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

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When I Get to the End of the Way

My life is a wearisome journey,
I'm sick with the dust and the heat;
The rays of the sun beat upon me,
The briars are wounding my feet;
But the city to which I am journeying
Will more than my trials repay,
All the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

There are so many hills to climb upward,
I am often longing for rest,
But He who appoints me my pathway,
Knows just what is needful and best.
I know in his word he has promised,
That my strength shall be as my day,
And the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

Though now I am foot-sore and weary,
I shall rest when I'm safely at home;
I know I'll receive a glad welcome,
For the Saviour himself has said "Come;"
So when I am weary in body,
And sinking in spirit I say,
All the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

Cooling fountains are there for the thirsty,
There are cordials for those who are faint,
There are robes that are whiter and purer,
Than any that fancy can paint.
Then I'll try to press hopefully onward,
Thinking often through each weary day,
The toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

He loves me too dearly to leave me,
Or give me one trial too much,
All his people have dearly been purchased,
And Satan can never claim such.
By and by I shall see him and praise him,
In the city of unending day,
And the trials of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

When the last feeble steps have been taken,
And the gates of the city appear,
And the beautiful songs of the angels
Float out on my listening ear;
When all that now seems mysterious
Will be plain and clear as the day—
Yes, the toils of the road will seem nothing
When I get to the end of the way.

—Mrs. Esther L. Cassell.

A Little Conversation

Church member: Yes, I have been thinking of entering some line of the Lord's work, but I want to be sure to enter the most important branch of the work.

General agent: The canvassing work is more important than many regard it. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

Church member: True; but I want to enter the highest order of missionary work when I enter the work.

General agent: "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."

Church member: Oh, well, but I want to engage in a better and more successful method of placing the truth before the people.

General agent: "The canvassing work is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."

Church member: Well, I suppose I must admit that, but I would like to enter that work which God has ordained to get the message before the people.

General agent: "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment."

Church member: Well, then, I wish to know just what the Lord would have me do just now.

General agent: "The canvassing work is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the faithful canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

Church member: Well, that sounds

very good. But are there not more canvassers already than other workers?

General agent: "From the light given me," says the Lord's servant, "I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Canvassers should be encouraged to take hold of this work, not to canvass for story-books, but to bring the truth before the world at this time."

Church member: Well, now if I should decide fully to enter the canvassing work, what book do you think I should begin with?

General agent: Oh, we have so many good books that it will be no trouble to find a good one that will just suit you. I will go home with you now, and we will soon decide on the book. And then, too, we have some good printed canvasses that will help you to get the idea, and I will go out with you a few days, and we will enjoy the work together.

—Selected.

The Work Before Us

There is a very great and important work for our conferences in America to do. We are to carry the work in America in such a way that we shall be a strength and help to those who are proclaiming the message in distant countries. Every nation, tongue, and people is to be aroused and brought to a knowledge of the truth. Something is being done, but there is much yet to be done.

In his labors each worker is to look to God. We are to labor as men and women who have a living connection with God. We are to learn how to meet the people where they are.

Study the first and second chapters of Acts. Light has been given me that our work must be carried forward in a higher and broader way than it has ever yet been carried. The light of heaven is to be appreciated and cherished. This light is for the laborers. It is for those who feel that God has given them a message, and that they have a sacred responsibility to bear in its proclamation.

The message of present truth is to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. Let us understand this, and let those placed in responsible positions come into such unity that the work shall go forward solidly.

We have a great and important work to do, and God would have us take hold of that work intelligently. No one has sufficient wisdom to act without counsel. Men need to consult with their brethren, to counsel together, to pray together, and to plan together for the advancement of the work. Let laborers kneel down together and pray to God, asking him to direct their course. We must have confidence in God.

Will we carry forward the work in the Lord's way? Are we willing to be taught of God? Will we wrestle with God in prayer? Will we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? This is what we need and may have at this time. Then we shall go forth with a message from the Lord, and the light of truth will shine forth as a lamp that burneth, reaching to all parts of the world. If we will walk humbly with God, God will walk with us. Let us humble our souls before him, and we shall see of his salvation.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Christian Education

The frontispiece of the January-February issue of *Christian Education* is a large photograph of Elder James White, five by seven inches in size, printed on enameled paper suitable for framing. This picture alone is worth the price of the issue; besides the very practical contents of this number is well worth being associated with the picture of the founder of education in the denomination. For some time to come each issue of *Education* is to have a large picture of one of our pioneer workers. Begin now, and by subscribing for *Education* secure the full set of these pictures.

