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

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GENERAL MATTER

Make Me a Blessing

Make me a blessing, Lord, to those I love,
To smoothe and brighten their oft rugged
way;

Give me thy blessed comfort from above,
That I may comfort others, day by day.

Make me a blessing, Lord, to those I meet,
Even among the hurrying, eager throng;
Give me thy Spirit, ever calm and sweet,
Thy light to shine through me both clear
and strong.—*Selected.*

Who Changed the Sabbath?

THE SABBATH NOT CHANGED BY GOD
THE FATHER

It could not have been God, the Father, who changed the Sabbath; such a change would be contrary to his character; for he says, "I am the Lord, I change not."¹ And the apostle James says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."² Fallible, short-sighted men may change because they have been unable to see the end from the beginning, and so they can approximate perfection only by experimenting. Not so with God. He sees the end from the beginning. He knows from the first just what is best, and so when he has given that which is best he does not change. In him is no variableness neither shadow of turning.

THE SABBATH NOT CHANGED
BY CHRIST

It could not have been Christ who changed the Sabbath; for he too is unchangeable. He is "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever."³ And we may also be assured that he would do nothing contrary to the will or character of the Father; for he says, "I and my Father are one."⁴ Just after he chose the twelve apostles he gave that wonderful sermon on the mount, which may be termed his inaugural address, in which he states the principles of his

kingdom. It is in this wonderful sermon that he says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."⁵ These considerations make it very evident that there was never any attempt on the part of Christ to tear the Sabbath of the fourth commandment from the heart of the law and substitute in its place the first day of the week.

THE APOSTASY

As Paul was returning from his third missionary tour he stopped at Miletus, and from there "sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church," and gave them some parting advice. He said to them, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."⁶ This scripture shows that there should arise among the very leaders of the church an apostasy. Men who would exalt themselves instead of exalting Christ, men who would draw disciples to themselves instead of drawing disciples to Christ. And in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians he tells us still more about this apostasy. In speaking of the second coming of Christ he says, "But we entreat of you, my brethren, in regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, and in respect to our being congregated unto him, that ye be not soon agitated in your mind, nor be troubled,—neither by word, nor by spirit, nor by letter, as coming from us—that is, the day of our Lord is at hand. Let no one deceive you in any way; (because that day will not come), unless there previously come

a defection, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who is an opposer, and exalteth himself above all that is called God and Worshipful; so that he also sitteth in the temple of God, as a God, and displayeth himself, as if he were God."⁷ This scripture shows that before the coming of Christ can take place there must be a "defection", that is, an apostasy, and that apostasy would go so far that a man, a common sinful man, or "man of sin," should be exalted in the place of God. This same power is brought to view in the vision of Daniel seven under the symbol of the little horn. Of that little horn it is said that he had "eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things." The prophet in describing the judgment scene in the same chapter says, "I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake." While the angel was explaining this vision to Daniel the prophet "desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast. . . . and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them: until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom." The angel takes up the prophet's question and replies, "As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings. And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time."⁸ The self-exalting characteristics of this little horn of Daniel seven show it to be the same power which Paul describes in his letter to the Thessalonians as a man of sin who

sets himself in the place of God. These characteristics are met in that system of religion known as the papacy. It was through the influence of a pope of Rome that three of the horns, or three of the divisions of the Roman kingdom, were put down. These three were the Heruli (A. D. 493), the Vandals (A. D. 534), and the Ostrogoths (A. D. 538).⁹ From this latter date, A. D. 538, the papacy wielded a controlling influence in the affairs of the nations until the taking of Pope Pius VI a prisoner by Berthier, the French general, in 1798. This shows their period of supremacy to continue just 1260 years, and Daniel's prophecy shows that dominion should be given to the horn for a "time, times, and half a time." A time, as understood by the Jews, was one year; times, the plural, would necessarily be two years; and half a time would be half a year. This would make three and one half years for the supremacy of the little horn. The Jewish year consisted of 360 days. Three and one half years thus reckoned would amount to 1260 days. But as this chapter deals in symbolic language, each day must represent a year,¹⁰ and the whole period would thus be 1260 years, the exact period of time during which the papacy wielded a controlling influence in the affairs of the nations. Of this power the prophecy says, "The same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them." And again it is stated that he should wear out the saints of the Most High. Historians estimate that between 50,000,000 and 100,000,000 were martyred to satisfy the demands of the papacy. Again we read that he had "a mouth that spake great things," and these things were so great that the prophet, speaking of the judgment scene, says, "I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake." A few references will indicate what some of their great words have been.

