The Lord will bless the faithful giver. If I only receive ten cents a year, and that as a gift, one penny of that is not mine; it belongs to God. According to the teachings of the Saviour, the smallest amount should be tithed. Let each of us decide the matter in the light of God's word. Are we giving him all that he claims as his, or are we keeping back part of the price? The Lord seeth not as man seeth, but he does say that if we withhold that which is his, we are robbing him.

All the blessings promised in Malachi, will soon be poured upon the faithful. The last message of mercy is fast closing. Thousands are going down to Christless graves, and from every nation and tongue and people we hear the cry, "Come over and help us." The Spirit of God is moving upon honest hearts, and every dollar we give to the cause of God is credited to our account in the books above. Heaven is worth every effort we can make to gain it; it will be cheap at any cost.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Born of the Spirit

"THE Saviour, in his memorable conversation with Nicodemus, insists upon the new birth as an indispensable thing. Whatever else may be done without, the new birth may not be done without. Whatever else may be desirable, the new birth is positively essential. Just as certainly as we get into this world by birth, we get into the kingdom of God by birth also. We do not get into that kingdom by growth, nor by culture, nor by money, nor by penances, nor by works of righteousness, nor by ritualistic observances, nor by anti-ritualistic observances, nor by improving our own virtues, nor by leaving off certain bad habits, nor by self-inflicted crosses or mortifications, nor by anything whatever which we of ourselves can be, or do, or suffer, or merit, but simply and only by the new birth."

WITH THE HARVESTERS

VIRGINIA

Roanoke

It was my pleasure recently to meet some of the believers at Roanoke. I found them of good courage. Brother French has been much encouraged of late by the number of people who desire Bible readings. He works during the day, and in the evening he visits the people and holds readings with them. We met Brother Overstreet's family. They have lately moved to Montvale, where one brother has purchased a farm and moved his family onto it. We hope that he will soon give up his position at the railroad shops and obey the Lord.

Brother Oertly, one of our old canvassers, was having some interesting experiences. One was particularly so. A lady to whom he had sold a copy of "Seer of Patmos" was deeply interested in the book. She had spoken to a friend of hers about it, and thus prepared the way for a sale to her also. Brother Oertly has visited the first named lady several times, and he finds that she is studying the book, and is deeply interested in the truth which it teaches. She has asked for tracts on the signs of Christ's second coming, and on other points of our faith. Another person told Brother Oertly that he knew from his study of the Bible that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. This gentleman needs much instruction, but God knows how to lead the honest in heart to perfection.

Brother Oertly expects to be at the canvassers' institute. To all who desire a preparation for the canvassing work, we extend a cordial invitation to attend this institute, which will be held at Lynchburg, February 5 to 19. Come with singleness of heart and enter the work. W. H. ZEIDLER.

Danville

THE work at this place is onward, and the church is of good courage. This quarter shows an increase of tithe, and a deepening interest in foreign missions. Our congregations Sabbaths and on Sunday evenings are good. There seems to be a growing interest among those outside the message.

Our day school is doing good work with Sister Emily N. Warnick as teacher.

Sabbath, January 16, we enjoyed an excellent season in our quarterly meeting, which had been somewhat

delayed. Earnest souls came through rain and mud to enjoy the Lord's blessing.

January 9 and 10, the writer conducted the quarterly meeting and annual election with the News Ferry church. The work there shows advancement. Many are gaining rich experiences with the Lord. The brethren seem to be advancing more rapidly than heretofore. This is especially manifest in the diet question. Through Sister Raysdale's efforts, quite an interest is awakened at Scottsburg, where we hope soon to hold some special meetings. We have two Sabbath-keepers there already,—Sisters Ray and Medley,—both loyal to the message. The seating capacity of the News Ferry church edifice was taxed to its utmost capacity at our Sunday night service. A deeper interest is shown in the payment of tithe than ever before.

We hope soon to visit Spencer and Byrdsville.

It is interesting to see the churches rapidly lining up with the great body now bearing the last saving message to the world. These precious souls, many of whom are past their three score years and ten, willingly lay aside the errors that have long bound them and step forth into the glorious beams of light from the heavenly sanctuary.

Pray for us, brethren, that physical strength and spiritual power may be given us to aid a little in giving these dear ones a broader knowledge of the truth. FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

Dedication of Newport News Church

JANUARY 24 was a good day for the members and friends of church number two in Newport News, Virginia. According to previous arrangements, the new church building was dedicated at that time. The Lord came very near in this service. Elder Herrell was present and preached the dedicatory sermon from Psalm 84: 4. God greatly blessed Elder Herrell in this effort. The house was filled with attentive listeners who seemed much impressed with what they heard.

