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### The Blessings of Liberty

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

It is needless to discuss at any length the love of liberty that fills the patriotic breast of every loyal American citizen. In the great struggle for independence our fathers fought and bled and died that their posterity might long enjoy the fruits of their achievement, that their children might have equality and equity as well as the smiles of heaven to cheer them on in this republic for the free.

Preceding the birth of the republic some little religious persecution arose among those who sought a home free from tyranny and intolerance. While the Puritans viewed spiritual scenes with strict and rigid eyes, they seemed to forget the pangs and pain of former suffering, and enacted religious laws. Soon the flame of persecution swept the colony, until it was absolutely unsafe for other sects to dissent from established views.

Roger Williams, one of the most conscientious, God-fearing men of the colony, was driven into exile and compelled to wander in the woods until the untutored and savage Indian gave him shelter from the cold and cheerless winter—because he dared to differ from those of the Puritan faith! The Quakers were also persecuted, exiled, and killed, simply because they did not conform on all points of faith in their devotions to the eternal God who sees and loves us all. There was trouble and persecution in several of the colonies on account of rigid, exacting laws intended to bolster the tenets of the estab-

lished church. But when the smoke of the Revolution had cleared away the founders of the republic saw the injustice of past efforts to make men religious against their will, and after much discussion and careful consideration they left to their posterity the greatest blessing of all blessings within their power to give—Religious Liberty.

George Washington, the father of American liberty and real independence, gave utterance to the following remarks to the United Baptist churches of Virginia, August 8, 1789: "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the constitution framed by the convention where I had the honor to preside might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it; and if I could now conceive that the general government might ever be so administered as to render the liberty of conscience insecure, I beg you will be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny and every species of religious persecution. For, you doubtless remember, I have often expressed my sentiments that any man, conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his conscience."

A quotation from the Supreme Court of Ohio might not be out of place; it shows that men of every creed ought to be allowed to worship, unmolested and without interference from any, regardless of differences which may exist among religious bodies. The Supreme Court handed down the following decision December, 1872: "Board of Education of the City of Cincinnati v John D. Minor et al. True Christianity asks no aid from the sword of civil authority. It began without the sword, and wherever it has taken the sword, it has perished by the sword. To depend on civil authority for its enforcement is to acknowledge its own weakness, which it can never afford to do. It is

able to fight its own battles. Its weapons are moral and spiritual, and not carnal. Armed with these, and these alone, it is not afraid nor ashamed to be compared with other religions, and to withstand them single-handed. And the very reason why it is not so afraid or ashamed is that it is not the power of *man*, but the power of God, on which it depends. True Christianity never shields itself behind majorities. Nero, and the other persecuting Roman emperors, were amply supported by majorities; and yet the pure and peaceable religion of Christ in the end triumphed over them all; and it was only when it attempted, itself, to enforce religion by the arm of authority, that it began to wane. A form of religion that can not live under equal and impartial laws ought to die, and sooner or later must die.

"*Legal Christianity* is a solecism, a contradiction of terms. When Christianity asks the aid of government beyond mere *impartial protection*, it denies itself. Its laws are divine, not human. Its essential interests lie beyond the reach and range of human governments. United with government, religion never rises above the merest despotism; and all history shows us that the more widely and completely they are separated the better it is for both."

In closing I wish to quote words of wisdom and divine truth from the great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, who, prompted by feelings of deep devotion and sacred justice, foresaw the curse of religious bigotry and cruel intolerance which would certainly exist in the nation should the religious feature of man's freedom be obliterated. In warning tones he truthfully exclaims: "What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea-coasts, our army and our navy. These are not our reliance against tyranny. All these may be turned against us without making us weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the LOVE OF LIBERTY which God has planted in us. Our defence is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heri-

\*Address delivered in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium, Sunday, February 25, by Elder J. F. Olmsted, religious liberty secretary of the Ohio Conference.

tage of all men, in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seed of despotism at your own doors. Familiarize yourself with the chains of bondage, and you prepare your own limbs to wear them. Accustomed to tramp upon the rights of others, you have lost the genius of your own independence and become fit subjects of the first cunning tyrant who rises among you."

"Then in the face of these facts, let us live and let live, each conducting himself in harmony with loyalty and good citizenship, respecting law and order in the state and nation, and helping to advance the principles of good government, filled with justice and mercy, lifting the load from the weary and making the path of our neighbor brighter and better, so that when life's battles are over, we may lay our burdens down, feeling that we have played our part, and have, perhaps, been the means of bringing smiles instead of sorrow, and joy instead of grief, while climbing the rugged foot-hills of anticipation, which for a time veil the future where peace and love shall ever reign.

