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

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The Week of Prayer and the Board Meeting at the College

It was my privilege to be with the College during the latter part of the week of prayer. It surely was a season of great spiritual refreshing for both the College and the church. The readings were faithfully followed, and received a hearty response from the people. It was very evident that God assisted in getting out these readings; for it was apparent to all that they roused the consciences of the listeners. On the last Friday of this week of prayer the reading was followed by a talk by the writer; and so deep were the movings of the spirit of God that the evidences of a revival were present. A call was made for the young people to give their hearts to God if they had not yet done so, and for those who were not in a condition of faithfulness to signify it by a public surrender. Something like eighty of the young people responded to this appeal, and many testimonies of deep and heart-felt surrender were heard.

The Sabbath morning following witnessed another and perhaps a greater season of revival, in which both students and church members participated. The meeting opened at 11.00 A.M. and lasted till 3.15 P.M. Over one hundred eighty precious souls placed themselves at the feet of the Lord, seeking for mercy and for his blessing. We believe that God wrought a good work in the hearts of many on this occasion.

Two days after this the College Board met, and continued in session until December 22. There were matters of grave and deep importance for the Board to investigate; but in the councils the spirit of God led, and all enjoyed many precious experiences. It was recognized by all that this year was the best year in the history of the College; and yet, as often on such occasions, the enemy was powerfully present to wrack and ruin, to destroy confidence, and to

mar the good work which has been begun. But we believe that the Lord triumphed in a marked manner, so that deep lessons were brought forth before the people and rich experiences were obtained by all. The College finances, which have been neglected for so many years, received careful study, and plans to better the same were inaugurated.

The Board adjourned to meet again January 2. At three o'clock in the afternoon of January 2 the Board assembled promptly, and continued in session until January 7. Professor Salisbury from Washington was invited to meet with us. We went into an earnest study of all things relative to the faculty, and to the spiritual, social, and intellectual development of the students. The finances of the College were again taken up and earnestly studied. As a means of obtaining immediate relief it was voted to ask all the conferences to raise in cash immediately the equivalent of twenty-five cents a member, thus making up their Quarter a Quarter fund for the last quarter of 1911; which fund we regret to say has been everywhere woefully neglected. There was perfect unanimity on the part of the Board that the financial condition of the College should immediately be made a paramount issue throughout the Union, and that strict attention be given to this most vital interest.

Sabbath, January 6, was an occasion of great blessing for all. Elder McElhany addressed the students in chapel Friday evening. His words were impressive and timely. On Sabbath morning Professor Salisbury spoke to the church and students assembled, giving a very powerful discourse upon the meaning of Christian education for this day and generation. His sermon was followed by many ringing and hearty testimonies in behalf of the College and its great interests. At the close of the meeting a cash collection was taken up as the initial step in putting into execution the vote of the Board to ask each church to make up its quota of the Quarter a Quarter fund for the last quarter of 1911. In the afternoon the writer held a meeting of the faculty

and the Board assembled. The spirit of God was present, and all together enjoyed a rich spiritual feast.

We trust that these lines will come as words of welcome news to the brethren throughout the whole Union who are interested in the success of our Union College.

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Soldier's Appeal

Having after nearly ten years' service left the regular army to enable me to keep God's Sabbath day, and realizing in an especial manner the past few months the preciousness of the truth, the serious duty of all Christians to carry it to their fellows and to warn the world in this generation of the near approach of Christ and the setting up of his great kingdom, I have been profoundly impressed to write these lines in an effort to interest those who long to further the great work among men and thereby hasten his coming.

The great commission reads: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." This is surely universal in its application, is it not? Personally I should be very glad to do so, no doubt we all should; but can we? It is evident we can not.

Regarding our special message of truth Christ says: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

This solemn utterance means just what it says, and in these days of chariots running "like the lightnings" (Nahum 2:4), and facilities of every kind to herald the approach of the great Commander, how long, think you, is it going to take to warn the world? Surely this momentous question should arouse deep concern in our hearts.

We send our missionaries to slumbering Asia, darkest Africa, and to the remotest isles of the seas in conscientious efforts to follow the injunction, "To every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." Yet, dear friends, there is a field we have never entered, and I dare say, of which many

have never thought. If we cross the Pacific we shall find it there; should we remain at home we still find it unentered and ripe,—a field occupied by one hundred thousand American freemen, representative of our citizenship, and of whom we, as a nation, justly feel proud.

Have these men in their world (I might call it their little "world of arms," for they live and move in the atmosphere created by the stirring call of the bugle), a right to hear the third angel's message?

In my personal experience I have met hundreds of good men in the army who longed to know the truth about religion, the Bible, to know where they came from and whence they are going. They seemed to realize in a vague way that the great war preparations mean something,—just what, they do not try to define. Their surroundings are totally different from yours, dear reader. Come with me and live for a time the profession of arms in a military post in the time of peace, as it is in or near our large cities with their temptations.

