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

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## VIRGINIA

### February Seventeenth

What about February 17th? There is something about this date that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist in the Columbia Union Conference. The seventeenth comes upon the Sabbath, and it has been decided by the Columbia Union Conference Committee to set apart this day to consider the needs of the Columbia Union Conference College. Special readings have been prepared for that day, calling attention not only to the needs of the school, but to its real value to God's cause in the Union and throughout the world.

We wish to ask the officers of all our churches in Virginia to follow the program for that day, published in the VISITOR; and let us take a special interest in our Union College at Mount Vernon, O., that has done so much in preparing workers for the different departments of our work throughout the world. Although this is one of our youngest colleges, it has already sent forth forth-eight foreign missionaries, besides a large number who are engaged in some department of the home work. There is no other school in the denomination that can show a better record.

This College is in need of help. It was heavily in debt when taken over by the Union Conference, and it needs many repairs. In order to raise funds to give the College this much needed assistance it was decided by the Columbia Union Conference to ask all our brethren and sisters throughout the Union to give for the relief of the school one dollar each year, or twenty-five cents every three months. All the conferences in the Union have adopted the plan; but it has not been fully carried out. All have failed in raising the full quota of twenty-five cents a member for the last quarter of 1911. We are now asked to raise this amount before March 1, 1912. This means that Virginia raise and pay over to the Union at once one hundred dollars. Can we do it?—Surely, we can! Some of our churches

are now being visited in the interest of this work.

Sabbath, January 27, Elder Wilkinson was with the churches in Richmond, and we raised over one fourth of our quota. Elder Wilkinson and Elder Hottel will visit several of the churches in the conference in the interest of the College. We wish to ask the officers of the churches that may not be visited by these brethren to take this matter up on February 17, and to make a strong effort to raise their quota of this fund.

However, this is not all. We desire a regular offering year after year, and quarter after quarter, as long as the school needs our assistance. You will notice on the envelopes prepared for tithes and offerings a place for this fund. Please place your offering at least once a quarter in this envelope; and be as liberal as you can so we shall not have to continue to call for help for our College. We must educate our young people. We must come to the help of the College until it is on a solid financial basis. Shall we do it, and thus perform our duty? Who will join in saying, "We will"?

W. J. STONE.

### Guinea Mills

A few years ago the *Signs of the Times* fell into the hands of Brother Goteloupe Farner, and as a result he soon began the observance of the Sabbath. He passed his papers on to his three brothers and to his neighbors, and so created an interest among them. Brother L. O. Gordon, who was a student at the Seminary, went to the neighborhood to canvass for "Great Controversy." His presence and influence gave a momentum to the work already started. In the fall of 1910 a tent was pitched there and some sheaves ripened for the Master. Last summer Brethren Lillie and Gordon with their wives pitched a tent and held a full summer's effort. I am sure that the men of Ninevah will rise up in judgment against the inhabitants of that section; for truly the gospel was fully and faithfully preached there. There are now eighteen baptized

converts, while others are keeping the Sabbath, and there is a marked interest on the part of many more.

As a result of the untiring efforts and hard physical labor of Brethren Gordon and Pickard, we have a creditable and comfortable meeting-house ready for dedication. On January 3 Brother Garnsey and the writer reached Guinea Mills for the purpose of holding a special effort of ten days' duration, and organizing a church. But it was during that extreme cold weather, and it was impossible for people to get out, not being accustomed to or prepared for such extreme weather. However, we held public services and spent the days visiting, sometimes walking sixteen miles in one day. The last night there were about seventy-five present. The interest manifest in the lectures given by Brother Garnsey was truly gratifying. It settled the pork question with many, and the meat question with a number of others. How anyone can see and hear Brother Garnsey and continue to be omnivorous or even carnivorous is a marvel. There are good, faithful souls at this place who will develop into saints of the Lord and be faithful and true witnesses for God in this wicked generation. It was a great pleasure to be associated these few days with Brother Garnsey. I believe there is a great work for him under God in Virginia.

It will be necessary to return later and organize the church and dedicate the building. Guinea Mills is represented at the institute in Richmond, and we pray that the church may be blessed as a result.

STEWART KIME.

Elder Kime was with the company at Rileyville Sabbath and Sunday, January 27 and 28.

The Richmond church was favored with a most interesting and timely discourse by Elder B. G. Wilkinson on a recent Sabbath.

The institutes at Richmond for both white and colored people are now in full operation, and also the services

for the public. There are between twenty and twenty-five in attendance at the Institutes. While the weather has been somewhat unfavorable, there has been a good attendance at the services, and the Institute workers are enjoying their instructions. As new truths are unfolded, those in attendance express themselves as being especially favored in having the privilege of attending these studies.

Sister Warnick, who is a graduate nurse, is assisting in the work that is now being carried forward for the colored people at Richmond. She will do the work of the "good Samaritan" and hold Bible readings as the way opens.

