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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### Signs in the Heavens of Christ's Second Coming

(Concluded)

#### SIGN IN THE MOON.

SEVERAL of the prophecies above cited refer not only to the darkening of the sun but also to the sign in the moon. In Isaiah we read, "The moon shall not cause her light to shine."<sup>14</sup> Joel describes the moon as turned into blood.<sup>15</sup> In Revelation it is stated that "the moon became as blood."<sup>16</sup> And Christ, in describing the signs of his coming, in connection with the sign in the sun adds, "The moon shall not give her light."<sup>17</sup>

#### THE MOON DARKENED

This sign in the moon was fulfilled the night following the darkening of the sun, May 19, 1780. "The intense darkness of the day was succeeded, an hour or two before evening, by a partially clear sky, and the sun appeared, though it was still obscured by a black, heavy mist. But 'this interval was followed by a return of the obscuration with greater density, that rendered the first half of the night hideously dark beyond all former experience of the probable million of people who saw it. From soon after sunset until midnight, no ray of light from moon or star penetrated the vault above. It was pronounced 'the blackness of darkness!'" . . . Though the moon that night rose to the full, 'it had not the least effect to dispel the death-like shadows.' After midnight the darkness disappeared, and the moon, when first visible had the appearance of blood."<sup>18</sup>

"Mr. Tenny, of Exeter, N. H., quoted by Mr. Gage, to the Historical Society, speaking of the dark day and dark night of May 19, 1780, says:—

"The darkness of the following evening was probably as gross as has ever been observed since the Almighty first gave birth to light. I could not help conceiving at the time, that if every luminous body in the universe had been shrouded in impenetrable dark-

ness, or struck out of existence, the darkness could not have been more complete. A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eye was equally invisible with the blackest velvet."<sup>19</sup>

Thus we see that the specifications of the prophecy concerning the darkening of the moon were also fulfilled. First, on that night it did not cause its light to shine; second, when it did become visible it had the appearance of blood. Here another link in the prophecy was definitely and accurately fulfilled, making more positive and certain the nearness of the coming of Christ.

#### SIGN IN THE STARS

The next sign mentioned by Christ in this series of events pertained to the stars. He said, "The stars shall fall from heaven."<sup>20</sup> The prophet John in the book of Revelation in referring to this sign says, "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind."<sup>21</sup> This scripture not only refers to the falling of the stars as one of the signs, but describes the way in which it should occur. It says that the stars should fall as unripe figs when shaken of a great wind. When fruit is ripe it takes but a little shake to loosen it from the stem, and it falls directly to the earth; but when it is unripe it clings to the stem and is broken loose only when severely shaken, and then it flies off with a snap in all directions, instead of dropping directly to the ground. This, says the prophet, is the way in which the sign in the stars should be fulfilled.

#### THE FALLING OF THE STARS

"This prophecy received a striking and impressive fulfillment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833. That was the most extensive and wonderful display of falling stars that has ever been recorded; 'the whole firmament, over all the United States, being then, for hours, in fiery commotion. No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with such an in-

tense admiration by one class in the community, or such dread and alarm by another.' 'Its sublimity and awful beauty still linger in many minds. . . . Never did rain fall much thicker than the meteors fell toward the earth; east, west, north, and south, it was the same. In a word, the whole heavens seemed in motion. . . . The display, as described in Professor Silliman's journal, was seen all over North America. . . . From two o'clock until broad daylight, the sky being perfectly serene and cloudless, an incessant play of dazzlingly brilliant luminosities was kept up in the whole heavens!'"<sup>22</sup>

"'But the most sublime phenomenon of shooting stars, of which the world has furnished any record, was witnessed throughout the United States on the morning of November 13, 1833. The entire extent of this astonishing exhibition has not been precisely ascertained; but it covered no inconsiderable portion of the earth's surface. . . . The first appearance was that of fireworks of the most imposing grandeur, covering the entire vault of heaven with myriads of fireballs, resembling sky-rockets. Their coruscations were bright, gleaming, and incessant, and they fell thick as the flakes in the early snows of December. To the splendors of this celestial exhibition the most brilliant sky-rockets and fire-works of art bear less relation than the twinkling of the most tiny star to the broad glare of the sun. The whole heavens seemed in motion, and suggested to some the awful grandeur of the image employed in the Apocalypse, upon the opening of the sixth seal, when 'the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.'" Burritt's 'Geography of the Heavens,' p. 163, ed. 1854.

"A celebrated astronomer and meteorologist, says:—

"'Those who were so fortunate as to witness the exhibition of shooting stars on the morning of November 13, 1833, probably saw the greatest display of celestial fire-works that has ever been seen since the creation of

the world, or at least within the annals covered by the pages of history.

'In nearly all places the meteors began to attract notice by their unusual frequency as early as eleven o'clock and increased in numbers and splendor until about four o'clock, from which time they gradually declined, but were visible until lost in the light of day. The meteors did not fly at random over all parts of the sky, but appeared to emanate from a point in the constellation Leo, near a star called Gamma Leonis, in the bend of the sickle.

'The extent of the shower of 1833 was such as to cover no inconsiderable part of the earth's surface, from the middle of the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west; and from the northern coast of South America to undefined regions among the British possessions on the north, the exhibition was visible, and everywhere presented nearly the same appearance. This is no longer to be regarded as a terrestrial, but a celestial phenomenon, and shooting stars are now to be no more viewed as casual productions of the upper regions of the atmosphere, but as visitants from other worlds, or from the planetary voids.'—Professor Olmstead, of Yale College.

