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

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Could we new charms to age impart
And fashion with a cunning art
The human face,
As we can clothe the soul with light
And make the glorious spirit bright
With heavenly grace,—

How busily each passing hour
Should we exert that magic power!
What ardor show,
To deck the sensual slave of sin,
Yet leave the freeborn soul within,
In weeds of woe.

—Selected.

A Letter from Mexico

The following letter from Dr. Paulson was written at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and addressed to the Hinsdale Sanitarium family, with the request that it be sent to the Mount Vernon College family; to whom it proved so interesting that they are passing it on to the VISITOR family. Dr. Paulson is spending a few weeks in Mexico, for the purpose, he writes, of "studying missionary opportunities at first hand and taking a much needed rest." His letter reads as follows:—

Dear fellow-workers: I am going to take the time to write you some of the things that have especially impressed me thus far as I have observed conditions in the needy Mexican field; and I trust that this letter may be used of God to deepen the missionary spirit in your own lives, as this experience has deepened it in my life.

Ancient Spain was just beginning to become senile when it gave birth to Mexico; so it is not surprising that the moral strength and stamina of the child should be below par. Intemperance is almost universal. Saloons are as plentiful as with us, and in addition every grocer sells liquor. Pulque, the national drink, is so cheap that a man can become beastly drunk for a few cents.

Immorality is shockingly common. Marriage by the church is so expensive as to be almost prohibited to the

poor Mexican, who, until the last few years, was earning only from eighteen to twenty-five cents American money per day, and this in a country where clothing, shoes, furniture, and other things that go to make up comfortable living are if anything more expensive than in the United States. As a consequence the average Mexican among the poorer classes is not married to the woman who lives with him.

Immorality not only brings a rich harvest of physical diseases which are sapping the vitality of the people, but it is always accompanied by other sins and shortcomings. Lying and petty stealing, while by no means the exclusive heritage of any one nation or people, yet seems more deeply grafted upon the Mexican native than it is for instance upon the heathen natives of China and Japan, who do not possess even the outward forms of religious ceremonies.

These are by no means lacking in Mexico. Cathedral and church spires are so plentiful that one is never out of sight of them in any city or village or even hamlet. On Sunday forenoon the kneeling worshipers not only fill these but sometimes half the street in front of them. On the very same day the great bulk of these congregations, rich and poor, high and low, may be seen in the vast amphitheater, enthusiastically witnessing and wildly applauding the brutal performance of an infuriated bull tearing the entrails out of a horse and vainly endeavoring and sometimes succeeding in doing the same thing for the man who had just been seated upon the back of the horse.

The genuine gospel of Christ has, of course, had no greater influence upon the hearts and lives of an audience who can take real pleasure in such a revolting performance than upon a similar audience in the United States who can be edified in witnessing two human beings made in the image of the Creator deliberately engaged in pommeling one another to death.

Some time or other there comes to every human being the same soul-

hunger that David felt when he said, "My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." It is pathetic to see how some of these people express this hunger. For instance, I saw one woman climbing a considerable distance on her knees to church, hoping thereby to obtain peace of mind. The same thing is indicated by the long and wearisome pilgrimages annually undertaken by a vast proportion of the population.

A few weeks ago when out traveling I met an almost continuous procession, miles in length, literally thousands and tens of thousands returning home after making their offerings in a church a hundred and sixty miles away. These were men, women, and children; the aged and the infirm. Many of them were riding on donkeys; many more were on foot, most of them wearing only sandals, and some of them entirely barefooted. I saw women who had carried their helpless babes in their arms the entire three hundred and twenty miles. Do not tell me that these people have no hunger for spiritual things when they will make such sacrifices in vain to obtain them!

There are thousands of people within twenty miles of Hinsdale, who are restless, dissatisfied, disappointed, with a strange indescribable gnawing in their souls, likewise suffering, without really knowing it, from the same spiritual starvation; and nothing will satisfy their hunger but the Bread of Life. But the devil keeps them chasing to the theater, to this or that intoxicating pleasure or nerve-racking excitement, which temporarily benumbs the soul and smothers the pangs of hunger. To all such the Master is saying,—and you and I must echo it,—“Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not; hearken diligently unto me and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.” It has been an inspiring experience for me to come in contact with those whose soul-hunger finally led them to their Father’s storehouse of plenty.

I will first mention the experience of Rodriguez, now one of our brethren, who was brought up like most Mexicans in scrupulous outward conformity to religious forms and ceremonies which had no real influence upon his life. Hence he drifted into various excesses which ruined him morally and physically. All the while he instinctively felt that there must be something that could satisfy the needs of his soul. He told me that in his quiet moments he sometimes used to wonder for hours why his religion could not satisfy the soul-hunger that he felt from time to time. Outwardly he tried to live an honorable life, at least more than did many of his associates; he was honest, and endeavored to be a good citizen.