Brother and Sister Gardner and a number of friends were with us from church number one in Newport News. Some of the brethren also came in from Norfolk. We greatly enjoyed having these friends with us. The collection for the day amounted to \$6.30. We thank the Lord for the great blessings he is giving us. We want to paint the church right away. Pray for the work in this needy field.

LESLIE MUNCE.

WEST VIRGINIA

Loudenville

LAST fall a tent was pitched in the village of Loudenville by members of the different churches of the city. It was designed as a place for union meetings, where any denomination might have the privilege of holding service when it was not used by one of the others. The Adventists were invited to be present on the day the tent was dedicated, but circumstances were such that a minister of that denomination could not be present. A letter of regret was sent to the manager of the tent, but at the same time promising that, if the way opened, we should occupy it later. In November a second invitation was sent, together with the statement that the tent was unoccupied and that we might use it as long as we desired. This invitation was accepted, and preparations were immediately made for the meeting, which was begun on November 19.

The tent, a commodious one, was pitched in a convenient place for all who desired to attend. Although the weather was quite severe at times, the tent was so well staked down and so well floored with sawdust and boards, and heated and lighted with gas, that it was quite comfortable, even in the most severe weather.

The meetings opened with a fair attendance, and after a few nights the people were convinced that the Bible contained great truths with which they were not familiar, and they became interested to know more. New ones were added to the congregation from night to night, until the tent was about filled, and thus it remained until the close of the meetings. The meetings continued for three weeks, and night after night the interest of the people became more intense to hear and learn more of Bible truth for this time. Many were soon acknowledging the truthfulness of the subjects presented, and were much surprised to see how far they had been led away from the true standard of righteousness by the corrupt teaching of Babylon.

At the close of the meetings, a goodly number were keeping the Sabbath, and others were on the point of doing so. As we are free to occupy the tent from time to time, it is hoped that others will take a stand for the truth. As soon as those who have accepted the truth are fully instructed in the principles of the message, and have become established, they will be organized into a church.

The Lord has certainly blessed in

the work here, and we are grateful to him for his promise to further lead, guide, and instruct in the way of holiness.

JOHN F. STEELE.

Charleston

THE Charleston church is growing in members, and we trust in grace also. Our quarterly business meeting followed the celebration of the ordinances, at the close of the Sabbath, January 9. Officers were chosen as follows: Pastor, Eld. L. E. Sufficool; M. C. Williams, deacon; S. P. Artlip, clerk; Mary Metcalf, treasurer; Mand Sufficool, librarian. All these persons live in the city, and we hope they will co-operate in bringing up the work. Nine were added to our number at this meeting; others are in the valley of decision. One of the new members gives promise of being a zealous and capable worker. Some of the church are doing a good work in the distribution of literature, including the book "Daniel and the Revelation." Afflicted families are often found by these workers, to whom we are privileged to minister.

The church is alert for the signs of the end. We have formed a Bible class, which meets weekly for the study of the prophecies. Our Sabbath services are held in the Odd Fellows hall. This hall is located diagonally across the street from the Capitol building. The legislature is now in session, and we have planned a campaign among the members with *Liberty*. We are also interested in the jail work. One Bible worker, employed by the conference, devotes all her time to the work in the city. All the church members are doing Bible work as they have opportunity. The message is being considered and rejected by many, and accepted by some.

The weekly house-to-house prayer meetings are well attended. All present bear testimony to the goodness of God, and express determination to act their part in spreading the third angel's message. The Sabbath-school was recently reorganized, and an effort made to encourage the younger members to become workers. The average attendance at the Sabbath-school is twenty. The church membership now numbers twenty-nine, but as many do not live in the city, they can only meet with us occasionally. Through correspondence we are endeavoring to keep in touch with all the non-resident members.

We wish for God's blessing upon the VISITOR during the new year.

In behalf of the Charleston church,
S. P. ARTLIP, Sec'y.

Charleston

SABBATH, January 9, the writer held the regular quarterly meeting with the church in this city. The Lord came near and blessed in the presentation of the word, and in the ordinances of his house. Nearly all the members were present and took part. Nine united with the church at this time. This number includes two who came in by letter. Since then three others have commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and will unite with the church in the near future.