PAPAL GREAT WORDS

"In a sermon, preached when he was archbishop, Cardinal Manning put the following sentences into the mouth of the pope: 'I acknowledge no civil power; I am the subject of no prince; and I claim more than this; I claim to be the supreme judge and director of the consciences of men; of the peasant that tills the field, and of the prince that sits upon the throne; of the householder that lives in the shade of privacy, and the legislator that makes laws for kingdoms; I am the sole, last, supreme judge of what is right and wrong.' He also says: 'Moreover, we declare, affirm, define,

and pronounce it to be necessary to salvation for every human creature to be subject to the Roman Pontiff.'"¹¹

Another writer says, "He can dispense above law, and of wrong make right, by correcting and changing laws." "The pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ." "He (the pope) ought not to be judged by any man. The Roman church never erred, and never will err according to the testimony of Scripture."¹²

THE CHANGE OF THE SABBATH

It was also said of this little horn, which we have shown to be the papacy, that he should "think to change the times and the law." This is speaking of the times and law of God, as is shown by the context. There is but one commandment that relates to time, and it is, therefore, the only one that the papacy could alter and at one stroke change both the times and the law. That one is the fourth, or Sabbath, commandment which is found in the very heart of the decalogue; and this the papacy think they have changed. A few quotations from their own works will show their position on this subject.

"A rule of faith, or competent guide to heaven, must be able to instruct in all the truths necessary for salvation. Now the Scriptures alone do not contain all the truths which the Christian is bound to believe, nor do they explicitly enjoin all the duties which he is obliged to practice. Not to mention other examples, is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday, and to abstain on that day from unnecessary servile work? Is not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."¹³ "Sunday, as a day of the week set apart for the obligatory public worship of Almighty God, . . . is purely a creation of the Catholic church."¹⁴ "Question.—Have you any other way of proving that the church has power to institute festivals of precept? Answer.—Had she not such power, . . . she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural author-¹⁵

Father Enright, a Catholic priest, in a lecture at Hartford, Kan., said:—

"Sunday is not the Sabbath day; no man dare assert that it is. . . . I will give \$1,000 to any man who will prove by the Bible alone that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep. . . . The observance of Sunday is solely a law of the Catholic church. . . . The church changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and all the world bows down and worships upon that day in silent obedience to the mandates of the Catholic church."¹⁶

"It is worth its while to remember that this observance of the Sabbath—in which, after all, the only Protestant worship consists—not only has no foundation in the Bible, but it is in flagrant contradiction with its letter, which commands rest on the Sabbath, which is Saturday. It was the Catholic church which, by the authority of Jesus Christ, has transferred this rest to the Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestant is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the 'Catholic' church."¹⁷

CONCLUSION

We have seen in this study that the Sabbath was not changed by God the Father, or by Christ the Saviour of men. We have also traced the development of that apostasy foretold by Paul. We have seen how a man has been exalted to the place of God. We have noted the great persecutions which followed, and then we have found that the only authority for the observance of Sunday is the decrees of that power which has gone into apostasy, which has put to death millions of the saints and which now stands in rebellion against God. Surely we cannot yield obedience to such a power without dishonoring God. "We must obey God rather than man."¹⁸

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O. F. BUTCHER.

AT THE COLLEGE

Are You Interested?

I PRESUME you are anxious to know to what the above question refers. I am speaking especially to the young women of the Columbia Union Conference. Are you interested in getting a training in Mount Vernon College to prepare yourself to go forth into the world to teach the way of salvation to the children in our churches? Is your education so completed that you are ready to take up the work next fall in some church school? If it is not, why not begin at once to lay plans that you may have the opportunity of taking up the normal course in the College next year?

The scholarship plan is a great aid to our young people who earn their own way through school. If it were not for this, many would not have the privilege of attending the College. Where there is a will there is a way. Why not work hard this summer to get a scholarship to help you through school? The Lord is ready and willing to help those who help themselves.

He has told us that there should be a church school in every church where there are at least six children. How are we going to carry out God's plan if we do not prepare ourselves for the work that he has commissioned us to do?

Perhaps there are some of our young people who are teaching in the public schools. Why not change your plan, and fit yourself to give a Christian training to our many children in the churches that are calling for teachers?

It is impossible to supply teachers for all the schools that are now asking for help, and to many calls we have to answer that there are no teachers to send. It is hard to understand such a state of affairs when we have a College for the training of our young people.

You may say it is too late to think of starting to school to get a better education; but the Lord would be better pleased to find us in school getting an education when he comes than to

find us wasting the valuable time which should be spent in preparing for his work. The Lord has told us that there is no greater work than that of the church school teacher. Think of training children for the kingdom of God! Why not have a part in this work?

