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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## GENERAL MATTER

### On Paying Tithe

YEAR by year we witness the miracle of spring until we become indifferent to that marvelous change whereby the brown fields, bare trees, and storm-laden air are exchanged for a carpet of green, leafy trees, songs of birds, and perfumed breezes, which creep over the wild flowers and quicken the senses with new life. How the heart leaps with joy and thanksgiving to the Giver of every good and perfect gift because he has given us richly all things to enjoy. And who can tell the day or the hour that this miracle of spring is wrought? This week the earth is wrapped in sombre garments; next week she is wearing her bridal robes of matchless splendor.

This miracle of spring is the best illustration that I can give of the light and joy that burst unawares upon my pathway when I began paying an honest tithe. For many weeks before I began paying tithe I was severely

tried,—dark hovering clouds enveloped me. I sought the Lord for strength to resist the powers of darkness which threatened to overthrow me. At prayer the duty of tithe paying was presented to me most clearly. I arose and sent in my tithe; then I busied myself with passing duties. I cannot tell how long afterward, or in what manner it came, but one day I became conscious of feeling great joy. Wave after wave of the glory of God passed over me, and strength in the Lord, such as I had never known before, was given to me. My experience is that the Lord is a well of joy, and a wall of fire round about those that pay in a faithful tithe.

RACHEL ROSE HESSE.

Newport, Ohio.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

THE fifth meeting of the conference was called to order at 2:30 P. M., January 14. Prayer by Eld. K. C. Russell. Sister Laing and Bro. J. L. Rhoads were seated as delegates from Reading. The Committee on Plans rendered a further partial report as follows:—

"We Recommend,—

4. "Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth for the payment of an honest tithe among the churches of our conference; therefore,—

(a) "That the conference workers and local church officers exert greater effort to this end.

(b) "That we encourage the payment of tithe and regular offerings by the envelope plan.

(c) "That the tithe and offerings be forwarded to the conference treasurer in one remittance, not later than the 25th of each month.

"Whereas, The Review & Herald Publishing Association has placed all tract societies on a thirty days' or cash basis; therefore,—

5. "We Recommend, That all our

churches, Sabbath-schools, and canvassers be placed on the same cash basis.

"Whereas, It seems advisable that a new corporation should be formed in our conference to take the place of the present corporation, known as the Pennsylvania Tract Society; therefore,—

6. "Resolved, That the executive committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists be authorized and empowered to investigate the cost and advisability of forming a new corporation; and if, after legal investigation, such a step seems advisable, that they are hereby authorized to effect such a corporation; and, further, that the trustees of the Pennsylvania Tract Society be requested to transfer to the new corporation, when formed, all the property, deeds, mortgages, and holdings now held by the Pennsylvania Tract Society.

7. "We Recommend, That all church properties be conveyed to the conference to be held in trust for the local churches."

Resolutions four and six called forth much interesting and profitable discussion, after which the report of the committee was passed. Meeting adjourned until 10:15 A. M., Friday, January 15.

The sixth meeting of the conference was called pursuant to adjournment. Eld. G. B. Thompson lead in prayer. After reading of the minutes, the Committee on Licenses and Credentials recommended that the following named persons be granted ministerial credentials: Elders W. H. Heckman, O. O. Bernstein, H. Meyer, Charles Baierle, and A. R. Bell. Elder Thompson took the chair, and after considering each name separately, the conference adopted the report as read. The Committee on Plans then made a further partial report as follows:—

"Whereas, Philadelphia is the most important city in our conference, in which city our work should be thoroughly established and properly represented; and,—

"Whereas, There is a \$7,000 debt on the First Philadelphia Seventh-day

Adventist church, under which the congregation has struggled; therefore,—

8. "We Recommend, That the conference raise by donations from our brethren in this State a fund of \$1,000 to aid in liquidating said indebtedness, the said fund to be given and applied as the church shall raise an equal amount.

"Whereas, The spiritual success of each church depends largely upon the spirituality and faithfulness of its officers; therefore,—

9. "Resolved, That as ministers and workers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, we will do all in our power to encourage our brethren and sisters to select only such officers as are faithful to the third angel's message in all its phases.

10. "Resolved, That conventions be held during the year for the instruction of church officers.

"Whereas, Untold good is done by our periodicals; therefore,—

11. Resolved,—

(a) "That we inaugurate a special campaign in every church in our conference in behalf of our "most able minister," the good old *Review and Herald*, and that we continue the effort until the journal is placed in the hands of all our people.

(b) "That in order to increase the subscription list of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, and the *Southern Watchman*, our workers do all in their power to place these papers in the home of every Sabbath-keeper in this conference.

"Whereas, The General Conference has recommended that all tithe and donations pass through the hands of the local church treasurer to the conference treasurer; therefore,—

12. "We Recommend, That this plan receive the endorsement of this conference, and that hereafter all tithe and donations pass through only the local church treasurer's hands in making remittance to the conference treasurer."

