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

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GENERAL MATTER

A NEW YEAR WISH

As fleet the shadows, so the years:
Each leaves its trace of joy and pain;
But may their sorrows be forgot,
And may their joys alone remain.

And as we view the passing year,
Each idle day and deed confess,
Each empty pleasure fades away
Before the joy of faithfulness.

And now as loud the merry bells
"Ring out the old and in the new"
Accept our wish, aye, deepest prayer—
A happy, blissful year to you.

S.-P.-R.

The Two Roads

It was New-year's eve. An aged man was standing at a window. He raised his mournful eyes toward the deep blue sky, where the stars were floating, like white lilies, on the surface of a clear, calm lake. Next he cast his eyes on the earth, where few more hopeless beings than himself now move on toward their certain goal—the tomb.

Already he has passed sixty of the stages which lead to it, and he had brought from his journey nothing but remorse and errors. His health was destroyed, his mind vacant, his heart sorrowful, and his old age devoid of comfort. The days of his youth rose up in a vision before him, and he recalled the solemn moment when his father had placed him at the entrance of two roads—one leading into a peaceful, sunny land covered with a fertile harvest, and resounding with soft, sweet music; the other leading the wanderer into a deep, dark cave, whence there was no issue, where poison flowed instead of water, and where serpents hissed and crawled.

He looked toward the sky and cried out in his agony, "O youth, return! O my father, place me once more at the entrance of life, that I may choose the better way!" But his father and the days of his youth had both passed away. He saw wandering lights

floating away over dark marshes, and then disappearing. These were the days of his wasted life. He saw a star fall from heaven, and vanish in the darkness. This was an emblem of himself; and the sharp arrows of unavailing remorse struck home to his heart. Then he remembered his early companions, who entered upon life with himself, but who, having trod the paths of virtue and of labor, were now honored and happy on this New-year's eve.

The clock in the high church tower struck twelve, and the sound falling on his ear, recalled his parents' early love for him, their erring son; the lessons they had taught him; the prayers offered in his behalf. Overwhelmed with shame and grief, he dared not longer look toward that heaven where his Heavenly Father dwelt. His darkened eyes dropped tears, and with one despairing effort, he cried aloud, "Come back, my early days! come back!"

And his youth did return; for all this was but a dream. He was still young; his faults alone were real. He thanked God fervently that time was still his own, that he had not yet entered the deep, dark cavern, but was free to tread the road leading to that peaceful land where sunny harvests wave.

Ye who still linger on the threshold of life doubting which path to choose, remember that when years are passed, and your feet stumble on the dark mountain, you will cry bitterly, but cry in vain, "O youth, return! O, give me back my early days!"

—Selected.

The Constitutional Convention

Early in January a convention will be called in Columbus to change the constitution of Ohio. At the recent election delegates were chosen from every county, so that all parts of the state will have a voice in any alterations that may be made in this great document which safeguards liberty and prosperity in this great state. If only commercial changes were anticipated it would arouse but little

interest beyond the circles of commercialism, but it is a well-known fact that certain aggressive religious leaders are pledged to bombard the convention with resolutions and demands for a more stringent observance of the first day of the week instead of the seventh-day Sabbath divinely set apart and blessed by the Lord at the end of creation week, and observed by his faithful followers through the ages. No divine authority ever sanctioned the change from the seventh day to the first as some are prone to believe, but after a series of successes all tending toward national and state laws the leaders in this Sunday movement are now fearful of the results apparent, and the influence following sports, games and amusements on Sunday which is getting the masses instead of the churches, leaving many vacant pews and poorly paid preachers; this has so thoroughly aroused the leaders for a better observance of the "American Sabbath" that a movement has been started by reformers(?) to have incorporated in the new constitution a clause demanding the strict observance of Sunday as a day of national rest.

It is very evident that this is class legislation which in the end will not improve conditions, but will bring the heavy hand of the law upon good citizens who may have different religious views. Religious laws always bring in their train religious persecution, and the victims are treated as common criminals and even put in the chain gang; this has been done in some of the southern states. All good citizens should now be on the alert and give the subject of religious liberty more than passing notice for the days of persecution are right upon us. Much still remains to be done before the Lord's return, so all must do what duty demands and be ready to help others to see the evils of religious legislation.

Let all pastors, elders and leaders keep the subject before their flocks and be prepared on short notice to petition the convention, if necessary, that these delegates may give care-

ful consideration in this matter of going on record in establishing a precedent for future legislation which will deprive good citizens of their rights now guaranteed in the present constitution. The secretary of the department will keep in close touch with conditions here, and also with the churches, but it will be necessary to use the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR from time to time as the means of communication, and we trust that all our church officers are already subscribers, so as to keep their churches informed, and to facilitate the work of the department.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,

Sec'y. Rel. Lib. Dept. for Ohio.

