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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT

"Waste no tears  
Upon the blotted record of lost years;  
But turn the leaf, and smile, oh smile,  
to see  
The fair white pages that remain for thee."  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### Spiritual Lighthouses

FROM every member of the church a steady light should shine forth before the world; so that they shall not be led to enquire, "What do these people more than others?" Religion is not to be held as a precious treasure, jealously hoarded, and enjoyed only by the possessor. True religion cannot be thus held; for such a spirit is contrary to the gospel. "Freely ye have received, freely give," are the words of the Master. While Christ is dwelling in the heart by his Spirit, it is impossible for the light of his presence to be concealed or to grow dim. On the contrary, it will grow brighter and brighter as day by day the mists of selfishness and sin that envelop the soul are dispelled by the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness.

Christians may learn a lesson from the faithfulness of the lighthouse-keeper. "A gentleman once visited a lighthouse that was placed in a very dangerous position to warn men of the perils that threaten them on the trackless sea. The keeper was boasting of the brilliancy of his light, which could be seen ten leagues out at sea, when the visitor said to him: 'You speak with enthusiasm, sir; and that is well. I like to hear men tell what they are sure they know; but what if one of the lights should go out?'

"'Never, never, absurd, impossible!' replied the sensitive watchman, in consternation at the mere supposition of such a thing. 'Why sir,' he continued, pointing to the ocean, 'yonder where nothing can be seen, there are ships going by to every

port in the world. If to-night one of my burners should go out, within six months would come a letter, perhaps from Australia, perhaps from a port I never heard of before, a letter saying that on such a night, at such an hour, at such a minute, the light at such a point burned low and dim; that the watchman neglected his post, and that vessels were consequently put in jeopardy on the high seas. Ah, sir,' and his face shone with the intensity of his thought, 'sometimes in the dark nights, and in the stormy weather, I look out upon the sea and feel as if the eye of the whole world were looking at my light. Go out? Burn dim? That flame flicker low or fail? No sir, never!'

"And shall Christians shining for tempted sinners, allow their light to fail? For, ever out upon life's billowy sea are souls we see not, strange sailors in the dark passing by, struggling, it may be amid the surges of temptation. Christ is the great Light, and Christians are appointed to reflect that Light. The ocean is vast, its dangers are many, and the eyes of far-away voyagers are turned toward the lighthouse—the church of Christ." If the world intervenes between the church and Christ, its light will burn dim, and souls will be lost because of the lack of light. Shall not the language of every heart be: "What! let the light that is in me go out or burn dim! Never! Never!"

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### The General Conference Council

THE General Conference Council held at Takoma Park, November 23 to 28, is now in the past. The Lord came preciously near to the brethren assembled in this meeting, and the result of this gathering will be of great value to the progress of the work in the future. Many important measures and resolutions were passed which will help to put the work on a sounder and more orderly basis.

It will be of interest to our brethren throughout the field to learn that there was no spirit of discouragement

anywhere throughout the Council. No signs of apostasy, but a complete spirit of perfect unity; no evidence of unbelief in the message, but a manifest and thorough determination to press forward into the ends of the earth the great cry of the soon-coming of our Lord and of the closing up of his work in the earth.

I wish that individually each and every one of you as a church member could have been present at this Council, to have witnessed the devotion, the unity, and the consecration on the part of the leaders of this work throughout the United States. While the burdens relating to the work at home pressed heavily on the hearts of the men under great responsibilities, nevertheless there was great manifestation of trust in God, and a willingness to share and sacrifice with those who are toiling so heavily in the far distant mission fields.

Hours were spent in discussion how best to reach the multitudes in our cities. Much time, also, was given to securing a policy which would put our foreign mission work upon a soundly financial basis, as the work in our own home conference is.

One of the great questions before the Council was the matter of providing for ministers who have worn out their lives in the service of this cause. In order to secure a sufficient and orderly proportion of means to this end, a fund known as "The Sustentation Fund" was created, and all the conferences throughout the United States and Canada agreed to share of their resources to this fund, in order that our aged and worn out ministers might be properly cared for. We believe that this is the proper thing to be done, and God's blessing will surely follow such a movement.

Plans also were laid for the work this coming winter, and for the work of the camp-meetings the succeeding summer. We pray that our brethren throughout all the field will remember this Council and its resolutions at the throne of grace, beseeching God to give them effectiveness and fruitfulness in their execution.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## UNION

### In Different Parts

#### WHEELING

AFTER finishing a very successful tour of the larger churches in Ohio, we left Mount Vernon for Wheeling, W. Va., December 20. Here we had the pleasure of visiting Brother and Sister I. D. Richardson, formerly of Takoma Park, D. C. We found them of good cheer and enjoying their work. Brother Richardson has a good interest. Two faithful ones have already accepted the message and are striving with the help of God to live the truth for this time.