Elder Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, in company with Elder R. D. Hottel, is visiting several of the churches in this state in the interest of the Mount Vernon College. We bespeak for them a hearty reception from our brethren and sisters.

Elder Stewart Kime began a series of meetings at Buena Vista Friday. The little church there has been calling for help for a long time, and we are glad they can now be favored.

Miss Annie Watkins of Portsmouth is teaching the church school in Richmond. Mrs. Swan was not able to take the school, as she is just recovering from the scarlet fever.

Elder R. D. Hottel came to Richmond recently to join Elder Wilkinson on his trip among the churches.

We have just learned of the death of Sister W. P. Wilkins of Roanoke. She has been a great sufferer for several years. Elder Kime was called to conduct the funeral services.

It has been decided that for the present we will give Brother Neff a little more help in the conference office, and ask him to look after the canvassing work in the conference. In a small conference like Virginia, with only four or five canvassers, those in charge of the work felt, after counseling with the president of the Union, that it would hardly pay to hire a man simply to direct so few workers. We hope soon to have in the field more canvassers and an active field secretary.

Elder MacLay, who has been laboring in Richmond for the past eight months, has been invited to labor in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. He has accepted the call, and expects to leave for that field next week. Elder MacLay has many warm friends in Richmond whose prayers will follow him in his new field of labor.

For some time the colored church at Richmond has been worshipping in a small, dingy room, wholly unsuitable for services; but a change has now come. They now have a commodious hall, well lighted, well ventilated, and newly papered, where they can invite a good class of people. The Institute studies are held in this room, and a series of meetings is also conducted there. Future prospects are good for the colored work at Richmond.

We are receiving some more good reports from our canvassers. They are full of courage, and their reports show that they are putting in more time in the field. It is often said that this is the hardest time of the year to sell books; but our reports do not show it thus. The Lord can work for his people just as much, and do just as much for them right after the holidays as at any other time in the year. When we learn that it is not the individual selling these truth-laden books, but that it is the Lord using him as his instrument in giving this truth to the people, then it is that the books are sold,—not by might, but by the Spirit of God.

## OHIO

### A Report That Should Be Studied

I wish to call attention to a comparative report of conference funds which is now being mailed to our elders and treasurers by Brother H. D. Holtom, the conference secretary-treasurer. To me these reports are very interesting and furnish matter for most profitable study. They should be studied by all our people. In one the total tithe receipts for each church and company is given for the years 1909, 1910, and 1911. In 1912, as you have already learned, there must be a large increase in tithes, as the total receipts should be \$40,000 to enable us to carry out the plan to aid the foreign work and to carry our work at home.

Be sure to notice the sheet giving the year's result on the ten-cent-a-week fund. There are churches that

reached that standard. Seventeen churches raised more than ten cents a member each week. The Ravenna church stands at the head of the list, with twenty-two cents each week; and Canton stands next with twenty-one. The results range from twenty-two cents down to one cent, with forty-five churches coming short of ten cents a week per member. The average for the conference for the year is eight cents. You will be interested to note the average of your church.

E. K. SLADE.

### The Constitutional Convention

As previously planned, the promoters of Sunday legislation have succeeded in getting the "Sunday Resolution" before the Convention. On Tuesday, January 30, Delegate Hahn of Cleveland introduced the following resolution: "That, The Sabbath shall be a civic institution rather than a religious one."

The apparent danger now becomes real; for if such a resolution should be incorporated in the organic law of the state, religious persecution would eclipse religious rights and individual freedom. When the Sabbath becomes a civic institution, the state very naturally will prescribe its observance, as well as prosecute any infraction for real or apparent desecration. Whenever the state is called upon to enforce religious laws, the cause of freedom is jeopardized. The strong, armed with the law, which was framed to meet selfish and unchristian ends, would drive men, rather than lead them to see the beauty and reality of the Christian religion; and would wage a war of extermination against those who may differ with them on spiritual interpretation of the Scriptures. The religion of Jesus Christ is built upon truth and equity, and every principle of his kingdom is founded upon love and liberty. It is unjust to infringe upon the rights of any, let them be religious or irreligious. The church has no more right to make men religiously ostentatious than the irreligious have the right to overthrow the church. If religious leaders spent less time lobbying to get laws enacted to meet their personal approval, and more time doing good to those who need help, the world would be brighter and better. When one steps aside from the principles outlined by our Saviour, to accomplish some selfish purpose, the frown of heaven will surely rest upon the plan and its originators.

The state has no more authority to

say which day is the Sabbath and how all must observe it than it has to prescribe how an individual must be baptized or take communion. Everyone should be permitted to worship God as he sees best. The Protestant churches of America have no moral right to dictate to the Catholics how they shall worship; nor have the Catholics the ecclesiastical right to coerce the various Protestant sects to conform to Catholic custom and creed. Then why should religious zealots demand that laws should be enacted to encourage a system of church-and-state religion, founded upon coercion and cruelty, rather than pray and preach in harmony with the plans of the Infinite, who would save the world, if willing, through the liberality of his grace?

