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

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GENERAL MATTER

How We Rise

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound,

But we build the ladder by which we rise

From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,

And we mount to its summit round by round.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet,

By what we have mastered of good or gain;

By the pride deposed and the passion slain,

And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

"We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust

When the morning calls us to life and light;

But our hearts grow weary and, ere the night,

Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

"Only in dreams is a ladder thrown

From the weary earth to the sapphire walls;

But the dreams depart and the vision falls,

And the sleeper awakes on his pillow of stone.

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,

But we build the ladder by which we rise

From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,

And we mount to its summit round by round."

The Purpose of Mount Vernon College

THE purpose of the College is twofold. First and foremost is the training of devoted young men and women for the work of proclaiming

the third angel's message. Believing, as we do, that upon us is laid the tremendous task of reaching all the world with that message in the present generation, we cannot do otherwise than make every possible effort to train competent workers. Hence this has been, and is, the guiding principle in all the work of the College. Never for a moment is it lost from sight. The success of the school is measured by what it is able to accomplish in this direction. The managers have no ambition to conduct a school that will be considered good from a worldly standpoint, but which has no higher claims to recognition. Their desire is to meet, first, the approval of God, and then of those who believe that the greatest accomplishment of our day is to skilfully minister the gospel truth for this time to those who sit in darkness. This class of students the College specially welcomes, and will do everything in its power to aid them.

The second object of the school is to provide a place of training for earnest young people who have not yet decided what they will do, but who feel the need of better education than they now possess. There is a large number of this class, and to them we say, "Come with us and we will do you good. You will find our courses of study broad and liberal, well adapted to give that breadth of knowledge and experience requisite to success in any calling." The College privileges are not limited to Christian young people, nor even to those of Seventh-day Adventist faith. All persons of both sexes, without regard to religious experience or belief, are admitted to its classes on equal terms. The only requirements are that the applicant bear a good moral character, and that he cheerfully comply with the regulations of the school. Those who cannot pass this test need not apply for admission. Students unknown to the faculty must present letters of recommendation from some responsible person.

But even with these precautions it sometimes occurs that undesirable persons find their way into the school.

Such will not be knowingly retained. Students of immoral conduct, of using profane or indecent language, of theater going or card playing, or of using tobacco in any form, or of any serious infraction of the rules, will not be long retained unless there is evidence of thorough reform. Experience has shown that long forbearance with this class is not, as a rule, beneficial to themselves, while their influence is positively dangerous to better students.

There is another class of students whom the College will be glad to welcome. In many of our churches there are middle aged men and women whose educational advantages were limited in their younger days, but who possess good natural abilities and a love for the truth. Such could, with some training, make acceptable laborers. Most excellent workers have come from this class. The faculty will take great pleasure in assisting such students to select from the courses studies adapted to their needs.

S. M. BUTLER.

Mount Vernon College

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES' MEETING, JUNE 29, 30, 1909.

First Meeting.

PURSUANT to official call, the trustees of Mount Vernon College met in the chapel of the school at 3 o'clock, P. M., June 29, 1909.

Members present: H. H. Burkholder, R. G. Patterson, A. C. Shannon, C. E. Welch, U. E. Whiteis, Geroge Klopfenstein, R. R. Kennedy, F. M. Fairchild, V. H. Cook, S. M. Butler. Elder Daniells was present by invitation. W. H. Heckman and B. F. Kneeland arrived and took their seats before the first meeting closed. The president of the board, G. B. Thompson, being absent, the secretary called the meeting to order, and H. H. Burkholder was chosen as temporary chairman.

Prayer by Elder Daniells, Professor Wilkinson, and Elder Burkholder.

The minutes of the annual meeting were read and approved. Elder Dan-

iells was invited to take part in the deliberations. Professor Wilkinson was made a member of the board on motion of C. E. Welch, supported by V. H. Cook. V. H. Cook moved that W. D. McLay take the place on the board made vacant by the death of Elder J. M. Rees. This motion was supported by R. G. Patterson, and carried.

RESIGNATION OF G. B. THOMPSON.

At this point the following communication from Elder G. B. Thompson was submitted to the board:—

"As I will have to attend the camp-meetings of the Northern Union Conference, it will be impossible for me to be present at the constituency and the College board meeting June 29; so I send you my resignation as president of the board and also as a member of the constituency. This will enable you to select some one else to fill my place at that time,—Professor Wilkinson if you think best."

Voted on motion of R. G. Patterson, supported by U. E. Whiteis, that the resignation of Elder Thompson be accepted. Professor Wilkinson was made president of the board.

TRANSFER OF COLLEGE PROPERTY.