#### PITTSBURG

Our next call was at Pittsburg, where we met Brother and Sister Medairy. Brother Medairy, who is now field missionary secretary of the West Pennsylvania Conference, is having excellent success in his work. So far his labors have been confined to the churches of Pittsburg and vicinity, but he hopes soon to spread out into the conference. He seems of good cheer, and is encouraged to press the battle onward. Let us pray that God will extend his blessing to this needy field.

#### THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Arriving home about the 21st, we found a good work in progress here. Brother H. H. Johnson, field missionary secretary and field agent for the District, reports himself as encouraged over the present condition, and quite hopeful for the future. He has one steady worker with the books, and another will begin soon. Others are drilling for the work, and the prospects are that we shall soon have a good corps of workers in the field.

Sister Brensinger is working with the periodicals, and takes fifty copies of the *Watchman*, which she sells every month. It is this steady work that counts. There are others who can do the same, and we hope to see them at work in the near future.

Sister Cleveland has now located in Washington, and will soon take up permanent house to house work with our periodicals. We shall look for good reports from this quarter soon; for Brother Johnson informs us that Sister Cleveland is an experienced worker in this line, and her heart is in the work.

#### TAKOMA PARK SANITARIUM

A short time ago six nurses from the Sanitarium went down to Washington to work with "Ministry of

Healing," Brother Johnson helping them to make a beginning. The result was that they took orders for over sixty copies of this good book. All were enthusiastic over the work, and reported themselves as having had many good spiritual experiences.

The Sanitarium became so crowded with patients that these nurses were called upon to take up their regular work; but we hope soon to see an extra corps of workers at the Sanitarium, so that some of the nurses can be in the field all the time. No better missionary training could be given them for their line of work; besides, they can enter homes where other classes of workers could not go; they can reach hungry souls who could be searched out only with great difficulty in any other way. Let us thank God for the many means he has provided by which this last message of mercy can be given to the perishing.

I. G. BIGELOW,

*Field Missionary Secretary, C. U. C.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER AND SISTER B. M. HEALD are visiting Sister Heald's mother in Lorenton, Pa. While there they will hold some meetings with that church and also with the church in Wellsboro.

Brother A. L. Bayley, our former conference secretary and treasurer, left Philadelphia December 14, to accept a position in Iowa. Brother Bayley will be greatly missed by the brethren in Eastern Pennsylvania, but the change was made for the benefits to his family of the rural surroundings in the West, and we wish him Godspeed in his new field.

Elder S. D. Hartwell has come to our conference to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Brother Bayley. Brother Hartwell has had an experience of about twenty years in conference office work, and so comes to us as a most efficient worker. We bespeak for him a most hearty welcome throughout this conference.

Brother C. S. Baum, who has been working in Allentown since camp-meeting, is going to hold an aggressive effort in the vicinity of Carbondale, near the home of Brother W. F. Kilmer.

Elder A. R. Bell and family are moving from New York, where they have been living for the last few years, to Harrisburg. We know the

Harrisburg church will appreciate this, and we believe that as a result, the church will be built up spiritually and numerically. Let us all pray to this end, as we believe that in that important city, the capital of this great state of Pennsylvania, there should be located one of the strongest Seventh-day Adventist churches in the state.

At Carlisle, Sabbath, December 24, a church of fourteen earnest members was organized by Elders Heckman and Bell. The following officers were elected: elder, A. R. Bell; deacon, Harvey Comp; clerk, Mrs. Lee Adams; treasurer, Mrs. H. Comp; missionary secretary, Ernest Brewster.

A communication from Brother Wilmer D. Lanterman, elder of the Stroudsburg church, to Brother Heckman, has the following: "God certainly has answered prayer in behalf of the little flock here. The week of prayer was the best we have ever held, closing with the best meeting, the interest having increased from the beginning." Speaking of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, he continues: "You asked me to aim for \$60.00 (the total amount received the year previous being \$48.89). I am glad to say that we have passed that mark, and when all is turned into the treasury, I think we shall have a little surprise for you. Sisters Ida and Mary Kotz, Sister Banks, and Sister Sleep received over \$10.00 for missions as a result of one day's soliciting."

The following is from Brother J. L. Rhoads, elder of the Reading church: "I am glad to inform you that our church received \$145.00 for missions at the annual offering on December 17. I told our brethren we ought to raise \$150.00 at this annual offering. This amount was raised in cash, and I believe it will soon reach \$200.00, when all of our members have been heard from. I was somewhat surprised when I saw some of our men giving so liberally. One brother gave \$50.00, another \$25.00, etc., and a sister gave \$25.00. I believe that the Lord opened their hearts. We had many blessed seasons of prayer together during the week. The Lord was with us and gave us his Holy Spirit." Speaking of the Ingathering, he continues: "Another Ingathering campaign is nearing its close. At Birdsboro, where we live, God blessed us with \$56.50; and the whole amount

for the Reading church, including ours here, is about \$157.00." We certainly rejoice with Brother Rhoads in that the Lord is blessing so abundantly the Reading church.

