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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### Manner and Meaning of Christ's Coming

(Concluded)

ALL GENERATIONS TAUGHT OF  
HIS COMING

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds." <sup>18</sup> By looking at the accompanying diagram it will be noticed that although Enoch was the seventh from Adam, yet Adam and all the intervening generations were still alive. In fact Adam lived for three hundred eight years after the birth of Enoch; so that he and all his descendants down to Enoch could hear directly from the lips of that prophet his message concerning the final coming of Christ. Methuselah was Enoch's son, and it was three hundred years after his birth before Enoch was translated. From this it is evident that he must have been well acquainted with the inspired prophecies of his father concerning the second coming of Christ. Methuselah lived until the year of the flood, and thus all who lived between the time of Enoch's translation and the flood could learn directly from Methuselah Enoch's prophecies of Christ's second advent. When the flood came, Shem, one of Noah's sons, was ninety-seven years old. Thus for ninety-seven years he had the opportunity to learn from Methuselah about the second coming of Christ; and as Shem lived until Abraham was one hundred fifty years old, and until Isaac was fifty years old, it is very plain that the knowledge of Christ's second coming imparted to the world by Enoch was readily carried down to Abraham and Isaac; and it needed but two generations, Methuselah and Shem, to span the entire period from Enoch to Isaac. Doubt-

less Abraham was acquainted with the prophecies of Enoch, and perhaps linked them with some of the promises which God made to him. "For he looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." Job earnestly talked of how his hope rested in the coming of Christ at the latter day. He says, "Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! that they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." <sup>20</sup> Daniel spoke freely of the time that Michael, or Christ, should stand up to reign. <sup>21</sup> The disciples of Christ taught the subject in their day, and desired that their followers should not be ignorant on this point. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. . . For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." <sup>22</sup> Thus we see that from Adam to the apostles all generations were taught of that glorious advent which is still in the future.

#### THE TIME OF REWARD

It is at the second coming of Christ that the righteous receive their reward. In the reference from which the above quotation is taken we find that both the dead in Christ and the living saints receive their reward when the Saviour comes. One class does not enter upon the pleasures and privileges of heaven before the other class. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in nowise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from

heaven, . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." <sup>23</sup> This shows plainly that all who are saved will be brought into the presence of God at the same time. The same truth is very clearly stated in the letter to the Hebrews. After a long list of worthies are mentioned, such as Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, and others, we read, "These all having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." <sup>24</sup> In other words, all who are saved will be translated and made perfect at the same time, whether they have been laid to rest in the tomb or are alive when our Lord shall come. Because it is a time of reward, we are to rejoice when we see the signs of his coming. The Saviour, after describing some of the signs to precede his return, says, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." <sup>25</sup> In view of these things, the admonition is, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." <sup>26</sup>

