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

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GENERAL MATTER

BY AND BY

By and by our Saviour's coming
Back to earth, again to reign;
By and by our Saviour's coming
Back to banish sin and pain.

By and by the trumpet's sounding
Shall awake the sleeping saints,
And from sea to sea resounding,
Bid farewell to earth's complaints.

By and by we'll meet our loved ones
Over on the other shore,
And throughout the endless ages
Be with him whom we adore.

By and by heaven's gates will open
And his saints will enter in;
And O, the joy, as yet unspoken,
We shall know when free from sin.

How we long for that glad morning
When our Saviour shall appear.
Glorious sight! the heavens adorning,
Calling us from all things here.

Then the blind eyes shall be opened,
All his saints his glory see;
In that glorious consummation,
There'll be joy for you and me.

When we all get over yonder;
When our life on earth shall cease,
We shall dwell through endless ages
In that perfect land of peace.

—E. E. Trowbridge.

Divinely Ordained

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE came not by the will of man. It was established by express divine direction. During the thirtieth biennial session of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, held in Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 17 to Mar. 6, 1893, the servant of the Lord bore the following explicit testimony:—

"In regard to the Mount Vernon institution [sanitarium], I would, could you hear my voice across the broad Pacific, say, 'Let the buildings be converted into a seminary to educate our youth, in the place of enlarging the college at Battle Creek.' I have been shown that there should have been a church at Cleveland,

Ohio, and that there should be located school buildings in Ohio, that would give character to the work."

The conference acted upon that instruction by recommending that the sanitarium be converted into a school. This was done, and the school was opened for students in the fall of 1893.

According to the testimony, the school was assigned a specific mission; namely, to "give character to the work." It was called into existence that it might be a positive factor in the work of God. The work which it is set to do is more important than anything else in the earth to-day. Who shall say that God does not have a peculiar interest in the agency that he has specially raised up for that work? He has shown his interest by the blessings which he has given the school in the past, and he will surely more richly bless it in the future. The work which it is set to do is rapidly gaining in power and magnitude preparatory to its final effort for a perishing race. As the demand for laborers becomes more imperative, the College will be used by God to train those who will consecrate themselves to his service.

How highly should we regard such an institution! The people of the Columbia Union Conference are greatly favored to have the school located in their midst. Do we appreciate the privilege as we should? Are we co-operating with God in making it accomplish all that he designed in bringing it into existence? There is an opportunity presented to us that any people ought to be proud of.

S. M. BUTLER.

Divine Guidance

"TRUST in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5, 6 (American Revised Version). This is certainly a great privilege which is granted to the Christian. Others may worry about the course they are taking because of uncertainty, or they may trust that they have keen foresight

and yet finally awake to discover that their hope is but a "spider's web" (Job 8:13, 14); but the Christian may constantly commit his case to God and then know he is being guided aright.

This knowledge may not always come by sight, for appearances may indicate quite the opposite. Even when the call is most definite there is always room left for doubt. When the Lord called Abraham out of his native land to go into the land of Canaan he obeyed, but when he reached there he found a grievous famine in the land. How easy it would have been for Abraham to have said, "This is a mistake; I am sure the Lord has not led me here," and with such reasoning he might have returned to the home so recently left, but he did nothing of the kind. He journeyed on toward the south till he found a border land in which he could stop till the famine was over, and then he returned to Canaan. We are not told that Abraham received detailed instruction as to just what he should do or where he should go each day. That seemed to be left to his own judgment, and yet it is evident that God by influencing his mind, perhaps by circumstances or conditions, led him day by day in the way he would have him go. "When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people, he suffered no man to do them wrong; yea, he re-proved kings for their sakes."

Paul saw in vision a man saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us"; he went; but upon reaching there we are not told that he ever recognized any one as the man he saw in the vision. He received no cordial welcome, and indeed the record seems to indicate that he wandered about several days without finding any opening for work. He seems to have been left in uncertainty and doubt as to where and how to begin. A stranger in a strange place, he did not even know the meeting place of those who professed to worship the true God, but as Luke records it, "On the Sabbath day we went forth with

out the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer." Acts 16:13 (American Revised Version). In some way God was leading, as the results afterward proved. These experiences are written for our admonition. In our work for God we may not always understand how God is leading, but we may rest assured that he is, and some day we shall see that he was directing all our affairs, and many times we do not have to wait long for this evidence. We have only to remember and live our text: "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding: in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."

O. F. BUTCHER.

Among the Chesapeake Churches

IMMEDIATELY after returning from our good Union Committee and College Board meeting, I left Washington for a short visit (July 9-17) among the churches of the Chesapeake Conference. I found the brethren of this conference as far as I went, hungering for the truth, and in each church a spirit of response and progress manifested itself.

