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The Religious Liberty Offering

There is at present assembled in Columbus, Ohio, a State Constitutional Convention, which, as every one knows, or should know, is an event of great importance. In connection with this meeting there will be raised grave and serious questions which will affect the liberties of the people, and especially their right to religious liberty. Just how these questions will be decided will depend upon the influences which are brought to bear upon this convention. And when these questions are decided, the influence of the great state of Ohio will be felt upon other states, if not upon all the different states of this government. A large campaign has been proposed in behalf of religious liberty by the brethren of the denomination, of the Union, and of the state of Ohio.

Now, dear brethren, this is an important campaign, and in itself just the beginning of campaigns. The difficulties engendered by the strife on the part of certain churches for both political and religious preference with state and federal authorities are growing more numerous and more serious. These issues must be met. The General Conference of Seventhday Adventists is taking more active steps than ever to meet this issue by such campaigns, through the mediums of the press and the platform, as will serve to enlighten the people. Brethren, this is your work. It involves your liberties and your freedom. Are you standing ready to cooperate with us along these lines? If so, remember that one of the most important ways of co-operating is by subscribing liberally to the call for a good donation Sabbath, February 24. This special offering is made at this time to advance throughout the Union, and throughout our cities individually, the cause of religious liberty. We appeal to you by these lines to give us your hearty support, and to demonstrate that support by a liberal offering Sabbath, February 24.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Among the Churches of Virginia

I have just returned from an interesting trip among the churches of Virginia; and as I know the brethren throughout the Union are deeply interested in the progress of the work in this conference, I shall take pleasure in giving some facts and experiences in connection with my visit to the churches there.

Friday, January 26, I arrived in Richmond in time to have counsel with Elders Stone, Neff, Hottel, and Tindal regarding what ought to be done in visiting the churches, and especially in telling them about the "M. E. F." (Union Missionary Educational Fund). That evening I had the pleasure of listening to Brother Tindal as he presented the truth to the friends and brethren of Richmond who attended the evening service.

When I entered the Richmond church building, I saw that a number of changes had been effected in the interior of the structure, which make it a much more agreeable and useable place of worship. The niche in the back of the room, which in former days constituted a recess for the pulpit, had disappeared. The platform now opens straight out from the wall and is faced in front by an attractive little railing.

The conduct of the service that evening was also very interesting. When the time came to sing the first hymn, the lights were suddenly turned off and the hymn was thrown upon a screen, that all the congregation might see it, both words and music. As soon as the singing of the hymn was finished the lights were turned on again and the audience was led in sacred prayer. Following the announcements and the Scripture reading, another hymn was thrown upon the screen, which thus furnished a common hymn book for the audience. As soon as Brother Tindal began his sermon, the lights were turned on, and the building was kept lighted until some interesting and impressive point in the sermon was presented, and then a picture was thrown upon the screen to bring vividly home through the eye as well as the ear, the truth and reality of what the speaker was presenting. The brethren told us that some nights the church is simply crowded with people who are coming to hear the presentation of the message. We earnestly pray that God will bless these meetings, and lead our workers in such a way that many souls may be prepared for the soon-coming Saviour.

There are at this time also being conducted in the city of Richmond two institutes, one for the white brethren and one for the colored brethren of the conference. institute for the white members is being held in the church of which I have just been speaking. The other institute is being conducted in the new meeting hall into which the colored church has just gone. It was the plan to ask each church in the conference to send delegates to these institutes; and to give these delegates, upon their arrival, such earnest instruction for a number of weeks along the lines of evangelical work and health and temperance services, as would aid them to go back into their churches and become intelligent workers. These are plans for progress, for improvement. We know that though we may have within us a flame of living fire, yet, if we do not constantly feed that flame with good fuel, our service and our work may ravel out like that of many little sects and denominations which can readily be called to mind. While you are praying to the Lord for the interest and advancement of his message, do not forget, brethren, to ask that God will bless these efforts put forth in Virginia for the upbuilding of

On Sabbath morning I presented to the white church the question of building up our educational work throughout the Union, and the necessary financial support demanded therefor and provided for in the Missionary Educational Fund. We told the brethren of the plan to ask twenty-five cents a quarter, or one dollar a year, of each church member in the Union, to form an educational fund to be used in building up our educational work and in helping worthy poor students to secure an education. Brother Stone, who was with me on the platform, joined heartily in the presentation of the case, and the result of the call that morning was an offering in cash and pledges which amounted to the sum that we were asking for; namely, twenty-five cents a member for the last quarter of 1911.