AT THE COLLEGE

Miss Cora Bennett is nursing a diphtheria patient in Danville, O.

Mrs. Howard Detwiler visited her mother, Mrs. Sprecher, in Philadelphia, during vacation.

Miss Louise Bensei accompanied Elder Kneeland to his home in Pittsburgh, to spend the vacation.

The donation of the Sabbath-school for the Sabbath ending the week of prayer was \$29.18.

Miss de Spelder and Miss Hart spent their vacation at their homes in Michigan.

Mrs. C. D. Christman of Reading, Pa., visited her son during vacation.

Misses Annie Bennett and Hannah Beatty spent their vacation selling magazines in Columbus.

Miss Olive Pangburn has just returned from her home at Ridgetown, Ontario, where she spent the holidays.

Miss Hazel Leach spent the two weeks before vacation in West Virginia making a delivery of books.

Mrs. Golt of Wilmington, Delaware spent a few days last week with her brother, Mr. Ferguson.

Misses Ariel Arnold and Myrtle McPeak spent vacation in Columbus, selling magazines.

Mr. Harry Doolittle visited his home at Eldred, Pennsylvania, during vacation.

Mr. Spencer of Mansfield Pennsylvania, visited his brother and sister during the holidays.

Miss Ella Talmage, a Bible worker of Wooster, Ohio, is visiting her brother.

Elder W. E. Bidwell spent the holidays with his family.

Mrs. Vernon Panches of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, is visiting her brother, Elder James Shultz, and her husband's father.

The students enjoyed their vacation. Most of those from Ohio went home, also others from a distance. There were about thirty students left in the Home.

The Board's visit was appreciated and enjoyed by the students. They visited chapel every day. Talks were given by Elders B. G. Wilkinson, B. F. Kneeland, W. H. Heckman, and R. T. Baer. The students were especially glad to see the presidents of their respective conferences. Elder Baer might be seen surrounded by a group of Chesapeake students, while Elder Kneeland's attention was equally divided between students from New Jersey and those from West Pennsylvania.

We were glad to make the acquaintance of two new members of the Board, Elder McElhany of the District of Columbia and Elder Sanborn of New Jersey.

On Wednesday night, December 20, the second number of the lecture course was given by Elder McElhany on the Philippine Islands. This was a stereopticon lecture and many interesting scenes were shown, giving us an idea of conditions existing there. Elder McElhany has spent two years in the Philippines, so he could give us a good description of the country and its people. The students enjoyed the lecture very much and felt well repaid for attending it.

Mr. Howard Detwiler and his sister, Sadie, spent Christmas week at Columbus canvassing for magazines. They report excellent success, and feel well repaid for the earnest effort they put forth.

CHESAPEAKE

Special "Ministry of Healing" Campaign

At the recent council in Washington considerable attention was given to the question of completing the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. A committee was appointed to consider the matter. The resolutions and recommendations of this committee received the unanimous indorsement of the council, and every one present pledged himself to work for the rapid completion of this campaign.

For some time we have been engaged in this campaign with "Ministry of Healing." Nearly a year ago the conference opened the effort for our relief work. Considerable enthusiasm was created, and our people responded to what they believed to be a call to duty, and the result was that many of our churches ordered their quota of books. With other things to occupy our attention, we have not prosecuted this campaign as vigorously as we should. The result is that nearly all have not disposed of their quota, and of course the means derived from the sale of the books has not reached our treasury; consequently we have not been able to send on this money to the place where it is needed so much at this time.

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Council to set apart the week following the week of prayer as a time for a special campaign with "Ministry of Healing," we asked all our workers to spend the week, December 18-25, among the people in behalf of this valuable work. The plan is not for our workers to get our people to take more books, or a certain number of books, but to actually get out among the people not of our faith and interest them in the truth which "Ministry of Healing" contains.

This is a special effort, and in our plans to make it a success we would urge our people generally throughout the conference to participate in it. Let those who have sold only half their quota make another effort to sell the other half. Let those who have laid away their books until a more favorable opportunity, respond now and receive the blessing which is always sure to follow faithful labor for God. If there are those who have not ordered their quota of books, we ask them to do so at once. Books can be had in the English and German by sending to the office

where a supply is on hand.

May the Lord help us now to respond to the call and shoulder the responsibility, and then let us pray that our efforts may be successful as we unite with our brethren and sisters throughout the entire field in carrying the light of Health Principles which the Lord has given to us.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

The Week of Prayer Among the Churches

It was my privilege to visit some of the churches and companies during the week of prayer. On the first Sabbath we had the first reading with the little company at Thurmont. Our hearts were touched by the Spirit of God as we were exhorted by the servant of the Lord to a spiritual awakening.