After considerable discussion, this report was passed. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

The seventh meeting opened at the appointed hour, two o'clock, January 15. After prayer and reading of the minutes, the report of the nominating committee, made at a previous meeting, was taken up. On motion, the report was referred back to the committee. The Committee on Licenses and Credentials recommended that C. S. Weist and I. M. Martin be ordained and given ministerial credentials. Report adopted

by considering each name separately. The Committee on Plans submitted a further partial report:—

"Whereas, The cause needs many more canvassers in the field; therefore,—

13. "Resolved, That each worker in this conference should do his utmost to put at least two canvassers into the field each year."

The report of the treasurer was then given further consideration. The president explained why our accounts were overdrawn notwithstanding that we had received more tithe in 1908 than in 1907. This was due to the fact that the laborers were paid for thirteen months out of twelve months' receipts, as the salaries of the workers for December, 1907, were met out of the January, 1908, tithe. Besides this, South Dakota paid one laborer during 1907, whom we had supported during 1908. The report was accepted.

The Sabbath-school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department Secretary, Sister Sue M. Andrews, gave a very interesting report of these two departments. It was gratifying to learn that the Sabbath-schools have increased in membership, and that while in 1907 only one-half of the schools gave all their donations to missions, in the year 1908 two-thirds of the schools gave all their contributions for that purpose. The reports thus far in 1909 indicate that all the schools will adopt this plan. The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society increased its membership by twenty-eight. Judging from the reports, they have been very active in missionary work. Voted to adopt this report.

Meeting adjourned.

## WITH THE HARVESTERS

### OHIO

#### Killbuck and Washington Court House

It was my privilege recently to visit Brother Quillin at Killbuck, where he and Doctor Jump are conducting a series of meetings. On my way to Killbuck, I had a chance to see the results of the recent rains. The water was high everywhere. The creeks had overflowed their banks and at one point the water covered the road so that we were obliged to ford the stream, and in doing so the water came into the buggy.

We found Brother Quillin and Doctor Jump meeting with good success. The Lord is blessing their earnest efforts in proclaiming the third angel's

message in that place. Quite a number are becoming interested. Last Tuesday night was a very stormy one, but we started out with umbrellas and lanterns to the church, which is on a hill three hundred fifty feet high. I had not expected to find many out, but to my astonishment, I found quite a good congregation present to hear the word spoken. It was plain to be seen that the Spirit of the Lord was working upon the hearts of the hearers. Close attention was given to the word spoken.

On the following Sabbath I met with the church at Washington Court House. It seemed good to meet the dear ones at that church again. The little company at that place were made to rejoice over the addition of a faithful Bible student to their number. Her knowledge of the Scriptures and the "Testimonies" will, by the grace of God, enable her to lead others to the light so precious to all his saints.

R. R. KENNEDY.

#### Cincinnati

WE thought the VISITOR family would be glad to hear a report from the extreme southwest corner of the State of Ohio.

We can say for ourselves that we are of good courage in the Lord. With the help of God, the work is moving forward here. February 27, five souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Four of these accepted the truth through the labors of our faithful Bible workers. One of them was a member of the Disciple Church. She was baptized and united with that church when a small girl. Last summer at the camp-meeting she heard Elder K. C. Russell read a testimony from Sister White concerning re-baptism. This gave her new light, and she esteemed it a privilege to go down into the watery grave again. She was now baptized into the faith of the sanctuary and the keeping of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

This Sabbath day was one long to be remembered. The baptism took place in the Ninth Street Baptist church, the pastor of which kindly consented to let us use the baptism. We are looking forward to another occasion of this kind in the near future, when others will be ready to go forward in this sacred ordinance. The work in this city is moving onward; yet we realize as never before the danger that lies around us on every hand. Cincinnati is threatened with high water these rainy days. The church is also threatened by a more

dangerous flood from the enemy of all righteousness. It feels the onslaught of Satan, and every storm-beat against its door. Although it has withstood all storms of the past, we feel the need of special fortifications now. This awful flood is floating about so many false platforms, which are very dangerous even to look upon. These come so near to the old, true, and tried platform, that some are induced to try the new one. Let us remember, however, what the testimonies have to say about this. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." 2 Tim. 2:19. "And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

Cincinnati is not a very fruitful field. And with the inconveniences here, the work is rather hard. In many ways we are handicapped. We have no church building of our own to hold meetings in where we like. The members, about eighty-five in number, are scattered in every direction, many miles apart. Sabbath is the only time we all meet together. At no other time can we hope for a full attendance, neither have we a place where we can meet during the week. So we do the best we can gathering in souls for Christ. We are not working for the praise of men; so we leave the results with God.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

#### Killbuck

ELD. H. M. JUMP held a ten-days' meeting here, beginning February 15. The roads and the weather were bad, but a lively interest was manifested, and there was a good attendance throughout the meetings. The brethren have taken on renewed courage, and others have awakened to a realizing sense of their condition. Only the ushering in of Christ's kingdom will reveal the full benefits of these meetings.