V. H. Cook and the chair stated at some length the legal advice they had received concerning the transfer of the College property to the Columbia Union Conference Association. This brought out considerable discussion, from which it appeared that it was possible to make the transfer by a deed from the trustees of the College to the Columbia Union Conference Association. When that is done and due notice of dissolution of the College corporation is filed with the secretary of the state of Ohio, the College corporation will cease to exist. In order, however, to avoid embarrassment in granting degrees, it was advised by the attorney that there be filed with the secretary of the state of Ohio a schedule of property and a statement from the Ohio commissioner of education that the college courses of study have been accepted.

SUBSTITUTION OF NAME.

The secretary was directed to substitute the name of B. G. Wilkinson for that of G. B. Thompson in the action of the board at the annual meeting, authorizing the president and secretary of the board to transfer the College property to the Columbia Union Conference Association.

Meeting adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

Second Meeting.

The second meeting of the board met according to adjournment in the chapel at 7:30 P. M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after some correction, were approved.

THE ONE-CENT-A-DAY PLAN.

The chairman then asked the business manager to state the plan of the board for raising funds for the liquidation of the College debts, and to tell how the plan had operated thus far. The business manager said that \$4,100 worth of bonds had been sold, about five or six hundred dollars of which have been used in operating expenses, and the balance in paying old debts. The one-cent-a-day plan was discussed at considerable length. There seemed to be a feeling of courage concerning it. After several plans for raising the money had been suggested it was voted on motion of E. R. Brown, that the chair appoint a committee of five to make recommendations to the board concerning the raising of this fund. The names of the committee follow: W. H. Heckman, H. H. Burkholder, W. D. McLay, S. M. Butler, and E. R. Brown.

WATER SYSTEM

The business manager was also called upon to report concerning the water system. Two systems were suggested,—the tank and the pneumatic system. Figures were submitted concerning the cost of each. While this subject was under discussion the meeting was adjourned until eight o'clock, June 30.

Third Meeting

The third meeting of the board was called to order at 8:15 A. M., June 30, 1909, in the chapel of the College building.

Prayer by Elder McLay. The business manager again presented the figures concerning the heating, water and lighting systems. The figures appear below:—

HEATING AND LIGHTING SYSTEM.

New Heating Plant.

Plumbing	\$1101.99
Boiler	200.00
	<u>\$1301.99</u>

To repair old System.

Plumbing	\$200.00
Boiler	200.00
	<u>\$400.00</u>

Pneumatic Water System.

9000 gallon tank, installed, ...	\$1485.55
Building ...	214.45
Total	<u>\$1700.00</u>

Tower Tank System,

51 ft. tower, 10,000 gal. tk.	\$ 798.00
" " " 20,000 " "	1,192.00
75 " " 10,000 " "	1,050.00
" " " 20,000 " "	1,550.00

LIGHTING.

35 h. p. Olds gas engine, with 17 kilowatt Hobart dynamo, erected, \$1,350.

Moved by U. E. Whiteis, supported by R. G. Patterson, that the report of the local board be accepted, and that they be authorized to install the plant at a maximum cost of \$1,800. Carried.

THE HEATING PLANT.

The business manager next presented figures concerning the heating plant. A new system, he said, would cost \$1,101.99, but the present system could be repaired for about \$200.

Moved by R. R. Kennedy, supported by Geo. Klopfenstein, that the local board be instructed to continue their investigation as to the prices for repairing the heating plant and install that which will heat the building properly. Carried.

LIGHTING SYSTEM.

The business manager next presented figures concerning a lighting system. Bids were submitted from various companies for installing the plant. The prices ranged from \$1,350. to \$2,384. After considerable discussion it was moved by U. E. Whiteis, supported by R. R. Kennedy, that the local board be instructed to make the best rate possible with the Mount Vernon Electric Light and Power Company, and that for the present no effort be made to install a lighting system owned and controlled by the College.

REPAIRS ON BUILDING.

The business manager stated that there would not be many repairs imperative about the buildings this year. He said that a new stove, with some minor repairs in various parts of the buildings, would put things in shape for the present. Moved by R. G. Patterson, supported by C. E. Welch, that the matter of further repairs be referred to the local board.

COMMITTEE FOR MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE FUND.

Report of committee appointed to suggest a plan for raising funds for Mount Vernon College being called for, it was submitted by the secretary, E. R. Brown, as follows:—"Your committee, appointed to formulate a plan to push the Mount Vernon College Fund, respectfully submit the following:—

"Whereas, The one-cent-a-day plan seems to be the best method of raising funds for Mount Vernon College; and,—

"Whereas, There is urgent need of funds to make the necessary repairs before the beginning of the next school year; therefore,—

"We Recommend, That the conference presidents and executive committees in the union plan at once to begin an aggressive campaign to bring this matter to the attention of all our people in the Columbia Union Conference,—

"(a) By means of correspondence.

"(b) By personal visitation of conference presidents and available laborers in each conference.

"(c) By a campaign day to be arranged for by each conference.

"(d) That an earnest effort be made to place as many bonds as possible with our people before the 31st of August, 1909.

