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

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## UNION

### The Special Winter Course in Mount Vernon College

Mount Vernon College has arranged a special winter course to commence January 3, 1912, and continue twelve weeks.

#### OUTLINE OF COURSE

The following is an outline of the subjects that will be taught:—

1. Bible.
  - (a) Old Testament.
  - (b) Life of Christ.
  - (c) Acts and Epistles.
  - (d) Daniel and the Revelation.
  - (e) Bible Doctrines.
2. History.
  - (a) United States.
  - (b) General.
  - (c) Special.
3. Essentials of English.
  - (a) Grammar.
  - (b) Composition—Rhetoric.
4. Public Speaking.
5. Pastoral Training.
  - (a) High calling of the minister.
  - (b) His equipment.
  - (c) Field work and methods.
6. Missionary Workers' Class.
  - (a) Bible readings.
  - (b) Canvassers' class.
  - (c) Tract and periodical work.

Besides these, all the regular classes of the College will be open to students of the special course.

#### FOR WHOM INTENDED

1. *Young Workers.* After some service in the field, young workers usually become conscious of their need of better preparation in certain lines. If they then return to school for a time they are able to pursue their studies with a definiteness that was impossible before their field experience. Hence they are able to accomplish a great deal more in a given time in school than they could without the field experience, and they will return to the field much stronger workers.

2. *Prospective Workers.* By these we mean people, either young or in middle life, who desire to fit them-

selves for service in some department of God's cause. Some of these will have a good general education, but will need special training in certain studies. With this training they will be able to go into the field and do good work. Others will require a longer training than can be given in a twelve weeks' course. But the help which they will receive in this short course will open to them the possibilities of effective service, and furnish the inspiration to pursue their studies further. Many young men and young women have had their eyes opened, and the whole course of life changed by a few weeks spent in a school. Association with Christian teachers and students, and the opening of the fountain of knowledge, is a mighty impulse to a sensitive soul. No one can estimate what the result will be.

3. *Canvassers.* Some of the canvassers have taken up the work without much training outside of their particular line. But they soon learned that the canvasser, like the minister, needs to know many things. Especially does he need to understand the Scriptures, and the history upon which the prophecies are based. Particular attention will be given to the needs of this class, both in the general subjects taught and in special classes.

4. *General Students.* By general students we mean people who are unable, for various reasons, to attend school the whole of the year, but who wish to make as much improvement in their education as possible. There is a large number of this class, including middle aged people whose educational advantages have been somewhat limited. Many of this latter class desire to devote a part of their time to missionary work among their neighbors. Such will find the special course very helpful.

In addition to the classes in Bible, history, and English, instruction will be given in the preparation and giving of Bible readings, canvassing, and tract and periodical work.

#### INSTRUCTORS

Besides the regular faculty of the

College, Professor B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, Elder E. K. Slade, president of the Ohio Conference, Elder J. L. McElhany, president of the District of Columbia Conference, will be with us to give instruction in field work and pastoral training. Elder I. G. Bigelow, general canvassing agent of the Columbia Union Conference, will conduct a class in canvassing and home missionary work. Elder Bigelow is a very successful canvasser of long experience. Those contemplating taking up canvassing as a regular work, or intermittently among their neighbors, will find great help in this class. We have a conditional promise from Elder K. C. Russell, of the General Conference, to spend some time with us. Elder Russell has had a wide experience in many lines of work in the cause, and his instruction will be invaluable to all who may attend the special course.

We shall be glad to correspond with any who may be interested in this course. Address the undersigned, Mount Vernon, Ohio, care of College.  
S. M. BUTLER.

### God's Plan of Work

When the Lord commanded the children of Israel to build the tabernacle, and gave them the plan for the furniture, its curtains, and everything pertaining to it, all were not given the same work. The Lord chose his workers and then fitted them for their work by giving them skill, and imparting to them his wisdom. To each worker was appointed work according to his ability.

No worker was to lay hold of one portion of the work and place himself in the way of his fellow-laborers. Each was to do with the strictest integrity the part appointed him. The plan of the great Deviser was followed, and the tabernacle came forth from the hands of the workers complete, each part in harmony with every other.

Industry in a God-appointed work is as much a part of true religion as is devotion. We are not to think that

in any of the tabernacle one part was menial and the other not. Every part of God's work means service. He declares of his people, "Ye are laborers together with God." We are to bear the image of God, and every soul saved through the sacrifice of the Son of God must in this life be made complete in Christ. There is much to do in order to fit us for the courts of the Lord. The roughness of spirit, the coarseness of speech, the cheapness of character, must be put away, or we can never wear the garment woven in the heavenly loom,—the righteousness of Christ.

