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

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### OUR SHEPHERD

His little flock the Shepherd leads  
In pastures ever fresh and green.  
With manna sweet he daily feeds,  
Prepared for them by hands unseen.

He calleth his own sheep by name,  
They follow, for they know his voice;  
His bosom bears the weak and lame,  
And in his love they all rejoice.

The enemy shall never pluck  
Them from his tender, loving hand  
O'er mountain, plain, and vale he'll  
guide

Them safely to the promised land.

MRS. MAGGIE A. PULVER.

*Stoddard, Wis.*

## Two Churches Dedicated in West Virginia

On Sunday, November 19, after a series of special meetings in the new building erected for church purposes by our brethren in Charleston, West Virginia, we dedicated this new church. Elder K. C. Russell and the writer had held a short series of meetings in Charleston, in which the presence and blessing of God were very manifest. Some of the brethren who had been somewhat in the background in their religious experience confessed their weaknesses, and resolved to put away their sins and give themselves determinedly to God in the future. Those who were present from the outside also manifested much interest in the spoken Word.

Elder F. E. Gibson, who was last spring transferred from the Ohio Conference to the West Virginia Conference, has since that time been laboring in Charleston. He has worked very faithfully and earnestly with the brethren there to arrive at the erection of this beautiful new church building. Some six years ago the brethren at Charleston had planned to erect a church edifice appropriate to the truth, but time went on and

the plans never materialized. However, this summer a brother who had since removed from Charleston, upon hearing of the revival of the church project, sent in an offer to donate \$500. A sister in the truth at Charleston also gave \$500. Other brethren gave different amounts, and many agreed to donate their work on the building. The corner stone was laid in July, 1911. Since then the work has progressed with all care and diligence, until to-day the Charleston group of believers possess a beautiful church building, which, the lot included, is worth in the neighborhood of \$7,000. When the writer made an appeal for donations to meet the remaining deficit and pay off all bills, which amounted to something like \$1,800, the little handful of people responded nobly with cash and pledges to the amount of \$1,100. Others came forward privately and gave promise of such amounts as will, we think, raise the sum to \$1,800 or thereabouts; so that the church building at Charleston stands dedicated practically free from debt.

We had also the privilege at the beginning of October to dedicate another beautiful little brick church building at Parkersburg, West Virginia. The church membership at Parkersburg is somewhat larger than that of Charleston; but as the membership is scattered, and there are not so many children to demand a church school, the brethren at Parkersburg erected a smaller building, worth probably \$3,500. This building was also dedicated practically out of debt. Elder K. C. Russell assisted likewise in the dedication and appeal for funds at Parkersburg.

We are glad that these splendid memorials of the truth can be erected in this needy but promising conference. The work in West Virginia is onward, and never before seemed in so hopeful a condition. There was in the year 1910 no loss in membership, while in 1911 there will be a substantial gain of probably twenty-five or thirty per cent. The laborers are diligently at work, and are of good courage.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## Watchfulness and Prayer

How many there are whose hearts are to-day aching under their load of care, and who are thinking, "O, if there were only some one to help me bear my burdens!" Well, there is some one to help you bear your burden; there is rest for you who are heavy-laden. Jesus the great Burden-bearer, invites: "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Here is the promise of the Master; but it is on condition. "Take my yoke upon you," he says, "and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." "For my yoke is grievous"—is that what he says?—No: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The burden you are carrying, which is so heavy, and which causes such weariness and perplexity, is your own burden. You desire to meet the world's standard; and in your eager efforts to gratify ambitious and worldly desires, you wound your conscience, and thus bring upon yourself the additional burden of remorse. When you do not want to be distinct from the world, but desire to mix up with it so that no difference is seen between you and the world, then you may know that you are drunken with the cares of this life. O, there are so many selfish interests, so many cords to bind us to this world! But we must keep cutting these cords, and be in a condition of waiting for our Lord.

The world has forced itself in between our souls and God. But what right have we to allow our hearts to become overcharged with the cares of this life? What right have we, through our devotion to the world, to neglect the affairs of the church and the interests of our fellow-men? Why should we manufacture for ourselves burdens and cares that Christ has not laid upon us? Why should we, through distrust of his promises, suffer from wearing, anxious care? He says: "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we

be clothed?" "For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." The magnificence of Solomon was not to be compared to the beauty of one of these little flowers, with its delicate colors, which the God of heaven had painted upon it by his wondrous skill. Will not he who has taken so much thought for the flowers of the field care for your mortal bodies? Will he not see that you have bread to eat and raiment to put on, O ye of little faith? And more than all this, will he not also clothe you with the garment of his own righteousness?

Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us that we know nothing about. While we may trust his constant care, we must not conclude that we may be slack in that which our hands find to do. We are to be "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

There is one thing in which we must be deeply in earnest, and that is the service of God. There is no danger of having too much zeal here. If we would only work with an eye single to the glory of God, the mists would roll away, and our views of right and wrong would become clear. We should consecrate our property. The language of our hearts would be: "Lord, here is the means for which thou hast made me responsible; what wilt thou have me to do with it?" And we should make straight paths for our feet, lest by any false step the lame be turned out of the way. The whole effort of our lives would be to glorify the Saviour, the Man of Calvary, and to prepare for the life immortal.

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always." There is great need of watchfulness, not for our own sakes only, but also for the sake of our influence upon others. Our influence is far-reaching. We may think that it is confined to our own households; that only the members of our own families know what we are and what we are doing. In some cases this may seem to be true; but in some way the influence of the home life goes out beyond the home.

And what do we learn from this? That in our homes and in all the re-

lations of life we should be watchful and prayerful. Solemn, sacred duties devolve upon us. We should so speak and so walk that the spirit of God may be in our hearts, and his blessing in our homes. If we had more of the love of God in our hearts, and his praise were oftener upon our lips, we should be better prepared to glorify him here and hereafter. But what will our words accomplish if they are not backed up by a holy life?

If we would share in the glorious reward promised to the overcomer, we must fight the good fight of faith. This is what the apostle Paul did, and he says: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." Let us be of the number of those that are "rich in good works," laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that may lay hold on eternal life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### From a Veteran Pastor's Prayers

Lord, set us tasks hard enough to create stiff fiber in our souls. Give us the courage of enterprise, manliness to welcome toil, the hardy spirit that is ambitious to climb and conquer. Take us out of hospital and put us on the road. Prick our moral indolence into action, and stiffen us with high resolve. Do us the kindness to make us sick of mere sweets, and hungry for truth and hard work which may give sweets a lasting flavor. Awaken us from the apathy and indifference to the splendors of lofty passion and noble endeavor. At cost of any earthquake experience, if that he needed, let our hearts learn the exquisite joy and pain of loving and serving, and our lives acquire strength to do and dare in the Redeemer's might. We would abandon ourselves to thy care, to thy providential leading, to the Spirit's work within, and to the larger life of loving and serving, without reserve or question, in the absolute confidence that knows no fear. . . . Be patient with our waywardness, but graciously subdue it. . . . Lord, everywhere infuse thy life, and soothe the pain that saps our vigor; refresh us with visions and hopes; introduce us to strengthening and consoling companionships; make us comrades of the best and truest, and make us worthy of them. . . . Accept as thine own acts what our stupid minds and blundering hands have sought to do for thee, and ever accept us as thine own in Jesus Christ.

—Selected.

## AT THE COLLEGE

### Joy through Trial

His brow was calm, steadfast his aim,  
And purpose-filled his quiet eye;  
And yet so humble, scarce he owned  
His treasure was on high.

Temptation came, and darkened days:  
The sorrow sent for blessing proved  
A cloud that for a moment hid  
The face of Him he loved.

But victory dawned, the cloud passed by;  
Upon his brow a halo shone,  
A glory in his eyes proclaimed  
His Saviour was his own.

M. P.

### An Experience

Late in the afternoon of a very warm day I was canvassing along a dusty country road. It was several hours since I had taken an order, and I had just been warned not to stop at the next house, as an infidel lived there, and I would receive only abuse for my pains. The prospect was as discouraging as the retrospect; but as I made it a practice to call at every home, I could not conscientiously pass this one by.

When I introduced myself at the door of the "infidel," I received a cordial invitation to go in. After a few remarks I took out my prospectus and began a canvass. When he saw the title he said deliberately, "Daniel and the Revelation!"—written by Uriah Smith?" I answered that it was. "What are your prices?" I told him, and he said, "Put my name down for one of those marble bindings."

The experience was so unusual that I asked him to tell me why he had given his order so readily. The story he related was somewhat as follows:—Several years ago my brother and I were clearing out an attic in a house to which we were moving. A great many old books and pamphlets were scattered about in the rubbish, and looked as if they had not been in use for years. Among them was a little book which I picked up and began to read. It fascinated me strangely. I put it in my pocket and took it home that evening, intending to read it all. I read for several evenings, and my brother also picked it up at every opportunity. After a few days he was called away, and took the book with him. I have been wanting that little book ever since. The name of it was "Thoughts on Daniel."

From our conversation I learned that this man was in no sense an infidel, but was considered such by his neighbors because he believed much as we do concerning the state of the dead, eternal punishment, etc. He told me that his brother who carried away the book had later become a Seventh-day Adventist; and it is my hope that he too may accept the message of Daniel and the Revelation for which he had so long been waiting.

