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

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## UNION—EDUCATIONAL

### At the College

THE last two terms at Mount Vernon College have been a source of considerable encouragement. The enrollment was the largest in the history of the school, one hundred and seventy-nine, not including the training school of the normal department. The student body for the most part was made up of young men and women who seemed to be in earnest about their work. We believe that many of them will yet be found doing active service in the cause of God. A good standard of scholarship was maintained through the two terms, both the teachers and students entering heartily into the work.

The spiritual condition of the school was good. This did not appear in a striking manner, but to those who were acquainted more intimately with the life of the students it was apparent that many of them made excellent progress. The Friday evening meetings were well attended, and a good interest was manifested in the service. This was especially true of the prayer and social meetings. The students' prayer meeting, conducted each Tuesday evening by the students themselves, was also well attended.

During the second term several workers' bands were formed. The ministerial band consists of eighteen of the more active and earnest young men of the school. The band holds Sunday evening meetings in the country four or five miles from the school. Quite a good interest has been developed in that neighborhood. The people seem to appreciate the service of the young men, and manifest a commendable desire to learn the Bible truths presented from week to week. The young ladies have organized several Bible workers' bands, and they are giving Bible readings in the city of Mount Vernon. No visible results have come from these efforts yet, but we have hopes that when the work has been continued

long enough, some one will accept the truth.

Several revival services were conducted by Professor Wilkinson and others, and each time a number of people reconsecrated themselves to the Lord, and some gave themselves to him for the first time.

There was a good interest in foreign mission work. Several of the students are planning definitely to enter some foreign field when they have completed their education. The reports received from time to time from workers in the regions beyond who were at one time students in the College are a source of inspiration to students who are here now.

Something has been done in the line of improvements. During the past two terms the students donated about sixty dollars to the tank fund. They tried to do their part in raising the \$1,200 that the young people of the Columbia Union were asked to raise for the erection of a water tank and tower for the College. Recently money was contributed by the students and teachers for the purchase of a program clock. This clock is to be installed in the chapel, and, in addition to keeping the time, will ring the bells for the class periods. This was paid for entirely by the faculty and the students.

The College lecture course donated its proceeds to the laboratory. This, with some funds that were raised in the same manner last year, has been set apart for the purchase of an analytical balance for advanced work in chemistry and physics. This will be a material addition to our laboratory facilities.

The new term has just opened. A few more students have come in, making the total enrollment to date one hundred and eighty-one. The following new classes are beginning: physical geography, nature study, spirit of prophecy, psychology, commercial spelling, S. D. A. missions, botany, civics, hygiene, general method, business English.

The special course offered for ministers and workers began January 3. While this was not large, it has been,

we believe, successful. Those who are taking it seem to be enthusiastic about their work. We believe they will go out from the institution with a better preparation to take up their duties than they would have had, had they not had this course.

On the whole we feel encouraged over the work of the past two terms. While there is much that we desired to accomplish that we have not been able to do, we have seen many things done that have been helpful and inspiring. We desire an interest in the prayers of the friends of the institution that the work of the present term may be more successful than that of the past.

S. M. BUTLER.

### With the Special Course

AFTER leaving the West Pennsylvania Conference, where I spent some time in the interests of the churches and of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, I came to Mount Vernon College. Here I was glad to meet a class of young ministers and earnest workers who had come in for the special course that has been offered this winter at the College. We had a very profitable time with them. As we met together day after day, we studied such questions as how to advertise, how to conduct Bible readings, the place of meeting, the personal appearance of the worker, the order of the services, the subject of the sermon, delivery, the care of the voice, and gathering results.

I am very pleased, indeed, that Mount Vernon should have been able to give us this winter, at least a beginning in this special course for young workers who desire to drop off a little while from their regular duties to secure a better fitting for service.

I also had the privilege of talking to the students daily at the chapel exercises. While the attendance this year is much greater than last year,—an increase of almost one third over last year,—nevertheless the increase of quantity has not affected the school work so as to impair the quality. If anything there is a higher grade of

work being done this year, and all can testify that the spiritual life of the students is, generally speaking, deep and progressive. One morning in chapel I had the privilege of calling again for the testimony of those who are fully devoted to the service of God, and it was gratifying to see the earnest, resolute, and almost unanimous response. We ask our brethren everywhere throughout the Union to remember this school in their prayers, that God will make it a stronghold from which may issue well-equipped workers for his service.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### In the Union

THE educational department of the Columbia Union was organized separately only last October, and is thus the youngest department of the Union. The tasks before it are peculiarly hard, since the Union is also young, and our people have been so differently environed in its various sections. It will therefore be seen that the first thing necessary is a thorough acquaintance, which must result in ascertaining the needs of the different conferences and in developing a helpful interest in each. This interest, when general, begets unity of purpose, which, in turn, must beget uniformity of action. For this we are hoping and praying.

It is needless to say that our ultimate aim is to train the children and youth whom God has given us for places of usefulness in his cause. We are told that our work is to "restore the image of God in the soul." To do so we must establish church schools to prepare our boys and girls for our academies and colleges.