In the afternoon I spoke to the colored brethren in their new hall. It gave me much pleasure to see the devotion and zeal of these brethren; we trust that they also may become abiding pillars in the temple of the Lord below. They responded heartily to the call we made, subscribing, I think, something like twice their amount. This was probably due to the fact that a number of those present at that service were delegates from the colored churches throughout the conference.

After spending Sabbath evening and Sunday morning in counsel with the brethren in Richmond, Elder Hottel and I left Sunday afternoon to meet an appointment which we had made for Sunday night with the church at Hebron. When we arrived at Ford, the railway station for the Hebron church, we found that our telegram had been misdirected; and there was no one at the depot to meet us. However, we found a young man who acted as guide, and leaving our satchels, we started out for a four miles' tramp through the mud, over swampy roads, in the face of a cold wind. Finally we reached the home of Brother Lewis, whose son is now a missionary on the Gold Coast, Africa. In consequence of the telegram's not being received, no meeting had been appointed. Yet Brother Lewis had received my circular letter which I had previously sent out to all the elders in the Union Conference concerning our M. E. F. He was heartily in sympathy with it and said he would see to doing his part in having the church respond to the call made in the letter. The next morning we took leave of this dear family. Brother Hottel and I were driven at four o'clock the morning to the station where we took the train for the next church, namely, the church at News Ferry.

(To be continued next week)

B. G. WILKINSON.

Not in the clamor of the crowded street, Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,

But in ourselves are triumph and defeat.

-Longfellow.

AT THE COLLEGE

Miss Mabel Andre was a College visitor recently.

Miss Ethel Ross has been nursing in Columbus for the past several weeks.

Misses Clara and Hazel Crummel, nurses of the Melrose Sanitarium, were recently called to their home in Akron, O., by the severe illness of their sister.

Miss Sadie Detwiler is recovering from a severe illness. Her brother and sister have returned from their home in Souderton, Pa., their mother having recovered sufficiently to permit their return to school.

Misses Mabel Marietta and Etta Perrine of Mount Vernon, spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 10 and 11, with Sister James Dunbar at Chillicothe, O.

Elder Butler returned last week from another visit in the East. During his stay he called at Melrose Sanitarium, South Lancaster Academy, and the churches at Washington, D. C., and Wilmington, Del.

The students of the music department gave their midwinter recital Tuesday evening, February 6. Everything went off "harmoniously," and to the evident enjoyment of all present. The occasion served to show that during the first half of the school year good work has been done by both the students and the instructors of the music department.

NEW JERSEY

Changed again—and we trust this is the last time, at least for some time to come. The building where our conference property was stored having been rented to another party, we were compelled to move our camp-meeting goods; and we therefore rented a store building with a basement, where we are able to store all our goods and have our office in the front room on the first floor. Our office address is 1109 Division St., Trenton.

We expect to be able to write soon to all the isolated members in the conference; and to visit them just as soon as we can get to them.

Brother Howard May came from Michigan a week ago to help in the

office. He arrived just in time to be initiated by helping to move all the camp-meeting goods.

Brother Walters expects to be in the field soon auditing the treasurers' books and helping the churches along missionary lines in every way possible.

A. R. Sandborn.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Fairhill

Dear readers of the VISITOR: While this is the first we have written you, we are glad that as a church we have had the privilege of spreading the truth for these last days.

As another year, with its opportunities, has entered the past, we realize that we are that much nearer the end; and we are encouraged as we look back over the work that has been accomplished during the past twelve months. The Lord has greatly blessed us and the work we have been permitted to accomplish. As a church, we desire to manifest greater interest in the spreading of the truth to our neighbors, our friends, and to all with whom we come in contact, that this year's results may exceed those of the past.

Our regular home missionary meeting is held on the fourth Sabbath of the month, with excellent success. For these meetings we have especially prepared readings on home work. Since the church of Christ is organized for service, it is our desire to work in harmony with God's plans; that the work may be carried on in a way that will meet his approval.

Believing that a brief account of the work that has been accomplished by the Fairhill church during 1911 may be of interest to you, we are glad to report that we have a working membership of forty. Fourteen families take the Review, and nine our conference paper. Our society is sending ten yearly subscriptions of the Protestant and Liberty magazines to ministers, lawyers, and other leading men in our neighborhood and nearby towns. The fourth Sabbath offerings amounted last year \$17.46; the Sabbath-school donations, which are all for missions, to \$98.66.

