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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Balm of Trust

Is aught so sweet as trust in God?—
A restful pillow for my soul,
Life's tensioned cares all cast abroad,
And peace alone to take control.

Cradled within those arms of love
Our little day of pilgrimage—
How sweet to know that from above
An anchor holds though tempests rage.

Blest secret to confide in Him
Who holds the oceans in his hand,—
And whispers, wooing me from sin,
"Look upward to the glory land."

One view of that eternal shore,
One glimpse by faith of heaven's joys
Invigorates and makes me more
Than equal to whatever employs.

Thus I can rest in storm or calm,
And know whatever comes is best;
When wearied take the healing balm
Of perfect trust in his behest.
MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.

Signs in the Social World of Christ's Second Coming, No. 5

"WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION"

"BUT know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money; boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."¹⁹ In this scripture the apostle Paul describes the condition of society in the last days. These characteristics are shown to reach into the very homes of men; for he says that they are "without natural affection." Another version reads, "Unyielding towards their own people."²⁰ One way in which this lack of natural affection, or unyielding disposition, is shown is by the alarming increase of divorce.

"Out of every twelve marriages in the United States one ends in the

divorce courts. This appalling fact, which is revealed by a recent government divorce census, has challenged the immediate attention of the press. Editorial writers point to the statistics as fully confirming the general feeling that divorce in this country is steadily and alarmingly on the increase, and they pause to ask themselves whether American social life is tending. The facts which the papers emphasize as the most startling are these:—

"In the twenty years from 1867 to 1886, there were 328,716 divorces granted in the United States; in the twenty years ending in 1906, there were 945,625, or nearly three times as many as in the former twenty years. To quote in part from the government *Census Bulletin*:—

"The divorce-rate per 100,000 population increased from 29 in 1870 to 82 in 1905. In the former year there was one divorce for every 3,441 persons, and in the latter year one for every 1,218. Since it is only married people who can become divorced, a more significant divorce-rate is that which is based, not upon total population, but upon the total married population. The rate per 100,000 married population was 81 in the year 1870 and 200 in the year 1900. This comparison indicates that divorce is at present two and one half times as common, compared with married population, as it was forty years ago. A divorce rate of 200 per 100,000 married population is equivalent to two per 1,000 married population. Assuming that 1,000 married people represent 500 married couples, it follows that in each year four married couples out of every 1,000 secure a divorce.

"This does not mean that only four marriages out of 1,000 are terminated by divorce. The rate, it will be noted, is an annual rate, continuously operative, and comes far short of measuring the probability of ultimate divorce. The available data indicate, however, that not less than one marriage in twelve is ultimately terminated by divorce."²¹

The editor of the *Christian Work*

and *Evangelist*, according to the *Literary Digest* of December 24, sees great danger in the rapidly increasing divorce figures presented by the country's record. He feels that while a terrible hue and cry is raised every time an anarchist or well-known writer advocates free love as a proper and permanent condition of society, in the present tremendous growth of the divorce habit the nation is rushing toward it about as fast as it would by popular consent.²²

THE INCREASE OF CRIME

According to Dr. Andrew B. White, former ambassador to Germany, the number of murders committed in the United States during 1910 was 8,975, an increase of 900 over the year preceding.

According to the *Chicago Record-Herald*, statistics for the past year show that during 1910 "there was a marked increase in the number of suicides and homicides throughout the country. The amount of money embezzled increased more than three-fold." The figures given are: suicides for 1909, 10,230; for 1910, 12,608; deaths by personal violence other than suicides, and lynchings, 1909, 8,103; for 1910, 8,975.

A Toledo minister, the Rev. D. J. Johnston, of the Rosewood Avenue Presbyterian church, said the other evening that he feared the population of the United States would be almost exclusively criminal unless a great change was noted in the near future. He based this doleful prophecy on the fact that while the church membership of the country had increased but one and three-fourths per cent in a given time, the criminal class had grown seventeen per cent.²³ The press is filled with recitals of bribery and betrayals of trust on the part of public officials, and in our great cities crimes of every character are committed every day of the year. The sins of Sodom could hardly have been worse than those that are polluting the land now.

INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

To Daniel the Lord said, "Shut up the words and seal the book, even to

the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." This sign of the end is also fulfilled. There has been during the past century a wonderful increase of knowledge. This may include both Bible knowledge and inventions and discoveries.

"The final revised edition of the New Testament, together with the first completed book of the Old, the Psalms of David, is now issuing from the press in Chinese, and stacks of the volume are being shipped to the remotest parts of China. The special committee of translators are now gathered together in Chefu at their annual conference on the work, which they hope will be to China what the authorized version of the Gospel is to the English-speaking world. The project was inaugurated in 1890 at a conference of all the missionary bodies at work in China, and is being consummated at the expense of the Bible societies of the world. Several books are added each year, and it is estimated that the whole volume will be complete about the year 1915."²⁴

"The spread of Christianity in the far East is illustrated by the hundred and sixth annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has just been issued.