Nearly five years ago Brother Godinez, one of our native missionaries, came to his house and entered into conversation about the gospel and the gospel truth for this time. Although Rodriguez was not particularly interested, yet he offered no opposition, thinking it might be worth his while to investigate a little. Brother Godinez continued to go to his house night after night, and they studied the Bible together. Gradually divine light began to burst into his soul; for "the entrance of Thy word giveth light," and as a result he was genuinely converted. Strangely enough, in a short time he was a perfectly well man, although for years he had suffered with various diseases resulting from his wrong habits of life.

Before his conversion he had been a complete failure in business. After he came to Christ he rented a booth in the public market, where he began to sell notions and novelties. Now he is worth five thousand dollars; and during this time he has helped to get another brother started in a similar business. He is a conscientious Sabbath observer and is now the superintendent of the Sabbath-school in San Luis Potosi.

About two years ago Brother Rodriguez innocently bought some stolen goods from a salesman. As it was evidently more convenient to arrest him than to catch the thief, he was put into the penitentiary awaiting trial. Mexican justice is slower in its operations than a chronic disease. Some prisoners almost grow old waiting for their cases to come before the judge. Finally after waiting two months, his wife, who had been carrying on his business the best she could, came over to see if my brother could not do something to bring his case to trial. He im-

mediately got into his automobile and went down and stirred up the judges as vigorously as he thought was wise, and as a result the next morning before daylight Rodriguez was a free man.

However, Rodriguez is the kind of Christian who believes that since the Lord permitted him to go to prison it was because he had some work for him to do there, so no sooner was he inside the prison walls than he began to pray and plan that he might be a missionary to the thousand men who were confined within.

Among these prisoners was one who had killed another man in a most atrocious manner, and after he was put into prison, in cold blood he chopped his cell-mate to pieces with a knife.

Rodriguez confided to the prisoner who shared his cell that he was anxious to do some missionary work in prison. He was given the hopeful assurance that if he tried to do anything of that kind the prisoners would be certain to "beat him up." Rodriguez said that he felt impressed to begin with this murderer. His fellow-convict told him that this was the most vicious man in the penitentiary, and that if he began to talk religion with him, he would certainly lose his life.

Nevertheless our brother sought the first opportunity to call on this prisoner. He found him sick with a throat affliction, unable to either speak or swallow. Rodriguez volunteered to administer some simple treatment. He gave him a hot footbath, and followed that with a hot tomato poultice to his spine and one to his feet. And then he explained that the treatment would do him good because he had asked the Lord to bless it.

The next day when Rodriguez returned he found the man crying, but able to talk and feeling perfectly well. He was very grateful and said he owed it all to Rodriguez and offered to pay him, but the latter explained that it was all due to God who had answered prayer. This prisoner became very much attached to Brother Rodriguez, and they began to have Bible studies together. Soon all the prisoners heard about this strange experience, and they all wanted to hear him. The vicious prisoner soon gave abundant evidence of genuine conversion and accepted the whole truth. When Brother Rodriguez left prison there were at least six men who he believed had been led to Christ.

To me there are two very precious

lessons in this experience. In the first place, God always causes "the wrath of man to praise him," so that even in the most trying experience we should always seek to discern an opportunity to reveal Christ. Second, the man who knows how to do practical things for Christ will always find open missionary doors. The hot footbath and hot tomato poultices, combined with prayer, were clearly the key that unlocked this great door of missionary opportunities to this wide-awake and earnest worker.

Fellow-workers, remember that a knowledge of simple, practical medical missionary methods may some day be worth a hundred times more to you than all the book learning that you may have acquired.

This man Rodriguez, who had never seen a Bible until five years ago, is a type of the Christian business man that I believe the Lord wants all of our brethren to be. He is still utilizing his opportunities to bring Christ to others. It is wonderful what feeble efforts can accomplish when put forth in the line of God's providence.

I have already written you something about the experience of our canvassers in Mexico, so will not repeat it here. Brother Marchiso while canvassing developed such an interest that he was forced to give public instruction. But he did something more than that, he found the people living in hovels not fit for a dog kennel, not altogether because they were so poor, but because they knew nothing better. Marchiso took right hold with his own hands and helped them to gather rock, and taught them to build comfortable homes. This made these Mexican natives "sit up and take notice." It is so unlike the system under which they have lived for generations that they literally flocked in to receive spiritual instruction from one who was so willing and able to help them in physical things. Soon the whole village was becoming interested in the Bible truths that he was bringing to them, and the wrath of the devil began to be stirred. One day as Brother Marchiso was approaching this village on horseback, he observed two men riding toward him from behind at full speed. As one of them rode by, with a fearful oath he swung his heavy sword, intending to chop off Brother Marchiso's head. How our brother succeeded in slipping off his horse so quickly as to miss the murderer's blow he does not himself know. As the man saw that he had not succeeded he turned his horse for another attack. Just then, for some

unaccountable reason, the other man on horseback laid hold of this attempted murderer and clung to him, meanwhile bidding Brother Marchiso escape for his life. Evidently the Lord miraculously interposed to save the life of his servant.