At Wilmington, Delaware, we had an excellent meeting of two days' duration. The services deepened in consecration and in a willingness to do on the part of those present. To a call for action on the one-cent-a-day plan in behalf of Mount Vernon College, the church came forward with a ready contribution. The amount is given below

Right here let me add a word respecting the immediate needs of the College. There are some repairs which must be done to the building or the managers of the institution will be greatly embarrassed. On these grounds I asked the churches which I visited to respond immediately in cash or in pledges payable before Jan. 1, 1910. Though the one-cent-a-day plan would make the individual quota of \$3.65 extend over the year, yet if some would immediately, or before January 1, pay their \$3.65, the ready cash would greatly aid the College.

At Cheswold, Del., we found a cheerful co-operation. This little company were blessed by the hearing of the message, and in turn gave of their prosperity toward the College Fund. Next, we were one evening with the church at Ford's Store, Md., and the next morning we were taken across the bay to Rock Hall, Md. I

say "we," for Elder J. F. Jones labored with me in all the above places.

Sabbath, July 17, I held a union meeting of the two churches in Baltimore both morning and afternoon. The presence of the Lord was visibly felt in both these services. In the morning the church manifested in a substantial manner its interest in Mount Vernon College, and in the afternoon a consecration meeting followed. It was a pleasure to note that those two churches desire to unite and form a union church in order to increase the efficiency of the cause of truth in Baltimore.

In all of these churches I found a number of young people who are seeking earnestly to attend our Mount Vernon College, while one or two in most of the churches are definitely planning to do so. The amount stated by each church for the one cent a day plan is as follows: -

Wilmington, Delaware.....	\$97 90
Cheswold, Delaware.....	35 55
Ford's Store, Maryland.....	10 95
Rock Hall, Maryland.....	29 20
Baltimore, Maryland.....	82 50
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	\$256.10

A number of the churches also took a vote that they would go forward with the payment of the full quota; that is \$3.65 per member. It gave us great joy to see this starting of a movement in the one-cent-a-day plan. May the Lord bless all the churches throughout the Columbia Union in getting the plan into effect.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Report of Union Conference Committee

A MEETING of the Columbia Union Conference committee was held in connection with the Mount Vernon College Board meeting at Mount Vernon, Ohio, 4:15 P. M., June 30, 1909.

The following members were present: B. G. Wilkinson, H. H. Burkholder, A. C. Shannon, W. D. McLay, I. D. Richardson, B. F. Kneeland, W. H. Heckman, S. M. Butler, and E. R. Brown. Elder Daniells was present by invitation.

Prayer was offered by Elder B. F. Kneeland, president of New Jersey Conference.

BIENNIAL MEETINGS

Voted that we hold the biennial meeting of the Columbia Union Conference immediately following the

General Conference Committee Council, and that the meeting be of ten days' duration.

Farther voted, that one hour each day be given to the general canvassing work during the conference session, and that the state conference be invited to send their canvassing agents to attend this meeting.

DELEGATES' CREDENTIALS FOR DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

Voted that the secretaries of the departments of the Columbia Union Conference be granted delegates' credentials to the Columbia Union Conference.

APPROPRIATION FOR BIBLE TEACHERS PAGES

An appropriation for the Mount Vernon College Bible teacher by the state conferences was discussed at length. It was voted that we accede to the request of the College Board concerning the salary of the Bible teacher, and that we request the conferences in the union to respond favorably by paying the salary to the union conference treasurer, on the following pro-rata basis, excepting the conferences of the District of Columbia and Virginia, who are carrying heavy school responsibilities.

	Membership	Amount
Chesapeake	566	\$51.93
East Pa.	1215	111.48
Ohio	2036	186.80
New Jersey	608	55.79
West Va.	255	23.40
West Pa.	813	74.60
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	5495	\$504.00

PRESIDENT FOR THE CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Voted that we concur in the recommendation of the General Conference Committee that Elder F. I. Richardson be invited to accept the Presidency of the Chesapeake Conference.

UNION CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to investigate a location for the headquarters of the Columbia Union Conference, and that we express our preference of location for the District of Columbia or its vicinity, final action to be referred to the union conference committee.

The sub-committee appointed from the floor to investigate a location for headquarters are as follows: B. G. Wilkinson, W. H. Heckman, and E. R. Brown.

APPORTIONMENT OF COLLEGE BONDS TO BE SOLD

The apportionment of the \$10,000.00 in College bonds to be sold by the several conferences of the union was figured on a pro-rata basis and approved as follows:—

Ohio.....	30 Bonds
Chesapeake.....	8 "
East Pa.....	18 "
New Jersey.....	9 "
West Pa.....	12 "
West Va.....	4 "
D. C.....	8 "
Va.....	8 "

Adjourned sine die.