### Self Subjection

I somewhere read an interesting incident concerning Sir Thomas Thornhill, who painted the inside of the cupola of St. Paul's Church in London. The scaffolding was at a dizzy height from the hard stone floor beneath, but the artist kept at his work with majestic ease and calmness. The great ideal which filled his soul gave poise to his bodily movements, and all was well as long as his whole life and thought were gathering form in light and color within the dome of the cathedral.

When the painting was about completed, its great designer was filled with pride and satisfaction as he stepped backward along the narrow scaffolding to get a better perspective of his masterpiece. In another moment he would have stepped beyond his support and been crushed upon the pavement below; but a spectator, seeing the imminent peril, quickly seized a brush and dashed it against the painting. The artist sprang forward to protect his work, and was saved from destruction.

There is much which can be gathered from this incident from a psychological point of view. Our lives are never filled with so much tranquil majesty as when we are wholly drawn without ourselves in pursuit of a great ideal. When the artist's thoughts became self-centered

—pride in his accomplishment—danger was near. The spectator's presence of mind saved the artist's life. If he had been terrified and shouted danger, Mr. Thornhill would have doubtless been confused in the realization of his peril—a self thought—and dashed upon the floor below. Exactly the opposite course was pursued. Instead of his thoughts being directed to self and its safety, they were awakened to the preservation of a great ideal, before which self was completely submerged. A self-conscious mind does nothing easily or effectively.

Effective lifting power comes through leverage. The lever is valueless without a fulcrum, and the fulcrum must be placed upon a point outside of the object to be lifted. A philosopher once said that he could lift the world if he could only get a place outside somewhere to place his fulcrum. How much like our lives. We must let go of our bootstraps and reach for something beyond us, if we would rise. How much we need lifting power—leverage—in our lives! Let us then place the fulcrum away beyond ourselves, and every little effort of ours will weigh heavily upon the power end of the lever.

Self is wholly submerged in the most beautiful and noble lives, and the charm of their personality is traceable to some great enthusiasm or ideal which has captivated every power of thought, emotion, and will, and self-forgetfulness has peacefully reigned.

J. W. FIELD.

### AT THE COLLEGE

#### The College Sabbath-School

At the close of the second term of the College Sabbath-school, it is very gratifying to stop and compare its record with that of the preceding quarter, or even with all preceding records. The interest during the entire quarter has been exceptionally good. An increase both in donations and in attendance is evidence of the spiritual growth of the school, and of its continued interest in foreign fields.

This interest has become a very personal one. At the beginning of the term it was voted, at the suggestion of the superintendent, Elder Shultz, that we endeavor to raise enough money to send a missionary to a foreign field. To make the matter more practical and interesting it was voted to send one of our own prospective missionaries on an imaginary journey to his chosen field. A

young man who is now here in training for mission work in the great Chinese field was delegated as our representative. Thus during the whole term our ambition to give sufficient means to take him now in his imaginary trip across the great Pacific has acted as a stimulus to liberal giving; and we are glad to know that we have been quite successful in the endeavor. Our contributions amounted to \$125.90, an increase of \$18.95 over last term's donation. This is the largest quarterly donation ever given by the Mount Vernon College Sabbath-school. The largest donation given on one Sabbath was \$29.23; and the largest class donation of the term was \$16.53, given by Miss Hart's class. Professor Pulver's class ranks but slightly below, having given \$16.35.

The attendance during the past term has been very good and doubtless would have been much better but for absences occasioned by the two weeks midwinter vacation. The banner classes in attendance were Professor Anderson's and Miss Pettitt's. Below is given a list of the members who were present every Sabbath of the term: Madge Miller, Linnie Baumgartner, Homer Baumgartner, Sevelon Rockwell, F. S. Coolen, Adam Hill, Professor Pulver, Josephine Smith, Charles Perrine, Edward Sterner, Ruth Panches, Alice Miller, Fidelia Panches, Guy Jacques, William Padmore, Jennie Bidwell, Mrs. King, Ruth Cassell, Mr. Gauker, Mrs. Gauker, Ruth Murphy, Eugene Spohn, Therman Metcalf, Flora Judd, Evelyn Harvey, Grace Purdham, Charles Belgrave, Annie Bennett, Charles Paden, Vesta Panches, Harold Dennis, Alvin Perrine, Dee Whiteis, Clarence Morris.

The missionary spirit of our school is growing stronger day by day, and before long we hope to see some of our students in active service in the field to which they have generously donated this quarter. Several have made definite plans for the accomplishment of this purpose.

OLIVE PANGBURN, *Secretary.*

### The Young People's Society

The young people's Missionary Volunteer Society of Mount Vernon reports for the second term of the school-year, ending February 27, 1912, the following work done:—

Letters written	23
Missionary visits	70
Bible readings	17
Papers sold and given away	1,000

*Signs of the Times* mailed weekly 6  
*Youth's Instructors* mailed weekly 2  
 Offerings for local work \$1.75

Through the efforts of the Bible workers' band a bundle of cotton was sent to the girls' school at Soonan, Korea, to assist the inmates in earning their education.