Those of you who are preparing to be soul-winners should first of all have a genuine love for perishing humanity; and second, you should also be industrial as well as medical missionaries.

In conclusion I will add that my brother Julius has been here in Mexico for nearly fifteen years. He speaks the Spanish language even more fluently than the American. The Lord has helped him to build up one of the most extensive bakery and fruit cannery businesses in the republic. His products are shipped to almost every nook and corner of the country. The important problem to be solved is how all this business acquaintanceship can be utilized as an efficient channel for effective missionary work. It is evident that the large force of Mexican help in his employ should be under the supervision of capable Christian leadership who have undertaken this responsibility because of its missionary opportunities rather than because of worldly inducements.

Because of the lust for money, the financial opportunities that Mexico affords have practically shriveled up the missionary aspiration of a large proportion of the workers who have come to this foreign land right at our doors; but the tide is turning. God is evidently taking the work more directly into his own hands, and the present indications are that in no distant future this dark land will be gloriously lighted up by the light of the gospel.

I earnestly pray that all who may hear this letter read may freely and fully surrender their lives to a glorious missionary service, whether at home or in regions beyond.

Yours in the Master's service,
DAVID PAULSON.

The large number of our readers who are called to work with and for children in our Sabbath-schools and children's meetings, will greatly appreciate the series of lessons on "Character Sketches," beginning in the February issue of the *Sabbath-School Worker*, and continuing through the year. Any one of these lessons will represent a real value far in excess of the cost of the *Worker* for a full year.

AT THE COLLEGE

Mrs. W. H. Chrisman of Columbus has been visiting her daughter, who is a student of the College.

Mrs. U. E. Whiteis was called to Battle Creek, Mich., recently by the severe illness of her mother.

Mr. Glenn Draper spent several days at the Sanitarium last week, but is now able to resume his school work.

We are expecting a visit from Dr. Harry Miller over next Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder Butler is in Washington, D. C., this week. His place in chapel and office is being filled by the other professors in turn.

Mrs. Behnfeldt of Huron, O., who has been spending a few weeks at the Sanitarium, returned to her home this week.

Howard and Lydia Detwiler were called last week to their home in eastern Pennsylvania by the serious illness of their mother.

Elder Slade spent Sabbath at Mount Vernon, speaking to the students in their Friday evening meeting, to the church on Sabbath morning, and again to the young people in the afternoon. His visit was appreciated by all.

Mrs. Atterbury of Pennsylvania, who has been at the Sanitarium for a number of weeks, returned home recently.

Mr. John Kennedy is visiting a Sanitarium in Murray, Ky.

The *Inland Printer* is authority for the information that in the United States there are approximately thirty thousand printing-offices. Of this number THE COLLEGE PRESS is one, and not the smallest one either.

H. S. W.

"It hain't no use to grumble and complane;

It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice.—

When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,

Why, rain's my choice."

VIRGINIA

Bright Prospects

Never before has the Virginia Conference entered upon a new year which presented more flattering prospects for aggressive work than has the beginning of 1912. Those who have watched very closely the onward progress of the message in this conference will especially welcome the laying of broader plans for pushing forward the work to its final triumph. But the plans are not simply to broaden our view and extend our vision; they are for labor—labor in which we can all take part. In the past we have attempted too little; and now in attempting more we must unite our efforts to carry out our plans. We believe that the plans for the work in the immediate future are well laid, that they are according to the light given us, and that they must accomplish much if carried out.

Good reports are coming to us from different parts of the conference. A willingness and a desire to work seem to be taking hold of our good people. Some are asking for plans to follow, and methods to employ in their work; others tell us of their neighbors and friends who are becoming interested and are asking for reading matter on different phases of the message; while still others tell us of interesting and encouraging experiences in their work. More tracts are being used than formerly by some of our churches, and results are already seen. We have no reason to be discouraged. Honest souls are enquiring for truth, and it is our privilege now to supply them with the message entrusted to us, the faithful discharge of which brings to us great blessings. Our magazines are selling well, and from reports from the workers we learn that it is not skill on their part which brings success, but that many of their customers buy the magazines because they have read them before.

Is there not a meaning in all this for us? The fields are ripe for the harvest, so let us begin work at once in the fields which lie close at hand. Each member of our conference should say, "A soul for Christ this year." Three hundred and sixty-six days to win one soul! Will you not make the effort? What would such a resolve mean to this conference?

With such bright prospects before us, such well defined plans, shall we not take new hope and courage in this work?
A. M. NEFF.