There should be a large number of young women at the College next fall to take up the normal course. There are certainly many who desire to fit themselves to train the children who are to meet the Lord in the day of judgment. God is calling for young people to join his army of workers. But you will be unable to do efficient work unless you take the training that you need. There should be not less than thirty young people enter the course next fall for this training. Why should not you be one of that number? Now is the time to plan for it. It is none too early. Make up your mind that you are going to have a part in this church school work. You will have no better opportunity than during the coming year. Every year brings us that much nearer the end of this world, so many more golden opportunities gone from us. Soon Jesus will come, and if we have had a part in this work, how our hearts will throb with joy unspeakable when Jesus says, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

MINNIE O. HART.

Elder Butler has just returned from Philadelphia, where he spent a week at the ministerial institute.

The canvassers' institute for students is now in progress. Brother E. R. Numbers, general agent of the Columbia Union, and Brother F. B. Numbers, general agent of the Ohio conference, are in attendance to give instruction to the prospective canvassers, of whom there is a large class.

Elder Butcher was called to Fostoria, O., last Wednesday to conduct a funeral service, all other Seventh-day Adventist ministers of this state being absent at the ministerial institute at Philadelphia.

Dr. Harry Miller, who is returning from China with his family on account of his health, arrived in San Francisco so ill that he could not be taken to the Loma Linda Sanitarium, where he had planned to spend some time in recuperating.

Mr. Bert Wagner recently joined the printing office force.

Mr. Raymond Spencer is nursing at Howard, O.

A card from Miss Nellie Leach says that she is feeling better already.

Mr. L. C. Metcalf is at the Sanitarium, ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Horner of Dayton recently visited his daughter at the College.

Miss Hart moved into the College last week to act as preceptress until the close of school.

In response to our request for letters from old students, Miss Golden B. Kuhn, who spent two years at the College, writes from Lore City, Ohio:—"It gives me great pleasure to tell of the work I have been doing. Since leaving the College two years ago, I have been attending high school at home, and will graduate this June. During vacation I have been teaching music, and in March took the state music teachers' test and was granted a three years' certificate and also a public school teachers' certificate.

"I hope in some way to do something for the advancing of the cause. It always gives me pleasure to think of the two years I spent at Mount Vernon College, and I hope soon to take up studies there again."

Dr. Paulson made his annual visit to Mount Vernon College last Sabbath. Everyone was glad to see him, and his message was more inspiring than ever before. He spoke to the church in the morning on the subject of our gifts and the responsibility they place upon us. In the afternoon he spoke to the young people's society on the religious life of our schools. Before the close of the meeting, Mr. Gauker, the leader of the society called for a donation to send the prisoner's number of the *Life Boat* to the inmates of the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus. For several years the Mount Vernon young people's society has supplied the prisoners with this number of the *Life Boat*. Ten dollars was the amount needed, but when the pledges and contributions were counted it was found that \$17.59 had been raised.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

WE are glad to see the yearly subscriptions for the *Review and Herald* coming in, and we trust that all who can possibly do so will subscribe for this paper. It should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home.

Elder I. N. Williams left here last week to attend the ministerial institute at Philadelphia.

Elder I. G. Biglow and Brother Medairy spent two days at the office recently. We enjoyed the good meetings which they held while here.

Elder and Mrs. W. W. Williams have returned from the South, where they have been laboring for several years. They are living in Brother Williams' old home in Corydon, where they hope he will regain his failing health.

Brother George West called at the office on his way to the ministerial institute. We are glad to see and become acquainted with these brethren from the different parts of the conference.

Brother and Sister F. C. Owens have returned to their home in Warren from the South, where they spent the winter months on account of Sister Owen's health.

We are glad to see the good reports which our canvassers are sending in. Surely the pages of truth are being scattered by a few; but we hope to see many more take up this line of work in the near future; for the time is short in which we may do this work for the Master.

J. S. BARROWS.

WEST VIRGINIA

THE headquarters of the West Virginia Conference and Tract Society is now located at 411 Main Street, Fairmont, where all matter concerning the conference and those of the West Virginia tract society should be addressed. While the removal of the office necessarily broke into the routine of the office, we feel assured, now that we are in a manner settled in the new office, that the business of the conference will continue to receive the blessing of God, with which he has been so generously favoring us.

Situated as we now are, in the central part of the state, we feel that we are in closer touch with our people, whom we will be better able to serve than before.

