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

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## UNION

### FOR YOU

Up, up from the lowlands, earth's weary worn  
traveler;

Climb, climb to the heights of Mount Pisgah  
and view

The Canaan Land waiting just over the river;  
Its beauty and glory now beckon to you.

Dwell not in the vale where the vanquished  
lie fallen;

Press on to the prize; to thy honor be true.  
Behold there the robe and the crown now  
awaiting

In mansions the Lord is preparing for you.

Away, haste away, for earth's doom is now  
pending.

Flee, flee from destruction— thy courage  
renew;

While thousands are falling around and  
about thee,

The Lord has provided a shelter for you.

The enemy strong is preparing for battle.

Our Lord is forsaken — his followers few;  
Yet the proud and the haughty shall tremble  
before him,

When they see him in glory returning for  
you.

Sigh not for the glittering dross that would  
rob you

Of heaven; but upward the journey pursue;  
With eye of faith gaze on the priceless posses-  
sions,

The treasures in heaven awaiting for you.

MRS. M. A. PULVER.

*Stoddard, Wis.*

## The Two Covenants

As the Bible presents two laws, one changeless and eternal, the other provisional and temporary, so there are two covenants. The covenant of grace was first made with man in Eden, when, after the fall, there was given a divine promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. To all men this covenant offered pardon, and the assisting grace of God for future obedience through faith in Christ. It also promised them eternal life on condition of fidelity to God's law. Thus the patri-

archs received the hope of salvation.

This same covenant was renewed to Abraham in the promise, "In thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed." This promise pointed to Christ. So Abraham understood it, and he trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sins. It was this faith that was accounted unto him for righteousness. The covenant of Abraham also maintained the authority of God's law. The Lord appeared unto Abraham and said, "I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect." The testimony of God concerning his faithful servant was, "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, and my laws." And the Lord declared to him, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee." Gen. 26:5; 17:7.

Though this covenant was made with Adam and renewed to Abraham, it could not be ratified until the death of Christ. It had existed by the promise of God since the first intimation of redemption had been given; it had been accepted by faith; yet when ratified by Christ, it is called a new covenant. The law of God was the basis of this covenant, which was simply an arrangement for bringing men again into harmony with the divine will, placing them where they could obey God's Law.

Another compact—called in Scripture "the old covenant"—was formed between God and Israel at Sinai, and was then ratified by the blood of a sacrifice. The Abrahamic covenant was ratified by the blood of Christ, and it is called the "second" or "new" covenant, because the blood by which it was sealed was shed after the blood of the first covenant. That the new covenant was valid in the days of Abraham, is evident from the fact that it was then confirmed both by the promise and by the oath of God,—the "two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie." Heb. 6:18.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## My Reasons for Signing the Petition Against Religious Legislation

1. Because I believe in religious liberty.

2. Because I believe religious legislation to be opposed to religious liberty.

3. Because I am opposed to the enforcement of religious institutions and rites by law.

4. Because there is at the present time an organized effort to secure religious legislation.

5. Because I consider that every Sunday law is contrary to the principles of civil government.

6. Because the present movement towards a union of church and state, will, if successful, open the floodgates of religious legislation, bigotry, and intolerance.

7. Because religious legislation leaves religious faith to the decision of the majority: but the majority has no right to decide the religious faith, and bind the conscience of the minority.

8. Because freedom is essentially the right to differ, and that right should be sacredly respected.

9. Because the petition is in harmony with the Declaration of Independence, which declares equal rights and liberties for all men.

10. Because the petition is in harmony with the Constitution, the first amendment of which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

11. Because a hundred years of unequaled prosperity attest the wisdom of our forefathers in the establishment of a government in which church and state are entirely separate.

12. Because I desire to have this "land of the free" preserved from the blighting influences of the religious despotism which has cursed the nations of the old world.

13. Because I believe religious legislation to be subversive of both civil and religious liberty, and therefore a menace to both the state and the church.

14. Because patriotism impels me to oppose anything which would endanger the prosperity of the government.

15. Because I believe all men are created equal and therefore have the same right that I have to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

16. Because, in harmony with the Golden Rule, I am willing to grant to others the exercise of the same rights which I claim for myself.

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## AT THE COLLEGE

### The Trained Nurse\*

The profession of the trained nurse is one of the noblest callings open to the young woman of to-day. It is a vocation which calls into practice those traits of character which every Christian woman should possess—sympathy, devotion, and self-forgetfulness. It elevates the tender ministry of the sick, which, ever since sin and suffering have existed, has always been a great part of woman's work, to the dignity of a profession. One of the most prominent features of the public ministry of our Master was the healing of the sick; and the trained nurse, in a special sense, is given an opportunity to follow in his steps. Like him she finds her work wherever disease and suffering are found. To bring back to physical, mental, and spiritual health those upon whom the curse of a fallen race rests most heavily,—this is the high profession of the trained nurse; it is a synonym of all that is noble in woman's work.