"More than 1,000,000 copies of the Scriptures went out to China, and of these nearly 99 per cent were sold; while 356,000 books were circulated in Korea, and 305,000 in Japan. In India, including Burma and Ceylon, the circulation rose to 780,000.

"From the Bible House in London 2,395 cases of Scriptures, weighing 293 tons, were shipped abroad during the year. But only about 25 per cent of the total issue goes out from London. The society's editions are produced and published, as far as possible, in the countries where they will be sold and read.

"If the Bible Society could gather together representatives of all the nations and peoples for whom it has provided the word of God in their mother tongue, every continent would send its delegates—75 from Europe, 152 from Asia, 103 from Africa, 32 from the Americas, and 62 from Oceania—424 in all.

"The number of versions on the society's list has reached this total by the publication of Gospels in six new languages during the past year. St. Matthew has been published in Ongom, the speech of a powerful Bantu tribe inhabiting the basin of the Gabun River, in French Congo. St. Matthew and St. John have been published in Namau, the speech of 40,000

cannibals on the south coast of British New Guinea.

"For two tribes in New Caledonia St. Mark and St. John are printed in Houailou and St. Mark in Ponerihouen. For the Solomon Islands St. Matthew has been printed in Eiu, a dialect spoken in the island of Mwala; while St. Luke has been issued in Raga, spoken on Whitsuntide Island, in the New Hebrides.

For the subjects of the Emperor Menelek a complete New Testament has at last been published in Tigrinya, a Semitic language spoken by 3,000,000 people in the Tigre province of Abyssinia.

"Since its foundation in 1804 the Bible Society has issued more than 222,000,000 copies of the Scriptures."²⁵

"The Bible societies of eight different nations report the sale during 1909 of 11,378,854 Bibles. More Bibles were sold than any other hundred books of the world combined. The Oxford Press turns out twenty thousand Bibles a week. The American Bible Society published during the one season 2,153,028 copies of the Bible."⁽²⁶⁾

Certainly the above statistics are unmistakable evidence that we are living in the time of the end.

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UNION

A Tri-Union Ministerial Institute At Philadelphia.

As the testimonies have called very earnestly for us to enter the great cities of the East, our leading brethren throughout the eastern conferences have been greatly aroused to do something in response to this call. In order that we as laborers may meet and study together better plans for reaching these great cities; in order that we may study and lay plans for developing more laborers to meet the great demands, it has been deemed best by those upon whom these responsibilities rest to arrange for ministerial institutes. The importance of such gatherings will be seen at once upon the face of the proposition. The great Methodist church,

apart from the annual conference of the church, such as we have in our denomination, has arranged for all its ministers to come together once a year in a ministerial conference. At that time they study the best ways and means of reaching the people. Certainly a ministerial institute carried on by our leading laborers ought to result in great good.

Convinced of this fact, the three large unions of the East—the Atlantic, the Canadian, and the Columbia—have agreed upon a ministerial institute, to be held at Philadelphia, April 12 to 30. The Atlantic Union is planning to send its whole ministerial force to the institute. Some of the conferences of the Columbia Union have already reported their decision to have their full ministerial force receive the benefit of this gathering. We look forward to a large meeting at Philadelphia, devoutly hoping and praying that the rich blessing of God will rest upon us at that time.

Some of the leading brethren of the General Conference, in particular Elder Daniells, Elder Prescott, and Elder Thompson, are arranging to carry the burden of the studies and of those other parts of the program which will be conducive to the consideration of progressive methods. We look forward to this meeting as a time when our laborers throughout the different unions will be unified in sentiment, and thoroughly stirred by the truths they hold and the opportunities spread out before them; and will all be filled with enthusiasm to return to their respective fields of labor with greater determination to win success.

We would call the attention of our ministerial force throughout the whole Columbia Union Conference to this institute, as we desire to know without delay how many are going to attend, in order that we can properly arrange for rooms, accommodations, etc. We do not wish to secure too large a number of beds, or to rent too many rooms, and yet we wish to secure sufficient accommodations. We therefore request all our public workers who are planning to attend this important institute, to send in their names at once to the president of their conference, that he in turn may pass them on to us.

We would also ask that our brethren throughout the field turn their eyes toward this gathering, and beseech the Lord that he would shed upon us his truth, his light, and his power, that we may obtain a larger vision, a greater devotion, and a deeper consecration.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Visiting the Churches

AFTER leaving Mount Vernon College, Friday, February 17, it was my privilege to spend the following Sabbath in Ohio, with the churches at Columbus and Newark.