CLIFF KASER.

#### Scottsburg

WE visited this place for the first time February 15. At News Ferry we were joined by Sisters Ragsdale and Jackson. When we reached Scottsburg it was raining hard. After riding three and one-half miles through the rain we reached the home of Brother Ray. We found Sister Ray very ill. The following morning at ten o'clock we held Sabbath-school, which was followed by a preaching service. A Bible study was held in the afternoon. All expressed themselves as being benefited by the ser-

vices. After the Sabbath we walked three and one-half miles through the mud and forests to Brother Medley's residence, where we had a good hearing by those not of our faith. All seemed deeply stirred.

Another meeting was held on Sunday at Brother Ray's, followed by a Bible study which occupied the greater part of the afternoon. Many not of our faith were present. At the close of an evening meeting, we received an invitation to preach the following evening at Brother Ferry's home, three miles away. Six of us went to this home, where we found the Spirit of God had gone before to prepare hearts. As we presented from the Bible the evidences of the near approach of our blessed Saviour, strong men bowed and wept. At the close of the discourse, four expressed their determination to accept the seal of God, the Sabbath, and thus be prepared to meet their Lord. The Lord's name be praised!

Upon returning to Sister Ray's home, we found her much worse. We had a talk with her about her faith in God, and upon the subject of divine healing, and as there seemed to be no reason why this sister's case should not be presented to the Lord, we all knelt by her couch and pleaded with God that, if it were for his glory, he would heal her. She was bidden in the name of the Lord to rise up and walk. She arose, praising God for his healing power, and when we left her home Tuesday morning, she was performing her regular household duties, apparently in health. Thus we have another demonstration that the Lord is as ready to hear and to heal as ever.

We organized a Sabbath-school at Scottsburg of seven members, with Sister Lelia Medley as superintendent and Sister Elizabeth Ray as secretary and treasurer.

The awakened interest in this place is due largely to the work done and the literature scattered by Sister Ragsdale. This shows what is accomplished by the sale of our literature, which is sure to bring forth fruit for the Master. Haste! glad day, when the ripe harvest shall be garnered into the Master's glorious storehouse.

FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

"Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue?—Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis it is now."

## Field Notes

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BRO. WM. T. HILGERT spoke in the North church recently.

BRO. A. L. BAYLEY, our secretary, spent a few days in Washington on business.

BRO. B. M. HEALD and wife are contemplating holding a series of meetings at Morris, Tioga County.

WE are glad to say at this writing that the sanitarium is enjoying good patronage, nearly every room being occupied.

OUR canvassers are all of good courage. Let our people daily remember the noble workers at family and at private devotions.

ELD. A. R. BELL is conducting an aggressive effort in York, with a good attendance. He was fortunate in securing a hall. Pray for this servant of the Lord and for his hearers.

THE latest reports received from Sister Nellie B. Underwood inform us that she is gradually improving in health. Let us pray that she may soon be able to resume her work.

PLEASE remember the General Conference *Bulletin*, which will contain the entire proceedings of the next session. Subscribe through this office before April 1. Price fifty cents.

QUITE a number of our brethren and sisters are selling the *Signs of the Times*, and are doing well. Let others order a club of *Signs*, and join this company of faithful pioneer workers without delay.

FOR nearly two years the Sabbath-school lessons for the different divisions will be on the life of Christ. The lesson quarterlies for the second quarter are now ready. Please order promptly of this office.

A SPECIAL temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* has been issued, bearing the date of March 16, 1909. It is an excellent number, and a good seller. Encourage the children as well as the adults to circulate it freely. Order through this office. Single copies, ten cents; five copies, five cents a copy; twenty-five copies,

four cents; one hundred copies, three and three-fourths cents; five hundred copies, three and one-half cents; one thousand copies, three cents. In some instances, arrangements can be made to place them on public news stands for sale. Try it.

## WITH THE CANVASSERS

### The Canvasser And His Work— No. II

#### Seven Things to Remember

THERE are seven things which every canvasser should remember to do if he would succeed in his work and do the class of work which will glorify God. I will give these seven points, with a short comment upon each.

1. *Communion with God.* I have already said that one hour should be spent in the morning alone with God; but I feel that it cannot be emphasized too much, as it is very necessary that every canvasser should keep the channel of communication open between himself and heaven if he would know how to do his work as it should be done. A canvasser may sell one hundred dollars' worth of books a week, and yet be making a miserable failure as an evangelistic canvasser. This is a soul-winning work, and that should be the motive which prompts one to engage in it.

2. *An earnest effort.* Every canvasser should put forth an earnest effort to sell a book in each house,—not an enthusiastic effort only, but an earnest effort, which tells the people that he is sincere, and that he feels that the book must be in their home for their eternal good. Many a canvasser continues in his work from day to day in an easy-going way and does fairly well; another works in an enthusiastic manner, which indicates that he is in the work to sell a large number of books and he makes no other impression; but the one who is in earnest, and possibly enthusiastic as well, leaves a lasting impression which leads people to read the book and to discover what it is which causes that canvasser to be so interested in getting the book before others.