Visiting Colored Churches in Southern Virginia

On Sabbath, January 6, I met with the church at News Ferry, a village about one hundred and seventeen miles southwest of Richmond, on the Southern Railway. The people were glad to hear of the plans that would enable them to better understand the work that God would have them do at this time, and they gladly responded to the call. This church will send two representatives to the Institute. Five of the members subscribed for conference papers, and four or five said they would send money and provisions to help support the work.

I was requested to go to the home of one of the sisters and hold a Bible reading with her daughter, who had strayed from the truth; this I did, and the result was that she and another young lady said that they would from that day renounce their former belief, and would begin keeping all of God's commandments. God is surely bringing his people out of Babylon.

At Danville the church met at Brother Warnick's home. We had a time of refreshing, and the spirit of God surely impressed all with the importance of the work before us. There will be one sister to represent this church at Richmond. Of the ten members belonging to the church, most of them children, three gave their subscriptions for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR and the *Gospel Medical Messenger*.

The Spencer church, at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, was the next visited. The weather was stormy and quite cold, but the members and a number of friends came out to hear the good news. This church also responded most nobly to the call by electing one of its members to attend the Institute; also three of them subscribed for the papers.

God grant that we may truly humble our hearts, and be ready to do the Master's bidding until the end.

J. B. MALLORY.

News Ferry, Danville, South Boston

The week of prayer was much enjoyed by our little company at News Ferry. One soul was turned to the Lord, and another claims to have taken his stand for the truth; we hope that these may prove faithful.

A few days ago I visited the members at Danville and found a good manifestation of the spirit of the

Lord among them. Though Satan has been using his well trained workers against the progress of the cause in this place, and is still using them, yet the church is of good courage. May the Lord bless its members and add souls to their ranks.

Recently I visited South Boston, held a few meetings, and conducted Bible readings with a brother and his family. While there I took an order for "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and sold one "Story of Joseph"; went into another home and sold another copy of the latter, and took an order for "Coming King." I found souls anxious to hear the word of God.

Another experience. While taking the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, I always handed it to a neighbor to read; and though she is not a Seventh-day Adventist, she liked the paper, and gave me her subscription for it. I praise God for her interest, and pray that he may bless her and cause her to see the truth as it is in his word.

MRS. ELLA V. RAGSDALE.

Danville

We were glad to have a visit from Brother J. B. Mallory on January 8. His words of encouragement were an inspiration to the church at Danville. The very severe weather prevented many from being present; but all attending were benefited.

January 10 we laid to rest Sister Ludie Chambers, who died on the 8th inst. She held faithfully to the message and to the organized work until the last. The writer spoke words of comfort to the many relatives and friends, using as a text Mark 14:8. Thus another dear one awaits the call of the Life-giver.

By request we visited the News Ferry church just after the week of prayer. Here we found a deeper life taking possession of many. The Holy Spirit is moving hearts everywhere. Although the rainy season was on, a goodly number came out and the presence of the Lord was manifest. A child was received for baptism and backsliders requested prayer that they might return to the fold.

We are glad to welcome the *Gospel Medical Messenger*, and we believe it will herald a marked advance in the Virginia work.

May God bless and guide those upon whom responsibility rests and continue to bless and prosper the work here until the message closes. II Chron. 20:20; "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

Miss Pearl Baldwin, who has recently accepted the truth at Guinea Mills, will be among the delegates to attend the institute.

The Virginia Conference is in search of a colored nurse, a woman who can give treatments, and who can also when opportunity is afforded give Bible readings. Who can inform us of a person who would be able to answer this call?

An itemized tithe report appears in the *Gospel Medical Messenger* for the past year. Every member of our churches should study this report carefully.

The gospel medical meetings began at the Richmond church Sunday night, January 21, with a house filled with intelligent, interested hearers. It was said that it was the largest congregation that had ever assembled in the Richmond Seventh-day Adventist church. After the congregation was dismissed and had retired, the few that remained had a season of prayer, thanking God for sending the people to the meeting, and seeking him for his continued presence and blessing in future meetings. The prospects never were brighter for the work in Richmond.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Mary Matson has arrived in Pittsburgh, and is taking up the Bible work in that city.

Elder Kneeland spent a few days in attendance at the Atlantic Union Conference session in Brooklyn, N. Y.

We were much pleased to see the good increase in tithes during the last quarter of 1911. We trust that God's mercy and blessing will prompt all to increased faithfulness during 1912.

Elder I. N. Williams was called to East Liverpool, O., by the serious illness of his sister-in-law.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elm Grove

On January 6 the writer, assisted by Brother I. D. Richardson, organized a little church of eleven members at Elm Grove. Four members of this organization connected with the

Seventh-day Adventist church for the first time. There are in Elm Grove six others who are keeping the Sabbath, and who we think will soon be ready for church fellowship. The work is progressing nicely in Elm Grove, and we hope to see a good strong church built up in that place.