Throughout the term very interesting programs have been rendered at the regular meetings of the society on Sabbath afternoons. The last three Sabbaths of the term were given to three of the society's working bands; and what they had to present was not only interesting and instructive to the whole body, but showed that improvement and progress are being made by the members of the bands.

The mission band, which was organized in October for the study of mission lands, in order to create an interest in those lands, has been studying Spanish-America. In the program rendered on a recent Sabbath, Mr. Robert Wheeler presented some facts concerning the history, geography, and physical conditions of South America; Miss Olive Krum gave a history of the work of Protestant Missions in that continent, and Miss Pettit told the story of our own work, its development, and some recent experiences of our workers in that field.

The program rendered by the ministerial band was also given in three parts. Mr. John Hottel spoke on the rise and progress of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, taking up in chronological order the different branches of our work, and tracing them from their small beginnings to their present development. Mr. Belgrave, who expects to return soon to his home and chosen field, British Guiana, spoke on the Moslem world, which claims a great part of his interest. Mr. Barto presented the qualifications of the young minister.

Last Sabbath the Bible workers' band showed the young people how to present the *Family Bible Teacher*, and Mrs. King gave a representative Bible reading.

The members of the various bands find more work than they can do. All are seeking earnestly the preparation and qualifications demanded of workers in the needy harvest field.

CLARA PETTIT, *Secretary*.

## Suggestions for Studying Missionary Biographies

We are living in a time when books of all kinds are being multiplied on every hand. No literature is more interesting than biography: and of biographies, none are more interesting and instructive than the lives of the modern "apostles." Books of this kind may now be had for a mere pittance; and a few should be in every home of Seventh-day Adventists. Much of the good that might be obtained from reading these books is lost, especially by the young, because they read them as a long letter or a continued story, and not with an idea of what is underneath the surface and between the lines. In other words, there is not in the reader's mind, before the book is taken up, the points to be looked for. In this article are mentioned a few points that, it is hoped, will prove helpful in the study of missionary biographies; and mission fields, with their history, climate, languages, religions, customs, and their reception of the "heroes of the cross."

### EARLY ENVIRONMENT

Early environment embraces the social, political, and financial condition of the parents of the missionary and the general surroundings of his child life. Two untiring workers of the early centuries were captured when young by raiders, St. Patrick and Ulfilas. The latter invented an alphabet for the Goths and gave them the Bible, excepting only the two books of Kings. In the modern period we have a rescued slave, Samuel Crowthers, becoming widely known as the first "Bishop of the Niger." We must always speak a good word for the great work of our own Booker Washington, who was born of slave parents, and who had no "chance" as some use that term. He needed no door to be opened for him: he found the door, knocked, and was admitted. The poor boy who toiled at the mill must not be forgotten. Who, looking at his early life, would dare to think of him who is now well known as the "prince of explorers,"—David Livingstone? How interesting to read of "inquisitive James," and then learn of the work of Bishop Hannington in entering Uganda while the terrible Mwanga was on the throne.

The influence of the parents of missionaries, is not to be overlooked. How often we read of the family sanctuary or altar, the missionary stories told, the godly lives of father and mother, and the general uplifting

influence of the home. The missionary stories told by godly parents to the family circle are perhaps forgotten for years, but in due time they are remembered, to be repeated in the lives of their children.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR GAINING AN EDUCATION

It is to be borne in mind that our present school system is vastly different from the one that was in use one hundred years ago. We seldom read of the early workers having had a full course in any line, only as they worked it out for themselves. They generally had a few terms at school in early life, but soon were at work helping to support the family. They did, however, apply themselves diligently to language study, science, and in later years medicine, as a part of their special fitting for their chosen fields. The missionary history of the early nineteenth century shows that these men had a large amount of skill, sound judgment, and natural ability in mastering foreign languages. Think of Perkins, Carey, Judson, Winslow, Morrison, Moffet, Paton, Duncan, Martyn, and a host of others. It may be said that very few had what could be called a complete education. Their strength of mind and body, intense devotion, and entire consecration was a partial offset to their lack in other respects. Then, no one knew what a missionary should be able to do. And could not Seventh-day Adventists know more of the general and definite situation in the fields where our missionaries are laboring? The more we learn before going, the better will be the service rendered when we reach our appointed field.

### AGE UPON ENTERING; DIFFICULTIES FOUND

These will be considered together, as the difficulties found in foreign lands are best met at the age to be spoken of. The psalmist says, "Old men for council; young men for war." It is generally recognized that our habits, ideals, and plans are settled soon after we are through our "teens." If a difficult language is to be mastered, if work is to be opened in a country with a trying climate, the man or woman in the twenties, whose mind is still plastic and whose body is strong, is the one to go. Then to, we must remember the enthusiasm of youth, the ability to solve knotty problems, the desire to learn how things are done in other countries; and, last but not least, a readiness to adapt themselves to the general environment of a new and strange land

"Don't plant thorns. You never can protect yourself against them. Trouble others, and you will get hurt. Scatter seeds of kindness, and you will reap a harvest of gladness."

## THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK

There is no single rule for measuring success. In missionary work one must not look for immediate or material results to ascertain whether his work is what he wishes or not. Years of patient, self-sacrificing work is always required to lay even a foundation for a permanent reform in any work. Languages must be mastered; customs and manners must be studied; the missionary must learn how to live and what to eat; and the greatest work of all is the giving of the Bible to the people in their own language. Medical, educational, and publishing institutions must be established. Carey waited seven years for his first convert. Morrison, during twenty-seven years' work never had the privilege of holding a public service, and knew of but three or four who were touched by the Spirit of God. The same experience also was met in other lands. We as a people are "entering into the labors" of these great men of the past. Their converts are accepting our message. For this and many other reasons, we should estimate very highly the work of our "forerunners."

These suggestions are an abridgment of the methods used in our class-work. Let us study the lives of the great missionaries, gather strength and courage from them, and pass on the good thoughts to others.

It is now forty-eight years since the first report from a foreign field appeared in the *Review and Herald*. That was a brief one from West Africa. Now that paper comes to us full of cheering messages from home and foreign lands. How can we be without it? How can we keep pace with the message if the "good old *Review*" does not come to our home? The younger members may not understand some of the articles, but they can understand the letters from the field. Let us rally to the work of God, and have a part in its triumph, which is only a little way in the future.

A. EARL HALL.

## CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore, Md.

It is the source of much encouragement to see the progress of the work in this field. After a successful tent effort at Wilmington, with Elder F. H. Seeney, the Lord blessing our labors there, I was recommended by the conference to labor in behalf of the colored work in Baltimore. Arriving December 6 in this city, my wife and I prayed earnestly that the Lord

might use us in the advancement of this work; and he has answered our prayers. On coming to this city we found the church in a half wrecked condition, the members scattered, and the public having a poor opinion of the cause we so dearly love. My wife and I labored from house to house among the members, after the blessed week of prayer; and Sunday night, January 21, began a series of lectures for the public in a hall that seated about sixty. At every service the attendance has been beyond our expectations, so much so that we have now secured a hall that will seat 200, well lighted and on the ground floor, among the very best colored people of this city. Our Sabbath services are well attended by the public, and during the week we are holding a cottage meeting every night but one.

We ask the readers of the *VISITOR* to pray for the work in this large city, that the Lord of the harvest may send out the honest souls to our meetings; for it would seem that among 70,000 colored people there should be more than fifteen willing to obey the commandments of God.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

## VIRGINIA

## The Canvassers' Institute

An institute for the education and training of canvassers will be held in the city of Richmond, March 15 to 25, 1912. The work at this institute will be placed upon a high plane, in keeping with the solemn message we are giving. Besides daily instruction in the message, the art of book-selling will be studied, best methods of work, etc. Actual work in the field will be an important item on the program; so that he who engages in the canvassing work will be as well prepared for his calling as the man who preaches the Word from the desk. Thorough preparation is needed that the best results may be obtained. The greatest essential in this preparation is consecration. Our Saviour said, "Without me ye can do nothing." The doing is accomplished through Christ. The more we know of Christ the more competent we are to work for him.

We hope that a number of our people in the conference will attend this institute, and then enter the canvassing work. We have arranged with Dr. Ingersoll that those who attend the institute will stay at the Virginia Sanitarium. The conference

will bear the expense of entertainment at the institute of those who enter the work for the summer, and in turn all that is asked is one hour's domestic work each day, and the profits of the books which are sold at the institute. An extra five per cent will be allowed on all sales made after the institute until the traveling expenses to the institute and from there to the field of labor have been met.

All who come should write to me as soon as possible. Any questions you wish to ask concerning the institute, or the work in this needy Southern field, will be cheerfully answered. Remember the time, March 15-25, 1912; and the place, Richmond, Va.

A. M. NEFF.

1615 West Main St., Richmond.

With Brother S. N. Brown's reports come words of cheer and courage. A brief review of his work since the first of the year will be of interest to all. He has taken in seven weeks, or 242 hours, orders to the amount of \$570.25, and delivered \$440.75 worth of books. This gives him an average of \$2.60 worth of orders for each hour of work. Of course some orders were lost, but his delivery shows that he actually disposed of \$1.83 worth of books for each hour worked. His income therefore has been \$31.48 a week. Brother Brown closes his report by saying that it is the Lord that did the work, to whom be all the praise.