With clarion note the bugle call is heard upon the morning air, and "first call" has sounded, summoning a thousand men from their slumbers, and marking the opening of another day of military routine. (Fifteen minutes quickly pass while the toilet is prepared and the bed made.) The morning gun is fired, its reverberating report thunders across the parade ground and is lost among the neighboring hills.

Skipping down stairs you find the regiment assembling by companies. "Fall in! A Company!" is the sharp command of a first sergeant of infantry as "Assembly" sounds, and the command is repeated down the line of twelve companies. "Here! here!" is heard in rapid succession as their names are called. Thus are the men accounted for twice a day.

Each company breaks up, and is put through fifteen minutes' physical culture, or "setting up" drill. "Recall" sounds, immediately followed by the welcome note of "mess call," and a thousand appetites are appeased.

After breakfast drill call sounds, and young America goes forth to learn how to handle himself in unison with sixty-five other men. Some days this is exchanged for athletic drills, such as scaling high walls by forming pyramids, wrestling, boxing, throwing the hammer, and all manner of contortions known only to a company of soldiers full of life and vigor. One hour of this, and "recall" again

sounds, giving opportunity for a half hour of rest, enlivened by joking, bantering, etc., before the call again goes.

This time it is serious drilling, calling for quick thought, unity, and a perfect knowledge of drill tactics. The colonel is seen on horseback across the parade ground, and stationed at equal intervals the length of the green are his battalion commanders.

Frequently in place of regimental drill, there is "extended order" drill, where men are handled with intervals between them in squads of eight, advancing to, and retiring from, different positions, giving Napoleonic lieutenants an opportunity to display their resourcefulness. This drill is conducted under war conditions, and reaches a climax in the heart of a recruit when the bugle sounds: "To the charge!" and the command rushes forward and the imaginary enemy is, of course, overwhelmed.

Soldiers, with rare exceptions, never go to church. Their life, training, and everything around them is against it. They live and move in a world by themselves. They never hear a religious talk, except it be a stereotyped, pompous funeral service read out of a book while they are drawn up at "Attention" before the body of a deceased comrade.

They never meet as you and I do with kindly, Christian people and enjoy their uplifting influences. Theirs is a "happy-go-lucky" life, take it as you find it. They feel their need of nothing, therefore desire nothing—save a good (?) time. They are good fellows in the main, perhaps a little rough and ready, yet, withal, warm, loyal hearted.

These men are totally separated from civil life and the religious influences that are possible therein. The military service is extremely clannish, and few can ever reach the heart of a soldier unless they have been at some time in the service and can speak in the vernacular of it with pleasant familiarity.

During my period of nearly ten years' service I entered a church perhaps a half dozen times, meeting with such a chilly reception that it did not increase my regard for things religious.

However, let me complete my story of a military day.

After supper retreat roll-call (as in the morning), at which time the flag is "played down" with the "Star Spangled Banner," the sunset gun is fired, and the men are at liberty. Where do they go? Certainly not to church, for no one is there to invite

them and they feel cut off from "those church people." There are places of genial warmth and apparent good cheer in this world that are always open and ready to fatten upon the souls of those who enter to be entertained, and the routine of military life is not calculated to retain the men at the post.

The last call of the day, "taps," is sounded, and all must be in bed unless previous pass privileges have been obtained.

Thus the soldier falls asleep, and the day which has been full of life and action is finished. Seldom the thought of God or religion enters his mind, and if indeed it should, it rarely forms words sufficient to escape his lips in prayer. He lives surrounded by plenty, yet in his inmost soul he is "alone and without hope in the world." Starving in the midst of plenty, he falls asleep ignorant of the message and all it may mean to him, and could he but know the great plan as revealed in Rev. 14:6-12, he would doubtless be aroused and concerned as I was made to be when I first heard the message in the Philippines.

But he is left in darkness, and sooner or later is ordered to the Philippines and assists in holding this outpost of Western civilization against the untamed Moro, where alone he frequently lays down his life while keeping a faithful vigil in a tropical jungle, totally unknown to the rest of the world. No comrade even hears his last word, and no minister is at hand to administer spiritual comfort. He falls asleep to awake amidst the awful scenes of the second resurrection, when he finds himself without the beloved city and the gates closed against him.

Will you, dear reader, surrounded by Christian influences and a home, give him a chance to be saved from this by bringing to him a knowledge of Christ's soon-coming and the third angel's message? If so, please communicate with me. I received the truth by means of one of our foreign missionaries while stationed in the Philippines, and left the service because of it, and I desire to engage in a systematic missionary effort in behalf of the United States Army, in general, and with as many of my former associates in particular, as may still be in the service, by the use of "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Great Controversy."

