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

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GENERAL MATTER

ANGEL'S DESIRE

I had a vision of a darksome bog
Where all was drear, and no bright sun did
shine,
But mist and rain and hail and sleet and fog
Bore their sad sway; trees, grass, and herbs
did pine,
As breathing poison; yea, and every sign
Of life told the same story—this to say,
"There is some impious spirit, fell, malign,
Self-boasted sovereign since creation's day,
Who gluts his evil will, and wreaks what
blasts he may."
I looked again, and lo a dismal race—
A long procession—'twas a sight forlorn!
Both good and evil shown on every face,
With heavenly longings, yet in misery
born.
"Cannot poor souls from this dire plague be
torn?"
I yearning asked. A pleading voice re-
plied,
"For these the Saviour wore the plaited
thorn"—
O, haste to tell them, haste!—the field is
wide,
The living God's thy strength, an angel's by
thy side.

GURNIE YOUNG.

Cause for Alarm

WE have long expected that the time would come when the freedom of the public press and the use of the United States mails would be denied us. It is a fact recognized by all thoughtful people that when any government denies to its citizens the freedom of the press, the situation is perilous.

We are glad that opportunity is still afforded us to use untrammelled the United States postal service in our work of warning the people against the beast, his image, and the reception of his mark.

There is, however, cause for alarm regarding this matter; for only a few weeks ago the organization known as the American Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, at their national convention held in New Or-

leans, La., passed a resolution which aims at this very thing.

As will be seen from the report of the Convention which appeared in the Associated Press reports of that meeting, "Congress was urged to amend the postal laws so as to include within the scope of the prohibited literature, books, papers, writings, prints, which 'outrage' religious convictions and contain 'scurrilous' and slanderous attacks upon our faith."

Should the promoters of this proposed amendment of the postal laws accomplish their purpose, all can readily see that there would be great cause for alarm. Such a law would necessarily exclude nearly every book and periodical published by Seventh-day Adventists; especially the magazines *Liberty* and the *Protestant*.

In view of the possibility of such a law being enacted by Congress, it should arouse every Seventh-day Adventist to improve the golden opportunity that is now afforded in using the United States postal service in sending forth the magazines *Liberty* and the *Protestant* with pages freighted with a warning message against the beast and his image.

How disastrous it would be should such a measure become law and we had failed to do our part in circulating these journals while there was such freedom in using the United States mails as there is at the present time.

The publishers of these magazines offer to furnish either of them at fifteen cents a year, to be sent to separate addresses, when ten or more subscriptions are ordered at the same time.

If it is not convenient for you to supply the addresses to whom the journal should be sent, you can forward to the secretary of your tract society the money to cover the number of yearly subscriptions you specify, and the tract society secretary will furnish a selected list of names to accompany your cash. The names he furnishes will be names of persons with whom he considers these magazines will work most successfully.

Now is the most favorable time to act.
K. C. RUSSELL.

The 1911 Annual Religious Liberty Offering

THE annual religious liberty offering for 1911 is to be taken Sabbath, February 4. There has never been a time in the history of our work when the need of funds to carry on this line of work was more imperative than at the present. The past year has been a record-breaker in the development of both the beast and its image. The great and spectacular functions held by the Roman Catholic church throughout the world, and especially in the United States, has caused the world to wonder after the beast.

The widespread movements on the part of various organizations of false Protestantism have also made great strides in seeking to bring about a union of church and state in this country. With all of these gigantic influences, which are inevitably hastening us on to the coming crisis of religious intolerance and persecution, it is high time for all of us to exert ourselves as never before in working to enlighten those who are in darkness concerning these great principles that involve the dearest rights of man—the rights of conscience.

What we need in order to accomplish this great and important work are the prayers of every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist; the personal efforts of all in a campaign in communicating to their neighbors and friends these heaven-born principles; also the most free and liberal support of the work in a financial way.

You will remember that at the quadrennial session of the General Conference it was decided to equally divide the religious liberty annual offering between the general, union, and local conferences. Shall we not begin at once to plan for making the coming annual offering the largest that has ever been taken?

A special program will be prepared to be carried out the day that the annual offering is received, Sabbath, February 4, 1911. The program for this day will appear in the *Review* of January 19, 1911. K. C. RUSSELL,
Sec. Religious Liberty Assn.

UNION

The Week of Prayer in the Columbia Union

THE reports which we hear from the different parts of the field show that the week of prayer was a blessed season for all the conferences of the Columbia Union. The Spirit of the Lord attended the presentation of his word and message, souls were converted, and there was a turning from worldliness to God. In consequence the donations for the season of the year's end were liberal and hearty.

I spent the first part of the week with one of the churches in the District of Columbia. The Lord blessed us abundantly here, souls were refreshed, and forward progress was made in many hearts.

