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## GENERAL MATTER

### Spanish American Missions

THE name America suggests to us a land where Christianity and liberty prevail, yet this is only true of the United States and Canada. South America has been called the "Neglected Continent," and the whole region from the southern boundary of the United States to Cape Horn is called Spanish America. The Spanish possession dates back to the beginning of the sixteenth century and was continued for three hundred years. During that time, the condition of the people, socially, morally, and spiritually, was most deplorable. During the nineteenth century, advances were made toward enlightenment and independence. Political revolutions occurred until now nearly every province has thrown off the foreign yoke. However, the people are still in bondage to Roman Catholicism, and all attempts made to intro-

duce the Bible and Protestant teaching are met with bitter denunciations.

The first Protestant missionary work was done by the Moravians in Dutch Guiana. At first the work was so difficult that for some time every soul won cost a missionary's life. Forty-eight years of toil resulted in only fifty converts; but success came at last, and to-day more than half the colony is connected with the Moravian congregation.

Another attempt was made by Allen Gardiner and his six companions to carry the gospel to the Patagonians. Thinking it unsafe to dwell on land, four boats were fitted out to hold supplies and serve as a residence from which they could carry on their pioneer work. They left with supplies for six months with the promise of fresh supplies within that time. The climate was trying, sickness and suffering followed, and the fresh supplies failed to come. They wandered about, dying one by one, Captain Gardiner being the last to yield to starvation. But amid all this, his letters and diary which were found record no murmurings, but an entreaty that the work should not be given up. Others were immediately sent to carry on the work, which has steadily gone forward until many of those savage Patagonians have become faithful Christians.

In other parts of South America the work has not been quite so disastrous, but it has required much wisdom and patience to gain a foothold where Roman Catholicism has held sway. However, South America is developing rapidly, and to-day most of its countries are promising mission fields. The countries of Mexico, Central America, and the West Indies have for centuries been under Catholic rule, making the work of the Protestant missionaries very hard. Still much good has been accomplished by some of the strong missionary societies, especially the American Bible Society, in circulating Bibles among the people.

These countries need much, and there is none so able to help them as the United States. Notwithstanding

the influence of centuries of Catholicism, our missionaries find wherever they go many earnest hearts longing to know the way of salvation.

The crying need is more workers, and still more workers.

MARY BARRETT.

Mount Vernon College.

### Whom To Invite

THE old minister closed his book, and looked around the village church. "You are told," he said, "when you make a feast, to call to it not your rich neighbors, but the poor, the maimed, and the blind. Now none of you are going to set out a fine dinner or supper this week. Some of us never in our lives gave a great entertainment. Yet the order is to us. I want each one of you when you go home to consider what God has given you besides food with which to make a feast, and who are the poor folk whom you should bid to it."

People glanced, smiled at one another, for the good man was full of queer suggestions. But the idea remained in the minds of his hearers, making their Sunday afternoon uncomfortable.

It bothered Phil Dorrance, as he sat alone in his room. He usually sat alone, except when at his meals. Phil was the blacksmith's son, whom his father by dint of years of hard work and saving, had sent to college. He was grateful to his father, but he felt his education had made a great gulf between him and the old man. His companions were his classmates. He had meant to spend the afternoon with some of them, discussing a paper he had written on the history of the Reformation. Instead he took it down stairs to the kitchen, where his father and his mother in their Sunday clothes sat nodding over the fire. How bear and empty their lives were—work and sleep!

"I want to read you something I have written," he said, cheerily.

They drew up their chairs, their eyes sparkling with pride and delight, listening with a keen, shrewd intelli-

gence that surprised him. They were able, too, to correct some mistakes that he had made, and to give him some facts new to him.

"I haven't had as pleasant a day for years, Phil," said the old man, when the paper was finished. His aged mother said nothing, but kissed him, her eyes full of tears.

In another farmhouse Grace Peel sat also thinking of the old doctor's suggestion. She was a musician from the city, who cared only for classical music. At home, her playing gave keen pleasure to friends whose musical taste had been cultivated.

"They are my rich neighbors," she thought. Rising, she went down to the parlor and opened the piano. "Suppose," said she, "we sing some hymns—all of us."

The farmer called in the boys, excitedly. "We have n't had the piano open since Nancy went away," he said. "Come, grandma, I'll move up your chair. You must join in."

They sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Sarah, the black cook, came to the door and threw in a wild note of triumph now and then. The discord sometimes made Grace shiver, but she played on.

Grandma asked for the old hymns she had sung when she was a girl, and the boys for "Hold the Fort."

When the afternoon was over, the farmer said to Grace, "It's been a real happy time. You play as well as my daughter Nancy."

Grandma laid her wrinkled hand on Grace's shoulder: "The happy hours are so few at my age," she said. "God bless you for giving me this one, my child."

So the minister's suggestion was carried out.

—Quoted in *Gospel Sentinel*.