The Lord designs to bring his people as material from the quarry of the world, that he may work them. They are in need of the ax and the hammer, of planing and polishing; for if this work is not done the stones will retain their roughness. They will be unsymmetrical, and unfitted for the place Christ has prepared for every one who will enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who, under the education of Christ, make it possible to reach the highest attainments, will take every divine improvement with them to the higher school. But those who are unwilling to have their characters molded after the divine similitude, make the angels sad; for by clinging to their sinful habits and practices they spoil the design of God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. Harry Dean of La Grange, O., entered the College at the beginning of the new term.

The midwinter vacation begins Friday, December 22, and ends Tuesday, January 2.

A class in the history of missions began work last Wednesday with a membership of nineteen.

Elder and Mrs. I. G. Bigelow called at Mount Vernon last Friday afternoon on their way to spend Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Columbus.

The normal department opens two new classes this term: school management and manual training.

Miss Gertrude Haymes of Detroit, Michigan, entered classes at the beginning of the new term.

Miss Marie Flenner is canvassing in Middletown, O., with good success. Her work has created an interest among the people of that place, and there are openings for Bible readings and public meetings.

Mrs. Fannie Hamblin entered the College this week to take a course in Bible. Mrs. Hamblin has been a Bible worker in the Chesapeake Conference, and is now seeking a better training for her chosen work. Her presence here also affords to her two children the privilege of the church school.

Miss Cora Bennett of the Hospital-Sanitarium returned last week from a two weeks' vacation at her home in Toronto, Canada. She was accompanied by her mother, who will spend the winter in Academia, her younger daughter, Annie, being a student of the College.

Send your orders for job printing to the College Press.

### The College Sabbath-school

The third term of the College Sabbath-school closed December 2. A summary of its work shows that marked advancement has been made during the first twelve weeks of the year. The attendance has been excellent, and the offering for missions was larger than for any term of last year; being the second highest in the history of the school. When the Sabbath-school reorganized at the beginning of the school year it set its mark at one hundred dollars for the first term; and this mark was easily passed. The following table shows the amount given by each class:—

Professor Anderson's class	\$8.78
Sevelon Rockwell's	4.47
Professor John's	9.60
Elder Shultz's (discontinued)	1.27
Clara Pettit's	7.84
Florence White's	6.97
S. Guy Jacques's	7.22
Ray Corder's	8.06
Harvey G. Gauker's	3.03
Miss Della Smith's	7.12
Flora Judd's	4.21
Miss Hart's	7.50
Elder Butcher's	5.75
Miss Rosella Smith's	10.73
Glenn Draper's	4.51
Mabel Carroll's	3.64
Officers	6.25
Total	\$106.95

The "banner class" in donations was Miss Rosella Smith's, which gave

an average of over thirteen cents a member for each Sabbath.

The "banner class" in attendance was Mr. Sevelon Rockwell's class, which had only four absences during the term.

The names of the members who were present every Sabbath of the term are as follows: Professors Anderson and Hall, Olive Pangburn, Linnie Baumgartner, Flora Judd, Ruth and Vestha Panches, Alice and Madge Miller, Nadine Ross, Jennie Smith, Jannett Bidwell, Josephine Smith, Wilma Walter, Fern Benson, Ruth Atwell, Ruth Murphy, Evelyn Harvey, Louise Bense, Mary Wheeler, Homer Baumgartner, Berl Wagner, Charles and Alvin Perrine, Edward Sterner, Sevelon Rockwell, Freeman Coolen, Guy Jacques, Charles Belgrave, Dale Hamilton, James Smith, Therman Metcalf, Lester Morris, Merle Klopfenstein, Clarence Morris, Dee Whiteis, Harvey Gauker.

The officers elected to serve the second term of the school year are as follows: superintendent, Elder Shultz; assistant superintendent, Ray Corder; secretary, Olive Pangburn; assistant secretary, Laura Brown; organist, Josephine Smith; chorister, Professor John.

GRACE PURDHAM, *Secretary*.

### CHESAPEAKE

#### A Sabbath-School Convention

The church at Fords Store held its Sabbath-school convention Sabbath, December 2, according to appointment. Most excellent help was afforded by the conference, the following named workers being present: Elder R. T. Baer, the president of the conference; Elder R. H. Martin, the educational secretary; Sister Emma S. Newcomer, the secretary of the Sabbath-school department; and Brother F. E. Hankins, the field missionary agent.

The Sabbath-school opened at the usual hour, 9:30 A.M., with a good attendance. Twenty minutes were given to the study of the day's lesson, Paul on his journey to Rome. After a short missionary address by Elder Baer, a special collection was taken, and the school entered into the work of the convention. Some ten papers on subjects of vital importance to the Sabbath-school were read and discussed. Selections from "Christ in Song" and recitations by some of the members of the Sabbath-school were interspersed among the discussions.

and added much interest to the program.

The Fords Store church looks upon the convention as one of the most successful we have ever held, and it will go down in the history of our work in this place as one of the brightest of its Sabbath-school experiences.

JOHN F. JONES.

