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IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt
you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired in waiting,
Or being lied about don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good or talk too wise:
If you can dream—and not make dreams
your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts
your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've
spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life for,
broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with broken
tools;
If you can talk with crowds and keep your
virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common
touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt
you,
If all men count with you, but not too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run;
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,
And, which is more, you'll be a man, my
son.

—RUDYARD KIPLING.

A New Plan

Our Sabbath-school offerings have now reached so large a sum that it is thought we may safely have a special object for which we may set apart the gifts of—

ONE SABBATH EACH QUARTER

without crippling the work that must be supported in the "most needy fields," for which purpose the Sabbath-school offerings have been used for some time. The General Conference Committee has set apart the

last Sabbath in each quarter as a day when the Sabbath-schools in the home land may donate to a special field, the field to be designated from quarter to quarter by the General Conference Treasury Department.

MARCH 30, 1912

The new plan goes into effect the thirteenth Sabbath of the present quarter—March 30, 1912. The first special enterprise is the evangelizing of the cities of India. Perhaps some will remember the intense interest that was manifested in Calcutta in the winter of 1898-99, when Elder D. A. Robinson began his work in that city. When he began his lectures on the signs of the last days and the coming of the Lord, the street in front of the theater where the meetings were held was fairly blocked with carriages that came bringing the people to hear the message. His death stopped that work. Since that time calls have repeatedly come for evangelists to enter Calcutta and other cities of India. Each year the call has grown more urgent and more imperative. From the standpoint of the treasury, the enlargement of the work in this way seemed quite impossible, but the need was so urgent that Brethren G. W. Pettit and J. M. Comer with their wives have been sent to India to open up the work in the cities. They are now there. The need for means to carry on this work is immediate and most urgent. It is hoped that the Sabbath-school offerings on the thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter may be so liberal that this work may be quite fully established. Let the unconscious call from the millions of India sound in our ears until it is our chiefest delight to respond to that call. Brethren Pettit and Comer understand that on March 30 the Sabbath-schools in this country will remember them and their work in a substantial way. Let us not disappoint them.

PRAY AS YOU GIVE

Let every giver pray on that day that God will bless his gift and bless the work in India. By intelligent,

prayerful, cheerful giving our gifts may be multiplied as were the five loaves and two fishes, and a multitude blessed thereby. Pray as you give. On that day let there be a season of prayer in every Sabbath-school in behalf of the cities of India.

HOW TO SEND THE MONEY

The offering is to pass through the regular channels to the mission field. In sending the Sabbath-school money for missions to the treasury, state how much of it should be set apart as the thirteenth Sabbath offering to the cities of India. This, as well as other Sabbath-school offerings to missions, will be counted on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. May God give us liberal hearts. May we each receive the blessing that comes to those who by self-sacrifice are hastening the footsteps of the coming King. MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,

Cor. Sec. S. S. Dept. of General Conference.

A Special Need

At the last General Conference committee meeting held in Washington, October 24 to November 6, 1911, the following action was taken in reference to the maintenance of the colored orphanage at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Alabama:—

"Voted: That as a provision of support for the orphanage for colored children at Oakwood, we invite the Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern Union Conferences to appropriate fifty per cent of their April offering for orphanage work to the Oakwood Orphanage; and that we invite the other unions or conferences in America to appropriate twenty-five per cent of their funds from the April orphanage collection to this same purpose."

Nearly all the union and local conferences have already taken action to do this, and we are sure that others will, as soon as they have an opportunity.

The time set for this offering is Sabbath, April 6.

The orphanage is now receiving the finishing touches, and will be opened

in a few days. We shall be able to comfortably care for about eighteen orphans.

The Lord through his servant, Sister E. G. White, has been urging us for several years to provide for our colored orphans, and we are very thankful that the time has come when we can do this. We believe that our people in this country will esteem it a privilege to help feed, clothe, and care for the worthy colored orphans among us.

I trust all our people will begin at once to lay plans for a liberal offering Sabbath, April 6.

A. J. HAYSMER.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A Religious Liberty Convention in Washington

A religious liberty convention for the District of Columbia Conference was held December 31 in the Takoma Park church school house, the program comprising two sessions, the first from ten to twelve, A. M., the second from two to five, P. M. The day closed with a stereopticon lecture by Elder K. C. Russell.

The president of the conference, Elder J. L. McElhaney, called the meeting to order; and, after prayer by H. A. Weaver, of the East Michigan Conference, stated the object of the meeting to be the study of some principles, and the adoption of plans for more active work in the District. Pending the arrival of some of the brethren who were detained, Elder Russell was asked to make a few remarks. He said in part:—

"I have found that there is an idea prevailing to a great degree that the work of the Religious Liberty Department is simply to defeat Sunday bills and other religious measures that may come up in Congress or in state legislatures. But the individual who thinks that that is the prime object, the cardinal feature in this movement, is greatly mistaken. The object of this department is the very same as that of all other departments of our work,—the salvation of souls,—and that we ought ever to have prominently before us.