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,  
*Religious Liberty Secretary.*

#### Wooster

Since the work in this place was last reported another lady has begun the observance of the Sabbath. Thus five are keeping the day, two having taken their stand in December and one in January.

Two gentlemen are trying to so arrange their business affairs that they may serve the Lord more fully. They usually meet with us in our Sabbath afternoon service after spending half the day in work. Pray for them, that their faith may be increased, that the way be opened, and a victory gained. Others are deeply interested. We trust they will obey, and that all these may become established in the truth.

We are meeting some opposition. Recently an evangelist from Chicago, conducting a series of meetings here, warned his congregation against some *isms*, Seventh-day Adventism among others. A resident minister in calling upon one of his members who is walking in the light she has received, spoke against our work as a denomination, and the result of our work here in particular.

Some ministers are friendly: one is reading our literature; another asked for an interview; and while our talks have been brief, he has promised to give more time after his revival meetings close. He is a relative of Elder J. B. Blosser of the Lake Union. May this man and his wife be remembered in prayer by our friends.

As a result of putting notices of our Sabbath services in the local papers for the past two weeks, one lady from the country came in to the meeting; and many are inquiring about us, having been under the impression that

we had all left town when the tents were taken down last fall.

I am thankful for opportunities to tell the good news of salvation, for the kindnesses of the friends in this place, to those who have so kindly opened their homes for public services; and to our heavenly Father, for the health and strength given me to continue the work. While it is not easy to establish our work in a city like this, I believe the Lord has a people here, and that now is the time to reach them. Pray for us.

ELLA M. TALMAGE.

#### Empire

Elder J. W. Shultz and the writer began a series of meetings January 16 in the small town of Empire on the Ohio river; our hall is the lobby of the old Empire Hotel; it will seat from seventy-five to one hundred persons.

The first few meetings were attended by a number of boys and girls, with a few persons of mature minds; but slowly the audience has been changing, until we have now an older class of people. Forty or fifty are present each evening, and nearly all give good attention to the studies given.

There is much prejudice among the people, the Methodist Protestant minister seeming to be a leader in the opposition. He is trying to obtain one of Canright's books; so we expect to hear more from him.

These people as a whole are far different from the people in other parts of the state where we have labored. Education and morality are at a low standard, while, as is usual under these conditions, emotional religion appeals to them quicker than the plain truths of the Bible.

The Methodist Episcopal church has announced a series of meetings to begin Sunday, February 4. We do not know how these will effect our meetings; but we hope for the best.

Our courage is good and we trust that we may find pearls among the many sin-darkened souls of Empire.

W. E. BIDWELL.

#### New London

On January 2 Elders W. E. Bidwell and W. C. Moffett began a series of meetings in the East Creek school, about six miles northeast of New London. The meetings opened with a fair attendance, which increased, in spite of the cold weather, until the school-house was well filled night after night. The effort continued ten days. Shortly after the meetings be-

gan Elder Bidwell was called to another field, leaving Elder Moffett to carry the work alone, but with faithfulness in presenting the truths from the desk and in visiting. Many became interested in the word of God, and many who had not studied their Bibles before were like the Bereans of old; they found their Bible and studied its pages to see "whether these things were so."

During the meetings Elder Slade was present and spoke to a full house on the Eastern Question. His discourse was enjoyed by all present, judging from the many expressions of appreciation which were made by those who were there.

As the meetings have drawn to a close and the testing truths have been presented, we feel very grateful to God that two men with their wives and families have stepped out on the Lord's side. Others have yet to decide. Our prayers rise daily to the throne of God, that he may work mightily for those who are yet in the valley of decision. On Sabbath, February 3, members of the Camden church came over to the writer's home, where they met several of those who have been attending the meetings. As the time approached for Sabbath-school to begin, all were present, waiting for the blessing that God has in store for those who wait upon him; and as the work of the school was taken up and progressed, the Lord seemed to draw nearer and nearer. After the Sabbath-school, Elder Moffett spoke a few minutes, and the meeting was turned into a social service. Then God's presence was noticed in a marked manner, impressing all with the importance of a closer walk with their God. After the service many expressions of praise and gratitude conveyed the idea that it was good to have been there.

GEORGE GOODMAN.

#### Mount Vernon

The beginning of the year is a good time to stop and take an inventory, and to decide whether we have been retrograding or advancing. In looking over the records of the Mount Vernon church we find some very encouraging items. During the past four years there has been a steady increase in the tithes and offerings. The following figures speak clearly on this subject: in 1908 our tithes were \$1404.93; in 1909, \$1822.28; in 1910, \$2471.74; and in 1911, \$3086.07. This shows that the tithe of the Mount Vernon church has more than doubled.

ed during the past four years, 1911 being the best in the history of the church. The average per member amounts to \$16.15.