The removal of the office was the source of no small expense, but through the generosity of our friends in the conference, small donations to this expense have been, and are still coming in, so that the entire expense may be fully met.

Brethren, let your prayers be for the advanced movement which the West Virginia Conference is now feeling; pray continually that the work of Christ may advance still more rapidly than ever before in the history of West Virginia.

Elder Robbins is attending the ministerial convention now in session at Philadelphia. A card just received from him says: "Elders Daniells and Thompson occupied the time to-day. We are having excellent meetings; a feast of good things is surely awaiting us."

Elder John F. Steele, of Martinsburg, and Brother I. D. Richardson, of Wheeling, are also attending the meeting at Philadelphia.

Brother I. D. Richardson favored the office with a brief call when passing through Fairmont on his way to Philadelphia. He reports very favorable conditions throughout the "Pan-Handle" district. Especially encouraging, he says, is the medical work, to which he and Sister Richardson are devoting much of their time.

Dallas Metcalf, of Ohio, formerly a resident of West Virginia, will again take up the canvassing work in this conference. Brother Metcalf canvassed for a short time in this field, beginning in the middle of July, 1909, and canvassing until the first of September; in the brief space of one month and a half he sold nearly two hundred dollars' worth of books—an excellent record indeed for one who had never canvassed before. We are pleased to again welcome Brother Metcalf to the ranks of the faithful canvassers in West Virginia.

This conference is making an extraordinary effort to dispose of 3,000 copies of the temperance *Instructor*. Up to April first we had already ordered from the publishers over a thousand copies; since then the orders have been received in encouraging numbers. Let every church

make a strong effort to sell many copies of this most excellent paper. The isolated Sabbath-keepers, too, should join in this laudable work of helping to spread the gospel of temperance through the means furnished by this very excellent paper. Remember West Virginia would sell 3,000 copies of the temperance *Instructor*.

One of the faithful canvassers who pushes his work whether it rains or shines writes: "I have made a long round in the country and am very tired. Have had good luck this week; did not miss an order, and delivered two books that were not to have been taken until the first part of May."

Brother C. V. Leach spent the greater part of last week in and about Clarksburg, aiding the canvassers now located in that city and vicinity.

Elder John F. Steele, Martinsburg, has ordered 500 copies of the temperance *Instructor*. This is the largest individual order yet received.

NEW JERSEY

With the Canvassers

ALTHOUGH last week (April 2-9) was very rainy and cold, the most of our canvassers did good work.

Brother L. B. Smith, besides canvassing twenty-three hours, made his first delivery in this state. He reports all but one book delivered. He is working hard and the Lord is blessing his efforts. His wife expects to join him soon in this good work. At present she is becoming acquainted with the people by visiting them with the temperance *Instructor*. In this she is having excellent success, and expects to go over the same territory with "Coming King."

Brother J. S. Glunt, who has been with us but a few weeks, writes: "I had a very pleasant week, despite the rain, and met many good people. I hope that all will come out right, and that my work may result in many books distributed and some souls brought back to the keeping of God's commandments." In spite of the rain, Brother Glunt worked thirty-eight hours, and was rewarded with \$45.85 worth of orders.

Brother S. W. Stowe writes of his work for week ending March 31: "The Lord did bless me wonderfully this week, and I know that he will continue to bless me as long as I prove faithful and ask him to help me."

There was a great revival up here, and all the people want books." May this revival be the means of their not only buying but also reading and studying these books and accepting the truth.

As Philip, led by the Spirit, found the eunuch reading the prophecy which spoke of Christ, and thus preparing himself for the message which Philip came to bring, so the canvasser finds many times that the Holy Spirit has been working upon the hearts of those whom he visits and has prepared them for the truths which the books contain.

May each of us hold fast and finally triumph with this glorious truth.

C. E. GRAY, *General Agent.*

NEW JERSEY TITHE RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1911

Atlantic City.....	\$ 32 64
Bridgeton.....	38 85
Burlington.....	66 46
Camden.....	73 68
Cape May Court House.....	14 24
Elizabeth.....	32 28
Hackensack.....	9 98
Jersey City First.....	55 57
Jersey City Second.....	103 80
Jersey City German.....	116 45
Jersey City Swedish.....	20 31
Little Falls Company.....
Morristown.....
Newark.....	260 29
Newark Bohemian-Slavic.....	52 05
Paterson.....	35 44
Paulsboro.....	8 93
Perth Amboy.....	29 80
Salem.....	20 00
Trenton.....	82 76
Vineland.....	32 87
Woodbury.....	39 94
Individuals.....	24 90