Though nursing is one of the oldest of arts, it has but recently become a profession. The founder of the order was Florence Nightingale, of England, who as a child became interested in the care of the sick. When a young woman she visited the hospitals in her own country and on the continent, but because of their poor equipments and rude methods she later took training at Catholic institutions in France and Germany. It was during the Crimean War that Miss Nightingale found her work. Drawn by the suffering of the soldiers, she organized a corps of nurses and hastened to the battle field, where she brought relief to the wounded and dying, and won for herself the love and respect not only of her own country, but of the whole world. On her re-

turn she gave £50,000 for the founding of the Nightingale Home for the training of nurses. Since that time the profession of the trained nurse has grown steadily with the advancements and discoveries in medical work. The discovery of anaesthetics, about the middle of the last century, opened before the nurse a new field of activity—in fact the trained nurse is one of the great factors which make possible the achievements of modern surgery. But the modern nurse is the result of many years of development. It has taken time and effort to perfect the system, if indeed we may consider it to have been perfected. We should rather expect to see it attain a higher and higher standard, and to see the nurse become more and more an agency for good, as the medical work advances.

When we consider the possibilities of the profession of nursing, they are as great as life itself. If success means the giving of self in willing service for others, to the end that they may be brought to enjoy the happiness and blessings of this life and the life to come, then the trained nurse by virtue of her choice places herself in a position to attain true success in life. It simply means that we are co-laborers with the Prince of heaven. And how careful should we be that in all things we honor him who is our great example.

In the first place the nurse should consider it her duty to secure the best training possible. There should be no carelessness in the preparation for her chosen work. If the proper foundation has been laid, the nurse will not be satisfied with her attainment at graduation; for she knows that her past experience and training are only a foundation for the beautiful structure of her life work. At graduation she has but reached the beginning of her individual work and responsibilities. The past experience is but an incentive to loftier attainment. She should strive to reach the highest standard possible; for in so striving, she will grow stronger in experience and knowledge. Even though the standard which she sets is never reached, it will stimulate her to the highest endeavor, which means constant improvement. None but her best efforts should satisfy her; they alone result in lasting benefit to herself and others. There will be drudgery in it, but there should be, for it is an invaluable experience and develops persistence and courage. She will meet hardships and trials; but a character built on the difficulties of life is one which can never fail.

But though the nurse should herself be striving onward and upward, the atmosphere which she throws around those she helps should be one of rest and peace. No feeling of strenuousness should be allowed to touch them. "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." In such an atmosphere the patients will grow well both in body and soul. From this earthly protector they will learn the solace of the Everlasting Arms, for by her side is He who healed the sick on the shores of Galilee and in the crowded city streets.

"The healing of the seamless dress

Is by our beds of pain;

We touch him in life's throng and press,

And we are whole again."

And when the patient has become whole again, he should have gained from his attendant such a regard for the priceless possession of health that he will be resolved never to part with it. This brings in another phase of the work of the trained nurse. She is a reformer. She will help the patient to get well, and show him how to keep well. She will teach him that "whatever promotes physical health, promotes the development of a strong mind and a well balanced character." She will acquaint him with God's own health preservers—water, fresh air, pure food, rest, and temperance in all things. Her own presence breathes health and cleanliness. Her countenance is the index of a happy life; for obedience to the laws of health promotes happiness and right living.

Health and religion are inseparably connected. Many will receive the gospel from the medical missionary who would find it in no other way. The rich, lost in a life of pleasure, think nothing of God until, robbed of health and happiness alike, they face the bare realities of life with no hope of a future to sustain them. Relief from physical pain may be the only avenue by which they can be approached. O, the joy of planting eternal happiness in a hopeless heart!

There is another class—the very poor, the fallen, and the low. However hardened by poverty and sin, they are not hopeless. Many such an one is only waiting for friendly lips to bid him to a higher life.

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, awakened by kindness,

Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

\*Written for Class Day exercises by a student who graduated from the nurse's course with the class of 1911.

Our blessed Master while on earth did not neglect the lowly ones. He was called the friend of sinners; and to those who are willing to take up the same humble ministry he gives the precious assurance, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Henry Van Dyke has written a beautiful poem which well describes the life of the true medical missionary. Every nurse should make it her own experience.