At Columbus I was hospitably welcomed by Elder Olmstead, who is acting for the present as pastor of the Columbus church. In the morning of the Sabbath we presented to the brethren the "Ministry of Healing," and they expressed their willingness to do their part in this campaign. We laid the foundation for the work of the new campaign at that meeting, when between sixty and seventy books were taken. While, prior to this, circumstances had not been the most favorable for presenting the matter to this church in a preliminary way, and while circumstances were not the most favorable for presenting it to the church on this occasion, yet we believe the brethren responded nobly and willingly. Brother Olmstead is of good courage for the campaign, and fully expects to see the church at Columbus do its part.

From Columbus, accompanied by Brother Venen, I went to Newark, arriving just in time for the afternoon meeting with this church. Again the Lord blessed in the presentation of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, and although the time was short and we had practically no chance to present in a preliminary way the full information regarding the situation, yet the church responded nobly, and did very well in subscribing to a certain pro rata share of its quota of books. Both Brother Moffett and Brother Venen, who have charge of the work in this district, felt confident that the church at Newark will come forward and dispose of its quota.

The visit to these two cities ended my western trip, and I returned for a few days to the office at Takoma Park to attend to various matters. Elder Kime of Virginia came to see me with regard to affairs in his conference, and I left to spend the next Friday and Sabbath with the church and school at New Market. The Lord came very near to us in the Sabbath meeting, and the response of the brethren in dedicating themselves to God and to his message was gratifying indeed. Also on this occasion we had a meeting with the Virginia Conference committee, at which meeting some matters of great importance to the Virginia Conference were taken up, discussed, and decided.

The Academy for the last few months has been making progress both financially and in educational lines. The Virginia Conference is a very small conference compared with the size of the general run of our conferences throughout the United States. It is a great proposition for a conference so small as this to handle a training school like the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy. Nevertheless, so far, the brethren have been able to make a start, and we believe that the Lord has blessed them in their efforts. There seem to be better days ahead for the Academy, and with the growth of the conference and with the rising swell of the evangelical work, there will be continuously a greater demand for the work and service which this school can give.

We were also glad to learn on this occasion of the good work which has been done by Elder Kime with the neighboring church at Stanleyton. Something like twenty-four souls have taken their stand for the truth at that place, as a result of the six weeks' meetings which he held with that church. And when we left we understood that that there was a prospect of something like ten more being baptized. The result of this series of meetings simply shows what can be done in Virginia, and we believe that in this state, as well as in many others, when the great third angel's message swells into the loud cry, there will be scores of precious souls now in the valley of decision who will take their stand for God and his truth.

B. G. WILKINSON.

AT THE COLLEGE

The Reforming Power of the Third Angel's Message

In this age of great activity along all lines of business and social life we are made aware of equal activity among reformers. All manner of pet measures are advocated by these men, the most prominent being for the cleansing of politics, civic righteousness, and the betterment of the race. Though they work out their theories perfectly in magazines and newspapers, yet no apparent results are noticeable. The fearlessness with which they attack existing evils arrests our attention and commands our admiration; but in the light of God's word no radical changes will be brought about.

The reason for this lies in the fact that their measures are devoid of real,

inspiring, reforming power. Men who are desirous of the world's recognition have no ambition to be honest when the world honors the men who steal millions, buy verdicts of juries, or through bribery obtain seats in legislative bodies. No matter how convincing statistics upon intemperance may be, nor how conclusive the proof that it injures the body, what is the reward held out to a worldling if he is successful in overcoming his evil life? His church presents no future reward above that of any other individual.

A glorious opportunity to become public reformers awaits the young people of this denomination. No evil in the world to-day can stand before the reforming power of the third angel's message. Improvement is noticed in every thing with which it comes in contact. No man can believe the truth thoroughly and be dishonest; and souls in all parts of the world testify to the real, inspiring, reforming power that is in the message.

So while we hear so much of reforms, let us not forget that we are in possession of the real and only reform, the only guaranteed cure for the fear that is taking possession of men's hearts to-day. Let us therefore go forth with greater boldness than have the political and social reformers, knowing that our efforts will be attended with success, and that our work will soon be done; for God is about to bring in his reform—the only reform which can cleanse this sin-polluted earth—"Behold I make all things new."

S. G. J.

ELDER and Mrs. Butler spent a day in Columbus last week.

Miss May Barber recently spent a few days at her home at Bellevue, O.

Very interesting sessions are reported by the "Senatum," a society of young men who meet twice a week for drill in parliamentary practice.

Mrs. A. Allen John returned from Chicago last week.

Misses Wanita and Ruth Shingleton are enjoying a visit from their mother and little brother.

We learn from the *North Pacific Union Gleaner* that Professor Rees has a band of twenty-three prospective canvassers in training at the Forest

Home Academy. The band is well equipped for work, Professor Rees taking direct charge and maintaining a definite interest.

Mr. Harold Butler photographed the school family last week.

One evening last week a mock trial was conducted by the class in argumentation. The attorneys were Mr. W. F. Trinkner and Mr. C. H. Greenup.

Mrs. M. M. Brunson of Lewiston was a recent visitor at the College. Her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Turner, went home with her, but expects to return to school next year.