Missionary visits made	118
Sick persons assisted	38
Treatments given	15
Hours of Christian help work	416
Meals provided	45
Articles of clothing given away	61
Signatures obtained for	
temperance pledge	11

Tracts loaned or given away 718 Papers loaned or given away 992Periodicals sold 6502 Books sold 242 Books loaned 57 "Ministry of Healing" sold Missionary letters written 86 Missionary letters received 45 Bible readings given 30 Attendants at Bible readings 234 Children brought to Sabbathschool

Our church school is an excellent success; and we are glad to be able to report that from this church five young people are at the present time attending Mount Vernon College, receiving preparation for a part in spreading the third angel's message.

MRS. CLARENCE FISHER,

Missionary Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

February 24 is the day named for receiving the annual religious liberty offering. On the preceding Sabbath every church leader should have called special attention to this offering. Every Seventh-day Adventist should go to the church February 24 prepared to make a most liberal donation.

"Four religious measures are now pending in Congress. A campaign is being carried on in Ohio by the National Reform Association, for the purpose of placing in the constitution certain articles bearing on religious and other questions for which the association stands; and a statewide movement for securing a Sunday law is now on in California." Several of our people in the South are to be tried this month for doing quiet and inoffensive labor on Sunday.

The great necessity for this offering can readily be seen; and a hearty and liberal response will be appreciated.

The 1912 Year Book has been mailed to all persons who have ordered it. We still have a few left which we can send to any person who may desire one. The price is only 25 cents.

The statistics for the annual report for 1911 have nearly all been received. A few churches are still behind, which of course throws the whole report behind. If you are one of the delinquents, please mail your report at once.

Word just comes that the 1912 temperance Instructor is ready for mailing. This will be good news for many of our friends in West Virginia. Of the 1911 temperance number this conference sold over 6,000 copies; we think it possible to sell a still larger number this year; at any rate we are setting our stakes at 10,000 copies. We may have over-reached the mark just a little; nevertheless our aim is to do better than we did in 1911.

The first edition to be run off by the publishers will number 500,000. That sounds like a large number; but when our people all over the United States join issues on the temperance question, then indeed will it be seen that the second, the third, and the fourth edition of a like number will be printed, only to be followed by many thousands more.

How about West Virginia? Will the good effort of 1911 be followed by a large increase in 1912?

In a brief glance over the partial contents of the 1912 number we are shown the many good things it will contain. It will certainly be the climax of all previous temperance issues. It will surely be a good seller.

The West Virginia Tract Society is ready to receive any and all orders for this 1912 number of the temperance *Instructor*. Let the orders begin rolling in at once.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Book Work

West Pennsylvania opened the new year with eleven canvassers in the field. During January these labored six hundred and fifteen hours, and sold \$680.26 worth of books, making an average of \$1.10 per hour. Many of the men had never canvassed before

A great many of our books have been sold in this state, but we are finding that this only makes the territory better. We have workers now in the field who have left their former vocations, and are devoting their entire time to the selling of our literature. Some have left farms, others trades, and some good positions. This is what God wants. The men who make a success in the canvassing field are those who have made a success in their former line of work. The book work would have developed much more rapidly had those who possessed the ability and talent devoted their time to the selling of of our literature instead of pursuing worldly occupations. However,

some have seen their mistake, and are now in the work. These are meeting with success, thus demonstrating that God is the best paymaster.

In Pittsburgh a special effort is being made with our book, "Practical Guide to Health." A company of six has begun work in that place. We are trying some new methods in this company, and if any are interested, I shall be glad to correspond with them, and give details. We should like a company of the same kind in Erie, Johnstown, Altoona, and other cities. Men can be trained in Pittsburgh and can afterward take charge of companies in our other cities.

One encouraging feature of our work in this conference is that we have nearly all resident canvassers. These brethren have taken up the work because they feel God has called them. They are proving that a living can be made in the work. Even in these cold winter days there come in reports of over forty hours a week. When men will work for God as they work for themselves, we shall see a great difference in the result of their work.

