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

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Important Notice

To All Who Expect to Attend the Columbia Union Conference

All who expect to attend the Columbia Union Conference are requested to send in their names at once to the West Pennsylvania Conference, 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. We desire to make of this Conference a good session for institute work. We have heard from Elder Daniells that he expects to be present throughout the whole session, and we are planning that he shall give us daily studies on the Ministry. Elder W. W. Prescott has consented, if his release can be secured, to occupy some time in Bible study relating to present day issues. We are hoping also to have daily studies by some experienced leader in Bible work and city work—these studies to be especially adapted for Bible workers. There will also be fitting instruction in public press work. In addition to this, of course there will be convention features along the lines of city work, religious liberty work, tent and camp-meeting work, book work, etc.

Kindly do not wait until the last minute to send in your name as an attendant at this institute. Look for other definite announcements later.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Among the Churches of Virginia

(Concluded)

The church at News Ferry is one of the active and earnest colored churches of the Virginia Conference. When Brother Hottel and I arrived at the depot, Monday, January 29, about four o'clock in the afternoon, Brother Ragsdale had provided for us his horse and buggy, while he himself went ahead on horseback,—a drive of something like four miles through the sleet and cold. The readers of this article must not think that we were riding on the train all day because I said we arrived at News Ferry at four

o'clock in the afternoon. Not at all. We simply spent the day at one of those junctions whose business is to delay travelers in order that they may spend money at some hotel near the depot. We were repaid, however, for the delays and inconveniences of the day by meeting with those earnest brethren who compose the church at News Ferry. They responded heartily to our appeals and seemed ready for every good word and work. We learned that there is in that neighborhood a great interest in the truth. Not only could a preacher come in and do a good work for the colored, but there is a very strong demand for some one to come in to preach to the white people, who, through the efforts of our brethren there, have become convinced that this denomination has something worth hearing to tell them.

That night we were entertained at the home of a storekeeper who has a general merchandise store and a large house, well situated, which is used sometimes for summer transients. After being entertained very kindly at that place, we left the next morning for the church at Danville.

Here, also, owing to the inclemency of the weather, our meeting was not very large; but it was very enthusiastic. Some outsiders were present, and an earnest turning to the message was noted upon the faces of all who were there. They very readily subscribed their quota of the M. E. F., and promised to do their work faithfully along this line in the future. This little church has recently passed through some trying circumstances. But evidences were presented to us which indicate that better days are now ahead; and we earnestly hope and pray that such may be the outcome.

From Danville we went to Lynchburg, where we found that the brethren had preceded us in their activities along the line of our mission. They had received our letter indicating what we wanted, and had proceeded to give us what we were asking for. So it was our duty on the occasion of our visit to these brethren to present faithfully the message. It brought

out much spiritual joy to note that two brothers especially, who had attended the Virginia camp-meeting last summer, and, as far as I remember, had given their hearts to God for the first time, had fully made up their minds now to keep the truth and observe the Sabbath. One was already making preparations to change his line of work so that his hands might be more free in this respect.

From Lynchburg we went to Buena Vista, one of our small companies. It gave us great pleasure to preach to these brethren the things of God. They listened to the message of the hour with earnest attention, and at the close of the meeting we had a little revival service. The Spirit of God was present and they all promised faithfully to do their duty along the line which we presented.

The next morning we left for the church at New Market, arriving there in time to meet with them Friday evening, preparatory to meeting with them Sabbath morning also. The brethren at New Market responded heartily to the presentation of the truth and many hands were raised in token of their deep desire to know God better, to love his message more, and to serve him with a larger part of their lives. The amount of the quota, and over was easily made up. We believe the brethren here desire to be faithful in all things pertaining to the kingdom.

Sunday morning we drove fourteen miles over the mountains in order to meet with the church at Stanley. This is probably the largest church in the conference. We arrived in time to have dinner with the brethren, and then prepared to deliver the message at half past two o'clock in the afternoon. There was a large audience present both of the brethren and of strangers. The Spirit of God came into the meeting in a marked measure and we had a season of earnest revival. We also took occasion to present the financial side of our mission, and then prepared for the evening meeting. If there was a large congregation in the afternoon, it was nothing compared with the numbers which came out at night. There were

probably three hundred in the audience, and the brethren told us that if we could only have stayed there a week they could add a few hundred more, as the people in that neighborhood are deeply convinced of the message and turn out in large numbers when any preacher comes into the vicinity to present the truth.

We should have liked to stay. We wish it had been possible; but the way is straight, the gate is narrow, and the workers are few. Nevertheless, God will not permit the waves of darkness to overwhelm his little church. We feel thankful for the love of the truth which we witnessed as we traveled among these little churches in Virginia. Certainly, brethren, this conference needs your prayers.