## A Good Investment for our Missionary Volunteer Societies

WHILE traveling all day through the Great Desert of Arizona and New Mexico, I have been thinking of the finishing of God's work, and the part our young people can act in it. Especially have I thought of that other great south country which is not a desert like this, but thickly inhabited and containing the great bulk of the colored race in this country, nine millions strong. And while I would like to write you to-day in regard to my trip and the good meetings we have been holding, it is concerning the colored work that I want to speak especially.

I had a very pleasant visit at St. Helena, Cal., with Sister White and her helpers. I appreciated very much the words of good cheer which Sister White had for us in the Missionary Volunteer work, and the interest which Brother W. C. White and others manifested in our efforts for the denominational youth. Among other things, Brother White and I discussed a plan by which all our young people can be interested in the colored work, and many led to render some much needed help just now: So it is concerning this mission field within our borders that I write at this time.

As you know, there are about nine million colored people living in the South. The presence of so many members of the colored race in that section of our own country, makes the South in reality a mission field within the shadow of our doors; and it would be well if our young people, in their study of mission fields throughout the world, would become familiar with conditions and opportunities among the Negroes of the South. Having acquired such knowledge, they would be prepared to disseminate information in regard to this field whenever the attention of our people is called especially to this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

You will be glad to learn that there is now in course of preparation a series of articles, giving many interesting facts and incidents in connection with the Negro race, and the work that has been done for their educational and moral uplift. It is possible that several of these articles may appear in the columns of the *Youth's Instructor* during the months of April and May, and that some may be published during these months in the *Review* and elsewhere. You will learn from these articles that our brethren and sisters at Nashville, Tenn., and at Huntsville, Ala., are now making a special effort to finish and to furnish two sanitariums nearing completion at these important centers. Just a little help from their many friends at this time will enable our fellow-workers in the South to open the doors of two well-located and well-planned colored sanitariums and training schools for nurses.

The need for medical missionary training centers in the South, for the Negro race, is very great. As you doubtless know, Negro nurses are in demand almost everywhere. This is particularly true in the South. As Dr. G. S. Dickerman, of the Southern Education Board, in an article in the

*Southern Workman* for September, 1905, has said: "In this field there is beginning to appear a rare opening for the educated young women of the Negro race." Dr. Dickerman further declares:—

"The multitudes of Negro people throughout the South are in crying need of those various ministrations for which the training of a hospital is the best qualification. Among the poor, and especially in the country, physicians are seldom called. Instead, it is customary to depend on the care of certain old women who received a sort of practical training for the sick-room in the homes of their masters, before emancipation. These mothers and grandmothers, famed throughout the neighborhood for their skill, have been the resort for every domestic crisis of birth, accident, and disease. Employed much by the white families, they have been the dependence of their own people for countless services of love. But forty years have passed since the schools in which they were trained ceased to exist, and these good souls, quietly disappearing one by one, grow fewer. None like them are coming up to take their place. Their loss is keenly felt. For want of their homes are stricken, children are left motherless, and the whole life of the helpless community suffers.

"Here is an exigency that all the learning of ordinary schools fails to meet. How can it be met? The trained nurse is the answer. Give to these communities young women of noble character, who have passed their two or three years in sympathetic touch with human suffering as found in hospitals, and learned there to afford healing relief, and they will be able to do more than fill the places of those who have gone. They will add high intelligence to native aptitude, inculcate lessons on the conditions of health as well as the cure of sickness, and lead the people to better habits and sounder principles of conduct. We can hardly imagine the power for good that a pure-minded Negro woman might exert in this capacity."

It is for the alleviation of suffering, for the education of many people in rational methods of treating and of preventing disease, and for the training of just such nurses as Dr. Dickerman pleads for, that our small colored sanitariums at Nashville and at Huntsville have been established. They must now be supplied with funds sufficient to enable them to

open their doors with properly furnished rooms, and with an equipment sufficient to meet present demands.

Cannot we make it possible that these institutions shall be placed in running order before the time of the General Conference? Some of our young people's societies have volunteered to furnish a room in the Huntsville Sanitarium. It has occurred to me that the societies of the Columbia Union Conference might be glad to embrace the opportunity which they now have of helping along these needy enterprises. M. E. KERN.

## WITH THE HARVESTERS

### VIRGINIA

#### The Dedication at Chiltons

As the result of the tent effort by Brethren Stevens and Hennage at Chiltons, Westmoreland County, a church of seventeen members was organized, Sabbath, April 17. Twelve united on profession of faith and five by letter.

A neat little church building, valued at five hundred dollars, has been erected at this place, free of debt. On Sunday, April 18, the writer had the privilege of conducting the dedicatory services, assisted by Brethren Stevens and Hennage. The building is very neat in appearance, and is a credit to the cause of truth in that community.

While there is considerable opposition to the message at this place, yet we believe there are others who are in the valley of decision. We hope and pray that they may soon decide to obey. Let us all remember the members of this church before the throne of grace. H. W. HERRELL.