V. O. Punches.

240 Locust Ave., Washington, Pa.

Sabbath-School Donations

OUARTER ENDING JAN. 15, 1912 Altoona 9 71 *Adah...... 13 65 Albion..... 4 28 Allegheny.... 12 73 \$3 91 Allegheny German Bradford..... 35 00 Belle Vernon.... 4 00 *Carter Camp..... 7 00 Coudersport.... 44 31 Clearfield..... 6 14 Conneautville..... 1 15 Corydon 18 37 Corry..... 9 01 2 95 Duke Center 32 26 Erie.... Eldred..... 7 75 Edinboro..... 5 50 Huntingdon..... 1 40 Indiana.... 5 08 Johnstown.... 18 89 McDonald.... 2 75 Oil City..... 1 82 Pittsburg Number 1..... 47 45 Pittsburg Number 2..... 5 30 Port Allegheny..... 4 68 *Raymond..... 5 71 Six Mile Run.... 6 46 *Somerset..... 11 00 Union City..... 4 45 Warren..... 11 55 Washington 32 14 380 40 Total Individual..... 3 90 *Companies

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Tithe Report for 1911

There appears in this issue of the VISITOR a tabulated report of tithe paid in the Virginia Conference during the year 1911. This report shows the amount of tithe paid each month by the totals at the bottom of the report. It also shows the amount of tithe paid by each church during the year, at the right, opposite the names of the churches. Then it gives the number of members of each church, and the average amount of tithe paid by the church members.

I hope that every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference will study carefully this report; for it reveals many points that should be carefully considered.

The first point to which I wish to call your attention is the fact that the tithe per member in one of our churches reaches the sum of \$38.12, and in another church only eighty-two cents; or, in other words, the church veraging \$38.12 tithe for each church member paid forty-six times as much per member as the church that paid only eighty-two cents per member. Why this great difference? I am certain there are some good reasons, but the difference is so great that it should cause some one to see if a change cannot be brought about.

I do not wish to make too close comparisons, but I wish to request the fficers of our churches to study this report, to see why the amount per member in one church is only three or four dollars a year, when other churches in no better localities average from six to sixteen dollars per member. May it not be possible that some are not doing their duty?

We wish to make a request of all our churches that they remit the tithe every month to the conference treasurer. We have to pay our laborers every month, and why should not the tithe be sent in every month? As soon as we can secure them, we wish to furnish to all of our churches little envelope holders that can be fastened on the back of the church seats where lithe envelopes can be kept for the convenience of the people, and we would advise the payment of tithe each week in all of our churches; and then let the church treasurer forward monthly the tithes to the state treasurer. Then the following month the report will appear in the VISITOR. showing the tithe paid by each church.

We held this report open until January 8, to give all an opportunity of getting the December tithe into the report. A few churches were not represented for December; but this has been true of each quarterly report during the year. Hereafter, we desire to close our books at the close of each month, and should be glad to have all our church treasurers remit promptly a day or two before the last day of the month, so that we can close our books the first of the month. and have each church represented in the tithe report which will appear for publication in the next issue of the paper.

The tithe for March, April, July, October, and December is much higher than for other months, on account of some of the churches sending in their tithe only once a quarter. We most earnestly request that all send in their tithe about the twentyeighth of each month; then we can have it to pay the accounts of our laborers the first of each month; and we should be glad to see something opposite the name of each church every month. I wish to ask our church officers to preserve this report for future reference. We trust that all of our prethren and sisters will be faithful in bringing in all the tithe, and will receive the promised blessing. W. J. STONE.

Fifteen Cents a Week

I wish to talk personally to every Seventh-day Adventist in the Virginia Conference about the plans laid by the General Conference for the support of our foreign missionary work.

I understand that hereafter no calls will be made for large sums of money like the \$300,000 fund; but, instead, the ten-cent-a-week plan has been increased to fifteen cents a week, and this money is expected to meet every emergency for foreign work, both for erecting homes for our missionaries, treatment rooms, schools, etc.