'No philosopher or scholar has told or recorded an event, I suppose, like that of yesterday morning. A prophet 1800 years ago foretold it exactly, if we will be at the trouble of understanding stars falling to mean falling stars; or "hoi asteres tou ouranou epean eis teen geen," in the only sense in which it is possible to be literally true.'—Henry Dana Ward, in *Journal of Commerce*, November 14, 1833.<sup>23</sup>

'No language indeed can come up to the splendor of that magnificent display; no one who did not witness it can form an adequate conception of its glory. It seemed as if the whole starry heavens had congregated at one point near the zenith, and were simultaneously shooting forth with the velocity of lightning, to every part of the horizon; and yet they were not exhausted—thousands swiftly followed in the track of thousands, as if created for the occasion.' 'A more correct picture of a fig tree casting its figs when blown by a mighty wind, it is not possible to behold.'<sup>24</sup>

The above quotations show clearly that again the prophecy was an accurate description of what has occurred. First, the stars fell from heaven; second, they shot off as unripe fruit shaken from a tree.

#### EVEN AT THE DOORS

Christ invites us to learn from nature, and just as we know that summer is near when we see the trees begin to leaf out, so also when we see these signs, we may know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand, even at the doors.<sup>25</sup>

The proclamation of Christ's coming should now be, as when made by the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem, good tidings of great joy. Those who really love the Saviour can not but hail with gladness the announcement founded upon the word of God, that he in whom their hopes of eternal life are centered is coming again, in power and glory, to redeem his people.

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#### AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. Fred Parker, of Clyde, O., visited his sisters at the College last week.

Miss Delilah Briggs is visiting relatives at Uniondale, Pa.

Miss Bessie Cotton, of Defiance, O., entered College last week.

Mrs. Greenup is visiting her sister at Athens, O.

Mrs. A. Allen John is spending a few weeks in Chicago, where Dr. John is practicing medicine.

The students and teachers of the College recently raised a fund for the purchase of a new clock for the chapel. This clock, by attachment to a bell or gong, will give the signal for the beginning and end of class recitation periods.

The College literary society has been reorganized on the basis of an active membership. The constitution provides that no person shall be

a member after the second refusal to take a part in a program. Mr. William F. Trinkner was elected president of the new society.

#### NEW JERSEY

##### Jersey City

ON Sabbath, January 17, six persons received baptism; three of these will unite with the English No. 1 church, and three with the No. 2 church. Several others have applied for baptism, but were not ready at this time. The outlook for a good work the coming season is encouraging.

Mrs. G. A. Rhode, treasurer of the English No. 2 church, who has been seriously ill since the first of the year, is slowly recovering, and hopes to be able to go to the Sanitarium soon for a course of treatment.

Elder Handhart has begun a series of meetings for the Germans, and Brother Lund has opened meetings for the Swedish at Union Hill.

W. G. KNEELAND.

THE conference session at Irvington was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. About seventy delegates gathered at the meetings, and many visitors came in from the surrounding churches, especially for Sabbath and Sunday.

The reports of the various department secretaries were very encouraging, and show that there is great reason for us to thank God and take courage; for the battle is not ours, but the Lord's.

The afternoon of each day was devoted to convention work. This feature of the meetings was greatly appreciated, as was shown by the deep interest taken in the discussions and the many questions that were asked by those who were seeking for a knowledge of better and more correct methods of work.

The presence of Elder W. A. Spicer during a greater part of the meetings was greatly enjoyed by the brethren and sisters. Elder B. G. Wilkinson, of the Columbia Union, W. H. Heckman, of East Pennsylvania, A. Boettcher, of the North American Foreign Department, and Brother E. R. Numbers, general agent of the Columbia Union, were also present to represent the general work. All rendered efficient aid in making the meeting a success.

Sabbath, January 21, will long be remembered by those who were assembled at the conference. The clouds of divine grace that had been hovering over the congregation, gave forth showers of blessings as the whole assembly, almost without one exception, consecrated heart and soul anew to God. If the impetus of that day goes with us throughout the year, we shall see the mighty working of God's power among us.

Brother Lawry has been spending a few days auditing church financial records since the conference closed.

Elder B. F. Kneeland went to Perth Amboy last Sabbath in response to a call from a sister who desired that prayer be offered for healing. The brethren gathered about the bed of suffering as the Sabbath sun was sinking, and as earnest prayer ascended to the Great Physician, his blessed presence was felt, and the sister arose from her bed praising God for his goodness, while her husband, who has not accepted the message, stood by weeping for joy.

Following the conference, the executive committee spent a day in laying plans for future work. Elder W. G. Kneeland was asked to spend a few weeks in South Jersey. Brother E. E. Pennington was assigned work in Paterson and vicinity, and Brother C. E. Grey was asked to continue his work as field agent.

It was decided by the workers in council that we must as a conference make a strong effort early in the year with "Ministry of Healing," that the quota of two books per member for the year, or about 1200 copies, may be sold as quickly as possible. This will be an easy matter if all take hold and do their part. Those who enter heartily and willingly into this plan, which has been proved to be one that receives the endorsement of heaven, will be richly blessed.