## NEW JERSEY

### Important Notice

THE fourth annual session of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a body incorporated under the laws of the state of New Jersey, will be held in connection with the regular session of the New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference, to be held in Irvington Center, Newark, N. J., Jan. 17 to 22, 1911, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting any other business that may come before it. The first meeting of the Association will be called at 9:15, A. M., Thursday, January 19, 1911. All delegates to the annual New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference are members of the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

### A Letter

DEAR VISITOR: Receiving you every week you have become a welcome visitor to me. Though I am in my seventy-second year, I still greatly enjoy the work of the Lord, and thought I would give you a short report of my experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work.

I sent for thirty copies of the special *Review*, and have placed them where I hope and pray they will open the way for the entrance of more truth. In the two previous campaigns, I worked in the city, but this time I also went out into the country. Once in the field, I greatly enjoyed the work. I went out in all five times, and received \$7.70, which I sent to the Mission Board at once, supplying from my own purse some that was not yet collected; for I knew that the Lord's workers were in need of the money.

Each day that I put forth the effort to go I was blessed. The people I met were very pleasant and kind. One gentleman told me he believed that we were doing a good work in showing the people the truth of religious liberty. He is not a church-going person, rather a professed disbeliever in all religious things, but he has been taking the magazine *Liberty*. This year he gave me a two-years' subscription for the paper, after I had given him a copy. His daughter said she supposed he would be a Seventh-

day Adventist yet. I hope and pray he will.

I met four persons near my home who had never heard the name of our church. It made me sad to think how many have not heard our sweet and precious truths. If any have their papers lying by unsold, I would encourage them to strike out at once and receive the blessing that the Lord is waiting to bestow upon them. It was the dear Master who helped me to do the work, and he is just as willing to help each one of us.

MRS. ELLEN STORMS.

*Allendale, N. J.*

WE are glad to report that the health of Brother Boersma, our Holland worker, is improving. Several persons of his nationality are becoming much interested in the message for this time. Among these are doctors, editors, and other educated people. Let us pray that the Lord will reach these souls with such powerful appeals that the call will not be unheeded.

Remember the annual conference session to be held with the Newark church at their usual place of meeting at Irvington Center. Arrangements are being made to provide comfortable accommodations for the delegates. The cost of board and room will be announced later, and will be as low as consistent. Those wishing to engage rooms for use during the meeting should write to Elder H. W. Smith, 24 Myrtle Avenue, Irvington, N. J.

All churches are entitled to one delegate at the conference, and one additional delegate for each ten members. These delegates should be chosen at the earliest opportunity, and their credentials forwarded at once to the conference secretary, Brother Clarence Lawry, 1635 South Broad Street, Trenton, N. J.

Two new members were added by baptism to the Jersey City German church on Sabbath, December 10.

The meetings during the week of prayer were seasons of great refreshing to the churches, and many gained a much stronger hold on the power of God. What a blessing it is that we can have such opportunities. Let us be sure to keep on advancing, and thus avoid the depression which often follows a great spiritual revival.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### A Worker Fallen in West Virginia

UPON investigation concerning the sad death of Brother J. H. Jennings, the evidence of the case leads to the conclusion that his death came by accident. He had been canvassing in Fayette County, upon a mountain, near a small village called Quinimont. On the evening of his death, when he was about two and one-half miles from the village, he inquired if there was not a near way to Quinimont. Being informed that there was a path leading down the mountain to Quinimont, as the shades of the evening were drawing on, he started on the fateful journey. Having traveled about half the distance, he came to a fork in the path, one way leading around the edge of a steep precipice; undoubtedly, as it was dark, Brother Jennings took the wrong path, and unfortunately slipped, and sliding a short distance, fell twenty feet, landing on a narrow bench, and then rolled over the ledge, and fell eighty feet farther on the rocks below. His books and papers had fallen out of his grip, and were scattered over the rocks; one book lay upon the rock within twenty feet of the top, where he first struck; but all the other literature, with his grip, went to the bottom. A small sum of money, and other little articles, were found on him. The place where the accident occurred is very isolated, but fortunately his body was found the third day after his death by two boys who were hunting. The remains were taken to Hinton, W. Va., where they were prepared for burial, and interment was made in the cemetery at that place.

Brother Jennings was well known throughout the West Virginia Conference as a faithful and consistent Christian. For more than fifteen years he has done what he could to scatter the printed page, and to tell others of the soon-coming Saviour. He devoted much time to prayer, which was the secret of his success. We believe that he was ready for this unexpected call, and will come forth clothed with immortality at the call of the Life-giver.

The delay in this article has been made for the purpose of trying to get all the information possible concerning the cause of Brother Jennings' unnatural death. Further investigation will be made with reference to this

case, and if any clue to a supposition that he has fallen into foul hands can be discovered, we shall do all in our power to find the guilty persons.