#### Richmond

SINCE my last report, it has been my privilege to visit the Hebron church located near Ford, on two quarterly meeting occasions. The brethren and sisters of this church, although few in number, are of good courage, and anxious to spread the third angel's message. Severe trials, sickness, and death have tested their faith, yet nearly all are pressing on with renewed zeal. At my first visit, I was permitted to render some counsel concerning their church work, and also organized a tract and missionary society. Since then they have been doing some splendid work in missionary lines in sending out the printed

page to all the surrounding country. May the Lord keep them from growing weary in well doing, even though they do not see immediate results. If all the churches and isolated members throughout the state would take up a similar work, it would result in great blessing to each believer who did the work, and also win souls to Christ.

Later, at the request of our conference president, I visited our scattered believers, numbering about twenty-five, in Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Berkeley. Our people own a nice little chapel in Newport News, where a faithful little band keep all the church services going, with Brother J. E. Gardner, of Hampton, as leader. While stopping with this company, I celebrated the ordinances, and on Sunday night held a service for the public. One sister was received into church fellowship upon profession of faith, having previously been baptized. The church deserves to be commended for its faithful service to the Lord in tithing and missionary endeavor.

At the time of my visit to Norfolk, it was a very rainy Sabbath, and only a few were present to the communion service, but we had a precious meeting.

Before leaving these places, I visited all the believers at their homes and looked up some who had not been able to attend services for a long time. The believers in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Berkeley were in great need of organized effort and of a leader. But recently the Lord has wonderfully supplied their need by sending to them Elder William Ostrander from the East Michigan Conference. Our prayer is that the Lord will prosper the work there under his faithful labors.

Our work is progressing in Richmond, and the outlook is very encouraging. We have purchased a nice church in a more central part of the city, and held our opening service in it on April 11.

Pray for the work in Virginia, where so few of the people have heard the third angel's message.

B. L. HOUSE.

2008 Fairmount Ave.

### WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR Brethren and Sisters of the West Virginia Conference: In behalf of your interest in the work, I wish to say that the plans which I give at the close of this article for our summer's work were formulated by your committee and by our beloved co-laborer

who has so suddenly left us, and will be carried into effect as fully as possible. We feel sure that this work was done with an eye single to the glory of God, and that it will be for the advancement of the cause in West Virginia. While we mourn the loss of such an efficient worker, we feel to praise the Lord that his thoughts can live on in the acts of his co-workers.

I imagine I can hear you saying, "What will become of the Conference? Who is going to be our next president? I fear things will not go right." Do not think for a moment that the work is going to stop. Brethren and sisters, let us press into the battle. The Lord is our captain. He will fill the ranks which have been broken by the enemy. The work must go. The battle is ours. Ask the Lord for help, and believe his word when he says he will help you. "Ask and ye shall receive."

I will ask all of you to co-operate in carrying out the following plans for the summer's work. If you do this, I shall be sure to meet all of you at the camp-meeting. We shall endeavor to have live and efficient help, and things new from the General Conference, which will be just a few weeks in the past. We shall have one of the best camp-meetings ever attended.

A meeting of the conference committee of the conference was called at Parkersburg, April 3. Elder Rees, president of the conference, presided. Below we give a partial report of the plans made:—

Brother H. W. Waggoner was elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of C. J. Foote. For financial and other reasons, it was decided to hold the camp-meeting this year at Parkersburg, August 12-22. It was recommended that the camp-meeting be preceded by a tent effort, to be conducted by Elder J. M. Rees. A motion was sustained to invite John Snider and wife to assist in the work, Brother Snider to act as tent master. It was voted that Elder John F. Steele, with help that has been promised from Ohio, hold a tent meeting at Morgantown after camp-meeting.

Several canvassers are coming into the state from other conferences, and it was recommended that they make the following named counties their field of labor: Monongalia, Wood, Jackson, Cabell, and Hancock. A motion was passed that Miss Blanche Grubb be asked to connect with the West Virginia Conference as a Bible worker.

S. F. Ross, *Vice-Pres.*

### Charleston and Clendenin

It has been some time since we have handed in any report of the work in this field. Our silence has not been due to any lack of interest, or to any discouragement on the part of the church or of the workers. It encourages our hearts greatly as we read of the speedy triumph of the message in home and foreign fields, and we can but say, "This is the Lord's doings; it is marvellous in our eyes."

While the Lord has been passing through the camp of Israel, we are glad to report that his presence has been felt in Charleston. The past few weeks have brought many blessings to the church in this place. Each Sabbath we are seeing new faces in the congregation. During the past few weeks, four precious souls have embraced the message, and to-day are rejoicing in the great light of the third angel's message. During my recent visit at Clendenin, Miss Cummings and Mrs. Sufficool were visiting among the readers. Sister Cummings gave a reading to a lady confined to her bed through sickness, after which Mrs. Sufficool led in prayer. While thus engaged, the Lord breathed upon this little company his blessed Spirit. Hard hearts were broken, and, upon that sick bed, this poor soul promised to keep all the commandments of God. Her married daughter being present entered into this solemn vow with her. It is not necessary to state that the two workers left the house rejoicing.