This will take considerably more means than I am able to furnish personally, being one of the workers at our publishing house in Nashville,

and I therefore appeal to all earnest believers who desire to assist in this untouched field to send to the treasurer of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn., small contributions to carry on this great work.

Stamps, in particular, will be exceedingly welcome, as I want to send these good books to every company in the service, and it costs thirty cents postage for each company.

I am acquainted with the customs of the service, and can obtain the address of every company. This field offers tremendous opportunities for fruit for the kingdom, and God's spirit accompanying these books on their mission of mercy to men stationed in the remote parts of the Philippine Islands can accomplish much.

Do you know that a very small sum will warn a whole company of infantry (130 men) stationed in the mountains of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines, where no white men have ever been save themselves?

There are American soldiers to-night longing for something to read, as you would know if you could but see them devour an American newspaper three months old.

Dear friend, the half has not been told. May God impress you to assist me to help my army associates, who, without doubt, will never hear the truth unless a book is sent to them.

This plan has been recognized and is encouraged by the General Conference in official session, as communicated to the writer by its assistant secretary of the Missionary and Publishing Departments, Elder N. Z. Town, under date of May 9, 1911.

As I have a regular "Military Missions Account" with the Southern Publishing Association, all funds should be sent to them, at 2123 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., and I therefore request that no funds be sent to me personally. They will accomplish the same result if sent to the Association.

BURTON N. BROWN.

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U. S. Army.

Christian Education

Do our readers know all about our educational journal, *Christian Education*? Do they know that it is especially designed to assist parents in the education of their children at home, when they can not have school advantages—to co-operate with them under all circumstances in educational matters; to help our educators

of all classes in their most important work; to create a desire in our youth to gain an education and to become laborers in some branch of our work? Do they know that *Christian Education* stands next to the *Review* in importance to all of our people? Do they realize that the progress of the third angel's message from this time forward depends much upon the product of our educational institutions, and that *Christian Education* is set to strengthen the work of these schools? Let all who do not know about this journal send to us for sample copies, which will be cheerfully supplied free of charge.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

THE WORKERS AND THE SHIRKERS*

When the Sabbath bell is ringing, and the children gather in,

When the members are all waiting for the service to begin,

Every father, every mother, every child of every flock,

Is in place, and all attention, at the striking of the clock,

With what joy the superintendent, standing ready in his place,

Greets the Sabbath-school before him with a smile upon his face!

Happy such a superintendent, though his like may be but few!

Happy such a school as this one, with its members all so true!

For its members are all workers, and are blessed with goodly things,

For they know the joy of service, and the happiness it brings.

But such schools are rare as blessed—would their number might increase!

And increasing, all their members never let their ardor cease!

Do you ask the greatest worker in this school we see in dreams?

For the light must be well tended that across its pathway gleams.

Is the superintendent faithful to the duties laid on him?

Does he make the school successful? Does he furnish all the vim?

Some good spirit must impel him ever true and strong to be,

Else a Sabbath-school so pleasant we would surely never see.

Listen while I name the spirits that impel him thus to do

All the work they lay upon him, ever faithful, strong, and true.

You will see it is not his hand that alone leads on so well,

For behind him are the members; listen while their praise I tell.

This the principle that guides them, this their only simple rule:

'Tis the worker, not the shirker, that can make a Sabbath-school.

There's the teacher who is present every single Sabbath day;

Naught but sickness ever keeps him from the Sabbath-school away;

With his lesson always studied, with a helpful word for all,

Flavored rich with psalms of David, and with reference oft to Paul,

He has drawn from heavenly fountains, and his message cheers the heart;

For in humbleness he labors faithfully to do his part.

There's the secretary, early, with report all written out,

Getting envelopes and class-books and the papers passed about;

Not the same dry form of wording does she read each Sabbath day,

But a word of praise and sunshine; something new she has to say;

And she has her lesson studied, joins a class, and brings her gift.

Such a faithful secretary can the leader's burdens lift.

Dear old deacons, how we love them, if they'll always work and pray

With a fervor that is cheering—how they drive our cares away!

And the singers—what a pity that so many stay behind!—

But a few are always helping—in this dream school of our mind;

For they know 'tis not the shirker, but the worker always there,

Who is blessed with Heaven's blessing, so they come with song and prayer.

There's a class of kindergartners, hands so busy though so small;

Blessings on the gentle sister who will love and care for all!

Though to-day they be so trying, so intent on mischief's ways,

Ere we think that they are growing, ere we note the passing days,

They'll be sturdy youths and maidens full of energy and life,

And be sharing in our burdens, strong and loyal for the strife.