Moved by C. E. Welch, supported by R. G. Patterson, that the report of the committee be adopted. After extended discussion, the motion was passed, except "c" and "d," which were withdrawn on motion of W. H. Heckman, supported by S. M. Butler.

Moved by V. H. Cook, supported by A. C. Shannon, that the various conferences of the Columbia Union Conference be invited to sell or to place as collateral \$10,000.00 worth of bonds within the next ninety days on a pro rata basis according to the latest report of the statistical secretary. Voted upon and passed.

Adjourned until 1:15 P. M.

Fourth Meeting.

The fourth meeting of the board was held in the College chapel at 1:40 P. M., June 30, 1909. Prayer by U. E. Whiteis and Professor Wilkinson. Minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

DOCTOR FISHER AND THE SANITARIUM.

Doctor V. L. Fisher came before the board to present some matters concerning the sanitarium work. He submitted the following proposition, which was discussed at some length by Doctor Fisher and others, and then on motion of R. G. Patterson, supported by F. M. Fairchild, the union conference committee was invited to take the matter under consideration.

DOCTOR FISHER'S PROPOSITION.

"Believing that the medical work is a part of our educational work and should be sustained with other lines of educational work, I indicate the following as the most likley plan for the

success of the work here. (1) A building to accommodate fifteen patients, said building to be equipped to give thorough treatments, and to be located near enough to the College to co-operate in the training of its helpers and to assist the College in educating every one who enters the school in medical missionary work. (2) Cost of such building, if built new, would be, with equipment, about \$15,000.00. Arrangements can be made to borrow \$7,000.00 without interest."

BROOM FACTORY.

The local board was called upon to report their findings concerning a broom factory. The committee said they were not ready to report. Elder Fairchild thought it an opportune time to start such an enterprise, and if it could be taken hold of properly it would be a paying investment. The board was instructed to continue its investigations.

AGRICULTURE.

The local board also made a report on the agricultural work. The chairman stated that on account of a lack of funds the board had been unable to do as much as they desired, although much of the tillable land of the College is now under cultivation.

BIBLE TEACHER.

The question of paying the Bible teacher in the school was discussed to some extent. Moved by B. F. Kneeland, supported by F. M. Fairchild, that the Columbia Union Conference be invited to secure funds from the conference for the support of the Bible teacher in the College. Carried.

LOCAL BOARD.

It was thought best to change the personnel of the local board so as to include in its membership more people not on the faculty. The board as it now stands is as follows: S. M. Butler, chairman, H. H. Burkholder, C. E. Welch, secretary, U. E. Whiteis, V. H. Cook.

All matters concerning the make-up of the faculty were referred to the local board.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President.*

S. M. BUTLER, *Secretary.*

WITH THE HARVESTERS

Swanton, O.

We are pleased to report that our Lord is blessing our effort in Swanton, Ohio. Brother John W. Shultz, my companion in labor, and I are the

only Adventists here. We are now in the most critical part of the series, and plead for the prayers of our brethren. We believe that there are honest hearts here with whom the Holy Spirit is striving.

Saturday evening, July 17, Brother and Sister Shultz were made glad by the birth of a little son. I wish that all the little ones could have as Christian a home as has this one.

H. M. JUMP.

Newark, N. J.

ON June 23 our tent meetings opened, and since that time the meetings have been well attended. The interest manifested the last week, while the Sabbath question was being discussed, showed that the people are ready for the truth for this time.

On Sabbath, July 17, we held services in the tent and several new faces were seen. The spirit of the Lord was present, and all received a rich blessing.

Among those interested in the truth are four men who, in a social service at the close of the meeting, manifested their gratitude for the knowledge of the wonderful truth they had heard, and two of these resolved to cast in their lot with the people of God. For this we have great reason to rejoice, as it unites two whole families in the message.

As the most vital points are being presented just now, we trust that all will remember the work in Newark before the throne of grace, that God may clothe the words spoken with power, and that many souls may be born into the kingdom.

ANNA S. COOPER.

Norfolk, Va.

WE came here after returning from the General Conference, and pitched our tent on Johnson Ave. We held our first meeting June 20.

Our attendance was very good at the beginning, and has increased all the way along; and last evening, July 18, our tent would not seat half the congregation.

Brother Rogers and wife are doing house-to-house work. This is why so many come out to hear the message.

Every Sabbath since we have been here eight or ten have met with us in the Sabbath-school study. Five of these have taken their stand with us.

Brother Rogers has a nice little choir of ten or twelve good voices. We are hoping and praying for great things here.

We were very much pleased to

have Elder H. W. Herrell with us July 15. He gave us a very interesting sermon. Every one enjoyed his remarks. We hope we may have him again soon.

Brother Rogers is also working with the "Family Bible Teacher." He is visiting fifty to sixty homes.

We ask the prayers of all the brethren that the Lord will bless the work here, and that Matt. 24:14 may soon be fulfilled.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

Pottsville, Pa.