F. H. ROBBINS.

94 Winsley St., Morgantown, W. Va.

CHESAPEAKE

General Meeting at Wilmington

The general meetings at Wilmington are now in the past. All who attended them can truly look back upon those days (January 16 to 21) as a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Meetings were held each evening, and all day on Sabbath and Sunday, the Wilmington No. 2 church uniting with the First church. Sabbath was indeed a blessed day. At the forenoon service an encouraging discourse was delivered by Elder R. T. Baer, after which nearly all present publicly renewed their covenant with God, expressing a desire to be more faithful in the future. Some of those present had been twenty years in the message, others only a few months, others took their stand for the first time at this meeting. All were desirous of pressing on the upward way.

The visiting ministers present were Elders N. S. Ashton, B. G. Wilkinson, J. L. McElhany, W. H. Heckman; and of our conference staff, Elders R. T. Baer, F. H. Seeney, and the writer. The encouraging and timely discourses given by these brethren were appreciated by all. Expressions of regret at the departure of the brethren and the close of the meetings could be heard from all sides.

Our prayer to God is that the impetus given to the work in this city by these meetings will not lag; but that all will unite in pressing the battle forward. I would especially emphasize this in connection with the hearty "Amen" given Elder Ashton's able plea on behalf of the Mount Vernon College fund. We hope that all will endeavor to convert that Amen into "hard cash" as soon as possible, and thus help to relieve our College of some of its burdens.

It gives us pleasure to add a tribute to our able musicians, Miss Ada Rossin, organist, Miss M. E. Harman, violinist, Messrs. C. W. Pines and H. E. Baer, cornetists, and also to our vocalists, who rendered such excellent service throughout the meetings.

R. H. MARTIN.

OHIO

Danger of Being Found Napping

It is possible that the Constitutional Convention now in session in Columbus will propose none but legitimate fundamental principles in the constitution which is to be submitted for our ratification or acceptance later; but it is altogether probable that enemies of liberty and friends of religious legislation will succeed in having their ideas embodied in the new constitution. The so-called National Reform Association is fully organized in this state and is officered by strong and wide-awake men. No effort will be lacking to provide Ohio with a constitution that will make possible the accomplishment of all that is desired by this class of reformers.

The zeal and promptness of these promoters is worthy of a better cause. It should suggest something to our people. We have need of being wide-awake and quick to act just now; measures may be adopted that will open the way for oppression to God's people and restriction to his work. Should it seem necessary to call for a state-wide movement in the way of remonstrance or in the use of literature, let us be wide-awake and quick to act. To properly do what is required funds will be needed. February 24 is the time set for the religious liberty offering in Ohio. It should be a very large offering.

E. K. SLADE.

Completing the Task

Some time ago the young people of Ohio undertook to raise \$400 as their share of the Mount Vernon College tank fund. The tank, which was badly needed to supply the College with water, and as a protection in case of fire, has been erected. Ohio has paid in up to January 1, 1912, \$330, leaving to be raised by us to make up our quota the small sum of \$70. The College needs this money; and, when we are so near to reaching the goal, we must not stop short of completing the task. We would therefore invite all who are interested in the school to help make up this sum by contributing a dollar; or if some are unable to do this, we shall appreciate whatever they can give. Before the matter passes from your mind, hand the money to your church treasurer, or send it to the Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Conference, Box 187, Mount Vernon, O., being sure to state that

it is for the College tank fund.

We trust that the leaders of our young people's societies will present this matter to their societies at the earliest opportunity.

W. C. MOFFETT.

The Completion of the \$300,000 Fund in Ohio

The importance of reaching the point of completion of the \$300,000 fund has impressed many with the need of special effort. The relation of its purpose to the work has maintained such an interest that we have anxiously awaited the announcement from other conferences as well as our own that the amount required to meet the assigned quota has been received. At the time this fund was presented in Ohio (Marion camp-meeting, 1910) the appeal met with a hearty response, and confidence was expressed that we would be able to meet our quota at the time designated, the close of 1912. The interest has continued in the various churches with the payment of good amounts and many pledges. However, the needs of the several mission fields which the fund is intended to supply have in the meantime become so urgent that we were asked by the General Conference to complete the fund by the close of 1911, or not later than July 1, 1912. With these dates in view, the result of our efforts to the close of the past year will prove interesting to all. The following churches have completed their quota:

Church	Quota	Paid
Alliance	\$ 91.20	\$167.00
Bellville	38.40	39.65
Canton	72.00	73.00
Corsica	91.20	116.53
East Liverpool	67.20	99.20
Hamler	168.00	229.45
Laura	57.50	72.00
Leesburg	38.40	40.00
Lima	48.00	150.00
Marion	81.60	82.00
Ravenna	91.20	92.20
Wheelersburg	153.60	215.00

The Dayton church lacks but \$10.00 on her quota of \$278.40, and Norwalk only \$2.80 on a quota of \$52.80. Other churches have made splendid efforts and are steadily approaching their quota. The total amount paid into the conference since this fund was started is \$5,019.74. This amount, deducted from our quota of \$9,772.80, leaves a balance of \$4,753.06, which will require earnest efforts to raise. It is true that some churches have had many difficulties confronting them in their attempt to successfully

close their effort, while on the other hand some of the good results have been reached by amounts paid by a few members. You will notice the tendency of the churches in the above list is to measure their efforts by the needs of the work rather than by a specified amount. We are responsible according to our ability.