Don't forget the special teacher who is ready to supply,

Who will take on briefest notice classes others will not try.

He will take a class of seniors, or of youngsters full of fun;

He will greet a group of strangers, and make welcome every one;

O that of his tribe and nation there were scores where now but few

May be counted in their places, to their duty ever true!

*Given at the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Convention, Sanitarium, California, December 2, 1911.

Have you heard of teachers' meeting? Always look for workers there,
 Be the season slack or busy, be the weather dark or fair.
 When some burden must be lifted, does it seem too strange to you
 That the overburdened toiler should be asked the work to do?
 Well, the world is full of burdens, full of tasks that must be done;
 And the workers, not the shirkers, bear the burdens, every one.

'Tis a dream that I am telling, 'tis too good to be all true,
 And this school I am describing is a school I never knew;
 But in part it is a picture that by thousands may be seen
 Where are found God's faithful children who upon his strong arm lean;
 For the true church at its study is the faithful little band
 Who in loyal love are clinging to the Father's guiding hand.

Let us turn for but a moment to the shirkers of the school,
 To the ones who are not living by the good old golden rule;
 'Tis a picture not so pleasant, I admit it at the start,
 For they seem so discontented, and they lack the cheerful heart;
 They complain, however smoothly everything about them goes,
 And the workers, not the shirkers, get the blessings God bestows.

They will never serve in office, though the need be e'er so great;
 They will never help by teaching, and they're always coming late;
 'Tis a thankless job to ask them just to come and offer prayer,
 And at mention of the singing, they don't know a single air!
 But if workers need advising how to make the school succeed,
 They'd do well to ask the shirkers, who can tell them what they need!

There's another kind of shirker who deserves a mention here—
 One who's nearly always present, but whose presence brings small cheer.
 'Tis the one who reads his answers, if at all he deigns reply.
 Often such a one the teacher is sore tempted to pass by.
 And another shirker like him is the one who never knows,
 Never has his lesson studied, and who very seldom goes.

But the work goes on without them,—goes in spite of all they say,
 For God's work cannot be hindered, human hands can never stay;
 And the weak ones grow the stronger as in faith they press along,

Bearing every burden bravely, meeting trial with a song;
 For the boulders in the pathway may but serve to make us rise,
 And the mountains we encounter bring us nearer to the skies.

Every one can not be teacher, can not read or pray, or sing;
 But each one can be a helper, can a cheerful spirit bring;
 And the faithful ones who study for approval from above,
 With their hearts and minds uplifted for the Father's boundless love,
 Are the helpers that are needed in the large schools and the small,
 And the Father's richest blessings ever rest upon them all.

So take up with joy the burden that the Master gives to you,
 Though with toil your arms be weary, and the tasks so hard to do;
 There is joy in faithful service where the path of duty lies;
 There are comforts for the toilers, there are visions for the eyes;
 And with all the battles ended, and the victories all won,
 'Tis the worker, not the shirker, hears with joy the words, "Well done."

MAX HILL,

in the Pacific Union Recorder.

AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. William A. Spencer, who visited his brother and sister at the College during vacation, is staying to take up class work.

Mr. John Panches of Hamler, O., is staying with his uncle, Mr. C. H. Panches, and taking studies at the College.

Classes in trigonometry and botany open this week with good attendance.

Miss Edith Baker, whose parents recently moved to Mount Vernon, has taken up eighth grade preparatory work in the College.

The third number of the lecture course will be given Wednesday, January 17, by Elder W. W. Miller of Springfield, assisted by his son, Master William Miller. The subject, India, is one with which Elder Miller is acquainted, he having spent six years in that field.

Mr. Rudolph Gross, of Streeter, Ind., entered College after the mid-winter vacation.

Mr. Ray Fisher, who has been nursing at the Sanitarium, left Mount Vernon Sunday, January 7, for his home in Hamler, O.

On the Friday evening of Professor Salisbury's visit at the College the ministerial band and the students' mission study class held a joint meeting, in order that they might enjoy one of his familiar talks on foreign work. His vivid picture of the German school, the Russian prison, and the rapid progress of the message, where it is most hampered, as well as where it is welcomed with gladness, made impressions which will remain with us as a valuable asset to the mission band.

VIRGINIA

The Council

There was held at Richmond, December 19-21, a council of the conference committee and some of the laborers of the conference. Many points of vital interest to the cause of God in Virginia were considered, and plans were laid which we believe will greatly advance the work in this conference during the next few months.

After an earnest season of prayer, in which the Lord came very near, we began the consideration of the question, How can we revive the rank and file of our people throughout the conference and make this effort lasting, that it may result in a great awakening in missionary lines? Several hours were devoted to the consideration of this question. Much instruction was read from the Testimonies, and it was fully decided that this work to be lasting must be educational.

In Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, page 140, we read: "Should all the labor that has been expended on the churches during the past twenty years be again expended upon them, it would fail as it has failed in the past of making the members self-denying, cross-bearing followers of Christ. Many have been overfed with spiritual food, while in the world thousands are perishing for the bread of life. Church members must work, they must educate themselves." Again, on page 139 we read, "In every church young men and women should be selected to bear responsibilities. Let them make every effort to qualify themselves." We also read on page 117, "That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work from wise laborers to dis-

cern and develop talent in the churches. There should be a well organized plan. It is training, education that is needed. Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work." We read also on page 32, "If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." Again on page 117 we read, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

Much more of the same import might be quoted, but this is sufficient to give a clear understanding that that which is needed now in our churches is not sermonizing or emotional meetings to bring a happy flight of feeling, and then leave the churches to go back to the same dead level; but that which is needed is to give our people practical methods of true missionary work, and teach them how to work; and then on the Sabbath let them relate their experiences as the Testimonies have said, and "the testimonies borne by them in the Sabbath services will be filled with power."—*Testimonies, Vol., 7, page 19.*

In our endeavor to plan for the carrying out of this instruction, with our scarcity of laborers, and with the effort we had planned for Richmond, we decided to combine our efforts for the churches at this time with the effort in Richmond, and finally decided upon the following plans:—

We are preparing for two strong efforts for Richmond, beginning about Jan. 18, 1912, one for the white people and one for the colored. These efforts will be continued for three months, and in connection with these services we have planned to hold a Gospel Medical Institute of three months' duration. We have asked all of our churches to select one or more consecrated persons to attend this Institute. The lines of thought taken up will concern missionary work, and those who attend will be given a practical training in actual service in connection with our meetings.

The medical and evangelical instruction will be combined in our Institute work. Studies on health principles, simple treatments, and the combination of foods, will be given; and during the last month a cooking school will be held. Instruction will also be given in Bible

study, and the best methods of conducting short studies in the homes of the people; also studies in missionary work with actual daily experiences.

It was decided to visit all our churches in the interest of these and other lines of work at once, and already about one half of the churches in the conference have been visited, and all are enthusiastic over these plans, and sending from one to three persons to take the instruction. These persons will then return to work in their home churches, or go wherever they may be called. Thus, while we are educating twenty-five or thirty workers, they in turn will be helping us in our efforts to do a great work here in Richmond.

We are confident that God is leading in these plans; and the hearty response we are meeting from our churches gives us courage. We have begun a great work. Pray for us, that God may give us wisdom and strength to carry it forward to a crowning success!

W. J. STONE.

OHIO

Scholarships for 1912

The splendid opportunity for young men and women to earn their way through school by the scholarship plan is to be made much of in the state of Ohio this year. We want to come in touch with those who desire to work for a scholarship. The Ohio Conference will give all the aid possible to any who desire to work for a scholarship. We have plenty of new and promising territory. Through our missionary department we plan to give all the help possible to canvassers. It pays to begin early. It does not pay to spend half of your earnings in going outside the state when we have the best of territory at home. Those who are interested will please write, or call at the conference office.

E. K. SLADE.

Wheetersburg

Dear readers of the VISITOR: We feel that we ought to give you a report of some of the work being done to give the gospel to the people of southern Ohio.

On December 4 we began a series of meetings in the little church at Wheetersburg. In a very short time the interest grew until the house was well filled each evening. Although the weather was very stormy most of the time, we held services every night. As a result, one man has already taken his stand for the truth,

and we have every reason to believe that his wife will soon follow his example. Others who are interested will be visited and encouraged to yield to the will of God.

One family at Waverly has recently begun the observance of the Sabbath. Their interest in the message was aroused by the meetings held at that place in the summer. By occasionally visiting and encouraging them, and by sending them literature, we have been able to keep up their interest, and they have all been persuaded to yield to the influence of God's spirit. This family consists of the husband and wife, the husband's mother, and a nephew almost full grown. It brings gladness to our hearts to see them rejoicing in the knowledge of the truth.

JAMES H. SMITH.

Hamilton

There comes to the workers and churches in the state an occasional request for reports of labor or of special services, for publication in the columns of the VISITOR. Presuming that the readers of the paper share with the editor the desire for such reports, and wishing to contribute our portion to the items of news from the field, we note a few points concerning the work in Hamilton.

The week of prayer was welcomed and duly observed by this church. A daily service was held during the entire time; and there was quite a full attendance of those who were so situated that they could come. Our members seemed to enter into the spirit of the time; and as we earnestly sought the Lord for his blessing, the Holy Spirit came in and touched our hearts. We feel that this occasion was blessed by God.