"This is the real idea in our sanitarium work. Our sanitariums are not established simply to cure physical ailments, but to seek the salvation of souls. So it is with every department of this work.

"God has told us that men in prominent places will be brought to a saving knowledge of this truth. Religious

liberty work affords us an opportunity to reach a class of people that would not be reached except by this agency; because lawyers, officials, and other prominent men rarely attend a public meeting of Seventh-day Adventists. We do not expect them as we do the general public. Some avenue other than public preaching services must be devised to reach them. So God has ordained the Religious Liberty Department. I think it is excellent. I ponder it many times. There is not a soul but can be reached by some agency in our great organization.

"If there is any department that should stand out in the forefront, it is this one. We know—in fact, I was taught when I embraced the truth—that the time is coming when our liberties will be curtailed. I was taught that the time is coming when we shall not have the opportunity to go out and proclaim this truth, when we shall not have the freedom of the press. I was taught that the time is coming when we shall have to take our children out of the public schools because they will be compelled to study things contrary to the word of God. That time is coming on apace. All we have to do is to mention it, and people recognize the fact.

"One hundred years ago last March the first effort was made to get a Sunday law. It seems providential that on the last day of this centennial year we can have a religious liberty convention. During the past century Seventh-day Adventists have been prominent in opposition to Sunday legislation; and, up to the last day of this centennial year, all efforts to obtain a Sunday law have failed. Now, why have they failed? I believe it is because God sees that the time is not yet ripe for that thing to come. The reason is, there is a greater work for God's people to do. We should step in now, and work as never before to warn the people. As soon as our work is done, no one can hinder this. God will let it go through. Our work is to warn the people. We want to warn the people of the District of Columbia this year in such a way that we can feel that not a stone has been left unturned in Washington. We ought to organize so thoroughly that we can sweep the city of Washington during 1912, so that we can feel that we shall have God's blessing, should we not get another opportunity."

The chairman then made the following remarks:—

"I have been very much impressed

with the fact that Satan works along right lines to secure wrong ends. I shall long remember an interview I had with Dr. Crafts. He said in a lecture, that the nations that are riding on the high places of the earth to-day are the nations that are observing the quiet American sabbath. I heard people saying, 'What a fine address!' The idea of taking a scripture that applies to the keeping of the true Sabbath, and saying that it applies to the keeping of the false sabbath! But there was one thing, he said they were carrying on their work by the use of four I's—letters, literature, lectures, legislation. We have some good literature, have we not?

"As I talked with Dr. Crafts, he spoke of the wonderful facilities we have for publishing literature cheaply. He said they were attacking a four-sided fort, Sunday desecration, gambling, intemperance, impurity. Notice how they have them coupled together. In attacking that fort they were using literature, letters, lectures, and legislation. The fact that we stand opposed to Sunday legislation will cause people to bring the charge against us that we are opposed to certain reforms. You see how they have it arranged with that four-sided fort. I believe that Seventh-day Adventists ought to put themselves on record as they have never done before along some of these lines. I am glad that during the campaign in Maine we have been doing something along that line. When the appeal came from Maine, the District of Columbia Conference was the first to take the action. Our conference committee met and immediately voted to send them two thousand temperance *Instructors*.

I believe that the religious liberty work is very closely allied to the temperance work. Let me tell you an experience I had in getting signatures to a petition. . . . 'I do not like the position you people are taking on the question of Sunday legislation,' said one man. 'We have been trying to get Sunday legislation for a long time, and you have blocked that legislation.' I stayed with him until he signed that paper. I talked religious liberty and all its principles. There are many other men in the District of Columbia who think we are terrible people because we oppose this legislation. It is our work to make them acquainted with the principles of religious liberty."

S. B. HOBSON,
Religious Liberty Secretary.
(To be continued)

AT THE COLLEGE

A Memorial Service

The faculty and students of the College met in the chapel last Thursday morning to commemorate the death of our first missionary to fall in a foreign land. Although Mount Vernon has contributed more than her share of workers to foreign fields, yet until this time death had not entered our ranks, the little band remained unbroken, the circle was complete. But to-day our hearts are saddened by the fact that one so true, so good, so devoted to the cause, has been called upon to rest from his labor when his work seemed only begun.

Esta L. Miller was born May 1, 1885, in Laura, O., where he remained with his parents until they removed, about ten years ago, to Mount Vernon for the purpose of giving their children a Christian education. While he was still in school the family received the sad intelligence that Mrs. Dr. Miller, wife of his brother Harry, had died, and that the doctor was left alone in China. Unsuccessful efforts were made to send some one to China to be associated with Dr. Miller in his work. At last Esta volunteered to go, and in company with Brother Orvie Gibson sailed for China October 20, 1906.