ABOUT two weeks ago Brother Baum and the writer pitched our tents here in Pottsville on Center St. We began our meetings on the following Friday night with a fair attendance, which has steadily increased until last Sunday night, which was a period of a little more than a week.

As the large tent was exceedingly poor, we were fearful when pitching it that it might not last through the season. On Sunday afternoon a fierce wind storm arose which tore large strips out of the tent, so that it looked like a wrecked ship with sails all demolished. For a while it looked as if all the tents would go; but we managed to keep the others with us, for which we were thankful, and we were glad that things were no worse.

In spite of the dampness that night about eighty persons gathered under the remaining canvas and requested that a meeting be held just the same as if nothing had happened. We did so, and all seemed well pleased.

The meetings are necessarily discontinued until a new tent arrives, when we hope to re-commence with renewed vigor. Our courage is good, as we can see a number of people who are intensely interested, and certainly we have the co-operation of the Wade church, which is about three miles out of Pottsville. The collections thus far are good. Pray that this present interference may work for the furtherance of the gospel. We need power from heaven.

C. A. WIEST.

Field Notes

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ARE you remembering the ten-cent-a-week plan for foreign missions?

The Reading church has swelled its mid-summer offerings to foreign missions to \$55.15.

Evangelist B. M. Heald spoke at the North Philadelphia church last Sabbath morning. A good audience was present.

The total amount for foreign missions sent in from this conference the first six months of this year was \$1,938.60.

"The history of Ananias and Saphira is given us that we may understand the sin of deception in regard to our gifts and offerings."—*Test.*, Vol. 5, p. 148;

Brother G. E. Hartman took orders last week for Daniel and Revelation amounting to \$92.50. One afternoon he secured 12, four of them being full morocco binding.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Sister Mary Hahn, mother of Sister N. H. Sprecher, of Ephrata. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Evangelist William T. Hilgert conducted the quarterly services with the Souderton company of believers last Sabbath. A large number were present to participate in the ordinance.

Brother Earl W. Culver, of Wellsboro, Pa., who is connected with one of our tent efforts in Philadelphia, was ill a few days last week. We are glad to report that he is, at the present writing, rapidly recovering.

We learn with regret of the death of Sister Tillie Ertel's father, of Williamsport. Brother Ertel had been a sufferer for many years. Those who were intimately acquainted with his life firmly believe he will rise in the first resurrection.

Sister E. C. Hinterleiter, who conducts treatment rooms in the city of Lebanon, has been enjoying splendid patronage this year. Her home is beautifully located right across from the city park, and is very quiet and restful, compared with some city houses.

Sister Jessie M. Weiss writes that she was asked to hold a Bible study at Ransom last Sunday afternoon. She expected to meet with a few, but what was her surprise to find about forty people present! The meeting was held on a beautiful lawn overlooking the Susquehanna.

"Let the neglected tithes now be brought in. . . . Let those who have withheld their tithes send them in. . . . that they may be right with God, and never, never again run the risk of being cursed by God."—*Spirit of Prophecy*.

The German tent effort in this city conducted by Elder H. Meyer and wife and Evangelist Wm. Boesser and wife is steadily increasing in interest. Monday evenings are devoted to preaching the message in the English language. Elder W. H. Heckman spoke last Monday evening.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Lebanon church July 16 and 17. Meetings were held Sabbath evening, Sabbath morning and afternoon. Nearly all the members were present, besides others. An excellent spirit was manifested, and many reconsecrated themselves to God and his service.

Beginning July 28, a series of sixteen special articles on "The Sabbath Question" will appear in the *Signs of the Times* weekly, covering the history of the Sabbath from its origin to the present time. What a grand privilege for missionary work among our neighbors. Shall not each church in Eastern Pennsylvania take advantage of this grand opportunity?

One of our faithful canvassers gives the following as the secret of his success: "Orders come primarily as a result of right and thorough preparation, deep consecration, constant prayer for guidance and depending upon God for results. I actually believe that more depends upon consecration and constant prayer than good training, previous experience, weather and everything else which are often considered prime essentials to success."

Sister B. M. Heald, together with Sister Ada Harman, of the North Philadelphia church, are conducting successful children's meetings in connection with the tent effort in that locality. Last Sunday over fifty children were present. Much good cannot help but come from this noble work. A Catholic lady in Wade permitted her child to attend our Sabbath-school. The little one would come home and tell her all about what had been taught. To-day she is a most earnest and zealous member of the latter company.

NEW JERSEY

THE Perth Amboy church has purchased a lot, and they are moving their tabernacle to the new location. We trust that the tent effort to be held in Perth Amboy this summer will prove a benefit to that church.

Two of our tent companies started meetings July 15. Elder G. W. Spies has pitched at Salem, corner of Seventh and Gibbon streets. Elder J. G. Hanhardt is holding German meetings in the tent on Clinton Ave. between the Boulevard and West Side Ave., Jersey City, on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Let us pray that these efforts may be very successful.