And now while we are receiving word that Virginia has decided not to wait any longer, but to send in her check as a conference, representing the amount of the cash demanded by our late call on the Missionary Educational Fund, may we not ask that the other conferences in the Union who are better favored will heartily respond also in building up this noble work. We believe our brethren and sisters will do it; we know that they are interested in it.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Scattering the Truth Among the Jews

We are sure that the people of God everywhere are interested in the Jewish people, and we are glad to tell the readers that the Jews are beginning to learn about Seventh-day Adventists. Wherever they come in contact with our people they are manifesting a real interest to learn what we believe.

We certainly have a message to give to the Jews, and really we are the only Bible Christians who have anything to give to the poor lost sheep of the house of Israel. While tens of thousands of Jews are losing the last vestige of hope, many of them are feeling that the Lord must have something to feed their hungry hearts. There is nothing for them, as they can see it, in the Bible; for they have no prophet to come and tell them when they might expect anything from the Lord. See Ps. 74: 9. Still many of them feel that the time must soon come when the Lord will have mercy upon them.

We believe that this time has come, and the way the Jewish people are feeling towards our people when they learn about us, shows that the Holy

Spirit is indeed at work to encourage the hearts of the Jews to believe that there is hope and help for them.

In order that this work for the Jews may go forward with greater rapidity and with harmony and unanimity, the General Conference Committee, at its council a year ago, made the Jewish work a part of the North American Foreign Department; so that now the General Conference has this work under its wings, as it has the work of other foreign peoples.

A further step has been taken to make this branch of the work more effective. The Publishing Department of the General Conference has recommended that the South Lancaster Printing Company, South Lancaster, Mass., shall print and publish the literature for the Jewish Department, and it shall supply all our publishing houses and their branches. The state tract societies may now order the Jewish literature through the regular channels, as they do the other foreign literature.

The South Lancaster Printing Company now owns all the plates and the tracts, and is prepared to supply the branch houses and the publishing houses with Jewish literature. We hope that all our tract societies will carry a stock of this literature, so that our people in the churches can have the opportunity of securing it through the regular channels, as they do our other literature.

We trust that our church librarians will see to it that the church is supplied with literature for the Jews, and and that hereafter part of the fourth Sabbath offering which is taken up for the local work shall be used in keeping a supply of Jewish literature on hand.

Please do not send for Jewish literature to any place outside of your own state tract society, as all orders for Jewish literature will be forwarded to the state tract society.

We earnestly hope and pray that our people will take hold of scattering the printed page among the Jews as never before. Good results will follow. The Lord has certainly blessed the seed sown thus far, and we feel certain that with the blessing of the Lord greater results will be attained.

Let all our churches now take note of this advanced step, and let the people do what they can to make this department of the work a strong one, that the Lord may add to our numbers from the Jewish people such as shall be saved.

F. C. GILBERT,

Secretary of the Jewish department.

"Adversity is the trial of principle."

The Army Book Fund

The Lord is surely blessing Brother B. N. Brown's plan to warn the United States army. Three thousand books are needed. Thus far 150 copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" have been sent out to warn the 20,000 men comprising 150 companies of infantry. May God bless all who have helped; and may he impress many more to do so.

Read the following brief portion of one of the letters received: "Co. H, 5th U. S. Infantry, Feb. 8, 1912. Dear Comrade: Your gift, 'Daniel and the Revelation,' has made me do some profound thinking; and it will find a welcome and conspicuous place in our Company library. I wish also to extend the thanks of the Company and to express my personal appreciation as a soldier of twenty-five years' experience, and shall in all probability write you again after having made a more thorough study of this splendid book. Thanking you for your high motive, I am, Sincerely yours,

"(Signed) Henry T. Hyde, First Sergeant, Co. H, 5th Infantry."

Write for Brother Brown's tract, "A Soldier's Appeal," which will be sent upon receipt of four cents in stamps. It is descriptive of military life, and presents a practical plan, approved by the General Conference, to warn the entire military service. Write to-day. It will interest you. If you desire to help, send all funds to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. Brother Brown requests that no funds be sent to him personally.

Inaccurate People Are Dishonest

It is not safe to trust people who are habitually inaccurate in their work. Even with the best intentions in the world, they become dishonest. Before they are aware of it, the habit of inaccuracy extends to their statements. They do not take pains to be thorough in anything they undertake, even in clearly expressing the truth.

These people never carry much weight in a community, however honest in principle they may be, because no reliance can be placed on their words or work. You can not depend upon what they tell you. If they are orators, they are discredited; if they are at the bar, the judges always take their statements *cum grano salis*; if in the pulpit, they do not win the respect of the congregation. In fact, whatever those people do, they are placed at a disadvantage because of their habit of inaccuracy.—Selected.