Not until after he had reached the mission field and seen the terrible need of those without a Christ did Brother Miller fully decide to dedicate his life to the proclamation of this message. Soon he was baptized and became a member of the little China mission church, pledging himself to devote his life to the preaching of the gospel. Shortly afterward the China mission committee authorized him to begin work; and with diligence he set himself to the task of acquiring the difficult language.

In 1909, at the suggestion of Elder Evans, who was visiting the East, Brother Miller returned to Mount Vernon for further training, remaining in the College four terms, during which time he earnestly sought a thorough preparation for the great work which he believed awaited him. Not being contented to remain long in America he hastened his preparation, that he might the sooner be actively engaged in the work of soul-saving. September 8, 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura L. Atwell, a graduate of the College, and together they proceeded to China.

Since his return to that field Brother

Miller has been in charge of the mission station at Hankow in the great province of Honan, which has a population of over sixty million souls. During the recent revolution he did not leave his post until compelled to do so, but sent Mrs. Miller to Shanghai, himself remaining to look after the faithful little band of believers. During this time his life was often imperiled, the shots of the revolutionists tearing away tiles from the roof over his head, and one cannon ball shattering the end wall of our mission house. But through it all God protected him. While one day holding an open air service for the Chinese, in a place of apparent security, he was interrupted by a fearful rain of shot, but all escaped unharmed.

At the suggestion of the American consul, Brother Miller decided to join his wife in Shanghai, where he arrived in safety. He had just been in attendance at our union mission meeting, which was held in Shanghai for the workers in China and the leading workers in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines; and with prospects for the close of the revolution he looked forward with eager anticipation to his early return to the mission station at Hankow. But this hope was never realized; for soon he was taken ill with appendicitis, and being unable to resist the disease, died February 19, 1912. Though escaping the perils of the revolution he was called upon to lay down life's burdens among his friends. He died when apparently he was needed the most.

The news of Brother Miller's death came as a shock to the members of the school body; for he was beloved by all who knew him at the College; and it seemed only appropriate that this memorial service should be held to commemorate his death in the land to which he had given his life. The strong missionary spirit which prevailed throughout made it evident that he "being dead yet speaketh." The service opened with the singing of Bishop Heber's well known missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," followed by prayer by Elder Butcher. Elder Butler spoke touchingly of Mr. Miller as a student, after which the foregoing history of his life was given. Then followed testimonials from students and members of the faculty who knew him as a student at Mount Vernon. All spoke of his earnest Christian experience, his devotion to the land of China, and his intense anxiety not only to be engaged in the work there himself, but to influence others to go to this needy field. All expressed

their heartfelt appreciation of his true worth as a modest, Christian missionary. At the close of the service forty-three students arose, definitely volunteering for work in foreign fields; one half of this number are already planning to go to China as soon as their courses of study are completed.

While our hearts were saddened by the thought that one so true and noble had fallen, yet a firm conviction possessed each one that his death is a trumpet call to our youth to press closely together, and present a united front, and valorously push the battle even to the gates of the enemy, believing that ere long when He whose right it is to rule shall come he shall gather as trophies of his cross those from darkened lands whom we have been instrumental in saving.

The following memorial was presented and unanimously adopted, to be published in the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, and sent to the relatives of the deceased:—

Inasmuch as death has claimed one lately associated with us as a fellow-student, who went out from us to bear to a distant land the message for which our school stands, and for the proclamation of which it was called into existence; namely, our friend and brother, Esta L. Miller, whose life as a student, and whose example as a volunteer for service in the needy mission fields, have been an inspiration to this student body;—

We, therefore, the students and teachers of Mount Vernon College assembled, desire to express our appreciation of his sincere and unassuming Christian character; of his willingness to serve his Master, not where the labor is lightest, but in the front ranks of the Lord's army; and of his noble work in China, where there are many now sorrowing for him, who will at length meet him with joy, to shine as stars in his crown, when the Lord shall gather home his elect from every nation, "from the north, and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim."

To Mrs. Miller, who was also a well beloved student of this school, and to the bereaved parents, brothers, and sisters of Mr. Miller, we would extend our sincere sympathy in this hour of deep sorrow.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

On Tuesday evening, February 27, the first graduation exercises of the Mount Vernon Hospital were held in the Sunday-school room of the Baptist church in Mount Vernon. Elder

Shultz delivered the address. Among the graduate nurses were Miss Flora L. Frost and Miss Jennie Evans, former students of Mount Vernon College.

Miss Nela Cartmell, who was a student here last year, is visiting friends at the College.

The following officers were elected to serve the Mount Vernon Young People's Society for the last term of the school year: president, H. G. Gauker; vice-president, Ray Corder; secretary, John Hottel; organist, Wilma Walter; chorister, Edgar Welch.

On Friday evening, February 23, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Leach of Academia.