The latter part of the week I spent with the College at Mount Vernon, O. The Lord gave us many precious seasons with this institution at the time of prayer. The word presented had living power to convert the heart. Many young people gave their hearts to God for the first time, and when the week of prayer closed there was hardly a young person in the school, so far as we could learn, who had not made a public surrender to God. I am sure that if our brethren throughout the Columbia Union could see the devoted spirit in the hearts of the young people attending the College, and if they could realize the earnest progress for God and his work, we should have much more co-operation from our brethren in sustaining and developing this God-planted institution.

Remember in your prayers the faculty of the school, that they may be qualified for the great task to which they have been called. On the last morning of the week of prayer, over eighty of the students and church members came forward in the chapel to make a full consecration to God and his service. We trust as the new year opens it will find us all drawing closer to God, and strengthening our hearts in a determination to serve him as he bids us.

B. G. WILKINSON.

AT THE COLLEGE

THE enrollment of the College is now 174.

Among the students who have matriculated since the winter vacation are Annie Bennett of Toronto, Ont.,

Ruben Holeyton of Winonah, N. J., Claron and Delano Rees of Austin, Pa., and Mr. H. C. Oberholtzer, who comes for the winter course.

Mr. Orvie J. Gibson and Miss Mary A. Moffett were married on New Year's Eve, and are planning to sail for China this month,—another addition to Mount Vernon's foreign missionaries. Mr. Gibson is three times a graduate at Mount Vernon, having finished the old scientific and classical courses of the academy, and again the College literary course last year, when he was vice-president of his class. Mrs. Gibson is also an old student of the College, and is a graduate of the Takoma Park Sanitarium. Thus they go well prepared to take up their work in the distant mission field. Their many school friends wish them joy and abundant success in pursuing it.

Miss Florence Eusey of Millersburg, O., visited her brother at the College a few days last week.

Miss Norma Cobb, a former preceptress of Mount Vernon College, was married a few weeks since to Mr. Lawrence Allertz, of St. Paul, Minn.

About forty students remained at the College during the Christmas vacation.

Miss Eva Fleming is making wonderful improvement at the Ohio State Sanitarium. When put upon the "walking list" a few weeks ago, she announced, "You may be sure I am walking toward Academia." She reached the College on New Year's Day and attended the College Sabbath-school last Sabbath morning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Butcher, the parents of Elder O. F. Butcher, visited him during the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Neptune, of Fairmont, W. Va., arrived in Mount Vernon before Christmas to spend the winter with their daughters, Leola and Luola, who are staying in the village and attending school.

Mr. Will Frost was one of the visitors at the College during the vacation. He was on his way to Takoma Park to work in the Review and Herald printing office. His brother John, who was with him, remained in Mount Vernon to attend the College.

Elder James E. Shultz who recently returned from a tour in the eastern states of the Union in the interest of educational work, gave the students a short and interesting talk last Wednesday morning.

Miss Florence White spent the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pengelly in Philadelphia.

Elder Leslie Muntz of Virginia, Dr. W. J. Venen and Mr. J. J. Marietta of Ohio, have entered school to take the special winter course for workers.

Miss Florence Hottes, who is teaching at Clyde, spent the Xmas vacation at her home in Dayton, stopping a few days at Mount Vernon on the way.

Mr. Harry Barto and Mr. H. G. Gauker, of the College, spent five days of their vacation selling periodicals in Columbus. Mr. Barto reports that he worked four and a half days, sold 100 *Life and Health*, 100 *Youth's Instructor*, and 100 *Liberty*, and cleared \$22.00. Mr. Gauker cleared \$25.00. Both enjoyed the work, and were enthusiastic over their experiences.

The coasting accident which resulted in the death of Mr. William Coleman, whose obituary appears on the last page, occurred on the north slope of McGibney's Hill, not far from the College campus. Mr. Coleman and several students had spent Tuesday afternoon, December 27, coasting on the hill, and were on their last ride when Mr. Coleman, who was guiding the sled, turned out for a delivery wagon and several foot passengers, and the accident happened. The sled ran into the mail box and curbing in front of Mr. B. L. Morris' residence, tearing both away. Mr. Coleman was found insensible, with his jaw and shoulder broken and several ribs torn from the breastbone and pressing into the lungs. He was taken at once to the Mount Vernon Sanitarium, and lived only a few hours. His sudden death was a great shock to his parents and relatives, who have the sincerest sympathy of all their friends in this time of sorrow. Mr. Coleman had been a student of the College for about four years, having lived in the village since early boyhood. He was a young man of Christian character and conduct, and was respected by all his associates. It is with sorrow that we record his untimely death.

OHIO

Coshocton

THE following is the financial report of the Coshocton church, for year ending December 31, 1910. This church has an active membership of about twenty.