E. R. BROWN.

Evils of Cigarette Smoking

THE following vivid recital of the evil effects of cigarette smoking is taken from the *Washington Post*:—

"Dr. S. H. Hull of Kansas City is at the Raleigh. He is here on business before one of the scientific departments of the government. The Kansas physician discussed the effects of cigarettes upon boys, and said that Prof. William McKeever of the Kansas Agricultural College has been making a study of the subject. His findings will make it hard for the tobacco trust to head off anticigarette legislation in Kansas next winter.

"One of the greatest menaces to our moral and intellectual well-being to day is the fact that cigarette smoking is becoming a popular fad among the boys and young men," said the Kansan. "Go where you will, and the pale faces, bleary eyes, trembling fingers, and foul stench of cigarette fumes tell the same pathetic story.

"For the past eight years Dr. McKeever has traced out the cigarette boy's biography, and he has found that in practically all cases the lad began the smoking habit clandestinely, and with little thought of its seriousness, while the fond parents believed that their boy was too good to engage in such practice.

"He has tabulated reports of the condition of nearly 2,500 cigarette-smoking school boys, and describing them physically, such epithets as 'sallow,' 'sore-eyed,' 'puny,' 'squeaky-voiced,' 'sickly,' 'short-winded,' and 'extremely nervous,' are used.

"In the report it is shown that a group of young college students, smokers, whose average age at beginning was thirteen according to their own admission, suffered from sore throat, weak eyes, pain in chest, short wind, stomach trouble, and pain

in heart. Ten of them appeared to be very sickly. The younger the boy the worse the smoking hurts him in every way, for these lads almost invariably inhale the fumes; that is the most injurious part of the practice. The injurious effects of smoking upon the boy's mental activities are very marked.

"Of the many hundreds of cases, several of the youthful ones have been reduced almost to the condition of imbecility. Out of 2,336 who were attending public school, only six were reported, 'bright students.' A few, perhaps ten, were 'average,' and the remainder were 'poor' or 'worthless' as students."

CHESAPEAKE

Among the Churches.

It has been some time since I have reported through the *VISITOR*, but the meantime has not been wasted. There is plenty to do all around us, wherever we may be. The harvest is truly white, and the laborers few.

From July 2 to 11 it was my privilege to be with the Wilmington church, where for many years my name was enrolled. July 9 Elder B. G. Wilkin-son, the Columbia Union president, joined me there, and presented the needs of the Mount Vernon College in a way that brought very pleasing results. The Wilmington church greatly enjoyed the short stay of their new union president, and will be pleased to have him come frequently.

July 12 together we visited the Cheswold church, and they too contributed nobly to the Mount Vernon call, all things considered. From there we visited the Ford's Store church, where my name is now enrolled. The contribution here was not so large as we hoped for, but considering the exceeding hard times and the many calls of late for funds, with church repairs, we felt the effort was not in vain. Rock Hall church was visited the next day and some pledged to pay their quota of one cent a day throughout the year. We look for a more generous help from these churches in the near future.

Here we parted company with Elder Wilkinson whose next stop was to be Baltimore, and I remained to strengthen the brethren until the morning of the 19th. July 23 I received an invitation to visit the Hagerstown church, where Elder Suff-ool is conducting a tent effort alone. I was greatly pleased to find a good attendance nightly and quite a num-

ber of them already keeping the Sabbath. It was here some ten years ago that Elder J. C. Stevens and I introduced the third angel's message. The seed then sown is still bearing fruit and souls are rejoicing in seeing others being added to the number who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

We feel greatly encouraged as we go from place to place and find our church members sowing beside all waters, and precious souls accepting the truth. We long to see the work completed and the faithful workers in possession of their reward.

JOHN F. JONES.

OHIO

Camp-meeting at Lima, August 19-29.

Sister Garrarde is at the College Springs Sanitarium. She is rapidly recovering from her operation.

Importance of Attending Camp-Meeting

ANOTHER yearly gathering of God's people will soon be upon us. It is another anxious time for those upon whom the burden of such a meeting rests, and many are asking the question, Are you going to camp-meeting? I wish we could say something that would encourage all of our people to attend the camp-meeting this year. I am sure that God will meet with us at the yearly convocation, the annual gathering of his people. It is at these gatherings that God has especially promised to bless his people.

We are living away down in the closing scenes of this world's history, soon to stand before God and meet the record of our lives. How important it is that we often meet to encourage and strengthen each other. My brethren, surely time will soon be no more, and if faithful we shall soon meet around the throne of God in the eternal kingdom, there to meet those who were so dear to us, where parting will be no more. We are told that in ancient times the people of God, under the direction of the Lord, met three times each year, in holy convocation. Three times each year from every part of the land, from far and near, every able-bodied man, and all others who could possibly go found their way to the sacred place, where God was to meet with his people, where, in a special way and

manner, his presence was both felt and seen.