This is a live, working church, and the Lord is blessing its efforts in this city. We expect to see its membership increase. Unity and harmony prevail. The Lord is raising up workers among its members who will help to spread the truth in this state. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for the work in Charleston.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

NEW JERSEY

Perth Amboy and Hoboken

IT is now a little more than one year since I came to this state. During that time I have worked exclusively among the Scandinavians in Perth Amboy and Hoboken. Previous to my coming here, Elder Anderson from Brooklyn held a series of tent meetings in Perth Amboy. Assisted by Sister Hedvig Kneelsen as Bible worker, I endeavored to follow up the interest thus created, first by holding meetings in a hall, and later in a portable tabernacle; but up to the beginning of this year's tent season there were no definite results. It seemed as if Satan was especially determined that we should see no fruit of our labors here. However, God led a few honest souls to our meetings and four such took their stand for the truth the past summer.

During the summer, Brother Halswick, a former Union College student (who is now in Norway to further prepare for work in the Scandinavian language), and I held a tent effort in Hoboken. Considering that our meetings were only for those who understood the Scandinavian language, they were fairly well attended. As a result of that work, we have baptized one and we hope that a few others may yet decide for the truth as we continue to follow up the work. Eld. L. H. Christian and others of our brethren have very kindly sent Bro. Cort Nelson and wife to assist in the work there. We have rented a small store building

and are conducting services in it at present. Our attendance is not as large as we had hoped for, but it seems to be increasing.

Sabbath, January 2, Elder Kneeland came down to Perth Amboy and organized our little company into a church. This church is composed of twelve members, four being the new converts to the truth in that place, one from Hoboken before mentioned, and the other seven joined by letter. This is the first Scandinavian church in this state. We are glad for a beginning even though the work has moved slowly.

I expect to hold another series of meetings here this winter. Some seem very favorable toward the truth, and we have hope, with more labor, to see others added to our number.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the interest that the president and workers of this conference have manifested for the Scandinavian work. I certainly enjoy my work here. We are anxious that God shall crown our weak efforts with success, that the results the coming year may be more than they were the year just past.

P. E. BRODERSEN.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Johnstown and Altoona

THE Johnstown church met on New Year's Eve to consecrate themselves to the Lord and his work. On the following day (the Sabbath) the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. We were made glad to see so many present and taking part in this service. It was particularly pleasing to have with us Brother and Sister Peden, who had returned from North Carolina; also Sister Fyock, of Oakland, Cal. Sunday afternoon the business meeting of the church was held, and the necessary officers were chosen.

Following is the financial statement of the church for the past year. In view of the scarcity of work and money in this vicinity, we feel to thank God for so good a showing. Tithes, \$352.82; weekly offerings, \$14.01; offerings to missions, \$4.91; for the poor, \$9.58; Southern work, \$8.75; Thanksgiving offering, \$6.20; *Life Boat*, \$1.35; Training school, \$0.30; "Christ's Object Lessons," \$15.05; Sabbath-school contributions for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1908, \$5.73; church expenses, \$19.15; interest on church lot account, \$27.50; paid on church lot account, \$50. Total, \$526.11

The Altoona church held the last quarterly meeting of the old year with a large attendance. Bro. W. M. Lee, of Melrose, Mass., who has been absent from this conference for six years, was present with us. It seemed like old times to worship and celebrate the ordinances with one whom we once associated with. A good spirit was manifested, and all testified to the goodness of God.

Since the dedication of our house of worship, four persons have united with us in church fellowship, making fourteen additions to our number during the past year. The interest is increasing, and all are of good courage.

On January 13, the church held their quarterly meeting, and elected officers for the coming year; also five trustees to manage the church property, which is valued at \$6,500. The following named persons were chosen by ballot: Elder, W. C. Wolf; deacons, W. A. Fray and James M. Bell; treasurer, Mrs. M. Swaunk; clerk, Mrs. Charles Ritter; trustees, W. C. Wolf, W. A. Fray, James M. Bell, J. S. Glunt, and W. F. Schwartz.

We feel to praise God for all the blessings we are enjoying at this time. May the Lord continue to bless both these churches, that they may let the light shine out in the cities where they are located. W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Field Notes

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BRO. B. M. HEALD is laboring in Scranton.

SISTER B. M. HEALD is spending several weeks in West Philadelphia.

ELD. W. H. HECKMAN spent several days at the New Jersey Conference.

ELD. CHARLES S. WEIST is conducting evangelistic services at Lehanon.

ELD. CHARLES BAERLE will conduct evangelistic services in Stroudsburg.