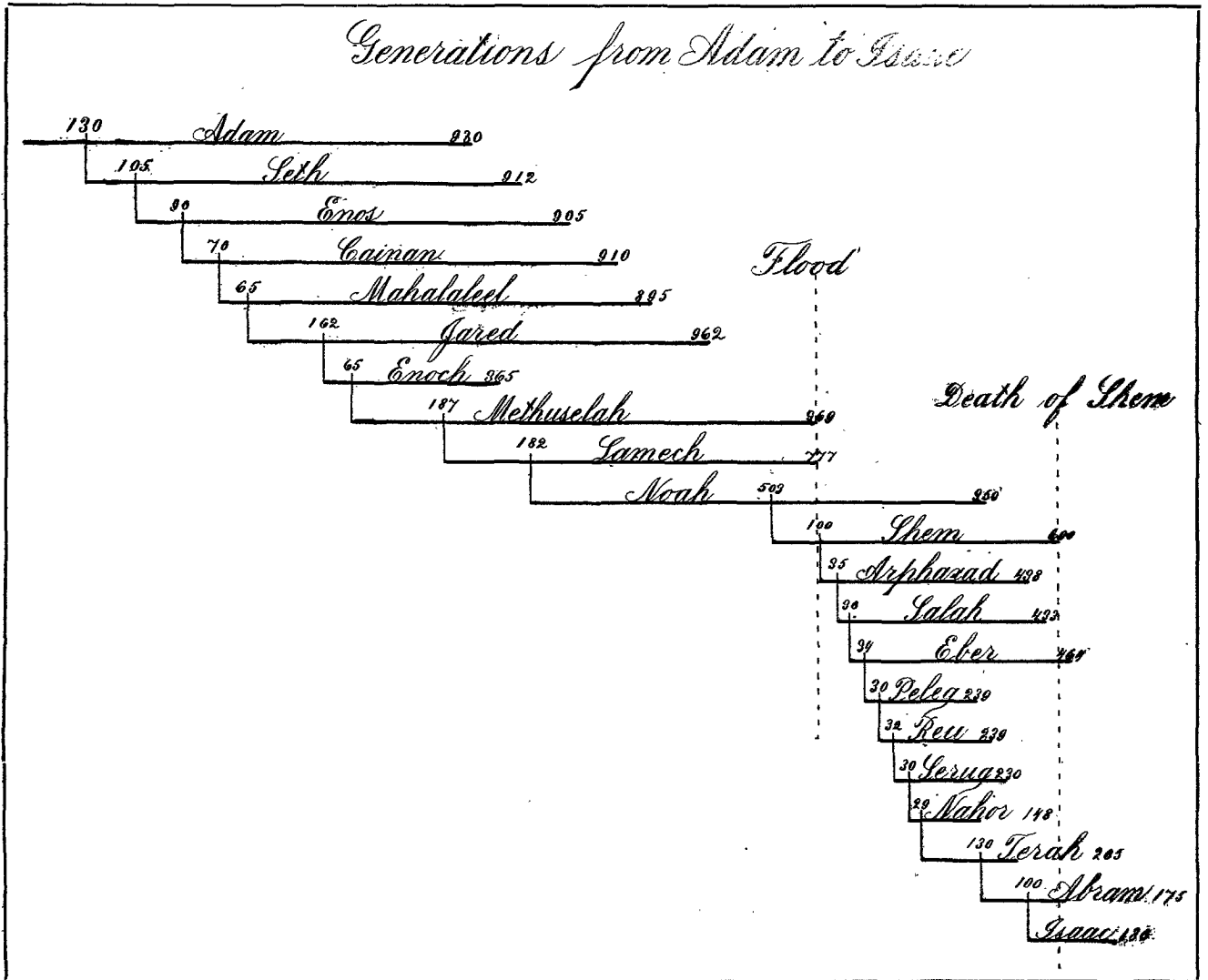
#### THE MEANING OF HIS COMING.

Christ's coming means salvation for those who are looking for him; for "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." <sup>27</sup> While it is true that "every eye shall see him," the promise of salvation is given "unto them that look for him." "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." <sup>28</sup> "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a

name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." 29 And the Lord gives the reason for this when he says, "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered nor come upon the heart. . . . And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall

long enjoy the work of their hands." 30 For this recreation the earth has been longing ever since the curse was pronounced upon it. It was because of man's sin that the Lord said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; . . . thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." 31 Paul says, "The earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also

shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain with us till now." 32 Thus we see that when man is brought back to the innocency which he enjoyed in Eden, the earth also will be restored to its Edenic state. All this was made possible through the sacrifice of Christ. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. 33 When he gave his life as a ransom for



Each line in the above diagram represents the length of the life of the man whose name stands upon the line. The figures near the left of each line represent the age of that man when his son who is named on the line below was born; and the figures at the right end of the line give his age at death. As the diagram is made on accurate proportions, a very little consideration will show the comparative length of lives. The scriptures on which this diagram is based are mostly in Genesis 5 and 11. A few points only remain to be proved by other scriptures.

Noah was 500 years old when his first son was born (Gen. 5:32), but it was three years later when Shem was born. This is evident from the fact that Shem was 100 years old, two years after the flood, when his son Arphaxad was born (Gen. 11:10); and allowing one year for the flood, he would have been 97 years of age when the flood came, but Noah was then 600 years old (Gen. 7:6). Subtracting 97 years, the age of Shem at this time from 600 years, the age of Noah at the same time, we have remaining 503 years, the age of Noah when Shem was born. Noah lived 350 years after the flood (Gen. 9:29), which would make him 950 years old when he died.

Terah was 70 years old when his first son was born (Gen. 11:26); but by comparing Gen. 11:31 with Acts 7:4, we find that Abram dwelt in Haran until the death of his father Terah. Terah was 205 years old when he died (Gen. 11:32). Abram was then only 75 (Gen. 12:4). By taking 75 years, the age of Abram, from 205, the age of his father Terah, we have left 130 years, the age of Terah when Abram was born.

Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born (Gen. 21:5), and died at the age of 175 (Gen. 27:7). Isaac lived to the age of 180 (Gen. 35:28).

many,<sup>34</sup> "the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head."<sup>35</sup> And this was a symbol of the curse that rested upon the earth; for it was thorns and thistles which the Lord said the earth should bring forth because of the curse. So we see that the restoration pertains both to man and to the earth; and for this restoration "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain with us until now." The city of God will be the capital of this earth made new; for it is said, "John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it." "And God himself shall be with them, and be their God."<sup>36</sup>

The coming of Christ holds in store all this for his people. It will mean reunion for the parted. We shall meet and greet with no separation. The gift of our Father will be immortality for mortality, health for sickness, life for death, land for the landless, homes for the homeless, hearing for the deaf, and speech for the dumb. The young shall never grow aged. The old shall renew their youth. There will be liberty for all captives. He will give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Peace, sweet peace, for the troubled. Rest, sweet rest, for the weary. Joy, glad joy, for the saints of God. These huts will be exchanged for mansions, crowns will replace crosses, light will scatter darkness, harmony will chase away discord, and truth dispel error. Then we enter upon our everlasting inheritance. Sin, sorrow, sickness of every kind forever done away. No more night, nor tears, nor curse, nor death. No more war, bloodshed, anxiety, perplexity, or pain. With such a reward we shall enter into rest.

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O. F. BUTCHER.

"Like as the waves make toward the pebbled shore,  
So do our minutes hasten to their end."

## AT THE COLLEGE

### Special Course in Mount Vernon (Ohio) College

A SPECIAL winter course has been arranged by Mount Vernon College, beginning Jan. 3, 1910, and continuing twelve weeks. This course is intended for young ministers, Bible workers, and those who wish to fit themselves for these lines of work.

In choosing the course of study, special pains has been taken to make it as practical as possible. Experience has shown that those who teach the message for this time need to be strong in Bible, English, and history. While it is not possible to give a comprehensive course in any of these subjects in twelve weeks, much of that which is most essential to the gospel worker can be acquired in that time by the diligent student.

Classes will be organized in methods of work. Special attention will be given to Bible work in the cities. This will include instruction in the preparation and giving of Bible readings, how to make appointments for readings, how to get people to obey the truth, etc. The ministerial class will take up such practical questions as the preparation and delivery of a sermon, what to do after the sermon, how to present testing truths, bringing people to a decision, and many others which the worker in the field has to meet. The class will have opportunity for practice in public speaking.

There is at present a great demand for workers. This special course should appeal to those who have a desire to fit themselves for better service in the Lord's work. The College will be glad to correspond with those who may be interested. A circular has been prepared, giving an outline of the course, and such other information as is necessary for prospective students. This will be sent to any who request it.

S. M. BUTLER, Pres.

THE Sanitarium family last week welcomed back its matron, Miss Cora Miller, from her two months' visit in the West.

Elder W. A. McCutchen of Keene, Texas, spent a few days visiting his daughter at the College on his return from the General Council at Washington. He spoke to the students in their Friday evening service last week.

Mr. Thoburn Martin arrived at the College last week to take up work in the Training School.

Miss Carrie Leach, who has been acting as matron at the Sanitarium in Miss Miller's absence, spent a few days with her sister at the College before leaving Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Blaine Kennedy and little son, Kendall, left the Sanitarium recently to visit at the home of Mrs. Kennedy's parents in Delaware, O.

Mr. Harry White, who is attending school in Battle Creek, spent Thanksgiving at Berrien Springs with his mother and sister.

Mrs. V. H. Cook's mother, Mrs. Ella D. Ostrander, has returned from her visit in Pennsylvania.

Elder E. K. Slade, president of the East Michigan Conference, visited the College on his return from the General Conference Council. He spoke to the church on Sabbath morning, and to the young people in the afternoon.

Dr. Roxette Runck of the Mount Vernon Sanitarium, gave the young ladies of the College a very instructive talk on healthful dress last Thursday evening.

Miss Bessie Neoma Russel of Minnatare, Neb., is visiting in the village at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Boggs. She is also attending College, having matriculated last week. Miss Russell is the daughter of Elder E. T. Russell, president of the Central Union Conference.

We are sorry to report that one of our students, Mr. Alfred Holst, of Marion, Ohio, was called home last week by the death of his younger brother, who had had the whooping-cough, and had passed away quite unexpectedly. We extend to Mr. Holst our sincerest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

The classes in History I and III, and History of Missions completed the regular work of the term a few days early. The class in History I has begun a chronological chart. This chart will show, at a glance, all the leading events, dates, and men from

about 2000 B. C. to 331 B. C. The class in History III is doing special review work, preparatory to beginning the new term's work on the Reformation. The class in History of Missions has done more individual work in the library than any previous class in that subject.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER JOHN QUINN of Washington, D. C., spoke in the First Philadelphia Church, Sunday evening, November 27. All were very much edified by his timely talk.

Brother Hirlinger writes from Lancaster that Sister Anna Brown came into the prayer meeting last week and laid over \$32.00 on the table—the fruit of her soliciting with the missions *Review*.

The church school at Fair Hill is progressing nicely. The teacher, Miss Florence White, is taking hold with such enthusiasm that she has won the confidence of all the parents and pupils.