One church was added to our sisterhood at the conference—the Jersey City Swedish, with sixteen members. Our work among people of other languages is rapidly becoming very important. In the Sabbath-school there were formed classes in five different languages, and thus all heard the story of Pentecost repeated in their own language.

## WEST VIRGINIA

WE were pleased to have with us last Wednesday Elder Robbins, who is making an extended tour throughout the conference; he had with him Elder James E. Shultz, who, as educational secretary of the Union Conference, is making a trip through the Union in the interests of his department. Elders Robbins and Shultz visited the Sabbath-keepers at Huntington and points south; on Wednesday they met with the Parkersburg church, and Elder Shultz, by special request, related some of his experience in Korea; all were interested, and we trust their hearts were warmed to the needs of the mission fields as never before. Brethren Robbins and Shultz go from Parkersburg to Walker, Kanawha Station, Clarksburg, Fairmont, and Wheeling.

The month of January has been one of great blessing to our people in West Virginia. The tithe has been passing into the storehouse far more liberally than for a long time; therefore we know our people are being blessed.

February 4 has been appointed as the time to take up contributions for the religious liberty work. Let us keep in mind the date, and forward our contributions promptly.

The February *Life and Health* has just been laid on our table, and we can say from the casual glance we have been able to give it, that the February number is especially strong in "effective preventive measures." Its main effort is toward "prevention" rather than "cure" of diseases. Its teaching is along the line of keeping the body so strong and vigorous that it may "defy disease," instead of "patching up the body when it is sick." It is hoped that our magazine workers will make a special effort with this number, and do even more than has been done with former issues. If you have not yet placed your order, please do so at the earliest possible date.

Elder Robbins and Shultz again stopped at the office, reporting good meetings with the Walker and Kanawha churches.

Brother I. D. Richardson is holding a series of meetings in a school house near Wheeling.

## CHESAPEAKE

### "Ministry of Healing" in the Chesapeake

On January 6, the writer left Washington for Baltimore, where he met Elder R. T. Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, and Brother Jones, the field missionary agent. Beginning with Baltimore, we started the "Ministry of Healing" work in that conference "for a finish."

Meetings were held with the Baltimore church on Sabbath and Sunday, and the church agreed to take up the work in that large city and stand by it until it is completed, thus doing away with the cry, "Three years in which to do the work." On Monday, some having volunteered to go out for a house to house experience, we met at the church, and Elder Baer, Brother Jones, and the writer shared the company among them. We made a few calls, each taking some orders and receiving some cash donations. Elder Ashton of the colored church also joined enthusiastically in the work, and altogether a most enjoyable time was experienced. We have a number of good workers in the Baltimore church, who believe in the "soon-coming Saviour," and we now expect to see Baltimore make a good showing immediately.

On Tuesday we took the boat across the Bay to meet the Rock Hall church. There the good experiences we had in Baltimore were repeated, with the exception of the house to house work, which fell short because the books went astray and did not reach us in time; however the people were of good courage, and signified their willingness to start the work there also "for a finish." I am sure that if some who read these lines could visit Rock Hall and see the limited territory and the inconvenient manner of getting around, also the financial condition that exists, there would be a greater willingness on their part to push into the work with a determination to get the victory in their part of the enterprise. I write, of course, of those who are living in busy and populous communities. Here our brethren depend almost entirely on fishing for their support, as does the whole community. The houses are widely scattered, and in order to get their full quota sold some will have to make a trip or trips to other towns. Our brethren and sisters, however, were enthusiastic, and promised to do all there that possibly can be done.

One hundred books have probably reached them by this time.

From Rock Hall we took the boat to Ford's Store, and there held a three days' meeting, and on Monday had a house to house experience with some who volunteered to work with us. The church here, as at Rock Hall, was well filled, having a good outside attendance every night. Here the whole church was aroused to the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, and at the close of the Sunday night meeting, the one hundred books piled up on the table just in front the pulpit disappeared like snow before the summer sun, and the people asked for more. Elder Baer is ordering more to be sent to that place immediately. This too is poor territory, and our people will have to scatter out over the country to get their books into the homes of the people. We left Ford's Store on Tuesday, January 17, and took the train for Cheswold, where we met with that earnest people who have a church located five miles out into the country. This, so far as we can learn, is the only church of Moors in the world, and here we have a strong church of about forty members, which has been raised up by Elder Seeney, who was converted a few years ago, and became so enthusiastic that he was soon given a license, and not long afterward was ordained. Elder Seeney has the hearty support of his people, and is doing aggressive work continually. He has raised up another small church not far from Dover, and now has a good interest in that vicinity. He is entering heartily into the "Ministry of Healing" work, believing that it will be a help rather than a hindrance to him in his work. My experience has taught me that he is right.

Wilmington was our next point, and we reached there on Friday. Our meetings were well attended. Here we especially took up health reform, and an excellent interest was manifested. On Sabbath our meeting continued for two and one-half hours, because of questions coming in from the front. As in all the other places visited, we have here a good missionary secretary. The young people are visiting such institutions as the workhouse, Hope Farm (a place for consumptives), and other public institutions. We had the privilege of holding a meeting at Hope Farm the Sunday we were there. Our visit came to an end here altogether too soon. There is surely a wide field of work for the Wilmington church, and I am glad to report that they are improving

their opportunity. Brother Tickner (licentiate minister) and his wife are heading the work here. They have the hearty co-operation of the church, and the work bids fair to come up more and more in this city. Here we had the pleasure of a house to house experience with "Ministry of Healing" with Brother Tickner, and as we shook hands with him in parting at the train we felt sure from the tone of his voice that he was going to make the campaign a success in the Wilmington church. Two hundred books were left with this church, and we believe that they will at least double the number.