## VIRGINIA

At the camp-meeting and conference held at Richmond, August 24 to September 3, it was my lot to be called to the presidency of the Virginia Conference. Upon receiving a telegram at Indianapolis, Ind., to this effect, requesting my presence at the conference, then in session, I immediately came to Virginia, where I spent about one week. I then returned to Indiana and arranged to move to Virginia. On October 20, with my wife and son, Everett, I left Indiana, where we had lived and labored for over eight years. We came by way of Washington, D. C., stopping there to attend the fall council of the General Conference Committee, also a council of the Columbia Union Conference Committee; arriving in Richmond, Virginia, November the first.

Our time, since coming here has been employed in getting settled and becoming acquainted with the work and its needs throughout the conference. I have attended four meetings besides one business meeting at the First Richmond church, and two services at the colored church. We have arranged for a church school in connection with the white church; and the school-room is now being fitted up. We hope to open the school December 18. We are also making other much needed repairs and improvements upon the church building.

Brethren Tindall and Garnsey, who have labored in Indiana for the past year, are now here. They began a short series of meetings with the Lynchburg church December 5. The Indiana Conference made a great sacrifice in releasing these brethren that Virginia might receive the blessing of their labors. Truly Virginia should and does, appreciate the sacrifice made by the Indiana Conference.

The laborers of Virginia are all of good courage. The past summer's efforts have brought a number of souls into the truth. We hope that a report of these efforts and their results may soon appear in the VISITOR.

Elder Kime is now holding a series

of meetings at Rileyville, with a good interest; some, we hope, will obey the call.

Brethren Pickard and Gordon are pushing forward the work on the new building near Guinea Mills, and hope to have it completed by December 15. A church will then be organized, the building dedicated, and a short series of meetings held, with the hope of gathering in a few more souls.

At Norfolk our colored brethren have secured a good hall and fitted it up for services, thus continuing the interest created there by the tent effort last summer.

Beginning soon after the holidays we expect to hold meetings for both white and colored people in the city of Richmond, combining the medical and the evangelical work in both series. We are praying that God may give us wisdom, and that many souls may be reached through these efforts. We beg the prayers of our brethren and sisters who may read this, that God may wonderfully bless the work in the "Old Dominion."

W. J. STONE.

## The Canvassing Work in Virginia

Leaving Farmville Wednesday, November 8, for a tour among the churches of the Valley, I arrived the evening of the same day at Lynchburg. This is a city of about 30,000, and I soon became aware that I did not know the name of one person there, except Elder Bigelow, who was also a stranger in the place; but it came about that the first person I asked was able to direct me to the church, where I joined Elder Bigelow. I felt that the Lord had led me, and that he also had a blessing in store for me. In this I was not disappointed; for the meetings which followed were indeed a spiritual feast. We also had a good experience with the members in church work, distributing the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and taking orders for "Ministry of Healing." Yet this is a large and needy field. Much more should be done here. We saw under the desk a pile of "Ministry of Healing" which will soon, we trust, be scattered among the people.

Lynchburg is a pretty little hill city. It presents a splendid appearance to the canvasser who is looking for a good place to canvass during the winter months. Is there not some one who will canvass Lynchburg this winter?

Our next visit was at Stanley, where we found the brethren waiting for us.

I was very sorry to part company with Elder Bigelow at this place, he being called to Washington the evening after the Sabbath. I remained, however, until the following Wednesday, holding meetings each evening. This is one of the largest churches in the conference. It has a fine Missionary Volunteer society. Surely God has here some who will respond to his call to the canvassing work.

At Stanley we spent two days in the field. A good beginning was made, and the church promised to do its best in the "Ministry of Healing" and Harvest Ingathering campaigns. We shall pray that the members here may be faithful in the little things, as was Elisha, who "poured water upon the hands of Elijah." Faithfulness in little things brings great blessings in larger things. Our stay at Stanley was a very pleasant one. One brother from this place has promised to join our band of canvassers.

Leaving Stanley and crossing the mountain, the distance being about sixteen miles, I came to New Market on Wednesday afternoon. The view from the mountain top had been an inspiring one. Behind me lay the pretty little village of Stanley, and before me in the beautiful valley of the Shenandoah I could see New Market and the Academy. This lovely scene, with the spiritual refreshing I had just enjoyed, gave me a fresh inspiration for the campaign of the next day. At New Market I had the pleasure of meeting my little family, from whom I had been separated since camp-meeting.

At the prayer meeting held the evening of my arrival plans were made for our "Ministry of Healing" campaign the next day. All the school gladly responded to the call, and on Thursday morning, after asking God's blessing upon the untried day before us, we started out.

"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." So only those who went out could understand the experiences of the day, as told in the evening meeting. We felt that we had been engaged in heavenly things, and there was an answering chord in every heart. All came back with better courage than they had upon starting, and all looked forward to another day in the "high places of the field."