I met with the Smithsburg church on Sunday evening; and as we noted the urgent appeals from the Orient, all were impressed to send up earnest petitions for a consecration of ourselves and our means to answer the calls from the destitute fields.

I also had the privilege of spending two evenings with the Hagerstown church. Here we had a good company out each evening, a deep interest was manifested in the readings, and we believe that all received great benefit from the week of prayer. Brother and Sister Peden, formerly of Washington, D. C., but now living in Hagerstown and canvassing, are rendering good service to the church. This company is also receiving help in the person of Miss McKenzie, who has labored as a Bible worker in Brooklyn, N. Y., during the past summer.

My next visit was at Cumberland. Here I did not have the pleasure of meeting all the brethren and sisters, as they live so far apart that it is impossible to come together very often. However, I had a very profitable meeting with a few who are of good courage in the message and its progress in the fields beyond. At this place I met two young ladies who have lately accepted the truth through the labors of Elder F. M. Fairchild. They are very earnest and enthusiastic.

On my return from Cumberland I stopped again at Smithsburg and remained over the Sabbath, holding two meetings here and one at Ponds ville and arriving home at Thurmont the eighth day after my departure.

It had been arranged to have a worker at all these places during the greater part of the week of prayer,

and, in order that this might be done, Brother Adkins and I arranged to alternate our visits among the churches at Hagerstown, Smithsburg, and Ponds ville.

At all these places that I visited there was manifested a desire to get a preparation to receive the latter rain. We believe that the week of prayer has been to many the means of receiving a new experience in this closing message. Let us not grow weary or become disheartened. Let us hold fast that no man take our crown. The conflict from now till the close of earth's history will be sharp, but it will be short. Our Captain is leading; but let us be faithful and keep step with God's advancing host.

GEO. R. APSLEY.

Words of Cheer from the Field

The great Leader of Israel is still guiding his people, as in days of old. I had an experience a short time since that gave me great courage.

While visiting a good home I was advised not to go to the next house, where a very wealthy lady lived, because she would treat me in no friendly manner; and again because I would be only wasting time in going. Surely it did look as if my visit to that home would be all in vain, and I myself almost decided not to go, as the house was down a very long lane and it was almost night. I had a place engaged to stay over night. So I was about to pass by the gate. I do not usually do this, but Satan did not want me to go to that house. However, the Lord did. I shall never forget the experience. It seemed that some unseen power turned me around, face toward the house, and started me in that direction. The result was that within three or four minutes after reaching that home I had an order for "Great Controversy between Christ and Satan." I tell you I felt very glad and happy that the Lord lead me to that home, though Satan did not want me to go. About four years ago I had a similar experience. Brethren, I know from actual experience that God is leading out in this great and important work. The question that confronts us today is, are we letting God lead us? What are we doing as the days go by?

While stopping over night with a family in the same territory I was asked what I thought about the Seventh-day Adventists, and about the seventh day Sabbath, I gave them my views about the Sabbath, then asked

what they thought about it. They all seemed to believe the Sabbath truth. The oldest son, a young man of about twenty-four years, said, "I have been thinking along this line for quite a while." His mother gave me an order for "Coming King." We are now living in the sowing time, O what will the harvest be?

The same week I was describing my book, "Coming King," to a woman, when she exclaimed, "That is a good book." I had a friend over in Howard County who was led to Christ just before death through reading the "Coming King," I very readily received an order.

These are only a few of the many good experiences that we are having in the canvassing field. Many more await us if we will only go forward in his name, bearing the message of truth to the world; surely there is much to be done yet. Brethren and Sisters, pray for the canvasser.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

Elder Baer was at Mount Vernon the week ending December 23, attending a session of the College Board.

Elder Prener, our German worker, is preparing to carry on aggressive work among the Germans of Baltimore. We feel sure that Brother Prener will find some honest souls as he takes up this work.

Elder R. H. Martin of Wilmington called at the office on his way to Rock Hall where he expected to hold meetings during the week of prayer. He reported excellent meetings at Wilmington and other places visited.

Brother F. E. Hankins has been out with the churches in the interest of church missionary work. We hope that all of our churches will send in their reports to the office, as these are of great importance and will add interest and encouragement to the work.

Word has been received from Cumberland that the brethren are making preparations for the general meeting to be held at that place the last of the month.

Let all remember the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Do not stop with a week; keep up this work until your quota of books is sold.

Encouraging reports are coming in concerning the successful meetings held during the week of prayer. We hope the churches were strengthened spiritually.

The general meeting and church officer's convention, which opened at Smithsburg Friday evening, Dec. 22, was an important occasion. We shall look for a good report of this meeting. The president of the conference, the secretary-treasurer, and other workers are expected to be in attendance.