Our camp-meetings are held for the special benefit of our people,—the people upon whom God has given the great work of giving the last warning message to a dying world. This greatest undertaking is the most solemn warning this dark world has ever heard. And when we meet together to counsel and plan for the finishing of the work, there is one who has promised to meet with us; it is the man Christ Jesus, the one who died for us.

The people of God are to drink of the cup that he drank of, and be baptized with the baptism that he was baptized with. In this lies our only chance of salvation. The cup that he drank of was the suffering in this life,—the keenest insult that Satan and wicked men could heap upon him. He endured it all for our sakes. But God the Father anointed his Son, and placed his holy spirit upon him which enabled him to suffer.

So he has promised to baptize us with the baptism, that we may be able to drink of the cup, that we at last may wear the crown. We are soon to be driven from our homes. The dragon is wroth, and is gone to make war with the remnant people who keep the commandments of God.

We suffer a great loss when we stay away from these gatherings. So come, my brethren, and let us enjoy the blessings of God together at our soon coming camp-meeting.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Recruits Needed

THE summer is swiftly passing away. It will not be long until the school year will open again, when a number of the young people who are now in the canvassing work will be returning to the College. They will go from the field prepared for hard study.

We are glad that the success of the summer's work is making it possible for them to attend school, and we only wish that many more might enjoy this privilege, as it will undoubtedly fit them for greater usefulness in the Master's service. But this will mean a thinning out in the ranks in the field unless others take their places. That the ranks may remain full, we would like to ask that each church throughout the Ohio Conference keep a sharp lookout for suitable persons for this work.

We ought to have at least one (and more would be better) to take the

place of each worker who returns to the school, and it is high time now that we were looking for them. Please give us the best material you can secure.

Address the writer at Delaware, O., or the Ohio Tract Society, Mount Vernon, O.

E. R. NUMBERS.

Lima Camp-Meeting

YOU have probably made inquiries in the past few weeks as to the time and place of our camp-meeting which is so near at hand, but owing to the fact that many of the arrangements pertaining to it were delayed by the General Conference being in session, the conference committee were unable to reach a decision until July 7. After careful consideration, they have selected Lima, Allen Co., where the meetings will be held from August 19 to 29. They have secured the use of a park one-fourth mile from the union station, with twelve minute street car service. A large, well-equipped auditorium will be used for assembly purposes, and other accommodations are at hand, including good drinking water and a lake for baptism. The grounds are well kept and are but one-half mile from the freight depot.

Lima is a railroad and traction line center, affording good connection on five or six roads and as many traction lines from all parts of the state.

The Lord has blessed his people in many ways the past year, and has prospered his cause even beyond our expectations. Yet we who are endeavoring to bear this third angel's message to the world are in need of such an opportunity where we may renew our strength and courage. May the Lord so direct your efforts that you may be present at this gathering. H. D. HOLTOM, *Ass't Treas.*

Youngstown

WE will now write a few more lines to let you know how the Lord's work is prospering in Youngstown, Ohio.

We have received many blessings, and our labor together has been very enjoyable. Although the attendance has not been large, yet the interest has been good, and we are now seeing a few take their stand for the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

When all have signed the covenant, not including members belonging to our churches, but those who have accepted the truth since last fall until the present time, there will be ten if

not more, who we think will prove faithful, and soon will become members of the church in good standing.

We can say, Surely God's Word will not return unto him void.

Youngstown is surely a needy field, and much is left yet to be done. We hope that the Lord will send forth more laborers, as the harvest is surely great, and the laborers are few.

W. E. BIDWELL.

F. E. GIBSON.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny

AFTER coming home from Washington D. C., where I attended the General Conference, I pitched our tent on East Street, in one of the nicest valleys in the city. The first meeting was held on Friday, June 18. About fifty adults and many children were present. The majority of the people in this place are German Catholics and Socialists. At first it was hard work to bring the people to the tent. But with the help of the Lord the attendance increased from night to night, and the interest went up to the highest degree. July 18 I preached on the Sabbath question. About seventy-five were in attendance, and about fifty raised their hands, signifying thereby that they believed the Sabbath is the right day according to the Bible, and should be kept. Three dear souls were with us in Sabbath-school last Sabbath for the first time. The nearest family to our tent (children all grown up men and women) is very much interested and ready to keep the Sabbath. Three young men of this family are running a broom factory. The brethren are now calling for Seventh-day Adventist broom makers to man their factory, which would make it easier for them to close their shop on the Sabbath. About twenty-five are very much interested and are coming every evening to study present truth with us. One young man in the above mentioned family heard a few sermons about ten years ago, held in the Carnegie Hall by an English Seventh-day Adventist minister (Brother Longacre or Brother Wheeler) and got very much interested, but the thorns and thistles (the pleasures of this world) were hindering the seed to grow. But God took care of it and did not allow Satan to destroy that precious seed. When at any time this young man would say something about the Sev-

enth-day Adventist minister his parents (the father a strong Catholic and the mother a member of the Lutheran church) would protest against it and stop him at once. But when we opened up our meetings the mother came and has now attended our meetings for six long weeks every evening, with three or four exceptions, and is now in favor of keeping the Sabbath. Also the father has attended some meetings.