AT THE COLLEGE

A Missionary Visit

Dr. and Mrs. Harry W. Miller, who are on furlough from China, recently paid the College a visit, remaining ten days. We feel sure that this visit will long be remembered by the student body, and that its influence will no doubt eventually lead some of our young men and women to engage in work in the needy field which Dr. and Mrs. Miller represent.

Dr. Miller occupied an hour at chapel time each day, setting before the students the conditions to be met upon entering the great Chinese field. These conditions are varied, since the country is two thirds as large as the United States, and part of it lies in the torrid, part in the temperate, and part in the frigid zone. China has a population of 450,000,000, with numerous dialects, which makes it quite impossible for one engaging in work there to go from one province to another. This explains why it is so important that missionaries going to these fields should possess good health.

As yet we have made but a beginning in China. Whole provinces remain untouched; one with a population of 89,000,000 has never been entered. But while it is true that our work is now in its infancy, yet it is gratifying to know that we have a printing press that is turning out monthly 38,000 copies of our Chinese paper, the *Signs of the Times*, which has a circulation about three times as large as that of the *Review and Herald*. It is imperative that young men go to this field to look after our periodical and book work, which offers at the present time a wide field of usefulness. Some of the young men in the College who have been engaged in the book work contemplate going to China to engage in this work as soon as they complete their courses of study.

Another great need of the Chinese field is that of educational workers. In each province, as soon as it is entered, it will be necessary to open a school, in order that our young people may not be corrupted with the teachings of the Buddhist priests. Then it will be necessary to establish a central training school for workers, for which \$10,000 has already been provided by the General Conference. It is designed that this school shall occupy the same place in China that Mount Vernon College occupies in

the Columbia Union. Several of our young people are definitely planning to engage in educational work in China.

On the last day of his visit Dr. Miller made a call for those young people who were ready to volunteer for service in China to meet him in the Bible room. More than twenty young men and women responded, many of whom, we confidently believe, will soon be representing our school in that field. Mount Vernon already has five representatives in China.

Not only were the doctor's missionary talks enjoyed, but his very practical health talks to both the young men and the young women were appreciated by all.

Mrs. Miller gave a very interesting talk to the young ladies one evening during her stay, and spoke again to the young people's society on the customs and manners of the people.

Although Dr. and Mrs. Miller are gone, the strong missionary spirit which remains indicates with what interest their work was received; and we believe that eternity alone will reveal its fruits in the salvation of many from the "Celestial Empire."

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

The last term of the school year opens to-day. New classes have been formed in Bible ancestry, spirit of prophecy, S. D. A. missions, physical geography, and civics.

Miss Nettie Dugan of Columbus, O., visited her friend, Miss Floy Humphrey, at the College last week.

Miss Beatrice Browning of Otto, Ind., visited friends at the College recently.

Mr. Harry White spent a recent Sabbath with his mother at Emmanuel Missionary College on his way to Union College, Nebraska.

Miss Myrtle Amick, who has been nursing in Columbus during the winter, went to her home in Florida a short time ago.

Mrs. E. A. Corder and her daughter, Miss Florence Corder, of Coshocton, O., visited Messrs. Ray and Guy Corder at the College last week, remaining for the cantata.

Miss Nina John went to Chicago recently. Dr. John has opened treatment rooms in that city, and Miss John will spend some time nursing there.

Miss Ethel Benson spent last week with her sister and friends near the College.

The sacred cantata, "The Nazarene," was rendered by the College Choral Society in the chapel Monday evening, February 19. Credit is due the director, Professor C. E. Welch, for the admirable conduct of the performance.

Last Wednesday morning Brother H. F. Kirk, field canvassing agent for the Ohio Conference, visited the College chapel and spoke to the students upon the importance of the canvassing work. Arrangements are being made for the student canvassers' institute, and Brother Kirk hopes to see a large class prepare to enter the Ohio field at the close of the school year.

Our school was made sad on Tuesday, February 20, by news of the death of Esta L. Miller, one of Mount Vernon's latest recruits to the mission field of China. Mr. Miller died of appendicitis at Shanghai, February 19. Further news is anxiously awaited.

Only two years ago Mr. Miller was a student at the College, as was also his bereaved companion, then Miss Laura L. Atwell. Previous to his last year at the College Mr. Miller had spent two years in China, and had gained a knowledge of the language and an earnest devotion to the work in that field. From a human standpoint it would seem that he was just in readiness to do a noble work when he was called to lay down his life; but though God's providences seem dark to us at such times, we must still trust him to work out all things for good to them that love him.