Total.....\$ 1151 24

Total tithe received, the first quarter,

1911.....\$ 3053 44

1910.....2331 55

Gain in 1911.....721 89

OFFERINGS

FIRST QUARTER, 1911

Sabbath-school Offerings.....	\$ 288 96
Weekly Offerings.....	51 45
Foreign Missions.....	80 35
Annual Offering.....	58 16
Mid-summer Offering.....	1 00
Harvest Ingathering.....	108 12
\$300,000 Fund.....	230 20
Mt. Vernon College.....	18 83
Religious Liberty.....	16 43
German Seminary.....	20 00
Relief Campaign Donations.....	21 15
Huntsville Scholarship.....	5 58

Educational Fund.....	3 00
Jewish Work.....	50
Blind.....	1 00
Central India.....	1 00

Total.....\$ 905 73
Total for First Quarter, 1910....735 22

Gain.....\$ 170 51
Tract Society receipts, first quarter
1911.....1241 90
1910.....681 29

CLARENCE LAWRY, *Treas.*

We are glad to welcome one more new canvasser to our field. Sister L. B. Smith, of Takoma Park, D. C., has recently joined her husband in the canvassing work in Plainfield and vicinity. She is visiting the homes and carrying to them the wonderful news that our Saviour and King is soon to come to this earth again, and she expects to leave the book entitled "The Coming King," in many of these homes.

Last week Brother L. B. Smith suffered with a sprained ankle; nevertheless, he delivered \$41.25 worth of books and took \$17.00 worth of orders.

A few days since Sister Ogden, of Swedesboro, sent us an order for seven copies of "The Message for To-day Series" of the *Signs of the Times* to be sent to her friends for six months. A day or two later our youngest Sabbath-school (Plainfield) sent us a splendid order for ten copies for six months of this truth-filled periodical. What are our older Sabbath-schools and our churches planning to do? We are looking for some excellent orders within the next week or two. Surely we are not to be disappointed, are we?

Last year several persons were disappointed because their orders for the special series of the *Signs* came in too late for them to receive the first two or three issues. Please send in your orders early, because we do not want any-one to be disappointed this year.

A few of the good things in store for your friends to whom you are planning to send this series of the *Signs* for six months, are as follows:—

"Reports and stories from the vast foreign mission fields, where soldiers of God are fighting tremendous battles for the Prince of Peace.

"Bible Readings on varied subjects

of vital import to every soul; including twenty-five studies on the Revelation, chapters 12-22, covering God's great threefold message for to-day.

"Letters from our own correspondents in Europe, Africa, India, China, and Japan, where history is in the making.

"Important and worth-while news, shorn of sensation, pointing morals for the consideration of our readers, and telling what the great movements now going on in the world mean to us all.

"The Question Corner, where questions on all sorts of Biblical and historical subjects will be answered for our patrons.

"Poetry and illustration for those who love the beautiful in art and literature.

"In brief, all the regular departments which have proved of such value to you. Timely, convincing, and uplifting editorials and articles by men of experience. A brighter, better journal in every respect.

"Talks to young women by a mother and physician, who has brought up a family of children, the older ones now occupying positions of responsibility. She writes from wide, practical and professional experience. These articles will be of inestimable value.

"Talks to young men by one of them. This series of articles will be written by a graduate from one of our leading universities, who is now teaching in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, D. C. These will be particularly helpful to young men who are facing the great problems of life.

"All this, and much more, is included in the new series of 25 special numbers which begins May 9. Subscription price for one copy, six months, 90 cents; 5 copies to separate addresses, 65 cents per copy; five or more copies to one address, 62½ cents per copy.

"We trust that many of our church members will take advantage of these excellent offers, and hand to their librarian the name of at least one person to whom they wish to send this series.

Here is just one experience in which the *Signs* had a part:

"Our good old Brother Killen in North Carolina, tells of the privilege which he recently had of baptizing an excellent young man. This man is now an active worker in the cause. Of him Elder Killen says: 'His donations and tithes have amounted to

something over \$200 in less than six months, as he is about that old in the faith. He was won to the truth largely by reading the weekly *Signs*."

We are glad to report that New Jersey has nearly reached the 5,000 mark in the distribution of the temperance *Youth's Instructor*, and we have only begun the campaign; 4,635 copies have been ordered.

VIRGINIA

EVERYTHING is progressing at the Academy. Though there has been considerable sickness during the winter, almost all are now well and eager for work. The students of the tenth grade are very busy, especially with botany. Those who will graduate this year are also working hard, and expect to do so until the close of school.