God has looked in pity on the German work in West Pennsylvania, and has made his arms bare to rescue souls from the snares of the devil. Brethren, pray for us and the German work in this great city.

We also have English meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. About twenty-five or thirty are coming to these meetings, and manifest a good interest. Elders Wagner, our beloved president of the conference, and A. V. Leach, have rendered us good help in these meetings.

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 7:12. May God bless all the laborers in West Pennsylvania and all over the great harvest field, is the prayer of one of the Lord's humble servants and your brother in Christ.

CHAS. A. SCHOLL.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

SISTER JOHN CURTIS and daughter Ora, of Wilkes-Barre, spent a few days at the sanitarium last week.

The interest in the meetings being held by Elder Baierle and Evangelist Heald is increasing. Last Sunday night the tent could not accommodate all. The subject was the Judgment.

We have just received word that Evangelist P. L. Hoen is coming next week to connect with the Scandinavian work in this city. We certainly welcome this brother to our conference and trust the Lord will greatly bless him in his work.

Elder C. S. Wiest and Evangelist C. S. Baum, whose tent during a severe storm last week was completely wrecked, have resumed their meetings in a beautiful new tent which was immediately sent there upon

receipt of the bad news. We were not surprised when a telegram arrived stating that their tent was in shreds as the result of a severe storm, as it was hardly fit to put up, yet we were in hopes it might last through the season.

What is required of conference officers, church officers, and ministers in the performance of their duties regarding tithes and offerings?—"Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain thus saith the Lord." "Elders of churches, do your duty; labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse."—*Special Testimonies to Ministers.*

Elder W. H. Heckman visited the tent company at Pottsville last week; also the Scranton and Wilkes-Barre churches.

The children's meetings in connection with the tent effort in North Philadelphia are increasing in interest and attendance. Yesterday afternoon (July 25) about 60 were present. These meetings are conducted by Sisters Heald and Harmon, the latter being an active member of the North Philadelphia church.

A brother in Scranton who recently embraced the truth, sold his diamond ring in order to be able to give more for foreign missions. It amounted to about \$50.

E. R. Brown, the Columbia Union Conference auditor, recently spent a few days at the office auditing the conference books.

H. J. Detwiler recently took orders for "Daniel and Revelation" to the amount of \$123. He delivered every order.

Brother and Sister C. M. Smith, of Scranton, made the office a pleasant call. They will spend a week visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

We are glad to see Brother Harvey Gauker again in the canvassing field. His first week's work amounted to \$81.45.

Sister Sue M. Andrews has so far recovered from her illness that she will undoubtedly be able to resume her duties in the course of a few weeks.

Since the disaster which overtook the large pavilion located at the corner of Walnut and 60th streets, the attendance has been larger than ever. Last Sunday night Elder Burnstien presented the Sabbath question to the largest audience ever attending our meetings in Philadelphia.

VIRGINIA

Norfolk

"GO YE therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Truly the words of Jesus have been obeyed by two of his disciples. For five weeks the Lord has wonderfully blessed the tent work in Norfolk. Brother and Sister Rogers, of Dover, Delaware, are co-workers with Elder Muntz. Brother Rogers delights in his house-to-house work, giving Bible readings and words of encouragement to all. He has visited over two hundred homes. Elder Muntz preaches every evening. The spirit of the Lord has impressed two or three to take a stand for the truth. We beg of every reader of the VISITOR to pray for the work in this part of the vineyard.

SULA C. YOUNG.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DR. D. H. KRESS is visiting the tent meeting at Newark, N. J., in behalf of the Medical Department.

The Georgetown company is making progress as is noted by the increase of attendance.

Dr. W. A. Ruble, a member of this Conference Committee, is visiting the Melrose, Mass., sanitarium.

Brother Quinn, of the Review & Herald, has been holding Sunday night meetings at Alexandria, Va., with good results.

The First Adventist church of Washington has been having regular Sunday night meetings with good results.

Both sanitariums of the District are well filled, and the nurses are taxed to the utmost to care for the patients.

The church at Takoma Park and Memorial church in Washington have both been having baptism every Sabbath for several weeks.

Elder J. A. Strickland, who has been laboring in Washington the past winter, left this week for Halifax, Nova Scotia, his new field of labor.