At present we have thirty church schools, one intermediate school, one academy, and one college. All these have been doing excellent work in their various fields. Seven of our conferences have one or more schools, and the one not having any has supplied three good teachers for another conference, has a fine class of students in our Union Conference College, and plans definitely for some good church schools next year.

Our church schools are accomplishing three things: shielding our children from the corrupting influences of the world, saving them for the cause of God, and inspiring them with definite ideals which cause them to seek in our colleges a preparation for service.

That the truthfulness of this last assertion may be appreciated, permit me to say that I have just completed

an examination of the Mount Vernon College register, and find that out of a total enrollment of one hundred and seventy-nine students, ninety came from our church schools and academies. Thus it will be seen that the balance is in favor of our own schools.

If this is true of a union which has such a small number of schools, what would the examination of the register of a college in a union which had many church schools disclose? Does it not augur good for the future of our educational work when the counsel of the Lord to establish church schools shall have been fully heeded?

JAMES E. SHULTZ, *Ed. Sec'y, C. U. C.*

### Church School Teachers' Symposium

Grafton, O.

CHILDREN who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. The mind will be of the same character as that upon which it feeds, the harvest of the same nature as the seed sown. There is little outward display in our school work, but we are endeavoring to fit ourselves for the kingdom of God, realizing that in order to be successful we must obey every word of God. Victories are not gained by ceremonies or display, but by simple obedience to the highest General—the Lord of heaven.

MYRTLE I. LAUGHERY.

Dayton, O.

THE Dayton church school is progressing. The children have taken hold of their studies in a way which has been very encouraging to their teacher. The average attendance has been good, though we have had some sickness to contend with.

But the most pleasing feature of our school is the interest which the children take in the study of the Bible. And I am sure that their desire to make practical in their lives the beautiful truths found in this grand old Book, has settled the question of discipline to a large extent.

Our time is so well filled that as a school we have done very little active missionary work, yet individually the children have worked whenever the opportunity was afforded them.

The work of the church school teacher must be done "over and over," like the work of our heavenly Father; and like him, let us not be discouraged.

"Over and over God paints the skies,  
Over and over he makes the sun rise,  
Over and over he tints the flowers,  
Over and over he sends the showers,

Over and over he guides the stars,  
Over and over the dawn unbars.  
If over and over God deigns to work,  
Why should we faint,—one duty shirk?"

BERTHA M. MITCHELL.

Coshocton, O.

WE have a little home school of five pupils. All seem greatly interested in their studies, and the school work is progressing very rapidly.

WILMA STOCKWELL.

Corydon, West Pa.

THERE are seven children in our little school. The youngest, who is five years old, comes only part of the time. A boy and a girl, seven years of age, have completed the first grade and are quite well along in the second. I never saw children learn so fast as they are learning. There are three children in our fourth grade, a boy of nine, and two girls of ten years. We have one sixth grade student. He is not an Adventist, but was sent to us because he had been ill and his parents wished to spare him as much excitement as possible. Last year when he first came he was quite opposed to studying the Bible. Now he enjoys it as much as the others or even more.

We have two Bible classes, both studying Old Testament history. I wish you could hear my little seven year old children read from their Bibles. The pupils usually stand from ninety to one hundred per cent in Bible, and in fact they seldom go below ninety per cent in any of their studies. They are all doing very good work.

CLARA M. WORDEN.

Mount Vernon, Ohio

THE training school opened this year with an enrollment of ten, gradually increasing to twenty-one. Besides the children from the village we have had two from Michigan and one from New Jersey. At present we have an average daily attendance of thirteen, two girls and eleven boys. Every grade except the third is represented. We are hoping that five of the pupils will be ready to enter the preparatory department of the College at the close of this school year.

The children are very much interested in their work. They seem to find something new and attractive about school each day. They are especially enjoying their classes in carpentry, drawing, and painting, looking forward with pleasure to seeing their work in the "exhibition tent" at the coming camp-meeting.

WANITA SHINGLETON.

## West Clarksfield, O.

OUR school opened with an attendance of seven, but two having moved away, at present our attendance is only five. Each of our three grades is making good progress. The Lord is blessing us, and with "I can do all things through Christ" as our motto, we hope to reach the standard set before us.

LOTTIE A. GIBSON.

## Chagrin Falls, O.

THE Lord is blessing very much our little school. I am much pleased with the results obtained so far. The ever-increasing interest manifested by the pupils in all their work, and especially in the Bible classes, is evidence to me that our prayers are being answered. I believe it is the desire of each pupil to help in the Lord's work.

BERTHA LAUGHLIN.

## Indiana, West Pa.

THIS is the fourth year of the school at Indiana, and the present enrollment is nineteen. Three of our pupils will this year complete the eighth grade work and be ready to enter another school. Several others are in the seventh grade.