Mrs. Sarah Carmony of Brookville, O., is a patient at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

From *Eastern Tidings* for February we learn that Mr. Carl Weak with Elder and Mrs. Shaw recently went to Annfield House, India's recuperating station for our workers, for the purpose of looking after the Sanitarium property and making arrangements for the opening of our school.

OHIO

Campaign Experiences

To all our people, both ministry and lay members, I wish to say that if you would have your soul refreshed and revived, take hold of the work that lies before you in the grand enterprise of relieving our institutions where the sick and suffering are receiving both physical and spiritual help. Since taking up this effort I have been made to appreciate better than ever before the grand work which the Saviour has done for me. Pride is the hindering cause with many of God's people to-day. When self is crucified with Christ we shall have no difficulty in obeying the voice of God. The Lord by his Spirit is witnessing to each of his children that he will fulfill his promise when they show their desire to do his will.

This is our experience with the grand volume, "Ministry of Healing." The book seems to sell itself. It is a pleasure to be in the work; first, because it is unselfish; second, it brings a blessing to our own souls, and also to those who know little about the Great Physician; and third, it rolls off

a reproach against the cause of God. Should it not receive our most hearty support?

One of our most timid sisters was compelled by the Spirit of God to call on two of her nearest neighbors with "Ministry of Healing." The result was that she sold two books. When she came to church on the following Sabbath the light in her face showed plainly that she had had an experience. Some of our members are being aroused, and we are expecting to see a halo on other faces soon.

On a recent Sabbath when two visitors were present at our service, there was a question in my mind whether I should preach a sermon or read the last chapter of "Ministry of Healing." I finally decided to do the latter. Speaking afterward to one of the visitors about the reading, I mentioned the doubt that had been in my mind, and he said, "If you could preach a better sermon than that, I should like to hear it." Had it not been the Sabbath he would have taken a book at once, and later he did so.

The visits I have paid to my neighbors this week have been practical ones. In all I have sold and taken orders for twelve books. This was done in my new neighborhood. I had already taken orders for three books among my old neighbors. Some of my subscribers have said that they want another book later.

A lady in our postoffice affords us an experience worth relating. Some time ago we ordered all our church supplies addressed to the general delivery. Only one issue came. I called for them several times, but after looking the lady always replied, "They are not here." I finally wrote to the editor of the *Instructor* and learned that the postmaster at Zanesville had notified the publishers of the deluge of second class matter. Receiving a letter from Brother Reavis I took it to the lady, who said she thought those bundles belonged to a certain individual. "I have been opening them," she said, "each week, and taking a copy home to read, and I like them very much." Since that time she has been furnished with the *Instructor* and the weekly *Signs of the Times*. Yesterday I called on her with "Ministry of Healing" and asked if she did not want a good book. After looking at it for a moment she answered yes.

I have noted carefully my experiences in this work and I am sure that the Lord's hand has led me. He will lead you two, my dear brother and sister. Will you not try it?

F. H. HENDERSON, *Field Missionary Secretary*.

The Temperance Instructor for 1911

Is a temperance number of the *Instructor* needed? Let the misery, the moral, physical, and financial waste, and the shocking loss of life in all lands caused by intemperance answer. The purpose of this last issue is to invite all temperance people to join Uncle Sam in a thorough "house-cleaning."

The startling fact that there is expended each year for drink alone enough money to purchase \$91.00 worth of groceries for each of the 16,239,797 families in the United States should be enough to impel every lover of temperance to put forth every effort to suppress this enemy of the home and the nation.

Last year's circulation of the temperance number was 210,000 copies. Is 500,000 too many for this year? By the circulation of our temperance literature in the past few years, and especially by the circulation of the temperance *Instructor* in the two previous years, we have been given a welcome into the homes of temperance people. Let us take hold of this grand work at once and do all we can to suppress this awful evil that is so fatal to society and to life eternal. The prices are the same as last year. Order from the tract society.

F. H. HENDERSON.

A Good Report

In October, 1909, Brethren F. E. Hankins and H. F. Kirk with their families located in the eastern part of the state and arranged with the conference to canvass Carroll, Harrison, and Jefferson Counties. With the exception of the city of Steubenville, which was faithfully worked during this time by the Corder Brothers, they visited practically every family in this territory with "Daniel and the Revelation" or "Great Controversy."

Many of our books were found in the people's homes,—“Bible Readings,” “Bible Footlights,” “Coming King,” Daniel and the Revelation,” etc., but these did not in any way hinder their work; 1151 copies of “Daniel and the Revelation,” 144 copies of “Great Controversy,” besides Bibles and hundreds of children's books were delivered in this territory. In eighteen months their orders amounted to approximately \$4800, with an average delivery of about ninety per cent, or nine books delivered for every ten orders.

