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

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UNION

The Demands of the Hour*

We take it that all are agreed upon the assumption that the success of all lines of Christian endeavor connected with the third angel's message, in behalf of the unwarned and unsaved of this world, depends largely upon the preservation and continuance of unrestricted religious freedom. When that liberty with which we are blessed in this country shall be circumscribed by the enactment of restrictive legislation, our operations in every department will be handicapped, if not entirely checked.

You are doubtless aware of the fact that there are certain movements at work in this country, which, if reflected in legislation, would well nigh stop our work. For instance, our publishing work would be seriously hampered should the amendment to the postal laws proposed by the Federation of Catholic Societies be adopted by Congress. The resolution of the Federation as carried at its tenth annual convention, held in Columbus, Ohio, August 20 to 24, is: "Resolved, That the Federation of Catholic Societies do enter their solemn protest against the mailing or offering for sale of obscene literature, including under this title books, papers, writings and prints which outrage religious convictions of our citizens and contain scurrilous and slanderous attacks upon our faith. In this condemnation we include immoral post cards as well as films, which in picture shows ridicule religion and openly or suggestively teach immorality. —*Bulletin of American Federation of Catholic Societies* (Cincinnati and St. Louis), Vol. V., No. 5, September and October, 1911.

This is substantially the same resolution that was adopted the previous year by the Federation in New Orleans.

This legislation would doubtless call

*Paper read by S. B. Horton, religious liberty secretary of the District of Columbia Conference at the convention held in Washington, December 31, 1911.

for inquisitorial investigation, and would likely be followed by laws establishing a *censorship*, the possibilities of which are not entirely remote if there is any significance in the position our government assumes in the Philippine Islands with reference to public school teachers and their freedom of speech.

Since 1888, when the Blair and Breckinridge bills were before the Fiftieth Congress, repeated attempts have been made to secure from our national legislature religious amendments to the Constitution and also laws committing Congress to the principle of Sunday legislation. These attempts have been more persistent within the last decade. In 1904, during the Second Session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, a Sunday bill (H. R. 11819) passed the House, but died in the Senate. In the Fifty-ninth Congress the same results obtained. The Sixtieth Congress saw the dawn of the first Johnson District Sunday Bill, which died with that Congress, not having passed the Senate. In the Sixty-first Congress, Senator Johnson fathered another measure, known as Senate 404, which, after a hard fight passed the Senate. This measure, however, got no further than the archives of the House District of Columbia Committee.

The present Congress, which was called in special session April 4, 1911, had hardly organized before two Sunday bills were introduced, one by Senator Johnston (S. 237) for the observance of Sunday in the District of Columbia, the other by Representative Mann (H. R. 9433) providing for the observance of Sunday in the post offices. A hearing was granted on the Johnston Bill May 18, after which it was reported favorably to the Senate by the Committee on the District of Columbia, and is now on the Senate calendar. Repeated attempts were made during the special session to pass the District Sunday Bill; but, after a remarkable parliamentary struggle, in which Senator Heyburn made a memorable speech, the measure was transferred from the calendar under rule 8 to the calendar under rule 9, which places

it at a disadvantage somewhat.

On December 6 of the present session of the Sixty-second Congress, Representative Heflin, of Alabama, introduced a bill into the House, which is a replica of the one he prepared for the Sixtieth Congress, prohibiting all kinds of work in the District of Columbia on Sunday. This bill (H. R. 14690) was referred to the District of Columbia Committee, which referred it to the District Commissioners. The District Commissioners in a recent report to the House Committee disapproved of the Heflin measure on the ground that it was detrimental to the best interests of the District, assuring the Committee at the same time that, comparatively speaking, but little labor was being done in the District on Sunday.