Tithe	\$421 09
Sabbath-school offering	79 21
College fund	67 22
Week of prayer offering	16 75
Weekly offerings for missions	6 00
Birthday offerings	6 07
Mid-summer offering	3 55
Sanitarium fund	7 00
Colored work	2 22
Camp-meeting pledges	9 50
Religious liberty offering	1 72
Harvest Ingathering	5 85
Church expense	54 00

Total \$680 18

G. W. YINGLING, *Treas.*

From the Canvassing Field

In reporting our work recently for Thanksgiving day we did not have Brother Kirk's report. His sales on that day amounted to \$14.00.

Every canvasser, as well as every one that has a burden for this work, should read Sister White's article in the *Review* of December 29. In this message the Lord says, "Worldly attractions will be presented to draw your attention from the Lord Jesus." I fear that some of our canvassers this past year have been drawn away from their appointed work by these "worldly attractions". Again we read: "There are those who wish to adjust every difficulty, and settle every question before they begin to work." My brother, have you been waiting because you could not "see the end from the beginning"? Have others told you of the "lions in the way"? Then read this article carefully and prayerfully. It is a message from heaven to you.

A brother who is just making a beginning in the work was out six hours one day between Christmas and New Year's, and received over \$30.00 worth of orders. While our book workers take advantage of the holidays, and usually make large deliveries then, for them "dull times" do not follow this season, as in sometimes the case in the commercial world. The admonition is: "Occupy till I come"; and the promise: "I will be with you always."

F. B. NUMBERS.

AFTER spending a few days at home, Elder Bidwell has gone to Payne, O., with the intention of holding a series of meetings there.

Brother W. C. Moffett spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 24 and 25, with the Derwent church, on the occasion of their quarterly meeting. He spent the last Sabbath of the year at Zanesville, and on New Year's Day organized a young people's society of eight members in the church there.

During the Harvest Ingathering the teacher and pupils of the Ravenna church school spent a day with the special *Review*, and took in over three dollars.

The Bowling Green Sabbath-school ordered twenty-six envelopes and lesson pamphlets for its Home department. The Zanesville Sabbath-school has received donations to the amount of \$5.00 from its Home department recently organized, and other members are still to be heard from. These are examples for other schools to emulate.

The Columbus young people's society has just sent in \$19.50 on the Mount Vernon College tank fund.

John W. Shultz was in Mount Vernon for a day last week, visiting his brother, who has just returned from a tour among the conferences of the Columbia Union.

Miss Lelo Welch and her brother William visited their sister, Mrs. D. T. Strickler of Columbus, during the Christmas vacation. Miss Welch visited the College and Training School at Mount Vernon on her return to her school at Ravenna.

Mr. Henry Spohn of Academia has returned from Wyoming.

Dr. Venen recently visited the New Philadelphia church.

Those who are taking the Missionary Volunteer reading course will notice that the questions on the first book of the course, "Successful Careers," are published in the *Youth's Instructor* of December 27. Those not having access to the *Instructor* should write to W. C. Moffett, Box 187, Mount Vernon, for a set of questions.

The answers should be sent to the same address. It is permissible to use the book in answering the questions.

The ladies of the Mount Vernon church gave a dinner at the College on Wednesday, December 28, for forty or fifty of the poor children of the city. After dinner a Christmas tree was unloaded, and each child carried home with him a "Gospel Primer" and several other useful presents.

Dr. W. J. Venen and Brother J. J. Marietta, of the Ohio Conference, are taking advantage of the special winter course for workers at the Mount Vernon College.

Elder R. G. Patterson is holding a special course of lectures in the Cleveland church, with an excellent outside attendance. On a recent Sunday evening Elder R. A. Underwood spoke there on the subject of "Christian Science" to the largest audience the Cleveland church has ever seen.

Miss Hilda Dunmead, daughter of Mrs. M. H. Dunmead of Dresden, is recovering from a broken arm.

William Woodford of the Southern Illinois conference spoke to the Mount Vernon church, Sabbath, December 31, on the subject of the Lord's soon-coming. He is visiting his parents in Mount Vernon, where he was a member a number of years ago.

Mrs. George Bisel of the Waterford church died last week of pneumonia. The obituary will appear later.

A Family Reunion

ON Wednesday and Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gibson of Academia enjoyed the visit of all their children: Mrs. H. P. Frondorf of Cincinnati, Mr. Myron Gibson of Norwalk, and Mr. F. E. Gibson of Youngstown, who came from a distance; and Mrs. W. F. Skeen, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gibson. The occasion of the gathering was the departure in the near future of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gibson for China to work among the millions of heathen and help them to see and understand the gospel of Christ, the Way of salvation. May the Lord richly bless each member of this family, that they may all be saved with the ransomed in the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNICATED.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D. C., Fifth Church

THE writer has been in the work of this conference for more than a year, connected with the Fifth church and the work in general among the colored people.

The efforts of those in the lead and those in the ranks have been two-fold—striving to bring the message before those professing the truth, in order that they might receive a clearer understanding of the teachings of this time and be more firmly settled in the third angel's message; and presenting the truth to strangers, that they may be wisely converted to this final message in the true light of all its teachings. The result has been the arousing of the Fifth church to a sounder growth in the truth along all lines. The work among other churches and members in the conference has also made progress.