Not only has the tithe come up, but other offerings have increased also. This is quite noticeable in the year just past. On the ten-cent-a-week offerings we fell but a fraction of a cent below the desired standard. The total in this fund for the past year amounts to \$947.39. The Sabbath-school is on a better financial basis. Whereas, at the beginning of the year we were a little over \$23.00 behind in our expenses, and the supplies to be ordered, at the close of the year all accounts were settled, besides having papers and other needs provided for some months to come. Our church school, which was considerably in debt at the beginning of the year, has paid \$53.00 on the old account, beside having the teacher's wages ready promptly each month, and \$35.00 in the treasury at the close of the year.

The total amount of money raised by the church during the past year for the advancement of the Lord's work amounts to \$5,117.12, or an average of \$26.79 per member. The fact that a large number of the church are individuals who have united with this body while they were students, and have gone elsewhere without taking their letters as yet, indicates that the tithe and offerings of those who are here average quite favorably.

While we feel somewhat encouraged over the gain that has been made, yet we are not satisfied; and we desire to unite with the rest of the Ohio Conference in making the tithes and offerings for the coming year better than heretofore. The brethren and sisters of the Mount Vernon church believe in this message, and desire to do their part by co-operating in the finishing of the work.

O. F. BUTCHER.

### A Pleasant Surprise

On Sunday, January 28, the members of the Leesburg church gathered at the home of their elder, Mr. William H. Wright, in West Maine Street, with well filled baskets, to remind Mr. Wright by way of a surprise that he had reached another mile-stone on life's journey. A bountiful hygienic dinner was served at twelve-thirty, and all pronounced it a success. The afternoon was spent in playing instructive games, vocal and instrumental music, and in general conversation.

Before the company separated, our

deacon, Brother R. C. Delph, called our attention to the fact that when Belshazzar made a feast to one thousand of his lords, and drank from the golden vessels of the Lord's house, he forgot his God: that as the Lord had dealt so bountifully with us, we should not forget him. Brother Delph further suggested that in a substantial way we return thanks to him who is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. All heartily endorsed the plan, and a donation was taken up and will be sent to Mount Vernon College to aid the repair work needed so much in that place.

Those present at the gathering were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Delph and Miss Daisy Delph; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith with Miss Marie, and Masters Earl and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anders; Mr. and Mrs. John Cesler; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wright and daughter Allene; and Miss Ora Hutson. All left wishing Mr. Wright a happy and useful life.

CONTRIBUTED.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Every church should give special attention to Mount Vernon College Day, Sabbath, February 17, 1912. Let us make this service a tremendous uplift to our educational work. Mount Vernon deserves the hearty and loyal support of every Seventh-day Adventist in the West Pennsylvania Conference. We must not only send our children there, but we must also help the school financially, or the College will be crippled, and the work throughout the conference will suffer in consequence.

Elder J. E. Veach has taken up work at Verona. An effort will be made to develop the work done there last fall.

Brother George West has begun a series of meetings at Waterford. We hope our people will all remember our workers in earnest prayer at the throne of grace, that the efforts put forth may be successful.

Elder J. W. Watt has gone to Smicksburg, in response to earnest calls from interested ones there. There are many other places where souls are longing for the light of this truth. What are we doing to give them the message for this time, or to send some one else to them with it?

Elder N. S. Ashton called at the office this week on his return from a successful trip to the churches of Maryland in the interests of the educational work.

The Pittsburgh No. 2 church was made very sad on Sunday, January 28, by the death of one of its most faithful members, Brother Amos R. Givens. His death was caused by an explosion of gas. Though frightfully burned, Brother Givens manifested great patience, and died in the firm hope of a part in the first resurrection. Elder Kneeland preached the funeral sermon at the church, which was crowded with sympathizing friends.

We are pleased to note that some new canvassers are entering the field. The company at Pittsburgh is just getting started, and some good reports have already come in.

Elder C. Meleen called at the conference headquarters one day this week. He is looking for a favorable location for a Swedish effort. We pray that the Lord will give success to this branch of the work.

The coming of our new Bible worker, Mrs. Mary Matson, helps to emphasize the great need we have for consecrated laborers in that line. Sister Matson is the only Bible worker we have at present, and she has found herself overwhelmed with work from the very start. We hope the time will soon come when we shall have several such workers in the city of Pittsburgh.

Every church and company should make special efforts to have the Mount Vernon College Day, February 17, a grand success. This school, which has trained and sent out into the field so many excellent workers, deserves our most hearty and cordial support.

The field agent, V. O. Brother Panches, finds plenty to do just now. We have lately had some additions to our corps of faithful canvassers. Brother Saxton, of Indiana, Pa., has been in the field before. Brethren George House, of Coudersport, John Bateman and Joseph Konigsmacher of Pittsburgh are among the latest recruits. Others are coming on to join in the effort to sow the seeds of truth beside all waters. May Heaven's blessing be with them.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

## Church Elders, Attention

Sabbath, February 24, is the date set for the annual Religious Liberty offering; and if we would discern the signs of the times, surely this offering should be the very best we have ever made.