3. *Full days and full weeks.* Here is where Satan has been most successful in his efforts to wreck those who have entered the work with a purpose to stay by it until the end. He makes his first attack on Monday morning by leading the canvasser to believe that he should be good to his wife and help her with the washing because of a cloud about the size of a man's hand,

which Satan suggests is an indication of rain. The canvasser yields, and stays at home until Tuesday morning. Satan's second attack is made Thursday evening or early Friday morning by suggesting that there are many things to be done before Sabbath, and that there will likely be some important mail awaiting him; the canvasser again yields, and as a result only twenty or thirty hours are reported for a week's work. Let us not become wrecked on Satan's rocks. If we spend that one hour each day with God there will be victories at every step.

4. *Work rain or shine.* One of the efforts of our great enemy is to induce God's people to believe that which is not true, and for years he has been successful in leading canvassers to think that rainy days and holidays are not good days for canvassing; but we have found that this is only a deception. All of our good, energetic canvassers who do not stop except for Sabbath and Sunday will testify that rainy days are their best days for taking orders, as they are always invited inside; and in the farming districts, both the husband and the wife are at home. As the book is shown, John asks Mary if she would like to have it, and she says "yes;" so he subscribes for it.

5. *Forty hours a week.* A full week is forty hours. If you are a man enjoying a fair degree of health, be ashamed to send a report of less than forty hours' work. If you are a lady enjoying a fair degree of health, your report should register at least thirty hours. Report only the actual time spent in canvassing. As you reach the first home in the morning, look at your watch, and again as you leave the last house before dinner. This gives your time for the forenoon. In the country, one can work about four hours in the forenoon, and four in the afternoon; while in the city, only about three and one-half hours in the forenoon and three hours in the afternoon can be employed. Forty hours a week! Don't forget it.

6. *Do not visit with customer.* No canvasser should stop to visit with a customer after he has finished his work, but politely make a few inquiries about the next two families, as suggested in lesson five, and bid her good day.

7. *Canvass every home.* God is no respecter of persons; why should we be? "Visit every home," should be our motto. If a canvasser violates this just and right principle, Satan will lead him past the homes where the book should be placed. You will

nearly always sell a book in the house back from the road one-half mile, for the people there are seldom visited by agents.

#### Canvasser's Outfit

The canvasser's outfit should consist of an umbrella, a pair of overshoes, a clothes brush and a shoe brush, a good supply of handkerchiefs, a prospectus and pockets for carrying it, a pocket Bible, a full copy of his book, two pencils, a guarantee book, an agent's daily record book, a pocket mirror, and a pocket comb. Have a good jacket for your umbrella, and then it can be used as a walking stick in dry weather. Wrap the overshoes in a paper and tie with a strong cord when there is no mud, and drop them just outside the gate when about to enter a home. You are now ready for all rainy days. Have your shoes well polished, and then as you remove your overshoes at the door, in muddy weather, and the lady sees your clean, well polished shoes, she will feel like inviting you into her house.

The felt hat cleaner, which can be had for the asking at any first-class hat store, makes a good brush for clothing and shoes. Get one for each purpose. The shoes should be well polished at home on Sunday so that a light rubbing with the felt two or three times each day will make them shine brightly. By all means do not fail to make use of every article mentioned in the outfit.

The full copy of the book mentioned above, should be a copy of signatures. A "signature" is sixteen pages of a book, and these signatures are sewed into a full book. In this form, before it is bound, the canvasser can secure from the publishers a book like "Great Controversy" for a small sum. Take sixteen pages with you on Monday and study them through the week, marking important sentences, and soon you will have the book well in mind. This will give something new and fresh daily to present, and thus the canvasser will be advancing and his interest in the book will increase. It will also furnish him new talking points.

Next week I shall take up delivering books and reporting.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

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

### Notes from the Canvassers

BROTHER LEACH writes: "I had many good experiences the past week. One lady recognized "Daniel and the Revelation" as an Adventist

book. She said she used to live near some of our people, and she was anxious to learn more of our faith. I was glad to take her order."

While some people are prejudiced against our literature, and I would not consider it the wisest plan to publish the fact that we are selling a Seventh-day Adventist book, yet when asked if it is a denominational book we should give a straightforward answer, and in many cases it will sell the book; but do not answer as though you were ashamed of it.

BROTHER RAY CORDER has just finished a successful delivery, notwithstanding the fact that two ministers spoke against the book and got the people considerably aroused. Surely the Lord is on our side, and we need not fear what man can do unto us.

BROTHER KIRK is getting nicely started in the work. He was tested quite severely at first by a prejudiced family who refused to keep him over night when they found that he was a Seventh-day Adventist although he had already made the arrangements with them. But the Lord provided for him, and he stood the test without becoming discouraged. The next day his orders amounted to \$22.50, and he has only been in the work a few days.