I believe that everyone is deeply interested in this fund and what it means to the work; further, that all earnestly desire their conference and their church to be in the list of those who have done their part in supplying for our faithful workers sanitary homes and necessary facilities, without which the advance of the message is quite limited. Thousands more in the darkened lands might be reached by our workers with the light of present truth through the assistance these unpaid balances would bring. Shall we not as conference, church, and individual insure such result at an early date by meeting our responsibility in this matter?

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treasurer.*

Church Schools

A list of the church schools of the Ohio Conference, with the names and addresses of their teachers, and their present actual attendance:—

Alliance, Miss Grace Kennedy,	1
849 S. Arch St.	
Akron, Miss Jenet L. Presley,	10
799 Yale St.	
Bowling Green, Mrs. Clara Leslie,	9
417 Thurston Ave.	
Camden, Miss Clara Reichenbaugh,	5
Route 1, Wakeman	
Camden, Miss Lottie A. Gibson,	7
Route 4, Wakeman	
Canton, Miss Lelo Welch,	5
Route 3	
Chagrin Falls, Miss Bertha Laughlin,	4
Route 4	
Clyde, Mr. S. F. Love,	10
Columbus,	20
Mrs. Anna F. Holobaugh,	
1102 Fair Ave.	
Creston, Mr. Ira Rickett,	6
Route 2	
Dayton, Miss Bertha Mitchell,	11
24 Pleasant St.	
Grafton, Miss Myrtle Laughery,	6
Route 2	
Mount Vernon, Florence White,	28
Mount Vernon College	
Pleasant Hill, Miss Leila Clough,	18
Route 3, Dresden	
Ravenna, Mr. Otto Hirschberger,	8
Route 2	
Springfield, Miss Rosella Draper,	12
514 E. Grand Ave.	
Total Enrolment	160
W. C. MOFFETT.	

Elder E. K. Slade spoke to the Springfield church Sabbath forenoon, January 20, and to the Piqua church Sabbath afternoon and the evening after Sabbath. Sunday night he delivered an address to a well filled school-house near New London, where Elder W. C. Moffett is holding a series of meetings with a good interest.

Brother James Smith reports a splendid interest in the meetings which he is holding at Wengerlawn. These efforts should be remembered in our prayers, as souls are in the valley of decision.

Mrs T. A. Sheridan of Cincinnati has been quite ill with tonsillitis.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The Canvassers' Institute

A canvassers' and magazine workers' institute will be held in the Reading church, beginning February 20, and lasting for nine or ten days. A plan is being laid whereby the fare of those attending will be paid by allowing an extra five per cent commission until such commission shall have covered their traveling expenses to the institute, and thence to their field of labor. Free board and lodging is offered those who will consecrate themselves to the Lord for service. The brethren and sisters of the Reading church extend a very cordial invitation to all such to attend.

This institute will be an important occasion, and will give a new impetus to the self-supporting missionary work of Eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to the local instructors, good help is expected from the Columbia Union, and from Washington, D. C.

A daily program will be followed, with every hour full of good things. As a whole it will be a spiritual feast to all who attend, as well as a season of valuable instruction to qualify men and women to become successful self-supporting missionaries.

The work in this conference is very promising. Many fertile counties and cities await the faithful canvasser. Past records reveal that students in a few short weeks have earned scholarships, and that men with families have earned a good living in this field. What others have done you can do. With a passion for souls, a thorough training, and a determined will, you are bound to succeed.

We are now in the eleventh hour of probation, and the Master urgently calls for laborers for his harvest. Our willing service has been bought with the precious blood of Jesus. Let not the love of ease, the deceitfulness of riches, and the cares of this life keep us from heeding the call of God to his work. Kindly cheer my heart by writing me that you will attend this institute and help revive the work in this field. I stand ready to help you in every way possible, and heavenly angels are waiting to co-operate with us in the great work to be done. Address us 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

J. H. McEACHERN,
Field Missionary Secretary.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Williamsport church Sabbath, January 20. After the regular services the following officers were unanimously elected: Elder, J. W. Hirlinger; deacons, J. W. Davis and Edward Ertel; clerk, R. J. Browning; treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Bond; missionary secretary, Mrs. A. M. Newell.

Brethren James McAllister and E. J. Kesselmeier left Philadelphia Monday morning for Shamokin, where they will locate to canvass that city. Let us all remember these brethren before the throne of God each day, that he may give them success; that many souls may be brought to the knowledge and acceptance of the truth as a result of their faithful labors.