CLARENCE V. LEACH.

The second term of school begins Wednesday, December 6—a good time to enter if you were unable to come at the beginning of the school year.

The literary society rendered an interesting and appropriate program on Thanksgiving eve.

Miss Ruth Shingleton spent the Thanksgiving vacation at her home in Grafton, W. Va.

Miss Laurel Rushmer has been spending a few days at home in Columbus.

Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hottel of New Market, Va., spent Thanksgiving with their sons at the College, on their return from a visit in Indiana.

Miss Lydia Detwiler has been very successful in selling magazines in Mount Vernon outside of school hours.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Loop of the Wabash Sanitarium, Lafayette, Indiana, were guests at the home of Mr. V. H. Cook last week. They were on their return from a visit among relatives and friends in western Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Paul Jones of Cincinnati spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. C. F. Russell, in Academia.

Mr. Harry Christman visited Beechwood Academy during the vacation last week.

The first term of the College Sabbath-school closed last Sabbath. In respect to attendance, donations, and general interest it has been one of the best terms the school has ever

had. A report of its work will be given by the secretary in our next issue.

Miss Hart spent Thanksgiving with friends in Columbus.

Mr. Lloyd Swallen recently enjoyed a visit from his father.

Mr. Robert Wheeler spent Thanksgiving with friends in Dayton, O.

Miss Alma Van Eman is teaching a church school at Sheridan, Wyoming, and writes that she is enjoying her work. Her brother Walter is at Union College.

Miss Leona Gibson and Mr. Glenn Draper spent the vacation with relatives near Frederickstown, O.

Mr. Paul Randolph visited his home in Marion, O., over the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe of Clyde arrived in Mount Vernon this week, and will spend the winter at the home of their daughter, Mrs. James E. Shultz.

The College dining room was a very inviting place last Thursday afternoon when the school family sat down to a dinner served on the American plan amid all sorts of pretty Thanksgiving decorations.

Mr. Hugh Kuhn of Lore City, O., has been visiting his sister at the College.

Mr. Harry Barto visited his sister, Mrs. Ray Runyon of Wilmington, O., over the Thanksgiving vacation.

Mr. Vernon Hagmann spent the vacation at his home in La Grange, O.

Miss Elizabeth Miller has been spending a few days at her home in Springfield, O.

Mr. Oscar Spohn is teaching public school and music at Penrose, Wyoming. He is doing very successful work and giving good satisfaction to the patrons.

Have you obtained a Morning Watch Calendar for 1912? One has been printed for you. Get it at once. Begin to learn the texts on time.

He who is plentifully provided from within needs little from without.

—Goethe.

There is but one good fortune to the earnest man. This is opportunity; and sooner or later, opportunity will come to him who can make use of it.

—David Starr Jordan.

The way is narrow! Aye, but think how wide

The fields it leads to. Wide as hope are they.

Into a larger life the path will guide.

What matter, then, if narrow be the way?

—M. M. Currier.

## WEST VIRGINIA

At the dedication of the Charleston church, money and pledges were received to the amount of one thousand dollars. Thus is the Lord blessing West Virginia.

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1912 is now almost ready. This calendar is an especially good thing for young and old, and should be in the hands of every Seventh-day Adventist. The price of the calendar is but five cents each. You should order now, so that you may have it on hand when the new year is ushered in. Address West Virginia Tract Society, Lock Box 353, Fairmont, W. Va.

Elder Robbins called at the office last week on his return from the dedication of the Charleston church. He reports the dedication to have been a success in every sense of the term. En route from Charleston he stopped at Parkersburg and held meetings with the company there. He also stopped at Pickens, where he met many friends who seemed favorable to the truth. He hopes to return to that place again soon.

Brother Robbins contemplates going to Gladly this week to continue his talk with the people there, which was broken off abruptly by his being called away to officiate at a funeral ceremony.

Those who have placed advance orders for "Acts of the Apostles" will be glad to learn that it is already on the market. The book con-

tains 640 pages, with a complete general and scriptural index which will be a great help to the reader. It has also been decided to issue a two dollar edition, printed on thinner paper, and bound in limp leather. Those who have ordered the book, can, by adding fifty cents to their order, secure the better bound copy.

## NEW JERSEY

### Notes from the Field

The "Captain of our salvation" is still at the head of our little band of faithful canvassers, leading them on to victory. Most of them have been working hard, and have been meeting with success. Their letters testify to the goodness of the Lord and to their determination to press on till the end. I shall relate, however, only a few of their experiences.

Brother Plant, who has been struggling against ill health, reports a full week of forty hours and \$42 worth of orders. He writes that this meant very hard work; but the way was strewn with blessings. It gives us great joy when we know that we have done our best for the Master.