Mr. W. F. Trinkner, an old student of Mount Vernon, re-entered school at the beginning of the spring term.

Miss Rebecca Secor returned last week from Chicago, where she has been visiting her brothers.

The officers of the College Sabbath-school for the spring term are as follows: superintendent, Professor Anderson; assistant superintendent, F. P. Klopfenstein; secretary, Ariel Arnold; assistant secretary, Louise Bensel; chorister, Elder Shultz; organist, Laurel Rushmer.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Smicksburg

We closed our meetings at Smicksburg March 2. At the time of our last report we had not yet presented the Sabbath question. About the time we reached this subject the Methodists began a revival, which took away a number who had been attending our meetings quite regularly. Others seemingly could not stand to hear the straight truth on the Sabbath question, and they dropped out. Thus our audience was reduced from fifty or seventy-five to ten, twelve, or fifteen.

Some of those who have attended all the services are convinced of the truth of the message, but do not as yet take a decided stand to obey; we hope that at least some of them will do so in the near future.

More than two thousand pages of literature were given away, the greater

part being tracts on the Sabbath question, such as "Who Changed the Sabbath?" "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast." If the people read these tracts, doubtless they will see the truth. Some who attended the meetings had been reading the "age to come" literature and are sure of a future probation. Others are sure that Sunday is the original seventh day, and that all the world has been misled in the numbering of the days of the week. Thus in many ways Satan has prepared the minds of men to reject the truth when it is brought to them.

Smicksburg is a small country village with a population of about three hundred. It has three churches, one of which, however, has no pastor at present. Brother Dickey, who lives at Smicksburg, will keep the interested ones supplied with our literature, and I expect to visit the place from time to time. We hope that some will yet take their stand for the truth. If they do not, they cannot say in the judgment, We never heard it!

J. W. WATT.

OHIO

Mount Vernon

At a regular Sabbath service of the Mount Vernon church Brother V. H. Cook made some touching remarks regarding the life, sincerity, and work of one of our former members, Brother Esta L. Miller, and then presented a memorial, and moved its adoption by the Mount Vernon church. The motion was promptly supported by Brother W. A. Gibson; and after some remarks by the pastor, it was heartily adopted by a standing vote.

In Memoriam

Whereas, The hand of death has been laid upon one of our beloved standard bearers, Brother Esta L. Miller, who, in the vigor of young manhood, while at his post of duty in Shanghai, China, fell asleep on February 19, 1912; therefore,—

Resolved, That we, the members of the Mount Vernon church, unite in expressing our admiration of his sterling Christian character and his devotion to the great threefold message of Revelation 14; and also our appreciation of his courage and zeal in pushing out into benighted heathen lands, anxious, under the guiding hand of his Master to do his part in carrying "this gospel of the kingdom" to all the world in this generation; and that we extend to the surviving members of the family,

and especially to his bereaved widow, our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

Our brother sleeps; his life is hid with Christ in God. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

Adopted by the Mount Vernon church, March 2, 1912.

FANNIE M. BIDWELL, *Clerk.*

Field Work

Since my last report to the VISITOR I have visited the following churches: Springfield, Akron, Cleveland, Cleveland German, Canton, Ravenna, Chagrin Falls, and Clyde. In nearly all of these churches the Spirit of the living God came in and blessed us beyond all expectation. The power of God is moving our people to greater activity, to greater zeal and earnestness in the service of our Master. As we see this, our hearts are encouraged, and we feel to praise God for his wonderful goodness, and for a part in his work.

Thinking that some may be interested in the work that is being done along missionary lines among our churches in the state of Ohio, I shall give a partial report of the work done in the above named churches. *Liberty* and *Protestant* subscriptions taken, 905; *Signs of the Times* weekly, six month subscriptions, 51; orders for the *Signs of the Times* monthly, 1293 copies; for the *Watchman*, 150 copies; and for *Life and Health*, 200 copies. Besides these a few other single subscriptions were taken. It has been my privilege to work from house to house with several persons who desire to learn to sell our magazines. We trust that this report will be an incentive to many other churches to do more along missionary lines.

A special testimony referring to the distribution of our truth-filled publications has this to say: "These papers and tracts are for the light of the world, and have often been instrumental in saving souls. Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as is the preaching of the Word. Whole churches have been raised up as a result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part. Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you wherever you go a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend and give

them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow." From the *Review*, June 10, 1880.

Again we read from Vol. II., page 112: "In every town, city, and village, there are persons who would embrace the truth if it were brought before them in a judicious manner. Missionaries are needed among us, self-sacrificing missionaries, who, like our great Example, would not please themselves, but live to do others good."

In view of these facts, how can those who profess Christianity remain silent when they know what God expects from every one? May God help us to be more earnest in his service, is my prayer.

RALEIGH FRENCH,

Field Missionary Sec'y, 1048 Fair Ave., Columbus, O.