A canvassers' institute will be held at the Academy in May. A number of students are planning to earn a scholarship by canvassing in the summer vacation.

Brother and Sister Holman have recently moved to our vicinity from Pennsylvania. Their daughter, Mariam, is attending school. Brother Holman is engaged in the canvassing work.

The students all miss Grandma Zirkle, who always had a cheery word for everyone.

Professor Forshee and Mr. Symonds have been trimming the school orchard, and have very much improved its appearance.

Elder Hottel often visits the Academy and speaks to the students, who always welcome him.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1911

Bethel.....	30 01
Buena Vista	
Danville.....	5 00
Hamburg.....	4 00
Lynchburg.....	
Mt. Williams.....	
New Market.....	25 40
Newport News No.1.....	97 21
Newport News No. 2.....	
News Ferry.....	5 33

Norfolk.....	4 00
Portsmouth.....	20 87
Richmond.....	123 87
Richmond No. 2.....	
Roanoke.....	
Spencer.....	54 83
Stanleyton.....	
Dillwyn.....	55 67
Individuals.....	82 78

TOTAL..... \$ 508 67

OFFERINGS

FIRST QUARTER, 1911

Sabbath School Offerings	68 11
First Day Offerings.....	14 24
Foreign Missions	40 98
Annual Offering.....	16 03
Religious Liberty Offerings.....	2 99
\$300,000 Fund.....	7 50
Harvest Ingathering.....	26 17
Self Denial.....	1 75

TOTAL..... \$ 177 77

A. M. NEFF, *Treas.*

OHIO

Results of Canvassing

THE following interesting experience was related in a recent letter from Brother Guy Corder, who assisted in canvassing Monroe County with "Great Controversy" last fall.

"One evening toward dusk I was working on a flat or ridge where two or three families of poor people were living. I tried to arrange to stay over night, but they did not have room. I noticed a comfortable looking house down in the valley, and on inquiry learned that it was the home of a Methodist family named Schar. I stayed with them that night but did not show them my book until morning. They had a good organ, and we had some music in the evening.

The next morning the lady said she would like to see my book if I could wait until she had done the milking. I waited, and after looking at the book she seemed very much pleased with it and ordered a copy. She was especially interested in the falling of the stars.

When I delivered the book, I asked her to be sure to read it. In about a month I received a letter from her saying that she was surprised to learn that the seventh day was the Sabbath; that she was very sorry she had been keeping the wrong day, and yet it was really true.

The missionary society of the Co-shocton church is sending her the *Signs of the Times*, and I have sent her other literature, including the temp-

erance *Instructor*. This she liked so well that she has ordered it for her children.

After studying the Sabbath question for some time, she and her daughter have, amid trials, decided to keep the Sabbath. She prays for the time when they can have a little company there.

The Lord is certainly going before the canvassers, and I am so glad that I can have a part in the work. The trials that I have had seem as nothing compared to this one grand experience. And others whom the Lord is calling can have such experiences if they will only start out by faith and take up this work."

Many, I am sure, had a burden to take up this work last year, but for some reason did not make a beginning. Shall we wait longer, while so many are asking, What is truth? Many of those now in darkness are waiting for us to bring the truth to their door.

1910 is now past,— its opportunities forever gone; but it is not too late, if we act quickly, to make this the best year of our lives. There is still time for young people to resolve to canvass for a scholarship, and by prompt action and industry find themselves in Mount Vernon College this coming fall with their tuition paid for the year.

Shall we not lay aside every weight and run with patience the race that is set before us?

F. B. NUMBERS, *State Agent*.

A SHORT time ago a new canvasser wrote that he was hurrying, on after the angel that had gone before to prepare the hearts of the people. We are told that, "no sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near to soften and subdue the heart." What a privilege it is to have ambassadors of heaven as our daily companions. This explains why the missionary canvasser is often accorded such a hearty welcome.

Not long since, the writer, with a new worker, arranged to stay over night with a family in the country. During the evening they told us that we could not have stayed any place in the neighborhood, as no one around there ever kept anyone. But the unseen guest had prepared the way.