Brother F. W. Hall, our youngest canvasser in the field, sends in most excellent reports. He has been canvassing only a few months and has averaged \$1.98 per hour in taking orders, and \$1.15 per hour in books delivered. His salary, therefore, would be \$18.25 a week, which is more than we pay any of our ministers. I might add that Brother Hall lost many orders on account of the delay in his books. The pay day in the mines came and past while he waited, so many of his orders were lost.

Brother U. D. Pickard is selling "Past, Present and Future" in Charlottesville. His reports show that he is selling from \$50 to \$60 worth of books each week.

Brother Bennett Hamm, who is canvassing for "Great Controversy" in Spottsylvania County, writes, "I count the effort of last week crowned with success. To the Lord be the praise, as he gave me the orders. It

is a great pleasure to me to put such a book as "Great Controversy" into the homes of the people. I asked the Lord to help me, go with me, and give me success. Now I look back over my 34 hours' canvassing, and can truly say that the Lord answers prayer."

Brother and Sister W. B. Eekhout have moved to Portsmouth, and are taking up the canvassing work there. We hope to have some good reports from them soon.

Elder Stewart Kime is spending a few days with his family at New Market, before going to Lynchburg to labor.

Brethren C. E. Overstreet, L. A. Overstreet, and Paul E. Hottel left last week for Northampton County, where they will engage in the canvassing work. These young brethren all enter the work to earn scholarships in one of our schools for next year.

We want everyone interested in the work in Virginia to read the article on the Canvassers Institute for Virginia.

Brother C. J. Copenhaver of Winchester met with quite a painful accident a few days ago. In some way he fell from his porch, and has been confined to his bed since. Brother Copenhaver is among the oldest members of this conference.

Brother C. E. Overstreet made his delivery of "Coming King" in Fredericksburg last week, and reports 93 per cent of his orders delivered.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Notice

The tenth annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 7 to 10, 1912. This meeting, and the Columbia Union Conference session that will be held immediately following, will probably be the most important series of meetings that has ever been held by our people in this conference. There will be held in connection with the conference a convention for church officers and Sabbath-school workers. The instruction to be given at this convention will be of great value to all who attend. We hope to see a large rep-

resentation of our people in this conference at this meeting. Each church is entitled to one delegate for every ten members, and one more for the organization. These delegates should be selected at once, and their names should be sent in to the conference secretary, J. S. Barrows, 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Further details of the arrangements for the meetings and the accommodations will be given in a later issue. We have secured a fine assembly hall for the conference, and are planning to hold a strong evangelistic effort for the public in connection with the meetings. The best laborers obtainable will be in attendance to give instruction, and we feel that this is an opportunity that is well worth an extra effort to secure. Let us all pray most earnestly that the Lord, who has already opened the way before us in a providential manner will grant the fullness of blessing to us at this meeting. B. F. KNEELAND,

*President West Pennsylvania Conf.*

We appreciate the short visit made to the office this week by Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington. We hope that our brethren will not fail to call us up when in the city. Our number is Bell telephone, Hiland, 559.

Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland spent last Sabbath with the church at Washington, Pa. They report a very pleasant experience.

A letter from Brother George L. West brings the good news that three or four have already begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of the meetings that he has been holding at Waterford. We rejoice with him in the success that has come to the work.

Elder N. S. Ashton, the Columbia Union Conference educational secretary, is now engaged in visiting a number of the churches of the conference in the interests of the educational work and Mount Vernon College. Last Sabbath he was with the Johnstown church, and has gone from there to visit the church and school at Indiana, Pa.

Our office is now ready to fill orders for the 1912 Year Book, which should be in the hands of all our brethren.

We ask the hearty co-operation of all our people in the circulation of

the 1912 temperance issue of the *Instructor*, which is now ready to mail.

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 twelve cards.

## NEW JERSEY

### Camden

It is almost a year since we came to Camden, N. J. During this time the church here has been richly blessed in seeing souls turn to the truth. The work has been mostly confined to the Sabbath services and the distribution of literature. No public effort has been made here for a number of years. During the past six months the importance of getting the message before the public has been impressed on the members; but as it is very difficult to secure a public meeting place suitable for our requirements, it was decided to buy a property which could be used for church purposes. Such a property, situated in the best part of the city, could be purchased on very easy terms, and at the very low price of \$3000. We have made the first payment on it and have taken possession. We have now to make it ready for occupancy. This will necessitate some labor and expense. The building is a three story brick house, detached, on a lot 24x80 feet. The first floor will be arranged for a chapel, and the upper floors will be rented to the workers. We hope to have it ready for service in a few weeks.

We can be materially helped in this matter if the friends of the Camden church scattered throughout the Union would help to meet the necessary expenses of renovating the building. We have arranged a system by which the purchase money will be forthcoming regularly, but at present we need ready cash to make preparations for occupying the building.

The prospects for the work in Camden are bright. Some have recently begun to keep the Sabbath, and others are interested. It has been planned to hold a series of tent meetings here the coming summer and also the annual camp-meeting. We are glad that this city of the East is to hear the message.