One other case of equal interest: A lady who had had no Bible readings, but who had been reading our tracts, began to keep the Sabbath. On Friday when Sister Cummings made her regular call, she found this lady busy preparing for the Sabbath. With her little girl she was going to the grove on the Kanawha river to spend the Sabbath where they could study the Bible together. She was over-joyed to know that there was a church in the city that kept the Sabbath. The following day this lady and her daughter were at the Sabbath-school and meeting. Their faces expressed the joy of their souls. There are many other cases we might cite which would be of interest to our people and would undoubtedly be a source of encouragement. I shall now say just a word concerning the work in Clendenin.

This is a village twenty-one miles from Charleston. We are told that it has a population of one thousand. It is located on the Coal & Coke Rail-

way in the heart of a rich oil and gas field. These people had heard of the work in Charleston, and not long ago the writer received an urgent invitation to visit their village and arrange to hold meetings in the Baptist church. At the first opportunity I visited this place and was met by those interested, and escorted to a near-by hotel. In a few minutes all arrangements were made for the opening meeting, and at seven-thirty o'clock we found a well-filled church of attentive listeners. The village band and an excellent choir of ladies furnished appropriate music. We now have a standing appointment in the Baptist church at this village every Friday night.

Since starting these meetings, I have received an urgent invitation to come to Clay Court House. As soon as my work will permit, this invitation will be considered.

We rejoice that we are beholding the high walls cast down,—beholding Satan's defeat and the triumph of the message. Open doors are all around us. As doves to our windows, the Gentiles are coming to us bringing their treasures and asking for the bread of life. Satan does not like to see this cause triumph, and he will do all in his power to hinder the work. Avenues will be closed before us; often our souls will be bowed low with sorrow, yet let us boldly stand with our face to the foe. In love and unity let us labor together, until the Master calls us home.

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

### OHIO

#### With the Churches

MARCH 10 to April 4, I spent in a series of meetings at Powell, Ohio, where we have a small but earnest little company of believers with a neat little church building that stands as a witness for the truth. Elder Redfield has this church in charge. He speaks to them every two weeks, and this has given much encouragement to the church, and I believe is reaching some outside people.

The brethren helped in every way they could to make the meetings a success, and while at no time was the outside attendance large, yet we had quite a number of regular attendants who seemed to be deeply interested, and I believe some of these will yet take their stand for the truth. I left the church much encouraged. One asked for baptism, which I expect will soon be administered.

I spent two days with the wide-awake little church at Marion. I found them happy in obeying the Lord, and also at work in spreading the truth by the printed page. If all would do all they might do in this way there would be many more gathered into the fold of Christ each year.

I went to Corsica, but on account of sickness and bad weather, I was unable to meet with the church.

W. E. BIDWELL.

### Field Notes

#### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER WM. T. HILGERT met with the company at Souderton, Pa., Sabbath, April 24.

Elder K. C. Russell of Washington, D. C., met with the churches of Philadelphia, Sabbath and Sunday, April 24, 25.

Are you a reader of the *Review and Herald*? If not, you cannot expect to keep pace with the message for the last days.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt, during the past week, of \$168.65 as personal tithe from a brother in this conference.

Elder A. R. Bell writes that on May 9 the Harrisburg Sabbath-school will have an outing. The day will be spent on the island, at Brother R. V. Smith's home.

One brother has purchased a supply of tracts to distribute to his milk and butter customers. He says: "I cannot preach like others, but I must do something to spread the truth."

If you have not ordered your tent for the General Conference, you had better do so at once. Write to Elder G. A. Irwin, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., for particulars.

Elder C. S. Weist met with the Orwell company of believers at the home of Sister Diantha Ott, Sabbath, May 1. Sunday, May 2, he met with the Williamsport church.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. J. W. Davis, wife of the business manager of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, who passed away at the home of her mother in Kingston, Pa., Sabbath, April 17.

Inasmuch as there will be no camp-meeting in this conference the coming summer, we hope that as many as can will plan to attend the General Conference. You cannot afford to miss the most important meeting ever held among this people.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

The May number of the *Watchman* promises to be the best issue yet, and we hope the people of this conference will obtain a copy, as it will contain an article by Professor P. T. Magan on the Eastern Question, which will, no doubt, be the best thing that has ever been written on this subject.