It is such experiences as those that bring the missionary canvasser to the throne of grace. The Lord can no more use those who are fearful now than he could in the days of Gideon. He desires men in his service who will remain faithful under all circumstances.

E. R. NUMBERS.

## EDUCATIONAL

### Mount Vernon College Notes

ONE of the young ladies of the Bible workers' band is giving Bible readings in Mount Vernon.

MISS NELLIE B. UNDERWOOD, a Bible worker from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, visited the school last week. Miss Underwood was formerly a student here.

MR. FRANK A. SPANGLER is president of the Senior class and Mr. Ned C. Thornton of the Junior class. There is a fine lot of young folks in these classes, and we wish them God-speed.

Two of the young men in the canvassers' band are canvassing after-

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Weeks, Perry Co.,		GC		30	10	\$27 50	\$2 50	\$30 00	\$ 3 25
E. Horst, Ross Co.,		GC	3	27	7	19 25	5 15	24 40	6 45
C. Van Gorder, Fairfield Co.,		DR	5	45	16	53 00	3 75	56 75	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,		DR	4	28	15	35 00	8 75	43 75	
A. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,		DR	5	42½	20	30 00	6 50	36 50	2 10
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,		DR	5	40	8	16 75	70	17 45	143 00
W. Deuschle, Franklin Co.,		BR	3	19½	6	18 50		18 50	
E. Sharp, Lawrence Co.,		BF	5	27	57	57 00		57 00	
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,		BF	5	33	26	26 50	4 25	30 75	
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,		BF	5	36	24	26 50	1 75	28 25	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,		CK	5	40	46	49 50		49 50	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,		CK	5	38	21	29 50	3 00	32 50	4 00
H. Leach, Guernsey Co.,			4	17½	21	10 95		10 95	
Totals,			54	423½	277	\$399 95	\$36 35	\$436 30	\$158 80

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1909

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	45	4	12 00	10 15	22 15	5 25
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	35	19	47 75	4 50	52 25	25
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	5	44	10	31 50		31 50	12 75
A. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,	DR	3	23	5	8 75	1 20	9 95	1 35
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,	DR	4	32½	14	38 50	8 50	47 00	
Wm. Deuschle, Franklin Co.,	BR	3	19	3	8 25		8 25	
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	36					125 25
R. Corder, " "	BF	5	35½	1	1 00		1 00	104 25
E. Sharp, Lawrence Co.,	BF	3	16	29	29 00		29 00	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	5	40	41	45 00		45 00	10 00
Totals,		43	326	126	\$221 75	\$24 35	\$246 10	\$259 10

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1909

G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	4	26	14	\$39 50		\$39 50	2 75
H. Albright, Columbia,	DR	4	30	15	35 50		35 50	
C. Beidler, Franklin,	DR	4	33	13	30 75		30 75	
F. Barto, Franklin,	DR	4	36	9	24 75		24 75	
C. Fisher, Northampton,	DR	4	27	8	20 00	35	20 35	
J. Gearhart, Columbia,	DR	4	24	6	13 75		13 75	
H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	2	11	1	2 75	1 55	4 30	
W. Burt, * Wyoming,		9	71		38 00		38 00	38 00
S. Sundberg, Northampton,	CK	4	20	3	3 50		3 50	
S. Diehl, Union,		1	5		30		30	30
Totals,		40	283	69	\$208 80	\$1 90	\$210 70	\$41 05

New Jersey, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1909

H. Murphy, E. Windsor,	DR	3	21	15	39 25	2 25	41 50	1 75
J. Rambo, Millville,	DR	5	29	17	33 00	4 75	37 75	1 25
W. Plant, Dover,	DR	4	23	14	32 50	60	33 10	60
G. Taylor, Millville,	DR	3	12	4	8 50	25	8 75	8 50
S. Oberg, New Brunswick,	DR	1	12	7	20 25	2 25	22 50	
G. Blinn, Hunderton Co.,	GC	5	26	13	35 75	60	36 35	
C. Kiessling, Franklin,	GC	3	19	3	8 25	8 50	16 75	1 50
C. Klaiber, Washington,	GC	4	29	2	5 50	1 25	6 75	1 25
B. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	5	24	4	7 50	1 50	9 00	11 00
Totals,		33	195	79	\$190 50	\$21 95	\$212 45	\$25 85

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending Feb. 26, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	34	18	22 75	9 45	32 20	2 35
A. Schenk, Lowry,	MN	63	13	16 25	4 55	20 80	1 40
Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg,	CK	15	14	15 25	3 50	18 75	
M. Brightman, " "	GC	35	7	16 75	4 15	20 90	
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		34			7 95	7 95	13 00
M. Jemerson, Richmond,		28			4 55	4 55	3 85
Totals,		214	52	\$71 00	\$34 15	\$105 15	\$20 60

Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1909

J. Paden, Smithsburg, Md.,	CK	4	18	4	5 00		5 00
S. Brown, Hagerstown, " "	CK	5	20	13	16 00	4 55	20 55
Totals,		9	38	17	\$21 00	\$4 55	\$25 55

\*Two Weeks. Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,236.25. Deliveries, \$505.25.

noons in Mount Vernon. They are meeting with very good success. Keep it up, boys; the experience is what you need.