Thus far, however, no practical success has come to the promoters of Sunday legislation with Congress; but we believe that the failure of Congress to enact a Sunday law would be a signal to us to do more work in the District. We may be permitted to say in passing that the Lord has evidently used the Religious Liberty Department in contributing to the defeat of Sunday legislation, notwithstanding its weakness and imperfection. But it is a fact that because of our success the opponents of our work here are more determined than ever to secure from Congress a Sunday law for the District. We should, therefore, be more earnest than ever before to let the people know of the great principles of the gospel of religious liberty.

Just a few words as to the recognition given our work in the District of Columbia:—

In a letter addressed to the local press January 24, Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, discussing the desirability of securing Sunday as a day of rest for the District of Columbia, said among other things:—

"This bill (Senate 404) has behind it the great mass of our law-abiding and humane citizenship. The systematic and persistent opposition is almost entirely limited to the Seventh-day Adventists, whose members in

the District, including men, women, and children, are almost three hundred, in a population of more than three hundred thousand."

Aside: The doctor evidently needs some enlightenment as to the causes which led to the victory gained by Gideon's band.

The same minister about that time made a speech before the Epworth League Union of the District, in which he said:—

"The abolition of all forms of labor and amusement, if it ever comes to pass, will be the best law ever enacted for the churches of Washington."

He spoke of many efforts made by the inter-denominational committee to interest the Senate and the House in their cause, but their failure had almost always been due to the violent opposition of the Adventists.

It will be remembered that in Senator Johnston's report, No. 33, of May 22, 1911, accompanying Senate Bill 237 to the Senate for its consideration, a statement is made, showing the source of its inspiration:—

"It was stated on previous hearings that the Seventh-day Adventists in the District did not number more than three hundred men, women, and children, out of a population of more than three hundred thousand."

We should briefly refer to the campaign begun with this Congress of securing official protests from our churches against the Johnston and Mann Bills. The *Congressional Record* at present contains almost daily a number of references to these protests, and coming to the senators and representatives directly from their constituents, we have reason to believe this plan of memorializing is having some effect at least.

(To be continued)

Time to Work

The *Protestant and Liberty* especially should be given a wide circulation just now. Rome is fulfilling her part of the prophecy of Revelation 13, and I know that some of this people, Seventh-day Adventists, are earnestly doing theirs; but how many of us are sitting quietly down in our homes and doing nothing. God says, "This indifference is displeasing to him." So stealthily is the tread of Rome that many Seventh-day Adventists little realize that the "leopard" is about to spring and rend with the ferocity of a "bear" and again send forth her "voice like a lion." We should read these magazines for ourselves, and then scatter them by hun-

dreds among our friends, neighbors, and all with whom we come in contact. Soon the cry will go forth, "We knew that the judgments of God were coming on the earth, but we did not know that they were coming so soon;" only to receive the answering cry of reproach, "You knew, why then did you not tell us? we did not know." May our Lord take pity on those who have been idle when that cry of reproach is heard on every side.

Now is also the time to scatter *Life and Health*. God says that "the indifference with which our health books have been treated by many is an offense to him." This alone should be sufficient to point out our plain duty at this time. The current number of *Life and Health* is one of the best. That means that the April number is now out. We hope to receive your orders immediately. Let us be faithful, and in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

I. G. BIGELOW.

AT THE COLLEGE

Mrs. F. A. White of Guelph, Ont., and her daughter Olive, who was formerly a student of the College, are visiting relatives in British Columbia, Canada.

Messrs. Ray and Guy Corder left the College home last week, their parents having moved to Mount Vernon from Coshocton, O., in order to provide better school privileges for their children.

About sixty invited guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Secor of Mount Vernon, Wednesday evening, March 27, to witness the marriage of their cousin, Miss Flora L. Frost, to Mr. Otho C. Punches of this place. Miss Blanche de Spelder played the wedding march as the bridal pair, attended by Miss Fidelia Punches and Mr. Merritt V. Eusey, descended the stair and took their place at the appointed hour. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder James E. Shultz. Congratulations followed, and later refreshments and the viewing of the useful and beautiful gifts which testified that the bride had many friends among her associates. Mr. and Mrs. Punches have taken up their residence on a farm near Mount Vernon. Both are former students of the College, and their school friends wish them a happy and useful life.