These brethren did not accomplish

this work without encountering difficulties, enduring hardships, and meeting some perplexing problems. Just recently a minister threatened to warn his people against receiving the books they had ordered; but after prayer over the matter, the entire delivery was made without the meeting of an objection. The Lord has promised to send angels before us to prepare the hearts of the people; and if God be for us who can be against us?

Several neighbors attended the Sabbath-school held every Sabbath at the homes of these resident canvassers. Those interested were instructed in many points of our faith, with the result that one sister has for some time been paying tithe, and another is deeply interested in the message. One lady recently accepted the Sabbath from reading "Daniel and the Revelation."

These brethren are now locating in a new field. They will no longer work together, as they would like very much to do. They have kindly consented to separate, each taking with him a new worker. This plan is in harmony with the instruction the Lord has given us, and presents an excellent opportunity for those who desire to enter the canvassing work this spring to associate with workers of experience. We shall be glad to hear from interested ones.

F. B. NUMBERS.

Delaware, O.

APPROXIMATELY one thousand copies of "Ministry of Healing" have been ordered since the beginning of February. The total number of copies sent out from the Ohio Tract Society since the beginning of the campaign is 1726.

Mrs. James E. Shultz with Harold, Gerald, and Leslie is paying a short visit to her parents at Clyde.

Brother James H. Smith has connected with the conference as a worker, and will labor in Wheelersburg and the surrounding district. He is at present working in the interests of the relief campaign.

A letter from Elder J. O. Miller of the Maritime Conference informs us that his son, Dr. Harry Miller, has been recommended by the Chinese Mission Board to spend the summer in America, his health having been failing for the past year. He will spend some time in Loma Linda on

his return, later visiting friends and relatives in Ohio and New Brunswick.

Sister Webber of Findlay is recovering from a severe and painful attack of inflammation of the eyes.

Brother Claren Loë, a former sanitarium worker in Ohio, has moved to Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Lucy Post, a former Bible worker in this state, is visiting relatives in Graysville, Tenn. She will visit in Ohio before returning to Idaho, her present field of labor. Her work in the West has been very successful. Mrs. Steunenburg, the wife of the late Ex-governor Steunenburg accepted the truth through her efforts.

THE church building at Bowling Green is located more than a mile north of the city. Arrangements are being made to purchase a beautiful lot centrally located in the city and to move the church building onto it. It is planned to move the church this month. We are glad for this evidence of the healthy condition of the oldest and one of the largest churches in the state.

Lesson quarterlies for the second quarter are on hand. Order at once.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER C. S. WIEST is now located in Philadelphia, having been chosen pastor of the North Philadelphia church.

Brother J. W. Hirlington, our field missionary agent, spent Sabbath and Sunday, March 11 and 12, with the Williamsport church in the interest of the canvassing and missionary work.

We were pleased to learn from Elder R. E. Harter that he spent a very profitable time with the Fleetwood church, having held three meetings with them.

The Jersey Shore church was visited last Sabbath by Elder L. E. Sufficool of Williamsport, and a very profitable meeting was reported.

Word received from Sister J. M. Weiss, Bible worker in Wilkes Barre, informs us that the church there is

doing a good work with "Ministry of Healing," hoping to dispose of its quota in a very short time.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Lebanon church last Sabbath forenoon, March 11, and with the Reading church in the afternoon. He reports an excellent attendance and spiritual meetings.

Brother J. H. Keller, the local elder of the Lebanon church, who has been living in Jonestown, Pa., has sold his farm and expects to move near the church. This will be very acceptable to the members there, as it will enable Brother Keller to devote more time and attention to his church duties, which will be greatly appreciated.

The election of officers for the North Philadelphia church took place last Sabbath. The following named persons were elected: Pastor and local elder, Elder C. S. Wiest; deacons, Brethren William Schultz and F. H. Thompson; deaconesses, Sisters M. S. Rutter and George Bond; clerk, Sister Annetta Myers; treasurer, L. P. Emerson; missionary secretary, Sister S. England.

Miss M. A. Bristol, Sabbath-school and young people's Missionary Volunteer secretary, met with the Lebanon church last Sabbath, March 18, in the interests of Sabbath-school and young people's work.

We have just received copies of the temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. It is indeed an excellent paper and should have a wide circulation in this conference. We are aiming to dispose of 20,000 copies in Eastern Pennsylvania. We trust that all our people will take hold and do their best to place this excellent paper in the homes of all their friends and neighbors.

VIRGINIA

A BROTHER who recently began to keep the Sabbath writes: "I am so glad the dear Lord has been so merciful to me as to give me this wonderful salvation, and I want everyone to have it. Others think it is so strange that I have been in the church for forty years and just thought to keep the Sabbath. But they do not know what a blessing it brought to me; I only wish they could see it also. They would think they had just begun to live."

Elder F. A. Warnick reports three persons baptized at Danville on a recent Sabbath.

Elder R. D. Hottel is spending a few weeks with the churches in Lynchburg and Roanoke. Good meetings are reported.