"When we rob God, we rob ourselves also. We give up the heavenly treasure for the sake of having more of this earth. This is a loss that we cannot afford to sustain. If we live so that we can have the blessing of God, we shall have his prospering hand with us in our temporal affairs; but if his hand is against us, he can defeat all our plans, and scatter faster than we can gather."—*Testimonies Vol. 5, p. 572.*

#### NEW JERSEY

THERE will be a union meeting at Bridgeton, Sabbath and Sunday, May 8, 9, 1909. At this time the church building, which has been recently purchased, will be dedicated. Several laborers from abroad will be present, and a special invitation is extended to our people living in South Jersey.

The legislature has adjourned without making any changes in the state Sunday law, neither was anything done to curb the saloon traffic. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be taking advantage of this opportunity to circulate temperance and religious liberty literature, so that the issue may be fairly put before the people. The message of warning must be given to every individual. Are you doing your part?

Occasionally we find some one who is far behind the times because he does not have the news of the pro-

gress of the message which is given from week to week in our church papers. If there are any dead, or dying members in your church, help to put some new life into them by getting them to read the *Review*, the *Visitor*, and the *General Conference Bulletin*. One-half of a cent a day will more than pay the entire cost of these papers to the subscriber.

#### CHESAPEAKE

THE young people's society in Baltimore church number one, is planning to hold a temperance rally in the near future.

Elder Fairchild, who has labored for sometime the past winter at Swanton, reports nine new Sabbath-keepers at that place.

If there are any who desire the *Bulletin*, let them send their orders at once. Do not wait until the General Conference has convened, as it may then be too late for you to get it.

We should be glad to have our people who have not yet sent their subscription to the new paper, *The Protestant Magazine*, do so at once. We believe this will fill an important place in our work.

Elder L. F. Starr visited the church at Dover, Sabbath, April 11. He found the people of good courage, and interested in the progress of the third angel's message. He preached to a very interested company at Kenton, Del., the following Sunday night. Elder Seeney has been laboring there, and his work has awakened an excellent interest.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

#### College Springs Sanitarium

MISS GRUBB is improving.

Miss Myers is gaining gradually.

Mrs. H. C. Oberholtzer has returned to the sanitarium for treatment.

At present there is only one vacant room at the College Springs Sanitarium. Those expecting to come for treatment will do well to write before coming.

Dr. V. L. Fisher was pleased to spend a few hours at the Mountain Springs Sanitarium with Brother and Sister F. A. Stahl, and see the beautiful location chosen for their institution.

## MEDICAL

### Reform in Therapeutics

(Concluded)

LET us briefly consider the work of those who have been interested in reformed therapeutics. Thomas Sydenham, a noted English physician, surnamed the "English Hippocrates," was born in 1624. He anticipated modern practice in many ways, especially in a minute study of the predisposing causes of disease, external and internal. In 1683 he wrote his treatise on fevers, in which he apologized for departing so far from the current practice of his day as to recommend the employment of hydragric measures as being preferable to bleeding in the treatment of febrile disorders. He feared that this step would render him so unpopular with the members of his profession as to destroy his reputation and practice.

Hippocrates, born 460 B. C., employed water in the treatment of fevers, ulcers, hemorrhages, and surgical maladies, and gave many directions for the use of water in the treatment of disease which two thousand years' experience has not improved upon.

The ancient Egyptians, Hebrews, Greeks, Persians, Hindus all employed water as a therapeutic measure. The moist compress was well known to the ancient Greeks. Chinese women, several centuries before the Christian era, wrapped themselves in wet sheets and drank water to induce perspiration.

Septala, in the seventeenth century, used the cold douche for the relief of headache and sun stroke. In 1790 Vincent Priessnitz was born. He experimented upon animals for the purpose of learning the effects of hot and cold foods and water. Currie, Lockette, Fleury, Winternitz, Schuller, Vinaj, and many others have left us works containing valuable experiments made upon man and animals. Verily, "hydrotherapeutic medical practice has taken its place in rational therapeutics."

Professor Gilman says: "Cold affusion is the best antidote for narcotic poisoning. If the medical profession were to learn and appreciate this fact, the number of deaths from narcotism would be diminished one-half." "The continued application of cold water has more power to prevent inflammation than any other remedy." He also says, "Water is equal in efficiency as a diuretic to all other diu-

retics combined, and is the best febrifuge we have."— *How to Live*, p. 35.

God has given us, through the spirit of prophecy, special instruction upon the subject of reform in therapeutics. We shall do well to heed this instruction, for we are told that "the medical missionary work is to bear the same relation to the work of the third angel's message that the arm and hand bear to the body."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, p. 288. God "calls upon those engaged in our medical work to unite with the ministry; he calls upon the ministry to co-operate with the medical missionary workers."—*Id.*, p. 292 "Through this means the higher classes are to be reached. We are to leave no effort untried to show them that their souls are worth saving, even though many of them are the slaves of intemperate habits."