F. H. ROBBINS.

IN ordinary supplies carried by the General Conference, such as tithe and offering envelopes, blanks, tracts, maps, birthday cards, etc., department secretaries and churches, and individual members are requested to remember that their orders should reach the General Conference through the tract society, and should not be sent to the General Conference directly. A strict compliance with the above instruction will greatly assist the workers in the General Conference and will also help the tract society.

Fifty-two subscriptions for the magazine *Liberty* were received one day this week.

All persons having in their possession Harvest Ingathering funds will please send them to the conference office at the earliest opportunity, as we are desirous of forwarding them to the General Conference without delay.

Remember that the fourth Sabbath of each month has been set aside for home missionary work. All churches are expected to hold services on that day as outlined in the *Review and Herald* each month.

If you want a Morning Watch Calendar for 1911, order one now; we have but a few left.

We now have our supply of Sabbath-school quarterlies for the first quarter of the new year, also a limited supply of the little colored maps illustrating the travels of Paul. An early application for these helps will receive prompt attention. Ten cents in coin or stamps pays for both.

The following is from Brother T. M. Butler, one of our regular canvassers. He feels happy over the fact that the Lord is "walking with" him all the time:—

"I thought I could do nothing with the "Great Controversy" in the larger towns, but the general agent urged me to try it, so I started in a mining town near a larger city. The first day I received two orders for "Great Controversy" and two orders

for "Coming King," and sold one book for cash. The second day I received four orders for "Coming King" and sold one for cash. Wednesday I took two orders for "Great Controversy." The greater number of people to whom I presented the large book seemed very much interested but could not see their way clear to give their orders, but with the Lord's help I was successful in placing several orders for "Coming King." On Thursday I took two orders for "Great Controversy" and four for "Coming King." This gave me no little courage, for I thought I should have over \$40.00 for my week's work. Friday being the short day I very seldom take many orders, but this time to my great surprise I took eleven orders for "Great Controversy," one for "Coming King," and also an order for a large family Bible, making for my short seven hour day, the total sum of \$37.00. For the week's work, whereas I started out with the idea that I could do nothing, I totaled the goodly sum of \$79.25. I give the praise all to God for this week's work."

What this canvasser can do, and has done, others can do. We have much similar territory in West Virginia, only waiting for some one to take possession of it. We shall be glad to welcome all who may come to West Virginia, and can almost insure success.

Elder Robbins reorganized the Clarksburg church, Sabbath, December 17. A full complement of officers was elected to both the church and the Sabbath-school, viz: church officers, F. E. Wagner, elder; H. C. Smith, deacon; Sister H. C. Smith, clerk and treasurer; Sister F. E. Wagner, deaconess; and Sister Smith, organist; Brother L. E. Stout superintendent of the Sabbath-school; Mrs. S. A. Midkiff, secretary; Miss Ruth Wagner, organist.

### CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore, Md.

ON Sabbath, November 26, the young people's missionary society of the Baltimore church rendered an interesting program in the interests of the work in Japan. Excellent help was furnished by Elder W. A. Spicer of Washington, D. C., Elder Morris Lukens, president of the Indiana Conference, Elder Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, and Elder C. B. Haynes, pastor of the church,

who were all present and took an active part in the program. An interesting feature of the occasion was the part taken by the children, who had for their motto, "Japan for Christ." A reading on "Simple Life in Japan" was given by Sister Helen Shipley. Elder Haynes sang some beautiful solos. Genive Sharich, in full Oriental dress, gave us some interesting facts about customs and habits in Japan, and sang a song, "Jesus Loves Me," in the Japanese language. The needs of Japan were presented with great emphasis by Elder Spicer. An offering of \$15.62 was taken to assist in the building of a church in Japan.

Whereas the church missionary society did not hold its annual ingathering service this year, the young people's society looked after the needy at home. A number of baskets were filled and distributed. Donations were also sent to the poor but worthy members of our church. Much of this work is due to the interest taken by the members of our society.

EDW. G. FRANKLIN, Pres. Y. P. S.

Wilmington, Del.

HAVING been invited to conduct the meetings of the week of prayer in the Wilmington church, and feeling that our experience would cheer others along the way, we send a brief report to the readers of the VISITOR. We indeed appreciated the excellent support given by the eight brethren who were invited to present the readings, not one having failed to be present. One source of great blessing to the members of the church was definiteness in prayer. On each succeeding night of the meeting some phase of our work was made the object of special prayer. These objects, following the general course of the readings, were as follows: individual heart-cleansing and activity; the ministry, when presenting the advent message; the consecration of each one to his particular branch of the work; our Union Conference and school workers; our local conference work and workers; more funds for foreign lands; all laborers in the "great white field"; the denomination, officials and lay members. These definite objects brought out earnest, heart-searching prayers, and we are glad to report that our offering on Sabbath, December 17, doubled those of former years. Just before the offering was taken all present signified their desire and intention to be more for Christ

than they had been heretofore. The week of prayer was a great blessing to us as a church.