Brother Ray Corder reports a good delivery in Elyria; and a successful delivery of \$180 was made this sum-

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 14, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*R. Corder, Mahoning Co.	BF	10	66	56	62 50	10 90	73 40	77 75	
*G. Corder, Mahoning Co.	BF	10	53	53	56 00	4 75	60 75	84 00	
*C. Wilcox, Mahoning Co.	BF	6	22	7	7 50	10 00	17 50		
L. Waters, Crawford Co.	BR	5	39	17	53 00	9 00	62 00	1 50	
M. Krimp, Cuyahoga Co.	BR	4	16		6 00		6 00	8 75	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	48	14	47 00	12 35	59 35		
G. Draper, Van Wert Co.	GC	4	26	8	30 00	75	30 75		
F. Hankins, Van Wert Co.	GC	4	33	18	56 00	2 00	58 00		
E. Palur, Van Wert Co.	GC	5	34	5	15 00		15 00		
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	5	46	9	28 00	2 00	30 00	2 00	
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.		5	30		13 50	5 10	18 60	1 75	
Totals		63	409	187	\$374 50	\$56 85	\$431 35	\$175 75	

New Jersey, Week Ending April 14, 1911

J. S. Glunt, Gloucester	BR	5	54	42	95 00	9 60	104 60	1 25	
*G. Blinn, Hunterdon	BR	10	90	20	63 00		63 00	60 00	
L. Smith, Somerset	BR	3	21	9	17 00		17 00	41 25	
C. Beach, Essex	GC	4	29	4	12 00	13 25	25 25	23 75	
Totals		22	194	75	\$187 00	\$23 85	\$209 85	\$126 25	

West Virginia, Week Ending April 7, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	37	18	24 00	7 50	31 50	8 75	
J. W. Marshall, Berkley Co.	GC	2	12					32 50	
A. Hendrickson, Harrison Co.	DR			20				33 50	
W. McElphatrick, Gilmer Co.	DR	5	32					79 50	
J. McHenry, Hancock Co.	DR	4	38	18	56 00	10 25	66 25		
Eva Pruett, Cabell Co.	DR	2	9	7	21 00	6 50	27 50		
H. Rees, Kanawha Co.	DR	5	31	3	10 00	1 00	11 00	29 50	
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	4	30	13	39 00	1 00	40 00	1 00	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	31	10	30 00	2 00	32 00	37 25	
Totals		32	240	69	\$180 00	\$23 25	\$208 25	\$222 00	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 14, 1911

A. Brownlee, Parker Co.	GC	5	50	17	35 00	7 30	42 30	14 55	
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PH	3	19	4	10 50	2 40	12 90	9 90	
Agnes Zoerb, Washington Co.	SR	4	30	11	14 25	1 05	15 30	11 55	
Totals		12	98	120	\$59 75	\$10 75	\$70 50	\$36 00	

Virginia, Week Ending April 7, 1911

S. N. Brown, Martinsville	CK		28					92 00	
G. Holman, New Market	PG		31	12	36 00		36 00		
Totals			59	12	\$36 00		\$36 00	\$92 00	

District of Columbia, Week Ending April 7, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C.	BR							13 00	
Mrs. L. Smith, W'shingt'n, D.C.	CK	2			3 00	1 50	4 50		
Totals		2			\$3 00	\$1 50	\$4 50	\$13 00	

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 14, 1911

Maryland									
D. Percy, Kent Co.	DA	5	44	12	37 50	12 00	49 50		
W. Durst, Carroll Co.	BR	2	11			5 50	5 50	26 00	
Totals		7	55	12	\$37 50	\$17 50	\$55 00	\$26 00	

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,015.45 Deliveries, \$691.00

mer in Marion county by Brother Randolph.

We rejoice over the success Brother Waters is having with his new book "Bible Readings."

Brethren J. B. and C. E. Reichenbach, after being out of the book work from sickness and other causes for about a year, are again taking up the work. We believe the Lord will abundantly bless them as they return to the waiting harvest field.

Coshocton

SISTER AGNES RALLS of the Coshocton church sends in a good missionary report for the month of March, and says: "This is the best report we have had this year. Most of the church members have done some missionary work. We have been selling 'Ministry of Healing' and *Life and Health*, and have had some good and interesting experiences. I am going to continue ordering and selling *Life and Health* until our church has disposed of its full quota. We are holding the second Sabbath missionary meetings and the readings or letters from the foreign workers. These meetings are always interesting and seem to be enjoyed by everyone." This church reports sixty-one periodicals and ten relief books sold during the month of March.

Sanitarium Notes

Misses Martha Poole and Leah Reark have been nursing in Mount Vernon.

Mr. O. M. Carmony of Brookville, O., recently visited his wife at the Sanitarium.

Mrs. Oscar Renderknecht of Columbus, O., is visiting her sister, Miss Carrie Horn, at the Sanitarium.

Miss Eura Baker of Columbus arrived at the Sanitarium last week to take the nurses' course.