Mr. Berl Wagner, who is canvassing in Brook County, near Wellsburg, W. Va., writes, "I sold \$28.00 worth of "Great Controversy" in about seven hours one day last week."

Miss Edna Wolf, who is taking the nurse's course at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Hanger, an old student of the College, is visiting in Mount Vernon, having come up from her home at West Liberty, O., to be present at the marriage of her friend Miss Frost.

Miss Lydia Detwiler returned last week from a visit to her home in Souderton, Pa.

We are sorry to learn that the mother of Miss Myrtle M. Kellogg of Berrien Springs is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pemberton of Laura, O., were guests at the home of Mrs. Harvey Cassell last week. Mrs. Pemberton formerly attended school here, and will be better known to old students as Miss Juva Jones.

Miss Francis Arnold of the Melrose Sanitarium is spending a short vacation at her home in McAlisterville, Pa.

Miss Martha Poole is nursing in Portsmouth, O., not far from her home.

An old student who is enjoying herself very much in her present work, writes, "You will never appreciate Mount Vernon until you leave it for good." Why not begin to appreciate it while we are here, and enjoy present blessings instead of past ones?

VIRGINIA

A Live Church

Our Saviour's command, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," should express the desire of every child of God; it should be the standard of attainment. By constant prayer and right living the life of every Christian may become a beacon light to those living in sin and darkness.

The members of the Norfolk church are working as never before. The aim of each one is to carry out the

commission of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Never before in the history of the church has the interest on the part of both members and outsiders been so marked. The weather is never too cold or too stormy to visit homes and hold Bible studies. All feel and know that we are truly living in the end of time, and thus we are constantly looking for the way-marks. This only gives us a greater burden for those living in sin and darkness and for those who are putting into practice the teachings of false religions.

It would do your hearts good, could you be with us in some of our studies, to see how eager and anxious for the truth the people are. This indeed seems to harmonize with Acts 16:9. The Lord is certainly good to his people, and his ears are ever open to their cries. We can see that the cries of his children are being answered. Five persons are keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. We thank God for giving us strength to labor and for going before us and directing us to the homes of these people. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness." "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name." Pray for those who are now studying with us, that their hearts may be softened to receive the truth of God; and that they all may come and drink of that spiritual Rock that follows them, and that they may know of a surety that Rock is Christ Jesus.

ELEANOR V MANNERS.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY 1912

Bethel.....	\$	....
Buena Vista.....	....	....
Danville.....	....	....
Dillwyn.....	....	....
Guinea Mills.....	21	50
Hamburg.....	..	..
Lynchburg.....	44	17
Mt. Williams.....	....	....
New Market.....	47	87
Newport News No. 1.....	25	00
Newport News No. 2.....	2	20
News Ferry.....	5	60
Norfolk.....	38	89
Portsmouth.....	16	99
Richmond.....	121	67
Richmond No. 2.....	24	65
Roanoke.....	6	30
Stanley.....	27	82
Spencer.....	1	40
Individuals.....	15	73

TOTAL... \$ 399 79

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Canvassers' Testimony Corner

J. L. Smith: Physical weakness and the strike have hindered my work this week; but I am of good courage. I praise God for the privilege of searching out the honest in heart. Do not forget to pray for me.

H. H. Gerhart: I was in an Irish Catholic district this week. I find honest, truth-seeking souls among them as well as among the Protestants. Time, indeed, is short. I realize it more than ever before. I want to overcome every defect of character, that God may make of me an efficient worker.

Matilda Warga: I have been ill this week, but God blessed me in selling magazines to friends who came to visit me.

E. J. Kesselmeyer: I am in this work to please my heavenly Father. I am praying for faith and strength that I may do more efficient service.

F. H. Barto: I praise God for the good success he has given me, and I trust it is the beginning of victory in my experience. I enjoy meeting the people, and O how I long to be able to win them to Jesus!