C. EARLE TICKNER.

### Harvest Ingathering Experiences

THE little Cheswold (Del.) church, answering the query, "How many *Reviews* shall we take?" responded nobly by sending for five hundred, which were duly received.

On November 17 the undersigned, who were granted "days off" by their respective school boards, started out with a horse and buggy, which was furnished by Elder Seeney, for Smyrna, a distance of about nine miles, taking about three hundred papers. It was a cold day. At about half past eleven o'clock, after kneeling in prayer in our room, we took our package of fifty papers each, and went forth. We canvassed the rich and the poor alike, and in nine cases out of ten the poor responded the more freely, when a response was made at all.

Parts of two days of faithful work were put in in this town, and while our receipts were not large,—the largest single sum received being twenty-five cents,—we had many interesting experiences. As the Sabbath was drawing near, we stopped work about half past one on Friday afternoon, and after getting our horse we started for home, feeling that though we had hoped, prayed, and worked for a more substantial showing, we had accomplished very little.

Upon our arrival home, we emptied our little cloth bags, which Sister Seeney had made and sewed into our coats, and counted up just ten dollars.

We still had about two hundred papers, and the church gave us another "day off," which we put in on the twenty-first in Dover. Is was well that we had previously profited by once having heard of the noble characteristic of the bull-dog—stick-to-it-iveness,—and we stuck until we had disposed of our papers and gathered another five dollars. That gathering was hard. Had not this work been of a two-fold nature and purpose, we should have felt discouraged when reading of the many fine amounts received by others with only a few papers. However, our hearts were in the work, and we were often encouraged, and felt proud to hear a child, who happened to answer the bell, tell her mother that "a missionary lady" was at the door. We had

many opportunities of speaking of the love of the greatest of all missionaries—our Saviour.

We feel that while dollars and cents were not plenteous, yet we were scattering the precious pages of truth. Our harvest was not very large, but we pray that the Lord of the harvest will water the seed sown.

We send in our experience that it may be an encouragement to those who, like us, feel that they did little, when they hoped and prayed for a more substantial evidence of their zeal and love for missions.

FANNIE E. HAMBLIN.

MABEL CARROLL.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, our conference secretary and treasurer, left the office for a few days' visit with relatives and friends at Hagerstown.

Elder G. P. Geade left Baltimore last Thursday evening, to be present at the meeting of the foreign workers of North America, which is in session at Chicago.

Elder R. T. Baer was called to Cheswold, Del., to conduct the funeral of Brother Joseph Seeney, a brother of Elder F. H. Seeney.

Alice M. Fieldburg, conference educational secretary, made the office a pleasant call last week. She has been out visiting church schools, and reports that the schools are doing excellent work. Sister Fieldburg is planning to connect with the office in Baltimore soon.

Elder Haynes closed his meetings at Blythesdale last Sunday night. Some are keeping the Sabbath at that place, and many more are interested.

A legal meeting of the Chesapeake Conference Association was called to convene at Wilmington, December 31. Elder R. T. Baer left Friday to be with the Wilmington church over Sabbath, and to attend the Association meeting.

Elder F. M. Fairchild reports five new Sabbath keepers at Indian Spring, Md. Others are on the point of decision.

Good meetings are in progress at Ponds ville, Md., where Brother Adkins is in charge. The brethren are contemplating the erection of a small

church building before spring, and we hope that their plans may be carried out, and that a memorial may be planted in that community which will stand as a witness for God.

The week of prayer was observed in all the churches of the conference. The weather was cold and disagreeable, but this did not prevent a goodly number being present at all the meetings. Encouraging reports are coming in from the church elders. All write that "this was the best week of pray we have ever observed, the Lord being present in all the meetings." Let us continue to make every week one of earnest prayer, that we may be fortified against the storms of the last days.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Washington and Pittsburg

I WAS requested by the leader of a company of Christian Missionary Alliance people, to whom I am giving Bible readings every Friday evening, to give a Bible study in the mission at Washington, Pa., Sunday, December 11. About 125 people gathered in the hall, and by the help of the Lord I presented to them the subject of the "Word of God." There was an excellent interest; the texts were followed by the people very closely from their open Bibles.

I remained with our company at Washington to conduct meetings during a part of the week of prayer. Our prayers were answered in a very marked manner. The husbands of two of our sisters, and one other person, showed a decided change in their lives, and are looking forward to keeping the Sabbath. The church was much encouraged, and seemed very glad of my visit, for they had not had a worker with them to hold meetings for some time.

The work in Pittsburg is progressing very satisfactorily, and there is every reason for encouragement. Earnest efforts are being made by all the churches located here, as every member has a desire to do something.

Brethren and sisters of West Pennsylvania, let us determine, this coming year, by the help of the Lord to do more aggressive work for the salvation of just one soul than we have ever done before in our lives. Let our motto be, "Pray, work, pray," and above all let us strive with all our might to obtain grace to carry it out daily.