When it is noted that there is a great multitude of colored people (about 100,000) here who know nothing of this truth, save a very few who have taken time to look into it, one can appreciate the task before us. Yet in the strength of the Eternal, progress has been made along all lines in spite of the many obstacles we have had to surmount; for God is with his cause, and though foes arise within and without, he will surely win.

The membership of the Fifth church has grown from about thirty-two to fifty-two since the middle of November, 1909—an increase of twenty, most of whom are newly converted to the faith.

The tithes and offerings of the year which has just closed are as follows:—

Tithe	\$668 83
Sabbath-school	35 73
Harvest Ingathering	41 24
\$300,000 Fund	12 00
Annual Offering	5 00
Sundry Mission Funds and supplies	32 69
Church Expenses	306 72
Total	\$1,102 21

Tent meetings were held last summer in this city for about three months, with little visible result; but it is hoped that eternal good will yet come from them.

It should be noted that efforts have been put forth with our literature during the past year in getting books, periodicals, and papers before the people, and we trust that this year

will show a marked growth in this line of work.

The church is in need of a suitable place of worship in the northwest of the city, a place in keeping with the great message that we are proclaiming; and it is hoped that this year the need will be supplied.

We trust that the brethren and sisters will remember this department of the great work at the headquarters, and that we may have their sincere prayers. W. H. GREEN,
1409 First Street, N. W.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Conference, Notice

THE ninth annual session of the New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference will be held January 17-22, 1911, in the Masonic Hall, Irvington Center, a suburb of Newark, N. J. The opening meeting of the conference will be held at 7:45 P. M., Tuesday, January 17. It will be necessary at this session to elect officers for the ensuing year, receive reports of officers and committees, and lay plans for carrying on the work of the conference for 1911.

This will be a very important gathering. The Lord has greatly prospered our work during the past year, and the new year brings us new responsibilities. The calls for work to be done in various parts of the state are constantly increasing, and the large growth in population shows that we have a great task on our hands if we are to keep up with the demands. Let us make every effort that this conference session may be the best and most helpful to the work of God in the state of New Jersey of any that have ever been held.

Each church is entitled to one delegate, regardless of the number of members, and an additional delegate for each ten members of the church. Care should be taken to select such delegates as will be able to properly represent the church, as this is the Lord's work, and needs the best and most consecrated judgment that the Spirit of God has developed among us. We hope to see a full list of delegates from all the churches present at the first meeting.

Meals will be served in a dining hall in the same building where the conference is held. The same plan will be followed as at the last session, and the charge for board and furnished room will be \$3 for the whole time of the conference. All desiring rooms should write at once to Elder W. H. Smith, 24 Myrtle Avenue, Irvington, N. J., so that there may be

time to make provision for the comfort of all.

We have been promised most excellent help for this meeting from the General and Union Conferences. It is our plan to devote a large share of the time that we shall be together in convention work, in which we shall study plans and methods for doing the things that we always resolve shall be done at our annual conferences. Special attention will be given to the young people's work, Sabbath-school and educational work, and the various lines of church and missionary effort that are before us.

Let us come to this annual convocation praying that God will guide us in laying such plans as may result in greatly increasing our efficiency as workers for the cause of God. May there not be unceasing prayer offered that the Holy Spirit shall descend with mighty power upon the believers who gather at this meeting?

THE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, per B. F. KNEELAND, *President New Jersey S. D. A. Conference.*

WE wish you, one and all, a happy and prosperous year.

The Trenton church had a most excellent quarterly service the last Sabbath of 1910. The donations of the Trenton Sabbath-school for the last quarter were over \$50, all of which goes to missions.

Elder L. H. Christian, superintendent of the Danish work in the United States, recently spent a few days with the Danish church at Perth Amboy.

Elder J. G. Hanhardt and Brother A. O. Lund have been in attendance at the council of workers in foreign languages held in Chicago during the holidays.

Elder M. C. Whitmarsh and family of the Mississippi Conference, arrived in the state last week, and are locating at Atlantic City. We hope that Elder Whitmarsh will be able to do some aggressive work in this great sea-side resort during the coming year. Surely the time is here when these great unworked fields shall have more attention. Let the prayers of all the people of God ascend unceasingly for the success of the work that is being attempted.

We are glad to be able to report that Elder W. G. Kneeland, and Miss Anna Cooper, who have lately been

on the sick list, are improving. Miss Cooper has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Seckels, of Philadelphia.

The interest among the Scandinavians in Camden continues to grow. Brother John Wilson has been holding meetings there, and there are many calls for work among the people.

The new year is the time when good resolutions are usually made. Let one of yours be that you will allow nothing to prevent you from having the weekly visits of our good church papers, the *Review and Herald* and the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR. Both of these good papers can be brought to your home regularly for less than two-thirds of a cent a day. No Seventh-day Adventist in this conference can afford to be without the help that such gospel messengers will bring into the home.