W. P. Hess: I praise the dear Lord for helping me get in a full week. Yesterday the weather looked very discouraging as it was raining, blowing, and snowing; but I went out, trusting in the Lord, and he gave me \$12.00 worth of orders. I found a minister's family anxious to study the truth.

We rejoice in the spirit of courage manifested by each canvasser. The amount of sales is increasing, and much precious literature is being placed in the homes of the people.

Brother J. T. McAllister is working in the suburbs of Philadelphia. This has been considered bad territory, yet for thirty-eight hours' work the Lord gave him \$59.20 worth of orders—an average sale of \$1.55 per hour.

It was my privilege to visit Miss Dicks, our faithful worker in Hazelton, last week. As I had just a few hours to help her, she thought it most profitable to visit the ministers of the city. It was the grandest victory I ever experienced. All we called upon commended our work very highly, besides buying the single copy and subscribing for the *Protestant*

Magazine. One prominent man in the Methodist mission gave us a written recommendation for "Great Controversy." Miss Dicks expects to reap a rich harvest there next month after the strike is settled.

I had the joy yesterday of starting the elder of the Wilkes Barre church in the canvassing work. He has a family to support, and had some doubt as to whether the Lord had called him to leave his worldly occupation. However, he prayed over the matter and promised the Lord that if he would give him sufficient orders to amount to a wage of \$2.00 the first day, he would take up the work. God more than doubled his request, giving him over \$9.00 worth of orders. His commission when the books are delivered will be \$4.50. The Lord will do abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Harrisburg

Tuesday evening, March 26, we had a gathering of the church and quite a number of friends and interested ones at my home in Harrisburg to listen to Elder F. C. Gilbert talk of God's opening providences for Israel "according to the flesh." We rejoice to know that the Lord's prospering hand is with his servant. May he have an abundant harvest of precious souls for his hire.

A. R. BELL.

Hawley

Last November I moved with my family to Hawley, Pa., from Montreal, Canada, where we accepted the truth in the spring of 1908, under the labors of Elder J. G. Hanna.

At this place we found a few struggling under great difficulties to hold up the banner of truth. Sabbath-school was held at the home of one of the sisters, who told me that sometimes only two would come out to the school. We praise God that he has brought every one back to his place in the house of God.

Since coming here I have held four meetings a week, our Tuesday and Friday evening meetings, besides the Sabbath service, and the Sunday evening meeting, which we advertise. For this purpose we have secured for a small rent a hall with a seating capacity of about forty. Some Sunday nights we have every seat filled. Eight persons are interested and attend quite regularly. One man who had never heard the message before has taken his stand

and is now rejoicing in the full knowledge of the truth. Two other young men are keeping the Sabbath. These I visit occasionally, as they live seven miles away in the country and find it hard to attend meetings regularly. I hope to see them accept all points of the truth. We expect to have five candidates for baptism in the near future.

We are all of good courage in the work, and are enjoying our experiences. In the campaign with the missions number of the *Signs of the Times*, the few members here gathered \$58.25. During the last two months of the year we raised over \$200 in tithe and offerings. When we all give our hearts to the Lord, the work seems to be easy. Truly the angels are going before to prepare the way. How we should enjoy working in the field now! for the harvest will soon be past. What a privilege, to belaborers together with God for the salvation of souls! No finite mind can comprehend the interest God has in fallen humanity, that we might be saved. Many agencies are at work in our behalf. All heaven is engaged in saving a lost race. "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands"—every one God's agent for the salvation of the human race; for "are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? And how blessed to know that the angels who work with us as we go forth to the field, keep his commandments"—the same commandments which we, their co-laborers must keep if we would enter in through the gates into the city and partake of the tree of life.

Dear brethren, with such privileges and opportunities all about us and a crown eternal waiting just before us, let us press on in the grand work of pointing souls to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Pray for the work here.