Will you, brother church elder, take this important matter on your heart and do your best with the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseer, to very much increase your offering over that of last year?

And you, brother and sister church member, will you kindly and earnestly set about to make the effort of your elder successful by doing your best in giving?

The Religious Liberty Association comes knocking at the door of both heart and purse, Sabbath, February 24. This most important branch of our work should not lack for funds. Let us of East Pennsylvania respond right heartily.

A. R. BELL,  
*Religious Liberty Secretary.*

## Bookmen's Notes

Remember to pray for the Canvassers' Institute at Reading, Pa., February 20-29. If you are planning to attend, kindly write me at once to 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, so that we can hand your name to the entertainment committee. Also state what book you wish to use so that we can have a prospectus on hand for you.

Brother Frank Barto has recently made a delivery of "Coming King" in Lancaster county. We praise God for the work of this faithful brother.

Brother W. P. Hess, who formerly worked in country territory, has begun work in the city of Lancaster. His reports reveal that God is richly blessing his efforts.

Brother F. Zenger has been doing some good work in Franklin County. Let us pray for his continued success.

Brethren J. T. McAllister and E. J. Kesselmeier of Philadelphia have begun canvassing in Shamokin for "Daniel and the Revelation." Pray for these dear brethren. They truly have made a covenant with God by sacrifice, to carry this blessed truth to the people.

In the past few weeks I have been visiting the churches in search of consecrated workers, preparatory to our spring and summer campaign for the revival of the book work in this conference. At Souderton, Williams-

port, Ariel, Hawley, and Honesdale I found wide-awake churches longing for the kingdom to come, and willing to help fulfil Mark 13:10, that the coming of Jesus might be hastened. Some from each of these churches expect to attend the Reading Institute to prepare themselves to become God's electricians, to place the heavenly electric bulbs—our precious books—in the homes of the people, that at the time when God will press the electric button, the whole earth may be lightened with the glory of this message. Read Testimonies for the Church, Vol. VII., p. 140.

"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord." I Chron. 29:5.

J. H. McEACHERN,  
*Field and Missionary Secretary.*

In a letter to the president of the conference Elder Henry Meyer states that he and his family safely reached their destination in South America, after being on the ocean eighteen days. He says he has not been there long enough to know how he will like it, but at present frequently longs for Eastern Pennsylvania.

Elder S. D. Hartwell met with the Shimersville church on its quarterly occasion. He reports a good meeting.

Elder C. S. Wiest, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, has resumed Sunday evening services. This, we are sure, will seem like olden times to the older members of that church.

Elder R. E. Harter of Philadelphia visited the Wellsboro church last Sabbath, having been called there to preach the funeral sermon for Sister Betsy Evans, one of the charter members the Cherry Flats church.

Quarterly services were held at the Allentown church Sabbath, February 3. Elder Heckman being in charge, they had preaching both in the morning and afternoon. After these services, he was called to Wilkes Barre, where he conducted the funeral services for the brother of one of our sisters there.

Brother J. H. McEachern, field and missionary secretary, returned to Philadelphia after an absence of nearly four weeks. During that time he visited the following churches:

Souderton (Fairhill), Allentown, Reading, Northumberland, Williamsport, Bloomsburg, Scranton, Ariel, Gravity, and Hawley-Honesdale. He reports a good interest in his line of work, and is very enthusiastic over the situation and the prospects for a splendid Canvassers' Institute which is to be held at Reading, February 20-29.

Brother Louis Halsvick, our new Scandinavian minister, has secured a nice little hall in which our Scandinavian brethren and sisters will worship on Sabbath afternoons. Meetings will be held there Sunday and Thursday evenings also. Let us pray for the success of Brother Halsvick's efforts among his people in the city of Philadelphia.

Mrs. John Quinn of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., with her daughter Ruth, is visiting her mother-in-law in Philadelphia. Sister Quinn was formerly a member of the First Philadelphia church.

The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of Brother J. McAllister and Brother E. J. Kesselmeier, who are canvassing in Shamokin. They are well received by the citizens of that place, who seem anxious to hear the message they bear. Let us pray for the continued success of these brethren.

The Reading church was visited by Elder C. S. Wiest Sabbath, February 3. Good meetings are reported.

Quarterly services were held in the Scranton church last Sabbath, Elder W. H. Heckman officiating. A business meeting was held in the evening, at which time officers for the year were elected.

Last Sunday evening the First Philadelphia church was favored by a visit from Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau, of Washington, D. C. Brother Bourdeau's interests are especially connected with the *Liberty* and *Protestant* magazines, so he is naturally well qualified to make known some timely and startling facts in connection with the reviving power of Rome in the United States. His subject was, "Will Rome rule again?"

Do not forget that next Sabbath is Mount Vernon College Day in all our churches.