The January-February number of *Christian Education* contains much that all of our readers ought really to have the privilege of studying. We quote the following bearing upon the question of reading the works of good writers:—

"We must get outside of our own small circle of thinking, and consider what other men and women have thought, and said. What a man sets down in cold print for his contemporaries and for subsequent generations to read, may be safely said to be the very best he has to give. Reading the best thoughts of others is a power-

ful stimulus to our own thinking. By communing with the best minds, our tastes are formed. We do not expect all the product of any one mind to be all good; 'there is none that doeth good' only; but with the Supreme book our touch stone of truth, and experience our guide, we may separate the wheat from the chaff as on the summer threshing floor. In truth, this very exercise whets our wits, quickens our judgment, and stimulates enjoyment in a high type of culture."

The Army Book Fund

Yesterday's mail brought a check from a lady in Mississippi for \$5 to be applied on the army book fund. To say that we appreciate this gift does not fully express our feelings. Fifteen dollars in all has been received the past week, the contributions coming from all over the country.

One "Daniel and the Revelation" is leaving the office every morning and afternoon for distant parts, and we believe that God will use this means to carry the gospel of peace to men of war. Truly it is a privilege to have a part in this grand work. Many small donations make up a large sum. Remember this and send whatever you can to carry the message to men who never hear the name of God except as it is breathed in irreverence. Send all funds to the Southern Publishing Association, as I do not wish to handle the money personally, and it will be duly credited to my military mission account.

BURTON N. BROWN,

Formerly U. S. Army.

A Letter from the South

Dear VISITOR Circle: I thought perhaps my brethren and sisters in the Columbia Union Conference would be glad to hear from the "sunny south" in these bleak days. It is not so sunny, however, as people may imagine.

But to the believer in present truth the greatest concern is, How shall we bring the attention of the people to the truth? Very little, comparatively, has been done here. The greater part of the people have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists. They associate us in their minds with the Holiness people, the Mormons, etc.

Since coming from your field I have been graciously blessed of God in the distribution of the printed page. While I can not speak of great success from a worldly viewpoint, yet I can say that the Lord has already directed minds to the light contained in the precious truth-filled literature;

and that the peace which only God can give has attended me.

I wish to thank those of you who have been the means of blessing to me in the past. I should be glad to hear from any.

E. E. W. MESSINGER.

Sanford, N. C.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Butler leaves Mount Vernon Thursday of this week to spend Sabbath and Sunday with the churches of the District of Columbia in the interest of education and Mount Vernon College. He will speak to the Memorial church Sabbath morning, the Sanitarium-Seminary church in the afternoon, and the Takoma Park church Sunday evening.

Professor Hall was elected superintendent of the Mount Vernon church Sabbath-school for the first six months of the year.

Dr. Fisher was called to Quincey, Mich., last week to attend his father's funeral.

Miss Clara Stevens, a former student of Mount Vernon, is teaching a church school at Harris in northern Michigan.

Elder Kennedy conducted quarterly service in the Mount Vernon church Sabbath, January 13.

Elder Butler and Professor Anderson were in Columbus over a recent Sabbath in attendance at the educational convention conducted by the Columbus church. Professor Hall, who was also expected to be present and take part in the program, was unable to go on account of illness.

Elder Miller's lecture on India, delivered last Wednesday evening, was one of the best of this year's course. He told many stories concerning the people of India and their strange customs, and related incidents from the experiences of our workers there, some of whom are well known in some of the conferences of this Union. Very highly commended was the self-sacrificing work of Miss Della Burroway of Ohio, who with her ox-cart, lantern and slides, goes about from place to place, attended only by a native helper, throwing on

the screen scenes from the Christ life and telling the story of Jesus. One very interesting feature of the evening's program was six-year-old William Miller's recital of the story of the flood in Hindoostani followed by his own interpretation of it. The proceeds of the lecture were \$22.90, which will be used to purchase new blinds for the College chapel.

The College Sabbath-school adopted this term a new plan for keeping everyone interested in donations—that of sending one of its prospective missionaries on an imaginary trip to his chosen field. At present he is speeding over the Pacific toward China; and though it may be several years before he arrives there in reality, yet it must be encouraging to him to know that he is so heartily supported by his college mates.

The Spare Moments of an Ambitious Student

When as a boy working on my father's farm, I considered the giving up of my school days a great sacrifice. I thought that if I could only go to college, instead of having to work all day, and sometimes far into the night, what an easy time I would have; for the whole community, as well as myself, thought my abilities to be far above the average. Why, I thought it would be easy to keep at the head of the classes and yet have plenty of extra time during the day to engage in games, to go visiting, to play jokes on the other boys. For although I was very ambitious, yet I wanted some time to be "mean."

My desire for an education got the mastery of me, and very soon I found myself in college halls—prepared to carry my plans through. Those were the days when a promising lad, as I thought I was, was allowed to carry five studies without having to obtain permission from the faculty.