The sums making up this fifteen cents a week will include the annual offerings, mid-summer, harvest ingathering, Sabbath-school collections, first day offerings, also offerings for the colored and blind work. Here

A Summary of the Tithe	Receipts of the	e Virginia	Conference for	Year 1911
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Buena Vista		3 00		50		40				1 00	
Danville	31 68	7 15	5 00	10 36		7 18	20 00			3 83	
Lamburg			4 00			15 39				2 98	
Lynchburg				48 71	3 60	71 65	6 10	5 00		74 34	
Mount Williams					17 85		19 15		28 25		
Lew Market			25 40	147 45			134 19		33 21	155 59	
Lewport News No. 1			97 21				129 75			103 85	
Newport News No. 2	9 25				37 67			20 91			16 67
Lews Ferry		6 55	5 33	4 38	,	4 68	3 69	5 66	3 22		4 45
Norfolk	8 84		4 00	158 58				25 00	4 14	27 92	
Portsmouth	31 00	23 79	20 87	22 63	23 10	25 30		18 37		46 86	18 18
Richmond No. 1	141 34	80 86	123 87	123 48	135 48		228 34	114 75	113 05	101 40	89 85
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Spencer			54 83				8 25			16 60	
Stanley	63 10		53 92				57 98			$65 \ 32$	
Dillwyn			55 67					9 20			•
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	285 48	173 45	508 97	593 84	227 80	165 55	665 56	228 37	227 20	639 57	156 80

Average amount per capita

are six sources from which to gather the fifteen cents a week.

Now, is there a Seventh-day Adventist in the Virginia Conference that cannot raise fifteen cents a week for our foreign work, in addition to his tithe? This may be possible, but if we plan and do our best, God will help us. This is only two cents a day. The sale of three Life and Health a week will meet this requirement; and I do not believe there is a Seventh-day Adventist in the Virginia Conference who cannot sell three copies of Life and Health a week if he resolves to do so.

However, some will come short in paying in this amount, and if it is raised, others will have to make it up by giving more than fifteen cents a week; and this should be done. Some are able to give more than others, and the Lord expects them to do this. God's plan is for every man to give "as God hath prospered him." I Cor. 16: 2, that there may be "an equality." 2 Cor. 8:14. There is no equality in every person's giving the same amount, unless all have the same income. Of him to whom God gives much, "much is required"; and to whom little is given, "little is required." Then there is an equality, each one giving as God hath prospered him.

It is necessary in apportioning the amount to be raised by the denomination, to figure a certian amount per capita. Supposing that in all the conferences our brethren will average about the same income, each conference is given a certain amount

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	4 90	6	82
	85 20	19	4 48
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82 80	292 20	24	12 18
41 76	107 01	15	7 13
108 44	604 28	47	12 86
126 67	457 48	12	38 12
	84 77	27	3 14
4 77	42 73	20	2 14
28 66	257 14	13	19 78
47 97	278 07	17	16 36
291 65	1544 07	69	22 38
	80 28	18	4 46
	121 17	12	10 10
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to raise, according to its membership. This is the only way a working basis could be formed; but when we come to carry out in our conferences and make an application of the principle to the individual membership, it will not work: some must give more, some less, as God has prospered them; then when the sum total is brought in, the aggregate should average fifteen cents a member for each week in the year.

What will Virginia do in this matter? Our conference has never reached the standard when the amount was ten cents a week; now, that it is placed at fifteen cents a week, we have one third more to raise. Can we do this? Certainly we can!

I feel deeply over this matter, and hope to see Virginia one of the banner conferences in 1912. We will keep you informed from time to time of the progress our conference is making.

Ought not the Virginia Conference to make a heroic effort to raise this sum for missions? To my mind we are duty bound to do this. The Virginia Conference is this year receiving from sources outside the conference twice the amount we are asked to raise; and if we are the recipients of twice the amount we are asked to raise for missions, are we not doubly indebted to the mission work? If conferences that receive no assistance outside of their own state are expected to raise the same amount per capita that is asked of us, surely we are fully able to raise fifteen cents a week on an average, and should show our appreciation of the assistance given us by being liberal in our gifts to missions. We are only lending to the Lord, who will bestow upon us liberally in return. Will Virginia take her place with the other conferences in the Union, and show her willingness and ability in this matter? W. J. STONE.

Rileyville

Some twenty-five years ago the message of present truth was first preached at Rileyville. A church of several members was organized; but by death, removal, and apostasy the work fairly died out. Five years ago the various religious sects of the place united and erected a church building; but it was used little and neglected much. Last November I went there and began a series of meetings. From the first there was a good interest, the attendance was excellent, and there was a manifest desire on the part of many to know God's whole truth for this time.

After a six weeks' meeting I was

privileged to baptize eight, with twelve more promising to keep the Sabbath. Most of these will be baptized later. We also secured money and gave the building a much needed coat of paint.

The tobacco habit has found its way into this locality to the extent that whole families are educated to the pernicious habit. It was my privilege to see the chains of this souland-body-destroying habit broken, and a number of both men and women set free.