Health reform, or reform in therapeutics, is a work in which every believer in the third angel's message will act a part. He will teach by example the principles of reformed therapeutics. In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 324, we read: "Canvassers should be able to give instruction in regard to the treatment of the sick. They should learn the simple methods of hygienic treatment. Thus they may work as medical missionaries, ministering to the souls and the bodies of the suffering." "O, thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted," (Isa. 54:11) "I am the Lord that healeth thee," "who forgiveth all thine iniquities." This message must be carried to all the earth; for "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reineth!" MRS. O. F. BUTCHER.  
*Mount Vernon College.*

No Seventh-day Adventist who desires to keep in close touch with the advancement of our special work can afford to be without the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

Last General Conference the reports of the proceedings of the council were printed in very brief form in the *Review*. This year a *Daily Bulletin* will be issued, and good, full reports will be given. No one can afford to be without these reports. The price of the *Bulletin* is only fifty cents.

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 23, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. Horst, Ross Co.,		GC	5	40	19	\$55 25	\$1 35	\$56 60	\$ 35
Wm. Deuschle,* Ross Co.,		GC	9	66	19	52 25	6 00	58 25	1 00
S. Ragon, Cleveland,		GC	2	9	6	16 50	2 10	18 60	
J. Randolph,* Marion Co.,		DR	7	42	28	84 00		84 00	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,		DR	5	42	16	46 00	2 00	48 00	14 00
H. Kirk,* Williams Co.,		DR	9	63½	15	42 25	50	42 75	1 50
R. Corder, Belmont Co.,		DR	5	36	13	35 75	6 50	42 25	
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,		DR	5	42	16	39 00	2 60	41 60	15 10
L. Waters, Portage Co.,		DR	5	45	12	36 00	70	36 70	70
F. Hankins, Williams Co.,		DR	4	26½	7	19 25	75	20 00	
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,		DR	2	13	3	10 25	5 70	15 95	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,		CK	5	40½	34	55 00	50	55 50	50
H. Leach, Marietta,		CK	5	37	15	19 00	2 90	21 90	1 50
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.,		CK	3	22	11	12 00		12 00	
<b>Totals,</b>			<b>71</b>	<b>524½</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>\$522 50</b>	<b>\$31 60</b>	<b>\$554 10</b>	<b>\$34 65</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 16, 1909

J. Jones, Church Creek, Md.,	GC	5	38	7	19 25	3 60	22 85	
Mrs. Wright, Ridgely, Md.,	GC	5	27½	13	35 75	8 50	44 25	
Mrs. Whaley, Church Hill, Md.,	GC	4	15	4	11 00		11 00	
C. Tracy,	GC	1	8¼	11	30 25		30 25	
C. Zeigler,* Easton, Md.,	GC	6	52½	17	58 75	10 15	68 90	
J. Jeffreys,* Harford Co., Md.,	GC	2	10	3	12 25	2 50	14 75	6 50
A. Byers, Washington Co., Md.	GC	2	13					
W. Paden, Beaver Creek, Md.,	GC	3	16	2	5 50		5 50	
Mrs. Mitchell, Govanstown, Md.,	GC	4	21	6	16 50	2 80	19 30	
E. Mitchell, Harney, Md.,	GC	3	35	6	19 50	3 50	23 00	17 00
S. Brown, Hagerstown, Md.,	CK	5	29	6	8 00	2 45	10 45	
J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md.,	CK	4	26	7	8 00	3 15	11 15	
<b>Totals,</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>291¼</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$224 75</b>	<b>\$36 65</b>	<b>\$261 40</b>	<b>\$23 50</b>

Ohio, Week Ending April 16, 1909

C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	43	25	76 25	5 50	81 75	12 00
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	5	39	22	53 50	6 40	59 90	9 90
A. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,	DR	4	42¾	14	36 75	9 35	46 10	3 15
F. Hankins, Williams Co.,	DR	5	31½	9	24 75	2 70	27 45	
L. Waters, Portage Co.,	DR	5	39	7	20 25	70	20 95	70
E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	4	30½	10	27 50	2 05	29 55	6 70
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,	CK	3	23½	16	21 00	2 50	23 50	2 00
H. Leach, Washington Co.,	CK	5	37	15	16 00	6 99	22 99	1 00
C. Reichenbach, Portage Co.,	CK	3	25	15	15 50		15 50	
<b>Totals,</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>311¼</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>\$291 50</b>	<b>\$36 19</b>	<b>\$327 69</b>	<b>\$35 45</b>

New Jersey, Week Ending April 16, 1909

C. Grey, Morris,	DR	4	26	3	16 50	1 75	18 25	
W. Plant, Randolph,	DR	4	26	5	14 75	1 35	16 10	1 35
J. Rambo,† Millville,	DR	2	16					58 00
C. Klaiber, Harmony,	GC	5	40			1 75	1 75	55 25
C. Kiessling, Hackettstown,	GC	3	17	4	11 00		11 00	5 75
B. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	4	24	8	22 00	2 00	24 00	3 75
<b>Totals,</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$64 25</b>	<b>\$6 85</b>	<b>\$71 10</b>	<b>\$124 10</b>