I started in, just as I had pictured it, with the first year's work: Latin, chemistry, history, Bible, and English V. The first two weeks my schedule was up to the mark. I was keeping up nicely with the other students; I could recite as well as they could. I enjoyed an hour at baseball, and half an hour at tennis, daily. I could run around with the boys whenever they called out to me. I could even enjoy a few minutes in the parlor with the girls. I remember now how I once set a trap for one of the boys, and how I and some others waited outside

until he was trapped, and then the noise we set up afterwards!

But I was having too much fun. My grades began going down from 1—to 2, and then to 2—. The sight of a 2—arrested my attention; my ambition got the better of me. I must "cut out" some of this fun, I thought. I summoned enough will power to close myself in my room and not to leave it until I had my lessons.

At the end of the first term my grades were not satisfactory—at least not to myself. Baseball and tennis must go. I began the second term with the motto of "all work and no play," and although it meant a great deal to make the sacrifice to give up my fun, yet I was still determined to carry five studies and keep at the head of my classes. But did I keep at the head of my classes? Wasn't I only an average student? No one at school thought me exceptionally bright, as they had at home; in fact, I too was beginning to think that it was only with a desperate effort that I could even keep within the bounds of two minus or plus.

The second term was only one-third gone when I found that I hadn't a moment to myself; not only that, but with all possible planning and economizing of my time, I scarcely had enough of it left to get the studies fairly well. Getting my Latin lesson amounted to my picking the unfamiliar words out and simply, writing the English words above them, a process which my teacher regarded as cheating. My Bible lesson I seldom had time to look at. And then there was the three hours' reading for that English class. How could I possibly get that time in? I had one afternoon of the week free from laboratory work; that would just come in handy for two hours' reading, I thought. But, alas! there were half a dozen other things to be done. Not even Friday afternoon, when every other boy seemed to be either reading the news in the library or having a good time somewhere, did I have to myself. It was work, work, work, from one day to the next. Sunday morning I sat for hours making up back work.

I grew to be serious, cranky, grouchy. I did not like my school work, although I would write home to say that I did. I finally gave up the idea of getting good grades; it was impossible.

I am to-day just as ambitious as I used to be, but no fifth study for me.

D. E. NESTY,

in the Educational Messenger.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

TITHE RECEIPTS

FOURTH QUARTER 1911

*Adah.....	16 30
Albion.....	51 40
Allegheny.....	103 30
Allegheny German.....	64 53
Altoona.....	182 2
Austin.....
*Butler.....
Bradford.....	129 39
*Carter Camp.....	20 27
Clearfield.....	52 67
Coudersport.....	601 11
Corry.....	125 41
Corydon.....	92 89
Conneautville.....	24 39
De Young.....	10 75
Duke Center.....	9 00
Edinboro.....	51 24
Eldred.....	41 48
Erie.....	157 26
Greensburg.....	37 58
Huntingdon.....	44 80
Indiana.....	158 82
Jimtown.....	122 26
Johnstown.....	128 98
Lock Haven.....	34 16
Meadville.....	49 91
Midway.....	54 25
North Warren.....	134 29
Oil City.....	30 32
Pittsburg Number One.....	440 94
Pittsburg Number Two.....	38 63
Punxsutawney.....
Port Alleghany.....	47 77
*Raymond.....	6 75
Shingle House.....	25 35
Six Mile Run.....	52 44
Titusville.....
Union City.....	24 75
Washington.....	74 18
Individuals.....	130 29

Total..... \$3,370 16

*Companies

OFFERINGS

Sabbath-school Donations.....	\$490 88
\$300,000 Fund.....	321 85
Midsummer Offering.....	1 26
First Day Offerings.....	37 39
Missions.....	62 26
Poor.....	8 93
Portland Church.....	1 00
Mt. Vernon College.....	1 00
Mt. Vernon College Tank Fund....	30
Annual Offering.....	94 89
Harvest Ingathering.....	200 68
Colored Work.....	51 65
Tent and Camp-meeting.....	28 93
Church school.....	1 38
Religious Liberty.....	4 00
Donations for Moving Office....	26 03

Total..... \$1332 43

Grand Total..... \$4,702 59

J. S. BARROWS, Treasurer.

VIRGINIA

Good Prospects for Virginia

It has been my great privilege to be connected with the work of God for a number of years, in a number of places; but I think I have never attended a meeting of workers where so much union and harmony prevailed as was seen at the recent council held in Richmond. It truly seemed that all saw eye to eye; and from the first God's good spirit was feelingly near. The great self-sacrificing spirit of the Indiana Conference made it possible for us to lay large aggressive plans, and to add some new men to our force. From what we saw and heard we can but thank God and take courage. We predict rapid strides to success and certain victory for the cause of present truth in Virginia. The prospects are truly bright. The co-operation of every believer is needed. The full consecration of every worker must be had, so that the Spirit's power will be seen, and the work quickly finished.