"My brethren and sisters, study your plans, grasp every opportunity

of speaking to your neighbors and associates or reading something to them from books that contain present truth." *Vol. 9, p. 129.*

G. MEDAIREY, *Field Missionary Sec'y.*

MRS. N. S. ASHTON, Wilkinsburg, Pa., secretary of the young people's work in West Pennsylvania, would be very glad to get in touch with our young people.

The Morning Watch Calendars for 1911 are ready for mailing. These calendars contain a sunset table which can be used in any part of the United States or Canada. Place your order now before they are all gone.

The brethren and sisters of the Johnstown church are encouraged in the work. They have kept the interest up on their church property and have also lately made the church very comfortable by placing a new furnace in the cellar.

The Altoona church enjoyed a good week of prayer, the brethren and sisters all being determined to press on in the work.

We are grieved to learn of the death of Sister Mary C. Wicker, which occurred in Graysville, Tenn. Sister Wicker was buried from her home church in Altoona, Pa.

Sister Charles Ulrich of Springfield, Mass., is visiting her parents at Altoona, Pa.

Sister Mamie Stizle of Madison, Tenn., is visiting her sister in Pittsburgh.

The Clearfield church is growing in faith and activity. Work is being done with the special *Review*. Many of the old members visited their home church during the week of prayer, and a great blessing was enjoyed by all at this time.

The Corydon church appreciated the help given them during the week of prayer by Elder and Mrs. W. W. Williams of Athens, Tenn., who are still visiting their son, E. A. Williams, of Corydon.

Elder James E. Shultz of Mount Vernon, O., who is working in behalf of the educational interests of the Columbia Union, has been with us,

visiting Pittsburg, Johnstown, Altoona, Clearfield, and Coudersport.

The general meeting at Coudersport has just closed. Brother Shultz of Mount Vernon, and Elder W. F. Schwartz of Hollidaysburg, with Elder Williams, were present. The service of these brethren was highly appreciated. The attendance was good, the surrounding companies were well represented, and a good spirit prevailed throughout the meetings. Many of the Coudersport people attended the evening services to hear the good sermons. Souls were reclaimed, and others gave their hearts to God for the first time. On the part of the members present a deep interest was manifested in the different lines of work considered.

## OHIO

### Coshocton

THE Coshocton church held its Sabbath-school and young people's convention Sabbath and Sunday, December 17 and 18. Sabbath forenoon and evening were given over to the closing services of the week of prayer. Sabbath afternoon important topics dealing with the Sabbath-school work were presented and discussed. Sunday afternoon was devoted to the interests of the young people's work, and steps were taken to organize a Missionary Volunteer society. After the opening of the question box the convention closed with a social meeting in which all took part, indicating that they were returning to their homes encouraged to do better work in the future. Elders F. H. Henderson and W. E. Bidwell assisted in making the convention a success.

While at Coshocton it was my privilege to visit Brother C. A. Shryock's home school, and also to witness the excellent interest in Elder Bidwell's meetings at Coalport. His usual mid-week attendance is about fifty. W. C. MOFFETT.

### Piqua

THE little company at Piqua began the services of the week of prayer at the appointed time, and held meetings all through the week. There was a good attendance of the members and also from the outside. We were glad to have Brother F. B. Numbers with us on Friday evening and Sabbath.

There are many souls in Piqua waiting to have their attention called to the third angel's message. We

need some one who can put in all his time searching for these precious souls. A Presbyterian minister in this place is anxious to better understand the book of Revelation. He is writing articles on this book and seems desirous of knowing it aright. He firmly believes in the second coming of Christ. I hope that the Lord will help me to direct him so that he will decide for the truth.

Our membership in Piqua is only eight, but it is growing, three members having been added since last April. Two of our number do not reside here, but they are faithful in the payment of their tithes. Sister Sellers, one of our faithful members, who has been canvassing, took 210 orders for small books for a Christmas delivery. We are of good courage. The Lord meets with us and blesses us, and to him we give all the praise.

MARTIN DUNN.

### Toledo, La Grange, and Mount Vernon

FROM Bowling Green, Brother Moffett and the writer went with Brother Wales to Toledo, where we remained three nights, beginning Sunday, December 6. Each night witnessed a greater interest than the preceding, and at the close of our visit we were sorry to have to leave for our next appointment. Here in Toledo we met with the same hospitality that was shown us all through Ohio. We greatly enjoyed our stay at the home of Brother and Sister Wales. We found these two earnest workers zealously engaged, both in giving Bible readings and working in the church. One of Brother and Sister Wales' readers recently accepted the truth. The other Bible workers in Toledo are also meeting with success in their work. May God continue to bless these faithful laborers. We are sorry that we had not the time to remain and visit the many homes to which we were invited by the brethren and sisters of the Toledo church.