Brother V. O. Punches has been assisting some of our new canvassers with their delivery. His presence and help has been very encouraging to them.

Elder Kime has been with the church at Stanleyton for the past ten days. He reports good meetings and four more persons baptized.

The Danville treatment rooms under the management of Mrs. Franklin G. Warnick are progressing nicely. Two boarding patients are reported already. Many of the people of the place are deeply interested in this feature of our work. One physician is opposed to the enterprise. The workers ask the prayers of the friends in the truth that the Holy Spirit may direct their work.

A minister calling on one of his members who lived next door to one of our sisters asked who her neighbors were, and she told him they were Seventh-day Adventists. When asked if he knew anything about that people he said, "Yes, and they have the Bible for what they believe." She is now studying the Bible with our sister, and says that if she finds that the Bible teaches the seventh-day Sabbath she will keep it! Many souls are waiting for this message.

The temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* has just come to our desk. It is indeed attractive in appearance, tasty in design, and masterly in contents. We hope that every member of the Virginia Conference will do something to assist in its circulation. The temperance question is now being agitated and a movement is on foot for state-wide prohibition. This is our opportune time to sell thousands of this number. Let every church organize for the work. The youth should be especially enlisted in this campaign. The paper sells for ten cents per copy and sells readily. Let us have your orders for large numbers at once. The prices are the same as on all our magazines.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1911.

Bethel.....	00
Buena Vista.....	00
Danville.....	31 68
Hamburge.....	00
Lynchburg.....	00
Mt. Williams.....	00
New Market.....	00
Newport News No. 1.....	00
Newport News No. 2.....	9 52
News Ferry.....	00
Norfolk.....	8 84
Portsmouth.....	31 00
Richmond.....	141 34
Richmond No. 2.....	00
Roanoke.....	00
Spencer.....	00
Stanleyton.....	63 10
Dillwyn.....	00
Individuals.....	00

TOTAL..... \$288 48
A. M. NEFF, *Treas.*

NEW JERSEY

ELDER I. G. BIGELOW, in company with Elder Kneeland, visited the Trenton, Bridgeton, and Vineland churches last week in the relief campaign work. Some books were sold for cash and a number of orders were taken during the time devoted to field demonstration work, and the brethren and sisters were greatly encouraged to press on and to finish their part of the work.

Some of our resident canvassers are showing that it is possible to go over the same territory again and again without "spoiling" it. One of our workers is going over his territory for the third time within three years. He has had good success each time, but the last canvass has shown the best results, his sales last week amounting to \$1.50 per hour. There is plenty of room in the state for faithful resident canvassers who do their work in such a way that they are welcome to return to the homes of the people.

The Newark church is very enthusiastic over the prospect of soon having a church building of its own. The lot has been purchased, and the members of the church are donating their labor, so that the only expense will be for material. We shall be very glad to see a neat memorial for the truth in that great city.

Be sure to get a good supply of the temperance *Instructor* for use this spring. It takes with the people.

The Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies for the second quarter are at the office, and should be ordered at once.

Remember that this month is the grand rally month for the sale of "Ministry of Healing." The demonstrations have shown that this book is one that is readily sold, and we know well that the world needs the light that it contains. We trust that all will press forward until we shall be able to sing the song of jubilee as we see the share of the work belonging to this conference finished.

NEW JERSEY TITHE RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1911

Atlantic City.....	\$ 25 37
Bridgeton.....	109 23
Burlington.....
Camden.....	75 21
Cape May Court House.....	9 10
Elizabeth.....	44 05
Hackensack.....	20 18
Jersey City First.....	98 56
Jersey City Second.....
Jersey City German.....	144 80
Jersey City Swedish.....	28 49
Little Falls Company.....
Morristown.....
Newark.....	183 37
Newark Bohemian-Slavic.....	75 56
Paterson.....	72 76
Paulsboro.....
Perth Amboy.....	14 30
Salem.....
Trenton.....	75 86
Vineland.....	13 58
Woodbury.....	19 16
Individuals.....	30 10

Total..... \$1039 68

Erratum.—Our last tithe report, published in the issue of February 22, was a report of tithes received during the month of January, 1911, instead of the month of December, 1910, as stated in that issue.

CLARENCE LAWRY, *Treas.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg

THE following is a report of the work done by the young people's Missionary Volunteer society of the Pittsburg church during the month of February.