SISTER SLOCUM, one of the oldest Bible workers in Washington, is at the Sanitarium at Iowa Circle on account of illness.

The membership of the Seminary church has been greatly reduced since the close of school, but the attendance keeps up so that the chapel is nearly filled every Sabbath.

Prof. Salisbury, a member of the District committee, leaves this week to attend the camp-meetings of the Central Union Conference in the interests of the Seminary.

Sisters Leach and Cockrell have taken on new responsibilities with their regular duties as Bible readers since the opening of the tent meetings in Mount Pleasant on Girard St., Washington.

At the tent effort being carried on among the elite of Washington, D. C., by Brethren Shultz and Strickland, a number have already accepted the truth and others are interested. The attendance is steady, keeping very nearly a full tent every night.

Brethren Pickard and Waldo, former students of the Seminary at Takoma Park, have recently opened up work and located their tent at Warrington, Va., in the new portion of this conference. This has been most encouraging, as an average of three hundred are present every evening.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending July 23, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. Corder, Belmont Co.		DR	5	41	11	\$30 25	\$12 75	\$43 00	
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.		DR	5	44	12	35 00	2 25	37 25	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		DR	4	42½	10	27 50	8 55	36 05	2 80
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,		DR	4	36	15	43 25		43 25	
C. Hamilton, Licking Co.,		DR	5	39	7	21 25		21 25	
C. Belgrave, Summit Co.		DR	3	25	6	16 50	70	17 20	
Evelyn Cabut,*Tuscarawas Co		DR	9	57	6	16 50	3 25	19 75	
C Leach,* Washington Co.		DR	6	43½	15	43 25	1 00	44 25	28 50
W. Deuschle, Ross Co.,		GC	4	39					108 00
E. Shaw,* Lucas Co.		CK	7	65	36	52 50	6 00	58 50	4 50
A. Clough, Washington Co.		CK	5	39	37	48 50		48 50	
Hazel Leach, Washington Co.		CK	5	41	33	47 00		47 00	
L. Waters, Portage Co.		CK	5	47	36	42 50	1 05	43 55	1 05
R. De Garmo, Summit Co.		CK	2	12	10	10 50	1 50	12 00	
B. Carter, Noble Co.		BF	4	44	7	7 00	2 85	9 85	8 00
Totals			73	615	241	\$441 50	\$39 90	\$481 40	\$152 85

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 16, 1909

G. Hartman, Lebanon	DR	5	36	34	92 50			92 50	
H. Gaunker, Berks	DR	5	40	29	78 75	2 70		81 45	
J. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	4	30	12	35 00			35 00	16 50
H. Chilson, York	GC	5	36	8	22 00			22 00	
H. Goodrich, Lackawanna	GC	5	40	5	13 75	2 75		16 50	
H. W. Barto, Cumberland	GC	5	54	20	56 00			56 00	
W. P. Barto, Cumberland	GC	5	48	16	43 00			43 00	
B. Scholl, Berks	CK	5	42	40	51 00	5 60		56 60	
W. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	37	29	34 50			34 50	
H. Christman, Berks	CK	5	33	19	23 00			23 00	
G. Wah!, Lackawanna	NTP	5	24	20	12 00	8 40		20 40	8 40
N. Cobb, "	NTP	4	9	4	2 40	3 40		5 80	4 00
Totals,			58	429	236	\$463 90	\$22 85	\$486 80	\$28 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 16, 1909

B. Arkebauer, Big Forest Md.	GC	5	39	3	10 25	13 75		24 00	
C. Tracy, Howard Co., Md.	GC	5	35½	16	46 00	4 80		50 80	
S. Lush, Port Deposit, Md.	GC	3	24	7	21 25	4 00		25 25	
W. Spicer, Chapel, Md.	GC	5	36½	12	34 00	6 60		40 60	
S. Curtiss, Still Pond, Md.	GC	5	41	14	42 50	3 90		46 40	
L. Post, Mversville, Md.	GC	5	49	1	2 75	60		3 75	
Mrs. Wright, Eaton Co. Md.	GC	5	44	17	46 75	11 00		57 75	
Mrs. Whaley, Church Hill, Md.	GC	2	10	2	5 50			5 50	
J. Hayes, Catonsville, Md.	DR	5	40	8	16 00	18 00		34 00	5 25
Totals,			40	319	80	\$225 00	\$62 65	\$287 65	\$5 25

Virginia, Week Ending July 16, 1909

W. Zeidler, Lynchburg	COL		27	1	1 25	14 35		15 60	14 45
Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg	CK		10			10 40		10 40	2 70
O. Butcher, Strasburg	DR		18	2	5 50			5 50	
K. Oertley, Radford	SP		30	10	12 50	2 80		15 30	
M. Jem rson, Richmond,	DR		10					5 40	2 40
Totals,			101	13	\$19 25	\$27 55		\$52 20	\$19 55

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 23, 1909

F. Shaw, Coudersport		4	27	21	54 00	3 00		57 00	
J. Heston, Fulton Co.	GC	4	35	4	11 00			11 00	101 75
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	51	26	40 50	6 15		46 65	10 45
J. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	3	10	3	8 25			8 25	8 25
Totals,			14	123	54	\$113 75	\$9 15	\$122 90	\$120 45

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,430.95. Deliveries, \$327.00.