There is an excellent interest in the Bible classes. Most of the pupils are church members. The young people's society is making some progress this winter. As we are in a small community four miles from town, there is little chance to do outside work during the school months. A prayer band has recently been organized, and a good spirit is manifested in its attendance. The Lord is able to work in all places, and we thank him for the help we are constantly receiving.

We have no library or reference books of any kind, and if any of our people feel inclined to donate books, historical or denominational, or encyclopedias, such would be gladly received and put to excellent service.

MRS. J. KONIGMACHER.

## Ford's Store, Md.

THE Ford's Store church school began its eleventh year September 5, 1910, with an enrollment of eighteen. At the present time the enrollment is twenty-seven. Eighteen families are represented in the school. The cooperation of the parents is excellent.

The habit of whispering in school, so often encountered by teachers, I have safely avoided by the "star method." I have also found this plan successful in obtaining neatness.

Each Wednesday morning I require

the children to recite a Bible verse beginning with a certain letter. The children take great delight in this work.

A few of the children were very much interested in the work of the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review and Herald*, and several dollars were collected. Seven of the girls went out one afternoon with the "Ministry of Healing." Though they canvassed for about three hours and came back without taking an order, they were not discouraged, but were determined to do their duty. They are anxious for another opportunity to try again.

It is very encouraging to notice the good spirit that prevails in our school this year. On October 16, 1910, seven of the pupils were baptized. Their influence in the school has greatly helped it.

To parents the Lord God sends the warning cry, "Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education. This is full of beautiful lessons, and if pupils make it their study in the primary grade below, they will be prepared for the higher grade above."

IRENA COLEMAN.

## Bowling Green, O.

WE have a very interesting little school at Bowling Green, and the children, I think, are all trying to improve. We hope that the coming camp-meeting will show some good results of our year's work. We have truly much to be thankful for in connection with our church school. God will always open the way for those who make an effort to heed his warnings.

MRS. CLARA LESLIE.

## Clyde, O.

OUR church school at Clyde is prospering. We aim to keep not only our minds but also our hands employed. This we do by keeping the school room in order. The members of the school also have charge of the janitor work of the church, using the pay to buy needed material which will be a help to them in their school work. Some of our pupils finish their church school work this year, and expect to enter one of our larger schools next year.

Let us pray for this branch of the cause, that each child may be as clay

in the hands of the Master Worker, to be molded and fashioned as he sees best.

FLORENCE I. HOTTES.

## Alliance, O.

OUR school at Alliance is making good progress. The Lord has blessed our work. We have good attendance and good interest, and the pupils are advancing rapidly in their studies.

Dear co-laborer, our Master will accept nothing but our best; so let us put forth a united effort to perform the work which he has entrusted to us.

JESSIE E. SNIDER.

## Fairhill, East Pa.

THE only church school in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is located at Fairhill, about thirty miles north of Philadelphia. This school had its beginning in a private family. Gradually it grew until a room in the home was too small, and larger quarters had to be rented. Here the school remained until the church and school building which was under construction was completed, April, 1910.

Our schoolroom is large, airy, and well lighted; has plenty of blackboard room and all ordinary schoolroom conveniences. We have seating capacity for thirty-six. Our present enrollment is twenty. All grades from one to eight, except the fourth, are represented. This year four pupils finish the seventh grade, and three the eighth. The latter expect to be in Mount Vernon College next year. One has partly earned his scholarship by canvassing, and expects to earn the remainder this summer.

All the pupils are active members of the Sabbath-school and of the young people's society, and are much interested in missionary work. During the Harvest Ingathering campaign \$5.30 was taken in by the church school pupils. Some of the older ones spent part of their Christmas vacation selling papers. About two hundred papers were sold at that time, and almost as many more have been sold since. One Saturday evening two of the girls went to a town two and a half miles from here, and in about an hour and a half sold twenty-five *Signs of the Times* monthly. They have twenty-five more of the next number to put out next Saturday evening. Thus they are circulating our literature and helping to earn their tuition.

A series of meetings is being held at Souderton, a mile and a half from

here. All the older pupils are doing what they can to assist in this work, by distributing circulars, and by their attendance at the meetings to help in the singing.

We are trying to do a year's work in our eight school months. Our days, from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., with only one half hour for lunch, seem all too short. It keeps us very busy to get in all our classes. But the children do their best and are making excellent progress. They are thankful that they can attend a church school, and realize that they are studying to prepare themselves to be workers for the Lord when the proper time shall come.

FLORENCE I. WHITE.

#### Camden, O.

THIS being my first experience in teaching, I am glad to say the Lord has been blessing me greatly, and I am enjoying my work very much. It is such a consolation to know I am giving my whole service to the Master. I am determined to do more and better work for him this coming year than I have done in the past.

CLARA REICHENBAUGH.

#### Springfield, O.

We are pleased to send words of cheer from this corner of the battlefield. Although Satan has taken various methods to overthrow the church school work here at Springfield, we feel that with Christ as our captain we have thus far triumphed. We are hoping that the germ of true education may be so planted in this church that its growth will be perpetual, and that seeds of the gospel may take root in the hearts of the children, and turn them to the Lord.