Elder R. T. Baer visited the churches at Cambridge, Church Hill, and Millington during the week of prayer. Good meetings were held, and the people signified their desire to press on until the message triumphs.

NEW JERSEY

Newark.

We are glad to report that the work in Newark is still onward. All are of good courage and rejoicing in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

We feel that we have great reason to thank God as we look back over the three years that have passed, and take a kind of a spiritual inventory of the many marked manifestations of God's favor, and of his guiding hand that has been with us.

The past year has been one filled with hard labor for our company at Newark. About one year ago our minds were deeply exercised over the council of God through his chosen servant, that in every city where the truth of God is being proclaimed, a memorial should be built, that would stand as a monument, and a constant reminder to all passers-by, of the message of warning to this sin-cursed earth. Accordingly in the early part of the past summer we began work on our new church. We purchased a lot and began work in harmony with the council given. And we all feel to praise the Lord for the wonderful way that he has blessed us in every right effort that has been put forth.

Our church building is forty by sixty feet, and twenty feet high to the roof. We have the body of the church now completed, and are arranging to work both night and day for the next four or five weeks, until we have it enclosed, ready for the winter. So far, we have only expended \$24.00 for hired help, and we

have always had money in the treasury to pay every bill when it has been presented to us. The largest amount of work done upon the church has been done at night, after the day's work of our brethren was ended. A good many nights during the summer and fall it has been as late as midnight when we came home from work. Yet all are of good courage and are still bent on pressing the battle hard, until our monument shall be completed.

We wish to say by way of encouragement to many of our churches throughout the Union, that if all will exercise the same zeal and determination that the Newark church has manifested in the erection of its building, many more companies would have places of their own, where they could worship God in buildings wholly dedicated to his service.

We earnestly ask the prayers of all, that the good work in Newark may go on unabated, until the last honest soul in this great city shall be reached.

Yours in the Master's service,
W. H. SMITH.

OHIO

Plans to be Operated in 1912

By unanimous vote at our last conference we are pledged to endeavor to raise for missions in all of our churches during 1912 an amount equal to fifteen cents a week per member. The various funds to be included in this fifteen-cent-a-week plan are, Sabbath-school, weekly or first day, annual, mid-summer, harvest ingathering offerings, and the offerings for the colored and blind work, and all money paid on pledges or otherwise on the \$300,000 Fund after July 1, 1912. A church with a membership of one hundred will raise \$15.00 a week, or \$780.00 for the year. It must ever be in mind that many whose names are on the church book are either unable or disinclined to give anything. Those who are able and willing to give will have this to make up. To reach this high mark will call for liberality and a united and constant effort. Let us begin it with the beginning of the new year. Some churches will reach and far exceed the mark, and possibly some will come short of it. Many of our best churches will need to go much higher if, as a conference, we swing clear next December.

We will help you all that we can from the office and otherwise. The conference treasurer will keep you supplied with any information you may desire, and will aid you as he may. The officers of the Sabbath-school and Missionary departments will co-operate with the church officers and conference laborers in this effort. The conference workers and church officers are much to be depended upon in this undertaking. An extraordinary effort is required. Let us make January 1, 1913 a new year's day doubly happy to the Ohio churches by our having accomplished the great task for missions that we are now beginning.

E. K. SLADE.

Toledo

A short series of meetings was conducted in Bowling Green by Dr. Jump of Toledo, and the writer. Some of the young people were converted and others were interested in present truth.

The church school at Toledo is doing good work. The financial burden, which threatened its success, was removed, and funds were provided for the school year. A young lady whose heart was touched, and who could pay no cash, passed in her locket to be sold that the money might be given to the church school work.

The week of prayer was a precious season to this church. The Holy Spirit was present, melting hearts and causing some to confess their unbelief and sin. Sabbath, December 16, witnessed the consecration of nearly all present. We have reason to believe these meetings have brought strength and encouragement to this, the oldest church in the Ohio Conference; which has members who were pioneers in the message, and who saw the stars fall. May they live to see their Saviour come in all his glory!

J. J. MARIETTA.

Zanesville

Since our last report two new Sabbath-keepers were added to this church and there are prospects for more. We raised \$100.00 during the Week of Prayer for missions. We have found that the Third Angel's Message is awakening the honest in heart here as well as in heathen China. We are of good courage in the Lord.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Miss Ella Talmage spent her Christmas vacation with relatives in Waterford.

On a recent Sabbath the Derwent church added to its membership a lady who had recieved the truth through reading a copy of "Bible Footlights" purchased from Brother Harley Forsythe, one of our faithful canvassers. Brother Forsythe held several Bible readings with her in the evening after his day's work was done, walking two and a half miles each way in order to do so. Brother Forsythe is now in Elm Grove, W. Va.