STEWART KIME.

How Can We Revive Our Churches?

At the late council of the Lake Union Conference held by Elder Daniels and other leading brethren, it was decided to recommend that special efforts be put forth on the part of conferences to revive all our churches. The detail of this work must of necessity devolve upon the local conferences; but to carry out this important work in harmony with the testimonies of God's spirit is the burden of the Virginia Conference. A council was called, and plans were laid which we believe will meet the mind of God.

Beginning the eighteenth of this month, an Institute for the white people will be held in Richmond. Beginning a week later an Institute will also be held for the colored people. On January 21 an energetic public effort will be started for the outside people. The classes for the Institute will be so arranged that the delegates from the churches can assist in carrying forward the public meetings. This will give them practical experience, and at the same time will be to them an object lesson on the onward march of this great third angel's message.

The delegates to the Institute will

be thoroughly instructed along essential lines to fit them for active service in conjunction with their home church. Young people are beginning to realize that there is something for them to do in this great message, and that this is an opportunity of receiving a quick preparation for service: the truth is taking hold of their hearts. The churches are already showing marked signs of revival in planning for their delegates and raising funds to transport them to the Institute. Of course, this has its influence on the fathers and mothers and friends.

The young people selected are to be such as are consecrated and of good report, such as can come with the recommendation of the church. These will be carefully trained, and will be sent back to their various churches to give the members all the benefit of their training while at the Institute. Careful Bible studies, simple, yet none the less positive, will be given. The delegates will be instructed how to give simple treatments for the sick; classes in hygienic cooking will be held, so that our church members can learn how to cook healthfully. These classes will be invaluable to those who are expecting to live to see Jesus come. Charts, diagrams, and illustrations will be used to make the various subjects plain, both in Bible and health lessons.

The members of the conference committee, the conference workers, and, at the present writing, almost every church, has been heard from, and yet up to date we have still to learn of a single word against the plans laid: the most beautiful harmony exists, and great enthusiasm is seen on every hand. Is not this an indication of what may be expected when the Testimonies are carried out? II Chron. 20:20 says, "Believe the Lord your God, so shall ye be established: believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

J. H. N. TINDALL.

A Quotation

Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and not fully carried out whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this.

The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning, they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.

In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers, to discern and develop talent in the church—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all of our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. All the preaching in the world will not make men feel deeply the need of perishing souls around them. Nothing will so arouse in men and women a self-sacrificing zeal as to send them forth into new fields to work for those in darkness.

Young men and women should be educated to become workers in their own neighborhoods, and in other places. Let all set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the work for this time, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted. Many young men who have had the right kind of education at home are to be trained for service by associating with our ministers and experienced workers in city work *where they will gain the best kind of training*. There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX., pp., 116, 118, 119.

Friday morning, January 5, a fire was discovered at the north west end of the Academy building at New Market. Prompt alarm was given, and the fire was quickly extinguished, the damage being only about one hundred dollars. However, the heating plant was disabled, the pipes bursted, and the chimney became unfit for use, necessitating the temporary close of the school.

Brother Mallory returned last Friday from a trip to the Spencer, News

Ferry, and Danville churches. A large number of subscriptions were taken for the VISITOR and the *Messenger*. Two conversions were made, and delegates were selected for the Institute at Richmond. Brother Mallory reports these churches greatly encouraged over the prospects.

Elder Kime and Brother Garnsey closed their meetings at Guinea Mills last Sunday night. A full report of these meetings will appear later.

The Virginia Conference is in search of a colored nurse; one who is capable of giving treatments, and who can give Bible readings. We should be glad for information that would help us to secure the services of such a person.

Miss Anna Watkins of Portsmouth, and Miss Ada Gallaher of Lynchburg, will be among the delegates to the Institute.

Interesting reports are coming from our canvassers. One Brother writes, "Enclosed you will find \$4.00 in payment for one hundred *Life and Health*. I disposed of these in about seventeen hours." Brother S. N. Brown, who is located at Appalachia, says, "The Lord has surely blessed us this week. Though it was cold and snowing, we pressed right on. The amount of my orders for the week ending January 5 was \$178.25." Brother Hall, who is working at the same place, sends in another excellent report amounting to \$101.72 for the same week. Brother C. E. Overstreet, and Brother Bennett Hann are spending a few days at Oakton on their way to Fredericksburg to enter the canvassing work.