ON Saturday evening, February 27, the third number of the College lecture course was given by Mr. Fred Trout, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Trout is an expert pianist. His selections were all high class, and splendidly rendered. The College Music department furnished the vocal numbers, Messrs. Metcalf and Wright being the soloists, and Messrs. Spangler, Wright, Ferguson, and Metcalf the quartette. The "boys" excelled themselves, and added much to the evening's entertainment.

ON a recent Sabbath the pastor of the church was assisted in the service by four of the members of his Bible classes. The general subject of the speakers was the judgment. Miss Mary Barrett took for her theme God's way, which, she said, was in the sanctuary. In order that we might know that way, a pattern of the sanctuary was given to Moses. A careful study of this way, or sanctuary, reveals not only God's justice but also his love and mercy. The cleansing of the sanctuary is a work of judgment. Mr. H. W. Chilson dwelt upon the time of the judgment. He showed from Daniel 8 that it began at the close of the twenty-three hundred days, in 1844. Miss Nellie B. Leach dwelt upon the manner of the judgment. The court, she said, is the sanctuary; God is the judge; the ten commandments are the standard; angels are witnesses; the twenty-four elders compose the jury; the advocate is Christ. Mr. H. J. Detwiler traced the course of events from the coming of Christ to the renewal of the earth. He gave a graphic account of the resurrection, the desolation of the earth, the binding of Satan, the final destruction of the wicked, and closed with an eloquent description of the new earth and the reward of the saints.

### The Church-School At Cheswold, Del.

THINKING the readers of the VISITOR would be interested in our school work here, I will send a report.

Our school is progressing nicely, and we are full of courage in our work. We have an enrollment of thirty pupils, with quite a regular attendance. The interest manifested among our pupils is good, particularly among the older ones.

The school is located in a pretty grove, which has many charms for both teacher and pupils, because there we can see more plainly the manifestation of God's love for us by his great handiwork—nature.

As we try to impress upon the minds of the children the truths of God's last message, we pray that God will give the increase, and when the time comes that we older ones cannot give the message, the little ones may be prepared to give it.

We desire the prayers of all God's people for the work here.

ELSIE F. SEWELL, *Teacher.*

### The Sabbath-School Work in West Virginia

WE are glad to note that each quarter brings a better report than the preceding one. Though we have progressed slowly, God has blessed in the Sabbath-school work, and we can now begin to see some very encouraging features, one of which is that almost every Sabbath-school in West Virginia is now giving the entire contributions for the support of missions. During the last quarter of 1908, but two of our schools used any of the regular donations for home supplies, and we hope that these will soon fall into line, as they are among the oldest schools and they should be making a record for the others to follow.

Our donations to missions the last quarter of 1907 was \$27.92, while for the last quarter of 1908 the total contributions to missions were \$48.18, which shows an increase of \$20.26. Does not this seem encouraging to those who are truly interested in this branch of God's great work?

We hope that there will be a steady advancement along this line, as well as along all other lines, until the work is finished, and the Saviour comes to gather those who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice. Ps. 50:5. As we shall soon begin studying the life of Christ, may each of us try to imitate his perfect example by sacrificing for the good of fallen humanity. I trust that every parent may realize the sacred responsibility of assisting his children in understanding these important lessons, which, if well studied, and hidden in the heart, will be a strong factor in helping both young and old to overcome Satan's devices, and in getting a preparation for better work. If Jesus lives in the heart, his character will shine out in the life. There is no time now for

idleness or indifference, when the close of this world's history is so near. The Lord has a work for each of us to do, in carrying the last warning message to the world. I am thankful that he is so merciful as to give every one of us something to do for him.

We are living in an age when almost everything is superficial. There is little stability and firmness of character, because the training and education of children from their cradle is superficial. Their characters are built upon sliding sand; they are not the results of self-denial and self-control. Children should be trained and educated so that they will be able to meet and overcome temptations and dangers. They should be taught to have control of themselves, and to overcome difficulties. If they shun evil influences and vicious society and are then unavoidably compelled to be in dangerous company, they will have strength of character to stand for the right and preserve principle. They will then come forth in the strength of God, with their morals untainted. The moral powers of the youth who have been properly educated, if they make God their trust, will withstand the most powerful test. The education in childhood and youth, not only affects the entire business career in mature life, but the religious experience bears a corresponding stamp.

May the richest blessing of heaven be with every young person who is making an effort to enter college.

MRS. MARY L. HADDIX.

### A Correction

IN the VISITOR of March 3, 1909, was an article entitled, "West Virginia, Notice!" in which the name of the educational secretary of our conference was given as Mrs. Mary Meredith, Fairmont, West Virginia. The proper name and address are now Mrs. Mary L. Haddix, Fairmont W. Virginia, R. F. D. 5. I trust all will take notice of this change.