We are about to lose one of our magazine workers, Sister Rachel Rigby of East Liverpool, whose husband has just gone to San Antonio, Texas, to settle on a farm. Sister Rigby will follow in the spring.

A lady has just stepped out to obey the truth as a result of Bible work done by Sister Ella M. Talmage in following up the tent effort at Wooster. This makes four who are keeping the Sabbath at that place. Others are trying to arrange their business so that they can do so. Those of our people who attended the camp-meeting, and who can furnish the names of interested persons in and about Wooster should write to Sister Talmage at 49 South Buckeye Street, Wooster, O.

Elder Bidwell has been making an extensive tour of his district, investigating the opportunities for holding public efforts during the winter, and visiting all the churches.

Sabbath, December 2, Elder J. W. Shultz conducted the quarterly service in the Delta church. At the close of the service the congregation repaired to the water's edge where a young sister was buried in baptism.

Brother Minesinger of Empire, O., devoted the week of prayer to missionary work. He recieved in donations about six dollars for missions, and sold nineteen copies of "Ministry of Healing."

Miss Lelia Clough, a graduate of the Mount Vernon Normal Course, who is teaching this year at Pleasant Hill, spent the holidays with her parents at Delta. Her brother Carl from the College also spent the vacation at home.

Professor C. F. Thrasher, who in visiting Dr. Hillburn at Akron, very kindly gave his services as chorister at the recent Sabbath-school convention held at that place.

For the quarter ending September 30, the Sabbath-schools of Ohio gave \$1106 to missions.

Calls for public efforts are coming in from all parts of the state. The demand is far beyond our ability to supply workers to answer the calls.

A man representing himself as a converted Jew has been securing subscriptions to our missionary periodicals from some of our people in this state and failing to remit to the office the money thus collected. Our people are warned not to be deceived by this person.

WANTED.—A woman experienced in culinary and general house work for a family of four, two adults and two children aged fourteen and sixteen. Must be a Sabbath-keeper. Permanent home given to the right person; church privileges. Best of reference required. State age, and wage expected. Address Dr. Ernest M. Woolgar, Clyde, O.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Courage, Brother!

The week of prayer being over, let not your prayers cease ascending to God for the continuance of his blessings. My brethren; instead, let us press our petitions more fervently before the throne of grace, that we may unite in pleading for more power and a greater manifestation of his Holy Spirit. Let us make our requests known to our heavenly Father, by crying for the "latter rain in the time of the latter rain."

Let us not become weary in well doing, but let us labor faithfully with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* till not a single copy remains where we are. Let us continue while peace is in the land, and doors are still open.

I am of good courage and Jesus has blessed me in all the places I have visited during the past six weeks. The week of prayer has been a continual feast. I praise the Lord for the good spirit in all the churches visited. All seemed to realize that now is the time to work for our neighbors, and they willingly purchased tracts for distribution.

G. MEDAIRY.

Our church treasurers should forward all tithe on hand, as well as all offerings that have come in for the various mission funds to the confer-

ence treasurer, Brother J. S. Barrows, 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., promptly at the close of the year. We also hope to receive prompt reports from the church clerks and librarians, as we wish to close up the records of the year in good time.

Do not forget that the headquarters of the West Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society are now located at 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. We hope that this move will enable us to keep in closer touch with the work in the conference; and we invite our people passing through the city to call upon us.

A general meeting was held at the Erie church December 8 to 10. It was attended by a number of brethren and sisters from the neighboring churches. Elder B. F. Kneeland and Brother George West were also in attendance. A very profitable series of meetings was held with the church, and the spirit of God came very near. Following this Elder Kneeland spent two days at Corry, where good meetings were held in spite of unfavorable weather.

Elder C. Meleen who has been spending some time in the canvassing field, reports the sale of \$98.00 worth of books, including Bibles, "Ministry of Healing," "Story of Daniel," Swedish, "Life of Christ," and others. Elder Meleen adds to his report the following encouraging words: "The Lord is blessing me in the work among the Swedes; and as I look back over the past year, it seems to me one of the best years of my life."

The attendance of the Alleghany church seems to have increased considerably during the past few weeks. Elder J. P. Gaede has been meeting with the church on Sabbath, and his labors are appreciated by the members.

Elder N. S. Ashton of Pittsburgh, the Union Conference educational secretary, and Elder B. F. Kneeland spent a number of days in Mount Vernon, in attendance at a meeting of the College Board.

Several of the Mount Vernon College students from West Pennsylvania returned home for their Christmas vacation. They will go back, we hope, rested and refreshed for the remainder of the year's work.

WEST VIRGINIA

Sabbath-school quarterlies should be obtained at once by any who do not already have them. Address the West Virginia Tract Society, Box 353 Fairmont, W. Va.