At La Grange we were able to stay only two days and two nights. The faithful members there gave us a good attendance at the meeting, though it was a sacrifice for some to do so, having to drive a number of miles. A large outside interest was also manifested, and we believe that if a laborer could go into La Grange for steady work, fruit could be gathered for the kingdom of God. The members of this church are alive to the truth. Brother A. H. Peet is doing a good work in keeping up a family church school, to which other



## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending December 16, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	36	21	55 00	15 40	70 40	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	42	8	28 00	31 45	59 45	4 80
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		DR	4	28	21	53 00	1 00	54 00	
W. Holst, Licking Co.		DR	2						36 50
*F. Hiner, Clermont Co.		GC	17	114	24	83 00	3 00	86 00	
Ray Corder, Belmont Co.		BF	5	31	17	17 00	3 00	20 00	71 25
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.		BF	5	43	9	11 00	5 15	16 15	185 65
Totals			48	334	105	\$262 00	\$64 00	\$326 00	\$303 20

## West Virginia, Week Ending December 16, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	5	40	18	58 00	19 25	77 25	2 00
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	DR	5	26					107 05
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	6	83	12	39 00	9 70	48 70	64 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	37	17	54 00	6 00	60 00	24 00
Totals		21	186	47	\$151 00	\$34 95	\$185 95	\$197 05

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 16, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	48	32	48 00	8 55	56 55	29 05
J. S. Glunt, Allegheny Co.	GC	10		1		6 00	6 00	38 95
Maude McDale, Allegheny Co.	SP	4	19	5	11 00	3 00	14 00	21 25
Totals		19	67	38	\$59 00	\$17 55	\$76 55	\$89 25

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 9, 1910

G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	4	38	9	28 00	3 28	31 18	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	3	17	6	9 00		9 00	
Mrs. Sleep, Monroe	BS	5	25	28	17 75	1 00	18 75	
Totals		12	81	43	\$49 75	\$4 28	\$59 93	

## Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending December 9, 1910

Maryland									
I. Sheirick, Prince Frederick	GC	5	34			1 20	1 20	22 20	
W. Vanzant, "	GC	5	34					45 00	
W. Durst, Lonaconing	CK	5	39	11	11 50	5 75	17 25	17 25	
W. Durst, "	CK	3	23	12	12 50	3 25	15 75		
J. Paden, Allegheny Co.	CK	1		3	3 00	1 25	4 25	61 50	
Totals		19	130	26	\$27 00	\$11 45	\$38 45	\$145 95	

## Virginia, Week Ending December 9, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK		11					18 25	
A. Schenk, "	CK		39	8	9 00	5 00	14 50		
Totals			50	8	\$9 00	\$5 00	\$14 00	\$18 25	

## District of Columbia

H. Johnson, Washington, D. C.								2 75	
F. Mills, Manassas, Va.								22 50	
A. Williman, Manassas, Va.								10 75	
W. Seelback, Rectortown, Va.								100 00	
L. Funk, Warrenton, Va.								9 00	
Totals								\$145 00	

\*Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$700.88 Deliveries, \$898.70

children beside his own have been gathered, so that he has quite a large family in his home. They really enjoy this work, Sister Peet accepting her cares in connection with the school as service for the Master.

On Friday we left La Grange for Mount Vernon, arriving in time to take part in the week of prayer services. We had the privilege of speaking to the church on Sabbath morning, and to the army of young people in their meeting on Sabbath afternoon. As we looked over the goodly gathering of nearly two hundred young men and women we could see in this interesting company a great working force for the Master. We looked forward to the near future when other youth will be taking up the carnal weapons of war, while these will be taking the sword of the Spirit and going forth to conquer; for they are enlisted under a Captain who never lost a battle.

Our stay at Mount Vernon ended all too soon, but we greatly enjoyed our personal visits with those whom time permitted us to see and talk to. While here it was our pleasure to enjoy the comforts of the homes of Brother and Sister Moffett and Brother and Sister Marietta, also Brother and Sister J. I. Cassell of the Ohio Tract Society.

This visit ended a very successful tour in Ohio, and we left the state with a heartfelt desire to return not long hence.

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

## Columbus and Bellefontaine

We spent the first part of the week of prayer with the Columbus church, and left Thursday afternoon in time to reach Bellefontaine for the evening service. The blessing of the Lord was present in both places, and we feel that many are closer drawn to him who is calling us to greater consecration and more active service.

The Lord is prospering the Columbus church and bringing in a spirit of harmony which will place all on vantage ground. We have every reason to be thankful for the hearty spirit of co-operation manifest, and trust that our zeal will prompt us all to do greater things for Christ.