Report of Periodical Sales

New Jersey, Week Ending July 16

Agent	Place	Hours	Magazine	Value
A. Sherman, Elizabeth, Newark, Plainfield		37	LH, Lib., Signs	\$16 20
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth, Cranford, Plainfield		42	ST, Watch. LH Lib.	15 80
W. Kellam,* Newark			LH	21 90
Louise Henley, Newark		23	LH, ST	17 70
Opha Luttrell, Newark		40	LH, ST	14 50
Lillian Wright, Asbury Park		9	Instruct.	3 20
C. Woertz, Atlantic City		20	LH	6 00
B. Welch, Westfield		12	LH, ST	4 50
S. Oberg,† New Brunswick		2	ST	2 60
Mary Barrett,† Vineland			LH	1 10
Florence Evers, Jersey City			ST	5 00

*From June 2 to date

†Book canvasser

Totals,

\$108 50

Along the Ohio

It was suggested by Brother Richardson at the institute this spring that each canvasser write a letter each month to the VISITOR. Evidently the most of us have forgotten this part of the instruction. However it is with much pleasure that we read the letters that have been sent in.

The Lord has surely been blessing this line of the work. While canvassers for secular books are leaving the field, declaring that the subscription book business is a thing of the past, our canvassers are going forward with such success as has never attended their efforts before.

Thinking that some of our fellow workers are interested in the progress of the work down here along the Ohio River, we give some of our experiences. We arrived here in the field April 5, after the institute, and have had many good experiences. One we will relate and hope it may encourage others as it has encouraged us. About the middle of May we were canvassing here in the city and came in contact with an old retired minister who has been a minister of the United Brethren church for more than fifty years. He happened to be visiting his daughter. We gave them a canvass and sold them "Coming King" and had quite an interesting talk with them. Among other questions we discussed the Sabbath question. Of course the old minister took his stand, as ministers usually do, that the Sabbath had been changed. He made an effort to substantiate his argument by his Bible, but found his Bible silent in this respect. This set him thinking. He thought and studied, and the more he studied the more he was convinced

that we were right. We placed in his hands a copy of the June number of the *Signs* containing an article on "The Change of the Sabbath," which fully convinced him that we were right; Christ did not change the Sabbath, but the power that exalts itself above every thing that is called God changed it. We visited him yesterday, and he said he was going to keep the Sabbath and nothing could change him. His daughter who resides here has become interested and said she was ready to keep the Sabbath, and was wanting to know how properly to observe it. The old minister's home is in West Virginia, and he seems anxious to get home to break the news to his children. There are other points that he needs instruction on before he becomes a full fledged Seventh-day Adventist.

I believe that there are others here who could be reached by a special effort.

Such experiences as these encourage us to press forward. Think of the hundreds that sit in darkness only waiting for the light to come to them. O, that we may come to realize more fully the responsibility that rests upon us! May we arise in the strength of the Lord and press the battle to victory. Remember the work in this county at the throne of grace. Surely this is a needy field. For miles we have not a representative. We pray that the seed that is being sown may bring forth much fruit. The little company here is of good courage. Pray that we may stand faithful unto the end, "for he that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved."

CLARENCE V. LEACH.

Marietta, O.

Two Experiences

I WANT to say to my fellow-workers that if we pray to God and ask him for strength and help we can sell our large books; and just think the good a book like "Daniel and the Revelation" will do in the home!

I want to relate two experiences of recent date which give positive evidence that the Lord of heaven is at the head of this work, which the Testimonies state is gospel work of the highest order.

I called on a man one afternoon last winter. I had been told by his neighbors that I had better not stop, as he was an infidel, and that he would abuse me; but I stopped and introduced myself as a gospel worker. He invited me in and gave me the best of attention, and ordered a book (Daniel and Revelation). About two months later I was canvassing a man about two miles from him, and the man said, "I believe that is the book that old Mr.—— bought last winter, and it has made a new man of him. He talks about it and the Bible all the time. He says people are wrong about the state of the dead and that Sunday is not the Sabbath." He added that if the book would interest Mr.—— it would surely be good for everybody to have, and ordered a book.