## CHESAPEAKE

Elder N. S. Ashton of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent some time in the Chesapeake Conference, and in company with Elder R. T. Baer visited the churches at Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Hagerstown, and Smithsburg, Md., in the interest of the educational work of the Union Conference.

Elder I. G. Bigelow of Washington, D. C., and Brother F. E. Hankins are planning a series of local institutes for canvassers, to begin in Baltimore, Friday, February 9.

Elder R. H. Martin of Wilmington, Del., spent Sabbath, February 3, with the Baltimore church.

Brother W. L. Adkins is holding a series of meetings near Beaver Creek, Md. He reports an excellent interest.

A number of persons have begun to keep the Sabbath at Thurmont, Md., as a result of the work opened there last summer, and a number of others are very much interested. Because of this Brother G. R. Apsley, who had begun to devote part of his time to Bible work in the city of Baltimore, is compelled to discontinue that work, as his time will be fully occupied at Thurmont.

Brother G. P. Rodgers reports a good interest among the colored people of Baltimore.

Elder F. H. Seeney reports another member added to their new church in Wilmington, Del., making a total of seventeen, as a result of the work started for the colored people in that city last summer.

Our Sabbath-schools have come up nobly to the support of the cause of missions. Our offerings for the first quarter of 1911 amounted to \$168 22  
For the second quarter 203 67  
For the third quarter 301 33  
For the fourth quarter 305 54  
Making a grand total for the year 1911 of \$978 76

We are glad that we are able thus to help hasten the coming of the Lord. Our aim for 1912 is \$300 a quarter, or \$1200 for the year. I am sure we can easily raise that amount if we will only make the effort. Who will help?

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

## Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 26, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. Brownlee, Washington		CK	5	43		33 00		33 00	16 50
J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	3	21	15	25 00		25 00	
C. Dunham, Homestead		GC	5	16	7	18 20		18 20	23 40
*J. A. Heaton, Defiance		PG	10	65	27	82 00		82 00	
John McIntyre, Indiana		BR	5	25	6	19 00	5 00	24 00	1 50
Wm. Burnett, Allegheny		GC	5	25	7	21 00	20 75	41 75	18 00
T. O. Saxton, Indiana		PPF	5	28	20	37 00	6 70	43 70	4 85
Eva Jenks, Ridgway		CK	4	24	22	34 50	13 50	48 00	94 75
Totals			42	247	104	\$269 70	\$45 95	\$315 65	\$159 00

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K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	7	2	4 00	1 00	5 00			
S. N. Brown, Appalachia	CK	22	62	96 00	7 25	103 25			7 75
F. W. Hall, Appalachia	CK	20	47	77 00	6 50	83 50			
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "	CK	20	30	47 50	4 25	51 75			
Totals		69	141	\$224 50	\$19 00	\$243 50			\$7 75

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†A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	15	124		92 11	80	92 91	59 31	
*Geo. House, Hebron	PPF	9	46	17	30 50	6 75	37 25		
G. Medairy, Homestead	PG	5	22	9	31 00	1 30	32 30	1 30	
John McIntyre, Dixonville	BR	3	21	3	9 00	4 85	13 85	1 10	
C. Dunham, Homestead	PG	5	25	14	43 00	10	43 10	1 35	
T. O. Saxton, Dixonville	PPF	3	22	10	15 75	2 50	18 25	75	
Totals		40	260	53	\$221 36	\$16 30	\$237 66	\$63 81	

West Virginia Week Ending January 12, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	37	35	52 00	8 45	60 45	3 70	
W. McElphatrk, Webster Co.	DR	5	39	14	40 00	16 00	56 00	6 75	
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.	DR	4	32	8	23 00	12 80	35 80	8 20	
Totals		14	108	57	\$115 00	\$37 25	\$152 25	\$18 65	

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 26, 1912

J. Sheirich, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	5	23	11	11 00	75	11 75		
Anna Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	4	20	52	56 00	7 75	63 75		
D. Percy, Millington, Md.	DA	5	34		59 10		59 10		50
Totals		14	77	63	\$126 10	\$8 50	\$134 60		\$ 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 26, 1912

*Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	10	52	21	32 50	6 00	38 50	60 00	
*S. F. Zenger, Guilford Co.	CK	5	41	10	15 00	3 25	18 25	2 00	
J. T. McAllister, Shamokin	DR	4	26	5	16 00	3 25	19 25		
E. Kesselmeyer, Shamokin	DR	2	9	3	9 00		9 00		
Totals		21	128	39	\$72 50	\$12 50	\$85 00	\$62 00	

Virginia, Week Ending January 26, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	11	2	5 00	1 50	6 50	7 00		
S. N. Brown, Appalachia	CK	23					108 00		
F. W. Hall, Appalachia	CK	17	1	1 50	50	2 00	52 75		
W. B. Eekhout, Chase City	CK	30	9	14 00		14 00			
C. Overstreet, Fredericksburg	CK	33	17	26 50	8 30	34 80	55		
B. Hamm, Fredericksburg	PPF	27	7	12 00	75	12 75	75		
Totals		141	36	\$59 00	\$11 05	\$70 05	\$169 05		