On Sabbath I spoke to the church on "The Acceptance of the Holy Spirit," and all were blessed with its holy presence. The afternoon was made pleasant by a song service. How many more such pleasant Sab-

bath days shall we spend together here? and shall we all meet again in heaven?

Monday I spent visiting the various classes of the school, being much impressed by the good work which it is doing. Surely there are golden opportunities for both students and teachers. An excellent class of young people are in training here. Some of them will be in the field again next summer. Let us pray that God will abundantly bless the school at New Market.

On my return home I stopped at Washington, D. C., and again at Richmond for counsel with Elder Stone. Here I met some brethren who have come from the West to labor with us for the cause in Virginia. I expect to be at Guinea Mills for about two weeks. At the end of that time I shall go to Chase City.

Our work is onward. May we not have the prayers of all our people that God may abundantly bless the book work during the coming year? May this not be the banner year? God wishes it so.

U. D. PICKARD, *State Agent.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Philadelphia

We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing in the work of soul-saving among the colored people of this great city. On Sabbath, November 11, two young people, members of the Sabbath-school, were buried with their Saviour in baptism. The following Sabbath, with two others, a brother and his wife, they joined the church. We rejoice that the Lord by his Holy Spirit is bringing conviction and repentance to our young people.

The church is at work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. This is our first campaign as a church, and we hope by it to bring in a good collection for the mission work.

T. H. BRANCH.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson occupied the pulpit of the North Philadelphia church Sabbath morning, November 25. His discourse was appreciated by all present.

Elder A. R. Bell was called to New Jersey by the death of an uncle who was killed in a railroad accident. We extend to Brother Bell our heartfelt sympathy.

Last Sabbath morning the pulpit of the First Philadelphia church was oc-

cupied by Elder S. D. Hartwell, a large audience being present. Sunday evening, F. A. Harter spoke in the same church on the subject of the second coming of Christ.

The work in Williamsport is now in charge of Brother J. W. Hirlinger. Let us all pray that God's special blessing may rest upon the efforts put forth by him in that field.

A mistake was made in the last East Pennsylvania notes regarding money received on the Harvest Ingathering collection by the Scranton church. It should have read *Wilkes Barre* instead of Scranton. This same church (Wilkes Barre) has now, however, raised \$225.00. Certainly we appreciate the splendid work done by the members of this church.

Brother C. S. Baum, who has been laboring for the last week or two with the Wade-Pottsville church, in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, reports that the work is progressing nicely. We know, personally, that we can always depend on this church's doing all in its power to swell the funds for foreign missions.

In a letter from Brother and Sister Heald, who are located at Chambersburg, we learn that they have themselves collected over fifty dollars on the Ingathering campaign, and still they have quite a number of papers on hand for distribution. The new company there is also taking hold well in the interests of the campaign.

Elders B. G. Wilkinson and W. H. Heckman visited the Williamsport church Sabbath and Sunday, December 2 and 3, respectively. Sabbath morning Professor Wilkinson gave a powerful discourse on the text, "Ye must be born again."

The Morning Watch Calendar is now ready, and there are many reasons that you should have it. This is a sunset calendar, with an appropriate verse at the top of each page, a scripture verse for every day in the year, and the needs of special prayer mentioned. It will help us to begin each day with an inspiration, it will give us thoughts on the Sabbath-school lesson each day in the week. It will make an acceptable Christmas or New Year's gift to some friend or

Sabbath-school pupil. Send in your order without delay to the Tract Society office, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

One of the new converts who accepted the truth as a result of the tent effort conducted by Elder C. S. Wiest in North Philadelphia, recently gave \$547.00 tithe. God will certainly bless this sister for her faithfulness in being true to God and his requirements.

Elder T. H. Branch, who has charge of the colored work in Philadelphia, reports very favorably with reference to his work. Within the last few months ten members have been received into the church of which he is pastor.

## OHIO

### HARVEST TIME

Why stand ye idle all the day  
When harvest fields are white?  
For angel reapers soon will come,  
Clad in their robes of light,  
To garner home the ripened grain  
From every land and clime,  
Where cares and trials have tested all  
Before the harvest time.

Then onward press, ye sanguine sons,  
The reaping time is near,  
When Christ himself will take his own,  
And dry the falling tear;  
Work on, for soon time's setting sun  
Will end our earthly stay,  
And angel throngs will bear the true  
To realms of endless day.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

## The Report of the Educational Superintendent

JANUARY 1, 1910 TO JULY 31, 1911

The educational department of the conference is divided into three closely related parts,—the church school, the Sabbath-school, and the young people's work. Sister Bessie Acton had charge of this work in Ohio until just a year ago, when she accepted a call to a position on the faculty of Fox River Academy.

### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Sabbath school is the oldest division of the educational department, and is, of course, well established. The last quarter of 1910 found the Ohio Sabbath-schools on the "honor roll," giving all their donations to missions. And this also proved to be the banner quarter in

our history, the donations amounting to \$940.56. We hope to reach the \$1,000 mark for the corresponding quarter of this year. We wish to call attention to the fact that the Sabbath-school donations apply on the ten-cent-a-week fund, or the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, as it will be the coming year, and the regular weekly Sabbath-school donations materially assist in swelling this fund. During the year 1910 our Sabbath-schools in Ohio gave \$3,325.11 to missions; during the first half of 1911 we gave \$1686.08, every penny of which went to missions, making a total for the eighteen months of \$5,011.19. We have eighty-two Sabbath-schools, with a membership of 1,859, including seventy-four in the Home Department.

#### THE CHURCH SCHOOLS

Last year fifteen church and home schools were operated under conference supervision, the total enrolment being 166. Adding to this the ninety and nine attending Mount Vernon College we have a total of 265 young people obtaining a Christian education. When we review the instruction which the Lord has given, urging us without delay to withdraw our children from associations and influences that undermine their faith and corrupt their morals, placing them under the influence of consecrated teachers who believe the truth for this time, it is evident that many more of our children should be in our schools.

The denomination is gradually producing its own text books, eliminating everything of an objectionable nature, and incorporating the most advanced methods of instruction. The work for every grade is definitely outlined, and we are earnestly striving to secure a class of well trained, thoroughly consecrated teachers. To this end this conference each year generously pays all the expenses of its teachers incurred in attending summer school.

One of the serious problems connected with the church school work is the financial problem. Our teachers, after spending time and money in obtaining a training, receive in some instances less than an ordinary domestic, and it is sometimes difficult to raise even this amount. Various theories have been proposed and experimented with, but what we need to solve this problem is not theories, but money. When all our people, whether parents or not, fully sense the absolute necessity of placing our children under the influence of God-fearing teachers who believe the

truth for this time; and when we are willing to invest as much in the training of our sons and daughters for the kingdom of God as we invest in raising stock for the market, or as we spend for the luxuries of life, the financial problem will be reduced from a mountain to a molehill.

#### THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The work of the Missionary Volunteers is now an important factor in the giving of this message. We have at present thirteen Missionary Volunteer societies, with two junior bands, having a total membership of 250. The following is only a partial statement of the work of the societies during the eighteen months covered by the report:—

Letters written.....	179
Letters received.....	84
Missionary visits.....	1,271
Bible readings or cottage meetings.....	421
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	184
Papers sold ..	3,576
Papers mailed, lent, or given away.....	9,992
Books sold.....	84
Books lent or given away.....	126
Pages of tracts sold .....	354
Pages of tracts lent or given away .....	168, 474
Hours of Christian help work.....	620
Articles of clothing given away.....	176
Number of meals provided.....	85
Signers obtained to temperance pledge .....	39
Offerings for foreign missions.....	\$234.52
Offerings for home missions .....	\$130.08
Offerings for local society work.....	\$53.70
Flowers for the sick.....	25
Three hundred twenty dollars and forty cents has already been raised in Ohio for the Mount Vernon College tank fund and we hope that this will be greatly increased by the prompt payment of the pledges already made, and by liberal donations on the part of our young people during the remainder of the year.	

Last fall and winter nine educational, young people's, and Sabbath-school conventions were held in the state, excellent results following.

As the third angel's message rapidly extends to all parts of the earth, and the calls for trained workers increase, more and more our leaders are looking to the youth to answer

these calls. It is a sad fact that hundreds of our boys and girls who might have been filling important positions in this cause, and doing a mighty work for God, are to-day devoting their energies to the service of the world. Hundreds more are indifferent to the truth and are drifting away. Many a heart is aching and almost breaking because of a son or a daughter who is wandering. Shall we sit idly by while the enemy steals the choicest treasure of our hearts! It is high time that we should witness the weeping of the ministers of the Lord as they should cry, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them." And the Elijah message on the lips of the ministers who thus seek the Lord will have power to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and of the children to the fathers. With the workers and the parents must the work of revival begin, if we would save our children. And as our children turn to God, the influence of the home must be supplemented by our schools; and the Missionary Volunteer society must provide them something definite to do, that they may develop into workers for God, and not drift back into the world. Such an awakening as this we hope to see.

In closing, your secretary would express his appreciation of the co-operation of the conference committee. The kindnesses and the hospitality of our brethren and sisters in the churches is remembered with pleasure. And, above all, would we express gratitude to our heavenly Father for his abiding presence and blessing.

W. C. MOFFETT.

#### Coshocton

It is some time since the readers of the VISITOR have heard anything from the little company of believers at Coshocton. We are of good courage. Though some of our members have moved away within the past year, weakening somewhat the church, we are determined with God's help to keep our light burning; and, by seeking opportunities to do good to others, to cause it to burn more brightly in the future than it has in the past. We feel that it is high time to awake out of slumber, for the "day of the Lord" is very near.