Daily, at 6:45 P.M., we held a public Bible study on the subject of health and temperance. These meetings were largely attended. A number who did not embrace present truth discarded pork. Our health studies embraced the following sub-topics: eating; how, when, and what to eat, with a description of the human anatomy and its various organs and their functions; breathing, ventilation, and dressing; what and when to drink, etc. When we had before the people the matter of meat eating, tea and coffee drinking, and tobacco using, it created a great interest. We believe many were profited and helped to see the force of the scripture, "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do; do all to the glory of God,"

At eight o'clock we presented the vital points of God's truth for this hour, with the results before mentioned. There are others who we are sure will yet accept Jesus, and all that that means to-day; for it means more to-day than ever before. We expect to see a good church organized at Rileyville in the near future. Although our people there are poor in this world's goods, it does not hinder them from being rich in faith and good works.

Stewart Kime.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1912

Bethel	\$ 10	59
Buena Vista	1	00
Danville	5	36
Guinea Mills	4	38
Hamburg	2	67
Lynchburg	23	31
New Market	131	3 8
Newport News No. 1	25	00
Newport News No. 2	12	84
News Ferry	5	72
Portsmouth	12	58
Richmond	92	02
Richmond No. 2	4 4	48
Roanoke	14	3 1
Stanley	43	4 2
Individuals	6	64

TOTAL... \$ 435 70

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The Canvassing Work

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. The sheets that come from the groaning press to be prepared as tracts and bound up as books are to go forth to all parts of the earth. Thus the message will go where the living preacher can not go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history." "Manual for Canvassers," page 5.

There is a great message of light and truth due to the world that is lying in darkness. We claim to have that light and truth; therefore, our responsibility is proportionate to that truth. How important, then, it is that we embrace every opportunity to enlighten those about us.

God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books. These are silent messengers, and when placed in the hands of the people will do a great work. world being in darkness, there is a great need of spiritual education and enlightenment. To enlighten the people is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting in giving the third angel's message to the world. Can anyone engage in a greater work? Dear reader, what are you doing to aid in disseminating the truth for this time? No doubt there are many throughout the state who feel a burden to engage in the work. Here is an open field for all. No doubt God has impressed you to enter the canvassing work. You may have offered excuses which will not stand the test of the judgment. As God by his Spirit impresses you, do not coffer trifling excuses, do not procrastinate. Step out by faith and do the work the Lord calls you to do, and his blessing and benediction will follow.

There is plenty of virgin soil yet in Ohio. There are some excellent fields and even whole counties that are unentered. Some places have only been touched, as it were, 'with the tips of our fingers.' There never will be a better time to enter these fields than now. I trust that God will impress the hearts of those who should enter these fields. We need strong and faithful men and women to enter the work. Dear reader, if God is calling you to enter this work, delay no longer.

We shall be very glad to assist you in every way possible in getting a start. Our field agent, Brother H. F. Kirk, 230 Rose St. Springfield, O., will be very glad to communicate with you regarding territory. Watch for the announcement of our Canvasser's Institute for Ohio. Plan to attend and prepare for the summer's work.

J. I. CASSELL, Secretary Ohio Tract Society.

A Word from the Field Missionary Agent

Having been chosen to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Brother F. B. Numbers, I find myself in a position of greater responsibility; but we should consider it a pleasure to carry burdens for Jesus. From John 3:16 we learn that Jesus was willing to make any sacrifice necessary for our salvation. God so loved the world that he gave the greatest gift of heaven for it. I believe he desires us to attain this love for others. We should have such love for others that we will give. Many around our door are waiting for a gift. It is not only of our means that God wishes us to give. God has given us in many ways an opportunity to show our appreciation of his gift to us. In what way could we better please the Lord than by giving our time to the canvassing work? Many souls could be brought into the kingdom through our efforts, and the experience would strengthen us for the battles of life. One soul is more valuable in the sight of God than the wealth of this world. There are people here in Ohio who have not heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. Let us give to others some of the good things which God has entrusted to us.