Elder W. H. Heckman is attending the General Conference Council which is being held at Washington, D. C. He reports it to be one of the most important councils ever held.

Brother Comp, of Carlisle, was at first very loath to take any of the special *Reviews*, thinking that it would be useless for him even to try to solicit with them. He was persuaded, however, to take 25 copies. After much prayer he took them out after his days' work was over, and up to the present time has collected \$25.00. This only goes to show what the members can do when they earnestly seek God for help.

In a letter received from Elder Sufficool, who has just located in Williamsport, he states that he is very much pleased with his new field of labor and believes many souls will accept the truth there as the result of the efforts put forth.

Elder and Mrs. C. S. Wiest have been doing excellent work with the special *Review* in Reading and vicinity. The church there feels greatly encouraged over the prospect of going far ahead of last year's efforts along the same line.

In a communication from the elder of the Fair Hill church, Brother Irwin Fisher, we learn that they are having some rich experiences in soliciting with the special *Review*. One sister received \$5.00 from a large business firm. Three of the brethren went out one Saturday evening and in a few hours received \$10.00. We are glad to receive such good reports from our church leaders.

Brother Charles Monell, elder of the Roaring Branch church, writes very encouragingly with reference to the Ingathering campaign. He says that several are taking hold and doing good work.

Sister Jessie M. Weiss received a check from a brewer for \$25.00, from another brewer \$15.00. At this rate the conference will easily raise the \$2000 aimed for.

### VIRGINIA

#### The Educational Work in Virginia

In company with Elder Kime, president of the Virginia Conference, it has been my privilege to visit most of the churches of the "Old Dominion" in the interest of the educational work. As I had not visited the state heretofore, save to touch at some of its ports along the eastern coast, the trip was not without particular interest to me, from several viewpoints. My first stop was at historic old Richmond, where I spoke to the church twice. The church building here was purchased during the pastorate of Elder B. L. House, whom all the old students of the College remember. Some earnest souls are struggling there to uphold the "banner of truth." Sister Rice, formerly of Ohio, is doing Bible work in the city. Richmond is the headquarters of the conference, and from this place Brother Panches is working the conference in the interest of the book work. While in Richmond, I had the privilege of visiting the church where Patrick Henry delivered his famous liberty speech. I also stood in the old intrenchments dug by the Northern army on the battle field of Fair Oaks. Short stops were made at Lynchburg, where we have a nice church, conveniently located; Roanoke, where an earnest company of believers is praying and working for the establishment of the "present truth;" and Beuna Vista, where we have a small chapel for the accommodation of the believers.

We next entered the beautiful valley of Virginia, and I was greatly sur-

prised to see the evidences of thrift on every hand. I have seen some very lovely spots in America and Asia, but this valley is not only beautiful—it is a veritable garden spot. In this place the message was preached years ago, and the Lord is not without witnesses. At Stanley one of the largest churches of the conference is located. The brethren have a very commodious church, and during our ten days' stay the outside attendance was excellent. Hedged in by the beautiful Blue Ridge, one could almost imagine himself among the faithful Waldenses who for long centuries struggled to hold aloft the "banner of truth." Some of the young people of this church will attend the Shenandoah Academy and Mount Vernon College next year. I may remark in passing that this church already has one representative in Mount Vernon College.

We next visited the church and Academy at New Market. Brother Clyde Purdham, formerly of the College, took me over the mountain in his carriage. We passed through several places of special interest to the geological student, and near the famous Luray caves, whose stalagmites and stalactites are the most beautiful to be found anywhere. On arriving at the top of the ridge, one can see the village of New Market in the distance, nestling among the foothills of the range. It was in this vicinity that some of the real tragedies of the war were enacted. One of the forks of the Shenandoah River approaches the village, and its course may be traced far down the valley, as it winds in and out like a silver ribbon, and finally loses itself in the distance.

The Academy is ideally located, one half mile from the village, on the old turnpike. It has connected with it a farm of forty-two acres, which when fully improved, will no doubt be a source of no little revenue. At present there are not so many students as we might desire, but those present are anxious to receive a training that will fit them for places of usefulness in the Lord's work. Professor and Mrs. H. M. Forshee of Michigan were called to take charge of the school this year, and they are devoting themselves to the task of making it a success.

Brother Zeidler is acting as business manager, and his wife is matron. In years past Brother Zeidler demonstrated his interest in educational work by keeping his daughters in Mount Vernon College. Miss Florence Swan, formerly of Cleveland, is teaching in the primary grades, and at the same time completing the

course offered by the Academy.

During my stay at New Market I had the privilege of going to Quicksburg to visit the home of Brother Neff. Here I met Miss Anna Tucker, whom I had known as a student at the College. She has recently returned from California, and is now engaged in teaching a private school at her home. At the time of my visit her enrollment was fourteen.