Bowling Green

A baptismal service was held at Bowling Green, Sabbath, February 24, when three of the young people of that church went forward in this sacred ordinance and became members of the church. The pastor of the Christian church kindly tendered the use of the baptistry of his church, where the ordinance was administered in the closing moments of the Sabbath. Dr. Jump was present to assist in the service, and several members of the Toledo church were also in attendance. We trust that those who were added to the church may go onward and upward in the Christian way, and finally be saved in the kingdom of God.

J. J. MARIETTA.

Cleveland

At present I have a large class of readers who are very much interested in the studies of the truth, and in whom I am just as interested. A number of these, I am encouraged to believe, will take their stand for the truth. However, I have on past occasions been disappointed when the outlook was fully as encouraging. To those who are workers in other churches, enjoying the social advantages held out to them, it seems a great sacrifice to face the opposition and ridicule of friends and family, and step out to connect with a people who to the world seem as peculiar as we seem, even though they believe we are right. For such I ask the prayers of this people.

As to accessions made to the church as a result of my effort, I can give no definite report at this time.

A number with whom I have labored to some extent have been baptized and taken into the church, and while I was glad to have the pleasure of working for their conversion, I do not claim to be the instrument through which it was brought about.

A great work remains to be done in Cleveland; the pity is that we have so few workers. I have many grand experiences in the Lord's work, and many marked evidences of his blessing.

CARRIE M. ASKEY.

Cincinnati

Sabbath, March 2, it was my privilege to meet with the Cincinnati church for the first time. I was much pleased with what I saw. A good work is in progress in this large city, and the members of the church seem to be having some part in helping to carry the work in their own city as well as to contribute liberally to the general work. Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell, who are engaged in the Bible work in Cincinnati, have a large circle of interested readers of a good and promising class of people. Nearly twenty of their readers were at the Sabbath service. Elder W. W. Miller's health is such that he is able to have quite an active part in the work. The preaching services conducted by him are appreciated by the church and contribute largely to the upbuilding of the work.

Let us pray for the work and workers in this and the other large cities in our conference.

E. K. SLADE.

Dr. W. J. Venen and Dr. B. J. Ferciot are holding a series of meetings in a large hall in the central part of Canton.

Brother James Smith is conducting an effort at Leesburg, with good attendance and interest.

Elder Moffett is spending a few days at New London, following up the effort recently made there.

Elders W. E. Bidwell and J. W. Shultz have resumed meetings at Empire, O., both having recovered from their recent illness.

Elder J. J. Marietta is holding a few meetings at the Liberty Center church, and Elder E. K. Slade expects to spend Sabbath, March 16, with the church there.

The home of our educational superintendent, Elder W. C. Moffett, was gladdened by the arrival of a daughter, Francis Marion, February 25, 1912.

Mrs. C. F. Russell, the mother of our Sabbath-school secretary, Sister Bessie E. Russell, was taken seriously ill Sabbath, March 2. Her condition is still very critical.

Sister H. W. Waggoner of Fairmont, W. Va., was recently operated upon by Dr. Fisher at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium. Brother Waggoner accompanied his wife to the Sanitarium and remained several days.

VIRGINIA

From the Colored Institute

Below we give the testimonials of those who are attending our colored institute in Richmond. From these testimonies it will be seen that those in attendance are very appreciative of the instruction they are receiving and the efforts now being put forth in behalf of the colored work.

W. J. S.

I am thankful to the Lord for the opportunity of attending this institute and learning more of his blessed word; and I praise him that he enables me to have some success in selling our literature. I think the institute is "just fine." I have purposed in my heart to fully consecrate myself to God, so that I may be able to do work that will stand in the judgment. I am exceedingly grateful to God for the privilege of learning the message more thoroughly, that I may help the people with whom I come in contact.

E. B. MARABLE.

I believe that the colored institute in this city will be far-reaching in its influence. It was indeed gratifying this evening to see a number of new faces present at the meeting. The Lord be praised for the knowledge he has given me in the care of the sick. I can see how this will afford an entrance to homes and hearts when all other means shall fail. I gratefully enjoy the privilege I have of reviewing the ground over which I have gone, also of gaining much that is new from those who have had superior advantages. I can truly say with the Psalmist, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."

MRS. E. V. WARNICK.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." I cannot find words to express my gratitude for the privilege of attending this institute. I can see the hand of God in it all, and I am greatly enjoying the work of getting out among the people and canvassing. Thus far I have found Richmond a very good field, and I would not take anything for the experience and knowledge that I am getting along the line of nursing, as I am very much interested in that work. I desire your prayers that the Lord may use me as an instrument in winning souls.