#### A Psalm of the Helpers

He that turneth from the road to rescue another,

Turneth toward his goal:  
He shall arrive in due time by the foot-  
path of mercy,  
God will be his guide.

He that taketh up the burden of the fainting,  
Lighteneth his own load:  
The Almighty will put his arms under-  
neath him,  
He shall lean upon the Lord.

He that speaketh comfortable words to mourners,  
Healeth his own heart:  
In his time of grief they will return to remembrance,  
God will use them for balm.

He that careth for the sick and wounded,  
Watcheth not alone:  
There are three in the darkness together,  
And the third is the Lord.

MARTHA A. POOLE.

Robert and Mary Wheeler spent the last week of the winter vacation at their home in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Harold Butler left Mount Vernon Sunday evening, December 31, for Port Hope, Ontario, Mr. Butler having accepted the position of printer on the *Canadian Union Messenger*.

Miss Ruth Murphy enjoyed a visit from her brother during the vacation.

We learn from the *South African Missionary* that, owing to failing health, Mrs. Olive Hatton leaves South Africa early this month for America.

Miss Nina Hamilton, who is nursing in Cleveland, spent the New Year vacation at her home near Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Baker have been enjoying a visit from Mr. Bak-

er's mother, who stopped at Mount Vernon on her way from New York to Cincinnati, where she is spending the winter.

The students were glad to have Elder Ashton with them again last week. His talks in chapel were enjoyed by all.

Elder J. L. McElhany spoke to the Mount Vernon church on Friday evening and again to the young people's society on Sabbath afternoon. His talks were enjoyed by all who heard them.

Mr. Harold C. Ferguson, who graduated from the College business course with the class of 1909, is now a stenographer in the employ of the Virginia Conference.

Miss Leila Clough visited at the College on her return to her school at Pleasant Hill, having spent the winter vacation at her home in Derwent.

We are always glad to hear from old friends. An English postcard brings the following word from Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, whom all our readers will remember as the first president of the Columbia Union:—

"I want to thank you for sending me the VISITOR so regularly. We appreciate it immensely; for though we are wrapped up in the work over here, there is a tender spot for "home"; and through the VISITOR we are kept in touch with the progress of the work and the workers in the Union we left."

Elder Fitzgerald's address is now 8 Lancaster Road, London, N., England.

The College Board was again in session at the school last week, completing the business which was left unfinished at its previous meeting. Professor H. R. Salisbury, secretary of the educational department of the General Conference, met with the Board, and the students had the pleasure of listening to one of his inspiring talks last Friday morning. Professor Salisbury also spoke to the church in the regular Sabbath service. His subject on both occasions was the school: first in its relation to the foreign missionary; second, in its relation to the home. All greatly enjoyed hearing Professor Salisbury on this important subject; and he seemed

equally pleased to hear from students and patrons expressions of loyalty and appreciation for old Mount Vernon. At the close of the Sabbath service \$28.70 was contributed to the "Quarter a Quarter" fund for the aid of Mount Vernon College.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### The Work among the Colored People

The following is a brief mention of the work among the colored people of Washington, D. C., and vicinity, as viewed from the Fifth church.

While there has not been made the progress that should or might have been made, yet it goes without saying that some real and lasting advances have been gained toward the final triumph of the message which we hope will soon be finished.

In spite of the errors that have been and are still being proclaimed by the enemies who fight against us under our banner, from without and within, there are those who are taking a firm stand upon the eternal truths on which this message is founded. We hope and pray that they may live out these truths and work to the end.

Tent meetings were held last summer in a locality where there had never before been a tent pitched by our people, and they were well attended throughout by many who gave good attention. The effort seems to have been a season of seed-sowing, from which we hope for a harvest of precious souls. Some have taken their stand for the truth and united with the cause.

While it may be truthfully said that every field is important when it concerns the third angel's message; yet it seems that this is the most needy center for several reasons; it is the location of our general headquarters; the seat of a great government which brings from every part of the nation and from many lands people who are in need of this final message; and, too, Satan is at work here with much subtilness, trying to corrupt the teaching of this message, in order that he may destroy the faith of those who profess the truth, and turn away those who are coming to the light of the gospel. But there is nothing to fear from the enemy if we will stand stiffly for all the truth, and "fight the good fight of faith"; "for where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."

The membership of the church is

fifty, about the same as it was last year. Six have united with the church; but several have been dropped from the roll by letter and otherwise. Most of the members have been active in rallying to the church and the cause.

The financial showing for the year is as follows: Tithes, \$664.72; church expenses and the several offerings, \$395.96.

Pray for us, that in all of our ways we may acknowledge Him—that he may direct our paths through the perilous journey of life.