After holding a series of meetings at the Academy and attending a meeting of the school Board, in which plans were laid for more aggressive efforts in behalf of our educational work, we left to visit the churches in the extreme southeastern section of the state. Part of the trip was made by boat down the James River. On the way down we passed the Gibraltar of the Confederacy, the site of the Libby Prison, the home of Pohawtan, Dutch Gap, historic Jamestown, and the scene of the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac. It was our privilege to meet with the churches of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News. While in the last named place we visited the colored school taught by one of our sisters. Its attendance at the present time is thirty-eight. The plan for the support of this school is rather unique, but I shall leave it for the teacher to apprise you of the plans followed. All I wish to say is that I was agreeably surprised at the work done, and hope that the example of this church may be followed by others, both white and colored.

We are now in attendance at the General Conference Council which is in session in Takoma Park. The Lord is greatly blessing those in attendance. JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec. C. U. C.*

ELDER KIME attended the General Conference Council held in Washington last week.

Elder R. D. Hottel has begun a series of meetings at Rileyville, in a union church at that place.

Brother V. O. Panches was at Lynchburg last week assisting Brother Charles Maples, who has decided to take up the canvassing work. He also gave some assistance to the members of the Lynchburg church in the "Ministry of Healing," campaign.

We should like to have some reports of the Ingathering work. Write us some of your experiences in this campaign. Do not keep all the good things to yourself.

Elder Leslie Muntz of Petersburg was a caller at the office last week. He was away from his work a month, on account of his health, and during his absence the enemies of the truth worked hard to induce the people to stay away from the meetings. The result is that the attendance is now very small.

We should like to correspond with every member of this conference who can spend a few hours each day in missionary effort of any kind. We wish to help you in your work. If you can reach the people with some of our magazines, we shall be glad to have you take up magazine work. The first object in taking it up is to get the message before the people; but besides this, it is a paying proposition. Some of our sisters are earning from four to six dollars a day at this work. You can do as well. You need first a consecration, then a willing mind. Who will answer quickly that they are ready?

A. M. NEFF.

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### CHESAPEAKE

SISTER JOSEPHINE WELCH made this office a pleasant call recently. Sister Welch came to Baltimore to attend the W. C. T. U. Convention as a delegate from her home state.

Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 5 and 6, with the church at Rock Hall. We are glad to note the progress this church is making in the promulgation of the principles of the third angel's message.

Elder C. B. Haynes called at the office last Tuesday. He reports good meetings at Perryville, where some are deciding for the truth.

Elder A. J. Haysmer, representing the Negro Department of the General Conference, spent Sabbath, November 12, with the colored church in Baltimore. A general meeting for this church was planned for Sabbath, November 19, with Elders A. J. Haysmer and R. T. Baer, and Brother L. L. Ashton in attendance.

Brother L. L. Ashton reports excellent meetings at Broad Neck. One person has begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are interested

Elder R. T. Baer and Elder C. B. Haynes left for Washington to attend the General Conference Council.

Emma S. Newcomer will spend a few days at her home in Hagerstown, Md.

Brother Jones reports another new canvasser. Brother W. C. Wright has taken up the work, and we wish him success.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Young People, Notice

To the Missionary Volunteer societies of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, Greeting:

I have recently been given the work of secretary in the Missionary Volunteer department of our conference, and I wish to come into touch with every one of our Missionary Volunteer societies, no matter how few its members, nor how small it may feel its influence to be. In order to do this I am writing through the VISITOR for the name and address of each leader of such a society. In the reports handed to me, only seven churches are represented as having Volunteer societies, and even of these the leaders' addresses are not at all given.

I wish to write to you; I wish you to write to me, in order that we may work together and help each other.

Will each society leader please consider this a personal request, and send me his or her address at once?

MRS. N. S. ASHTON,

Wilkesburg, Pa.

ORDERS keep coming in for the Harvest Ingathering number of the Review.

Elder I. N. Williams is attending the General Conference Council at Washington, D. C.

The Sabbath-school lessons for all grades during the year 1911 will be on the book of Acts. As a help to this study a map has been arranged showing the countries referred to in the Acts. This map is on cardboard, and may be carried in the ordinary Bible. The price is five cents apiece or six for twenty-five cents. Order through the office.

Elder Watt is still working in Kit-tanning, Pa., where there is quite an interest in the truth. Brother Watt

writes encouragingly of the school at Indiana. Any offerings intended for church school work should be sent to the treasurer of the conference, A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa.