Last Thursday morning I called on a lady in DeCliff, O., who seemed quite sad and worried, and I found that she had buried her baby the preceding Sunday, the only child left of her children. I canvassed the lady, and she said she would like to have the book for her husband as she thought it would be a good book for them to have in their home; but they were in debt and work was scarce. I told her the Lord would surely bless them somehow so they could have the little amount it would cost to get the book. She thought so too, and ordered a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation." "Now," I said, "you have ordered a book that I believe the Lord wants you to have, and that contains a message that means eternal life to us. Now let's bow in prayer and ask God's blessing upon us, and his help that you may be able to have this good work you have ordered."

I prayed for them, and asked God to help them in their sorrow. This was an experience I will long remember. Let us remember the hungry souls in our prayers. JAS. S. RANDOLPH.

"MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands."

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SISTER JULIA W. JENSSEN would like copies of our denominational papers with which to do missionary work. Her address is 3 Lenora Street, Worcester, Mass.

ELDER CHARLES A. SCHOLL, 10 Clark St, Allegheny, Pa., desires to correspond with two or three Adventist broom makers who would like to work in Allegheny. He can give good pay to the right men.

BROTHER C. C. RULE, of Waugh, Va., writes: "I have opened meetings in my house and have quite a number in to listen to the truth. One ady is keeping the Sabbath, and I

hope to see others take their stand for the Master.

W. S. DUNSCOMB, Twinsburg, Ohio, offers permanent employment to a man and woman, the man to do farm work and the woman to act as housekeeper. None but Adventists need apply.

JUST at the time when the VISITOR should have gone to press our engine broke down and not a wheel could turn. A machinist was sent for as soon as possible, but at best the paper is delayed a day or two.

It is encouraging to see the churches taking an interest in the Mount Vernon College Fund.

Shenandoah Valley Training
Academy

THIS Academy will open its second year September 14, 1909. Our first year was a most successful year. A fine class of students were in attendance, who made commendable progress in all their studies. We are planning for a better year this year. Our catalogs are now ready for distribution and we invite our brethren in Virginia to write for catalogs and particulars at once.

This school is located in the historic and beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, near the village of New Market, one hundred and twenty-five miles from Washington, D. C. The valley lies between the Alleghany and Blue Ridge mountains, and with its genial climate, its fertile soil, its industrious people, and beautiful scenery, and natural wonders, presents a most beautiful and ideal location for a school where the student may not only study God through his revealed Word, but through his revelations in nature.

Our rates are so very reasonable that we believe all will be deeply interested in getting particulars, for which we invite you to write at once. Address all communications to the Academy, New Market, Va.

OBITUARIES

ORNDORF.—Died at Winchester, Va., June 28, 1909, of consumption, Clarence Edward Orndorf, aged 18 years, 8 months and 16 days. Clarence was the step-son of Brother Edward White. He leaves one sister and one step-sister, Misses Henrietta Orndorf and Zida White, in addition to his

mother and step-father. He became concerned about his salvation some eight months ago, and was baptized by the writer in November. He was regarded a good boy, and while the family will miss him in this life, we trust that they may be united in the soon-coming kingdom of our Saviour. Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thes. 4:18.

R. D. HOTTEL.

VAN EMAN.—Melvina Jane Priddy was born near Van Wert, Ohio, April 28, 1862, and died of tuberculosis at her home in Elgin, O., July, 10, 1909. She was united in marriage to D. C. Van Eman, April 3, 1881. To this union were born three sons and two daughters. She gave her heart to the Lord while young, uniting with the United Brethren church.

In 1882 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church and remained faithful to the truths she loved, and always took an active part with her husband in church and missionary work, and her home was always a welcome place for our ministers and others who came that way. She was always thankful that she could be of some service.

During her long sickness she was very patient, never murmuring, but considered well her relation to the Lord, and rejoiced in the presence and peace of her Saviour. She often spoke of death, and longed to be at rest, and said it would only be a sleep for a short time. She desired that her family should all be faithful that they could soon be a united family where parting would be no more.

The funeral was a large one, as she was widely known. Many beautiful flowers from neighbors and friends showed the love and respect they had for her. Words of comfort were spoken by Brother L. R. Williams, from the text she had chosen,—“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.” She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two sons, two daughters, a little grandson, her mother, three sisters, three brothers, and many friends and relatives. While we are lonely and deeply mourn our loss, we feel assured that she sleeps in Jesus, and we are looking and longing for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our Saviour, when the sleeping saints will be awakened and come forth in immortal bloom. We laid her to rest beside her little son, Ira B., who died in 1897.

Dearest mother, how we miss you;
And how our hearts do falter
While we hear no more your voice
Around the family altar.But we hope sometime to meet you
In that land so bright and fair,
Where we'll ever be with Jesus,
And no sorrow enters there.Now, good-by, our dearest mother;
Though our hearts pain us sore,
We know that we shall meet you
Over on the other shore.

D. C. VAN EMAN AND CHILDREN.