W. H. GREEN.

1409 First St., N. W.

### In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of our little treasure, Martin A. Godwin, who fell asleep in Jesus January 12, 1909, aged four years and four months.

Three sad and lonely years have passed since we laid our bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked darling to rest; and our hearts have many times been too sad for words; but through the sorrow comes the blessed hope of a glad reunion beyond this vale of tears. Often in the Sabbath-school songs his childish voice rang out, and though silent now, he will again be permitted to sing praises to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

MAMMA AND PAPA.

Washington, D. C.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Pittsburgh

Although it has been some time since we have reported through the columns of the VISITOR, we are in no way discouraged. We feel to thank the Lord for his goodness and his continued blessings; and though the work moves hard, we mean to press the battle to the very gates of the enemy.

It took us some time to get settled and to become acquainted in this great city of Pittsburgh. The time before the camp-meeting was spent in visiting and holding Bible readings, as it did not seem advisable to make a public effort with so little time before the meeting.

After our good camp-meeting at Ford City we pitched a tent in the neighborhood where we live and began meetings, Brother G. Medairy assisting. We enjoyed good weather for a short time, but soon it became so cold and rainy that we were com-

pelled to close the effort before we had finished giving the message. However, we continued to meet with the interested ones in the house. On Sabbath, December 30, it was our privilege to bury two of these with their Lord in baptism. We have reason to believe that others will, in the near future, follow their example.

We are now making an effort in a thickly populated portion of the city, where we find more Catholics than Protestants; thus we are not favored with too large an attendance. I have never seen people busier with their holiday preparations than I have seen them this winter. It seems that this ancient custom of celebrating Yule is taking hold of the people more and more. This has kept some people from attending our meetings, but now since the holidays are past and the new year has begun, we expect a larger attendance. We are obtaining the addresses of the interested ones in order to follow up the work and to make them fully acquainted with the truth, that they may decide either to accept or reject it.

We ask to be remembered in the prayers of the VISITOR readers. Pray for the work in the cities; remember the thousands of foreigners in our large cities, which, the Testimonies say, must be reached with the message. JOHN P. GAEBDE.

The conference president, accompanied by Elder N. S. Ashton, the Union Conference educational secretary, visited the church school at Indiana two weeks ago. He found Brother Hewitt in charge, with a nice company of students; and all seemed to be doing good work. Sabbath and Sunday were spent with the Johnstown church, and a series of interesting meetings was held.

Miss Louise Bensel, Miss Edna Wolf, Harry Beckberger, and Robert and Mary Wheeler, students of Mount Vernon College, spent the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Pittsburgh.

Elder N. S. Ashton and Elder B. F. Kneeland spent a few days at Mount Vernon last week, in attendance at the Board meeting.

We hope that special attention will be given to the study of our Sabbath-school lessons during the present quarter. This series on important

subjects of present truth will be very valuable to every member of our schools.

Remember that our motto for 1912 is "Fifteen cents a week per member for missions." We sincerely hope that our offerings for the year will reach at least this average for our entire membership.

Mr. J. S. Barrows, the secretary and treasurer of the conference, visited in Bridgeport, Conn., two weeks since, and while there was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Furnival, who was formerly a nurse at the Melrose Sanitarium. Since returning to Pittsburgh, which will be there future home, Brother and Sister Barrows have been very busy receiving congratulations and attentions from their friends.

### OHIO

#### Some Facts that Ohio People Should Know

It is generally known that the new plan of sharing our tithe with the General Conference goes into operation January 1, 1912. Beginning with the new year we will pay 10% of our tithe receipts to the Union Conference, 5% to the Sustentation Fund, and 25% to the General Conference, leaving us 60% of the total receipts to carry on the work at home. Our total receipts for the year 1910 were \$32,337.68. The receipts for 1911 will be over one thousand dollars less than for 1910, or approximately \$31,000. On the supposition that our total tithe receipts for 1912 are only \$31,000, we will briefly submit the situation that exists. We are required to send 40%, or \$12,400, to the Union and General Conferences, leaving us \$18,600 to use at home. It requires approximately \$24,000 a year to carry on our work with our present list of laborers. To continue the work with our present force, and at the same time send 40% of our tithes outside of the conference, will necessitate a total tithe receipt of \$40,000 for 1912. This calls for an increase of about \$8,000. This is the situation that we are facing for 1912. To suggest fewer workers is out of place; for there never was a time when the demand for more workers in Ohio was stronger. Appeals are constantly coming to my desk for ministers and Bible workers to fill urgent openings.

My dear people, let us not take steps backward. There remains but one thing to do, and that is to bring up the tithe. I call upon our people throughout the state to consider these facts and to begin, now, in the opening of the year, an effort that will result in bringing our tithe for 1912 up to the \$40,000 mark.