Our hearts have also been made glad to see what the Lord is doing for Brother Rambo. He has passed through some very hard struggles in times past, but in the last few weeks he has put new life into the work and is meeting with excellent success. For week ending November 10 he reported \$64.50 in orders; for the next week \$71.50; and he expected a still larger report for the week ending November 24. Truly the work is the Lord's, and when we trust all to him and work faithfully, success is sure to follow. Brother Rambo is giving all the praise to God for his success.

Brother Glunt, who has been absent from the field for a short time, doing tent master's work in Trenton, is again holding the fort at Woodbury, Gloucester County. He has done very good work in this field in the past, and we are sure that the Lord will again give him success; good reports have already begun to come in from him. He has also rendered valuable assistance to the little company in Woodbury. We are praying that many souls may be saved as a result of his work.

In spite of illness in his home, Brother George Blinn of Trenton is working hard in the canvassing field, and as usual is meeting with success.

Brother Schmidt, who has been do-

ing good work in Cape May County the past summer, writes from his new field, as follows: "I am now in Elizabeth and am having fine experiences. I am canvassing for both magazines and books. I have repeatedly sold two or three magazines in a home and then canvassed for my large book, "Great Controversy," and taken an order. I took an order from a minister last week. The Lord blessed me greatly while I was at Cape May this summer. This is a great work. One colored man whom I met after dark on the street, when I showed him my magazine said, 'I have no time for those. I am studying as soon as my day's work is over.' I asked him what he was studying, and he said, 'For the ministry.' I then told him of my book, and he called and ordered a copy of 'Great Controversy' and of 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' I am thankful for these experiences." Truly, when we see how the Lord is working for our canvassers, it does our hearts good. These are only a few of the experiences of our canvassers.

God has said, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11. This encouraging promise assures us that the seed sown will surely bring forth fruit. We are thankful that God has fulfilled his promise to us. In the past summer several precious souls have taken their stand for the truth as a result of the sowing of the seed by the faithful canvasser.

There are still many honest ones in New Jersey who have never heard this truth which we hold so dear. Who will come and join the faithful band already in the field, and help to sow precious seeds of truth? The time is short, the harvest will soon come, and the sowing time be over. Are we faithfully doing our work, so that at that time we can come with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us? We can have no sheaves if we sow no seed, and no one will be admitted into the kingdom of God who has no sheaves to bring.

I do hope that the spirit of God may help us to heed the admonition found in 1 Pet. 4:10: "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." This includes every one to whom has been entrusted the truth for this time.

My brother, my sister, are you using faithfully your time and talents

for the advancement of God's cause in the earth; or are you giving your best energies to the service of the world? The Lord says, "Go work today in my vineyard." Whose vineyard are we in? Let us all pray earnestly that God may help us to find our place, and that, having found it, we may step into it, that the work may not be hindered by our delay.

If any feel that they should be in the canvassing field, I shall be glad to hear from them. There is plenty of room for the consecrated canvasser in New Jersey.

C. E. GREY,  
*Field Missionary Agent.*

### Items

Three persons were baptized in Jersey City, November 4, two uniting with the First Seventh-day Adventist church and one with the Second Seventh-day Adventist church of that city.

Miss Helen Cheasux, a graduate nurse of Union Hill, has gone to Melrose, Mass., to connect with our sanitarium at that place. In all, there have been eight young persons who have gone out from Jersey City this fall to seek a better training for service in the Master's work. Others are planning to go as soon as possible. While the brethren and sisters in Jersey City regret to lose these young people from among them, they are glad for the good work already done by our missionaries, and wish these every success in their efforts to win souls for the Master.

The brethren of the Newark church report the building ready for the roof, and all are making a strong effort to get the roof on before bad weather sets in. Some carpenters from outside the church membership have offered their services for Thanksgiving day; and those who cannot labor, as well as those who can, are seeking donations to help buy the material. Any one who wishes to help close this good work may send a contribution to Elder W. H. Smith, 24 Myrtle Ave., Irvington, N. J.

Would you be men and women of power, my friends? Then you must be men and women of much prayer. Let the Morning Watch Calendar help you to form the all-important habit of personal Bible study and secret prayer daily. Get this calendar from your tract society. Price, five cents.

## CHESAPEAKE

## General Meetings

At a recent meeting of the conference committee the question of holding general meetings was brought up for consideration. After a very careful survey of the field, the committee voted unanimously to arrange for general meetings covering practically the whole conference. These meetings will be held as follows:—

Smithsburg, Md., Dec. 22-27.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 28-31.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 9-14.

Dover, Del., Jan. 16-21.

Rock Hall, Md., Feb. 6-11.