One comforting thought comes to us in this hour of sadness, the recollection of the good work done by Mr. Miller since his return to China a year and a half ago. Already as a result of his efforts a number in that heathen land had accepted Christ as their Saviour and soon-coming Redeemer. Besides the good reports which came from his field, his own letters breathed an ever increasing desire to further the gospel of Christ and hasten his coming; and we feel assured that our comrade has laid down his life only to take it up again when the work is finished.

To Mrs. Miller, who is called upon to bear this great sorrow in a strange land, and to the parents and relatives of Mr. Miller, we wish in behalf of the school body to express our sincere sympathy in this hour of deep trial.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Church Schools

Do we as a people have the interest in the education of our children that we should have? If we will take a little time to become acquainted with the public school work as it is to-day we shall find that the influences thrown around our children are not what we should desire.

When we consider the fact that the Lord has spoken to this people saying plainly that the time has come for us to take our children out of the public schools and provide for them a Christian education, why is it that we see hundreds of Adventist children in the public schools? I read from the pen of Sister White:—

"In all our churches and wherever there is a company of believers, church schools should be established." Again, "There should be schools established wherever there is a church or company of believers. Teachers should be employed to educate the children of Sabbath-keepers." If we really believe that God has blessed us with the gift of prophecy in the church, then we must admit that it is our duty as a people to follow the instruction given us as a people through that gift.

We are hastening on to the time of trouble, when we cannot do what it is our privilege to do now in times of peace. We read in Testimony number 31, page 152: "All schools among us will soon be closed up." This being true, how earnest we should be in the work the Lord has said should be done while we may work peaceably and not be hindered by the law of the land.

Fathers and mothers, who will be responsible if a child is lost because of your neglect to heed the voice of God and give that child a Christian education? It might have been done had you but made a little sacrifice of worldly goods. If it becomes necessary for some of us to sell our property in one place and purchase elsewhere in order to be near a school where our children can be educated in the truth, shall we hesitate to make the move? Has not God said, "Take your children out of the public school"? He has! Will the Lord tell his people to do a thing that is not necessary for their good? Certainly not! If we then fail to do all that it is possible for us to do in the work of God, can we expect that degree of blessing that perfect obedience is sure to bring?

While it is our duty to support our colleges and academies, it seems to the writer that the church school work should receive much more attention in some of our conferences than has yet been given to that important line of work. Schools already started should be encouraged, and many more such schools should be established. May the Lord cause his people to awake to their duty.

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa., R. F. D. No. 5.

Smicksburg

I began a series of meetings in a hall in Smicksburg the night of February 1, and have had services every night since. At first the attendance was very small, but it has increased until now we have from forty to one hundred present. Some of these come regularly and seem interested in what they hear. We have not yet reached the Sabbath question. How that will affect the interest we cannot tell.

This is a small village not on the railroad. It has a population of about three hundred, and has three churches; so all things considered, our audiences are good. Brother and Sister Dickey, who live here, accepted the truth largely through reading our literature three years ago; but until now no effort of a public character has been made to reach the people of this place with the message.

The weather has been very cold, and yet the people come to the meetings, some driving a number of miles. Brethren, pray for the work at this place.

J. W. WATT.

The Allegheny church and the Pittsburgh No. 2 church were visited last Sabbath by Elder B. F. Kneeland. Enthusiastic meetings in behalf of Mount Vernon College were held in both places.

Miss Sophia Gooss, of New York City, has arrived in Pittsburgh, and has begun Bible work among the Germans in connection with Elder J. P. Gaede. We hope that this addition to our force of workers will greatly strengthen our German work in this city.

Elder C. Meleen, our Swedish worker, tells us of a good interest that seems to be developing among the Swedes at McKeesport. There is a large population of that nationality in that part of the state, and we trust that the Lord will greatly bless

the effort that is being made at the present time to bring the truth to them.

Our field missionary agent, Brother V. O. Panches, has been spending a few days in the northern part of the state, helping some of the new canvassing recruits to get started. The Lord is greatly blessing our faithful canvassers.

Miss J. A. Lauter, one of the Bible workers of the Northern Illinois Conference, is visiting relatives in Pittsburgh.

Elder J. W. Watt sends in encouraging reports from the effort he is making at Smicksburg. At first the attendance was very small, but as the meetings progressed the prejudice seemed to break away, and now the hall is well filled. We pray that a good harvest of souls may be the result of these meetings.

The fact that several Catholics have embraced the truth in this conference recently, and that there are a number of others who are studying our message very earnestly, makes us rejoice that we have a message that, when rightly presented, does not drive the Catholics, or anyone else who is searching for truth, away from us, but wins their hearts.

When the matter of raising the amount due on the Missionary Educational Fund was presented to our colored church in Pittsburgh, the audience immediately responded by placing in the basket in cash the entire amount of twenty-five cents for the full membership of the church for the last quarter of 1911. This action of one of our poorest churches should inspire all to do their share in relieving the financial needs of the Union Conference training school at Mount Vernon.