A canvassers' institute will be held at Reading, Pa., February 19-29. The members of the Reading church have kindly volunteered to entertain during this time all those who are going to permanently enter the canvassing work in this conference. A large attendance is assured. Brother J. H. McEachern, our new field missionary secretary, who has had a great deal of experience in other conferences, will be in charge. A Bible study will be conducted every morning by an ordained minister. Evangelistic services will be held each evening by prominent speakers. Help is expected from the local, union, and General conferences. We hope that everyone who is contemplating entering the canvassing work this year will put forth a special effort to be present at this institute, which will be conducted in the Reading Seventy-day Adventist church, on the corner of Windsor and Hampton Streets.

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending, January 12, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC		9	1	2 00	50	2 50	
S. N. Brown, Appalachia		CK		28	107	164 50	13 75	178 25	1 25
F. W. Hall, Appalachia		CK		34	71	108 50	19 25	127 75	2 00
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK		2	3	4 50	25	4 75	25
Totals				73	182	\$279 50	\$33 75	\$313 25	\$3 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 19, 1912

J. Jones, Oxford Md.	GC	5	27	10	32 00	3 60	35 60	
Anna Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	5	27	65	72 50	1 50	74 00	
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	28	15	16 50	2 75	19 25	2 75
J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	3	16	10	10 50	5 25	15 75	50
Totals		17	98	100	\$131 50	\$13 10	\$144 60	\$3 25

Ohio, Week Ending January 19, 1912

L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	33	24	26 50	6 25	32 75	1 25
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	5	28	10	26 25		26 25	
J. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.	BR	4	38	6	22 00		22 00	
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	3	15	4	14 50		14 50	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR			1	3 00		3 00	
Totals		17	114	45	\$92 25	\$6 25	\$98 50	\$1 25

New Jersey, Week Ending January 19, 1912

J. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	4	22	19	28 50	5 25	33 75	9 75
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	28	16	25 00	2 50	27 50	3 00
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	24	105	26 25		26 25	24 50
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	2			5 00	2 50	7 50	
Totals		15	74	140	\$84 75	\$10 25	\$95 00	\$37 25

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$651.45

Deliveries, \$45.25.

Elder W. H. Heckman was called to Reading last week to preach the funeral sermon for the husband of Sister Thomas Laing, who is a member of the Reading church. Many relatives and friends were present at the service. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

Evangelist C. S. Baum is now located in Scranton, Pa.

Brother J. H. McEachern, our new field missionary secretary, is on a tour among the churches in this conference, preparatory to the institute to be held in Reading, February 19 to 29. He is visiting the churches at Souderton (Fairhill), Reading, Northumberland, Bloomsburg, Williamsport, Ariel, Hawley-Honesdale, Scranton

and Wilkes Barre, besides others he contemplates visiting in the near future.

Brother L. Halsvick, our new Scandinavian minister, is contemplating a series of meetings to be held soon in a hall in the Kensington district of Philadelphia, among his people. Let us all pray for the success of the Scandinavian work in this city.

The election of officers at the Souderton (Fairhill) church resulted as follows: Elder, Brother Irvin Fisher; deacons, Brethren Zearfoss and Folger; Clerk, Thomas W. Webb; treasurer, Harvey Sterner, missionary secretary. Mrs. Clarence Fisher. Elder S. D. Hartwell met with the church at that time.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, our former field and missionary secretary, is now located in Williamsport, being in charge of that important church. We hope and pray the Lord will especially bless him and give him success in his work.

The Sunday law is being enforced in Carlisle. Our people there are awake to the situation and are taking advantage of it by using the newspapers as a means of enlightening the citizens of that place regarding religious liberty.

NEW JERSEY

A Retrospect and a Call

The year 1911 with its opportunities and blessings, battles and victories, is now in the past, and we find ourselves being swiftly carried by the stream of time on into the year of 1912. The year's work is begun, plans are laid, and we expect great things from the Lord this year.

Still, as we are thus carried on, it does us good to take a glance backward and see what the Lord did for us throughout the year now past.

As we review the reports of our canvassers for the year, our hearts are made to rejoice; for we see that the hand of the Lord has been with us. Many who have never before heard the message for this time are now reading it in the books sold them last year by the faithful canvasser. Best of all, however, some have not only read, but have accepted the truth which they have found. One young man who accepted the message brought him by one of our canvassers has been severely persecuted by his father, but still he is faithful. Others who have not yet taken their stand we expect to see numbered among us soon.

The precious seed has been sown, and the promise of the Lord is that his word shall not return unto him void, but shall prosper in the thing whereto it was sent. We hope that much of the gospel seed sown the last year has fallen into good ground and will bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold.