CHESAPEAKE

Cumberland, Md.

The Lord has greatly blessed our labors since we came to western Maryland, a little more than three years ago. At that time the work in this part was at a low ebb, there having been no one in charge to strengthen and care for it. We thank God that since that time over fifty persons have been encouraged to start in the way of the keeping of God's commandments.

Of this number, some have fallen out by the way as trials have come to them; some have moved to other states; and some have entered directly into the Lord's work and have proved themselves faithful and zealous laborers in the message. Of these I wish to mention Brother and Sister

Durst, who have done excellent work; and also Brethren Miller and Murphy.

Of those who formerly composed the membership of the Cumberland church, only about five are left at the present time. Some of the former members have gone from us to enter the book work. Of these I mention Brother and Sister Siler, who through a number of years have proved faithful and true to the work of God.

The present membership of the Cumberland church is thirty; and the prospects for building up a strong church in this city are brighter than they have been at any time in the past. There is need in this part of strong churches which will stand as lights to those who sit in darkness; for here in the eastern field the church of Rome is rapidly gathering precious souls into its fold, where even greater darkness exists.

As an illustration of the increasing power and influence of this church, I wish to mention a circumstance which took place in our vicinity not long since. A Protestant was out selling an anti-Catholic work when he was openly shot and killed by a Catholic. The perpetrator of the act was also saved from the clutches of the law by the influence of his mother church.

Another incident will serve to show that this church no longer remains in the background when a religious question is before the public for discussion. From our city to Pittsburgh, Pa., a new road, as a part of the West Maryland Railroad, is under construction, the contractors working large gangs of men night and day, Sundays included. In connection with the work a great deal of blasting has been carried on, and this has been done on Sundays as well as on other days. This has resulted, through the influence of the Protestant ministry, in the arrest of those carrying on the work. At this point there sprang up a great controversy over Sunday work, which has been carried on by both Catholic priest and Protestant preachers, the priest maintaining in his arguments in the daily paper that Sunday as a rest day could not be made to stand on the fourth commandment of the decalogue. The situation was taken advantage of by the writer to present the truth to the public, its presentation causing prominent and influential people of the town to declare that appreciable light had been reflected their way.

While it is true that the influence of Rome is being felt in this country as never before, it is also true that the mighty power of God through his consecrated children is bringing hope and

cheer to those who are longing and seeking after the peace of Heaven. The prayer of the writer is to be kept always in the love of the truth, on God's side of the great controversy, a faithful watchman to the close of the conflict. Brethren and sisters, pray for the work of God and the workers in western Maryland.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

OHIO

Columbus

Elders Russell and Horton arrived in Columbus from Washington Friday afternoon, January 5, in the interest of the Religious Liberty Department. Elder Russell spoke Sabbath morning and awakened new interest in the work of the department. Elder McElhany came Sunday afternoon, and a council was held to further consider the work in this city and state. In the special service held Sunday night Elders Horton and McElhany made stirring appeals for greater activity along right lines. Zero weather prevailed, but a large number attended the interesting services of the hour, and at the close eighty-five yearly subscriptions for *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* were secured.

The Constitutional Convention and its work was given some consideration by the speakers. Our people showed a practical interest in the service, and lingered after the meeting to learn more of present day conditions. This church realizes the importance of keeping in close touch with the times, and making the most of conditions which confront the church.

The machinery of the Convention has already started; lobbyists are already on hand to promote private schemes; but we trust that no adverse legislation will result from the work of the Convention. There is great importance of giving religious liberty careful study, and of standing firmly upon the principles of justice and equity. It is time to awake to the realities of the hour, and give the gospel without delay, before the days of adversity shall hinder the fast closing work. It is inspiring to the church to see the many evidences of the Lord's working in this city. We all feel greatly encouraged as the result of the recent help from Washington, and stand ready to co-operate with the General department in advancing this important work.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,

Religious Liberty Secretary.

Among the Churches

On Sabbath, December 24, 1911, it was my privilege to meet with the Bellefontaine church. Brother C. B. Smith, elder of the church, has been doing a good work by keeping before our people the needs of home missionary work. While conditions there are not so favorable as in many other churches in Ohio, yet the faithful few are much encouraged and are hopeful of doing more along missionary lines.

From Bellefontaine I went to the Walnut Grove church. Unfortunately on Sabbath, December 31, the weather was very inclement; however, a few faithful ones found their way in the pouring rain over the muddy roads to the little meeting-house. Those present cheerfully took hold of the work introduced; and as a result ten yearly subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine* were taken. It was very encouraging to find that Brother Leonidas Davidson, the church elder, was continually keeping this branch of the work before the church.