On Sabbath, November 25, we held our regular home missionary meeting, with excellent success. Several papers were read; one on "Influence," by our missionary leader, Sister Bessie

Gray; one on "Association with the World," by Walter Ralls; one on "Influence in the Home" by Sister Eva Corder; another on "Prayer," written by a lady not of our faith who has been attending our meetings occasionally. She not being able to attend the meeting, her paper was read by Miss Florence Corder. Still another paper on "Reverence for the House of God" was read by the writer. Several appropriate songs were sung, and we closed the meeting with a praise service, in which all testified to the goodness of the Lord, and the blessings which the meeting had brought to them.

Our missionary society has been doing work with our literature, selling and giving it away. Some of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* have also been given out and some contributions gathered in from their distribution. We are planning to do more in this line. We have made a number of calls upon the sick, among whom is a lady who has been suffering with paralysis for nearly a year. Recently in one of my visits with her I requested permission to have our church hold a prayer meeting at her home. Both the lady and her husband seemed pleased at the request and granted it gladly. So we gathered at their home at the usual hour on the evening of December first; and the meeting proved to be one that will long be remembered. Sister Gray gave a very interesting Bible study, which deeply impressed all present. Our friends were so pleased with the meeting that they requested us to hold more prayer meetings at their home; and we shall be glad to improve the opportunity afforded by their invitation.

We realize that when we are sincere in our efforts, and have a burden for souls, the Lord will direct us to those who will be glad to hear the truth. We ask the prayers of the readers, that we may receive strength from on high to do the work which remains to be done in this city. We are glad to have a humble part in the closing work of our Lord.

MRS. A. E. RALLS.

Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell, who are doing Bible work in Cincinnati, have moved into one of the suburbs of that city. Their address is now 2207 Lawn Ave., Norwood, O.

Elder Slade spent Sabbath with the Newark church. For the past few days he has been very busy with cor-

respondence and with preparations for taking up his residence in Mount Vernon, his family being expected to arrive this week.

On Sunday evening, December 3, after the close of the Sabbath-school convention at Akron, Miss Matilda Reichenbaugh and Mr. Charles Franklin Wilcox were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas of Akron, Elder Francis M. Fairchild performing the ceremony. The bride and groom will reside in Canton, O.

#### OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER, 1911

Akron.....	\$175 00
Alliance.....	.....
*Barnesville.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	4 50
Bellville.....	.....
*Broughton.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	15 79
Camden.....	75
Canton.....	35 62
Chagrin Falls.....	45 35
Charloe.....	8 79
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	182 16
Cleveland.....	.....
Cleveland German.....	85 50
Clyde.....	50 00
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	311 83
Columbus S. D. A. Mission.....	10 45
*Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	29 85
*Convoy.....	.....
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	158 17
Cygnnet.....	3 04
Dayton.....	57 97
Defiance.....	11 00
Delaware.....	.....
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	14 65
*Dixon.....	.....
Dowling.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	23 19
Elgin.....	.....
Findlay.....	.....
Greenspring.....	.....
*Gilboa.....	.....
Hamler.....	.....
Hamilton.....	65 46
Hicksville.....	29 89
*Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	75 69
*Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	.....
LaGrange.....	.....
*Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	6 00
Leesburg.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	35 38
Lima.....	.....

Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	46 24
Marion.....	.....
Marshfield.....	50 00
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Mendon.....	6 70
Middlefield.....	16 55
Mount Vernon.....	238 78
Newark.....	46 91
Norwalk.....	98 52
New Philadelphia.....	.....
Ohio City.....	.....
Pemberville.....	18 00
Piqua.....	7 00
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	.....
*Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
*Shreve.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	126 98
Toledo.....	54 41
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	3 50
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	166 14
Waterford.....	.....
*West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	.....
Wilmington.....	25 02
Youngstown.....	24 77
Zanesville.....	17 07
Individuals.....	.....
Isolated.....	40 42

TOTAL.....\$2,423 04

#### TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

NOVEMBER, 1911

Tithe.....	\$2,423 04
Tract Society.....	700 11
Sabbath-school Donations.....	233 21
First Day Offerings.....	81 06
Annual Offering.....	1 00
Mid Summer Offerings.....	.....
\$300,000 Fund.....	313 23
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	74 35
M. V. C. Tank Fund.....	.....
Tent Fund.....	.....
Blind Fund.....	5 00
Africa.....	.....
Camera Fund Little Friend.....	.....
Colored Work.....	64 67
Orphans and Aged.....	.....
Tent and Hall Donations.....	23 46
Religious Liberty.....	.....
Ministry of Healing.....	.....
Missions.....	70 78
Harvest Ingathering (S. S. D.).....	26 05
Mission Signs.....	67 03
Swatow Chapel, China.....	2 00