The prospect for the canvassing work in Ohio looks bright for 1912. The time has come that the work which is to be done must be done quickly. The day is far spent; let us work while it lasts. All heaven and many men are interested in the canvassing work. Many will enter the pearly gates through the efforts of the faithful canvasser. Let us thank God for the opportunity of giving the

message to the world, and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." To all those who wish to take up the work, or who are interested, I should be glad to give any information or practical help which I can. I hope to be out in the field with the canvassers soon; and also to visit the College and meet the students who are longing for that rich experience in the field this summer. Let us remember the canvassing work at the throne of grace. union there is Where there is strength, H. F. KIRK.

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Sabbath, January 20, was a good day for the church at Akron. Brother Raleigh French, field missionary secretary, was with us, and his words were truly appreciated by all. One hundred yearly subscriptions for the Protestant and Liberty were taken; and about two hundred subscriptions for the Signs of the Times monthly and Life and Health; also twenty-five for the Watchman.

The work in Akron is progressing very well. The Lord is blessing our efforts. I am greatly encouraged when I see those of like precious faith taking hold of the work committed to our hands. May our heavenly Father give us all willing minds in the day of his power. I am persuaded that time and opportunily to work will soon be over. Let us to-day do with our might what our hands find to do.

Our church school is making good progress. Miss Presly, our church school teacher, is working hard to make the school a success. May the Lord add his blessing to the church school work, a branch of his own planting.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

New London

While holding a series of meetings in the East Creek school-house near New London, it was my privilege to meet with the Camden church on Sabbath, and to visit the schools conducted in the homes of Brethren Albert Gibson and Clarence Gibson.

This is a country church, and the members are too widely scattered to have all the children in one school; but these brethren, heeding the instruction of the servant of the Lord, have maintained the schools year after year; and God is adding his blessing.

The Camden church is also demonstrating that a live young people's society can be maintained in the country. This society has raised

Canvassers' Reports

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\$1.50 per member on the Mount Vernon College tank fund. It keeps five reading racks supplied with literature in stations of nearby tows; five young people have given their hearts to God this winter; and in addition to other lines of work carried on, plaus are being laid to hold temperance rallies in school-houses and churches, at which the forthcoming temperance Instructor will be offered for sale, and signers will be secured for the temperance pledge.

As the school-house meetings are being reported by Brother George Goodman, at whose request they were held, I will merely add that we have given away 5,000 pages of literature, and the people of the community have douated more than twice the expenses of the meetings. The members of the Camdeu church, living from six to fifteen miles away, have manifested their interest in the success of the meetings by attending as often as possible, even in zero weath-

er. A Sababth-school has been organized for the benefit of the families which have stepped out; and we hope to see it grow as we further follow up the work.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Springfield

Ou Sabbath, January 27, a very impressive baptismal service was held at the Springfield church. Elder Redfield took for the subject of his discourse and admonition to the candidates Paul's epistle to the Philippiaus, drawing from it the lesson of better service from the church. Five souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, four adults and one young lady. Others will soon follow their example.

We are glad to report that the coudition and growth of the church are very encouraging. Elder Redfield has done much for the church, in bringing it up to the standard of Christian unity. It is, at the present, in good working order.

MRS. E. J. MILLER.

Married

At five o'clock, on Monday evening, January 29, 1912, in the presence of a wide circle of near relatives and friends, at the newly furnished home of the bride and groom in West High Street, Springfield, O., Miss Nellie Rudolph and Professor George E. Snyder were united in the sacred bond of matrimony by Elder C. T. Redfield. Miss Rudolph has for several years been instructor in German in the public schools of Springfield, and has proved most efficient in her undertakings as a teacher. Mr. Snyder is prominent in musical circles of this and other cities, and for several years has been instructor in the Metropolitan School of Music of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have beeu active and devoted in their church work, and as they unite their interests for life they have the best wishes and prayers of the church and their many friends, that by the blessing of God their lives may continue to tell much for the advancement of the cause.

Elders E. K. Slade, H. M. Jump, and W. C. Moffett met with the Clyde church Sabbath and Sunday, February 10 and 11. At that time church officers for the year were elected, and Brother E. K. Walden was ordained Elder. On the following Monday Miss Bessie Gibson reopened the church school,

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which had been closed for a short time. We be peak a bright future for the church and the school.

Miss Tillie E. Barr secretary treasurer of the East Michigan Conference, is spending a few days at the Ohio Conference office, investigating our system of book-keeping.