There was baptism at the Newark church last Sabbath, when Elder W. H. Smith administered the ordinance to eleven persons, who thus signified that they had forsaken the world, and fully chosen Christ. Four of them were from the Bohemian-Slavic church. We welcome these converts to the fold of Christ.

Remember the annual conference to be held in the Masonic Hall, Irvington Center, Newark, N. J., January 17-22, 1911. Each church should send a full delegation, and we trust that as many others of our brethren and sisters as can, will attend this meeting. Large plans must be laid and carried out in order to keep pace with the rapid developments in our conference. We must work while the day lasts.

Delegates coming to the conference on the Pennsylvania Railroad will get off at Market Street station, Newark, and take the car going west marked "Springfield." Others will transfer at Broad and Market Streets to either "Springfield" car, or "Broad" car marked "Irvington." All should get off at Irvington Center, and go to the Masonic Hall, where the meetings will be held. Arrangements are being made to look after the needs of all who attend, delegates and others. All desiring rooms should send their names at once to Elder W. H. Smith, 24 Myrtle Avenue, Irvington, N. J. Those in charge of the arrangements will do all in their power to make everything comfortable for those who are in attendance at the conference.

We wish to call special attention to the convention work that has been planned in connection with the conference session, as outlined in the program. We shall have excellent and helpful papers and talks on the various lines of the work, and the question box will afford an opportunity to gain desired information on any point.

The following will be the regular daily program for the conference session:—

8:30-9:00 A. M. Devotional service.
9:15-10:45 A. M. Conference meeting.
11:00-12:00 A. M. Bible study.
2:00-3:00 P. M. Conference workers' council.
3:15-5:45 P. M. Convention work.
7:45-9:00 P. M. Conference meeting, or sermon.

The various lines of work will receive special attention as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 3:15-5:45 P. M., Sabbath-school convention.

Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:15-5:45 P. M., young people's and educational convention.

Friday, Jan. 20, 2:00-4:00 P. M., home missionary work.

Sunday, Jan. 22, 3:15-5:45 P. M., church officers' convention.

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, Jan. 19, 1911. All delegates to the annual New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference are members of the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

WEST VIRGINIA

ELDER STEELE is planning to begin a series of public meetings in Martinsburg, the first of January. He is working at present with the *Family Bible Teacher*. Elder Robbins was very favorably impressed with the bright prospects for a good substantial work to be done, when he visited Martinsburg.

The Morgantown church enjoyed the readings during the week of prayer, and closed the week with a good donation for missions.

Elder Robbins and Brother C. V. Leach spent Sabbath, Dec. 17, with the Clarksburg church. The little company at that place appreciates having brethren F. E. Wagner and H. C. Smith from Ohio, with their families, join them. There had not been an election of officers, on account of the small number of members, for about three years, until a recent Sabbath when proper church officers were elected. The little company is now on a firm basis to do good work.

Brother and Sister Henry Neptune have gone to Mount Vernon to spend the winter with their daughters, who are in the Mount Vernon College. The Fairmont church will miss the presence of Brother and Sister Neptune, and will be glad when they return to Fairmont next spring.

We hope to see a number from West Virginia go to Mount Vernon, to take the special winter course which begins January 3 and ends April 1. This course will be very beneficial to persons planning to enter the Lord's work and unable to take a long course of study in college.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Williamsport, Roaring Branch

It has been a privilege to meet with the churches at Williamsport and Roaring Branch, Pa., during the week of prayer. From December 10 to 14 we labored together with our brethren in Williamsport. Each evening services were held, and, we can truly say "it was good to be there." As the end approaches Satan brings every influence at his command to bear upon the churches. Those who will make no compromise with evil, those who by faith will now lay hold of the mighty arm of our God, will suffer persecution, yet victory is written upon their garments, and in Christ Jesus they shall triumph gloriously. During this week, victories for the cause of our Lord have been gained in Williamsport. As confessions have been made, the sweet smiles of Jesus have brought sunshine into beclouded hearts, and to-day we can but say,—“See what the Lord hath done.” I am glad to say that the Williamsport church is true

and loyal to the cause, and expects to do more in the future than it has done in the past for the speedy triumph of the message in home fields and abroad.

Sabbath, December 17, Elder Heckman, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, met with the church, and his words of encouragement were greatly appreciated by all. Judging from statistical reports, advancement has been made in all lines during the past two years. New churches have been organized, many have been added, tithe has increased, offerings have been liberal to both the home and foreign fields, and the people desire to make each succeeding year the best in tithes and offerings. I attribute the success attending the efforts to the hearty co-operation of our people and the conference workers with Elder Heckman and the conference committee.

Concerning our campaign with the literature in the city of Williamsport, we are glad to be able to say that our people have taken hold in earnest, liberal donations have been made, several will give all their time to this work, while others a part. Our aim is to place the printed page in every home this winter. We shall give a report of the work of this campaign later.