E. K. SLADE.

### The Home School after Many Days

"That Report from the Coshocton Church" by Elder B. G. Wilkinson awakens in me a desire to send another greeting to the faithful ones at Coshocton.

I too have received a report from this church. It came into my home simply as a post card addressed to my boy, and signed, "Your other mother."

After a homecoming, my canvassing boy had returned to his field of labor, and we remailed to him this card from that "other mother" in Israel, reminding him at the same time that this was but a fulfillment of the prophecy and promise of Jesus recorded in Mark 10:29,30: "There is no man that hath left house, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

The home people pity the canvassing boy as he departs to scatter the pages bearing our message to the people. At night his mother's pillow is wet with tears, as she asks God, "Has our boy a comfortable place to sleep to-night? Will he be kept from sickness and harm?" And mail after mail brings letters home: "Why mother, where is your faith? I have a lovely home with Brother and Sister — in this city, or in that city, wherever I am, here and there, where there are brethren; and good lodging places among others not of our faith. When I am in the country selling books, the people are kind to me, and in the evenings the young people and I play and sing together the songs of Zion," he writes. Dear canvassers you leave your mother and your home, but God gives you other mothers, other homes, for your reward "in this time;" "and in the world to come eternal life."

The home school pays after many days, not in pleasures found at the theater or around the billiard table,

but in the joy of proclaiming the message of the third angel.

Brethren and sisters, I wish to thank you for helping in the outcome of my home school work. No, you did not know that you had done it, but you took up the work laid down by the home school and have carried it along thus far.

I praise the Lord for leading all the way in Christian education for his people. Fathers and mothers, if you give your children this Christian education, unmixd with the contaminating influences of the world, it will bring you, according to my experience, much toil and expense and persecution in the beginning; but in the end, it will make the lives of your children useful in the closing work.

MRS. M. C. FORSYTHE.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Order your Year Book now. The Year Book for 1912 will be the finest production of its kind that has yet been issued by the General Conference. While it will contain the information usually published in the Year Book, there will also be found maps showing the locations of the General, union and state conferences, with their head-quarters. Publishing houses, sanitariums, and schools will all be represented. These maps will be an excellent index to the work, well calculated to keep our people thoroughly informed with regard to our conference organization.

The Year Book will be ready for circulation about January first. Everybody should have one. The tract society will order but a limited number, and requests that orders be sent in now so that we may be able to order from the publishers a quantity sufficient to supply all who may desire the book. Send order on postal card, and a book will be held in reserve for you. The price of the Year Book is twenty-five cents.

Brother C. H. Smith of Grafton, West Va., writes to the office that the fever has left him, but that he is still very weak. Brother Smith has been one of our faithful canvassers, for the past several months working among the people at and near Clarksburg, West Va. Since the Lord has been so good as to raise him up from a bed of affliction, he feels he must repay in some way his goodness. We learn from him to-day that the members in Grafton are about to start a Sabbath-school. They have ordered

five Sabbath-school quarterlies, as the number with which their school will open. May God bless Brother Smith. May his efforts be crowned with success, and may the new school be one of our best.

Elder F. E. Gibson has been in Youngstown for the past week or two in an effort to dispose of his property there. We trust that he may be successful in finding a buyer.

We still have on hand a few copies of the "Morning Watch Calendar." Price, five cents. Order before the supply is gone.

Returns from the Harvest Ingathering campaign are still coming in. All who have not yet made remittance will please do so soon. The new year is with us, and the returns should be in.

Brother I. D. Richardson, who has charge of the Pan Handle section of the West Virginia Conference, just sends in nice donations to both the Harvest Ingathering and the week of prayer offerings.

Elder Robbins has just returned from Mount Vernon, where he has been in attendance with the committee there in session. Failing to get through with the business at the first session, it was found necessary to adjourn the meeting to a date in January.

Brother W. A. McElphatrick, who has been canvassing in Braxton county, has finished his work in that territory, and is now seeking another location where he can serve with that energy, vigor, and push which is characteristic of him. That he may find the people hungry for the word of God is our prayer.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Philadelphia

The week of prayer readings were a source of blessing to the members of the First African church of Philadelphia. One week preceding the week of prayer the members met each evening to seek the Lord for a deeper consecration of heart. A spirit of humility was manifested, the tender love of Jesus filled each heart, and many were led to confession of sin. Truly these were glorious seasons. Pray for the work in this city.