The next church visited was the little company at Hamilton. This company, under the care of Brother George Keppler, the elder, although comprising a membership of only about twenty-seven, is very active, and is doing a remarkable work. Altogether this little church is now taking 143 monthly magazines as a standing order; 25 weekly *Signs*; 50 yearly subscriptions for *Liberty*, and 50 yearly subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine*. A young lady who has recently accepted the truth was also given several demonstrations from house to house that she might learn how to do evangelistic canvassing with our magazines.

From this place the writer went to Dayton, where Elder C. C. Shannon is now laboring. The way this church has shouldered the burdens and responsibilities of the past year is to be commended. Nearly \$300 had to be raised for church school work; a roof had to be put on the church building; and, lacking only about fifteen dollars, they are out on their quota of the \$300,000 fund. This speaks well for a church having a membership of fifty-eight. The Dayton church cheerfully responded to a call for the organization of a missionary society; and to start their work they are taking twenty-five yearly subscriptions for *Liberty* and twenty-five yearly subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine*. They are also taking five monthly *Signs*, five *Life and Health*, and five *Watchman*.

It is indeed encouraging to see how

our elders and pastors are cheerfully co-operating with our church missionary secretaries. We know that to bring results in our work entire consecration and unity are demanded. God has told us through his servant that the building up of his kingdom is either retarded or urged forward by the unfaithfulness or by the fidelity of his people. As individuals taking upon ourselves the name of Christ, we must lay aside every selfish desire, and render faithful service to the One who died for mankind. To live unto Christ means that we must labor to build up his kingdom in the earth.

Now that we have started upon the new year, let every one put forth more earnest, untiring efforts to advance the truth among our friends and neighbors. Time is short, and what we do must be done quickly.

RALEIGH FRENCH, *Field Miss. Sec'y.*
1048 Fair Ave., Columbus, O.

The Columbus Convention

As previously planned, an educational convention was held in the Ohio Avenue church, January 12-14. Very severe weather prevailed and at times reduced the attendance; but the following program was rendered:—

FRIDAY EVENING

7:30. Address *Elder S. M. Butler.*

SABBATH

9:30. Sabbath-school.

10:45. Sermon *Elder E. K. Slade.*

2:00. "Need of Church Schools"

Elder S. M. Butler.

Discussion led by Raleigh French.

2:45. "Responsibility of Parents"

Elder C. T. Redfield.

Discussion led by S. M. Seibert.

7:30. "Grades and Textbooks"

Prof. Lawrence Anderson.

Discussion led by Elder J. F. Olmsted.

8:00. "Manual Training"

Mrs. Anna F. Holobaugh.

SUNDAY

9:30. "The Bible in Our Schools"

Miss Ida M. Walters.

Discussion led by Miss Anna Smith.

10:15. "Financial Support of Church Schools" *Elder E. K. Slade.*

2:00. "Qualifications of Teachers"

Prof. A. E. Hall.

Discussion led by Miss Hortense Howell.

2:45. "School Government"

Elder J. F. Olmsted.

Discussion led by Miss Rosella Draper.

2:15. QUESTION BOX

Elder E. K. Slade.

7:30. Sermon *Elder E. K. Slade.*

A few changes were necessary on account of the illness of some of the speakers, but other help was secured. In addition to those indicated on the program, Elders N. S. Ashton and W. C. Moffett were present and helped to make the convention a success. A good attendance welcomed Elder Slade on Sunday night when he presented the "Eastern Question."

One interesting and instructive feature of the convention was the "Question Box." Many questions relative to church and school work were answered by Elder Slade.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED, *Pastor.*

NEW JERSEY

Brother A. S. Samuels, our "Glorious Appearing" "specialist," spent the holidays in Pennsylvania, visiting relatives. He reports while there finding old friends of the world now united with him under the same glorious banner. This time was not spent in idleness, for Brother Samuels reports disposing of a hundred books. He has returned to continue his good work, and upon the day of forwarding his report sold this book in five different languages.

We trust that our people throughout the conference will remember in their prayers our faithful canvassers who go from door to door—and some doors are a long way apart in the country, in this bitter cold weather. But they are carrying the truth to the people, and despite some very trying physical circumstances, they are meeting with success. None but such as are filled with this message would brave such weather; and this much is to their advantage, for few others are out at this time selling books, leaving them a clear field.

The members of the Trenton church were pleasantly surprised to have Elder B. F. Kneeland step into prayer meeting shortly after the opening exercises. They enjoyed his words of encouragement.

The Watchman

The Present Truth Evangelizer

For the month of February there is a splendid array of articles appearing in the *Watchman*. "Completing the Work of the Reformation" is the leading editorial. The Reformation began in the fifteenth century is being completed to day by a people whom God has chosen to do a special work.