THE West Philadelphia church is being repainted, which adds to its good looks.

SISTER JESSIE M. WEISS, our Bible worker at Scranton, is ministering to her afflicted sister, Mrs. John Davis, of Philadelphia.

THE entertainment of the Lehanon church during the conference was most cordial and complete. The delegates are deeply indebted for the same.

THE *Evening Report* and the *Daily News*, of Lehanon, extended special courtesies in publishing daily and satisfactory reports of our conference, and of the evening discourses.

SISTER BESSIE HAWTHORNE-PRICE, formerly of the Philadelphia church, but late of Trinidad, spent a number of weeks at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, where her second son was born.

SIXTEEN canvassers were in attendance at the institute at Lehanon, January 20 to February 1. There were seven new recruits among the number. "Daniel and the Revelation" was the popular hook.

MORRIS SOLNEK, formerly known as "Billy Smith," the prize fighter, is interested in the truth, and attends the Sunday evening services at the West Philadelphia church. His wife has recently decided to keep the Sabbath.

AT the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, a daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Virbrook Nutter. Since her marriage, Nora Porch-Nutter has resided in Delaware, where her husband has labored under the direction of the conference.

AT the recent conference at Lehanon, brethren Charles S. Weist and I. M. Martin were ordained to the ministry. Ministerial license was granted to brethren B. M. Heald, Charles S. Baum and Wm. T. Hilgert. The latter was elected to the position of Conference Missionary Secretary.

VIRGINIA

SISTER MATTIE NEFF, wife of Dr. Neff, is taking treatment at the Washington Sanitarium

How many are going to canvass for our hooks the coming summer? If you are, now is the time to let us know. Plan to attend the institute.

WE trust our canvassers will be more prompt in reporting, so that the State Canvassing Agent can send the reports in to be printed in the VISITOR.

ELDER HERRELL leaves Sunday, January 31, to attend the meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, to be held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, February 1.

THE church at Claremont, being practically dishanded on account of so many's moving away, Sister Jones united with the Richmond church, Sabbath, January 23.

WE are glad to learn that the Richmond church received \$66 from the distribution of the special number of the *Review*. We trust that when the other churches are heard from, it will be seen that they have done as well.

ELDER HERRELL left Sunday morning, January 24, to dedicate the church of the colored congregation at Newport News. We trust that as the church is dedicated, the members will also dedicate their lives anew to the Master's service. We all need a re-consecration, a new dedication, to the Lord; let us begin now.

WEST VIRGINIA

ELDER REES continues to improve.

BROTHER WEBER was not able to work at all last week, and Brother Province only a little of the time. They write that they are both better now, and ready to work this week.

ON account of poor health, Brother Jennings has not been able to put in full time in the canvassing work this winter. Let us remember him in our prayers. Our reports would not look natural without seeing Brother Jennings's name on the list.

WE are glad to say that word has been received from several who are planning to attend the canvassers' institute which begins at Parkersburg February 19. All who enter the canvassing field at the close of the institute to engage in the work three months or more, will receive their board and room free of charge. Others will be cared for at very reasonable rates. Each one who expects to attend should write at once to the president or to Brother Percy.

WE clip the following from a letter just received from J. E. Meredith, in which he ordered a hook for a gentleman in Michigan: "Mr. H—, who was a theatrical manager, is a man of fine

address, and is talented. I presented the truth to him, and the Lord helped me to make a powerful impression upon his mind. I just received a letter from him, stating that he had quit his business and retired with his family to a farm to obey the truth. I sold him a copy of several of our books. His wife is a talented woman, and is in harmony with him."

WITH THE CANVASSERS

The Canvasser And His Work— NO. 9 (Concluded.)

Keep Prospectus In Hand

ONE of the greatest danger points in the exhibition is where the customer takes the prospectus out of the canvasser's hand. This point can be passed over quite successfully if the canvasser will act his part very quickly. Some people reach for a book unthinkingly, while others consider themselves excellent judges of a book and want to show it, and so take the prospectus from the canvasser's hand and, letting the leaves pass rapidly under the thumb, remark, "Well, I don't think that would interest me." When one of the first named class takes my book I always have something very interesting to call his attention to, and reach for the book and get it back; but when one of the other class takes my prospectus and turns the leaves quickly with the remark that it would not interest him, I simply appeal to his reason. Allowing him to retain the prospectus, I remark: "Evidently you are an intelligent man and a great reader, and certainly you do not mean to pass judgment on this valuable volume without having examined a single line of its contents. Bear with me for a moment while I (reaching for the prospectus) call your attention to a very timely subject which is interesting almost every candid thinker just at this time." Then turning to some very important subject, such as "Modern Spiritualism," "The Character and Aims of the Papacy," or, "The Impending Conflict and its Causes," I show it up in as interesting and concise a manner as possible, and the chances are good for an order.