Mrs. J. R. Richardson, who has been with us for the past six weeks has just returned to her home in Mansfield. Before leaving she showed her appreciation of the treatment she had received while here by giving an entertainment for the Sanitarium family. Refreshments were served, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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CHESAPEAKE

Blythedale, Md.

On the 23rd of October, 1910, it was my privilege to begin a series of meetings in the First-day Adventist church at Blythedale, Md. This church has been established for about forty years, having resulted from a series of meetings held in the town by Elder George R. Cramer. Many of the strong men of the First-day Adventist church had labored there, including H. L. Hastings, Miles Grant, and others. Of late years, however, the church has had no ministerial help whatever, and has run down to such an extent that at the time of our arrival the Sunday-school was almost the only service being held.

The meetings began in October, and continued until December 20. An excellent interest was manifested all the way through. After the new year came in I continued Sunday night meetings there. Those who attended were familiar with many of the truths presented, such as the nature of man, the state of the dead, and the second coming of Christ, and all seemed delighted to hear them again. When we came to the law, the Sabbath, and the other blessed truths of the third angel's message, some at once set themselves against the truth, but the interest still continued unabated. It seemed for a time that there were to be no results. Then suddenly the treasurer of the church began, with his wife, to observe the Sabbath, to be followed at once by the local preacher of the Asbury Methodist church about half a mile away, whose wife and children accept-

ed the truth with him. Then the leader of the church, with his wife and daughter took their stand, also another young lady who had never before made any profession of religion. In January these were organized into a Sabbath-school of eighteen members; and on April 1, assisted by Elder Baer and Brother Tickner, I enjoy the privilege of organizing a Seventh-day Adventist church in the building of the First-day Adventists. We took in seven members that day. Four more will come in shortly, with others to follow. Many in the surrounding country are intensely interested, and we are hoping that they will decide for the truth.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

Special Notice!

A TELEGRAM just received from Elder Wilkinson at Philadelphia says:—

"Union Conference Committee decides to print main studies of Institute, using eight numbers of VISITOR, six pages running. . . . *Exhort all to get new subscribers.* Studies will begin in the following issue."

We urgently request that everyone who reads this notice do all he can to give the news to every Seventh-day Adventist in his community, and to get subscriptions for the VISITOR from all who are not already taking it. None should miss these excellent studies which will appear in the next eight issues; they will be full of practical instruction for everyone who feels it his duty to give to the world the third angel's message.

Back numbers of this series will be sent to all who request them. Shall we not see a stream of subscriptions flowing into the office during the next few weeks?

To Our Church Officers and Workers

THROUGH the VISITOR I am writing you a few lines which I hope you will accept as a personal letter. I know that you are interested in the closing of this work and in hastening the time when the faithful from every nation will be gathered home.

I believe that you are also interested in getting the truth before the colored people in this country, as well as in other countries and the islands of the sea.

We have a great work to do to get the truth before about one eighth of the people of this country. We need not only the prayers but the assistance of our people.

While we need means very much, and the work cannot be carried on without it, that is not what we are asking for in this article. We are writing in behalf of the *Gospel Herald*, the organ of the North American Negro Department. I am sure that all who receive this paper read with interest the reports of the progress of the work that is being done among the colored people. I know there are many papers and we cannot read everything in them all, but I am sure we like to read the interesting reports of the progress of the work from every field, so I trust we will all wish to read about our mission field right here at home.

The *Gospel Herald* is the only paper that contains these reports. It is only twenty-five cents a year, and it should visit every home. It is filled with reports from our ministers, Bible workers and nearly two score mission teachers.

I know that you are interested in this, and will you not as church officers, missionary and young people's secretaries, take the matter up with your people and do all you can to secure a number of subscriptions for the paper? It is now being printed by the students of our Training School. This enables several to work their way through school who could not otherwise attend. In closing let me ask you to subscribe for it yourselves and do all you can to get others to do so.

A. J. HAYSMER.

Remarkable

On the evening of April 12, at this writing, over 16,000 copies of the May *Signs* have been mailed out to agents and subscribers. This is the third day after the first edition left the press. The May number is an unusually good and appropriate one, and is meeting with hearty approval, and will no doubt experience a good sale. Our agents should be well supplied with this excellent and important number. Many of them will no doubt want to send in some second orders. The spring days bring new courage and new agents. Pass the good news on. THE MAGAZINE WITH THE MESSAGE.

It was only a sunny smile,
 And little is cost in giving;
 It scattered the night
 Like morning light,
 And made the day worth living.
 Through life's dull warp and woof it wove
 In shining colors of light and love,
 And the angels smiled as they watched
 above—
 Yet little it cost in giving.