Now is the time to scatter our message-filled publications everywhere "like the leaves of autumn." The *Protestant Magazine* and *Liberty* should be in the hands of every American citizen, sounding in his ears the warning against the inroads being made at present upon the liberties of the people by those who are forming a great ecclesiastical "trust" which will tyrannize over the souls of men. The *Watchman* and the *Signs of the Times* monthly for March

are splendid, while the special temperance *Instructor*, which is just out, deserves widespread circulation. Send in to our office for a good supply of these magazines, and let the Lord have a little of your time and talents in work along this line. We will never realize, till it is too late, the tremendous value of the opportunities that we are allowing to slip away unimproved. Work and watch, for the time is short.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

Sabbath, February 10, the members of the First African Seventh-day Adventist church celebrated the first anniversary of its organization by rendering an appropriate program. Elder T. H. Branch gave a history of the organization and growth of the church, showing that thirteen new members had been added to the church in the twelve months past. Those with whom the third angel's message had been prayerfully and carefully studied, but who, when brought face to face with the Sabbath, rejected it and chose to walk on in darkness, numbered sixty-nine. The work of the church is in good condition. The outlook is only encouraging.

The report of the treasurer, given by the state treasurer, Elder S. D. Hartwell, showed a tithe paying church, and that the ten cents a week for missions was by the church paid in full to date. These two reports certainly were a source of great encouragement, and each member felt inspired to strive to do more in this year for the spread of the message to the world, and for the upbuilding of the church.

Scripture recitations, and other quotations followed, with some excellent papers by members of the Sabbath-school, and hymns and solos befitting the occasion. Much credit is due to those who took part in these exercises, all having been done to the glory of the Lord, who "has done great things for us."

HERIETTA BRANCH.

By the time this paper reaches its readers the Canvassers' Institute at Reading will be in progress. All indications point to a very successful session.

Revival services are being conducted in the Northumberland church by Elder C. S. Wiest, pastor of the North Philadelphia church. The pulpit of the latter church, in the ab-

sence of Elder Wiest, is being acceptably filled by Brother Frederick A. Harter.

Brother F. Willruth, one of our canvassers, reports for twenty-five hours' work orders for books to the amount of \$29.85, and deliveries to the amount of \$19.70.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Stroudsburg church last Sabbath on their quarterly occasion, and with the Lebanon church the week before. At both churches there was a good attendance and splendid services.

Brother E. J. Kesselmeyer, one of our canvassers, reports \$35 worth of books sold in twenty-six hours. In three weeks his sales amounted to \$197. Surely the Lord has blessed the efforts of Brother Kesselmeyer the past few weeks.

Brother John T. Jones of the Wilkes Barre church paid the conference office a pleasant visit during the week, on his return from New Jersey, where he had been visiting.

Elder K. C. Russell visited the First Philadelphia church last Sunday evening, taking for his subject "Peace." The church was well filled with an interested audience.

Miss Jessie M. Weiss, our Bible worker in Wilkes Barre, is in Philadelphia for a few days and expects to return to her home the latter part of the week.

Brother B. M. Heald, of the Chambersburg company, informs us that a Sabbath-school with a membership of twenty was organized there recently.

Brother C. S. Baum, now located at Scranton, visited the Carbondale company last Sabbath and Sunday. In spite of the severe weather, all our brethren and sisters there were in attendance, and splendid meetings were enjoyed.

A letter received from Brother J. T. McAllister, now canvassing in Shamokin, states he is of good courage and is having some very precious experiences. One lady whom he canvassed for "Thoughts on Daniel" said she did not want any book. Finally, in the course of conversation, she asked him what a certain passage

of scripture meant. He explained it to the best of his ability, and as a result she gave him an order for the book. Brother McAllister, as the result of about four weeks' work, reports \$193 worth of orders. This is Brother McAllister's first experience in the canvassing field, and we believe his success is an indication that the Lord has called him to this line of work. He is of excellent courage.

CHESAPEAKE

An interesting program in behalf of Mount Vernon College was held in the churches of the conference Sabbath, February 17. We trust this will result in much good for the College, and that a number of students may aim for the College for next year, that they may fit themselves to enter the work of the Lord.

Elder S. B. Horton met with the Baltimore church, Sabbath, February 24, Religious Liberty day.

The conference committee met in the conference office on the 21st inst. Many important questions were considered.

Elder C. B. Haynes returned to Baltimore from his tour in behalf of the press work for the General Conference, and is now preparing to go to the South, where he will take up evangelistic work. He will labor in the Southeastern Union Conference.