"Bless our labors, God of heaven,  
Aid thy servants, Lord of earth,  
As we strive to set our garden  
With the plant of priceless worth!

"Patient all the day we labor,  
Still at night the tempter sows  
Tares of sin where we had planted  
Sharon's fair and fadeless Rose.

"Wake, O North-wind, come, O South-wind!  
O'er our garden softly blow;  
Bid the Rose's sacred perfume  
From our tender plants to flow."

ANNA FRANKLIN.

#### Ravenna, O.

THE membership of the Ravenna church school is only six, but early in the year we formed a band of Junior Missionary Volunteers, which meets one hour each week, at which time we

render a program or sew on our missionary quilt. Each pupil is a "home helper," and the reports are interesting. Every week we bring an offering for the Lord. We received \$3.25 as the result of our efforts with the *Ingathering Review*. We are of good courage, and the work never seemed more pleasant.

LELO WELCH.

#### Columbus, O.

THE Lord is blessing us in our little school in Columbus. The enrollment and average attendance has been larger than ever before, and I can see a steady improvement in the work of the school. This I know is in answer to earnest prayer. When the enemy would come in like a flood to destroy the children, I am so glad that the Spirit of the Lord lifts up a standard against him. And so we are of good courage in the work, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

MRS. N. A. HONEYWELL.

#### Takoma Park, D. C.

We are glad to send a few words of cheer from the primary room of the Takoma Park church school. The opening day found twenty-five children enrolled, in grades one to four, and the attendance has been quite regular since then. Our present roll call is twenty-six.

Early in the year we decided to raise some money to help start a school among the Indians of Peru. Some appropriate post cards were printed, and by selling these and saving our pennies, we were able to send eight dollars as our offering to missions.

A spirit of helpfulness and earnestness has been with us all through the year, and we find that there is plenty of work for even little hands to do.

Manual training has proved a special delight; for each child, from the youngest to the oldest, has been able to make something useful. How proud the children are to take these home to father and mother.

Each morning we repeat some scripture in concert; in this way we have learned by heart Ps. 1, 100, 19, 23, 121, Luke 2:8-14, and Matt. 5:1-12.

The children enjoy learning about some of the well known poets. At present the fourth grade pupils are making a "Longfellow Booklet," and learning such poems as the "Village Blacksmith" and the "Children's Hour." We like him because in all he wrote he tried to help others.

But the best loved study of all is the Bible. The stories of creation

and the early patriarchs are very dear to the hearts of the little ones; while the older grades are learning lessons of obedience and trust by following the children of Israel in their wanderings.

Not long ago the question was asked how many wanted to give their lives to Jesus to work for him, and every hand was raised. Does not this mean more to every parent and teacher than all the book learning in the world? Dear parents who read this, where are your children to-day?

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,

The night of death is hastening on apace.  
The Lord is calling "Enter thou thy chamber-  
And tarry there a space."

And when he comes, the King in all his glory,

Who died from shameful death our hearts to win,

O may the gates of heaven shut about us,  
With all the children in."

DOROTHY L. HARRIS.

### AT THE COLLEGE

THE third term of the school year opened last Wednesday with the largest enrollment the school has ever had.

Mr. and Miss Wheeler recently enjoyed a visit from their cousin, Miss Alma Rudolph, of the Newark, (O.) Sanitarium.

Cards have been received announcing the birth of a daughter, Jessie Furnival, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown, of Washington, D. C.

Brother L. A. Hanson of Washington, D. C., was a visitor at the College February 20. After spending several days among surrounding churches he returned to Mount Vernon on Friday and spoke to the students in their evening prayer meeting and to the church and the young people's society the next day. His visits were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Rushmer, of Columbus, O., was a College visitor last week, when her daughter Laurel entered school for the work of the spring term.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin, formerly of Freedom, Pa., have moved to Academia. Their daughters, Florence and Alice, are students at the College.

Sydney White is working in the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

Mr. Howard Weeks left the College this week for the canvassing field of West Virginia, where he expects to earn a scholarship for the next school year. Before going he enjoyed a short visit from his mother, Mrs. W. T. Weeks, of Clyde, O.

Miss May Webster, of Akron, O., is again in school.

Miss Martha Peole was nursing in Danville, O. last week.

In a letter from Washington, D. C., we learn that Miss Bertha Hanger, a former Mount Vernon student, is attending the Foreign Mission Seminary.

Misses Wanita and Ruth Shingleton spent last Sabbath and Sunday at their home in Grafton, W. Va.

A card written on board the *Shasta Limited* between Spokane and San Francisco, informs us that Mr. and Mrs. Gibson had a very pleasant trip across the continent, making good connections all the way.

## CHESAPEAKE

### Two Special Meetings

In harmony with the recent decision of the General Conference, that during the month of February each Conference of the Columbia Union would be entitled to three Sabbath and Sunday meetings in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" work, and that these meetings would be supplied with General Conference help, we accordingly arranged for two special meetings.