In all these places we were entertained on the Bible plan, "hospitality without grudging," our hardest work being to get away in time to make our next appointment. May the Lord richly bless his dear people who seem and are everywhere so willing to open their homes to his servants, as they leave the comforts of their own homes to go from place to place. Just a little longer, and the work will be done; "Work while the day lasts, for soon the night cometh in which no man can work."

I. G. BIGELOW,  
*Missionary Secretary, C. U. C.*

Wilmington, Del.

WHEN Mrs. Tickner and I alighted at the Wilmington station in the latter part of October, we were, to say the least, a little bewildered as to how to take hold of a large church in a city of quite a good size, and get results for the third angel's message. The more we looked at the situation, the more difficult it appeared; but we sought the Lord much and planned a campaign of co-operation with our fellow Sabbath-keepers, and are now praising the Lord for definite answers to prayer. We have many serious problems, many delicate matters to adjust, much error to meet; but our God, thus far, has never failed us. Therefore, although we know not the future, we are determined to place our confidence in him who does deliver.

The Wilmington church enjoyed thoroughly having with them from January 20-23 Elders Baer and Bigelow and Brother Joseph E. Jones, who were visiting the churches in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Elder Bigelow gave some stirring talks along practical lines, and succeeded in arousing quite an interest among our members. On Sunday night, January 22, Elder Baer presented clearly and with power the

subject of the judgment to quite a number of outsiders. Our Sunday evening meetings are well advertised, and our general outside attendance is excellent. We have all that we can attend to in the way of cottage meetings and Bible readings, and find a lack of time for personal study.

While in Rock Hall, Md., last week, it was my pleasure to meet twice with the church, and I am glad to report a living interest in present truth and a zealous endeavor in the "Ministry of Healing" work. With mud so deep and sticky as to necessitate the tying on of one's rubbers, and with a drizzling rain to add to their discomfort, these faithful souls braved it all, rolled up a number of orders, and then bore only the most cheerful testimonies of blessings received.—A good lesson to city Adventists?

On Thursday morning, the 26th, I had the pleasure of visiting the church school. In spite of mud and rain, the morning bell found present 15 of the 19 pupils enrolled, and the interest manifested by all was keen. I saw the blessedness of our children's being taught the truth by one who believes it in the heart, and also the necessity for such work wherever we have children of school age. Sister Matilda Thaler, recently of New Jersey, gives good service at the head of the school, and the Chesapeake Conference is to be congratulated on its selection of such a fine corps of teachers for its schools. Sister Thaler, together with Mrs. Tickner and I, accepted a call from the Chesapeake Conference to step from the ranks of New Jersey's lay workers and connect with Elder Haynes' work in Baltimore; and we have all been deeply impressed with the kindnesses shown us in our new field by both official and lay members. Sincerely yours in the truth,  
C. EARLE TICKNER.

As you read the article on another page entitled, "Ministry of Healing" in the Chesapeake," you will notice that Elder Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, is not saying, "Go on with the good work", but "Come, for I am with you in this good work". We were shoulder to shoulder all through the conference, and he is showing, by leading out, that he believes in house to house work.

We met Elder Haynes of Baltimore while visiting the Baltimore church, and were glad to hear that the interest which has been holding him in a church out in the country some distance from the city is ending with

some visible fruit. We look forward to the near future when he will be able to report the final results of the meetings he has been holding there for the past two months.

The whole ministry, with every other worker in the Chesapeake Conference, has been invited to help the churches with the "Ministry of Healing", and we are glad that all are taking hold, willing to make the work go. It is the plan of the conference to stand by "Ministry of Healing" until the tent season arrives. Surely the Lord is pleased with this plan and hearty co-operation. This will bring the result that we are looking forward to,—The full three years' work in one.

Elder Jones of Ford's Store, who has been on the sick list, showed some of his old time enthusiasm during our visit with him recently. It was a pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of his home during our stay in that place, and we surely appreciated the welcome that we were made to feel. God continuing to bless this brother, we shall hear more of him, for he will soon be actively engaged in the work again. Let us all pray for his immediate restoration to health; for God has need of every earnest laborer at this time.

By the time this reaches you, the writer, with Elder Baer, Brother Jones, field agent, Elder Fairchild and Brethren Atkins and Apsley will have held a union meeting with the Hagerstown, Smithburg, and Clearfield churches in the interest of "Ministry of Healing". Watch the next VISITOR for a report of that meeting.

Sister Fieldberg, formerly of the Seminary, is now in charge of the young people's work in the Chesapeake, and we are convinced that our young people in this conference will appreciate her interest in their behalf as much as this earnest sister enjoys having them under her care.