We enjoyed meeting with the company at Bellefontaine. The last meeting proved to be of more than ordinary interest to all concerned. The good Spirit of the Lord came in and melted hearts, and confessions were made. The testimonies all revealed the same desire to reach a higher plane, and to be blessed with a

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greater consecration. It was one of the most touching services we ever attended, and we hope it will be productive of right results. May we ever realize the importance of living the golden rule, and of loving our brethren as Christ loves us; then all our clouds will sink from sight, leaving the ways of life free from the darkness of disappointment and lack of faith in one another.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

#### Youngstown

We greatly enjoyed our work during the week of prayer. The Lord truly blessed his people at that time, especially those who were faithful in attending all the services. We spent the week with the Youngstown church, and with the believers at Ash-tabula, Jefferson, and Leavittsburg. The Spirit of the Lord was present at each service, and nearly all reconsecrated their lives to God. One sister was healed from a bed of sickness, so that she was able to attend the services, and perform her duties in the home. Some of the members promised to be more faithful in attending Sabbath-school and church services and in paying their tithes and offerings, and some brought in their tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Surely God is good and greatly to be praised. We ought to be more in earnest in seeking him, that we may not be overcome by Satan, who is now, more than ever, going around like a roaring lion, doing his best to keep God's people from making a sure preparation for the better country. How much time do we spend each day with the Lord pleading for strength to overcome the enemy and gain the victory?

Sad news reached us on the last Sabbath of the week of prayer, when Elder D. E. Lindsay entered our place of meeting and told us that his son

Charlie had been very seriously hurt the previous Wednesday, having fallen about twenty-five feet from a ladder in one of the large steel mills of Youngstown. His left arm was fractured in several places, and several of his ribs were broken. He also has concussion of the brain, and it is very doubtful whether or not he will live. How thankful we ought to be that the time is soon coming when "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain," and "God shall wipe away all tears." Let us be faithful and hold fast to the truth.

F. E. GIBSON.

#### From the Canvassing Field

BROTHER HANKINS writes: "I feel so full of hope and courage since camp-meeting. I am more encouraged in this blessed truth than ever before, and surely the Lord is blessing us in our work. My work the past week was in a neighborhood where "Daniel and the Revelation" was sold several years ago. I found very few objections." Brother Hankins' sales for this week amounted to \$78.

At least five of our workers canvassed on Thanksgiving day. Their orders amounted to over \$40. It was the writer's privilege to be out on that day with one of our new canvassers. While our orders amounted to only \$8, the books are being placed in some very nice homes, and we had many good talks and some precious experiences.

Brother Kirk recently had the following interesting experience: After calling on a village postmaster and securing his order for a "Daniel and the Revelation," he started into the country. The first house was that of a well-to-do family, and the lady would not look at the book, but said that he could see the men at the barn if he wished to. He started away, but on a second thought returned and canvassed the farmer and his hired hand. The Lord enabled him to place two large books in the home, amounting to \$8. Such experiences remind us of those words of admonition: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they shall both be alike good."

One brother has just written to us that he desires to enter the canvassing work, and asks if we have some good winter territory. We have many whole counties that have not been worked for years and scores of townships that have never to our knowl-

edge been canvassed with our literature. The winter season is proving to be just as good as any other time of the year for our canvassers.

May the Lord give faith and courage to those whose hearts have been impressed with the importance of this work. F. B. NUMBERS, *Gen. Agent.*

#### Married

A QUIET wedding was solemnized at Mount Vernon, O., six o'clock, Saturday evening, December 31, when Miss Mary Anna Moffett and Mr. Orvie John Gibson were united in marriage by Elder O. F. Butcher, only immediate relatives being present to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson are under appointment by the General Conference for the mission field of China, and expect to sail this month. The Visitor joins their many friends in hearty congratulations and best wishes for a life of happy service in their Master's vineyard.

#### OBITUARIES

ISELL.—Mamie Louise Isbell was born in Columbus, April 1, 1882, and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 17, 1910, aged 28 years, 8 months, and 16 days. At the age of 14 she joined the Union Grove Baptist church. In 1896 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and has continued to be a firm believer and a consistent member. Just before the end came she told her sister, Dr. Blake, that she was not afraid, and soon she was asleep and free from all care. Having decided to give her life to missionary nursing, she took her training in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, finishing in 1907. While nursing a very severe case of typhoid fever she overworked and contracted the fever, and laid down her life nine days after the death of the patient she had tried so hard to save. Her parents, grandmother, two brothers and two sisters are left to mourn, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends. The service was held in the Union Grove church, where a large audience had gathered to pay their last respects. Words of comfort were spoken from Mark 14:8 (first part) by the writer, assisted by Brother A. H. T. Walker. The deceased was laid to rest in Green Lawn, to await the resurrection morn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

WAGNER.—John Martin Wagner was born at Worndsdorf, Pa., Feb. 18, 1872, and died Nov. 23, 1910, aged 38 years, 10 months, and five days. Brother Wagner was a patient sufferer for more than a year before his death. He accepted the advent message a number of years ago, and remained a faithful member until death took him from us. We laid him away to rest until the Life-giver shall call his sleeping saints from their last resting place. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Revelation 14: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.