## WEST VIRGINIA

A BRIEF note from Elder Robbins, announcing his arrival at Washington, has been received. He says that he has already met and talked with a number of our people there; and that preachers and laymen are coming in from every quarter.

### "Seventh-day Adventist Meetings."

The above announcement in large letters was the heading of a neat circular which was used to notify the village of McMechen that Seventh-day Adventists would occupy the old school building on Seventh Street, where I. D. Richardson would officiate every Sabbath and Sunday, afternoon and evening, during the fall and early winter.

The two meetings held by Brother Richardson at the home of John McHenry in New Cumberland, previously reported, proved to be seed sown in honest hearts. Since that time the Spirit of the Lord has been working upon those who were present. One man has purchased and read "Daniel and the Revelation," and is almost ready to obey the call of the hour to keep the commandments of God. Brother Richardson will return to New Cumberland in a few days to care for the developing interest.

A book which was sold by one of the canvassers who came down to help in the tent effort last summer was purchased by a lady who later went to Moundsville to join her husband, who is employed there, and who is a member of the Christian Church; within two weeks he had read the book nearly through. He became much troubled over the Sabbath question, stopped work on Sabbath afternoon, and, with his wife, went over to the Moundsville church in search of more light. Brother Richardson went home with them after the meeting, and spent several hours with them in Bible study. Pray for these honest souls, brethren and sisters, and pray too, that the Lord of the harvest will send us more God-fearing canvassers to sow the precious seeds of truth among the fertile hills of West Virginia.

Elder F. H. Robbins was with the company at McMechen last Sabbath, and spoke to an attentive and very friendly audience on Sunday evening. The friends and brethren at McMechen were pleased to meet Elder Robbins once more.

Brother Richardson received a letter from a sister in Wellsville, Ohio, who has been doing missionary work with a minister of another denomination living in West Virginia. She enclosed a letter from the minister in which he stated that he was keeping God's Sabbath. Souls are hungering for the "Bread from heaven"; let us feed them. Scatter the printed page, and God will bless the seed sown. God wants harvesters. Are you standing all the day idle in the market place?

Mrs. F. E. Wagner and daughter spent one day with Brother and Sister Richardson in Wheeling, on their way to Clarksburg, where Brother Wagner is canvassing. We take pleasure in welcoming Brother and Sister Wagner to West Virginia. We believe their labors here will be very profitable to our conference.

An opportunity is now open whereby we can each do a little missionary work at a very small cost. For only \$1.50, if you will send the names of ten of your town's ministers, teachers, lawyers, or officers, to the West Virginia Tract Society at Parkersburg, a copy of the good magazine *Liberty* will be mailed to ten of your most influential townsmen for a year. Send in your names at once.

Early reports from the Harvest Ingathering indicate a greater success than we have had in the past. It is to be hoped that all will hasten this most important work, that the funds may be passed on to the treasury, where they are so much needed.

## OHIO

### Dayton

NOVEMBER 18-20 will no doubt be long remembered by those who attended the convention held in the Dayton church, in which the droppings of the latter rain were felt by all present. Meetings were held in the evening and throughout the day, with excellent attendance, some of the members of the Columbus and

Springfield churches being present to take part in the services.

Elders Fairchild, Olmsted, Henderson, Webster, and Bigelow, with Brother Moffett, educational superintendent, Brother E. R. Numbers, field agent, and Brother J. J. Marietta, also of the Ohio ministry, were present at the convention. They were greatly encouraged by the ready and willing response of the Dayton church to the different enterprises presented.

When the special present truth series of the *Signs of the Times* was brought before the people, forty-one subscriptions were taken in a few minutes. And when the "good old *Review*" was presented, eight subscriptions were taken. Some also realized the need of having the *Visitor* in their homes, that they might keep in touch with the workers in their home field; and eight subscriptions for this paper were also taken. Thus a definite work was accomplished, and the church felt better for this tangible result of the meeting.

We were truly glad, and our hearts rejoiced to see the young people taking hold of the work throughout the convention. At a meeting held for the young people only, about thirty-five responded to the call to consecration, and nearly all rose to their feet offering themselves for some line of service for the Master in the closing message. Even the children came forward handing in their names and expressing themselves as desiring to work for the Saviour. As we looked over this gathering of young people, and thought of the near future when God will call the consecrated to give the last cry of mercy to the world, we felt that we could see some of these young people proclaiming the message of salvation. May this be true.

The young people of Dayton will soon be working on the Mount Vernon tank fund. May God's rich blessing be with them in their efforts.

The convention closed with both ministry and laity regretting that it had not been appointed for a longer period, but rejoicing over the free spirit which had been manifested.

The church did its best to make the visiting members comfortable, and its efforts were so successful that those visiting the Dayton homes were loath to leave.