Brother and Sister Tickner of Wilmington are laboring together in the Bible work. They have all the readers they can conveniently take care of. Brother Tickner is holding prayer meetings every Friday evening at the church. Besides the regular meeting on the Sabbath, and the young people's meetings held on Sunday by an earnest young man of the

church, services are held every Sunday night with a good outside attendance. Sister Tickner has organized a Christian help band, and is doing everything she can to advance the work. She said she would do all she possibly could with "Ministry of Healing", and Brother Tickner too is going to give his efforts to this campaign.

The following churches, Baltimore, Rock Hall, Ford's Store, Cheswold, and Wilmington, are in earnest in regard to the fourth Sabbath readings, and are going to give the time of the regular service to these readings, as published in the *Review and Herald*. Elder Baer has taken his stand decidedly in favor of it; the ministers, Elder Seeney and Brother Tickner, favor it; and the people enjoy it. What are you going to do about it?  
I. G. BIGELOW.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Pittsburg and Allegheny

In Pittsburg the work with the *Family Bible Teacher* is continuing to bring results. In the colored church the interest is constantly on the increase, and another family is thinking of taking its stand for the truth. This church has changed its place of meeting to one more desirable both as to convenience and size, and already the meetings on Sunday evening are attended by outsiders who are greatly interested. There are brethren and sisters in this company who are doing faithful service for the Master in giving out tracts, papers, etc., besides selling magazines and periodicals.

One of our German brethren in Allegheny, who has been distributing the *Family Bible Teacher* to six families, has one reader who is keeping the Sabbath and has asked for further instruction, preparatory to baptism.

A minister of one of the churches in this brother's neighborhood has stated that he would have to have him arrested, because he was "stirring up the people." No one attended the services at this minister's church last Sunday. The brother says: "The *Family Bible Teacher* is like a tent effort: it stirs up the people to study the truth." Whenever the truth begins to take hold, the dragon is wroth. Thank God, this is the best evidence of effectual service, the kind that wins souls.

A man who has not yet united with our church is distributing ten sets of the *Family Bible Teacher*, has a family

greatly interested, and desirous of personal instruction, which is arranged for. This brother is setting his affairs in order, preparatory to keeping the Sabbath himself.

G. MEDAIRDY, *Field Miss. Sec.*

#### Clearfield

THE following is a report of the work done by the young people's Missionary Volunteer Society of the Clearfield church during the year 1910.

Papers lent and given away.....	518
Papers sold.....	1,077
Tracts given away.....	12
Given to the poor.....	\$61.35
Received for missions.....	\$12.95
Books sold.....	3
Quarterlies given away.....	3
Missionary letters written.....	46
Missionary letters received.....	11
Hours with the sick.....	538
Hours of Christian help work.....	54
Mottoes sold.....	14
Visits to the sick.....	106
Bible talks.....	165
Books lent and given away.....	14
Garments given away.....	60
Missionary visits.....	36
Bible readings.....	72
Pages of tracts given away.....	1,101
Donations.....	\$11.90
Special collection.....	\$2.10

There were also given to the poor two sacks of flour, four bushels of potatoes, and three baskets of food.

ETHEL WHITE, *Secretary.*

### VIRGINIA

#### The Sabbath-school Department

HAVING received nearly all of the reports from our Sabbath-schools and state home department members for the quarter ending December 31, we find cause for encouragement regarding the Sabbath-school work of Virginia.

One of the most encouraging features of this quarterly report is that it allows us to take our place, as a conference, upon the "honor roll" with those who are already giving all their donations to missions. During the past quarter each Sabbath-school and home department member has given all contributions to the needy fields beyond. Only one school remained to make this decision last quarter, as all the others were already giving all their donations to missions. The home department members have done nobly in that they readily responded when asked to pay for their supplies aside from their regular contributions. I am sure that our heavy

only Father will bless each Sabbath-school and home department member for the efforts which they have put forth in this direction. As we give our means for the Lord's work, it will surely prove a blessing to us; for it will mean the giving of the third angel's message, and therefore the hastening of our Saviour's return.

There are no doubt many isolated ones who have not yet become members of our home department Sabbath-school. These are surely losing a blessing. I am writing to every isolated member of whom I know; but if there are any of whom I do not know, I shall be very glad to hear from them, and they may be sure of a hearty welcome into our state home department Sabbath-school.

There is one thing which I should like to impress upon the minds of the secretaries of our Sabbath-schools; that is, promptness in reporting. Most of the reports do come in promptly, but if only two or three come in late, it is just enough to hinder the work. The Sabbath-school work is a part of the Lord's work, and is therefore important. Shall we not do all in our power to send in our reports on time? I feel sure that this is the way we should attend to the work of God. Let us unite to work that at the close of this present quarter we may find our Sabbath-school department on "higher ground" than it was at its beginning.

FLORENCE N. SWAN, *Secretary,*  
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## OHIO

### Akron

FROM January 27-29, there was held a very interesting and profitable young people's convention at Akron, O. The members of the various churches in this district had been given an invitation to attend, and many responded. Elders H. H. Burkholder, R. G. Patterson, C. C. Webster, Doctors H. M. Jump and B. J. Ferri tt, Brethren F. E. Gibson, W. C. Moffett, F. B. Numbers, and Sister Lelo Welch were also in attendance to assist both by their words and presence.

The deep movings of the Spirit of God were present continually, and in a special manner on Sabbath morning and Sunday evening.