T. H. BRANCH.

## CHESAPEAKE

### A Season of Blessing

December 23 to 27 was truly a time of refreshing from the Lord, and will long be remembered by the brethren and sisters of Washington County. The Lord came very near to us, and drops of the latter rain were felt by every one present. This was the occasion of the general meeting which began Thursday evening, December 22. Three churches were represented at this meeting, those at Hagerstown, Smithsburg, and Ponds-ville.

We were glad to have with us Elders R. T. Baer of Baltimore and R. H. Martin of Wilmington, Del., also Brother George R. Apsley of Thurmont, Md. The services rendered by these brethren were appreciated by all who were present.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large number of believers came out Sabbath morning. Elder Martin delivered a timely message on "Our Need of Consecration." Truly, the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled among us. Many consecrated themselves anew to God.

A church officers' convention was held in connection with this meeting. Many interesting papers on important topics were read. A great interest was manifested in the discussions. Many perplexing questions relative to the duties of church officers were made clear and plain. The convention continued from Sabbath afternoon until Sunday evening. It was a great blessing to one and all.

The church at Hagerstown enjoyed having with them on Sunday evening Elder Martin and Brother Apsley. Every one there appreciated the instruction given by these brethren.

On the same evening Elder R. T. Baer and the writer conducted a meeting with the Smithsburg church. Elder Baer spoke on "The Soon Coming of Christ." While this is a subject that every Seventh-day Adventist has heard many times, yet it seemed good to hear it again.

On Monday evening Elders Baer and Martin, Brother Apsley, and the writer met with the church at Ponds-ville. The brethren and sisters there greatly enjoyed the service, and are determined to do greater work in the Master's service. This little company has begun to prepare material for the erection of a house of worship. Though they have passed through some very severe trials, they are still standing for God and his cause.

Between the sessions of the convention on Sunday quite a number of believers gathered at the water's edge to see a brother who has recently accepted the truth buried in baptism. On Wednesday afternoon we again witnessed the baptism of a sister who has recently taken her stand for this glorious truth.

Brethren and sisters, pray for the work in this part of the field. The Lord has done great things for us; but we hope to see greater things in the future.

W. L. ADKINS.

#### Wilmington, Del.

Dear readers of the VISITOR: While I am new in this blessed cause, I feel thankful to God that I am one of the little number that he has chosen to proclaim his great truth for the last days. We as a little church, recently organized as the Wilmington No. 2 church, are thankful that the third angel's message has been preached to us. And though Brother F. H. Seeney and Brother G. P. Rodgers have worked very faithfully, revealing to us the blessed truth, yet it seems that the work in this city is but scarcely touched. But since it has pleased God to remove Brother and Sister Rodgers to Baltimore to proclaim the truth to the people there who are willing to receive it, we pray that he will bless them in their labors.

Brother Seeney and his wife are laboring faithfully, night and day, and from home to home; and the work is moving on. Sister Seeney labors very earnestly with her husband, seeking to fill Brother Rodgers' place in the work. We are very thankful that these workers may still remain among us.

The week of prayer was a season of great blessing to us. We earnestly hope that the readers of the VISITOR will pray for the work here, that God will bless us by adding many more souls to our little number.

H. H. CEPHAS.

### The Morning Watch

"Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear  
My voice ascending high;  
To thee will I direct my prayer,  
To thee lift up mine eye."

There is nothing so important to young people as to learn to pray. Jesus, our great example, many times after a day of toil and care sought the stillness and darkness of the night to commune with God. Many times, "rising up a great while before day,

he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." Surely if our Lord and Master found it necessary to seek his Father, we poor, finite creatures need to seek him often, and especially in the morning.

Beecher struck the keynote when he said, "The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day." A young lady said to me a few days ago, "Everything has gone wrong with me to-day; the day began wrong." I presume this has been the experience of every one. How important it is, then, that we begin the day right. Begin the day by reading a text of Scripture and having a talk with God.

Morning is the golden time for the study of the Bible. Satan knows that if he can lead us to neglect prayer and the study of the Bible, he can overcome us with his attacks.

A few minutes each morning with the eternal God will do much toward fashioning our lives after the similitude of the Infinite. Take one precious thought every morning and digest it well, and you will find it a breakfast for the soul. In this way we can gain the victory over sin and Satan.

As a help in the morning devotion to God the Morning Watch Calendar has been prepared. It is to be used as an aid to personal devotion and Bible study. It contains a text of Scripture for every day in the year. These texts follow the topics of our Sabbath-school lessons, and will be of untold value to our Sabbath-schools. It is an attractive little booklet and has much to recommend itself to our young people.