When the customer first reaches for the prospectus, just hold to it lightly, and if thoughtful and polite she will at once conclude that she is not expected to take it. Do not hold to it so that it is particularly noticeable, but just lightly.

Such persons are generally nervous and very talkative; therefore the canvasser should give them a chance to express themselves in a few words two or three times during the canvass by some such remark as, "How important it is that we should understand these things, isn't it Mrs.—?" Be sure to direct the conversation so that she will have to give a favorable reply; thus she will begin to speak favorably of the book, and this will help her to decide to subscribe. If such people are not given a chance to say something during the canvass, they will likely break in at the close to tell some story, and the effect of the canvass will be lost. Be careful about giving people too much time to talk, as they may say something which will destroy the effect of the canvass.

Conditional Orders

I once knew a canvasser who went out from an institute and soon began to surprise people with his reports which appeared in his state paper. Many remarked, "What wonderful success Brother—is having!" But, like every other canvasser, he had a day of delivery coming, and when it came he made his "rounds," not delivery, and we have not seen him in the canvassing work since. This brother took mostly conditional orders, which seldom can be delivered.

"What is a conditional order?" says one.—A conditional order is given in the following manner: The customer remarks: "Yes, I would like to have that book, but am afraid I might not be able to get the money by the time you deliver. I will tell you what you may do; you may take my name, and if I cannot get the money, of course you will not urge it upon me." On the strength of this the canvasser records her name. Occasionally this is done to get rid of the canvasser; but even where it is not, you cannot count much upon delivering the book.

Persons who are careful not to obligate themselves beyond what they are able to meet are as good as gold when you get them. When you meet such persons, remark about as follows: "Yes, Mrs.—; but I could not order a book from the publishers for you not knowing for sure that you would take it. I believe you want this important book, and I believe that the Lord wants it in your home. I asked him this morning to direct me to every home where he would have this book placed. I also believe that God will, in a special way, bless you with the means to pay for it; don't you?" She will probably say, "Yes,

I believe that." Then remark, "All right; now which binding would you prefer?" Take the order with the remark, "I am sure that the Lord will bless you in getting the money before (date of delivery). Conditional orders can thus many times be made good ones.

When a lady cannot get the consent of her mind to give an order, and you have used every other means of persuasion, tell her that you believe the Lord has directed you to her home; that he wants her to have the book; and furthermore, that he will bless her in a special way with the money to pay for it. Such a statement will make an impression which no other will, for the Spirit of the Lord will be present to witness to such words. Do not be afraid to talk to people in this way, for the Lord wants us to speak of him as our ever present help. The honest hearted love to hear the Lord's name mentioned in a respectful way.

I once spoke to a lady of the Lord's goodness, and she asked me to call in the evening and see her husband and show him the book, as she did not want to order it without his consent. As a result I was given his order, and had a good long talk with him concerning his eternal interests. When requested to do so, always go back in the evening to show the book to other members of the family.

Next week we shall consider how to make use of people's "hobbies," and help a little in riding them.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Gen. Ag't. C. U. C.

Winter Canvassing

WE are glad to hear from the most of our canvassers that it is their intention to put in full time during the winter. Judging from the way the work has gone thus far, the winter season will prove as profitable as any. While out with one of the canvassers a short time since, we were blessed with extraordinary success. Though facing a blinding snow storm, we were able by the help of the Lord to take orders amounting to \$12.50 between three and six o'clock P. M. On a large dairy farm we found a very comfortable place to stay for the night. Early the next morning we again took up our work, and received an order at every house we canvassed. When we separated at noon, our orders amounted to twenty-four dollars.

This brother was an engineer for years, and had just been promoted to the position of foreman. But he had

a burden for the canvassing work, and the Lord is certainly blessing his efforts. Our prayer is that he may be kept faithful in the Lord's service, and remain true to his trust until the work is finished.