## West Virginia, Week Ending January 26, 1912

*T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	7	32	27	40 50	2 00	42 50	52 19
*W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	10	78	17	48 00	50 50	98 50	20 00
J. W. Marshall, Morgan Co.	GC	5	41	8	20 00	6 00	26 00	50
Totals		22	151	52	\$108 50	\$58 50	\$167 50	\$72 69

## Chesapeake, Week Ending February 2, 1912

*J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.	GC	10	67	14	43 00	19 10	62 10	54 50
J. Sheirich, Baltimore Co., Md.	BF	5	20	20	21 00	75	21 75	25
*M. Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	5	19	44	51 50		51 50	
G. Trusty, Wilmington, Del.						4 30	4 30	
Totals		20	106	78	\$115 50	\$24 15	\$139 65	\$54 75

## Ohio, Week Ending January 26, 1912

L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	36	14	17 00	6 00	23 00	23 00
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	4	33	8	29 00		29 00	
W. O. Dean, Miami Co.	CK	2	10	3	4 50		4 50	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	1	3			2 15		2 20
Totals		12	82	25	\$50 50	\$8 15	\$56 50	25 20

## New Jersey, Week Ending January 26, 1912

R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	21	12	20 50	2 00	22 50	23 50
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	4	19	70	17 50		17 50	15 00
N. R. Pond, Mt. Holly	CK	3	13	4	6 00		6 00	2 80
Totals		11	53	86	\$44 00	\$2 00	\$46 00	\$41 30

## Ohio, Week Ending January 26, 1911

†John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	18	126	27	80 00	72 75	152 75	24 25
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	4	28					99 00
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.	CK	2	10	5	6 50	7 25	13 75	4 50
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR		1					3 80
Totals		24	165	32	\$86 50	\$80 00	\$166 50	\$131 55

\*Two weeks

†Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1814.86

Deliveries, \$806.25.

## WEST VIRGINIA

We are just in receipt of a letter from Elder Robbins, who is now holding a series of meetings at Berea, Richie County. He says: "We are having a good attendance. The people seem to appreciate the truths which are being presented. We expect a large audience this evening (February 4). It is good sleighing and the people are coming in their sleighs and sleds. Brother John E. Meredith, the elder of the Berea church, is well pleased with the attendance. I am staying at his home. The interest manifested will largely determine the length of the series of meetings."

The campaign for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" will begin the last week in February. The object of this campaign is the financial relief of Mount Vernon College, the

proceeds of the sales going to that institution. Let every Seventh-day Adventist in West Virginia give his time and energy to this undertaking; and let it be said that West Virginia has nobly contributed its time and money to the cause of education. Let all who wish to engage in this laudable work write to Elder Robbins, 94 Winsley St., Morgantown, W. Va., or to the West Virginia Conference, Lock Box 353, Fairmont, W. Va.

The annual camp-meeting for the year 1912 will be held at Fairmont, some time during the month of August. A large meeting is expected. Begin now to plan to attend. A letter received recently says: "My wife and I, with our three children are planning to attend the camp-meeting. We shall want a tent; and are planning to remain through the entire meeting." There will be a Christian welcome to all who may come.

The very severe cold weather throughout West Virginia has very materially reduced the attendance at the various churches.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell has been transferred from Martinsburg to Parkersburg; he will henceforth have the pastorate of the new church at Parkersburg.

We have reason to regret that our canvassing work has been making such a poor showing during the past several months. Much sickness among the old reliable canvassers has been the reason. It is hoped the weather will grow milder and that a marked improvement may be noticed from now on.

Brother T. M. Butler, one of West Virginia's permanent canvassers, has just completed and presented to the Tract Society a fine tract case. We thank you, Brother Butler, for this splendid piece of your handiwork. We know that it will do good service, both in the office and at the annual camp-meeting.

The executive committee met in annual session at the conference headquarters, Fairmont, W. Va., Tuesday, January 23, 1912, and was in session three days. Thanksgiving and praises to God were felt and freely uttered when the president made known the condition in which the auditor found the conference in all its departments, at his annual audit.

Brother T. M. Butler is enjoying a few weeks' visit from his brother Orlo, of Erie, Pa., who will probably enter the canvassing field soon. Welcome, brother! the canvassing field is a needy one.

Elder Robbins organized, last Sabbath, a "conference church" in Fairmont, where, it is hoped, the many isolated Sabbath-keepers in West Virginia may feel welcome to deposit their letters, thus identifying themselves with the great body of Seventh-day Adventists scattered all over the world. A hearty welcome is extended to all. Those now residing within this conference, and whose membership has not yet been transferred to this state may feel assured that the conference church is ready to receive them and to welcome them among the Seventh-day Adventists of West Virginia.