I am sure that those who used the Calendar last year found it a valuable help in their morning devotions, and food for thought during the day. Twenty two thousand copies were printed for nineteen hundred and ten. This supply was all exhausted. There is a growing demand for the Morning Watch Calendar. I do hope that all of our young people will avail themselves of this opportunity and purchase one for an aid to them in their communion with God.

The Calendar would make an excellent gift to one who is not in the truth. Any one would appreciate it. One society is trying this plan of giving, and as a result seventy-eight copies have been ordered. All orders should be sent to the Chesapeake Tract Society, 2 Loudon Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Wishing all the young people in the conference many blessings from God during the new year, I am

Yours in the blessed hope,

W. L. ADKINS,

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary.*

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia Week Ending December 29, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	9	58	22	31 00	5 50	36 50	88 30
A. Halstead, Logan Co.									89 25
J. W. Marshall, Braxton Co.		GC							89 00
W. McElphatr'k, Braxton Co.		DR	5						83 75
Totals			14	58	22	\$31 00	\$5 50	\$36 50	\$350 30

Ohio, Week Ending December 29, 1911

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		BR	3	17	5	20 00	5 50	25 50	7 00
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.		BF	5	50					128 25
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.		BR	5	22		15 00	2 25	17 25	19 25
W. Morgan, Jefferson Co.		CK	4	23	4	4 50	3 00	7 50	15 25
Totals			17	112	9	\$39 50	\$10 75	\$50 25	\$169 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 29, 1911

*J. Jones, Talbot Co, Md.		GC	7	43	5	15 00	6 25	21 25	20 55
*J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.		BF	8	46	11	11 00	75	11 75	63 50
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.		BF	3	19	23	24 50		24 50	1 75
Totals			18	108	39	\$50 50	\$7 00	\$57 50	\$85 80

\*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$144.25

Deliveries, \$605.85.

Recruits Needed

Another year with its privileges and opportunities is in the past, and we are one year nearer the end. As we look back over the past year, each one of us can see places where we would now do things just a little differently; but these mistakes may be blessings to us, to the extent that we allow them to keep us from making the same mistakes again.

As we enter upon the new year may our prayer be, "Take me, O Lord, as wholly thine, I lay all my plans at thy feet. Use me in thy service, abide with me, and let all my works be wrought in thee."

"Very much more might be done for Christ if all who have the light of truth would practice the truth. There are whole families who might be missionaries, engaging in personal labor, toiling for the Master with busy hands and active brains, devising new methods for the success of his work. There are earnest, prudent, warm-hearted men and women who could do much for Christ if they would give themselves to God, drawing near to him and seeking him with the whole heart. My brethren, take an active part in the work of soul-saving. This work will give life and vigor to

the mental and spiritual powers. Light from Christ will shine into the mind. The Saviour will abide in your hearts, and in his light you will see light. Consecrate yourselves wholly to the work of God. He is your strength, and he will be at your right hand, helping you to carry on his merciful design. By personal labor reach those around you." *Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 40.*

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. Brethren, do you not want to take an active part in this very important work? Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents, the members of the church, to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you." *Id., page 46.*

Let us put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. And may the year 1912 be the best of our experience.

We are needing a few more earnest, consecrated men and women to engage in the canvassing work, both for papers and books. Who are willing to give themselves to God, to be used in his service? Who is ready to say, "Here am I, send me"?

We should be glad to hear from all who would like to engage with us in this very important work. Address us at 2 Loudon Ave., Baltimore, Md.

F. E. HANKINS,

Field Missionary Agent and Secretary.

A Beginner's Experience

Hoping that I may be able to encourage some one who has not yet entered the field, I write a few words concerning my first experience in the canvassing work. I started on Wednesday, December 27, and after nineteen hours' work had orders for \$24.50 worth of books and helps to the amount of \$1.75. I was greatly encouraged by the manner in which I was received and the attention which the people gave to my work. I had been praying for some days that the Lord would bless my effort and direct me in the way he would have me take; and now I feel very thankful for what the Lord has enabled me to accomplish in his work; and while this is only a beginning, I hope that the way will grow brighter, and that I may be instrumental in saving many souls for Jesus.

L. HARRY POLLITT.

Baltimore, Md.

Elder R. T. Baer and Elder R. H. Martin arrived at the office January 1, 1912, having held general meetings with the churches at Smithsburg, Ponds ville, Hagerstown, and Cumberland. They report good meetings at each of these places, and the people of good courage, ready to press on to the finishing of the work.