May God bless in continuing the spirit of revival which was manifested in the work at Dayton. The Dayton church is alive, and the good work begun we look to see continued.

I. G. BIGELOW, C. U. C. Field Missionary and Y. P. M. V. Sec'y.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending November 25, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		DR	3	25	22	69 00	3 50	72 50	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		DR	3	25	16	42 00	9 85	51 85	
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.		GC	5	37	13	41 00	4 50	45 50	3 00
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.		GC	5	36	6	18 00	3 00	21 00	
Guy Corder, Monroe Co.		BF	5	40		40 00	6 00	46 00	
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.		BF	5	40	29	32 00	1 95	33 95	
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.		BF	5	35	20	25 00		25 00	94 00
C. Garman, Paulding Co.		COL	4	22	12	15 00	11 50	26 50	
Totals			35	260	118	\$282 00	\$40 30	\$322 30	\$97 00

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending November 25, 1910

G. Blinn, Mercer		BR	7	48	32	41 00		41 00	6 75
W. Plant, Sussex		CK	8	57	27	35 50	4 50	40 00	1 50
C. Beach, Cedar Grove		GC	8	36	14	37 00	5 50	42 50	3 75
S. Stowe, Essex		GC	7	23	10	32 00	3 50	35 50	1 25
G. Fredenburg, Warren		CK	8	38	17	20 00	2 25	22 25	54 00
Totals			38	202	100	\$165 50	\$15 75	\$181 25	\$67 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 25, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	5	41	17	26 00	10 30	36 30	20 05
Maude McDale, Allegheny Co.		SP	1	3	4	4 00	1 00	5 00	
J. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		GC	9	44	5	18 00	16 25	34 25	103 00
Agnes Zoerb, Beaver Co.		SP	18	81	19	20 00	10 75	30 75	34 50
Adeline Zoerb, Beaver Co.		SP	14	84	11	11 00	4 95	15 95	15 75
Miss Midkiff, Beaver Co.		SP	13	71	11	13 25	5 35	18 60	29 60
Totals			60	324	67	\$192 25	\$48 60	\$140 85	\$202 90

West Virginia, Week Ending November 18, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		GC	4	31	4	16 00	8 25	24 25	
A. Halstead, Kanawha Co.		DA							10 00
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		DR	3	28	5	11 25	7 70	18 95	7 95
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	4	29	14	46 00	1 30	47 30	7 30
Totals			11	88	23	\$73 25	\$17 25	\$90 50	\$25 25

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$734.90

Deliveries, \$392.40

Springfield

FOLLOWING the Dayton convention a two days' meeting was held at Springfield. Although it came on the working days of the week, we had an excellent attendance. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in the services, which seemed but a continuation of our Dayton experience.

On account of the shortness of the time, not so many lines of work could be presented as at the previous meeting; but a club of fifty-one *Life and Health* was readily raised. The church was already taking a club of the present truth series *Signs of the Times*.

While the young people are not so numerous at this place as at Dayton, they were just as enthusiastic; and when the Mount Vernon College tank fund was presented, they voted to stand by it by bringing before their next meeting a motion to turn over

to the tank fund \$15.00 now in their treasury. May God bless these young people and make them a power for his service.

The visiting members and workers enjoyed very much the hospitality of the Springfield church. The ministering brethren present were Elder C. C. Webster, Elder C. T. Redfield, Brother W. C. Moffett, Brother J. J. Marietta, and the writer. Brother Webster, who has been pastor of this church for the past two years, is now leaving for another field. Brother Redfield, who takes up the work there, is planning an active campaign with our literature, and we expect to see the work go forward. We believe that God will water the seed sown in the Springfield soil that it may bring forth fruit for his harvest.

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C. U. C. Missionary Sec'y.

BROTHER MARTIN DUNN of Piqua was a visitor at the Dayton church during its recent convention.

Brother Harry Spangler of Dayton, and Brother Oliver Click of Springfield, both leaders of the young people's Missionary Volunteer societies in their home churches, give us hope for a more active campaign on the part of our youth in the promulgation of the message in these places.

Elder I. G. Bigelow and Brother J. J. Marietta left Springfield to visit the church at Hamilton. We look for a good report from that place. Watch the VISITOR.

Conventions for the young and old will be held in Cincinnati, Columbus, Bowling Green, Cleveland, Mount Vernon, and other places not yet selected, within the next few weeks. Reports of these meetings will appear in the VISITOR from week to week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thornton of Leesburg have been called to Loyal, Wisconsin, by the very severe illness of Mrs. Thornton's father.

Brother A. J. Kennedy, of the Newark Sanitarium, made the office a brief call a few days ago.

An encouraging number of orders for books for holiday trade are being received at the office of the Ohio Tract Society. Now is the opportune time to take orders. Who will help?