Letters written.....	9
Letters received.....	1
Missionary visits.....	32
Bible readings.....	4
Papers sold.....	246
Papers given away.....	70
Books sold.....	25
Books lent and given away.....	3

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending March 10, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	35	15	22 50			22 50	59 25
A. Hendrickson, Harrison	DR	5	34	8	24 00			33 25	6 00
†B. Hubbell, Cabell Co.	BF	3	19	7	7 00	1 00		8 00	2 00
B. Hubbell, Cabell Co.	BR	4	24	7	18 00	15 25		33 25	
†Mary Hubbell, Cabell Co.	GC	9	41	7	21 00	37 25		58 25	7 50
J. W. Marshall, Berkley Co.	GC	4	32	12	38 00	2 00		40 00	
W. McElphatrick, Gimer Co.	DR	1	6	3	8 00	2 50		10 50	4 00
Eva Pruett, Cabell Co.	DR	5	13	11	27 00			27 00	
H. Rees, Kanawha Co.	DR	4	25	5	15 00	7 50		22 50	
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	3	16						63 40
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	36	6	19 00	2 25		21 25	79 25
Totals		48	281	81	\$199 50	\$77 00	\$276 50	\$221 40	

Ohio, Week Ending March 10, 1911

L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	5	44	43	47 00	1 75	48 75	25	
Guy Corder, Mahoning Co.	BF	5	34	42	44 00	8 25	52 25		
H. Forsythe, Mahoning Co.	BF	5	32	21	23 00		23 00		
Ray Corder, Huron Co.	BF	4	28	24	27 50	4 00	31 50	75	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	48	18	64 00	16 00	80 00	3 35	
F. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	GC	5	48					282 80	
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	4	37	3	9 00	6 25	15 25	6 25	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	DR	4	40	1	3 00		3 00	250 00	
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.	BR	9	47	21	66 00	5 65	71 65	46 15	
Totals		46	358	173	\$283 50	\$41 90	\$325 40	\$589 55	

Virginia, Week Ending March 3, 1911

Chas. Maples, Durmid	GC		44	22	74 00	1 00	75 00	78 75	
S. N. Brown, Martinsville	OK		30	36	55 00	3 75	58 75		
T. E. Phillips, Stanleyton	PG		31	6	19 00	11 00	30 00	9 50	
B. R. Jenkins, Stanleyton	PG		23	6	21 00	4 85	25 85	2 00	
O. C. Panches, Staunton	PG		40	25		75 00	9 00	84 00	
B. Hamm, Hinton	PP		35	9	14 50	5 70	20 20	75	
Totals			203	104	\$183 50	\$101 30	\$218 80	\$175 00	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 10, 1911

J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	GC	4	23	9	30 50	1 95	32 45	1 00	
H. Hackman, Allegheny Co.	GC	7	48	22	79 00	7 30	86 30	14 30	
Totals		11	71	31	\$109 50	\$9 25	\$118 75	\$15 30	

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending March 4, 1911

W. P. Hess, Carlisle	OK	10	74	42	65 50		65 50		
G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	5	35	3	10 00		10 00	19 50	
S. Zenger, Blossburg		2	16	2	6 00	3 00	9 00		
I. Bateman		5	19			40	40	9 00	
H. Minier, Wyalusing	GC	2	17	2	8 00	3 50	19 25		
H. Rohrer, Union	DR	5	35	1	3 00	11 50	14 50		
Total		29	196	50	\$92 50	\$18 15	\$110 65	28 50	

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending March 3, 1911

C. Beach, Essex	GC	2	11			50	50	18 50	
W. Plant, Warren	OK	2	12					19 00	
S. Walker, Essex	BR	2	8	3	10 00		10 00	2 00	
Totals		6	31	3	\$10 00	\$ 50	\$10 50	\$39 50	

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1060.60 Deliveries, \$1069.25

Pages of tracts lent and given

away.....	4,272
Hours of Christian help work.....	1
Articles of clothing given away.....	3
Number of meals provided.....	8
Offerings for foreign missions.....	\$1.30
Offerings for local society work.....	\$1.05
Post cards sold, 33 at 5 cents.....	\$1.65

The society meets every Sabbath. At the close of our last meeting eight persons came forward, signed pledge cards, and entered their names as members of the society, making our present roll call twenty-five.

MAUDE MCDADE, Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

An Experience

WHILE in the field recently with Brother A. A. Hendrickson we had an experience which we are passing on, hoping that it will be of interest to others.

We were canvassing a district near Clarksburg. It is our custom when ready to leave a home to enquire about the neighbors, whether or not they would be interested in our work. We had called at only a few homes when, upon inquiry concerning the people of a certain house, we were told, "Oh, they are society folks. They are very nice people, but I am sure that you could not interest them in a book of that kind."

Our rule is never to pass a house, so we stepped to the door of the society lady, and having introduced ourselves, were shown into the parlor. After a preliminary talk of a few minutes we made known our mission and introduced our book, "Daniel and the Revelation." When we reached the chapter dealing with the low spiritual condition of the churches, she said, "That is just right. We belong to the Methodist church in Clarksburg. They have done away with the usual series of meetings this winter and are installing a gymnasium in the church building. The minister seems dead spiritually. When he comes to visit us my daughter goes to the piano, and when she asks him what he likes, he says, 'Anything,' so she begins to play rag-time, and he actually enjoys it! I belong to several lodges, and they are continually getting up something to raise money. The other evening they were planning a ball to raise money for a certain object, and I spoke against it, because these things are ruining my girls. They used to be interested in the Sunday-school lessons; now they never look at them; but when a card-party or a ball is on

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hand they cannot do enough to help it along. I often wonder what the world is coming to. If that book will help me to understand these things, I will gladly give you an order." So this perplexed mother gave her order for "Daniel and the Revelation," saying that she would get anything that would interest her daughters in the study of the Bible.