On Sabbath morning Elder H. H. Burkholder's subject was "Our Motto, 'The Love of Christ Constraineth Us,'" from which many beautiful thoughts and comforting words were drawn. This meeting

easily and naturally turned into one of consecration, during which all were caused to rejoice as two young people gave their hearts to God.

The convention was very fortunate in having the presence of Sisters Helen Morse and Jessie Johnson and Brother Palm, all from the young people's society of Cleveland, to assist in the special music with which the convention was favored.

Sunday was a disagreeable and rainy day, but it did not seem to dampen the ardor or lessen the attendance at the services. There were some present who seemed to be under deep conviction, and just before the evening meeting the workers gathered together and asked the Lord to manifest himself to these individuals, and to bless Dr. Jump as he spoke to the people that evening. A most earnest talk was given by the Doctor, accompanied by an appeal and an invitation to all to give themselves to God. Hearts were touched, two arose with a desire to return to the love from which they had fallen, others with a desire to reconsecrate their lives to God. After a number of earnest prayers, the meeting closed, with a feeling on the part of all that it was good to have been there.

W. J. VENEN.

### Hamler

A few weeks ago Brother Marietta and I visited the Hamler church in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. While there I took thirteen orders for "Ministry of Healing" and sold two copies for cash. Last week I went back to deliver the books. I delivered all I had taken orders for, sold three for cash, took orders for six more and also for ten small books.

Brother Charles Panches gave me the use of his horse on Thursday and Friday, and on the latter day he went with me, as there were several persons to whom he wished me to show the book. We called first at the grocery where Brother Panches trades, and sold the grocer a book for cash. Second, a hardware man, who is a Catholic, ordered the book. We canvassed the young man who works for him, but did not take his order. Fourth, a barber, but we did not sell to him. Fifth, the banker's wife, who ordered the book. The sixth felt unable to take it. The seventh and eighth each ordered a copy. The next, a grain man, ordered both "Ministry of Healing" and "Best Stories." Out of nine calls we sold two copies of "Ministry of Healing" for cash, and took orders for four.

I believe that if our brethren and sisters would show the book to the business men with whom they trade, to their family physician, friends, and relatives, they could sell their quota, and many more in some cases. On my best day I sold one book for cash and took ten orders. One man ordered seven copies as presents for his grandchildren, his wife ordered three "Best Stories". I had sold them "Christ's Object Lessons" ten years ago. I am sure that every one who will take hold of this work will be blessed. Those who get the book will also receive a blessing. And last, but not least, the sanitariums that receive help from the sale of the book will be able to do better work for the sick and suffering. May the Lord help all to do their part in this blessed work, that we may soon be able to sing the jubilee song.

L. R. WILLIAMS.

### "Hunting Them" in Monroe County

BETWEEN camp-meeting and the holidays Brethren Ray and Guy Corder and Harlin Forsythe visited, with the exception of a few townships, almost every home in Monroe County with "Great Controversy." Hundreds of dollars worth of this grand book were placed in the homes of the people, and already there is evidence that some have been searching the Scriptures, "whether those things were so." One lady has written twice for the purpose of making further inquiry into the teaching which the book contains. Johnson's "Bible Text Book" was lent to another person, who, they learned before leaving, had already begun to keep the Sabbath.

The work is not finished in this county, simply because the county has been well canvassed with one book. At any time another canvasser can go there and successfully work the county with another large, message-filled book, and thus water the seed already sown.

Brother Hankins has just written to us regarding his work between Christmas and New Year's. Canvassing in a town that had been thoroughly worked with "Bible Footlights" less than a year ago, his success was about the same as usual, his sales amounting to \$2.44 per hour.

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill." The seed has been sown and many honest souls among the

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending January 27, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. Book, Hancock Co.		DR	6		5	17 00		17 00	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		GC	10	78	13	40 00	16 75	56 75	
J. W. Marshall, Berkeley Co.		GC	9	61	15	46 00	12 00	58 00	
W. McElphatriek, Lewis Co.		DR	10	76	27	67 00	28 30	95 30	36 55
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	10	74	19	58 00	1 60	59 60	34 60
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	10	75	35	108 00	5 90	113 90	27 00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>55</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>\$366 00</b>	<b>\$64 55</b>	<b>\$400 55</b>	<b>\$98 15</b>

Ohio, Week Ending January 27, 1911

F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		GC	5	34	17	51 00	16 20	67 20	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		GC	5	35	16	51 00	10 30	61 30	22 00
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.		GC	5	43	11	33 00	6 25	39 25	3 35
†J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	10	84	27	89 00	32 30	121 30	18 00
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.		BF	5	36	20	22 00		22 00	
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.		BR	5	38	4	14 00	50	14 50	10 50
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.			5		20	14 25		14 25	11 50
<b>Totals</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>\$274 25</b>	<b>\$65 55</b>	<b>\$339 80</b>	<b>\$65 25</b>

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 27, 1911

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	5	50	47	90 00	7 05	97 05	11 55
G. Gates, Warren Co.		GC	5	32	6	18 00	8 15	26 15	55
Mrs. G. Gates, Warren Co.		PG	2	11	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	
T. Saxton, Indiana Co.		GC	10	81	19	58 40	31 85	90 25	2 25
<b>Totals</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$172 40</b>	<b>\$48 05</b>	<b>\$220 45</b>	<b>\$14 35</b>