TOTAL.....\$4,084 99

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

## Canvassers' Reports

New Jersey, Week Ending December 1, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	23	7	10 50	1 75	12 25	1 75	
N. R. Pond, Burlington, Co.	CK	2	11	1	1 50	2 35	3 85	9 05	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth				1	2 00		2 00	8 00	
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	4	27	116	29 00		29 00	23 00	
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.	CK	3	22	18	29 50	9 25	38 75		
G. W. Blinn Morris Co.	BR	4	22	6	19 40		19 40		
Totals			17	105	149	\$91 90	\$13 35	\$105 25	\$31 80

## West Virginia Week Ending November 24, 1911

A. Hendrickson, Kanawha Co.	DR	5	41	6	22 00	9 25	31 25		
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.	DR	4	35	6	18 00	9 00	27 00	9 00	
W. McElphatrk, Braxton Co.	DR	4	34	5	14 00	7 25	21 25	3 00	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	2	13	5	7 50	5 00	12 50	3 50	
Totals			15	123	22	\$61 50	\$30 50	\$92 00	\$15 50

## Virginia, Week Ending, December 1, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC		17	6	8 00		8 00	14 50	
S. N. Brown, Bristol	CK		46	39	58 50	7 50	66 00	10 00	
Mrs. S. N. Brown, Bristol	CK		12	22	33 00	2 00	35 00	5 00	
F. W. Hall, Bristol	CK		36	32	48 50	9 50	58 00	1 00	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "	CK		16	22	33 00	1 25	34 25		
Totals			127	121	\$181 00	\$20 25	\$201 25	\$30 50	

## Ohio, Week Ending December 1, 1911

J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	45	10	32 50	23 65	56 15	3 05	
*C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.	CK	9	65	45	56 00		56 00		
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	2	8	15	16 00	8 35	24 35		
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BF	5	25	5	17 00	2 75	19 75	1 25	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BF	3	18	16	17 00		17 00		
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	33	8	10 50	50	11 00	50	
Totals			29	194	99.	\$149 00	\$35 25	\$184.25	4 80

\*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$582.75

Deliveries, \$82.60

## NEW JERSEY

The conference president spent Sabbath with the Bohemian company in Newark and found that a good work was being done there among the people of this nationality. There is at present a church with a membership of twenty-four; and more are to be baptized soon. They are planning to build a church in the spring. Sabbath afternoon Elder Sandborn met with the Plainfield company, which is being revived and built up by the labors of Brother Lund and others who have assisted him. At the present time they are ready for reorganization, which will take place December 15 and 16, when the president expects to meet with them.

Brother J. M. Gaff has begun meetings in the hall at Elizabeth, and is having a good attendance. He is advertising quite extensively, and we are looking for results from these meetings.

The president went to Jersey City with Auditor E. R. Brown, December 4, to adjust some business matters with church No. 2. From Jersey City he went to Paterson, stopping at Rockway to counsel with Brother Pennington in regard to the work in that place; and on his way back to the office he called at Washington in the northern part of the state to examine conditions there, in view of placing a laborer in that section. He spent Sabbath and Sunday at Vine-land, at which time the church held its yearly election.

The work in the churches for the week of prayer is left largely with the elders. From what we can hear we believe they are faithful in doing their part, and we know that good results will come from the efforts put forth during this season of prayer. We trust that much means may be gathered to hasten the message.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Elder Robbins spent a most profitable season with Brother I. D. Richardson at Elm Grove. He found conditions very favorable to the formation of a church, and hopes to see one organized there in the near future. In a letter just received from Brother Richardson he states: "We may have to rent a hall for a short time to better care for the interest so rapidly developing." "Will go to East Liverpool and Chester to spend the Sabbath. We are expecting a large Harvest Ingathering collection from the Pan-Handle district of the West Virginia Conference; we hope we shall not be disappointed."

Do not forget that the "Ministry of Healing" campaign will open for active business December 8, and will continue until the 22nd, or until the quota of books for the West Virginia Conference will have been fully disposed of. Remember the date—December 8-22. This, brethren, is a very important matter, and should enlist the best effort of every Seventh-day Adventist in West Virginia.

"Easy Steps in the Bible Story" is the name of a very entertaining and at the same time instructive volume for children. A copy has just been received at the office from the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Beginning with the story of creation, connected stories of special events and the lives of prominent characters down to the close of the life of Christ are told in a most charming way. No child can read these stories without being helped in the forming of strong character. This book is just from the press, and is destined to be one of the most popular juvenile books ever published. "Easy Steps in the Bible Story" contains over 600 pages, and can be had in these bindings: cloth marble, half morocco, and full morocco. The prices are \$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00, respectively. Write for prospectus now.



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Entered as Second-Class Matter March 25, 1908, at the Post-office at Mt. Vernon, O., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

We are just in receipt of a number of petition blanks for securing signatures against the Johnston Sunday Bill. These blanks can be received by addressing a request to the West Virginia Conference, Lock Box 353, Fairmont, West Va.