It is our purpose to make these meetings full of good practical instruction for all our people. In view of the solemn times in which we live and the perilous times that await the people of God, we feel the need of a more complete preparation for the work which we are to see finished in this generation; therefore it is hoped that all may plan to attend these meetings, which are to be held in the different districts for the purpose of bringing them nearer to our people. Come with your friends and any who may be interested, but as yet "are halting between two opinions." We especially urge the attendance of the isolated Sabbath-keepers who do not have church privileges and are deprived of the association of those of like faith.

Revival services will be one very important feature of this whole series of meetings. We cannot overlook the importance of drawing nearer to the Lord by putting away all that is sinful and unlike our Saviour. Attention will be given to various lines of our conference work which are of vital interest to our people both in the cities and the rural districts.

## WHAT WE EXPECT

We expect a good attendance of our brethren and sisters. We expect adequate ministerial help from the General and Union conferences, besides the help which will be furnished by our own conference; and far above all, we expect the presence of God's Holy Spirit to be with us, that great Comforter which the Lord sent to the world when he ascended on high. I trust these meetings will be to us as the manna which came to the children of Israel in the wilderness. May the hungry soul be fed, and the cause strengthened in the conference, as a result of the efforts put forth.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

## Notes

We are nearing the close of the year. Let us, as a conference, do everything in our power to make up our ten-cent-a-week fund. We can do this if we will all put our shoulders to the wheel, and lift. We are in the midst of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Some of our churches are doing well, but let us not stop yet with the good work.

The office of the conference closed its doors Thursday, November 28, and the president, the secretary-treasurer, and the missionary agent went into the business places in the city and worked with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* for a number of hours. We had a good experience, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the people. Brethren and sisters, make the effort, and we know that you will gain rich blessings.

Brother F. E. Hankins is planning to go to Cheswold this week to hold a canvassers' institute in the church there, as several in that church are preparing to enter the canvassing work.

Elder Baer is going to Fords Store Wednesday, to hold a short series of meetings. Sabbath and Sunday, December 2 and 3, a Sabbath-school convention will be held at that place. Miss Newcomer, the Sabbath-school secretary, will attend this convention.

The theater meetings in the city of Baltimore are well attended, and much interest is manifested.

Let all the churches plan for a good week of prayer season. The conference is planning that each church and company have the assistance, for at least a portion of the time, of one of the workers.

Brother J. Harvey Sheirich, and Brother L. Harry Pollett, both of Baltimore, are just entering the canvassing work. Others are planning to enter this work soon.

Mrs. F. E. Hankins and children arrived in Baltimore last Friday, Brother Hankins having settled here in order to carry on his work more advantageously from this central location.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

## Among the Churches

By invitation of the church I went to Bradford, October 20, to hold a baptismal service and conduct their quarterly meeting. Seven services were held. The outside attendance was good, and a spiritual feast was enjoyed, all feeling that it was good to be present. Two persons were baptized at this place.

Going on to Altoona, I carried out another baptismal service. Two adults were baptized, and six persons were received into church relationship; for which we praise the Lord.

On November 3, I went to Lock Haven to meet with the company there; holding quarterly meeting and other services, reorganizing the Sabbath-school, and helping in other lines where help was needed. A good work is yet to be done in that important field.

On November 8 I received a long-distance phone message asking me to come to Coudersport to assist in the general meeting which was in progress at that place. On arriving there I was surprised to see so many of our people from other churches. A deep interest in the cause in this conference and the field in general was seen and felt throughout the meeting. Truly God is blessing and going before his people, for which we should praise and magnify his name.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

We trust that every church will make a special effort to meet together for prayer and the study of the readings during the week of prayer, December 9 to 16. Now as never before, we need to seek earnestly for the blessing of God. Let none be found sleeping and indifferent as were the disciples during the time of prayer in Gethsemane, lest they like them be ashamed and confounded in the hour of trial.

Elder B. F. Kneeland arrived in Pittsburgh Thursday, November 23. On Sabbath he spoke in the Pittsburgh No. 1 church, and in the afternoon he met with the company at Verona. On Sunday night Elder Kneeland spoke to the church in Washington, Pa.

Elder N. S. Ashton has given up the pastorate of the Pittsburgh No. 1 church, having accepted the office of educational secretary of the Colum-

bia Union Conference. Thursday, November 23, Elder Ashton left for Mount Vernon College, on his way to College View, Nebraska, where he will attend the educational convention.

Elder J. H. Schilling, who has been holding meetings for the Germans in Pittsburgh, South Side, left last week for Brooklyn, N. Y. Elder J. P. Gaede will continue the meetings in the hall at the corner of 21st and Sarah Streets, as there is a fair interest.

Mrs. B. F. Kneeland and daughter Ruth are at the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium for a few days. They expect to reach Pittsburgh early in December.