Now brethren and sisters, if you

want to have a part in establishing a memorial to the truth in this needy city, help with your liberal donations and prayers. Send your donations to F. A. Senseman, 519 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J., or to W. B. Walters, treasurer of the New Jersey Conference, 1109 Division St., Trenton, N. J., stating that it is for the Camden church fund. Send your prayers regularly to the throne of grace.

J. GREER HANNA.

The Bookmen and Periodical Worker's Convention and Institute is now in progress in Trenton. The date is February 29 to March 10.

Sabbath, February 24, was a good day for the Trenton church. The need of a church school was presented from the Bible and the Testimonies, and when the people were given a chance to respond they did nobly. In about five minutes they had pledged thirty dollars a month for church school, the payments to commence in April, so that when the school opens next fall there will be a good fund on hand. The Lord is truly blessing, and we believe that this branch of the work will be an uplift to the church here.

The church at Camden has recently purchased a three story building which is to be used, the lower floor as chapel, and the two upper floors as living rooms. This will give new life to the church there, and enable them to do better work in carrying the message in that city. The building is in the central part, and well located.

The president called at Atlantic City and Pleasantville the other day, and found the work moving on very nicely there. The Lord has blessed the brethren in those cities, and several have recently come into the truth; but the enemy is not asleep. He has been getting in his terrible work with some who have accepted the truth; yet we hope and pray God may give them the victory, and that they may be able to stand firmly for the truth. There are eight at Pleasantville awaiting baptism; several others are interested.

We need about twenty book workers and the same number on our periodicals. Last year our agents averaged \$1.06 per hour. Is that sufficient financial return? Financially there is every inducement to those who

should enter the book work; and the spiritual blessings far outweigh the financial. The following extract from a letter received this morning is only a sample of what we receive from our workers every week with their reports of work done:—

"A few lines will suffice to let you know that another week's work is done, and truly some precious experiences were granted to the writer. The canvasser has some refreshing showers along the pathway of life, especially when in the line of duty. I believe he has the most precious means of coming in touch with the people, many of whom would otherwise not be reached with the message."

The temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* is now ready. Last year about 400,000 copies of this good magazine were distributed. We want to help raise that number to half a million this year. We offer you a sixty per cent commission. Come, brethren and sisters; where can you do better than that? The Lord's work is offering you every inducement—big pay, blessed experiences, life insurance that is eternal; and after your work is done a "home over there," where you can settle down and not have to move any more, but enjoy the eternal bliss of the new earth. Don't stop long to think about the matter. Write us. Tell us your plans, what you can do or want to do; and we will help provide the way.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Our Canvassers' Institute at Reading has proved a marked success. Twenty were in attendance, and we expect the majority of these to enter the field. Some, however, will not be able to do this until they have arranged their business matters in such a way that they can devote all their time to the interests of the canvassing work. The majority, however, expect to enter at once. This Institute has also proved a great benefit to the Reading church. Sabbath there were services all day; following the morning's sermon, was a revival in which nearly everyone took part. The church was filled to overflowing. The evening services have been well attended by our own people and outsiders; some of the latter have decided to keep the Sabbath and be baptized in the near future. The members of the Reading church

are to be complimented upon their liberality in entertaining the brethren and sisters in attendance at the Institute.

The series of special services held in the Northumberland church closed Sunday night, February 25, after being in progress two weeks. Two who had been very much interested in our truths in the past took their stand definitely and will undoubtedly unite with the church in the near future.

The following workers were present at the Canvassers' Institute and assisted in the services: Elder W. H. Heckman, I. G. Bigelow, R. E. Harter, A. R. Bell, S. D. Hartwell, C. S. Wiest, and Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau of the Review and Herald.

Brother S. F. Zenger and family, who have been located in Chambersburg for the past year, are now returning to Covington. We are sure the Covington church will appreciate having Brother Zenger and his family among them again.

Mr. B. F. Edwards of Wellsboro, father of Sister C. S. Wiest, has been visiting her in Philadelphia for the past few days.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger, now located in Williamsport, met with the Lancaster church, Sabbath, March 2, for their quarterly occasion. At this time, the election of officers took place, it having been postponed until Brother Hirlinger could be present with them.

We were very much pleased to see at the Canvassers' Institute four of the young people from the First German church of Philadelphia. We were also glad to see several of the sisters from Hamburg in attendance at the Sabbath services.

A letter from an isolated sister, to the president, contains the following: "I am enclosing with this a money order for \$5.00, to be applied on the Mount Vernon College fund. I am sending it to you directly so as to cause no delay, as my heart goes out in sympathy for this needy school.

There is never a sky of winter  
To the heart that sings away;  
Never a night but hath stars to light,  
And dreams of a rosy day.



## Canyassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending February 16, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. N. Brown, Appalachia		BR	19	34	112 00	12 25	127 25		
F. W. Hall, Appalachia		CK	21	24	39 00	2 00	41 00		50
C. Overstreet, Fredericksburg		CK	25	46	9 50	5 25	14 75		1 50
B. Hamm, Leavells		GC	34	46	27 00	1 75	28 75		1 75
U. Pickard, Charlottesville		PPF	25	91	58 00		58 00		
Totals			124	241	\$245 50	\$21 25	\$269 75		\$3 75

New Jersey, Week Ending February 16, 1912

G. W. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR	4	32	10	32 50		32 50		
R. Clarke, Hanson	CK	5	20	8	12 00	2 05	14 05		55
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester	BR	5	33	11	25 00	7 20	32 20		
N. R. Pond, Burlington	CK	5	29	9	14 00	1 50	15 50		3 70
A. S. Samuel, Essex	GA	5	28	118	29 50		29 50		23 00
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	PPF	2	11	8	14 50		14 50		38 00
Totals		26	153	164	\$127 50	\$10 75	\$138 25		\$65 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 23, 1912

† Wm. Seigle, Altoona	CK	20	160		91 50	21 50	113 00		18 00
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	3	23	16	28 00	1 50	29 50		1 15
C. Dunham, Homewood	PG	5	25	11	34 75	1 50	36 25		3 00
J. Konigmacher, Homestead	PG	5	21	2	6 00	40	6 40		6 40
G. Medairy, Homestead	PG	3	13	7	12 00	5 00	17 00		
G. W. House, Roulette	PPF	2	12	6	10 00		10 00		
Totals		38	254	42	\$182 25	\$29 90	\$212 15		\$28 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 23, 1912

J. Jones, Trappe, Md.	GC	5	30	16	49 00	7 50	56 50		
J. Melvin, Harrington, Del.	BR	4	16	2	10 00	7 40	17 40		
R. Murphy, Lonaconing, Md.	PPF	3	10	4	6 00	50	6 50		
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	24	5	5 50		5 50		3 25
D. Percy, Kent Co., Md.	BF	2	8	3	3 00	6 50	9 50		
J. Sheirich, Mt. Washington, Md.	BF	5	28	17	17 00	50	17 50		
Anna Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	4	11	29	31 50	1 50	33 00		
M. Seeney, Wilmington, Del.	BF	3	8	11	15 00		15 00		
H. Cephas, Wilmington, Del.	CK	1	1	1	2 00		2 00		
Totals		31	136	88	\$139 00	\$23 90	\$162 90		\$3 25

\*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$783.05

Deliveries, \$100.80.

## OHIO

## A Mass Meeting

A mass meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium in Columbus, Sunday afternoon, February 25, to protest against certain "Sunday measures" proposed in the Constitutional Convention.

Elder E. K. Slade acted as chairman, and made the introductory speech. Elder J. F. Olmsted followed with a short address on "The Blessings of Liberty." Elder K. C. Russell, representing the General

Conference, delivered a masterly address on the subject of "Religious Liberty." In a positive, convincing way the speaker laid the foundation for the superstructure which, when finished, was complete in itself. Many expressed themselves, at the close of the meeting, as deeply interested in the subject of religious liberty.

A resolution was adopted, protesting against Sunday legislation, and will be placed before the delegates to the Constitutional Convention at the proper time. Thus another avenue has been opened to get the truth before the city and the state. The

newspapers have already taken up the subject; through this means some will have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with truth and escape the snares of error.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,  
Sec'y Ohio Religious Liberty Assn.

## The Christian Volunteer Society at Columbus

The Lord has been pleased to lead and guide in the plans and workings of the Christian Volunteer Society in Columbus during the past six months. As it is always good to recount the blessings of the Lord, we do so at this time, hoping that our report may be blessed to the encouragement of some other society.

During the quarter two of our number were called into the work, one as a teacher in one of our schools and the other to complete training as a nurse in one of our sanitariums. Five entered Mount Vernon College to prepare for the work; and two have taken up special work in the church school.

By the sale of the magazine *Christian Education*, we were enabled to contribute to the support of the church school work, and to aid worthy scholars. Our special prayer was for the educational work, and the Lord blessed us "exceeding abundantly above all that we were able to ask or think."

At Thanksgiving time many hearts were cheered and made happy by the efforts of our young people. Eighteen bushels of food and one hundred fifty-two garments were distributed among the needy. The church school room presented a busy scene the day before Thanksgiving, as the children and young people united in preparing the food and garments for distribution. In each basket was placed a copy of the *Youth's Instructor*, *Our Little Friend*, and a card from the young people's society, calling attention to the Giver of all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual.

From the sale of the special Harvest Ingathering *Signs of the Times* \$12 was raised and contributed to the giving of the message in the regions beyond.