Get your Morning Watch Calendar now; only a few are left. Price, five cents.

Elder Robbins will leave his home Wednesday for the interior of the state; he expects to go directly to Elkins, where he will hold several meetings. He will go thence to Gladys, to hold a series of meetings. From what place we shall hear from Brother Robbins next we do not know; but we are satisfied that when he returns he will have a good report, showing in every way the satisfaction he feels in the advancement which still continues to be made by the West Virginia Conference.

Vernon O. Panches, field missionary agent of the West Pennsylvania Conference, announces a change of address, from 1028 Allison Ave., Washington, Pa., to 240 Locust Ave., Washington, Pa. West Pennsylvania readers please take notice.

The great regret of many some day will be that they have spent too much time with men and not enough with God. Let not this regret be yours. Learn to visit alone with God. You cannot be a Christian without praying; for prayer is the breath of spiritual life. The little Morning Watch Calendar has helped others to form the habit of personal devotion. Will you not try it? Get one of these booklets from your tract society. Price, five cents.

### "Healthful Living" Wanted

I greatly desire to secure about forty copies of the book, "Healthful Living," for the use of our missionary class in Chicago and the nurses' class in the Hinsdale Sanitarium. Those who will donate or sell a copy that they may possess can be assured that it will be put to the very best use. Books may be mailed to Dr. David Paulson, Hinsdale, Ill.

### Mottoes

The Emmanuel Children's Home of Mountain Grove, Mo., has added a self-supporting department, and will send to any address a catalog showing over one hundred eighty beautiful scriptural mottoes retailing at from five to twenty-five cents each; the proceeds go to homeless children.

### Important Religious Liberty Notice

The Religious Liberty Department at Washington is pleased to report that the churches are sending in memorials and protests against unfavorable legislation now proposed in both the Senate and House of Representatives. In addition to this work, the department has requested our churches to secure from the public in general signatures to petitions against these measures. Blanks have been sent out, and we trust that a generous response to this line of work will be forthcoming.

In the petition work we have an opportunity of demonstrating that our work is of a constructive character, and that we do not have in mind the defeating of Sunday laws only, but also the matter of inculcating the true principles of civil government and religion. That is to say, we should be prepared to tell the people of the principles involved in this character of legislation, and help them to come to a saving knowledge of the truth for these times.

In the accomplishment of this work, we can suggest no better plan than for our people to furnish themselves with tracts, periodicals, magazines, etc., bearing upon the question. Your tract society will have on hand literature bearing upon this subject of civil and religious liberty, and in addition to what has already been published in the catalog of literature, leaflets on the Johnston Sunday Bill, and the Sunday Closing of Post Offices Bill, tracts giving Baptist and other denominational views on the subject of religious legislation, are, or soon will be, available.

We trust that the matter of distribution of literature will find responsive attention on the part of our people generally. This office will be glad to answer any correspondence upon the subject which may be sent to it.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT.

### OUR WORDS

Our words! our words! what queer, strange things they are!

How quick they come!

On thoughtless tongue.

So much of God's dear light from us they bar.

Our ready words! how much alloy they hold!

The tinselled word

More felt than heard;

So oft, unchallenged, we pass it on for gold.

The merry jests that cross our lips in sport,

How oft they bear

Such bitter fare

As we would shrink to meet in that last Court.

How oft, in thoughtless mood, when bent on fun,

We force the sup

From hemlock cup

To anguished lips ere life's brief course is run.

Our words! such cheer, such joy as they could bring

To sickened heart

In life's fierce mart,

And raise the song, "O Death, where is thy sting!"

Then give close heed; guard well these words of ours,

For life or death

Are in their breath.

Pass but the good; they're Eden's fair, sweet flowers.

NELLIE M. HIGLEY.

### OBITUARIES

SAUDER.—Lydia A. More was born Sept. 9, 1844, in Springfield Township, Summit County, O., and died Nov. 25, 1911, aged 67 years, 2 months, and 16 days. She was the fifteenth child of a family of seventeen, eleven of whom are still living. On September 9, 1869, she was united in marriage to Joseph K. Sauder. To this happy union were born six sons and two daughters. About nineteen years ago Sister Sauder accepted the faith of Jesus and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Akron, of which she remained a faithful member until death. She was a kind and loving mother and bore her last illness with patience. She leaves six sons, two daughters, eleven brothers and sisters, and many more relatives and friends; and while we mourn our loss, it is not without a bright hope of a happy reunion when we shall be caught up together with her to meet the Lord in the air, if we have been faithful to the same Word that was her comfort and refuge even to the end. Words of comfort from Rev. 14: 13 were spoken by the writer, and the deceased was carried by her sons to her last resting place, there to await the voice of the Archangel. FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.