I shall be pleased to hear from any of our young people with reference to their desires for a better education, that they may become efficient workers in carrying the last message of truth to the world. I am glad to learn that some of our West Virginia young people are in Mount Vernon College this year with this purpose in view; and trust that next year shall see more of our youth availing themselves of the opportunity to fit themselves for service for the Master. Let us all try to make a better record for the year 1909 than we ever have



made before. Each year comes to us fraught with greater responsibilities than the previous one. The Lord requires faithfulness in each of his stewards, regardless of the conditions with which they are surrounded, or of how small the duties may seem to be. Luke 16:10.

MRS. MARY L. HADDIX.

## The Education of Our Children

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"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female, created he them." Gen. 1:27. Man was the crowning work of creation. As he came from the hands of the Creator, he bore the divine image. But through the transgression of divine laws, this image has been lost and the sacred harmony existing between divinity and humanity has been broken. The highest and noblest work, the most exalted aim and ambitions, before which all others sink, is the work of restoring the image of God in man. This is the work of Christian education, which develops a God-like character, and is a powerful lever in the hands of the operator to accomplish the desired change. The instructor may be the mother who daily beholds the sweet face of her first-born; the young teacher in the church-school room, as from morning to morning she meets the boys and girls now in the bloom of childhood; or, it may be the teacher in the intermediate school, who meets the youth just entering young manhood and young womanhood. Even more; it may be the college president, who daily comes in contact with the young men and women under his charge. These instructors may operate in different spheres, but their aims and purposes should all be one.

Our Saviour represented to the world the divine purpose of this system of education when he offered that sweet prayer, just before the solemn scenes of Gethsemane. As he beheld before him a little band of believers, standing as sheep in the midst of wolves, with extended arms he prayed: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Here is brought to view a separation from the world. In all ages God's people have been separate from the world. Abraham was called from his father's house, away from his kindred, that he might become the father of a people

who were to be separate from the world. Schools after the divine order, will, therefore, be taught by teachers not of the world,—teachers whose lives are sanctified through the truth. These schools will then send forth into the world young men and young women who will stand as witnesses for God.

The method given to Israel for such schools, was for the parent to be the primary teacher and the home the primary school. A well-known writer has said: "In no sphere does woman display her Eden-born graces of character so excellently as when fulfilling her duties in nurturing and training for usefulness the plastic minds and forms which have been intrusted to her care. We behold with admiration the canvass of a Raphael or a Michael Angelo; we stand with speechless wonderment before the recovered marble of a Phidias or a Praxiteles; we are almost ready to bow the knee in adoration of the lofty genius which gave birth to these marvelous works of art, which have immortalized their creators; but which of all of these can for a moment compare with the work intrusted to a mother,—the task of molding a mind, of modeling a character, not for time only, but for eternity?"

Another writer states: "The system of education established in Eden centered in the family. Adam was 'the Son of God,' and it was from their Father that the children of the Highest received instruction. Theirs, in the truest sense, was a family school. . ."

"The education centering in the family was that which prevailed in the days of the patriarchs. For the schools thus established, God provided the conditions most favorable for the development of character. The people who were under his direction still pursued the plan of life that he had appointed in the beginning. Those who departed from God built for themselves cities, and congregating in them, gloried in the splendor, the luxury, and the vice that makes the cities of to-day the world's pride and its curse. But men who held fast God's principles of life dwelt among the fields and hills. They were tillers of the soil, and keepers of flocks and herds; and, in this free, independent life, with its opportunities for labor, and study, and meditation, they learned of God, and taught their children of his works and ways."—*Education*, pp. 33, 34.

Carefully read Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:6, 7; Prov. 22:6.

L. E. SUFFCOOL.

## NOTICES OF PUBLICATIONS

### Temperance Number of the Youth's Instructor

I HAVE just had the privilege of looking over the forthcoming temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. Its twenty-four pages are brimful of clear, pointed articles on the terrible curse of intemperance, which is wrecking manhood and womanhood in all lands. This is the best number which has yet been issued, and it should have a very wide circulation. It covers all phases of the temperance question. Our young people should circulate it, and our churches everywhere should scatter thousands of copies of this excellent number.

The Columbia Union Conference has many large cities, and is an excellent field for work with this valuable number. I suggest that all our churches and people throughout the union organize for a temperance crusade in behalf of this temperance number of the *Instructor*. Single copies, ten cents; five copies, five cents a copy; twenty-five copies, four cents a copy; one hundred copies, three and three-fourths cents a copy.

In the past we have not done what we might in the distribution of temperance literature. Here is a splendid opportunity to redeem the time.

G. B. THOMPSON.

### The General Conference

THE General Conference will be held at Washington, D. C., May 13 to June 6, 1909. We are desirous that the brethren and sisters of the Virginia Conference shall plan to attend this meeting as far as possible. It will give us a better idea of the work at large than anything else that we may have. The better we become acquainted with the general work, the more shall we be fitted to work in our own field.