R. A. GRAVES.

I am truly glad for the privilege of attending this institute. I have been praying to the Lord that I may be useful in his cause; and I feel that he is answering my prayers. I have been canvassing a little—the best I know how. The first week I went out the Lord was with me, and I had very good success, and a good experience in the work; but the next week I did not have as good success. However, I was not discouraged, but shall persevere and go forward, trusting in the Lord, knowing that he will bless me in my efforts. Please remember me in your prayers.

JOSEPH P. THOMAS.

"Many are called but few are chosen." I am grateful to the Lord for the opportunity I have of attending this institute. I am enjoying so much the Bible and Testimony studies. The Lord has blessed us wonderfully in all our undertakings, especially in canvassing; although I felt discouraged the first week on account of many not taking their books when I went to deliver them, yet the Lord has blessed me the last few weeks, so that I have taken \$4.10 worth of orders and one order for a \$3.00 Bible. Last Thursday I held a Bible study, and the Lord was certainly with us during that study. The people seem much interested. I hope that the instruction I am receiving at this institute will prove of eternal value. "I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in his season. There shall be showers of blessing."

T. A. NIXON.

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 1, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Jones, Trappe, Md.		GC	5	34	18	54 00	8 55	62 55	1 20
J. Miller, Cumberland, Md.		BR	4	21	6	18 00	5 75	23 75	
D. Percy, Queen Anne Co.,		BF	5	33	21	23 00	3 50	26 50	26 50
Anna Seeney, Wilmington, Del.		BF	3	8	33	38 00		38 00	
J. Sheirich, Mays, Md.		BF	4	25	23	23 00	2 25	25 25	
A. Winter, Kent Co., Del.		BF	4	22	10	10 00	14 00	24 00	
M. Seeney, Wilmington, Del.		BF	3	8	14	14 00		14 00	
R. Murphy, Lonaconing, Md.		PPF	3	18	12	19 00	3 50	22 50	
J. Dillman, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	3	5	5	6 75	1 25	8 00	25
H. Cephas, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	2	6	2	3 00	11 70	14 70	
Totals			36	180	144	\$208 75	\$50 50	\$259 25	\$27 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 1, 1912

Wm. Burtnett, Glenfield		GC	5	41	8	30 00	5 70	35 70	3 00
G. W. House, Coudersport		PPF	5	33	19	31 00	1 50	32 50	
G. Medairy, Brushton		PG	5	27	4	15 00	70	15 70	70
J. E. Perkins, Brushton		PG	5	27	3	10 00	30	10 30	30
C. Dunham, Brushton		PG	5	22	9	29 00	1 50	30 50	1 50
T. O. Saxton, Indiana		PPF	3	18	7	10 50		10 50	3 00
Florence Austin, NewBright'n		PPF	4	17	4	7 00		7 00	
John McIntyre, Indiana		BR	3	14					21 75
J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	2	10	2	3 50	11 25	14 75	95
Totals			37	209	56	\$136 00	\$20 95	\$156 95	\$31 20

West Virginia Week Ending January 12, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	5	35	29	42 00	3 60	45 60	2 60
Orlo Butler, Fairmont		CK	4	33	13	19 50	3 00	22 50	1 90
W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.		DR	5	44	12	36 00	23 50	59 50	3 75
F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co.		DR	4	28	6	15 00	9 25	24 25	9 00
Totals			18	140	60	\$112 50	\$39 35	\$151 85	17 25

New Jersey, Week Ending February 23, 1912

G. W. Blinn, Somerset Co.		BR	4	29	16	49 00		49 00	
J. Rambo, Cumberland Co.		CK	3	7	3	4 50	2 25	6 75	87 00
A. S. Samuel, Newark		GA	5	26	120	30 00		30 00	25 00
N. R. Pond, Mt. Holly		CK	5	26	6	9 50		9 50	6 00
Totals			17	88	145	\$93 00	\$2 25	\$95 25	\$118 00

Virginia, Week Ending February 23, 1912

S. N. Brown, Appalachia		BR		37					193 00
F. W. Hall, Appalachia		CK		39					147 75
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK		17	9	13 50	1 75	15 25	34 75
U. Pickard, Charlottesville		PPF		22	33	51 00		51 00	
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth		CK		17	5	7 50		7 50	
B. Hamm, Leavells		GC		31	4	12 00	1 50	13 50	17 00
Totals				163	51	\$74 00	\$3 25	\$87 25	\$393 00

West Virginia, Week Ending February 23, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	5	31	7	10 50		10 50	127 80
Orlo Butler, Marion Co.		CK	5	37	10	16 00	6 85	22 85	2 05
W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.		DR	5	40	13	33 00	15 50	48 50	44 00
Totals			15	108	30	\$59 50	\$22 35	\$81 85	\$173 85

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 24, 1912

J. McAllister, Berwick		DR	5	35	6	18 00	1 50	19 50	
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Ohio, Week Ending February 23, 1912