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 27, 1911

W. Hess, Carlisle		CK	5	44	30	36 00		36 00	
G. Jenkins, Scranton		PG	5	24	7	21 00	20	21 20	20
H. Batema, Scranton		NP	5	13	44	10 95	1 65	12 60	90
<b>Totals</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>\$67 95</b>	<b>\$1 85</b>	<b>\$69 80</b>	<b>\$1 10</b>

District of Columbia, Week Ending January 27, 1911

R. Green, Washington D.C.		BR	5	37	25	49 00	3 35	52 25	1 00
J. S. Glunt, Washington D. C.		SP	2	12	5	5 75	1 25	7 00	1 25
<b>Totals</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$54 75</b>	<b>\$4 50</b>	<b>\$59 25</b>	<b>\$2 25</b>

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 21, 1910

W. P. Hess, Carlisle		CK	5	44	24	39 00			
G. Jenkins, Clark's Sum		PG	5	26	3	9 00	5 75	14 75	22 50
S. Zenger, Libery		GC	2	14	6	18 00	2 25	20 25	
<b>Total</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$66 00</b>	<b>\$8 00</b>	<b>\$35 00</b>	<b>\$22 50</b>

Virginia, Week Ending January 13, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville		CK		24	15	15 00	1 00	16 00	1 00
†A. Schenke,		CK		49	6	8 00			1 00
B. Hamm, Hinton		PP		32	10	16 50	1 75	18 25	1 50
<b>Totals</b>				<b>105</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$39 50</b>	<b>2 75</b>	<b>\$34 25</b>	<b>\$3. 50</b>

District of Columbia, Week Ending January 20, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C.		BR	5	35	13	18 00		18 50	1 50
J. Glunt, Washington, D. C.		SP	3	16	7	9 00	5 55	14 55	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$27 50</b>	<b>\$5 55</b>	<b>\$33 05</b>	<b>\$1 50</b>

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1192.15 Deliveries, \$208.60

mountains and hills will respond if we will only "hunt them."

"The proclamation of these truths is our work." May the Lord lay an irresistible burden upon his people, that without delay they may take up the great work of hunting souls.

F. B. NUMBERS.

A MEETING of the conference executive committee was held in the conference office in Academia Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31.

Miss Mamie Teischow of Defiance, O., is a patient at the Ohio State Sanatorium at Mount Vernon. Her case is not a severe one, and she is making rapid improvement.

Miss Bessie Acton and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Van Gorder report a very enjoyable school year at Fox River Academy.

An encouraging indication of the revival of church missionary work in the conference is seen in the large orders for tracts which are received at the tract society.

Seven patients in the Ohio State Sanatorium are using the Morning Watch Calendar, and several are reading our literature with interest.

One of our canvassers reports a very encouraging experience. He was going home and had stopped at a farm-house to inquire the way, when he was impressed that he ought to speak about his work. He says: "I never met a family more interested, more eager to hear the truth. I remained about an hour and a half, and it was indeed a pleasure to present the third angel's message to them, for they drank in every word. When one of the family asked if I were a minister, the mother, as if she did not wish ever that interruption, said in a low tone, "He's ministering; he's ministering." I felt that I had not merely lost my way, but that the Lord had led me to this family. They bought the book I had with me, and said they would take great pleasure in reading it after having heard the message. One member of the family, a young man, said that he had never studied the Bible much, but intended to study it from now on. He hitched up his horse and drove me all the way to the place I took the car. Such rare hospitality was appreciated. The whole experience was a great encouragement to me."

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### Married

ON December 25, 1910, Mr. Elmer E. Shaw and Mrs. Laura Briner were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother on Catawba Island, Elder A. C. Shannon officiating.

### An Outdoor Number

HE who laughs and lives outdoors will find it hard to get sick and easy to get well. Good cheer and fresh air are two of the best health preservers known. Health lost may be regained, but the surest way to have it is to keep it. Get the February *Life and Health* and learn how to do this by living outdoors. When you have read it, you will want others to have the opportunity of reading it; and you will find it a good selling number.

WANTED.—A boy between eleven and fifteen years of age to do chores and assist on a farm. Public school and Sabbath-school privileges, away from worldly influences. Our children are all married, and we should like to have some one with us.

SOLOMON BROWN.

Fleetwood, Pa., R. F. D. 1.

### OBITUARIES

**BAKER.**—Mary Matilda Baker was born May 22, 1835, and fell asleep in Jesus, Jan. 23, 1911, at the home of her son, at Rock Hall, Md., being 75 years, 8 months, and 1 day old. Sister Baker has been for nearly eighteen years a consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rock Hall, was of a teachable spirit, and willing by her Saviour's help to put aside everything contrary to his will. Some nine or ten years since she sustained a serious fracture of the hip, which rendered her more or less helpless, and induced a nervous condition which seemed to gain on her at each successive attack, until, in her last months, it became almost incessant in its demands on her

vitality. Sister Baker was twice married, and was the mother of six sons and two daughters. Several years ago one of her sons was drowned while vainly attempting to save his son from the water. The five surviving sons and one son-in-law bore our sister to the grave to await the call of Christ at his coming. The funeral service, which was conducted at her home, January 25, was attended by about sixty sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends, who seemed grateful indeed for the comfort of the Scriptures. Prov. 16:31 was used as a text by the writer, who wishes at this time, in behalf of the bereaved family, to thank the elder and choir of the Rock Hall church for the valuable services rendered both at the home and at the cemetery.