The first, a union meeting, was held at Smithsburg, Md., Sabbath and Sunday, February 11 and 12. Here the brethren and sisters were assembled Sabbath evening for the service, many coming from a great distance. Professor W. E. Howell, of the Correspondence School at Washington, joined us in these meetings, speaking to the people both evening and morning.

Upon our arrival at the evening service we found a very interesting young people's meeting in progress, and we were encouraged to note the missionary work which this society is doing. After the conclusion of

the young people's meeting, Professor Howell presented a very helpful and practical address which was enjoyed by all present. On Sabbath morning the services were continued and the Lord witnessed to the words spoken, making very evident that there is power in the plain "thus saith the Lord" when we give ourselves to prayer and the study of God's holy word.

For the afternoon meetings it was thought best to divide our force of laborers, and it was arranged that Brethren Howell and Apsley should take the appointment at the Hagerstown church and that Brother Adkins and the writer should take the Ponds-ville meeting. By this arrangement we were able to meet a larger number of our own people and to help them in this definite line of home missionary work. The meetings were well attended, and we believe that our people were greatly encouraged to go on with the "Ministry of Healing" campaign until they have sold their entire quota.

On February 12 I had the privilege of speaking in the hall at Hagerstown to a congregation of interested people. Brother and Sister Apsley are laboring for the honest in heart in this city, holding Bible readings and carrying on other lines of regular house to house missionary work. On Monday morning, February 13, we went to Indian Spring to visit the new Sabbath-keepers who recently embraced the truth through the efforts of Elder Fairchild. Our visit here was appreciated by those who as yet are but babes in Christ.

On Monday evening I was invited by Brother Adkins to speak in the hall at Leitersburg where he had a congregation of nearly two hundred and fifty souls waiting to hear the word of God. As the Sabbath question had been taken up the previous evening, I felt impressed to speak upon the "Sabbath in the New Testament." The subject seemed clear to all, and many asked for Bible references at the conclusion of the discourse. A good interest was manifested during the service, and as the meetings continue we hope and pray that many will decide in favor of present truth.

Our second special meeting was held at Wilmington, Del. Elder W. A. Spicer joined me here Sabbath evening, February 18. The Spirit of the Lord was present, thus preparing the way for future meetings. Sabbath was a good day for all. Elder Spicer spoke of the progress of the message in all lands, relating

many instances of the goodness of the Lord toward those who are being persecuted for conscience's sake. All were moved by these evidences of the loving kindness which our Father has for his children. On Sabbath afternoon at the young people's meeting Sister Alice Fieldberg, young people's secretary of the conference, spoke on the subject of temperance, after which a good order for the temperance number of the *Instructor* was taken. In all of these meetings the "Ministry of Healing" campaign was brought before our people very prominently, and the impression was made that the work must be done now without delay. The Lord is asking us to accept the opportunity thus afforded to go to our neighbors and friends with this valuable book which already is proving a great blessing to the world. I have confidence that our people will soon finish the work; for many interesting and encouraging reports are coming in from all parts of the conference to the effect that our churches are at work, selling books for cash and taking orders. We give the Lord all the praise and glory for what has been done, and we trust that by his mighty power we shall have success in this great undertaking.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

THE Smitsburg church has taken its full quota of "Ministry of Healing." This is a working church, and all the members are busily engaged in taking orders and selling books for cash.

Brother and Sister Apsley, who are laboring at Hagerstown, are taking hold of the "Ministry of Healing" work, going out with the books themselves, and encouraging others to do likewise. We expect to see Hagerstown with a clear record in the near future.

The Baltimore church, with Brother W. H. Loose as librarian, is moving slowly but surely in the "Ministry of Healing" work; and we feel sure that the missionary society has in mind to complete this work very soon. Definite plans are now in operation which will bring the truth to many in the city, thus answering the call to "work the cities of the East."

Elder Fairchild is giving his attention to the "Ministry of Healing" campaign in his district. The church at Cumberland has received its quota and is now in the field selling the

books and enjoying the experiences which this work brings to those who are doing the work.

Brother and Sister Tickner, of Wilmington, have taken hold of the work in earnest. Their first order of books is exhausted, and we understand that another shipment will soon be made. One brother who recently embraced the truth there, sold his quota, came back and asked the pastor for the key of the church and took out twelve more books. He is doing a work which is affecting the church for good, and is proving a stimulus to the work in that large city.

The Rock Hall and Ford's Store churches are demonstrating what can be done with "Ministry of Healing" in small towns and rural districts. The books are going, and those engaged in the work are receiving precious experiences.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Ariel, and Honesdale

RECENTLY I had the pleasure of visiting the Scranton and Wilkesbarre churches in the interests of the canvassing and home missionary work. These are both strong churches, filled with good talent. The individual members have consecrated themselves to the "finishing work," and the outlook for good solid missionary effort is very encouraging. They will work these two cities in a systematic way with *Family Bible Teacher* and our other good literature. Some are contemplating taking up the canvassing work.