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 16, 1909

F. Barto, Franklin,	DR	3	18	9	24 10	2 10	26 20	
G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	4	26	2	4 50		4 50	
L. Gilbert, Northumberland,	CK	3	9	5	5 50		5 50	
S. Sundberg, Northampton,	CK	4	24	3	3 50		3 50	
S. Diehl, Union,		5	35		3 30		3 30	2 60
<b>Totals,</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$40 90</b>	<b>\$2 10</b>	<b>\$43 00</b>	<b>\$2 60</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending April 16, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR	2	16					27 05
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	9	58	11	16	85	12 00	28 85
L. Wright, Marion Co.,	GC	4	34	6	16	50	3 50	20 00
Totals,		15	108	17	\$33	35	\$15 50	\$48 85
								\$51 80

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 23, 1909

A. Brownlee, Washingt'on Co.,	GC	5	42	19	45	75	2 35	48 10	1 90
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.,	GC	10	64½	39	108	50	3 05	111 55	48 92
J. Glunt, Blair Co.,	GC	2	13	3	8	25		8 25	9 25
Totals,		17	129	61	\$162	50	\$5 40	\$167 90	\$60 07

Virginia, Week Ending April 16, 1909

Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg,			8						8 30
K. Oertley, Radford,			8						15 40
M. Jemerson, Richmond,	DR		16		1 50		70	2 20	4 65
Totals,			32		1 50		70	2 20	28 35

\*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending April 9, 1909.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,466.24. Deliveries, \$360.12.

Sales for March, 1908, \$2,459.65; March, 1909, \$5,483.20.

The Work in West Virginia

THE West Virginia Conference has been called upon to pass through many severe trials since its organization. The truth would have made greater advancement here if we had not all been so apt to look at the dark side, instead of looking more on the bright side of things. Canvassers have always done about as well in West Virginia as they have any other place. We are pleased to say, however, that we have always had a few faithful canvassers in this conference

Brother Jennings has recently had some good experiences in the work and he has been having exceptionally good success for one who is advanced in years and in feeble health. He had an interesting talk, not long since, with a Methodist minister, and sold him a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation." Brethren and sisters, let us lift up our heads and take a new interest in this branch of the Lord's work. Brother Jennings' experience will condemn a great many of the brethren and sisters in West Virginia if they do not shake off the lethargy that has fastened itself upon them. With all the trials that have come to the work here, Brother Jennings keeps on still. While it is true that we are few in numbers, and the weakest conference in this union, do not let us be lagging.

We expect students from Mount Vernon College and the Foreign Mission Seminary to take up the work here this summer. About ten of the Mount Vernon College students

promised Elder Rees at his last visit to the College that they would spend their summer's vacation in the work here, and several others have written favorably since. Let us hope and pray that these brethren and sisters will still remember their promises to Elder Rees. We certainly need them as much now as though he had lived.

Anyone in the conference desiring help to begin in the canvassing work, should write me at once and get started if possible before summer comes on. When the students arrive from the school, I shall be kept busy for some time helping them.

D. W. PERCY.

Notes From the Canvassers

BROTHER F. E. HANKINS, who is working in Williams County and who has only been in the work a few weeks, writes: "The next morning after you left us, we started for the country. The first day we failed to secure a room and were obliged to go to Montpelier. As Brother Kirk thought it best for him to go over to his township, we parted company on Thursday morning, and I started out alone feeling a little sad but trusting in the Lord. The first home I visited I received an order and secured a boarding place, for a book. I took five orders that day, amounting to \$13.75."

Brother Kirk, who is working in the same county, made a delivery of over one hundred per cent.

The next mail brought a good re-

port from Brother F. E. Wagner of sales amounting to \$59.90. Brother Wagner is one of the canvassers who changed from a small book to a large one at our recent institute. He writes: "I praise the Lord for the success he gave me this week, as about one-fourth of my exhibitions were among Catholic people; but I received four orders from them."

Brother Shaw has also had some very good experience where he is working near Toledo. One man drove fifteen miles to get the "Coming King" he had ordered, but as he was a day ahead of time, he left the money. This was a poor family and a very doubtful order at that. Let us pass by no home for many people are waiting for what we have to give them.

E. R. NUMBERS.

People Want the Books

As I have finished my delivery, I will take this opportunity of acknowledging the gratitude of my heart to God for his many blessings and the success he has given me. Although the weather has not been the most pleasant, it was a happy privilege to carry the truth into so many homes. Many times I realized that the Lord was influencing the minds of the people. One lady after taking her book, "Coming King," said she did not want the "Best Stories." But after I had gone on to the next house she telephoned over saying that she had changed her mind and was sending her boy over with the money to get the book, and asked if I would please wait for him. This I was very glad to do. In a few minutes he came through the storm, and departed rejoicing with the book. This taught me that I was not the only one who was willing to face the storms in behalf of these books. Many were the kind words of encouragement I received from pleased purchasers as I said good-by, wishing them pleasure and benefit from reading the book. I lost very few orders, delivering about ninety-five per cent of all my subscriptions.