W. B. LINDSAY.

There seems to be a strong sentiment, on the part of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference, in favor of having another camp-meeting in Emmanuel Grove, at Allentown, Pa. After careful and prayerful consideration, canvassing the situation pro and con, it was finally decided, taking everything into consideration, that this would be the

best place; therefore, our camp-meeting will be held at Allentown, June 19-30.

Elder R. E. Harter spoke to the Reading church last Sunday evening, taking for his subject the judgment. Quite a number of outsiders attended the service.

Brother E. R. Brown, auditor of the Columbia Union Conference, spent a few days in our conference office during the past week, auditing the books.

Brother J. H. McEachern is in the northern part of the state assisting Brethren Willruth and Smith in their canvassing work. Brother McEachern, we are glad to say, believes in sticking by a canvasser and helping him until he is a success.

Another special series of the *Signs of the Times* is in preparation, and will be ready July 2. There will be twenty-five numbers in which "present truth" will be presented; and from past series, we are confident all will want their neighbors and friends and relatives benefited by the truths presented. The conference office will gladly furnish you leaflets and take care of your orders.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent last Sabbath with the Fairhill church. There was a large attendance of our brethren and sisters.

The following figures show the value of the books sold by our canvassers last week: J. T. McAllister, \$59.20; W. P. Hess, \$42.25; F. Willruth, \$25.10; G. C. Folger, \$22.25; Jesse Smith, \$21.35; E. J. Kesselmeyer, \$15.50; F. H. Barto, \$14.75; G. F. B. Unger, \$13.85; Lucy E. Dicks, \$13.80; and H. H. Gerhart, \$12.25. Several others reported smaller amounts, not having put in much time. Let us not fail to remember all our canvassers before the throne of grace in our devotions each morning and evening.

We are glad to report that Evangelist O. F. Schwedrat, pastor of the First German church in Philadelphia, is enjoying his new field of labor, and is taking hold of his work in such a way as to insure success.

The temperance *Instructor* is fulfilling its mission. Are you having a part in it? Send your orders to the Tract Society office in Philadelphia.

OHIO

Springfield

Sabbath, March 23, was Church School Day at Springfield. Following the Sabbath-school a program consisting of songs, dialogues, and recitations, was rendered by the pupils of the church school, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Rosella Draper. It was a practical demonstration of what the school is accomplishing, as evinced when four first grade tots recited in concert eighty-five separate texts of scripture, tracing the plan of redemption; and when ten year old Georgie Sims gave an original fifteen minute talk on "The Life of David."

At the close of the exercises the patrons of the school arose one by one to express their appreciation of what the school is doing for their children. The attendance has increased steadily from seven pupils at the beginning of the year to twenty-one. The parents of nine of these, though not of our faith, have been attracted by the deportment of our children in the schoolyard and by the work of the school. By request the program will be repeated Sunday night, March 31. The pastor of the church, Elder C. T. Redfield, has labored hard for the upbuilding of the school, and through the co-operation of the church and the blessing of the Lord it has prospered beyond all expectation. The teacher has already been engaged for the coming year.

Crowns had been made for each pupil at the beginning of the year, and for every day of perfect deportment a golden star was attached to the pupil's crown. In closing the program these crowns were placed upon the heads of the pupils. In the day of final awards may there be many stars in the crowns of our faithful teachers and of all who are sacrificing to train the children for the service and kingdom of God.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Clyde

The Clyde church enjoyed the convention held March 15 to 17, in spite of the bad weather which prevailed. Many needed lessons were learned. Brethren W. C. Moffett, H. M. Jump, and H. F. Kirk worked faithfully for the success of the meeting, and not without result. Brother Kirk pressed his line of work with success; several from this place are going into the canvassing work. At the

close of the temperance rally Sunday evening many signed the pledge cards, among them some who are trying to lead the better life under difficult circumstances. Though the young people here are few, they have a society which by the help of God is doing efficient work, even though the enemy may work here as elsewhere. We still claim the promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

J. M. LEVERING.

Elder J. J. Marietta is conducting a public effort at Gordon, in the western part of the state.