Our field secretary is having excellent success in securing clubs for the special present truth series *Signs of the Times*.

The Mt. Vernon tract and missionary society has begun an excellent work with a club of the special *Signs*.

ONE of our canvassers writes: "I am thankful for the orders I have received during the past few days. Last Monday it began to look as if I were not going to get any orders, but after 3:30 P. M. I took \$18.00 worth. . . On Wednesday morning my first seven exhibitions amounted to \$21.00 in orders."

Another canvasser says: "I worked Thanksgiving day, and took \$14.00 worth of orders, one of them without giving an exhibition. On Wednes-

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day I went into a house and gave an exhibition to a young lady and her father. The father did not wish to order the book, but the daughter seemed very much interested in it, and thought her brother would take one. The young man was drawing coal, and I could not wait for his return. However I did not go more than forty rods from the house before meeting him. When I had shown him my book he said that he needed all his money, as he was going to the Moody Training School, but he would spare three dollars for the book. He told me how glad he was that he had accepted Christ. We talked for some time, and were both encouraged. It seemed to me that it was the Lord's plan that I should meet this young man in this way. Pray for him that he may see and follow the light. If all my efforts may be the means of bringing one soul into the kingdom of God I feel that I shall be well paid for my labors."

### Subscribers, Notice!

In the series of articles on Bible doctrines, by Elder O. F. Butcher, Bible teacher at Mount Vernon College, an excellent review of the message is afforded the readers of the VISITOR. The subjects to be presented are as follows:—

The Bible as a guide. Its inspiration.

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As these articles are used as a text by the class in Bible doctrines at the College, they are worth study by our readers. A thorough, working knowledge of the arguments presented and of the texts which appear at the close of each article, will enable anyone to give a clear and convincing explanation of the most important doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. We hope that our readers will not only give these articles a careful study themselves, but will endeavor to interest others in them also.

In view of the many good reports and items of interest concerning the work of our local conferences, which weekly find their way into the columns of the VISITOR, we believe that the paper should have many more readers than it now has. Therefore we wish to solicit your co-operation in an effort to place the paper in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the Union. It would be very easy for you to interest the other members of your church in the paper and raise a club. Tell them that they need the VISITOR, that they are missing a good, long, newsy letter each week by not taking it.

No one can hope to be in touch with the organized efforts for the advancement of the truth in his own conference without reading the local paper; therefore we make an earnest request for the aid of our subscribers in placing the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR within the reach of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Columbia Union.

### Contributors, Notice!

In order that the VISITOR may reach its readers on Wednesday, the day of its publication, it is necessary to print it on Sunday; and as all the work on the paper is done by students in the afternoons, it can be seen readily that matter intended for immediate publication should be sent early in the previous week. Therefore we wish it definitely understood that reports, news items, etc., should reach us by Wednesday, and must reach us not later than *Thursday morning*, in order to appear in the issue dated the following Wednesday.

Do not forget that we are always glad to get your contributions, that we prefer your reports of labor and

items of interest to any other matter we could find.

"We want to hear from you,  
And that right often, too;  
Not one great long report,  
But many, good and short."

The "many good and short" reports received are indeed appreciated; but in order that they may still be news when they reach our readers, it is necessary that there be no delay in sending them. Only this issue contains several good reports which would have appeared last week had they reached us just one day earlier. Kindly remember that matter received later than Thursday morning must be at least two weeks old when it reaches the reader.

### Sabbath-School Lessons

THE lessons for all grades during the year 1911 will be on the book of Acts—a book full of lessons for the remnant people.

As a help in this study we have arranged to supply a made-to-order map showing the countries and cities referred to in the Acts. The route of the three missionary tours of the apostle Paul, also his voyage to Rome, are very plainly marked.

The map is on cardboard, and may be carried in the ordinary Bible. It is plainer and more convenient than the maps in the Bible. The Bible may be open to the place of the lesson, and the map before the eye at the same time. Every teacher and pupil should have one. Teachers should interest their pupils, and send in a class order. Do this now, and be ready for the lessons the first of the year. The price is five cents apiece, or six for twenty-five cents. Order through your tract society, or from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

### OBITUARIES

KENDALL. — Benjamin J. Kendall was born at Pleasant Valley, Md., Sept. 26, 1881, and died at Smithsburg, Md., Nov. 28, 1910, aged 29 years, 1 month, and 22 days. He was married in 1903 to Miss Lulu Bartdall, who, with his parents, five sisters and six brothers is left to mourn. He accepted present truth a little over one year ago, and united with the Smithsburg church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Valley church-yard to await the coming of the Life-giver. The funeral was conducted by the writer. W. L. ADKINS.