Brother V. O. Panches, the state agent, has a class of canvassers in Pittsburgh, which he is training for city work. We hope that this move may be successful.

All our people in West Pennsylvania will be pleased to know that the next session of the Columbia Union Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, April 4 - 14.

### Office Notes

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1912 is ready. We expect to be able to fill orders for it within the next two or three days. We hope to receive your order promptly, so that this splendid little calendar can be in the hands of the readers before the first of January. I am persuaded that it would be a grand thing if every Seventh-day Adventist in West Pennsylvania would procure a copy and follow out the program of learning the verse of scripture suggested for each morning's study.

The week of prayer is just upon us, the date being December 9-16. The readings are published as a separate document this year, and will not be furnished to all the members in the conference. It is expected that all local elders and ministers shall have them, and that all isolated Sabbath-keepers, unable to attend the services when the reading is presented publicly, shall have the benefit of them.

There came to our office last week a little tract entitled, "How the Third Angel's Message is Being Brought to the Attention of Persons of Influ-

ence." Its price is one cent. We believe that our workers will be especially glad to get this tract, to learn how the truth is winning its way into homes of influence in all parts of the world.

We take this opportunity to request our church treasurers and all others who have funds on hand which should be forwarded to the conference treasury, to send in their remittances as soon as possible. We would suggest that during the last month of the year special attention be given to the making of our offerings which are to be applied on the ten-cent-a-week fund. Several of our churches are behind on this fund, and we need to do this in order that our conference may raise the amount which we have promised to give.

Miss Grace Torrence of Corydon, who has been visiting friends in Salamanca, N. Y., has returned to her home.

Brother G. Medairy called at the office last week, while visiting the Corydon church in the interests of the missionary department of the conference.

Our president, Elder B. F. Kneeland, is now in Pittsburgh, and will attend the general meetings which have been appointed for the week of prayer. J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary*.

## OHIO

### Religious Legislation

Frequently the leaders in religious thought are confronted with appalling conditions in society which they are anxious to correct. When the cause for religious lesion is discovered and diagnosed, it is only natural that a proper remedy be applied; but as in the principles of modern medicine, like causes produce like effects; and if the right remedy is applied in the wrong place, rapid recovery is not hastened, but the disease is usually aggravated rather than cured. So it is in correcting irregularities in Christian citizenship. Some men, having a deep sense of duty, strive continually to be right and do right, and thus cast their influence on the side of right. Others, who have exalted notions of duty, and plastic adaptability, assume that instead of genuine conversion, which

changes both head and heart, stringent legislation is needed that men may be made religious. A view of the past with its achievements and failures would seem sufficient to prove that nothing short of conversion and regeneration can change and correct the many evils of the present day.

Civil enactments are necessary to meet civil conditions, which are not foreign to liberty of conscience; but the conscience of man can never be improved by drastic legislation. Ancestral history is both suggestive and instructive; and it is needless to repeat the failures of the past. Religious laws may be enacted and diligently enforced, but society and conditions will not be improved, because the original cause remains untouched, and the evils of unbelief still stalk through the land. Men and conditions can be improved by education and training, but not by legislation. Even the demands of a majority should not be thrust upon the minority where liberty of conscience is concerned. When it comes to numbers, the majority have, with few exceptions, been on the wrong side, as a study of conditions in Noah's day and the time of our Saviour's ministry will show. Many other citations might be given if necessary; but suffice it to say that in matters pertaining to liberty of conscience conditions are not improved by law.

History casually remarks that at one period when religious sway weakened, and the majority attended games and sports instead of worship, laws were enacted and enforced compelling people to be religious, but their religion was of the head and not the heart, of name and not of reality. Before a man can be in harmony with God and with his fellow-creatures he must become acquainted with the principles of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for others, and encourage all to alleviate and avoid any infraction of equity which might obstruct the path of justice. Civil enactments are impotent and pre-eminently unsuccessful in reforming irregularities of a religious nature which exist in this liberty-loving nation.

The religion of Jesus Christ is built upon the pedestal of love, not compulsion; upon the principles of justice, peace, and mercy, rather than on coercion, confusion, and conformity to the wishes of those who may be zealous in the ranks of the reformers, but unskilled in the work of soul-winning.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 18, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.		DR	4	41	12	42 00	7 50	49 50	5 00
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.		DR	3	23	5	16 00	4 50	20 50	3 00
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.		DR	4	34	14	43 00	2 00	45 00	1 00
S. F. Zenger, Chambersburg		CK	5	40	13	20 50		20 50	
Daisy Ott, Towando		CK	4	20	8	12 00		12 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$133 50</b>	<b>\$14 00</b>	<b>\$147 50</b>	<b>\$9 00</b>