In view of the many and varied at-

Canyassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending, January 5, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	13		3	2 85		2 85	11 50
S. N. Brown, Appalachia		CK	80	102	157	00	21 25	178 25	116 00
F. W. Hall, Appalachia		OK	43		58	90 00	11 75	101 75	40 00
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	23		31	48 00	5 75	53 75	2 25
Totals			159	194	\$297 85	\$38 75	\$336 60	\$169 75	

Ohio, Week Ending January 12, 1912

J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	42	6	21 50	19 00	40 50	4 00
*B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	5	53	11	37 00	1 75	38 75	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	4	21	8	22 00		22 00	
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	32	20	22 00	1 50	23 50	1 50
C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.	CK	4	32					94 20
Totals		23	138	45	\$102 50	\$22 25	\$124 75	\$99 70

West Virginia Week Ending January 12, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	37	22	33 00	7 45	40 45	2 20
W. McElphatr'k, Webster Co.	DR	5	32	18	43 00	24 75	67 75	7 90
Totals		10	69	40	\$76 00	\$32 20	\$108 20	\$10 10

West Pennsylvama, Week Ending January 12, 1912

C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	GC	3	10	9	29 00		29 00	1 50
J. Kimmel, Somerset		2	10	3	7 50		7 50	
Wm. Burtnett, Glenfield	GC	4	15	2	6 00	21 00	27 00	4 00
Totals		9	35	14	\$42 50	\$21 00	\$63 50	\$5 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 12, 1912

J. Jones, Talbot Co, Md.	GC	4	26	4	12 00	8 25	20 25	
J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	3	19	12	12 00	1 25	13 25	25
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	3	14	7	7 00	1 00	8 00	1 00
Anna Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	2	10	18	20 00		20 00	
Totals		12	69	41	\$51 00	\$10 50	\$61 50	\$1 25

New Jersey, Week Ending January 12, 1912

*G. W. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR	4	25	8	26 25		26 25	
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	3	18	9	14 50	75	15 25	1 75
J. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	4	27	21	32 00	7 25	39 25	3 50
N. R. Pond, Burlington	GC	4	13	1	1 50		1 50	1 25
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	28	127	31 75		31 75	25 50
*G. W. Blinn Mercer Co.	BR	3	24	15	48 75		48 75	
Totals		23	135	181	\$154 75	\$8 00	\$262 75	\$32 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 12, 1912

F. Willruth, Seranton	CK	2	9	5	8 00	4 25	12 25	9 25
S. F. Zenger, Franklin Co.	CK	8	63	23	35 00	5 75	40 75	
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	12	110	28	45 00	16 00	61 00	125 75
Totals		22	182	56	\$88 00	\$26 00	\$114 00	\$134 50

*Two weeks

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tempts to force Congress to commit itself to religious legislation, "The Siege of Congress" will be of special interest. The editor will attempt to show that our religious liberties are in danger; and those who prize them should not fail to give this article wide publicity among their neighbors.

In spite of the world-wide unrest to-day, two of the most powerful monarchs among the crowned heads of Europe rode side by side at a recent meeting of the monarchs at historic Reval. Concerning this, Professor Percy T. Magan will set forth in his interesting way how the English and German monarchs have allayed the fears of their countrymen by showing unusual friendship for each other. Why this extraordinary friendship? This article will explain the true significance of this important meeting so diplomatically arranged.

Professor Frederick Griggs will treat of the "Boy Scout Movement." A thorough analysis of this world-wide movement to organize boys into uniform "Scouts." Will it result in a generation of soldiers or citizens, and if the former, will this vast power be used to produce a larger standing army with its attendant danger of militarism? All parents interested in their boys' future should read this article.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson closes his very interesting series on "Sun Worship," this month's contribution treating of latter day manifestations of it. In this Christian land of ours there are manifestations of the old Pagan sun worship on every hand. *Watchman* readers will be glad to know that Professor Wilkinson will continue writing each month for the *Watchman*. He is eminently fitted to give our readers some good things and they can be sure that a treat is in store for them the coming year.

These are just a few of the leading articles of the February number. Surely it is a splendid issue to distribute among your townspeople. With China a republic and Turkey falling to pieces, surely the signs are thickening about us. May the Lord help us to arouse to our sense of duty and sow the seed while we have opportunity. We know of no better "seed" to sow than the *Watchman*.

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The College Press

Feeling sure that an encouraging word from one of the departments of the College would be of interest to many members of this Union, if not to all, I have thought to set forth a few facts regarding the Mount Vernon College Press.