Brother H. A. Weaver, religious liberty secretary of East Michigan, who has been spending a few months in presenting American State Papers to members of the House and Senate at Washington, spent a few hours with the president of the conference last week. He is to connect with Elder J. F. Olmsted for a time, to assist in connection with the Constitution Committee work at Columbus

Sabbath, February 17, was Mount Vernon College Day throughout the Columbia Union Conference, and we trust that it proved to be an enthusiastic day in the interests of the College. The amount that should be raised in Ohio is \$532.00. This will call for a liberal offering, and those who did not respond on that day can still make an offering as opportunity offers.

Elder J. F. Olmsted called at the office late Thursday afternoon with important work to be done in behalf of the pending issue in the adopting of a Sunday measure in the revised constitution of Ohio. The office force was busy until two o'clock Friday morning, but the work was completed and sent on the early mails. As this

matter reaches our people we trust that they will see the necessity of immediate action in regard to the situation.

Elder W. E. Bidwell, who, with Elder John Shultz, is holding a series of meetings at Empire, in the eastern part of the state, is just now suffering an attack of the mumps.

Elder J. J. Marietta met with the Locust Point church last Sabbath. He has just returned from visiting the church at Charloe.

The Canton young people's society distributed fifteen dollars' worth of tracts during the recent "Billy" Sunday revival in that city. Plans are being laid to secure a hall and hold a public effort to follow up the interest there created.

Sister C. A. Shryock of Creston, who was recently operated upon by Dr. V. L. Fisher at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium, is on the road to recovery. Brother Shryock was a guest at the Sanitarium for several days.

Tract Society Notes

"Sowing Beside All Waters" is the significant title of an eighty page leaflet just off the press. It is a compilation of very important testimonies regarding our work for this time. This leaflet should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, and especially of our workers and church officers. Secure a copy at once. Price five cents postpaid.

We still have a few copies of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1912. Send in your orders at once before they are all sold. Price five cents postpaid.

A rare opportunity.-We have a limited number of copies of the book entitled "Practical Lessons from the Experiences of Israel." This book contains 390 pages, and has the following bindings: Cloth plain, \$1.00; Cloth gilt, \$1.25; Half Morocco, \$2.00. While they last we will fill orders at the following rates postpaid: Cloth plain, 60 cents; Cloth gilt, 70 cents; Half Morocco, \$1.00. Do not delay, but send in your orders at once, as they will not last long at this price. Address all orders for books and pamphlets to the Ohio Tract Society, Box 187, Mount Vernon, O.

The 1912 temperance Instructor, "The Temperance Annual," dated March 5, is now ready for mailing. It eclipses any previous temperance number both in appearance and contents. The circulation of past temperance numbers of the Instructor has steadily increased as follows:—

1908 50,000 copies 1909 110,000 '' 1910 210,000 '' 1911 340,000 ''

Will it be reasonable to expect that the circulation of the 1912 number will reach a circulation of 500,000 copies?

OBITUARIES

PEMBER.—Linnie May, daughter of James and Mary Francis, was born May 31, 1881, in Bowling Green, O., and died Jan. 22, 1912, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Barackman, being 30, years, 7 months, and 21 days old. The deceased was married to C. S. Pember Dec. 3, 1903. To this union were born four children, three of whom, with her husband, parents, two sisters, and one brother, survive her. At the age of sixteen Sister Pember united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, where she has since found a church home, living a consistent Christian life. Services were conducted by the writer at Bowling Green and Pemberville.

J. J. MARIETTA.

FULTZ.-Jacob Fultz was born in Harding Co., O., July 26, 1834, and died at his late home west of Kenton, O., Feb. 1, 1912, aged 77 years, 6 months, 5 days. He had been afflicted with rheumatism for several years, and was unable to walk a step for over sixteen years before his death. His sufferings have been severe, but were borne most patiently. On March 24, 1859, he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Stover. To this union were born ten children. During the Civil War, Mr. Fultz enlisted in the 183rd O. V. I., and continued in the service of his country until the close of the war. In the year 1865 he was converted and became a member of the Christian church. About twenty-five years ago when privileged to hear the third angel's message preached he accepted it, remaining a firm believer in the message until death. There are left to mourn their loss a widow, five sons, three daughters, one brother, one sister, and many other relatives and friends. No pains was spared by the family to secure, in keeping with the father's request, a minister of his own faith to conduct the funeral services; and notwithstanding the extremely cold weather on the day of the funeral, the large Union Christian church, fifteen miles north of Kenton, was filled to its fullest seating capacity with the many relatives and friends gathered for the services, to whom words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13. C. T. REDFIELD.