Virginia, Week Ending, November 17, 1911

S. N. Brown, Bristol		CK	8	2	3 00	50	3 50	25 50	
Mrs. S. N. Brown,		CK	3					17 00	
F. W. Hall, Bristol		CK						41 25	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK						40 75	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$3 00</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$3 50</b>	<b>\$124 50</b>	

New Jersey, Week Ending November 17, 1911

W. Plant, Salem Co.		CK	4	28	16	26 50	2 25	28 75	
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.		CK	5	31	35	53 50	9 00	62 50	
N. R. Pond, Burlington, Co.		CK	4	31	5	8 00	5 70	13 70	1 25
C. J. Beach, Bergen Co.		PPF	4	17	11	17 50	6 25	23 75	
A. S. Samuel, Newark		GA	5	32	109	27 25		27 25	22 75
G. W. Blinn Monmouth Co.		BR	4	34	13	42 25		42 25	
*M. Robinson, Cumberland Co.				20	44	14 25		14 25	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth		GC			2	7 00	10 50	17 50	4 50
<b>Totals</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>\$229 25</b>	<b>\$33 70</b>	<b>\$229 95</b>	<b>\$28 50</b>

West Virginia Week Ending November 24, 1911

T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.		BF	5	31	14	21 00	9 85	30 85	3 85
*W. McElphatrk, Braxton Co.		DR	5	35	3	9 00	11 50	20 50	4 50
A. Hendrickson, Kanawha Co.		DR	4	40	4	12 00	7 50	19 50	
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.		DR	3	26	6	19 00		19 00	
J. W. Marshall, Braxton Co.		DR	4	30	5	13 00	4 00	17 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$74 00</b>	<b>\$32 85</b>	<b>\$106 85</b>	<b>\$8 35</b>

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 24, 1911

*A. Brownlee, Washington		CK	10	87		46 25	32 90	79 15	52 50
C. Dunham, Pittsburg		GC	3	13	12	39 50		39 50	2 25
Mrs. C. Dunham, Pittsburg		BS	4	20	19	12 25		12 50	
T. Dunham, Ross		GC	4	22	7	21 00	2 00	23 00	1 50
<b>Totals</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$119 00</b>	<b>\$34 90</b>	<b>\$153 90</b>	<b>\$56 25</b>

Ohio, Week Ending November 24, 1911

L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.		BF	5	39	31	35 00	50	35 50	1 50
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BF	5	25	27	32 75	2 85	35 60	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	41	5	17 00	9 95	26 95	2 95
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.		BF	3	13	5	15 00		15 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$99 75</b>	<b>\$13 30</b>	<b>\$113 05</b>	<b>4 45</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 24, 1911

J. Jones, Tunis Mills, Md.		GC	5	33	3	10 00	16 00	26 00	1 50
D. Percy, Talbot Co., Md.		DA	3	18	7	21 00	75	21 75	60
J. Sheirich, Ann Arundel Co. Md.		BF	4	26	12	12 50	17 50	30 00	2 50
<b>Totals</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$43 50</b>	<b>\$34 25</b>	<b>\$77 75</b>	<b>\$4 60</b>

\*Two weeks

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The true Shepherd always leads his flock, never drives it, always labors to better conditions, but is never anxious to impair the blessings conferred upon the race. Men could take no better course in real reformation than to follow the Saviour's teaching, carefully imitating his virtues and profiting by his divine example.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,  
*Religious Liberty Secretary.*

The Morning Watch

A copy of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1912 has just come to our desk. It is a very neat little booklet and has much to recommend it to our young people. It contains a verse of scripture for every day in the year, the texts following the topics of the Sabbath-school lessons. It also names special objects for which all can unite in prayer; while gems of thought from the best authors adorn its pages.

Those who are using the calendar this year appreciate its value as an aid to regularity in the morning devotion and as a basis for a helpful study of the Scriptures before the duties of the day begin.

Twenty-two thousand copies of the calendar for 1910 were printed, and the entire supply was exhausted. There is a growing demand for this little aid to morning devotion and better daily living. Sabbath-school teachers find it an acceptable gift for the members of their classes. A preceptress in one of our colleges last year presented a copy of the Morning Watch Calendar to each young lady under her charge. All orders should be sent to the Ohio Tract Society, Box 187, Mount Vernon, O., where they will receive prompt attention. The price of the Calendar is only five cents.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Columbus

A special program was rendered by the children and youth of the Columbus church Sunday evening, November 27. It was planned to have the money all in from the Harvest In-gathering at this meeting, but quite a number had been unable to scatter the special Signs and solicit for foreign missions so as to have the work finished at that time. The campaign will continue, however, for a time, till all have had an opportunity to garner for foreign missions. The program of the evening was well rendered, and, considering the little time that could be devoted to drill, the children and youth performed their parts well. They had an au-

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dience of one hundred ninety, and all felt pleased with the effort, saying that they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The young people's society had succeeded in gathering ten or twelve bushel baskets of food and clothing for those less fortunate than the donors. The baskets were distributed the following Tuesday. The young people certainly deserve commendation for this worthy work. The evening offering was \$22.60. We are planning a vigorous campaign for the winter, and trust to see all busy in the Master's service.