There are at the present time six young men, students, who are putting in all their spare time in the printing office. Five of these young men put in practically all of their time on the VISITOR; the sixth is doing job work. No one can better realize how these young men appreciate this opportunity than those of us who are here and see how eagerly and earnestly they work. This department is therefore not only giving to the students financial help, but it is at the same time teaching them a trade which will be very valuable to them in the work of the message, especially in foreign lands, where the publishing feature of the work is so valuable to its progress.

Before the opening of the school year we had a number of applicants for work in the printing office whom we were forced to turn away because we had not sufficient work to give them. This in itself is proof positive of the favor which the printing trade is finding among the young men who desire a training for the Lord's work. This is as it should be; for they are not learning a trade which will be of no value to them in their future work.

A word as to how we may be in a position to have more work, so that we may not be obliged to turn away young men when they apply for a position in the printing department. In the first place, inasmuch as Mount

Vernon College is the Columbia Union Conference training school, and the College Press is a department of the school, we feel that it should receive all the printing orders of the Union; and, judging from the encouraging words we have had from those at the head of the different conferences whom we have had the pleasure of meeting, we believe that this will be so.

In view of the encouragement we have already received from these leading brethren, we would say to our brethren who are in business and use printed stationery or other printed matter, Send us your work, and thus assist the worthy cause of helping young men in their training for the work of spreading the message we all love.

The following quotation from a letter received a few days since will show how our brethren feel toward this department: "We have decided to let you print 500 of the labor report blanks, as your estimates are so near those given us here that we feel *we should give the work to the institution*. I think it would be well if all the conferences could get their report blanks from you, so that the College could get the printing and do it at a smaller figure." This quotation is from one of our conference presidents, and serves to show what we feel is the attitude of every one of the others.

We stand ready to serve you, and shall be glad to receive from all quarters any orders which may be sent to the College Press, Mount Vernon, O.
 H. S. W.

"A good time to begin a good work is immediately after another work is finished."

OBITUARIES

BAUERLEIN.—Rosa Bauerlein was born March 5, 1856, and died October 17, 1911. Sister Bauerlein heard and accepted the third angel's message about 1905, joining the First German church of Philadelphia. Through her influence and example her husband and daughter were lead to accept the truth. A few years ago they moved to Telford, Pa., where they united their efforts in behalf of the Fairhill church. Many friends and relatives attended the funeral, words of comfort being spoken by the writer.

W. H. HECKMAN.

HEAD.—Elizabeth Head died September 26, 1911, aged 40 years, 2 months, and 14 days. Sister Head accepted the third angel's message seven years ago as the result of a se-

ries of meetings conducted in a school-house at Wade, Pa., her home town. The church at Wade has sustained a great loss in the death of Sister Head, for she was not only a consecrated Christian and a diligent worker in the interests of the cause, but was their leader. Her husband and four children are left to mourn their loss. The funeral service, attended by many friends and relatives, was conducted by the writer.

W. H. HECKMAN.

EVANS.—Fritz Aretis Evans was born in Spring Mills, Allegheny County, N. Y., August 24, 1871, and died of pellagra at Ariel Pa., Dec. 27, 1911, aged 45 years, 4 months, and 3 days. For several years brother Evans has been a faithful canvasser, placing many of our books in the homes of the people. A few weeks previous to his last illness, he began to teach a church school at Shreve Port, La. He had a great burden for the Southern work, and gave his life for the cause he loved. He leaves a wife, a father, three sisters, and three brothers to mourn their loss. After prayer in the home, services were held in the Christian church at Avoy, after which the body was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken from John 5:28.

C. S. BAUM.

DUDGEON.—Iva Dudgeon was born in Chetopa, Kansas, Jan. 15, 1888, and died in Mount Vernon, O., Dec. 29, 1911, aged 23 years, 11 months, and 14 days. In 1905 Sister Dudgeon moved with her parents to Bryan, O.; and in the following year she united with the Hicksville, O., Seventh-day Adventist church. From the beginning of her Christian experience she dedicated her life to the service of the Master, and with this thought in mind connected with the Prospect Sanitarium, Cleveland, O., in the fall of 1906. Here she remained until Brother F. A. Stahl, who was in charge, went as a missionary to South America. She then completed her studies in the Graysville Sanitarium, Tenn., where she graduated Nov. 23, 1909. During the past summer her health began to fail, and although everything known to medical science was done for her, she gradually grew worse. Sister Dudgeon was not only a Christian, but her life was dedicated to the Lord's service; and while she did not live to carry out her ambition, which was to go as a missionary, we cannot think of her without calling to mind Rev. 14:13: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The funeral was conducted in Bryan, O., by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the Progressive Brethren Church. Words of comfort from Job 14:14 were spoken to a large congregation of friends and neighbors.

R. G. PATTERSON,

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