Now in regard to the Conference *Bulletin*: none can afford to miss this whether he attends the meeting or not, as we shall want to read about the work as well as hear about it. The price of the *Bulletin* is within the reach of all of us if we will just do a little planning ahead. The price is only fifty cents for the entire time of the conference. Let us all order ours at once, for if we put it off we are likely to forget it altogether.

H. W. HERRELL.

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## The Visit of Elder Rees

THE faculty and the students of Mount Vernon College were favored recently with several timely talks by Eld. J. M. Rees, President of the West Virginia Conference. Elder Rees, while recuperating after an operation which he underwent a few weeks ago at the Washington Sanitarium, was spending a few days with his son, Prof. D. D. Rees, of the College. He accepted an invitation to speak at chapel time Friday morning, March 5, and again in the evening at the students' meeting. Monday morning, March 7, he related his experience while preaching the truth in one of the Southern States. The miraculous manner in which God preserved the life of his servant and gave victory to His truth, made love for the message glow more warmly in the hearts of those who heard him. Such visits from our old and tried workers are an inspiration to the young men and young women in our Colleges. Come again, Brother Rees.

## A Splendid Magazine

THE March number of *Life and Health* has reached our desk. It does one's soul good just to look at this splendid magazine. In mechanical make-up, nothing is left to be desired. It is handsome,—artistic. As soon as one looks at it, he is assured that there is something unusually good inside, and he feels that he must read it at once.

And the appearance is not misleading. From the title-page, to back cover, it is brimful of splendid reading. We have not time or the space

to describe the many excellent things in this number, but if you haven't seen it, we advise you to get a copy at once.

## Address Wanted

ANYONE knowing the whereabouts of Charles Ingram, will confer a favor by sending his address to Miss Annie M. Newcomer, 744 Concord St., Hagerstown, Md., who is clerk of the church at that place. His last known address was Seville, Ohio. Any information concerning him will be greatly appreciated.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

## Rome and the United States

AT the present time it is interesting to note that those enlightened by the third angel's message, and laboring for its triumph, are not the only people who are interested in the attitude of the Catholic Church towards this government. Counselor Charles Eaton, a careful student of Catholicism, says: "Romanism is as technical and intricate to master as our jurisprudence. Few are the Protestant clergy who can clearly and precisely even state the papal proposition, much less thrust the spear into the joints of the papal armor. Every Protestant college, and especially every Protestant theological seminary, should have a professorship devoted to its study."

Commenting on this suggestion, a prominent journal forcibly remarks: "If this suggestion were acted upon, as it should be, few Protestant ministers would ever be reported as saying such silly things about the Roman Church as are written from time to time in the newspapers."

"There is not, and there never was on this earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church." "Her acquisitions in the New World have more than compensated for what she has lost in the Old."—*Lord Macaulay*. Even the pen of Inspiration represents man as "wondering with great admiration."

Their Eucharistic Congress in London was a failure, the English people resenting the insult offered to the Protestantism of the nation; but in this country they have had a great year. "Beginning with the centennial celebration of the diocese of New York in the spring, Philadelphia also had its centennial of the establishment of the hierarchy in that city,

and Boston followed suit, with the declaration of Archbishop O'Connell that there are now 2,000,000 Roman Catholics in New England after one hundred years of immigration and strenuous work to retain the people in the faith of Rome." St. Louis celebrated the laying of the corner stone of an immense cathedral in October, 1908, which was the occasion of the prediction by Archbishop Ireland that in the not distant future there would be a Roman Catholic president of the United States.

This is all the more suggestive when we are reminded that twenty years ago at a centennial celebration in Baltimore, Archbishop Ireland said: "Our motto is to make America Catholic." They have never lost sight of that work. Then as now the Protestants were laboring for religious legislation, while the Church of Rome was celebrating her conquests and outlining her future policy. So intensely were the churches interested in asking for what their founders were noted for protesting against, that they failed to see the movements of the Church of Rome, and were only aroused by hearing the prediction from the White House that a Catholic president was not only possible, but desirable. And then to be told that Cardinal Gibbons knew the echo was coming!

But why should this arouse them?—Because they cannot ignore the fact that the Roman Catholic Church has again and again denounced as wholly wrong the complete separation of church and state, and full religious liberty. She tells us that these things are only to be tolerated so long as they cannot be changed. And they are further compelled to see that a loyal Roman Catholic, who fully understands the allegiance required of him by the Pope, can never sincerely subscribe to the federal Constitution.

"Massachusetts is affording the whole country an excellent example of what happens to the children of those who forget that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The spectacle of the highest officers of any State assembled to pay official honors to a representative of a foreign priest who claims temporal jurisdiction over all earthly rulers would be bad enough, but the mighty are fallen indeed when such an event happens in the old Bay State."—*Converted Catholic*.

A. C. SHANNON.

"A PERSON under the firm persuasion that he can command resources has them."