The fourth Sabbath of the past month was made a missionary day. The program in the *Review and Herald* of December 7 was carried out. Before the close of the service there were given subscriptions for a club of fifty copies of the *Protestant Magazine*. We were already taking clubs of *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and the *Signs of the Times* both monthly and weekly.

Recently the church here was favored with a visit from Brother Raleigh French, our field missionary secretary. The hour of our weekly prayer service, Wednesday evening, January 3, was occupied by him in the presentation of the importance of home missionary work. He made a strong appeal to our lay members to engage in the sale of our various magazines. A club of fifty copies of

the *Watchman* was raised, and a few additional subscriptions for the *Signs* were taken. The clubs of the various papers and magazines now received by this company aggregate a total of over 250 copies.

Two of our young sisters are engaged in the sale of our subscription books. The Lord is blessing their efforts, and they are having good success in this important line of missionary endeavor. Another young sister who has recently accepted the truth is taking up the sale of *Life and Health* and other of our periodicals.

J. O. YOUNG.

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DECEMBER, 1911

Akron	\$115 11
Alliance	99 68
*Barnesville	13 60
Bellefontaine	66 43
Bellville	16 16
*Broughton	4 83
Bowling Green	94 15
Camden	62 01
Canton	77 04
Chagrin Falls	68 51
Charloe	1 55
Chillicothe	30 35
Cincinnati	5 40
Cleveland	55 50
Cleveland German	90 00
Clyde	79 54
Columbiana	261 92
Columbus	311 83
Columbus S. D. A. Mission	10 95
*Conant	
Conneant	4 75
*Convoy	
Corsica	
Coshocton	
Cygnets	
Dayton	
Defiance	3 20
Delaware	
Delta	
Derwent	40 50
*Dixon	
Dowling	
Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	36 89
Elgin	
Findlay	19 01
Greenspring	14 05
*Gilboa	
Hamler	
Hamilton	49 59
Hicksville	27 12
*Jackson	
Jefferson	
*Kenton	
Killbuck	33 03
LaGrange	173 75
*Laké View	33 75
Laura	27 81
Leesburg	

Liberty Center	37 71
Lima	
Locust Point	21 50
Mansfield	47 53
Marion	129 58
Marshfield	35 00
Massillon	
Medina	10 00
Mendon	6 25
Middlefield	13 00
Mount Vernon	214 89
Newark	125 05
Norwalk	
New Philadelphia	1 90
Ohio City	25 45
Pemberville	
Piqua	8 99
Pleasant Hill	34 01
Powell	
Ravenna	141 06
*Reedsville	
Rows	29 31
Sherwood	20 00
*Shreve	
Spencer	
Springfield	161 85
Toledo	103 21
Troy	61 20
Van Wert	6 10
Walnut Grove	
Washington C. H.	138 59
Waterford	47 26
*West Mansfield	
Wheelersburg	2 00
Wilmington	26 10
Youngstown	29 88
Zanesville	75 47
Individuals	
Isolated	51 55

TOTAL \$3,220 62

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

DECEMBER, 1911

Tithe	\$3,220 62
Tract Society	1,636 98
Sabbath-school Donations	543 83
First Day Offerings	145 52
Annual Offering	733 13
Mid Summer Offerings	
\$300,000 Fund	522 88
Mount Vernon College Fund	45 50
M. V. C. Tank Fund	2 25
Ingathering (S. S. D.)	36 76
Camera Fund Little Friend	
Colored Work	4 26
Orphans and Aged	
Tent and Hall Donations	3 14
Religious Liberty	4 00
Ministry of Healing	160 00
Missions	56 75
Harvest Ingathering (S. S. D.)	
Mission Signs	431 78
Swatow Chapel, China	

TOTAL \$7,547 40

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

Ohio Notes

Elder Marietta recently spent a week at Laura, holding meetings with the church there. Last week he visited the Piqua church.

Elder Moffett held quarterly service with the Camden church on the first Sabbath of the year.

Elder Slade will speak to the Mount Vernon church next Sabbath.

The auditing committee is in Mount Vernon this week and at work with the accounts of the laborers for the year 1911.

Elders W. E. Bidwell and J. W. Shultz have secured a large store-room on the corner of Main and Third Streets, Toronto, O., and have fitted it up as a hall in which to hold a series of meetings. They opened their public effort on Wednesday, January 10.

Elder R. R. Kennedy visited the Wheelersburg church Sabbath, January 6. Elder Kennedy was the pastor of this church for many years, and his visit was appreciated by the members at Wheelersburg.

Another member was recently added to the New Philadelphia church, the result of labors performed by Brother and Sister Campbell while they were stationed at that place.

Elder Slade is planning to visit the church at Piqua Sabbath, January 27.

Elder Moffett has a good interest at New London, where he and Elder Bidwell began a series of meetings on January 2.