The introductory note in the quarterly reads:—

"For six months the lessons for all divisions of the Sabbath-school will be topical studies, containing many of the doctrinal features of present truth. This is the first time we have ever had uniform studies in all divisions on these topics, and these lessons should be a great blessing to our people everywhere. The distinctive features of the message should always be interesting to those who love it; and to those who have embraced it in more recent years they will be of special interest."

A good opportunity is presented by the quarterly when it says: "It has been suggested that during the period covered by these lessons there be a general revival of missionary work in all our churches and Sabbath-schools, and that these lessons be used as a basis for Bible studies with our neighbors and friends. We believe the suggestion is a good one, and hope that it will be put into practical operation."

We are strongly in hope that the Sabbath-school department of the West Virginia Conference for the year 1912 may mark a new era in the Sabbath-school work; that our membership may increase and that the donations to foreign missions may reach a point never yet attained in this conference.

Elder Robbins called at the office on his way to Morgantown from Canfield and Glady, where he had been holding meetings in school-houses. The meetings at Canfield averaged in attendance about eighty each night. Elder Robbins spoke very highly of the Methodist minister, Rev. L. D. Pott, whom he met at Canfield; says he manifested a most excellent spirit; assisted in opening the meetings, and urged his people to attend. He also invited Elder Robbins to come again and hold other meetings.

At Glady Elder Robbins met opposition from the Presbyterian minister, who attended the meeting each evening and asked many questions at the close of the service. But they were all met with the truth from the

word of God. The third angel's message shines the brighter when it comes in contact with false theories which are now being taught.

Elder Robbins is very desirous of returning to Canfield and Glady and holding more meetings. He feels convinced there are many honest people at these places who want to hear more of the truths we hold.

Have you received a copy of the "Morning Watch Calendar" for 1912? Only a few more left, order now if you have not already done so.

The *Youth's Instructor* is still being sold; one canvasser states he recently sold sixty-five in a very short time.

Several of our student canvassers who late in the season took orders for a Christmas delivery have been in their field delivering. They report it not a very easy matter to persuade the people to receive the books so long since sold. Though they are finding the roads difficult to travel and the weather cold and disagreeable, still they are meeting with ordinary success, and will have something to show for their severe hardship.

VIRGINIA

Richmond

There is great rejoicing in the Richmond church because of the high prospects before them. Long have they hoped and prayed that more might be done to bring the truth before the people of dear old Richmond, the capital of the state.

At our recent conference Brother W. J. Stone of Indianapolis, Indiana was elected president of the Virginia Conference, and in October he with his family located in Richmond. He has spent much time in thought and prayer concerning the work in Virginia, and his attention has been especially brought to the needs of the city of Richmond. So later on through his influence Elder J. H. N. Tindall and Brother Chas. E. Garnsey came here also. These brethren came highly recommended, having had good success in Indiana, where they conducted a series of meetings in the manner given us of God, that of combining the medical work with the evangelical. The Indiana Conference was very reluctant to release these two brethren, but they were per-

suaded to do so, and also willingly agreed to pay the salary of one of them for one year.

On December 7, Brother R. C. Gardner and his wife arrived to assist in Brother Garnsey's line of work. Brother Gardner will also take some advanced work and instructions from Brother Garnsey, thus making himself a more efficient laborer.

Elder W. D. McLay, who has been with us since June, is now conducting a series of meetings in the east end of the city, where he has a good interest. Five persons have already accepted the truth, and others are greatly interested.

Besides these laborers we have our Bible workers. Sister Anna C. Rice, who has been with us about four years, is an energetic worker and has been a great help to the Richmond church while it was without a pastor.

Miss Gertrude Johnston, late of the Foreign Mission Seminary, came to labor in this conference at the opening of the tent season and Miss Florence N. Swan, a last year's graduate of Shenandoah Valley Training Academy.

With this corps of laborers working together in harmony with the light given us and with the united, earnest prayers of the church, we look for an abundant harvest of souls.

The Richmond church feels that this bright prospect is in answer to the many earnest prayers to our heavenly Father, and those who have carried the burden on their hearts from the beginning, feel like rejoicing now.

The church-building is undergoing some needed repairs. A partition is being removed, thus enlarging one of the rooms which will be used for a church school. The entire building will be given a fresh coat of paint. It is hoped that within a few days the church school will be started. This will be taught by Miss Florence N. Swan.

The meetings in the church will begin soon after the first of the year. Let us have the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference that many will be led to know more of the love of God, and thus willingly walk in His ways.

MRS. A. M. NEFF.