On the same trip, I visited the Ariel church and some of the members of the Honesdale company. These churches are not so large as the other two, but their aim is, "not to know anything" among their friends and neighbors "save Jesus Christ and him crucified," and to do their part in proclaiming to the world the last message of mercy.

The two Swingle brothers and Brother Evans of the Ariel church, and Brother Roberts of the Honesdale church expect soon to take up the canvassing work permanently.

It is indeed a pleasure to meet with God's people, and also an encouragement to see them consecrate themselves for active service. May the Lord bless all these dear people with faithfulness and the final reward of faithfulness. J. W. HIRLINGER.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Kittanning, Mt. Union, Barnsboro, Shawmut and Elban

THOUGH it has been some time since I reported for the VISITOR, I have not been idle. When the tent season closed I remained at Kittanning for a short time to bind off the work there; and we are thankful to say that as a result of the effort a few souls are now rejoicing in the truth.

Two families near Mt. Union, seven persons in all, have recently accepted the truth, largely through reading our books. Brother George Kuhn lives near Barnsboro, and while visiting him there I was invited to speak in a small hall, and gave four sermons to a little company of twenty-five, who see the spiritual condition of the popular churches, and seem to be seeking for truth.

We hope in the near future to visit the place again to see what can be done for these people.

I spent some three weeks in the vicinity of Shawmut, Elk County. A man who has been somewhat opposed to the truth in the past became interested and began to keep the Sabbath. His wife has been a Sabbath-keeper for years, but he himself had never gone to our meetings before.

I held two cottage meetings in the little town of Elban. Here I met an aged colored woman, Sister Anna Bethel. Her strong and simple faith in God is remarkable. She was a slave before the Civil war, hence has no education. After she was set free she became much interested in her soul's salvation, and while she could not read a word, she carried the Bible with her wherever she went. She finally came to believe that God could enable her to read, and she began to pray that God himself would help her to read his word. One night she was shown in a dream that if she would get up and turn to the third chapter of Matthew she could read that chapter. She arose, found the chapter and read it. She has been able to read the Bible without difficulty since that time, and certainly does rejoice in the word of God. Some years ago in answer to prayer this sister was healed of a goiter on her neck and a large growth in her side. A few months since Sister Bethel fell and hurt her foot very badly, twisting it until it was almost completely turned in the opposite direction to what it should be. The doctor came and set the limb and told her the ankle was badly crushed. The next day Sister Bethel, by her

own faith in God was healed, got up and walked, and went out on the street. The doctor saw her walking and was greatly surprised; he told the village people that he did not know what to think of that old colored lady. If we all had more of this simple childlike faith the Lord could do much more for us than he has yet done.

Two things we greatly need as a people, faith and humility. The Lord is ready to do great things for us if we will only sit low at the foot of the cross and let him have his way.

J. W. WATT.

### VIRGINIA

THE Virginia conference committee met at Stanley, February 16-20. With them in counsel were Elder N. Z. Town of the General Conference, and Elder J. E. Shultz of the Columbia Union.

Elder Stewart Kime was called to Washington, February 23, to confer with members of the Union Conference.

Elder James E. Shultz met with the Board of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy, February 21-23, when plans were laid for the work of the coming school year.

Mrs. J. E. Gardner, of Hampton, is a patient at the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium.

Elders Kime and Shultz visited the Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News churches, February 9-13, in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

John and Paul Hottel, who are finishing their course in the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy this year, will spend the summer canvassing for a scholarship at Mount Vernon College.

Mrs. V. O. Patches is visiting at the home of Elder and Mrs. D. E. Lindsay of Meherrin, Va.

Since the last report twelve members have been added to the Stanley church by baptism, and about as many more are awaiting the ordinance,—the result of Elder Kime's meetings in that place.

Elders N. Z. Town and James E. Shultz presented the "Ministry of Healing" campaign to the Stanley church, February 18. Seventy-eight books were ordered.



## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending February 24, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ray Corder, Huron Co.	BF	5	29	44	50 50	3 75	54 25		
Guy Corder, Lorain Co.	BF	5	33	49	52 00	3 25	55 25		
H. Forsythe, Lorain Co.	BF	5	28	19	21 00	50	21 50		
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	4	32	21	23 50		23 50	20 85	
C. Wilcox, Huron Co.	BF	2	9	11	11 50	1 25	12 75		
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.	BR	4	23	12	37 00	7 25	44 25	7 50	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	GC	2	13	4	13 00	1 50	14 50		
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	2	12	1	3 00	5 50	8 50	1 50	
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	GC	2	13	4	12 00	2 50	14 50	1 25	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	4	33	9	31 00	21 50	52 50	22 00	
Totals		35	224	74	\$254 50	\$47 00	\$301 50	\$53 10	