C. EARLE TICKNER.

**HUSTED.**—Martha Jane Husted was born Sept. 10, 1845, and departed this life Jan. 21, 1911, aged 65 years, 4 months, and 11 days. In the year 1870 she was united in marriage to Benjamin Husted. To this union two sons and one daughter were born. In the year 1872 she united with the Christian church, but a few years later joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a faithful member till death. Sister Husted was a patient sufferer for many years, but never complained of her lot. She patiently waited till the Lord saw fit to relieve her of her suffering. She was a kind and loving wife, a much devoted mother, and a conscientious Christian. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, two sons and one daughter. Sister Husted spent her last days with her only daughter, in College Hill, where she died. The body was taken to her home at Husted, near Springfield, where the funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder C. T. Redfield. Ps. 116:15 was used as a text.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

**MURRAY.**—Mrs. Christina Arnold Null Murray, born in Summit County, O., April 17, 1834, died January 19, 1911, at Delta, Ohio, aged 76 years, 9 months and 2 days. She was united in marriage to Mr. George Null. To this union were born seven children, one son and six daughters. About forty-three years ago she, with her husband, united with the First-day Adventist church, and later they learned and rejoiced in the truths of the third angel's message, her husband having walked from Delta to attend the Seventh-day Adventist camp-meeting held at Bowling Green. After the death of Brother Null she was united in marriage to Frank Murray, also deceased. Sister Murray was a firm believer in the Sabbath truth, and taught it to her children, one of whom is an esteemed member of the Delta church. Words of comfort were spoken from the text, "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25.

JOHN W. SHULTZ.

**SAVAGE.**—Nancy Ellen Null, daughter of George and Christina Null, was born at Copley, Summit County, Ohio, November 20, 1853, and died of pneumonia at her home in Delta, January 21, 1911. At the age of fifteen years she became a Christian and united with the First-day Adventist church. In 1871 she was united in marriage to Mr. Florus F. Savage. To this union were born three sons and four daughters. One son and one daughter died in early youth. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Savage was always open to the representatives of the third angel's message, Elder O. F. Guilford having been among their frequent guests. Mrs. Savage was a cousin of Sister Luverna Mason, who, with her husband, Elder Mason, rendered much effectual service for the advancement of the cause in Ohio. Sister Savage was laid to rest

near her mother's side, where the unwilted flowers marked her newly made grave. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer in the presence of a large concourse of friends.

JOHN W. SHULTZ.

**ZIRKLE.**—Mrs. Elizabeth E. Zirkle, daughter of John and Katherine Rife, and widow of the late John P. Zirkle, was born near Timberville, Virginia, April 22, 1836, and died in Union Station, Washington, D. C., January 19, 1911, aged 74 years, 8 months, and 27 days. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John F. Driver, of Virginia, and one brother, Elder Henry A. Rife, now living in Indiana, a son, Thomas I. Zirkle, and a daughter, Mrs. R. D. (Mollie C.) Hottel, both residing near New Market, Virginia, 16 grandchildren and numerous other relatives. Sister Zirkle had been in failing health for more than a year. Two months before her death she was at the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium, where everything possible was done for her, but her advanced age and condition was against her, and finding that no permanent help was assured, the family were making earnest efforts to return her to her home at New Market, Virginia, when in company with her daughter and son-in-law, Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hottel, she died in Union Station, Washington, D. C., just thirty minutes before the train was to leave for her home at New Market. She was fully conscious to the last, and talked freely to those present. Her heart gave way at once and she died without a struggle. While she was not permitted to reach her earthly home, to which she had started with bright hope, we trust that she may awake to that more bright and blessed Home to which after all her feet were tending. A few days before she left the Sanitarium a season of prayer was held for her, and she was anointed in the name of the Lord. She expressed herself as fully signed to the Lord.

"Sweet be thy rest, and peaceful thy sleeping;

God's way is best, thou art in his keeping.  
 O blessed sleep, where ills ne'er molest thee!  
 Why should we weep? For heaven hath  
 blessed thee:  
 Sweet be thy rest."

Sister Zirkle was the first person to receive baptism under the proclamation of the third angel's message in the state of Virginia. When, in January, 1876, Elders J. O. Corliss and E. B. Lane came to Virginia, they found their first permanent home at Sister Zirkle's. Near her home the first sermons were preached, and from this vicinity the truth radiated to other parts of the state. She soon embraced the message; and on June 17, 1876, Elder J. O. Corliss baptized her. She has ever since been a most faithful and earnest member of the church, always being present at the services and taking a deep interest in the progress of the work. She was regarded as one of the most energetic and attractive persons in her neighborhood; her hands were never idle. She took a deep interest in the reports of progress in the good old *Review*, and read other of our periodicals and books with a deep interest. The family gave the land on which now stands the Shenandoah Training Academy, and she has since made substantial gifts to the school and the work. The funeral service was conducted on Sabbath morning by Elder Stewart Kime in the presence of one of the largest congregations ever assembled on such an occasion. A brief history of the life of the deceased was read by Elder A. C. Neff, who assisted in the service. Interment was made in the Zirkle graveyard near her home.

R. D. HOTTEL.