Guinea Mills

Last June Brother Lillie and the writer began meetings at Guinea Mills, Va. The first night there were present twelve persons, the second, forty; and the attendance increased

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending December 15, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	45	6	18 50	9 15	27 65	
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.		BF	5	38	22	23 50	1 00	24 50	1 00
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.		BR	4	29	6	18 00	6 25	24 25	9 00
C. Reichenbach, Geauge Co.		CK	5	32	12	15 00	1 50	16 50	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BR	3	25			4 50	4 50	172 50
Totals			22	169	46	\$75 00	\$22 40	\$97 40	\$182 50

Ohio, Week Ending December 23, 1911

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BF	4	27	6	6 50	9 00	15 50	65 00
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	4		6 00	3 25	9 25	296 43
M. J. Leach, Guernsey Co.			2	9					16 85
W. O. Dean, Miami Co.		CK	1	6	4	6 00		6 00	
Totals			12	46	10	\$18 50	\$12 25	\$30 75	\$378 28

West Virginia Week Ending December 15, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	5	34	13	19 50	4 00	23 50	25 20
W. McElphatrk, Braxton Co.		DR	5	31	7	16 00	8 50	24 50	2 25
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.		DR	5	36	14	42 00	3 50	45 50	112 00
Totals			15	101	34	\$77 50	\$16 00	\$93 50	\$139 45

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 15, 1911

J. Jones, Queen Anne Co, Md.		GC		37					117 90
J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.		BF	4	24	24	24 00	7 00	31 00	
*Anna C. Seeney, Smyrna, Del.		BF	5	17	49	51 00	6 25	57 25	
Totals			9	78	73	\$75 00	\$13 25	\$88 25	\$117 90

New Jersey, Week Ending December 15, 1911

A. S. Samuel, Newark		GA	5	33	136	34 00		34 00	26 50
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.		PPF	5	28	7	13 00	25	13 25	
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester Co.		BR	3		7	13 00	2 25	15 75	3 60
N. R. Pond, Burlington, Co.		GC	2		1	3 00		3 00	24 55
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth		GC			1		8 00	8 00	4 75
Totals			15	61	152	\$63 00	\$10 50	\$74 00	\$59 40

New Jersey, Week Ending December 22, 1911

J. S. Glunt, Gloucester Co.		BR	2	12			2 05	2 05	7 25
G. W. Blinn, Monmouth Co.		BR	4	13	10	15 00		15 00	87 50
C. J. Beach, Bergen Co.		PPF	3	12			3 00	3 00	47 25
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.		CK	5	18	13	19 50	6 25	25 75	45 25
N. R. Pond, Burlington Co.		CK	5	31	1	3 00		3 00	7 20
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth								8 40	2 00
Totals			19	86	24	\$37 50	\$19 70	\$57 20	\$196 45

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 15, 1911

F. Willruth, Scranton		CK	3	8	8	13 50	2 75	16 25	3 50
S. F. Zenger, Franklin Co.		CK	7	46	6	9 00	3 75	12 75	
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		CK	4	30	9	14 00	2 50	16 50	3 00
Totals			14	84	23	\$36 50	\$9 00	\$45 50	\$6 50

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$487.00 Deliveries, \$1080.48.

until we had as many as three hundred in our audiences. The people seemed to be hungering for the Word of God. They came with mule teams, on ox carts, on horseback, on hand cars, and afoot—any way to get to the tent. Some came distances of ten or fifteen miles.

We continued our meeting until the last of August, when I went to Richmond to attend the camp-meeting, leaving Brother Lillie in charge of the work here. On my return Brother Lillie started on his journey to China, as he had been assigned to that field. In the midst of our interest Elder Kime had spent a few days with us, and had presented the Sabbath question. Brother Pickard joined me about the middle of September, and a little later Elder Kime visited us again and baptized ten persons.

We then began to lay plans for the erection of a church building. In this we met much opposition, and twice our attempts to secure a location were defeated: finally, however, a suitable building site was secured and we began the erection of a church edifice which is now nearing completion. About the first of the year we expect to dedicate it, practically free from debt, as enough money has been subscribed to meet all obligations.

We have a church of about twenty members. Still others are interested, and we believe that when a short series of meetings is held on the completion of the church a few more will decide to obey the truth.

L. O. GORDON.

Does it Pay

"A few days ago I picked up the paper '*Signs of the Times*' dated October 31, 1911, on the floor of a railroad waiting-room near Boston, Massachusetts, and I think I can truthfully say that I never read so much real Christian logic in any other paper outside of the Bible. Please send me the paper for one year, and as soon as I am sure of your address, I will send you a post-office order for the subscription."

The papers were sent, and in a few days more, the following, with a remittance of \$2.25 for both the weekly and the monthly "*Signs*," was received:

"There is a saying that 'you are a man after my own heart;' but I am going to reverse that, and say that I want to be a man after your own heart."