## West Virginia, Week Ending February 24, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	40	16	22 00	2 00	24 00		
A. Hendrickson, Clarksburg	DR	3		18	54 00	5 75	59 75	6 00	
B. Hubbell, Huntington Co.	BF	4	24	7	18 50	15 25	33 25		
Mary Hubbell, Huntington Co.	GC	5	23	6	18 00	21 00	39 00		
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		5	37			2 10	2 10	95 15	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	40	8	24 00	3 90	27 90	3 50	
Totals		27	164	55	\$136 00	\$50 00	\$186 00	\$104 65	

## Virginia, Week Ending February 17, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	BH		17					19 50	
S. N. Brown, Martinsville	CK		38	69	105 00	8 00	113 00		
T. Phillips, Stanleyton	PG		26	8	28 00	20 35	48 35		
B. Jenkins, Stanleyton	PG		18	4	13 00	10 40	23 40	10 40	
Totals		99	81		\$146 00	\$38 75	\$184 75	\$29 90	

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 24, 1911

C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	4	25	15	47 00	3 75	50 75	9 00	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	52	6	11 25	2 75	14 00	240 00	
Totals		9	77	21	\$58 25	\$6 50	\$64 75	\$249 00	

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 17, 1911

W. Hess, Carlisle	CK	4	30	2	3 50		3 50	158 50	
G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	5	29	1	3 00	3 00	6 00	17 50	
I. Bateman, Scranton	NP	5	14	8	2 40	1 30	3 70	11 25	
H. Munier, Waylusing	GC	2	19	1	3 00	50	3 50		
Totals		16	92	12	\$11 90	\$4 80	\$16 70	\$187 25	

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$753.70 Deliveries, \$653.90

## OHIO

## Cleveland German

A MOST interesting meeting was recently held by the missionary society of the Cleveland German church. After song and earnest prayer, Brother Schell conducted a Bible reading on the worthless worker in the mission field. Then each member brought in a report of work done since the last meeting; and, though all the members were not present, there were reported twenty missionary visits, twenty *Signs of the Times* sold, three missionary letters written and the same number received.

The society then made a resolution that questions from the people concerning doctrines of our faith shall be referred to a Bible worker who will visit the people and answer all questions from the Scriptures.

The society further resolved to report regularly to the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR and to the *German Worker*.

Our workers also decided in this meeting to labor with tracts among other foreign peoples, such as the Jewish, Bohemian, and Hungarian, so that the people of these nationalities in the city of Cleveland may have an opportunity to learn something of present truth.

A. E. SCHUSTER, Secretary.

It is planned to hold a young people's Missionary Volunteer convention in Cleveland, March 17-19, at the close of the canvassers' institute at that place. Members of neighboring churches are cordially invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the young people.

Elder James E. Shultz returned from Virginia last week. He will spend the month of March among the churches of Ohio.

Brother James Potts, the superintendent of the Walnut Grove Sabbath-school, sends in a list of his teachers who with the superintendent have enrolled for the Sabbath-school teachers' training course. When in all departments of the world's activities efforts are being made to improve methods, it surely behooves those who are engaged in the Lord's work to render the best possible service.

The Camden young people's society, though in a rural district, is finding something to do. They have installed in railway stations of nearby towns six reading racks, which they keep filled with our literature. The leader, Miss Lottie A. Gibson, writes that they are planning to hold a temperance rally in the near future.

Brother L. A. Hanson of Washington, D. C., took up the "Ministry of Healing" campaign with the Mount Vernon church Sabbath, February 25. After a most interesting discourse on medical missionary work, orders were taken for 216 copies of "Ministry of Healing."

Brother W. E. Moffett, educational superintendent of the conference, and Elder James E. Shultz, educational secretary of the Columbia Union, visited the church schools at Columbus, Springfield, Dayton, and Cincinnati during the past week.

The Walnut Grove missionary society reports for the month of February 2 missionary visits, 29 hours of Christian help work, 54 tracts and papers given away, and 3 relief books sold.

Mrs. R. B. Robinson and daughter Emma, of Clyde, together with Master Carl Woodworth of the same place, were visitors at Mount Vernon last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shultz are the happy parents of a little daughter, who arrived February 14, the anniversary of Brother Shultz's birth.

Brother and Sister W. A. Gibson, of Academia, were called to Kipton, O., last week to attend the funeral of Brother Gibson's mother.

Brother E. D. Miller, of Academia, was called to Vicksburg, Mich., by the serious illness of his brother.

## WEST VIRGINIA

ELDER ROBBINS was called to Parkersburg, February 22, to officiate at the burial service of the son of Sister Foggin of the Parkersburg church.

The members of the Parkersburg church are pleased to announce that as soon as the weather will permit, ground will be broken for their new church building. Non-resident members of the church will please note this and send in donations for the building fund, to Mrs. C. V. Hamer, treasurer, 1212 Seventh Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Many are selling "Ministry of Healing." Are you?

Those persons who have taken "Ministry of Healing" to sell and who have sold any number of them, will please send in any money they may have received, as it is badly needed.

Notwithstanding the almost impassable condition of the roads, our loyal canvassers are still presenting the "printed page" to the people of West Virginia, and many are the books that are being left in the homes.