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## NEW JERSEY

### An Exceptional Opportunity

One more month of cold weather and the winter will soon be gone; then spring, with its new life, will burst forth; and who will not be glad to see its signs that summer is nigh!

What are you planning for your spring work in connection with the spread of the gospel message for this generation? If you work for wages, would you not be willing to work for as high, or higher, wages and have a part in this message?

Beginning February 21, and continuing to March 1, there will be held at Trenton, N. J., a canvassers' and periodical and magazine workers' convention and training school. The instructors in this meeting will be those who have had experience and wide knowledge in these various lines of work; and their efforts will be assisted by those who are actively engaged in this work at the present time.

The tuition is free; and the expense, if any, will be so small that it need not deter you from attending. In order that we may complete our plans, we should have your names at once. Please address your correspondence to the New Jersey Tract Society, 1909 S. Clinton Ave., Trenton, N. J., suggesting whether you prefer to handle a book or magazines during the coming season; and we will write you full particulars. We need workers. The harvest truly is ripe, and who will answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

To those timid ones we might say that last year we had an average of six agents in the field who took orders to the amount of \$7,369.43; or an average of \$1.13 for every hour's work. Surely you would not want better compensation than that.

If you are thinking of attending school at one of our colleges next year, attend this agents' convention and learn to earn your scholarship. Many have earned their way through school in this way. The possibilities are unlimited. Some have earned two years' tuition in less than three months. Write at once. Do not delay.

## OBITUARIES

**ENCK.**—Amanda Meckley Enck was born in York County, Pa., May 19 1845, and died at her home in Corsica, Ohio, Jan. 27, 1912, aged 66 years, 8 months, and 8 days. In 1868 she was married to Edward T. Enck. Their home was blessed with one son and four daughters, who survive their mother. Sister Enck was a faithful and devoted member of the Corsica Seventh-day Adventist church. A large circle of friends are left to feel that a child of God has fallen from their number. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

E. K. SLADE.

**GIVENS.**—Amos R. Givens died Jan. 28, 1912, at Pittsburgh, Pa., in his forty-second year. He was born in the state of Virginia. Twenty years ago, while in Washington, D. C., he gave his heart to God, uniting with the Baptist church. In 1906 he accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith, under the labors of Elder W. H. Green, and united with the Pittsburgh Number Two church. Brother Givens' death resulted from burns and other injuries caused by a gas explosion. Though suffering greatly, his faith in God's love, and his cheerful and patient endurance were remarkable. A wife, mother, three brothers, and two sisters are left to mourn, but not as those who have no hope. The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Robinson of the Baptist church.

B. F. KNEELAND.

**WELCH.**—William Henry, son of George A. and Addie R. Welch, was born September 26, 1905, and died at the old home near Van Wert, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1912, aged 16 years, 4 months, and 2 days. In many ways William was a model young man, conscientious and well-behaved. Not only his friends learned to respect him, but those of more mature years saw a bright future for him, had not his brief illness of five days cut short his noble life. When seized with pneumonia he still retained his courage, and even tried to continue in school; but as the

disease advanced he was compelled to patiently yield. A day before his death he requested his father to pray for him, and in his closing hours he maintained his Christian hope. He leaves father, mother, four sisters, three brothers, and many relatives who mourn his early death. The funeral was conducted by the writer in St. John's Lutheran church, which was more than filled with relatives and sympathizing friends. Text, Isa. 40: 31. Burial in Woodland cemetery, Van Wert.

J. F. OLMSTED.

**FINNEY.**—Hannah Belma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, was born in Jackson Co., O., July 29, 1861. She died Jan. 23, 1912, aged 50 years, 5 months, and 26 days. In 1874 she was married to George H. Finney, and to them were born eighteen children, twelve of whom, with the husband and the mother of the deceased, are left to mourn. Sister Finney accepted the truths of the third angel's message in 1897, and later united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Wheelersburg, of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large congregation of friends and relatives, in the United Brethren church at Pinkerman, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery near by to await the call of the Life-giver. "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."

JAMES H. SMITH.

**WEAVER.**—Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, was born March 8, 1908, and died January 16, 1912, aged 3 years, 10 months, and 8 days. The little one died of typhoid fever, her sickness lasting a little over two weeks. She suffered much, but through it all she was patient and kind. Her gentle loving nature had endeared her to all, and her presence will be greatly missed.

A lovely child asleep in death;  
 How beautiful and fair!  
 Yes, even now, though void of breath,  
 God's impress still is there.

And if thus fair and lovely here,  
 Beneath death's icy hand,  
 O will it not be beauteous there,  
 'Mid the immortal band?

When Jesus bids it rise and live  
 With all the saints in light,  
 A glorious body he will give,  
 Resplendent to the sight.

Though nature weeps when loving ties  
 So strongly bound are riven,  
 Yet faith the Saviour's words applies—  
 Of such the realms of heaven!

F. H. HENDERSON.