E. R. NUMBERS.

MEDICAL

Medical Department of Mt. Vernon College

ABOUT two years ago, the board of Mt. Vernon College, after considering the counsel given through the spirit of prophecy, decided to establish a sanitarium so that the health and temperance branch of our work might be brought into the studies of the College. Acting upon this, there has been fitted up a building on the College campus to care for those wishing to remain in a sanitarium home and take treatments regularly. We also have treatment rooms and medical offices located in the city of Mt. Vernon, which are under the management of the school, and aid in enlarging our medical work. These rooms being well equipped for giving the regular sanitarium treatments, bring our methods before the people and educate them to the value of physiologic therapeutics, thus reaching a class that would not go to a sanitarium.

We are truly encouraged as we think of the hundreds who have come to us for treatment, and of the success which has attended our efforts since this work has been in progress. We believe that when we act upon God's word, and in harmony with his counsel, he will give success. We have been endeavoring to carry forward our work in a thorough and scientific way, and to teach lessons so much needed in the medical profession and among the people. We have not, however, been able to accomplish all we desired because we lack a suitable place where we can invite our patients, and more perfect equipment with which to carry forward our work. When we know that we hold light which is in advance of the system in use by the medical world around us, we are burdened for the thousands who are being injured by the use of drugs and deceptions. We trust that in the near future an effort will be put forth to establish our work here more perfectly and place clearly before the people the reasons for proper living and the need of using

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 22, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. Mitchell,*	Carroll Co. Md.,	DA	7	49	2	\$ 7 50	\$19 60	\$27 10	\$
O. Yingling,*	Carroll Co., Md.,	CK	7	48	18	15 00	60	15 60	
J. Jeffreys,	Harford Co., Md.,	CK	5	36	3	4 50	1 85	6 35	19 85
J. Jones,	Mt. Holly, Md.,	CK	5	33	20	24 00		24 00	22 20
J. Parks,	Mt. Holly, Md.,	CK	3	14	4	5 50		5 50	16 20
J. Paden,	Williamsport, Md.,	CK	4	17	8	8 50	1 05	9 55	
J. Siler,	Frederick, Md.,	CK	5	31	23	30 50	6 05	36 55	
E. Franklin,	"	CK	5	30	15	19 00	3 05	22 05	
Totals,			41	258	93	\$114 50	\$32 20	\$146 70	\$58 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 23, 1909

T. Saxton,			5	33	15	44 35	10 55	54 90	2 00
I. Bigelow,			5	33	14	44 50	10 20	54 70	5 50
C. Dunham,			2	.4					6 50
L. Bemis,			2	6	2	2 00	1 35	3 35	1-85
J. G'unt,			4		1	2 75	10 10	12 85	21 65
A. Brownlee,			5	33	6	15 50	15 35	30 85	8 40
Totals,			23	109	38	\$109 10	\$47 55	\$156 65	\$45 90

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1909

H. Ganker, Berks,	DR	10	80	38	95 25	9 70	104 95	160 15	
J. Gerhart, Berks,	DR	2	22	10	24 00		24 00		
R. Spangenberg, Scranton,	DR	1	3					6 35	
B. Saubel, York,	CK	7	35	5	5 50	2 70	8 20	19 85	
S. Diehl,† Union,		21	135	38	22 00	8 00	30 00	34 00	
Totals,			41	275	91	\$146 75	\$20 40	\$167 15	\$220 35

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 1909

J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	4	28			10 25	10 25	4 50	
A. Halstead, Lincoln Co.,	DR	3	22	9	23 50	4 20	27 70	17 00	
H. Province, McDowell Co.,	DR	1	8	4	11 00		11 00		
J. Meredith, Ritchie Co.,						6 75	6 75	6 75	
E. Metcalf, Wood Co.,						7 00	7 00		
Totals,			8	58	13	\$34 50	\$28 20	\$62 70	\$28 25

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 22, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	24	10	12 50	3 50	16 00		
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		26			6 30	6 39		9 50
M. Jemerson, Richmond,	DR	10	1	1 50	3 20	4 70		85
J. Jones Richmond,	DR	7		4 25	2 50	6 75		2 50
Totals			67	11	\$18 25	\$15 50	\$33 84	\$12 85

*Two Weeks.

†Eight Weeks

rational remedies. We wish to solicit the efforts and prayers of all our people and of every temperance reformer in perfecting this branch of our work so that it may fill its true place as the entering wedge for the third angel's message.

V. L. FISHER M. D.

"The great medical institutions in our cities, called sanitariums, do but a small part of the good they might do were they located where the patients could have the advantages of outdoor

life. I have been instructed that sanitariums are to be established in many places in the country, and that the work of these institutions will greatly advance the cause of health and righteousness.