We are ready to receive orders for the new temperance *Instructor*; the prices are the same as last year.

Brother C. V. Leach, our state canvassing agent, who has been visiting his home in Ohio, is again in his field of labor, and we now expect to see the work move along even more rapidly than it has been moving.

Elder Robbins will visit the brethren in Preston County, where he will lead out in the active work of selling "Ministry of Healing."

The "Ministry of Healing" campaign is now on in West Virginia. Five hundred books have been sent out, and we hope it will be necessary to send out five hundred more. The president of our conference is selling. Are you? Go to work, brethren; let us sell the five hundred books now out, and begin calling for more.

## A New Course for Bible-Working Nurses

LAST fall the Illinois Conference and the faculty of the Hinsdale Sanitarium conjointly organized a six months' course for Bible-working nurses, fitting consecrated women to become Bible-working nurses in our large cities.

This effort has been very successful, and the next course will begin April 1. No tuition is charged. Board and room may be obtained in the institution at about three dollars a week. Students can be more than self-supporting.

Write immediately for full information to either Elder M. H. Serns, 523 Thirty-third Place, Chicago, or Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

## OBITUARIES

BYRUM.—James Ratcliffe Byrum was born July 4, 1829, near Oxford, Ohio, and died near St. Marys, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1911, aged 81 years, 7 months, and 11 days. He was united in marriage to Amanda Gossett, Nov. 19, 1853, and enlisted in Co. E, 118 O. V. I. in 1862, serving three years. He settled near Lock 14 in 1858 and lived there till his death. While several members of his family are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, he never fully identified himself with the church, but believed many tenets of the faith, and was well and favorably known in his neighborhood. The funeral service was held in the Walnut Grove church, where a large gathering of relatives and friends came to pay their respects to the memory of the deceased. 1 Cor. 15:22 was used by the writer as the text of the service. Interment was made at St. Marys. Members of Lieut. W. S. Kishler Post, G. A. R., took charge at the cemetery, and after the reading of the burial service, another com-

rade was committed to the grave to await the Life-giver.

JOHN FRANCES OLMSTED.

SPRING.—Mrs. Emily Spring was born Feb. 15, 1843, and died Feb. 11, 1911. She was married to C. A. Spring about twenty-five years ago. She has not been in good health for a number of years, but the immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. Sister Spring was one of the oldest members of the Philadelphia church, and became one of the charter members of the North Philadelphia church. She was faithful and loyal, and died with praise and song upon her lips. The writer spoke words of comfort from 2 Tim. 4:7. C. S. WIEST.

BURLEIGH.—John Q. Burleigh died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eliza Bradford, in New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 4, 1911, aged 80 years, 7 months, and 6 days. He was born in the year 1830 at Phoenix, New York, where he remained till he was twenty-one years of age. After this he spent some years as a salesman, in different portions of the country. In 1862 he answered the call of his country, enlisting in the one hundred and nineteenth Illinois infantry. He spent three years in the service and was discharged in 1865 at the close of the war, after the surrender of General Robert Lee. Before the news had reached that portion of the South where he was stationed he was wounded in an engagement with the enemy near Mobile Bay in Alabama. The effects of this wound he carried through life. In 1865 Brother Burleigh married Miss Elzira Yacum of Pennington Point, Ill., to which union six children were born, two boys and four girls, viz:—Mrs. G. W. and E. S. Burleigh, both deceased, Mrs. Mary R. Jayne of Atlantic City, N. J., Mrs. Eliza B. Bradford, New Bedford, Mass., Mrs. Luella Thompson, Bloomington, Neb., and Mrs. Mabel Patterson, Gibbon, Neb. In the spring of 1868 Brother Burleigh moved to eastern Nebraska, then a wild country, settling in Syracuse. Here he remained thirteen years. At this place, in a series of meetings held by Elders H. Shultz and A. J. Cudney, of the Nebraska Conference, he was convinced of the truths held by this people and gladly accepted them. Removing westward he spent three years in Republican City, and later moved to Bloomington, Neb., where he resided twenty-eight years. In June, 1909, after a married life of forty-four years, his good and faithful wife was laid to rest, which left him quite alone. Later, in company with his daughter, he came East and has since resided with the two living in this section. Brother Burleigh was a man who loved God, honest and sincere in his convictions of duty and right. He liked to work for others and to assist them as best he could. This desire almost seemed to be his meat and drink day by day. He was a man of prayer, and one could not be in his presence very long before some words of his indicated his faith in God and his word. The blessed hope which sustained him in life supported him in his last hours, and he passed to his rest with full confidence in God, and of a part in the resurrection of the just. We shall miss from our midst his helpful spirit and his kind, genial life, but hope some day to meet him in the better land, where none grow old, and where the inhabitants will never say, "I am sick." Funeral services were conducted by Elder H. C. Hartwell, Rev. Brown, a Methodist minister, and the writer in the Methodist church in Acushnet, Mass., Jan. 6, 1911, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery near by to wait the coming of the Life-giver.

W. B. WHITE.