Elder I. G. Bigelow and Brother Hankins, who have been visiting some of the churches in the interest of the canvassing work, report good interest in the churches they have visited. The people seem to have a mind to work. We are glad to see so much interest in the canvassing work.

One of our faithful canvassers, in sending his report for last week, writes as follows: "I stopped at a farmhouse, and met two men, to whom I showed my book, 'Great Controversy'; after I had given my canvass one of them said, 'Is not that an anti-Catholic book?' I replied, 'It is to some extent.' Then he asked if it were not published by the Seventh-day Adventists. I told him it was. He then began telling the man of the house what the Adventists teach. Among other things, he said they taught that Christ was to come in 1880. I told him they had never taught any such thing, and it could not be proved that they had.

He began then to find fault with them for keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. We discussed the question for some time.

"The man of the house listened very attentively, and finally turned to me and said, 'You may bring me one of those books. I want to know both sides of the question,' and pulling out his purse, he handed me the price for one in the cloth binding, saying, 'I know whom I can trust.'" Brother J. E. Jones, for this is the canvasser, continues by saying, "Praise the Lord for victory! And now let me tell you a little secret. Before going into the house I knelt down behind an old fallen tree, just opposite the farmer's gate, in the woods, and had a pleasant season with the Lord, and he wonderfully blessed me. I have often knelt in the snow this winter to pray, for I have learned that it pays to pray often."

Others are having just such experiences, and it simply shows that the Lord is in the work, and would have his people scattering the printed page, that those in the byways and hedges may be warned. Who will join the ranks of this faithful army?

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

WEST VIRGINIA

From and after the first day of March, 1912, the West Virginia Tract Society will be known and should be addressed as the "Seventh-day Adventist Book Society." On the first day of March it will assume its new name, and all persons having business with the West Virginia Tract Society will please use the new name.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the West Virginia Tract Society will please make it convenient to balance their accounts, on or before the first day of March, or as soon after that date as possible, as it will be necessary to open new accounts. Please bear in mind the new address: SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST BOOK SOCIETY, Lock Box 353, Fairmont, W. Va.

Elder Robbins opened a series of meetings at Parkersburg, Friday evening, February 23. Brother T. W. Thirlwell assisting him. The meetings will continue for one week or more.

On March 8 Elder Robbins will begin a series of meetings at Grafton. Further particulars will be given later.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending February 9, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. Kesselmeier, Schuylkill Co.	DR	10	70	40	134 00	14 50	148 50		
J. McAllister, Schuylkill Co.	DR	10	70	31	106 00	4 25	110 25		
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster	OK	10	42	20	32 50	9 00	41 50		
S. F. Zenger, Franklin Co.	OK	4		3	4 50	1 50	6 00		39 75
F. Willruth, Lackawanna	OK	10	57	48	74 00	14 80	88 80		32 40
F. Barto, Lancaster Co.	OK	4	24	7	10 50	3 00	13 50		
Totals			48	263	149	\$361 50	\$47 05	\$408 55	\$72 15

New Jersey, Week Ending February 9, 1912

R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	34	33	60 50		60 50		
J. S. Glunt, Glassboro	BR	5	34	18	42 00	8 60	50 60		7 60
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	27	115	28 75		28 75		21 25
*J. Rambo, Millville	OK	4	23	20	30 50	6 00	36 50		2 50
R. Clark, Gloucester	OK	3	20	16	27 50	6 00	33 50		1 50
*J. Rambo	OK	4	23	22	35 00	5 85	40 85		25
Totals			26	161	224	\$224 25	\$26 45	\$260 70	\$33 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 16, 1912

T. O. Saxton, Indiana	PPF	5	35	28	47 10	6 35	53 45		3 50
J. McIntyre, Indiana	BR	5	34	13	39 00	4 05	43 05		4 05
A. Brownlee, Washington	OK	5	37	14	37 03		37 03		10 48
G. Medairy, Homestead	PG	5	28	7	22 00	40	22 40		40
J. Konigsmacher, Homestead	PG	5	28	5	13 00	60	13 60		60
Wm. Burtnett, Beaver	GC	4	31	8	28 00	2 95	30 95		10 75
G. W. House, Coudersport	PPF	3	20		9 50	10 75	20 25		
Eva Jenks, Johnsonburg	OK	2	11	7	10 50	4 70	15 20		1 00
I. Lawrence, Pleasantville	DR	1	8	1	3 00	2 00	5 00		2 00
C. Dunham, Homestead	PG	3	11	1	3 00	50	3 50		10 50
Totals			38	243	84	\$212 13	\$32 30	\$244 43	\$40 28