The son of Brother R. H. Patterson of East Liverpool is ill with typhoid fever.

A quiet wedding took place at Jefferson, on New Year's Day, when Miss Laura S. Ross was united in marriage to Mr. Oliver C. Atwell, Elder C. P. Haskell of Geneva, O., performing the ceremony.

Miss Nellie Underwood, who has been laboring as a Bible worker in the South Dakota Conference, recently came to Dresden, O., to visit her

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 5, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. Brownlee, Washington			15	128		77 10	10 25	87 35	39 25
Wm. Burtnett, Allegheny		GC	15	114	20	67 00	16 20	83 20	15 50
Eva Jenks, Ridgway		CK	6	40	20	38 50		38 50	95
J. Medlin, Washington		DA	3	18		6 00	3 75	9 75	23 25
Mrs. C. Dunham, Pittsburgh		BS	8	26	5	3 00		3 00	55 10
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh		DR		22	2	6 00		6 00	6 25
T. Dunham, Pittsburgh		GC		16			1 00	1 00	47 50
*J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	2	2		6 00		6 00	19 75
Totals			39	366	47	\$203 60	\$31 20	\$234 80	\$207 55

New Jersey, Week Ending January 5, 1912

*J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.	CK	3	15	9	14 00	2 75	16 75	8 25
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA			102	25 50		25 50	14 00
W. Plant, Salem Co.	CK							104 00
N. R. Pond, Palmyra	CK							8 10
*J. Rambo		1		1	2 00		2 00	106 25
Totals		4	15	111	\$41 50	\$2 75	\$44 25	\$240 60

West Virginia Week Ending January 5, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	4	28	17	25 00	8 00	33 00	1 50
A. Halstead, Logan Co.	DA			60				151 25
W. McElphatr'k, Braxton Co.	DR			10				27 00
F. E. Wagner, Wheeling	DR	5	37	13	34 00	6 00	40 00	15 00
Totals		9	135	30	\$59 00	\$14 00	\$73 00	\$194 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 5, 1912

J. Jones, Talbot Co, Md.	GC	5	33	7	21 00	18 50	39 50	1 05
D. Percy, Queen Anne Co.	DA	4	23	8	24 00	5 00	29 00	
J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	24	16	16 00	4 75	20 75	
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	16	15	15 50	75	16 25	75
*W. Durst, Cumberland Co.		2	12					17 00
Totals		19	108	46	\$76 50	\$29 00	\$105 50	\$18 80

Ohio, Week Ending January 5, 1912

H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	5	27	12	31 00		31 00	
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	4	29	26	29 50		29 50	3 00
Totals		9	56	38	\$60 50	\$	\$60 50	\$ 3 00

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$518.05 Deliveries, \$664.70.

friend, Miss Rebecca A. Miller, and enjoy a needed rest.

Miss Edna Cochrell, a Bible worker of Washington, D. C., has been visiting her parents at Shreve, O.

Mr. Frank Shultz is nursing in San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Vernon Panches of Washington, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cockrell, at Castalia, O.

NEW JERSEY

Brother D. P. Boersma stopped at the office on his way to South Vineland, where he later reports having found a family of Holland people who have accepted the Sabbath through reading his articles in the Holland paper. He also reports having made an agreement with the editor of "De Telegraaf," a Holland weekly published in Paterson, for a series of fifty articles on present truth, which

will give him an audience of over three thousand persons.

Elder W. G. Kneeland reports the baptism of three persons at Plainfield, on December 15, and the organization of a church of thirteen members, some of whom have transferred their membership from other Adventist churches in the state to the church at Plainfield. Elder Kneeland also reports four or five other persons deeply interested in the truth.

Elder J. G. Hanhardt made a short call at the office, on his way to another part of the state to visit some German people who have become interested in the truth.

Miss Anna Cooper has removed from Trenton to Jersey City, to take up Bible work in that city in the absence of Sister Dreyfuss. We trust she will have the same good success which has attended Miss Dreyfuss in her efforts.

Elder W. H. Smith has taken charge of the Sunday night meetings in the Trenton church during the absence of Elder Sandborn. Upon a very stormy night one brother and an interested neighbor from the country came ten miles to attend the meeting, having four miles to walk each way in the storm.

Elder A. R. Sandborn returned to Trenton Monday, after attending the meeting of the Mount Vernon College Board of Trustees.

The old year is past and the people are settling down to the regular routine of life after the holiday festivities. Many new resolutions have been made and "new pages" turned, only to be as readily broken or soiled through the weakness of poor humanity. Christian friends, do you need to make any new resolutions, based upon divine power to help you carry them out? Has your work for God the past year been commensurate with the blessings received? How much have you done this year? What are you going to do next week, to-morrow? The days are flying rapidly. One suggestion—procure even a small amount of literature, tracts or papers, and to the first person who comes to your door give a copy, and then to the next. You may never see that person again. Do it!