"The things of nature are God's blessings, provided to give health to body, mind, and soul. They are given to the well to keep them well, and to the sick to make them well. Connected with water treatment, they are more effective in restoring health than all the drug medication in the world." *Test., Vol. VII., p. 76.*

EDUCATIONAL

Let Us Have Practical Education

It is not facts that are needed so much as power and adaptability. Given these, the facts will be acquired as needed. Not that we would undervalue the importance of knowing facts. Let the student acquire as many as possible of those that are essential; but do not make that the chief concern; there is something higher. A man may be a veritable cyclopedia, and prove useless in the practical affairs of life because he has not learned the art of giving out in forceful, valuable labor that which he has acquired by reading and reflection. Such a man's education is of no particular value to himself or anyone else. He is out of gear with the great work-a-day world,—an educational hermit. Men with much less knowledge of books, who have mastered the art of putting to use what they know, will far outstrip them.

In this age of intense activity, it is men who can do things, and who can do them better and quicker than other men, whose services are in demand. Positions of trust are being created to-day faster than men are being developed to fill them. Why should not the schools adapt their instruction to the conditions? Many things unknown to our fathers are embraced in the modern school curriculum; but it may be fairly questioned if the additions have always been for the better. Outside of the industrial and technical institutions, too little attention is given to training the student for the real business of life. Let us have less of the theoretical and more of the practical in education.

S. M. BUTLER.

"Concentrated Energy"

"No one can pursue a worthy object steadily and persistently with all the powers of his mind, and yet make his life a failure. You can't throw a tallow candle through the side of a tent, but you can shoot it through an oak board. Melt a charge of shot into a bullet, and it can be fired through the bodies of four men. Focus the rays of the sun in winter and you can kindle a fire with ease.

"The giants of the race have been men of concentration, who have struck sledge-hammer blows in one place till they have accomplished their purpose. The successful men of to-day are the men of one overmastering idea, one

unwavering aim, men of single and intense purpose. 'Scatteration' is the curse of American business life. Too many are like Douglas Jerrold's friend, who could converse in twenty-four languages, but who had no ideas to express in any of them.

"One of the hardest tasks is for a boy or girl to concentrate the whole attention upon the lesson of the morrow; for the student in college to prepare for the next recitation without running to the ball-field or allowing his gaze to wander around the room, or doing anything else in order to cheat himself out of what he ought to do. In study, as in business, we must not only strike the iron while it is hot, but strike it until it is made hot."

—Orison Swett Marden.

Walker (West Virginia) Missionary Volunteer Society

I AM glad to have the privilege of speaking a few words through the VISITOR about the first meeting of our young people's society at this place. The study we took up was the first missionary to Central America. All gave good attention to this reading, and each one had some part in the meeting. We had seven outside people present at our first meeting. We pray that this society may do this community good, and be the means of bringing souls to Christ.

Our attendance is from eighteen to twenty-three. We studied the temperance movement at our second meeting. All said they would not miss that and wanted to hear the reading. Our scripture lesson was the fifty-second Psalm. Let every reader pray for the success of this society.

I am very thankful to have a humble place in the closing work of the third angel's message.

A. J. MOYER, Sec'y.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Annual Religious Liberty Offering

WE hope that none of our people will forget the annual offering for the religious liberty work to be taken Sabbath, February 6. Should it be a bad day and few attend meeting, or should those who go fail to go prepared to give, the offering would necessarily be small. But we are hoping for a liberal offering, as we are desirous of prosecuting this branch of our

work with greater vigor than ever before. We shall wish to distribute a large amount of literature in our work this coming year, and carry on campaigns in various parts of the field. The demands upon us were never greater, nor the situation more urgent, than now. Let there be a liberal response.

W. A. COLCORD,
Sec'y. Rel. Lib. Bureau.

Religious Liberty Offering

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY BUREAU reminds us that February 6 is the time for the annual offering to be taken for the religious liberty work, and states that more funds will be needed the coming year than has been needed any year in the past. Surely if there is one thing more than another that shows the nearness of the end, it is the intense activity and earnestness on the part of the National Reformers to commit this nation to religious legislation. The only way it can be met is by a counter activity and earnestness on the part of the advocates of religious liberty. The brethren who stand at the head of this department must have means with which to work. So, brethren, let us come to their help with our means. Religious intolerance is the chief feature of the last act of earth's drama, and the performers are now being drilled to act their part on one side or on the other. Let us awake to the situation, and speedily use the means at our command for educating some and saving them to the truth.