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 17, 1912

Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	OK	4	14	6	10 50	2 60	13 10		
E. Kesselmeier, Gowen City	DR	3	26	11	33 00	2 50	35 50		
J. T. McAllister, Cameron	DR	5	41	15	50 00	5 25	55 25		
F. Willruth, Scranton	OK	5	25	13	20 00	9 85	29 85		19 70
Totals			17	106	45	\$113 50	\$20 20	\$133 70	\$19 70

West Virginia, Week Ending February 16, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	36	28	42 00	2 20	44 20		3 15
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	5	41	16	41 00	18 75	59 75		7 00
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.	DR	4	32	6	17 00		17 00		14 00
Totals			14	109	50	\$100 00	\$20 95	\$120 95	\$24 15

Ohio, Week Ending February 9, 1911

John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	24	5	15 00	9 75	24 75		4 75
L. H. Waters, Defiance Co.	BF	4	30	22	24 00	75	24 75		75
*B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	8	33	9	30 00		30 00		22 00
*M. James, Lawrence Co.	OK	8	34	14	17 50	6 75	24 25		
Totals			24	121	50	\$86 50	\$17 25	\$103 75	\$27 50

Virginia, Week Ending February 9, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC		4						7 50
S. N. Brown, Appalachia	BR		29	12	45 00	7 50	52 50		12 00
F. W. Hall, Appalachia	OK		13	23	37 50	2 50	35 00		50
B. Hamm, Leabells	GC		10	1	3 00	50	3 50		50
Totals				56	36	\$83 00	\$10 50	\$93 50	\$20 50

Ohio, Week Ending February 16, 1912

L. H. Waters, Defiance Co.	BF	5	34	25	28 50	50	29 00	50
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	5	28	4	12 50	8 00	20 50	6 50
Elsie Lowe, Cuyahoga Co.	CK	1	2	4	6 50		6 50	
C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.	CK	1	6					41 50
Totals		12	71	33	\$47 50	\$8 50	\$56 00	48 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 16, 1912

J. Jones, Trappe, Md.	GC	5	35	12	37 00	13 75	50 75	3 75
D. Percy, Queen Anne Co., Md.	BF	4	24		23 50		23 50	4 00
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	30	11	11 00	50	11 50	6 25
J. Sheirich, Baltimore, Md.	BF	4	24	6	6 00	3 50	9 50	25
H. Cephas, Wilmington, Del.	PPF	3	12	13	19 60		19 60	
Totals		20	125	42	\$97 10	\$17 75	\$114 85	\$14 25

*Two weeks

†Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1536.43

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Magazine Reports

Chesapeake: Ordered January 1 to February 16, 1912

	Signs	Watchman	L. & H.	Liberty
Alma Hobensee, Rossville, Md.	675	325	400	200
C. B. Tracy, Baltimore, Md.		325		
Mrs. R. H. Martin, Wilmington, Del.		100		
Mrs. F. H. Seeney, Wilmington, Del.		50		
Mrs. E. A. Huet, Rossville, Md.		50		
Mrs. R. A. Murphy, Lonaconing, Md.			75	
Mrs. Mary Mosley, Cheswold, Del.			100	
I. M. Mull			9	
Totals	675	850	584	200

OHIO

Springfield

Jesus has been precious near to us in our effort to study the Testimonies this winter. For many weeks our pastor, Elder C. T. Redfield, has conducted on Sabbath afternoon a class in the spirit of prophecy, which has proved a great blessing to the church. His efforts show much study and careful thought. Readings are selected from the different volumes upon the subjects under consideration. Much has been said concerning our preparation for the time of the end, our daily walk, and the laying aside of the things which so easily beset us. Many have caught the spirit of the readings, and have reconsecrated themselves to the Lord. We believe that when God's own people seek a closer walk with him, it is then that he can work for us and through us to bring others into the fold.

Our pastor has conducted Sunday night meetings since November, presenting the doctrinal points of our faith. He expressed himself as pleased with the interest manifested by our own people, as well as by the

continued attendance of the outsiders. On Sabbath, January 27, five adults were baptized. Our prayers are with those who are putting forth every effort for the advancement of this great cause.

MRS. HOMER LE FEVRE,
Church Clerk.

Killbuck

Sabbath, February 17, being Mount Vernon College day, was a good day for the Killbuck church. A program suitable to the occasion had been prepared. Brother Kaser, our local elder, gave a stirring twenty minute talk on the value of Christian education, setting forth in a very convincing manner that we cannot please God without getting as much of it as we can for ourselves and doing all in our power to help others to get it.

This was followed by readings from the book "Education" by Sister White and the reading of several articles from the College number of the VISITOR by Brother A. Kline and his daughter Rosa. As we listened to the timely admonition from the tried servant of God, and to the strong pleadings in behalf of the College, by our dear brethren in responsible positions in this Union, our hearts were

indeed stirred to do more for the school in the future than ever before.