Throughout the year we had an average of six canvassers. They worked 6501 hours and took orders amounting to \$7369.40—an average of \$1.13 for every hour's work. In the year 1910 the orders taken amounted to only \$5208.71. Thus we see that we are steadily advancing.

These figures show that the Lord does not leave those who work faithfully to suffer for want of means.

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True, there are trying experiences in store for the canvasser; and yet the Lord is able and ready to cause him to triumph over them all. The letters received from the canvassers all testify that the good, encouraging experiences far outweigh the trying ones.

No doubt many who feel that they should be in this work are kept out by the fear of not being able to support their families from the returns. The figures presented above should cause all such to cease fearing and doubting, and speedily step into line. Listen to what the servant of the Lord has told us in "Manual for Canvassers," pages 66, 15, 7:—

"The world is to be warned, and as never before we are to be laborers together with Christ. The work of warning has been entrusted to us. We are to be channels of light to the world, imparting to others the light we receive from the great Light-bearer. The words and works of all men are to be tried. Let us not be backward now. That which is to be done in warning the world must be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish. Let the books containing the light on present truth be placed before as many as possible."

"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."

"From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."

When we see the world enshrouded in darkness, can we sit idly by? Who will hear the call and say, "Here am I, O Lord, send me"?

"At ease in Zion! Can a soul redeemed
 That should, while here, be solemn vigils
 keeping,
 Sit idly on its couch of luxury,
 When the world lies in saddest slumber
 sleeping,
 In pleasure's deepest draught its senses mad-
 ly steeping?"

At ease in Zion! Where is then the cross,
 The Master's cross, all pain and shame
 defying?

Where is the true disciple's cross and cup,
 The daily conflict and the daily dying,
 The fearless front of faith, the noble self-
 denying?

At ease in Zion! Shall no sense of shame
 Arouse us from our self-indulgent dream-
 ing?

No pity for the world? No love for Him
 Who braved life's sorrow and man's dis-
 esteeming,

Us to God's light and joy by his dark death
 redeeming?—*Horatius Bonar.*

O. B. GRAY,

Field Missionary Agent and Secretary.

Married

On Monday night, January 8, a few near friends and relatives assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Schmieder, Jersey City, N. J., where Brother Charles L. Johnson of Leominster, Mass., and Miss Hattie Dreyfuss, of Jersey City, N. J., were united in the sacred bond of matrimony, the writer officiating. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all present, because of the manifestation of the spirit of God that was present with us. Brother and Sister Johnson expect to remain a few weeks in New Jersey, visiting friends and relatives, and then go to their commodious home in Massachusetts. May the blessing of God accompany them in all their work, is our earnest prayer.

W. H. SMITH.

A College Number

The next issue of the VISITOR will be a Mount Vernon College number. It will be full of interesting matter to be read in all the churches of the Columbia Union on Sabbath, February 17, which has been appointed College Day throughout the Union.

FOR SALE.—House and acre lot about one-eighth mile from Mount Vernon College, on the street car line. House has six rooms, cellar and bath-room, is gas-fitted throughout; cistern on back porch. Reason for selling, not enough land. Address Geo. W. Gentry, Route 1, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Special Notices

Besides the usual volume of inspiring matter the *Review* always contains, beginning sometime in February, it will publish thirty articles written by Elder Spicer on "The Certainties of the Message." These articles will be made up of the principal soul-inspiring facts Elder Spicer has been presenting at our ministerial institutes in the recent past. His presentation of the striking manner in which prophecy has met its fulfillment; the new and impressive historical quotations cited; the clear, concise, convincing setting of the whole message, were so thrilling to our ministers and workers, they have, for the good of our people at large, urged that these institute lessons be printed. They will, therefore, appear in the *Review*, beginning sometime in February.

Elder W. W. Prescott will present through the *Review*, during the coming year, the startling present-day developments of Romanism, its nature, claims, and its relation to the affairs of the nation, emphasizing the crisis it is rapidly bringing upon the remnant church. None of our people can afford to be in the least indifferent to the study of these live, burning questions during the coming year.

At an early date there will be some very practical matter added to the Home Department of the *Review*. Among other good things, Dr. A. B. Olsen, of England, will present, in a simple manner, without technical terms, one of the most important health topics, *dietetics*. He will bring this most practical instruction within the easy comprehension of all our readers. This and other essential health instruction will be of very practical value to all *Review* readers.

With Elder Spicer's faith-inspiring portrayal of "The Certainties of the Message," establishing beyond doubt the existence of a people with a definite vitalizing gospel work, meeting all the characteristics of the third angel's message of the Scriptures; the presentation of the facts, figures, and work of the developed opposing power to this special work, and the world-wide view of these opposing powers in actual conflict, as faithfully and regularly reported in the *Review*, together with the large volume of spiritual food the *Review* always supplies, this denominational paper during 1912 will be not only of great value, but in fact, indispensable to all our people.