F. D. WAGNER.

Religious Liberty Offering In Virginia

SABBATH, February 6, a religious liberty offering is to be taken in all our churches. We are told by the Religious Liberty Bureau that their funds for this important branch of the work are already exhausted. Now let each Sabbath-keeper in our state, by the help of the Lord, make a good free-will offering. Whatever we are going to do along these lines must be done quickly. The enemy is advancing rapidly upon us, and soon every avenue to work will be closed against us. Let us all press to the front, and do what we can to warn our neighbors and friends against the wiles of the devil. Let us live and teach the true principles of religious liberty, as taught by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

H. W. HERRELL, Pres.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

No Paper Next Week

In harmony with the announcement made in last week's issue, we shall omit the next number of the VISITOR. The next paper will bear date of February 17. We hope that all of our correspondents will take note of this, and send us matter for that issue that will make the paper bristle with facts concerning the work in the Union.

A Timely Publication

THE February number of the *Watchman* has just reached our table. This vigorous exponent of present truth lost none of its old-time power in the change to magazine form. If future numbers maintain the standard set by the first issue, it will be a powerful champion of truth.

The February number treats at considerable length of "The Federal Council of Churches," and "The United States in Bible Prophecy." The publishers could not have chosen more timely subjects. Just now representatives of nearly half the population of the United States are earnestly striving to bring about a federation of the churches in this country. The great Protestant bodies of the nation are rapidly affiliating for the purpose of forcing our beloved

country into a career of religious legislation that will eventually prove her ruin. The papal church and the great labor organizations are being drawn into this combination, which, when it is completed, will revive many of the horrors of the Roman inquisition,

This number of the *Watchman* is designed to set honest minds right on this momentous question. It is well adapted to fulfill its mission, and ought to have a large sale. Many of our people could make good wages selling this magazine, besides doing most valuable and timely missionary work. The retail price is ten cents, with liberal discounts to salesmen. Order of the Southern Publishing Company, Nashville, Tenn., or of your tract society.

NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

West Pennsylvania Conference

THE sixth annual meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference will be held at Clearfield, Pa., March 1-6, 1909. Clearfield is situated on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, New York Central & Hudson River, and the Pennsylvania Railroads. It is important that each church be fully represented at this meeting and have a voice in all proceedings, as officers will be elected, and all matters connected with the work in West Pennsylvania will come before the delegates. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization regardless of membership, and one additional delegate for every ten members. Please elect delegates and have the church clerk fill out delegates' credentials and mail promptly to A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa. Commence now to plan to attend this meeting. Let each one bring pillows and blankets. While we cannot provide free entertainment, plans are being laid to lighten expenses as much as possible.

A. V. WILLIAMS, *Sec'y.*

Publications Wanted

THE Charleston, W. Va., church is in need of literature for missionary work in that city. Any of the VISITOR readers having publications, either old or new, which they will donate for that purpose, may send them, post-paid, to Mrs. Maud Sufficool, 328½ Summers St., Charleston, W. Va.

NOTICES OF PUBLICATIONS

A 1909 Bookmark

THE General Conference Sabbath-school Department has provided some attractive book marks for use during the year 1909. They are of satin ribbon, nine inches long, and give the Sabbath-school memory verses for the year, and the Lord's prayer. "Pretty," "neat," "dainty," "useful," "appropriate," are some of the commendatory words we hear. Many Sabbath-school and church-school teachers gave them to their pupils as New Year's gifts. They are nice for anyone who uses a book mark. The price is six cents each; on all orders of five or more to one address, five cents each. Send cash with order. Address Sabbath-School Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

BUSINESS NOTICES

Wanted—A Home

IT is desired to find a permanent home with a good Seventh-day Adventist family for a little girl six years of age, in the best of health. For further particulars address S. M. Cape, 6152 Delancey St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Change in Firm Name

By the common consent of over two-thirds of the stockholders, and with the approval of the Superior Court of Santa Clara County, California, the Pacific Press Publishing Company has been merged into the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a membership corporation; and since Jan. 1, 1909, the business has been conducted by the new organization which has purchased the plant and assumed all the liabilities and obligations of the old company. This change has been made for the purpose of enlarging the constituency and placing the institution on a broader foundation. The management will remain practically the same as that of the old company, and the same policy will be pursued, only on a larger scale. Hereafter all bills should be made out and correspondence addressed to the Pacific Press Publishing Association instead of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.