December 14 to 17 the writer spent with the church at Roaring Branch. Our trip was indeed a very pleasant one. As our train slowly traveled through the mountain pass, both the engine and the sleepers on the rear of the train frequently could be seen from the window of the day coach. High mountains on either side shut us in, affording protection from wintry winds. As we viewed the rays of the setting sun crowning with glory the snow-capped mountains, our hearts went out in praise to our heavenly Father, whose works never cease to praise him. Here we were met by Brother Rockwell and taken to his pleasant home. We shall never forget their kind ministry and loving service. Twice we met with our brethren in the church, and once I spoke to a congregation not of our faith in a hall secured by the brethren in the village. The Lord came very near, and we believe plans were laid at this meeting which will, when carried out, strengthen our ranks and build up the church. The Lord willing, we shall meet with the brethren of Roaring Branch at quarterly meeting.

We shall be glad to hear from any of our brethren in this section of the conference, especially isolated mem-

bers deprived of church privileges. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Let us take heart, love our dear brethren, and be as those that wait for their Lord. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." Yours in the Master's service.

L. E. SUFFICOL,
550 Third St., East Williamsport, Pa.

VIRGINIA

To the Believers in Virginia

To the believers in Virginia I wish to say: We have ordered sent to you the VISITOR for a few months' trial. We desire to have all receive this paper, so that we can use it as a medium of communication. There are many things of interest that you ought to know, and the VISITOR is the best means of information at hand.

I wish to say first of all, brethren, that we are living in very stirring times. The Lord's hand is outstretched to finish his work and cut it short in righteousness. This cause will triumph in the near future, and if we have a part in the Harvest Home, we shall have to act quickly.

Now for the future of Virginia: it is bright, the prospects are good. The Lord has a people here, and he has made bare his holy arm to find them, and to polish and refine them and make them ready for his kingdom. There are those in Virginia who are awake, and who are putting forth their best efforts to do God's pleasure. If we who know the truth will now take hold in earnest, the Lord will do marvelous things for us. We, on our part, must comply with the Lord's requirements, and he will do the rest. Are we faithful in our family worship? If not, why not? This is a duty and a privilege which ought not to be neglected. Those who neglect this means of grace surely lose much. Are we faithful in the study of our Sabbath-school lessons? Are we prompt and punctual in our attendance? Do we see that our children have their lessons and attend faithfully? We ought to. These are great and very important questions and should receive our early and vigorous attention. And there is the prayer meeting: do we attend and take part with zeal and spirit? My dear brethren, let us be up and lay hold anew of God's quickening power.

A new spirit is taking hold of the work in Virginia, and you, brethren, cannot afford to be left behind. You need to know the plans for work in Virginia for the future. They will be

given in the VISITOR. You need to know of the various issues before the Union and local conferences and help in them all. These will be given in the Union Conference paper. May the Lord help us all to do better. Pray for the work and workers. May mercy, grace, and power be yours.

STEWART KIME.

Church Clerks, Notice

We request all our church clerks to be prompt in making out and sending in their yearly reports. Be sure to give the name and full address of each officer of the church, as well as to answer all questions on the report blank. Send promptly to the undersigned at 1615 West Main Street, Richmond, Va. A. M. NEFF.

ONE of our faithful church treasurers, in sending in the annual offering to missions, sent with it a thank offering from the children of the Sabbath-school. He says that last year they gave out to the children and youth a nickel or a dime to be used as a talent. With this small talent as capital they went to work. Eighty cents was the sum given out last year and when the returns were brought in the amount was \$11.02. We conclude from the amount received that none hid their talents in the earth. I shall be very glad to hear that other churches in the conference are trying the same plan. I am sure that the hearts of these children rejoiced when this money was brought in to be sent to the needy fields and used in giving this gospel to those who have never heard it.

We are getting some excellent reports of the rich spiritual blessing received during the week of prayer. Some souls were reclaimed, others renewed their covenant with the Lord; and we feel sure that all who attended the meetings were greatly benefited, and encouraged to press on to victory. One elder writes: We had a good week of prayer, although on account of the bad weather the attendance was small. We had the largest collection of any year that I can remember." Another writes: "On account of the bad weather the attendance was small, but I think that the readings and the meetings were the best we have ever had." Another: "This has been the best week of prayer we have ever had. The truth seems to me as it did when I first accepted the message."