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Kittanning, Worthington, Rockville, Oakland, and Indiana

Since my last report I have visited the above named places.

At Worthington, where Sister Anthony lives, and where we held a few services in a school-house last fall, there was no place open for services, but we held a few meetings in a private home. Sister Anthony's husband began the observance of the Sabbath; and we are hoping that the truth will yet be accepted by others at that place.

I spent the week of prayer with the few believers in and about Kittanning. At Rockville, nine miles from Kittanning, is a family of Adventists who seemed encouraged by my visit. At Oakland we have a few Sabbath-keepers who have not been visited for a long time. They, too, seemed to greatly enjoy a visit and a few sermons.

At Indiana we have had a series of meetings, continuing over two Sabbaths. Five persons have united with the church, four by letter and one by profession of faith. Our church school here is making good progress, for which we are thankful. The young people's meetings are good, nearly all the youth taking part in the prayer and social services. To our young people we must look for the future workers in the cause, and we should give our children every opportunity to become acquainted with the truth and the work for this time. If any of our people desire to locate near a church school, they can buy property right here on the school farm.

Brethren, pray for this part of the field, that the message may go forth in power.

J. W. WATT.

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston

Dear readers: We are glad to report that we are finding plenty to do in West Virginia; and that we have been and are at the present time enjoying our work, happy and of good courage in the Lord.

Our first work after arriving at Charleston was to secure a lot and begin the erection of a church building. The brethren and sisters responded liberally to all the calls for means, and the result is that at the present writing we have a good substantial church building which would be a credit to any conference.

In the church we have a large, pleasant room, well furnished as a church school room. Our school opened in October with an enrolment of eighteen. Satan has been working very hard to break up this work; but by the Lord's help we are victorious, and the school is still making excellent progress.

Since our coming to Charleston eight names have been dropped from the church roll and eleven added to our membership, four by letter and seven by baptism. There are now several others who are desirous of uniting with us. Though Satan is at work, the Lord is always present to help in time of need.

At the present time Elder Bigelow is visiting with me some of the churches of the conference in the interest of missionary work; and the Lord is blessing our labors.

May the Lord bless the work in this needy field, and may the new year, 1912, be the best that we have spent in giving the message to the world in this generation.

F. E. GIBSON.

CHESAPEAKE

A Great Opportunity

To all our young people throughout the conference a great opportunity is offered in the "Standard of Attainment." No better time for this work than the first six months of this year will ever come. The Sabbath-school lessons for the first half of the year follow very closely the line of subjects to be studied for the "Standard of Attainment."

Many times we find ourselves unable to rightly divide the word of God; and for this reason we avoid any conversation by which we could lead others to a knowledge of the truth.

Many times we are embarrassed because we know so little of what we profess to believe. My brethren and sisters, do not allow this to be true longer. With diligent study we may be able to name the cardinal points of our faith and give a citation for each.

Every young person in the Chesapeake Conference ought to be taking the "Standard of Attainment"; not alone because we wish to be able to open the Scriptures to others, but that we may not be swept from our moorings by the delusions of Satan. Without a knowledge of the genuine we shall be unable to detect the counterfeitings of Satan. We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that we must be diligent students of the Word if we wish to be shielded from the snares that are to come upon us.

If, then, we wish to be protected from the deceptions of the enemy, what must we do? I am sure that everyone will say, Study God's word. This being true, let us begin now while we have such a wonderful opportunity. Begin with the first Sabbath-school lesson of the year, and study earnestly, so that you may be able next September to pass the examination for the "Standard of Attainment."

I shall be glad to hear from any one who wishes to begin this work immediately; or from any one who desires any further information concerning this valuable course of study.

W. L. ADKINS,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

OBITUARIES

CONVERSE.—Mrs. Margaret A. Converse, nee Stewart, died at her home in Youngstown, O., Dec. 18, 1911, aged 73 years. Death resulted from a protracted illness due to the ills of advancing age. Mrs. Converse was one of a family of ten children, of whom but two survive, William and Orlands, both of Howard City, Mich. She was united in marriage to Irvin C. Converse, three years deceased. The surviving members of the family are two sons, Lawrence and Vernon S. Converse, both living at the home of their mother. In 1902 the family moved to Youngstown from Newton Falls, O. At the latter place Mrs. Converse was a member of the Disciple church; but for the last few years of her life she has held to the views of the Seventh-day Adventists. She was known as a woman of quiet and substantial qualities of character. Words of comfort from Ps. 103: 10-18 were spoken by the writer to the friends and relatives at the funeral service, and interment was made at Kent, O., by the side of the husband of the deceased.

F. E. GIBSON.