A council of workers was held at the tent on South Tenth St., Newark, July 14. Plans were laid for the series of general meetings to be held in the state. Some time was spent in discussing plans for pushing the work in our field. The presence of Elder and Mrs. G. B. Starr, of New York City, was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. A. E. Rambo has been working for a time in the Paterson, Jersey City, and Newark churches, in the interests of the Sabbath-school and Young People's work. We are very glad to see an increased interest taken by our people in these lines of work. It indicates better spiritual health in the churches.

Are you taking hold with enthusiasm to do your part in raising the Mount Vernon College Fund? Remember that the needs of the school are very pressing, and while one cent a day may not seem to amount to much, yet when it is gathered in from all parts of the union conference, it will prove a great help. All who can should pay for a year in advance so the money can be applied at once to the needed repairs, and pay pressing obligations.

We frequently hear that individuals have visited churches and solicited donations who have no proper authority for doing this. Sometimes investigation shows later that the person is utterly unworthy, and our brethren feel disgusted with themselves for being "taken in" by a fraud. Everyone who has authority to solicit money for the work of this denomination will be glad to have his standing investigated. Officers of the churches should exercise due care

that the brethren and sisters be not imposed on by unworthy persons, lest Satan in this way dry up the fountains of liberality. We must keep the confidence of our people.

WEST VIRGINIA

ALL the conference workers are now in Parkersburg preparing the grounds for the camp-meeting.

Mrs. Z. A. Hughes, of Graysville, Tenn., has been visiting Mrs. J. M. Rees and family.

Sister Roby has returned to her home in Kanawha after an extended visit with her daughter in Rutherford.

Those who will have charge of the children's meetings at the camp-meeting are planning interesting programs for the children.

We wish especially to ask all our church treasurers and individuals to be prompt about sending in tithes and offerings this month.

If any of our brethren living in the country wish to donate to the conference anything in the way of vegetables for the camp-meeting, feel free to bring them along. They will be thankfully received.

You cannot afford to miss camp-meeting this year. Come, bring your children and friends. Remember the meeting begins August 5.

We take from the Spirit of Prophecy the following: "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. . . . If the children of Israel needed the benefit of those holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!"

THERE is no land where man cannot dwell—no land where he cannot uplift his eyes to heaven; wherever we are, the distance of the divine from the human remains the same.—*Seneca.*

WITH THE CANVASSERS

Among the Hills of Eastern Ohio

THINKING that some would like to know how the canvassing work is going in Belmont county, and feeling that a few of my experiences might be an encouragement to somebody else as they have proved to me, I write these lines.

In my delivery of the week of June 14, I put several copies of "Daniel and Revelation" in the homes of people who are members of three churches under a Methodist pastor. One of these people to whom I delivered a book was a wealthy country lady who seemed to be much interested in good books. About two weeks after my delivery the Epworth League members had a league meeting on Sunday night. It happened that the son of the lady (I will call her Mrs. Jones) was a member of the league, and he with others spoke on different religious topics. But I wish to call your attention to the young Mr. Jones' talk especially.

He spoke on the four beasts of Daniel 7; also the little horn power and the beast with two horns like a lamb, of Revelation 13. He declared that every person has a right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. The lady who told me of the talk said that he also spoke from other portions of these two books. I have an idea that it was a pretty fair Seventh-day Adventist talk.

But the encouraging side of it to me is that undoubtedly he has been reading and studying the copy of "Daniel and Revelation" placed in their home. My prayer is that the Lord may cause this interested one to see all the light, and use him to carry the glad tidings to others. If we cast our bread upon the waters, truly, after many days it will be found.

One day last week I was thinking some of missing a certain home because the people were very poor. I had been at the door of this home before, to ask about a road, but I did not canvass them.

Knowing that I was not far off from this home last Monday, July 5, I decided I would do what I knew to be my duty, and I started in the direction of the house, but on my way I discovered another house which I had not seen before, it being some distance from the road. I went to this home first, and met an old lady

at the door. She stated that she was alone, and did not care to see my book. I told her I would be only a few moments in occupying her time. She admitted me, and after giving her a short canvass she said that she had often wished she could understand the books of Daniel and Revelation, and therefore decided to give me her order immediately. I then went to the home which I had in mind in the beginning, but did not get their order. But if I had not done my duty, the Lord would not have met me less than half way and given me an order.

Last Wednesday, July 7, I was working in a neighborhood of church people, whose pastor had been recently preaching or speaking on the book of Revelation. I gave a canvass to one of this pastor's flock late in the evening. After finishing, the man said to me, "Our preacher has been preaching from this book of Revelation and had to give it up or he would have gone crazy." "Don't you think," he said, "a man would go crazy if he kept preaching from that book very much?" I told him I did not think so. Then he stated that my book would be next to the Bible if it was what I represented it to be. After going to his house and showing the book to his wife and children, they decided to take it. May the Lord reveal his precious truth to this family and neighborhood, is my earnest prayer.