L. H. Waters, Defiance Co.	BF	5	34	24	29 00		29 00	
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	2	14	3	9 00	3 75	12 75	25 75
W. O. Dean, Miami Co.	CK	4	30	7	10 50		10 50	1 50
Elsie Lowe, Cuyahoga Co.	CK	2	3	3	4 50		4 50	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	1	10			3 25	3 25	42 75
Totals		14	91	37	\$53 00	\$7 00	\$60 00	\$70 00

Virginia, Week Ending March 1, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville			4					13 00
S. N. Brown, Appalachia	BR	22	25	79 00	11 75	90 75		13 75
Mrs. F. W. Hall, Appalachia	CK	19	23	36 00	3 00	39 00		75
C. Overstreet, Bay View	BR	20	3	9 00	50	9 50		42 50
L. " " "	PPF	4	4	11 00	50	11 50		25
P. Hottel, " "	PPF	4		21 50		21 50		
B. Hamm, Leavells	GC	24	15	51 00	8 75	59 75		25
U. Pickard, Charlottesville	PPF	26	28	44 00		44 00		
Totals		123	98	\$251 50	\$24 50	\$276 00		\$70 50

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1187.90

Deliveries, \$901.75.

Magazine Reports

Chesapeake: Ordered to March 1, 1912

	Protestant	L. & H.	Liberty	Value
Lucy Bowers, Smithsburg, Md.	100			\$10 00
Bertha Reynolds, Smithsburg, Md.	235			23 50
Geo. W. Carroll, Smithsburg, Md.		100		10 00
J. Springer, Wilmington, Del.	24	24	24	7 20
A. R. Paden, Hagerstown Md.	25	25	25	7 50
Baltimore Church Number 1	25	25	25	7 50
A. J. Winter, Kent Co., Del.		10		1 00
Totals	409	184	74	\$66 70

I am thankful for the privilege of attending this Gospel Medical Institute. I know that it was the hand of God that led me here. Realizing as I do that the time is short, and that we are instructed to carry the message to the large cities, I thank God that I am privileged to attend such an institute where I may learn how to present the message in a better way to my people. I am glad of the privilege that I have after my class work to go out among the people and canvass. I am indeed thankful for the success the Lord gives me in my work. He has enabled me to take as high as fifteen or sixteen orders a day for the twenty-five cent books. I shall be thankful when the time comes that I can go out and hold Bible readings with our people. I can also say, "I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my cry." S. CHRISTIAN.

Knowing as I do the solemnity of the times in which I am living, I have purposed in my heart to fully follow the Lord. All of the delegates that are in the institute are willing to do everything in their power to get in line and do their best to fur-

ther the cause of God in the earth. The Lord is surely blessing, and we hope to see many souls coming into the fold before it is too late. I am elated over the studies we are having in our classes, and shall avail myself of every opportunity to learn all I possibly can while here, so that I may be more proficient in doing the work assigned me. Our meetings are well attended, for which I thank the Lord. Many persons are interested in the truth. The Lord is surely answering our prayers.

J. B. MALLORY.

I am glad that I have the privilege of attending the institute at Richmond. I am sure that it was the planning of the Lord. I am thankful that I can take the studies that are being given. I am also glad that I can go out and canvass for our literature, although I cannot do very much. I have taken seven or eight orders a day. I am willing to do whatever the Lord would have me do. I do realize that the harvest is great but the laborers are few, and I have given myself to the Lord to be a laborer for him.

S. R. MILLER.

I deem it a privilege to be in this institute. It gives joy and gladness to my heart that nothing else could give, because I am preparing to work for him in carrying the third angel's message to a perishing world. I thank the Lord for a part in carrying the printed page from house to house. I am learning lessons of trust and confiding faith in Jesus. I enjoy all our studies, also the canvassing work. Have sold six dollars and fifty cents' worth of the twenty-five cent books, and have fifteen orders for this week. Pray for me.

CORDELIA K. KIRBY.

How grateful I am for this privilege of attending the Gospel Medical Institute. I know that it is a heaven-sent blessing, and I thank God for it. The studies, each one, I find very interesting and especially our Bible study; our other lessons, which are on diseases, dietetics, theoretical and practical hydrotherapy, are also very interesting; and while we already feel benefited by them, we hope to be able to tell others these blessed truths in the near future. Since we are here to gain a thorough knowledge of the message, I think our deepest interest should be that we may become proficient, that we may be fitted to carry the third angel's message to our own people. It is a great encouragement to be associated with others, that we may talk over our experiences while canvassing for our literature. There are some, thank God, who are seeking for truth. I feel quite encouraged in the work, and with God's assistance, I hope to soon have the privilege of holding Bible studies with our people. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

LOUISE M. JACKSON.

Elder Kime is now at Lynchburg holding a series of meetings. It is hoped that the church will be greatly strengthened by this effort, both spiritually and numerically.

Elder Hottel will go to Mt. Williams this week or next to hold a series of meetings; he will conduct quarterly services while there.