JOHN ERANCIS OLMSTED.

Brother and Sister H. D. Holtom spent Thanksgiving at Sister Holtom's home in Bellville, remaining over the Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fletcher, of Wake-man, are enjoying a visit at Wil-loughby, the home of Mrs. Fletcher's father, Elder Webster.

Miss Cora Potts is teaching public school at St. Mary's with good success.

Mrs. George Goodman of New Lon-don is visiting near Youngstown at the home of her parents, Brother and Sister Reed.

Brother and Sister Charles Robi-shaw are making an extended visit at the home of Brother Robishaw's mother. Brothner Robishaw has been chosen administrator of his father's estate.

Brother and Sister Glenn Klady, who left Florence, O., in August to attend the Nashville Industrial Insti-tute at Madison, Tenn., write that they are greatly enjoying their school work.

Elder John W. Shultz, who with his family has been visiting his sister in Washington, Pa., was called to Delta last week to conduct a funeral. On his return home he stopped to visit his brother in Mount Vernon.

Elder R. D. Hottel of New Market, Va., spoke to the Mount Vernon church Friday evening, and again on Sabbath morning. The church greatly enjoyed his visit.

Elder W. E. Bidwell spent Sabbath at his home in Mount Vernon.

The new addition to the conference offices is completed. The president's room is a very inviting place; and the new storage and packing room is a much needed improvement to the tract society department.

The young people's society of Mount Vernon is sending *Liberty* to seventy-five legislators, lawyers, and doctors of the state capital and other cities. *Liberty* can be sent to ten addresses for a year at an expense to you of only fifteen cents apiece. This is a good example for other young people's societies. Try it.

The Morning Watch Calendars are ready. Get one from your tract so-ciety. Price, five cents.

**The Protestant**

A professor in Concordia Seminary, . . . Illinois, has sent in 61 yearly subscriptions to the *Protestant Maga-zine* during the past two weeks. Re-member that for \$1.50 we offer to send the *Protestant Magazine* to ten different names and addresses for one year, or ten copies to one address for one year. Send your list of names and addresses to this office to-day.

One of our *Protestant Magazine* agents in Ottawa, Ont., writes that this magazine is the easiest one to handle in that portion of Canada. In fact, he writes that the best way to sell our other magazines is to con-nect them in some way with the prin-ciples found in the *Protestant Maga-zine*.

A lady prominent in Protestant church circles in Grand Rapids, Mich., thus expresses her appreciation of the work being accomplished by the *Protestant Magazine*: "I think the lack of vindictiveness is creditable; as bare facts are good enough, and bad enough. Will do what I can to get it before the people."

**Notice**

Following the usual custom, there will be no VISITOR the last week of the year. Issue number fifty of the pres-ent volume will bear date of Decem-ber 20, and the next issue, number one of volume seventeen, will be dated January 3, 1912.

You will succeed best when you put the restless, anxious side of affairs out of mind, and allow the restful side to live in your thoughts.

—Margaret Stowe.

**OBITUARIES**

HOLMAN.—Sarah Holman of Camden, N. J., died Oct. 26, 1911, of nervous affec-tions, at the advanced age of 76 years. She was a charter member of the Camden, N.J., Seventh-day Adventist church, and was much beloved among its members, before whom she had witnessed a good profession. Her husband and two sons survive her. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to the church members, family, and friends assem-bled, after which she was laid to rest in the Harlech Cemetery to await the Lord's return.  
 J. GREER HANNA.

STANFORD.—Chester A. Stanford was born in Meadville, Pa., July 19, 1839, but soon after moved with his parents to House-ville, N. Y. He early learned tailoring, at which occupation he continued until within a few days of his death. When Mr. Stanford was a little more than twenty years of age he was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Cook. To this union was born one son, George Henry Stanford. While he was but a mere babe his mother died. Shortly after-ward Mr. Stanford, with his infant son, moved to Ohio and settled in Norwalk. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss The-resa Reeder. To this union were born two sons, Burt and John, and one daughter, Frances, who married Mr. Charles A. Peter-son. About thirty-six years ago Mr. Stan-ford was converted and became a charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Norwalk, of which he remained a member until death claimed him, early Friday morn-ing, November 24, he then being 72 years, 4 months, and 5 days of age.

O. F. BUTCHER.