Remember these people before the throne of grace. I ask for your prayers also that I myself may be strengthened both physically and spiritually. If any one of God's servants needs the prayers of his people it is most assuredly the canvassers. I have learned to trust my Saviour more since entering the good work of heralding the saving truths of God's holy word.

RAY CORDER.

Experiences in New Jersey

DEAR readers of the VISITOR: For the encouragement of the other canvassers I write a few lines.

First, I am very thankful that the Lord ever led me into the canvassing work. I started with two texts, and I will pass them on to you. "Without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

I always try to meet the people as they are. Two days after I started out I had a door slammed in my face. Then I began to feel a little discour-

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending July 16, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. Corder, Belmont Co.,	DR	5	42	15	\$41 25	\$21 60	\$62 85		
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	5	46	19	54 25		54 25		
C. Belgrave, Summit Co.,	DR	4	34	12	35 00		35 00		
C. VanGorder,* Fairfield Co.,	DR	4	32	8	22 00	9 35	31 25		
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	5	42	11	27 25		27 25		1 75
C. Hamilton, Licking Co.,	DR	5	38	7	19 00		19 00		
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.,	DR								184 35
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,	DR	2	22						92 00
C. Fritz, Pickaway Co.,	GC	5	42	16	45 00	7 50	52 50		
E. Thornton, Pickaway Co.	GC	5	30½	13	36 75	15 00	51 75		75
W. Deuschle, Ross Co.,	GC	5	42	8	22 00	50	22 50		
E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	2	14	1	2 75		2 75		8 25
A. Clough, Washington Co.	CK	5	41	34	46 50	1 00	47 50		
L. Waters, Portage Co.	CK	5	48	39	47 00	35	47 35		35
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.	CK	5	34	14	22 00		22 00		11 35
R. De Garmo, Summit Co.	CK	5	19½	18	18 00	2 90	20 90		
Addie Flenner,† Butler Co.	BF	6	31	47	50 50	60	51 10		
B. Carter, Noble Co.,	BF	3	28	6	6 50		6 50		8 00
Totals			76	586	267	\$495 75	\$58 80	\$554 55	\$306 80

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 9, 1909

G. Hartman, Lebanon	DR	4	32	24	56 00		56 00		
J. Kennedy, Chester	DR	4	28	5	8 75	1 25	10 00		6 75
J. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	3	21	3	9 25		9 25		44 75
H. Goodrich, Lackawanna	GC	4	35	10	28 50	3 15	31 65		
H. W. Barto, Cumberland	GC	3	30	9	24 75		24 75		
H. Chilson, York	GC	4	29	5	14 75		14 75		
W. P. Barto, Cumberland	GC	3	29	4	11 00		11 00		
W. Hess, Lancaster	CK	3	27	28	31 50		31 50		
B. Scholl, Berks	CK	2	14	22	27 00	35	27 35		
H. Christman, Berks	CK	4	32	10	12 50		12 50		42 75
G. Wahl, Northampton	NTP	4	24	24	14 40	7 20	21 60		10 80
N. Cobb, Northampton	NTP	3	16	12	7 20	1 60	8 80		20 40
S. Diehl, Union					5 45		5 45		6 45
Totals,			41	317	156	\$251 05	\$13 55	\$264 65	\$130 90

New Jersey, Week Ending July 16, 1908

H. Murphy, S. Brunswick	DR	4	30	10	27 50	2 55	30 05		1 95
I. Porter, Eatontown	DR	3	29	7	22 25	1 05	23 30		
M. Barrett, Vineland	DR	5	31	7	16 25	3 00	19 25		4 25
L. Cruickshanks, Danville	DR	4	35	6	16 50		16 50		
A. Perez, Atlantic City	DR	3	17	6	16 50	25	16 75		
A. Perez,† " "	DR	1	13		21 20		21 20		
G. Blinn, Alexandria	GC	5	45	12	33 00	3 25	36 25		
S. Oberg, New Brunswick	GC	4	27	7	25 25		25 25		5 50
A. Wright, Asberry Park,	CK	5	19	14	17 00		17 00		3 00
P. Brown, Deptford,	CK	4	29	8	9 00		9 00		
Totals,			38	275	77	\$204 45	\$10 10	\$214 55	\$14 70

West Virginia, Week Ending July 16, 1909

J. Jennings, Jefferson, Co.	DR	4	14			6 75	6 50		19 60
H. Metcalf, Tucker Co.	DR	5	31	22	62 50		62 50		
L. Atwell, " "	DR	5	28½	7	19 25		19 25		
A. Halstead, Boone Co.	DR	3	18	11	25 30	4 05	29 00		32 40
C. Nowlen, Pocahontas Co.	DR			8	13 25	6 75	20 00		20 75
C. Midkiff, Clarksburg	GC	1	4	2	5 50		5 50		30 25
D. Metcalf, Tucker Co.	GC	5	34	5	15 75		15 75		
Totals,			23	129½	35	\$141 25	\$17 55	\$158 80	\$103 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 16, 1909