After the readings the writer presented the question of our denominational organization, showing that the educational work forms a very important part of it; and that to be a true Seventh-day Adventist means to be loyal to our educational work; that Mount Vernon College, being even more than the training school for the Columbia Union Conference, having been especially spoken of by the Lord as a school that is to be in Ohio to give character to the work, demands and should have our loyal support.

The fact the College forms a part of the great organization, and that we as lay members, instruments in God's hands, were used by him to mould and make said organization, shows that under God it belongs to us. We must not call Mount Vernon College *their* College; for it is *our* College, and our faculty, and our boys and girls that are there getting a preparation for the work that lies closer to our hearts than anything else on the earth. So last but not least, is the problem of finance. The financing of the institution is our problem, and the debt that hangs over the school, and is wearing the lives out of some of our dear brethren, is our debt.

After all these things had been duly considered, we saw the subject in a new light; and by the help of the Lord we hope from this time on to do our duty to Mount Vernon College.

G. C. QUILLIN.

Elders Slade and Moffett visited the Newark church last Sabbath.

A religious liberty convention was held at Columbus last Sabbath and Sunday. Look for report later.

During the past week Dr. W. J. Venen has been visiting isolated Sabbath-keepers in Ashtabula County. He reports interesting talks with many, and several subscriptions for the *Review and Herald* obtained.

No preventing providence, Elder E. K. Slade will meet with the Hamilton church Sabbath, March 2, and with the Cincinnati church Sunday, March 3.

Brother H. F. Kirk, the new field secretary, spent two days at the conference office and the College, in the interests of the canvassing work. There is no better territory than some of the unworked counties and townships of Ohio.

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Bowling Green.....	65 08
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Canton.....	6 94
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Chillicothe.....	1 00
Cincinnati.....	235 69
Cleveland.....	60 48
Cleveland German.....
Clyde.....	58 00
Columbus.....
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*Conant.....	32 75
Conneaut.....	10 42
Corsica.....	15 00
Coshocton.....	36 26
Cygnat.....
Dayton.....	118 79
Defiance.....	2 00
Delaware.....	22 88
Delta.....	49 82
Derwent.....
Dowling.....	5 00
Dunkirk.....
East Liverpool.....	14 14
Elgin.....	8 38
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Greenspring.....
*Gilboa.....
Hamler.....	82 86
Hamilton.....	54 61
Hicksville.....
*Jackson.....	21 38
Jefferson.....
Killbuck.....
LaGrange.....
Lake View.....	34 53

Laura.....
Leesburg.....	95 88
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Locust Point.....
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Mendon.....
Middlefield.....
Mount Vernon.....	203 07
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Ohio City.....	13 50
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Piqua.....
Pleasant Hill.....	4 59
Powell.....
Ravenna.....	31 35
*Reedsville.....
Rows.....	1 84
Sherwood.....	25 00
Spencer.....
Springfield.....	100 50
Toledo.....	13 85
Troy.....	25 78
Van Wert.....	5 00
Walnut Grove.....	36 18
Washington C. H.....
Waterford.....
*West Mansfield.....
Wheelersburg.....	162 96
Wilmington.....	22 02
Youngstown.....	22 12
Zanesville.....
Individuals.....	60 16
TOTAL.....	\$2,111 10

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe.....	\$2,111 10
Tract Society.....	957 96
Sabbath-school Donations.....	391 17
First Day Offerings.....	42 72
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\$300,000 Fund.....	188 80
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TOTAL.....\$4,055 65

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

VIRGINIA

Special to the Visitor by Wire

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24, 1912.

Religious liberty day was a remarkable one for the Richmond church. Following the regular program a call for donations resulted in a collection of \$141.00. A revival is now in progress.

W. J. STONE.

Special Notice

Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the Sabbath-school Memory Verse Cards, heretofore furnished by Miss Edith Cummings, College View, Nebraska, to be supplied by the *Sabbath School Worker* at the same price; namely, seven cents per set of thirteen cards.

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"The man who never made a mistake never made anything else."

OBITUARIES

STEVENS.—Hiram Benton Stevens was born near the village of Blooming Grove, Morrow County, O., Dec. 3, 1839, and died Jan. 23, 1912. With the exception of one year he has always resided within sight of his birthplace. Jan. 17, 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Custer. To this union were born five children, four daughters and one son. The second daughter, Anna B. Stevens, a Bible worker in Cleveland and Columbus, O., was laid to rest Aug. 6, 1893. We mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father, but sorrow not without hope. The funeral service, attended by many friends and relatives, was conducted by Elder W. W. Miller.

MRS. M. J. STEVENS,
 NELLIE M. STEVENS, M.D.