This experience reveals the fact that while the upper strata of society as a class are spending their lives in seeking pleasure, there are those among them who have honest hearts. These individuals are classed among the "men and women who are wandering in the mist of fog and error. They want to know what is truth."

Many times, I fear, we as canvassers pass by this class of people. One thing that we should always remember is that "all people are folks," whether they live in the humble abode of the peasant or the marble palace of the rich. If we are inclined to be fearful, let us follow David's example, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." C. V. LEACH.

THE following letter is characteristic of the letters we are receiving from our canvassers:—

"Will you please send me by mail one copy of "His Glorious Appearing" in the cloth binding? Or, if there is any other small priced subscription book that sets forth the third angel's message more clearly, send me that instead. I want the book to use as a 'help'.

I believe that my accident will turn out for my good and for the ultimate good of the work. It has given me time for meditation and prayer. I trust that hereafter I shall put more real spirit into my work, looking at it less from the financial standpoint, and more from the standpoint of circulating

the message. I have been content to circulate children's books, when I might have been circulating books that contain present truth. I shall continue to use children's books, but shall give less attention to them than formerly.

"My shoulder continues to improve but is still quite sensitive, and I shall need to move carefully to keep from hurting it as I go into the country tomorrow. The mud is fast drying up, and if the fair weather continues, we can keep the road and thus avoid fence-climbing.

"Will your pray that I may be preserved from accident, and that my work for the Master may be more successful?"

This is the second severe accident this brother has met with since he has been canvassing, and he truly desires the prayers of God's people. The life of the canvasser is a hazardous one; therefore let our prayers be that the blessing and care of the Lord may be with these faithful workers continually.

Brother H. C. Smith is now in Ohio preparing to ship his goods to West Virginia, where he intends to establish his home.

Brother C. V. Leach stopped at the office last week on his way from the Kanawha church, where he had been spending a few days with the brethren in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" work. He reports having secured another regular canvasser for the general canvassing work.

Send in your money for the copies of the "Ministry of Healing" you have already sold.

The Sabbath-school quarterlies for the second quarter are now in the office. Only one Sabbath of the first quarter now remains. Order your quarterlies at once, so that you may begin the study of the new lessons promptly with the beginning of the quarter. Let every isolated member in West Virginia procure a lesson pamphlet and begin the study of the very interesting subject under consideration.

In accordance with the resolution passed by the conference at its last meeting, the conference office at Parkersburg will remove about April 1, from Parkersburg to Fairmont, where it will be located at number 411 Main Street, directly opposite the Watson Hotel.

The temperance *Instructor* is now ready, and we can say that it is far superior in every particular to any similar paper heretofore published by our people.

THE April *Watchman* is an Advent number. Do not fail to obtain a copy for yourself and to distribute it widely among your friends and neighbors.

"THE magazine with the message" seems to be the new slogan for the *Signs of the Times Monthly*, and it is an appropriate one. The February and March numbers were both unusually good, but the April number passes them all. We know that you will be interested in it. You should hand them to your townspeople.

WANTED.—A young woman or a widow for general house work; must be an Adventist. Address Mrs. T. J. Reark, Bowling Green, O.

THE many friends of Mrs. M. Olive Jones Tracey, well known in sanitarium-circles and among Seventh-day Adventists, as a teacher in healthful cookery, will be pleased to know she has placed before the public a booklet containing a list of her favorite recipes, which can be purchased for twenty-five cents each, postpaid. Address until April 1, Attleboro Mass., care of Sanitarium.

OBITUARIES

MARABLE.—Charles Marable, of News Ferry, Va., fell asleep in Jesus Wednesday, March 1, aged 11 years. He was a member of the News Ferry church. Before his death he had his mother take twenty cents tithe out of his pocket to hand it in for him. Thus to the last he rendered to the Lord his own. The writer spoke words of comfort from the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians. A crowded congregation listened to the words of truth. F. G. WARNICK.

OSMOND.—After an illness of only three days, George W. Osmond died at his home in Burlon, Grange County, O., Feb. 9, 1911, aged 57 years, 8 months, and 23 days. He had attended two series of tent-meetings besides many other of our meetings, and was always ready to help the cause financially. But while he believed the truth he had never fully accepted and lived it out. It was sad indeed to lay him away with so little hope for the future. However, the writer had the opportunity of testifying to the truth before a large concourse of people.

C. C. WEBSTER.