The interest and attendance at both the white and colored revival services is increasing. Sunday night, February 25, some had to go away from the First church for lack of seating capacity, although seats had been placed in all the available room.

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Elder Muntz gives a favorable report of the work at Norfolk. He is conducting Bible studies five nights in the week in the homes of the people, and holding two services each week at the meeting hall. He reports the best interest that they have had since they began meetings at Norfolk.

In this issue of the VISITOR appear a number of testimonials from the delegates who are attending the colored institute. From these testimonies one can see the estimate placed upon the instruction being received by those in attendance. We believe the future will demonstrate the value of this work for our lay brethren and sisters.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sabbath-schools of the denomination have increased their offerings to such an extent that the General Conference Committee has voted to allow the Sabbath-school Department to select a day in each quarter when it may donate to a special field. The General Conference Treasury Department is to designate, quarter by quarter, the special field to which the Sabbath-schools may donate.

The thirteenth Sabbath in each quarter is the time designated, when our Sabbath-schools are strongly urged to give for the support of the mission field that may be named by the General Conference treasurer. On March 30, the last Sabbath of the present quarter, the first special offering is to be taken. The cities of India have been chosen as the recipi-

ents of our contributions for that day. It is to be hoped that the Sabbath-schools of West Virginia will make a strong effort to donate liberally, and that the initial day of the "thirteenth day collection" may prove the wisdom of this plan.

While the donations made on that day will be counted with the total contributions, they will also be included with the donations to missions. It will be necessary for the secretaries to specify the amount given on the thirteenth Sabbath, so that it may be credited to the field where it belongs.

Elder Robbins will begin a series of meetings at Grafton, W. Va., March 9. Elder Gibson of Charleston will assist him.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

YEARS 1910 AND 1911

Churches	1910	1911
Amos	\$ 51 25	\$110 63
Berea	102 02	90 82
Charleston	439 49	530 84
Clarksburg	37 91	222 85
Chester	129 14	177 99
Culloden	85 58	63 42
Elk Garden	26 80	11 08
Elkins	12 00	
Elm Grove		25 00
Hastings	3 79	
Individuals	213 14	321 68
Kanawha	123 96	195 45
Little Birch	2 00	16 85
Martinsburg		9 91
Mason City	3 00	9 94
Morgantown	515 88	436 33
Moundsville	181 57	321 01
New Cumberland		8 00
Newark	10 00	4 00
Newburg	13 50	
Parkersburg	478 28	588 20
Point Pleasant	3 10	
Walker	24 95	22 00
TOTAL	\$2457 36	\$3136 00
Excess of 1911 over 1910		\$678 64

Acts of the Apostles

After reading "The Acts of the Apostles," by Mrs. E. G. White, Elder G. A. Irwin addressed an article to our people in the Pacific Union Conference, of which he is president. You may be interested in a few words from it. After setting forth the parallel between apostolic days and ours, he says:

In addition to the parallels of which I have spoken that are calculated to inspire confidence in the certainty and victorious triumph of the third

angel's message, the book is full of practical lessons drawn from the experiences of those times, and made applicable to our time and needs. While it is especially helpful and valuable to Seventh-day Adventists, and should be in every Adventist home, at the same time, it should have a place in the front rank of commentaries on the Holy Scriptures, and as such should meet with a large sale outside our ranks. To those reading this article, I would say, Purchase this book at your earliest opportunity, and read it carefully."

If you have not as yet purchased this beautiful new book, your tract society will be very pleased to fill your order for one or more copies. It is in large plain print, and comes in two good bindings; namely, red leather, at \$2.00; cloth, \$1.50, postpaid.

A New Cook Book Free

The new awakening in health principles has prompted the Loma Linda people to issue a practical cook book on new lines. To assist the Loma Linda institution in introducing this book *at once* to all our people we have decided to give absolutely free for a short time a copy of this new book to every new subscriber to the *Life Boat* at only fifty cents a year. Call the attention of others to this most unusual offer. Address the *Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

WANTED.—A man to work on a dairy farm. Must be a Seventh-day Adventist. Address A. P. Fitch, K. C. Station, Bradford, Pa.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS.—Anthony Williams was born in Clermont County, O., Nov. 4, 1844. He was united in marriage to Mary Myers in 1867. To this union were born four sons, who, with their mother, ten grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters, and one half-brother, mourn the death of our brother, who fell asleep Feb. 15, 1912, aged 67 years, 3 months, and 11 days. Twenty-nine years ago Brother Williams accepted the third angel's message. He died strong in the faith of our Lord's soon return. For a number of years he was afflicted with palsy, but unusual patience ever marked his conversation and life. The funeral service was conducted in the Walnut Grove Seventh-day Adventist church by the writer, who selected 2 Tim. 2:11,12 as the theme of his discourse. The burial was at St. Marys.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.