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To Sabbath-school Teachers

The memory verse cards suggested in the *Sabbath School Worker* for the lessons to be studied during the year 1912 will be one of the most interesting features of the lesson study. Every teacher of children should have them. The designs are original, and the cards may be colored by the children or used without coloring, as the teacher may choose.

All who desire to get these cards on cardboard may obtain them from Mrs. Edith Cummings, College View, Nebraska. The price is seven cents per set. Order one set for each child. Very many teachers have used these cards in the past, and they report them as being a very successful help. The lessons this year are very interesting, and the cards will be a great help in illustrating the memory verses. Remember, children learn more by seeing than by hearing. Give these cards a trial.

The new book, "The Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, furnishes the church today another link

in the great chain of light designed to strengthen it for the work for this time. The publishers' preface thus describes its mission:

"To her wonderfully instructive volumes in this series, 'Patriarchs and Prophets', 'The Desire of Ages', and 'The Great Controversy', the author has added 'The Acts of the Apostles', a record of God's witnesses subsequent to the life of our Lord.

By this Spirit-aided book, a flood of light is thrown upon the apostolic church and its momentous meaning to us of this time."

The book contains 630 pages; it is divided into fifty-eight chapters, and has Scriptural and general indexes. Its price is within the reach of all, a beautiful thin paper edition, bound in red flexible leather, costing but \$2.00; in durable cloth binding, \$1.50 postpaid.

The publishers inform us that more than three thousand copies have gone out during the past four weeks. You will surely want this new book to include in your new year's study. Order of your tract society.

OBITUARIES

SPENCER.—Jane Spencer was born near Delta, Fulton County, O., Oct. 4, 1842, and died at her home in Delta, Nov. 28, 1911. The most of her life was spent on the old homestead near Delta. About four years ago she attended a series of meetings conducted by Elder Bidwell and the writer. At that time she avowed her faith in the third angel's message, and was afterward baptized and taken into the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her delight was in meeting with those of like precious faith and in speaking to others, in her modest way, in commendation of the message which she had learned to love. After all was done that loving hands could do, to minister to her needs and relieve her suffering, she died in bright hope of life beyond the tomb. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

J. W. SHULTZ.

SMITH.—Mrs. Mary Whitman Smith was born March 3, 1872, and died Sabbath Oct. 28, 1911. She was united in marriage with Samuel K. Smith to which union were born three daughters and one son, all living. Sister Smith was taken seriously ill on Friday, October 20, and on the following day was operated upon for appendicitis. She became very ill, but seemed to rally for a few days until a sudden change brought the end, one week after the operation. Sister Smith was a member of the Reading church. While we keenly feel the loss of this sister, yet we are confident that in the day when he shall come to bring life to the dead, this sister will know

his call and will come forth clothed in eternal youth's beauty. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Brother J. Rhoads, the elder of the Reading church.

C. S. WIEST.

MOHLER.—Mildred Mohler, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mohler of Akron, O., was born Dec. 16, 1909, and fell asleep November 8, 1911. Her gentle, loving nature endeared her to all, and her presence is greatly missed, but we mourn not as those who have no hope. May the heavenly Father help those dear parents to prove faithful and meet their loved one where there is neither pain nor death. Words of comfort from Jer. 31:15, 16 were spoken by the writer. FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

WHITE.—William M. White was born Dec. 6, 1835, near Grove City, and died at the home of his daughter north of Columbus Dec. 15, 1911, aged 76 years and 9 days. Brother White was married November, 1865, to Elizabeth Seeds; two sons and two daughters were born to this union. Many years ago the deceased became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a year ago last October he was baptized with his daughter and granddaughter by the writer, and received into the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist Church. He always enjoyed being with Christian people and mingling with those of like faith. He was kind, courteous, and good; we all feel that we have lost a father in Israel. His death came rather unexpected, but he fell asleep with a prayer on his lips; and we trust that he will come forth glorified in the resurrection of the righteous. The funeral was at his late home, and burial took place near Grove City. Text Heb. 2:6.

My brother, now your hand is cold,
 Your voice is silent too;
 The smile that oft hath welcomed us
 Was filled with friendship true;
 But now your eyes in slumber sweet
 Are closed to sorrow here,
 Our grief and pain doth not annoy
 The one who slumbers near.

He lived a noble Christian life
 And sought to e'er be right,
 He loved the Lord and walked with him
 From darkness into light;
 So we would thank the Lord to know
 That we may faithful be
 In all the trials, then at last
 His matchless glory see.

Then let us look to God above,
 As did our Brother White,
 And trust the Lord in time of need
 To keep us ever right.
 So courage take, and wend your way
 E'en through the vale of tears
 For Christ the Lord will lead his own
 Till joys shall conquer fears!

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.