I am of good courage, and the Lord continues to bless me. I trust that he is blessing the canvassers, with all who love and labor for this message.

E. E. SHAW.

We may consistently expect inspiring things to take place at the coming General Conference. The *Bulletin* will bear this good news to all subscribers daily. Order it now. Only fifty cents for the session.

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### EDITOR'S COLUMN

#### Our Training School

OUR union conference training school, located at Mount Vernon, Ohio, is much in need of financial help. Accordingly our union conference committee, with the College board, have voted to assist our worthy educational institution, that it may be enabled to carry on its noble work for our young men and women. The plan recommended is that each member in our union conference be asked to pay at least one cent a day, or three dollars and sixty-five cents for the year. Now it would seem that nearly all of us could help in this worthy cause. So let us here in the Old Dominion take hold and lift in this grand cause of education.

The College needs money to pay off some pressing debts, and there are also repairs that must be made as soon as possible in order that the College may be kept in operation. None of us would want to see the College forced to close its doors for lack of funds while it is doing such a noble work for our boys and girls. About one hundred and fifty students are enrolled in the College this year.

Let us all rally to the front, and do our very best. H. W. HERRELL.

#### Mount Vernon College Fund

A TRACT dealing with the history and needs of Mount Vernon College has been sent to the elders of all the churches in the Columbia Union Conference. It is intended that one of these tracts shall be placed in each family in the conference, that our people may better understand the grand and good work this College is doing as well as its needs, and then

fall into line with those who are going to place the school on vantage-ground.

We are assured that the one-cent-a-day plan is favored by nearly every one in the union, and that success is before us along this line if we only take hold of this great work and lift together. Let us all lift. "Many hands make work light."

No doubt you are asked many times to support local calls for help, but at the same time we realize that soon Jesus is coming, and so we feel that now is the time to work for our school if we ever do. What wonderful returns we get on such investments! The Columbia Union Executive Committee think that the time is ripe for this work, and now give the College a little time to recover itself. We know that our brethren will be faithful to the work just begun, and so are assured that it will not be laid aside without response. This is a union conference school and the call is made general.

As this plan was begun about April 1, nearly one month is in the past, and I am wondering how much you have in your treasury for this fund. School will close May 10. Between that time and September we must make such repairs on the buildings as are necessary. So we are anxious that this important matter be not put off. If there are those who can pay a sum equal to one cent a day for a year *in advance*, it will be greatly appreciated by the management as they will then have some grounds on which to base their plans. Please remit promptly, to your conference treasurer, at the end of each month, using the record blanks which have already been sent you.

Pray earnestly for the success of the Mount Vernon College Fund.

E. R. BROWN.

*Columbia Union Conf. Sec.*

### NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Many Reasons For It

FOR many reasons that cannot be briefly stated, the coming General Conference, May 13 to June 6, 1909, will be the most important council ever held by our people. Our members all over the world are intensely interested in it. An unusually large number are to attend. It will be a large gathering of our foreign missionaries and home workers, besides many lay members. Those who cannot come in person from foreign

fields, as well as those in the home field, are now sending for the *Bulletin*. One order for five hundred copies is just in from Australia.

Besides the strong and influential representatives from all of our mission and home fields who are to be present, Sister White is now on her way to the Conference. She is making a special effort to be at this important council of the Lord's chief messengers, and will doubtless have stirring messages for them and all the people. No one can afford to miss these. They will be printed in the *Daily Bulletin*, and promptly sent out to all subscribers. If you have not ordered the *Bulletin*, do so at once. It only costs fifty cents, while its real value to our people who cannot attend the Conference cannot be estimated by money values.

#### District Meetings

THERE will be a general meeting at Ravenna, O., May 7-9, 1909, for the churches in District 31, comprising Ashtabula, Cnyahoga, Geariga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit and Trumbull counties. All are cordially invited. Please bring your "Christ in Song."

DR. W. J. VENEN, SUP'T.

#### Home Wanted

HOME wanted on a farm for a boy 13 years of age. School privileges desired. Address Mrs. A. E. Winter, 31 A James Street, Hackensack, N. J.

#### Publications Wanted

Please send prepaid late, clean copies of our denominational papers and tracts to be used in a reading rack in a union depot. Address Helena Black, Ohio City, Ohio.

#### Union Meeting and Dedication at Bridgeton, N. J.

A UNION meeting for the churches of South Jersey will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, East Commerce street, Bridgeton, N. J., May 8, 9, 1909. The newly-purchased house of worship will be dedicated at that time. Elders W. J. Tanner and J. C. Stevens, former laborers in this conference, and other workers are expected to be present. We trust all will make a special effort to attend this meeting.

B. F. KNEELAND.