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	53	1				183 00	
J. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	4	24	1	2 75	1 95	4 70	24 35	
W. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	29½	12	27 75	8 75	36 50	3 75	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	48	22	60 00	75	60 75	17 75	
J. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	GC	2	21	4	14 75	3 00	17 75		
Totals,			21	175½	40	\$105 25	\$14 45	\$119 70	\$228 85

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 9, 1909

B. Arkebauer, T'pleville, Md.	GC	4	36	11	31	25	22	25	53	50
W. Spicer, Chapel, Md.	GC	4	31	11	34	25	7	80	42	05
J. Jones, Harrington, Del.	GC	4	34	6	16	50	2	40	18	90
C. Tracy, Florence, Md.	GC	3	26	10	27	50	3	00	30	50
Mrs. Whaley, Church Hill, Md.	GC	4	20	10	28	50			28	50
Mrs. Wright, Eaton Co.	GC	4	29½	10	28	50	5	00	33	50
L. Post, Myersville, Md.	GC	5	43	8	22	00			22	00
J. Siler, Araby, Md.	GC	4	37	9	25	75	6	00	31	75
W. Faust, Starkins, Md.	GC	4	29	17	46	75			50	47
S. Brown, Washington Co., Md.	GC	3	28	21	32	50	3	50	36	00
Totals,		39	283	113	\$293	50	\$50	45	\$343	95

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Virginia, Week Ending July 9, 1909

W. Zeidler, Lynchburg	COL	12	1	1	25	16	10	17	35	2	25
O. Butcher, Strasburg	DR	33	19	52	25			52	25		
K. Oertley, Radford	SP	29	11	14	00	3	85	17	85	1	00
B. Williams, Newport News						3	50	3	50	3	50
Totals,		94	31	\$67	50	\$22	45	\$90	95	\$6	75

*Week ending July 9

†Two weeks

‡Week ending July 2

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,747.15. Deliveries, \$798.90.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending July 9

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Newark		38	LH, Lib.	\$18 80
C. Woertz, Atlantic City		35	Signs, LH	7 20
Mary Barrett, Vineland			LH	1 40
Lena Matson, New Brunswick			LH	60
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Newark			Signs, Watch.	14 00
S. Oberg, New Brunswick		1½	Signs, LH	2 60
Totals,		74½		\$44 60

aged. But, thanks to the Lord, he gave me courage enough to press on. Next I came to a long lane. I decided I would try it in there. When I got to the house I thought I could not have met any nicer people if I wanted to. There was an old lady there who told me she at one time had paid her fare to New York City to hear Mrs. E. G. White preach. She said she had Seventh-day Adventist neighbors for a number of years and always found them honest and upright citizens.

It always pays to take the long lanes. One day it was rather warm and dusty where I was canvassing, and I did not seem to have any success that morning whatever. When it drew on towards noon I began to wish I were at home. But I pressed on, until I came to a lane. I could not see the house from the road, but I followed the lane until at last I did come to a house. I gave the lady a canvass, but she did not give me an order. Instead, she invited me to stay and take dinner with her. She said that she lived a mile from the road. Never avoid the long lanes.

After I started to canvass for the

"Coming King," the first place I came to the lady said, "Why, you always carry such good books." She ordered one of the plain binding. She said she wanted the book for her boy so he could learn more of the Bible.

Many who had taken the "Home and Health" of me, said they liked the book so much that they would like to have a "Coming King."

One day I came into a place situated on a hill back of some very large trees. I knocked on the door and a man out in the yard called and said that no one was at home. I then took the opportunity to give him a canvass. So while he was adjusting his hay-rack I gave him a canvass. Finally he said, "You may put me down for one." I thanked him for the order and went on.

One lady told me she was just so busy she did not have a moment to spare. So I gave her a very brief canvass. She gave me an order. I thanked her for the order and told her I was sorry that I had hindered her from her work. She said she was not very busy, and I had not hindered her at all.

To close I would say to anyone who may be discouraged, Press on, and trust in the Lord, believing that he will crown your work with success. I feel sure he will.

LENA MATSON.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR
JUNE, 1909

Berea.....	9 00
Charleston	13 00
Clarksburg	17 90
Culloden	9 02
Morgantown.....	11 34
Moundsville.....	19 99
Parkersburg.....	90 16
Newark	1 00
Individual	6 64

Total \$178 05

PEARL L. REES, Treas.

WRITE to Elder S. M. Butler, president of Mount Vernon College, for a College catalog. They are free.