Brother W. L. Burgan, who has for a number of years been on the editorial staff of the *Baltimore American*, one of the largest dailies in the city of Baltimore, and who was appointed secretary of the Press Department of the General Conference at the fall council of the General Conference Committee, left here January 1, 1912, for Washington D. C., to enter upon his new duties. He will go from there to Brooklyn to attend the Atlantic Union Conference in the interest of this work. He will attend as many as possible of the Union Conference sessions within the next few months. Mrs. Burgan with her son has gone to Indianapolis, Ind., to visit her mother Mrs. Alice James, during Brother Burgan's absence from home.

Elder C. B. Haynes, who has been appointed to attend the Union Con-

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ference meetings which Brother Burgan cannot attend in the interest of the Press work, also left Baltimore January 1, and will be away for several months. Mrs. Haynes has gone with her son to Trenton, N. J., to visit her mother, Mrs. Geo. P. Weber, during the absence of Elder Haynes.

Elder R. T. Baer has been appointed by the conference committee pastor of the Baltimore church for the year 1912.

Mrs. R. T. Baer and children are visiting in Smithsburg, Hagerstown, and Thurmont.

Elder J. H. Shilling of Brooklyn spent a few days in this conference in the interest of the German work. In company with Elder Prener, who has just taken up the German work in Baltimore, he visited the company at Marydell and found a good interest existing there. Elder H. S. Prener, who but recently returned from South America, is planning to begin a series of meetings for the Germans in Baltimore.

Our returns for the Harvest In-gathering are not yet all in; but the prospects thus far are for a larger collection than we had last year. There are still quite a number of these good papers on the publishers' shelves. Are there not those among us who can devote more time to this good work? There is such a blessing in it, and the people of the world need the information the paper contains. Who will help them get it? Any orders will receive our most prompt attention.

Are there those who have not yet paid their vows on the \$300,000 fund?

We feel sure there are some who have not, for our quota has not yet been made up. We wish more of our people had the spirit of one little boy in our conference. His mother gave him a dollar and told him he might buy something for himself for Christmas. He said he would rather use it to help build a home for some foreign missionary, and he gave the whole dollar to the \$300,000 fund. Have you done as well?

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

### VIRGINIA

Four persons have recently embraced the truth in east Richmond through the labors of Elder McLay. His meetings still continue, and others are deeply interested.

The Richmond church building has been receiving much needed repairs and changes, painting, etc., which will add very much to its appearance, comfort, and real usefulness.

Sister Swan, our conference Sabbath-school secretary, has been ill with scarlet fever for the past two or three weeks. It had been arranged for her to teach the Richmond church school; and her illness has caused great disappointment to those who have children.

Arrangements have been made with the Foreign Mission Seminary, and Miss Robertson, who is in attendance at the Seminary, for the latter to come to Richmond and teach the Richmond church school. Sister Robertson is an experienced church school teacher, and we are glad to secure her services.

Elder Kime and Brother Garnsey will join Brother Gordon in a ten days' meeting at Guinea Mills. It is hoped that during this time some who are on the point of obeying will take their stand. The church will be organized and the church building dedicated on this occasion.

Our Bible worker, Sister Rice, has been under quarantine nursing Sister Swan for the past three weeks. Her faithfulness is manifested here as in other lines of service for the Master. This is true medical missionary work.

Brother A. M. Neff has been very busy of late owing to the holiday trade, the extra amount of work, etc.,

which comes with the closing of the year's record.

It was voted at the recent council that the conference employ a stenographer, who will also take up other lines of missionary work, devoting some time to the sale of magazines in the city of Richmond. Brother H. C. Ferguson from Mount Vernon College has been secured to fill this position.

Elder Stone and Brother Tindall have just returned from a visit to the Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News churches. These four churches will all have delegates to the Institute to be held at Richmond. Over thirty subscriptions for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR were taken among these churches. Great revivals were enjoyed.

Elder Hottel is visiting churches in the Valley, setting before them the plans inaugurated at the recent council. Elder Hottel is enthusiastic over these plans, and we are looking for a good report from his visits.

Brother Mallory goes this week to visit three churches in the western part of the state in the interest of the Institute. Afterward he will connect with the work in Richmond.

Brother Muntz will remain in Norfolk this winter to follow up the interest there. The lay brethren and sisters have voted to give him their hearty assistance.

Sister Johnson from the Loma Linda College of Evangelists, where she received a three years' training for the medical missionary work, will assist in the effort soon to be put forth in Richmond.

We are making a special effort to secure a subscription for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Virginia Conference. Just as we are making up these items to send to the VISITOR, word comes from Elder Hottel that he has secured in the last few days fourteen subscriptions. Elder Kime also sent in a list, making the total number of subscriptions received during the last week something over fifty. We hope to see the VISITOR reach every home which the truth has reached in this conference, and that our people will take a deep interest in the work throughout the Union.

W. J. STONE.