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending December 22, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.		BF	4	33					52 25
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	47	6	20 00	31 35	51 35	39 65
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		DR	4	24	5	12 00	2 25	14 25	101 00
F. E. Hanks, Jefferson Co.		DR	4	25	2	4 00	2 55	6 55	124 25
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.		GC	4	34			9 25	9 25	211 50
Guy Corder, Monroe Co.		GC	5	46					180 00
†H. Forsythe, Belmont Co.		GC	7	50					123 25
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.		GC	5	43					77 25
C. Garman, Paulding Co.		COL	2	10					38 25
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.			1	3	4	3 50		3 50	15 00
Totals			41	315	17	\$39 50	\$45 40	\$84 90	\$962 40

West Virginia, Week Ending December 23, 1910

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		GC	5	40	18	54 00	4 00	58 00	1 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	5	36	6	18 00	7 75	25 75	9 00
F. Wagner, " "		DR	5	28	11	36 00	6 00	42 00	38 50
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		DR	5	33	4	7 75	4 70	12 45	42 25
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	5	30	7	23 00	7 55	30 55	16 00
Totals			25	67	46	\$138 75	\$30 00	\$168 75	\$106 75

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending December 23, 1910

W. Plant, Sussex		CK	10		32	38 50	4 00	42 50	67 75
G. Blinn, Mercer		BR	3	28	3	3 00	3 00	6 00	49 00
C. Beach, Essex		DR	5	18	8	23 00	1 75	24 75	6 75
G. Fredenburgh, Warren		CK	3	11	10	11 50		11 50	
S. Stowe, Newark		GC	7	29	9	33 00	3 00	36 00	
Totals			28	148	62	\$109 00	\$11 75	\$120 75	\$123 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 30, 1910

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	10	99	23	36 00	11 75	47 75	293 35
Maude McDale, Allegheny Co.		SP							14 00
J. Heaton, Saxton		PG	5	30	11	38 00	75	38 75	
Totals			15	129	34	\$74 00	\$12 50	\$86 50	\$207 35

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending December 23, 1910

†Mrs. Whaley, Frederica, Del.		GC	2	11			5 85	5 85	33 25
J. Paden, Washington Co.		BR	4	26	3	9 00		9 00	
†W. Durst, Garret Co.		CK	5	30					35 25
E. Moessinger, Severn Co.		CK	4	30					50 05
Totals			15	97	3	\$9 00	\$5 85	\$14 85	\$118 55

Virginia, Week Ending December 23, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville		CK		20	14	14 00			2 50
A. Schenke, " "		CK		20					6 00
Totals				40	14	\$14 00			\$8 50

Virginia, Week Ending December 17, 1910

K. Oertley, Wytheville				15					16 00
A. Shenk, Wytheville		CK		22	4	5 00		5 00	
Total				37	4	\$5 00		\$5 00	\$16 00

District of Columbia, Week Ending December 25, 1910

R. Green, Washington D.C.				10		7 50			7 50
Totals						\$7 50			\$7 50

*Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$480.75 Deliveries, \$1,550.55

This truth and this message are the very same they were half a century ago. We have had manifold evidences since then to substantiate its claims, and these should make us stronger in the truth. Rays of light become brighter as we near the source, and so it should be with this message.

Elder Stewart Kime began a series of meetings at Stanleyton, Sunday evening, January 1.

Elder Leslie Muntz is taking the special course for ministers and workers at Mount Vernoa College.

Miss Louise Cousins left yesterday for New Market, to take up her work again in the Academy.

Miss Lillie Henley, who has earned a scholarship in three weeks by selling the *Watchman*, left to-day to matriculate at the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Brother E. R. Numbers spent a few days in our conference last month in the interests of the canvassing work. We hope to see some good workers enter this needy field soon.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Experiences in the Field

WHILE canvassing in territory where quite a number of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" had been sold several years ago, I met many people who were well pleased with the book, and they readily gave me their orders for "Great Controversy" and "Coming King."

I found one gentleman who is convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and he is thinking seriously about keeping it. He gave me his order for "Great Controversy," and a year's subscription for *Life and Health*.

On Tuesday evening I lodged with people who had company, and they hesitated somewhat before inviting me to enter and share in the evening's entertainment. Music seemed to be the order of the day, but when a young man had given them a dance tune on the violin, and a young lady, after much coaxing, had played some late popular music on the piano, the musical ability of the company seemed to be exhausted. The piano was a new and expensive one, however, and the owner seemed anxious to give it a prominent part in the evening's

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entertainment, so he requested me to play. I told him that I could play a hymn. We had quite a number of hymns, which the party readily joined in singing, and the entertainment closed about twelve o'clock with family worship. In the morning they would have more music, and gave me their order for "Great Controversy" and two "Gospel Primers," and would take nothing for the night's lodging.

At the close of a very successful week's work I found myself one mile from my station, but was told that there was a creek which I could not cross, and that I would have to walk around four miles. As the roads were very rough I decided to risk the creek. Coming to it I found that a tree had fallen across it, making a good bridge. On the other side were Italians. I had a "Matthew Twenty-four" in their language, which they readily bought from me. I find that Italians who can read are very anxious to get books, and I have never failed to sell to them.

Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

ARCHIE BROWNLEE.

BROTHER CHARLES DUNHAM was a welcome visitor at the office January 3.