OBITUARIES

CONVERSE.—Erwin C. Converse, 73 years of age, for the past seven years a resident of Youngstown, O., passed away at the family home on Owens street at an early hour Thursday morning, July 8, 1909. Death was due to a complication of ills. The deceased was born in Kent, Ohio, March 1, 1836. He had lived practically all his life in that place prior to coming to Youngstown about seven years ago. He was a farmer by occupation; but gave up that work when he located in Youngstown. He was married to Miss Margaret E. Stewart, of Kent, 42 years ago. To them were born two sons, who, with the widow, are left to mourn their loss. They are, L. O. and V. S. Converse, of Youngstown. One sister, Mrs. Ellen Glazar, of Pasadena, Cal., and one brother, J. C. Converse, of Denver, Colo., also survive. Through my labors this brother accepted of Jesus Christ and his Word a few weeks ago for the first time in his life. Although he did not live long enough to become a member of our church, yet I believe he was truly converted to the Lord, and will, when the Lifegiver comes, come forth in the first resurrection. Funeral services were held at the family home; 1035 Owens street, on Sabbath morning, July 10, 1909, at 8 o'clock. The body was shipped to Kent, O., and interment was made in the Hanging Rock cemetery at that city. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 40:6-8 and 1 Thes. 4:13-18, to quite a large company of friends.

F. E. GIBSON

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What the Schools Are Doing, and
What Are We Doing
for the Schools?

It was not only surprising but pleasing to learn that a very large percentage of the delegation and workers who attended the General Conference this spring were men and women educated in our schools. Not only these, but hundreds of others trained in the message, have gone out and taken up the duties the Lord has given them as soldiers of the cross. Certainly the education of our children is a very important factor in the work. It will not only save them from the world and for the kingdom, but the world is to be warned through them. How true are the words of the wise man, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We expect to see many new faces this year at the Mount Vernon College, and I hope that your boy or girl will be with them.

The trustees of our school have planned some most needed repairs to be made on the Institution this summer, to make the place neat and comfortable, and to reduce the running expenses to a minimum, but where shall the funds come from to meet the expenditures thus incurred?

We are hearing favorable reports from every quarter of the Union Conference regarding the one-cent-a-day plan. All are agreed that it is a splendid way to distribute the responsibility, yet the money has not come in freely enough to insure safety in going ahead with the work. Have you begun to pay yours? We would be glad to receive at once a sum equal to one cent a day for a year from all

who can do so. Dear brother or sister, consider this matter, take it up in your church for immediate action. We must have means to go ahead with the work. I will venture to say that there is not a member of our Columbia Union Conference who, if he could see the situation, would not say that we are not in dire need of every thing planned. We must have a heating plant and a water system this summer as the old ones cannot be used another year.

E. R. BROWN.

Earn a Scholarship or Your Way
to Camp-Meeting

"THE Camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. We must plan wisely, that the people may have an opportunity of hearing for themselves the last message of mercy to the world. The people should be warned to make ready for the great day of God, which is right upon them. We have no time to lose. We must do our utmost to reach men where they are. The world is now reaching the boundary line in impenitence and disregard for the laws of the government of God. In every city of our world the warning must be proclaimed. All that can be done should be done without delay. God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in indicating God's holy law, and lifting up the Saviour as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:2. We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one should understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all."

We want to organize to warn the city of Lima, and to do it so effectually that every soul will have an oppor-

tunity of knowing the truth. How can this best be done? is the question. "At some of our camp-meetings, strong companies of workers have been organized to go out into the city and its suburbs, to distribute literature and to invite the people to the meetings. By this means hundreds of persons were secured as regular attendants during the last half of the meeting who otherwise might have thought little about it." Having, as we have, reading matter gotten up in such a neat and attractive manner, we have advantage now as we have not had in the past.

I would like to have our people, young and old, to plan for work in assisting in giving the message to the people at our camp-meeting. We must wake up to the crisis which is just before us, and go to work for the people who are dying in their sins. We are planning on having a good selection of reading matter on hand suitable for all persons to work with. If there are those who feel they cannot afford to come to camp-meeting because of finance, may I suggest to you how to get it with God's blessing resting upon it? We have *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, *Watchman*, and the *Signs of the Times*. All of these are in magazine form, and will sell on sight. Send an order to the Ohio Tract Society for a couple of hundred. I am sure if you put forth an effort to sell them you will have no trouble, and you will have the means to come to camp-meeting. No one can afford to miss one of our camp-meetings only at a great spiritual loss. Only a few more camp-meetings will be held on this earth, and then we shall enter into the rest which God has for us.

I hope anyone wishing to enter the periodical work will write me for territory. Those who enter the work will find it very pleasant and profitable. Many who are working for a scholarship are earning three and four dollars a day. One young lady here in Dayton earned \$3.35 in one hour. Write in for territory at once.

F. H. HENDERSON,
Field Missionary Sec.

Reinersville, O., R. D. 1.

Notice !

WE plan to have the VISITOR off the press the Sunday before the date of issue. The type must all be set by Friday noon. Everything for publication should reach us not later than Thursday morning; otherwise it will have to wait over for the next issue.