One Sabbath, instead of having our regular meeting, we attended the services at the colored mission, and took with us \$7 in donations, (\$5 from the Christian Volunteers and \$2 from the Junior Band), with our prayers and best wishes, which we gave them to assist in their work. While this was a blessing to them, we realized that it

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is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive."

A club of the *Signs of the Times* is taken by the society and sent out weekly by the literature committee. Good reports are coming in from this work. Five of our number are placing the *Family Bible Teacher* in the homes of the people, and two are being greatly blessed in the sale of our excellent magazines, *Life and Health* and the *Signs of the Times*.

Since seven of our members have left, our society numbers only fourteen. The Junior Band has twenty-one members; but we have been thoroughly united in our labors, and our motto has been: "Not more certain is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the certain place designated on earth where we are to work for God." To let the Lord use us in his work has therefore been our highest ambition. Several have begun work by simply reading a tract themselves and then handing it to a friend.

May we all be willing volunteers for service, may we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and really enter into the joy of our Lord—that of seeing souls saved in the kingdom of God.

IDA M. WALTERS, *Leader*;  
EURA BAKER, *Assistant Secretary*.

## Toledo

I am pleased to report that the Toledo church has begun to grow. A number of years ago this was a strong company; but apostasy, removals, etc., reduced the membership to 54 persons, some of whom live in Arizona, Florida, Port Clinton, Oak Harbor, and other places distant from the church. When I came here last April

the average adult attendance at Sabbath services was about twenty-five. The average adult male attendance was about four. While these are loyal and love the truth, and are doing all in their power to help the work along, yet it is not possible for them to have as large a per capita tithe and offering report as the churches that have a larger number of male attendants who have steady remunerative employment. The membership now is sixty-one. All but one of the new members were received since camp-meeting.

We are of good courage, and rejoice that the Lord is blessing our labors.  
H. M. JUMP.

## Columbus

We esteem it a great privilege to engage in the Lord's work in the capacity of a Bible worker—to find our way into the homes and to the firesides of the people, and, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to their hearts. We realize that there is only one power that can turn the hearts of the people from sin to righteousness, but we rejoice in God's willingness to bestow his blessing upon us as we comply with the conditions.

Although sin and iniquity exist on every hand in this city, we rejoice in the promise that God's people shall be *willing* in the day of his power. In our labors we are finding honest ones who are willing to forsake sin and keep all of God's commandments. In the midst of trial and persecution, as they surrender their wills to God's will, they are kept by a power that is above all principalities and powers.

Our courage in Israel's God is good; for he is preparing a people for translation at his appearing.

IDA M. WALTERS.

Since coming to Columbus we have enjoyed our work very much,—more than we had at first anticipated. While, generally speaking, we find the people rather conservative, yet we have found here people more susceptible to the truth than any we have ever met in our work in other places. Some are willing to take hold of the truth and do what they are convinced is right; others are more indifferent and need to be shown more plainly the importance of obedience. But we know that God is working upon the hearts of the people. A number are already keeping the Sabbath and obeying in other points so far as they have been instructed. We have faith to believe that when they have gained a knowledge of all

the fundamental principles of this truth, they will unite with God's remnant people.

We are of good courage, but we feel the need of the prayers of our people who are established in this message, that the interested ones in this city may be fully persuaded in their own minds to step out in the obedience of all God's commandments.

M. HORTENSE HOWELL,  
ANNA E. SMITH.

## Cleveland

Believing that many of the VISITOR readers are interested in the work in Cleveland, I submit a few lines. The general feeling among the members of the Cleveland church is that 1912 must and will be the most prosperous year in the history of the church.

Brother Raleigh French, field missionary secretary, met with us Sabbath, January 27, and conducted a very enthusiastic meeting in the interest of his department; after which 294 subscriptions for the *Protestant* and *Liberty* were taken, and 17 subscriptions for the *Signs* weekly. At the meeting of the young people's Missionary Volunteer Society the following night 150 copies of the March number of the *Signs* monthly were ordered, and since that this order has been increased to 825 copies.

The interest taken in the Sunday night meetings is the best we have ever seen in this church. Last Sabbath six persons united with the church, two by letter, one on profession of faith, and three by baptism. We expect eight or ten others to be baptized in March. We are of good courage, and feel deeply grateful to the Lord for the evidences of his blessing on the Cleveland church.

R. G. PATTERSON.

On Wednesday evening, February 21, the Cleveland German church was favored with a visit from Brother Raleigh French, our field missionary secretary. Brother French's interests are especially connected with the magazines *Liberty* and the *Protestant*, and the *Signs of the Times*; and he is therefore well qualified to make known some timely and startling facts concerning the reviving power of Rome in the United States. Brother French secured 214 subscriptions for *Liberty* and the *Protestant*, and 24 subscriptions for *Zeichen der Zeit*, the German *Signs of the Times*. He also assisted one of our young men to make a beginning in the sale of these good magazines.

H. F. GRAF.