Elders Schwartz and Shultz spent several busy and pleasant days at the office in December.

The attendance at the Bradford general meeting was very good, and all felt benefited by the timely instruction and good sermons.

After the Bradford meeting Elder Schwartz returned to Hollidaysburg and Elder Shultz accompanied Elder Williams to Erie, to assist in the general meeting there. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested in every meet-

ing and many responded to the call to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord for the coming year, and by the Lord's help to do a better work for the Master than ever before. A goodly number of subscriptions were received for our good books and periodicals. Brethren Williams, Shultz, and West rendered good service in presenting the message. Brother Shultz dwelt especially on the educational work.

General meetings will be held at Altoona, February 2-5; Johnstown, 7 and 8; Pittsburgh, February 9-12. Kindly bear these dates in mind and plan to attend at least one of these meetings. Plan to come at the beginning and remain through the meeting. The first meeting at Altoona will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Thursday evening; Johnstown, Tuesday evening; and Pittsburgh, in church Number 1, Thursday evening. Elders Wilkinson and Ashton and other laborers will be present to help in these meetings. Those planning to attend the meeting in Pittsburgh should correspond with Elder N. S. Ashton, Wilkinsburg, Pa. Those desiring to attend the Altoona or the Johnstown meeting should correspond with Elder W. F. Schwartz, 521 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, Pa. A. V. WILLIAMS.

• THE January issue of *Life and Health* is a mother's number, giving them some of the best help obtainable on the proper care of their babies, and much other information essential to their own individual welfare, and that of that of other members of the family. This number of *Life and Health* will not only be a good selling number, but will be a decided help and a special blessing to every home in which it is placed. Let all do at least something with this issue.

OBITUARIES

JARRETT.—Thomas J. Jarrett, aged 47 years, died of kidney trouble at the Youngstown city hospital, Dec. 10, 1910, after an illness of eight weeks. Mr. Jarrett was born in Wales, May 30, 1863, and came to America twenty-two years ago. He resided for twelve years in Pittsburg, Pa., and then came to Youngstown, Ohio. He was a machinist by occupation and was well known both in this city and Pittsburg. Twenty-six years ago he was married to Anna Goodman, who with her son Howell, survives him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Howells of this city, and by four brothers and a sister. Two or three days before his death he was visited by the writer at the city hospital. At that time he expressed his desire to live a Christian life if

permitted to recover. He also said that he believed the Seventh-day Adventist faith was right, and that he wanted to live it. Soon after he passed away in death. We believe he made his peace with God. He leaves a good Christian mother who never tires working for the Lord in the third angel's message. She is a faithful member of our church. Funeral services were conducted at the home of the deceased on Monday afternoon, December 12. Interment was made in the Oak Hill Cemetery at Youngstown, Ohio. F. E. GIBSON.

LINSCOTT.—Died at Zanesville, O., Dec. 26, 1910, Pheby Ann Linscott, born April 11, 1824, aged 85 years, 8 months, and 16 days. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The writer had the privilege of conducting a course of Bible readings on present truth with this aged sister. She gladly accepted the truth; and a little over one year ago was baptized and received into the church. She has since shown by her devoted life that she loved the Master. She leaves one son and one daughter to mourn their loss, her husband having preceded her a few years ago. The funeral sermon was based on Job 14:14.

F. H. HENDERSON.

VAN METER.—Mrs. Rachel Van Meter died at the home of her daughter near Springfield, O., Dec. 17, 1910, at the age of 83 years, 5 months, and 23 days. In the year 1870 she with her husband accepted the third angel's message, and has lived a consecrated Christian life ever since. During her last illness she said that the precious Saviour was her only hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a goodly number of friends and neighbors. C. C. WEBSTER.

COLEMAN.—William Elwood Coleman, the youngest child of John W. and Mary Coleman, was born November 3, 1890, at St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio, and died December 27, 1910, at Mount Vernon, Ohio, aged 20 years, 1 month, and 24 days. He was baptized in the fall of 1902 and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which he was a faithful member when death came. At the age of thirteen he with his parents came to make their home in Mount Vernon. William attended the church school, and for four years was a student in the College, expecting to graduate with this year's class. William was an earnest Christian, a faithful student of the Bible in the Bible department of the College, always at the Sabbath-school, cheerful and happy, kind and loving in the family, ready to lend a helping hand at all times. His last summer's vacation was spent in the canvassing work in Marshall County, West Virginia. In this he was very successful, more than earning a scholarship. His death was caused by injuries received while coasting near the College with other student companions. He leaves a father and mother, three sisters and a brother, with many other relatives, besides a wide circle of friends, to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted in the College chapel by the writer, assisted by Elder O. F. Butcher. Words of comfort were spoken from Luke 7:11-13 to the bereaved family and friends. Our brother was called away in the bloom of young manhood without a moment's warning; but while life is uncertain, the Scriptures promise a most certain resurrection; "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.