Elders Bidwell and Shultz report an increasing attendance at Empire.

Elder J. W. Shultz is circulating the *Family Bible Teacher* in Toronto, preparatory to holding meetings there.

Elder Moffett visited the church schools at Columbus, Springfield, and Dayton last week.

Brother J. D. Montgomery of the Newark Sanitarium has just returned from Missouri, where he was called by the death of his mother.

Mrs. M. J. Leach of Derwent is spending a few weeks with her son near the College, and is taking treatments at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Elder Olmsted held quarterly meeting with the Marion church last Sabbath.

Elder A. C. Shannon, after the forenoon service at Dayton goes over to Wengerlawn each Sabbath to conduct an afternoon service with those who have recently accepted the truth there.

On account of the illness and death of her mother, Miss Bessie E. Russell has been absent from the office for the past month. Sister Russell died at Mount Vernon Thursday morning, March 21, and was taken to Cincinnati, her former home, for burial. The funeral service was conducted by Elder Slade. Sister Russell will be greatly missed by the church at Mount Vernon, where she has lived for the past eight or nine years. We sympathize with the dear ones who mourn her loss, and trust that God will comfort them in their sorrow.

Elder Slade called at Dayton on his return from Cincinnati and held a meeting with that church on Sunday evening. He also visited Wengerlawn on conference business.

Miss Clara Reichenbaugh will teach the church school at Pleasant Hill the last two months of the year, the home school which she was teaching at Camden having closed.

We are sorry to learn that on account of illness Mr. C. V. Hamer is obliged to give up his work as secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Conference. Brother and Sister Hamer expect to return to Mount Vernon.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS
FEBRUARY, 1912

Akron	\$59 26
Alliance	.....
*Barnesville	.....
Bellefontaine	67 90
Bellville	.....
*Broughton	.....
Bowling Green	14 50
Camden	65 42
Canton	84 80
Chagrin Falls	21 82
Charloe	.....
Chillicothe	.....
Cincinnati	115 95
Cleveland	137 59
Cleveland German	85 00
Clyde	63 17
Columbus	423 15
Columbus S. D. A. Mission	7 15
*Conant	.....
Conneaut	2 47
Corsica	.....
Coshocton	24 12
Cygnat	.....
Dayton	76 29
Defiance	3 00
Delaware	.....
Delta	.....
Derwent	3 00
Dowling	.....
Dunkirk	.....
East Liverpool	20 97
Elgin	.....
Findlay	.....
Greenspring	.....
*Gilboa	.....
Hamlar	.....
Hamilton	.....
Hicksville	.....
*Jackson	.....
Jefferson	9 71
Killbuck	59 05
LaGrange	1 60
Lakeville	84 26
Laura	63 50

Leesburg	.....
Liberty Center	5 70
Lima	.....
Locust Point	.....
Mansfield	54 34
Marion	83 52
Marshfield	4 80
Massillon	.....
Medina	.....
Mendon	4 40
Middlefield	.....
Mount Vernon	255 10
Newark	62 95
Norwalk	28 15
New Philadelphia	96 36
Ohio City	15 75
Pemberville	.....
Piqua	177 35
Pleasant Hill	41 14
Powell	.....
Ravenna	64 53
*Reedsville	.....
Rows	.....
Sherwood	.....
Spencer	22 76
Springfield	115 46
Toledo	182 07
Troy	.....
Van Wert	.....
Walnut Grove	.....
Washington C. H.	.....
Waterford	6 69
*Wooster	6 65
*West Mansfield	.....
Wheelersburg	.....
Wilmington	39 09
Youngstown	11 10
Zanesville	34 67
Individuals	76 35
TOTAL	\$2,882 61

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$2,882 61
Tract Society	546 54
Sabbath-school Donations	242 42
First Day Offerings	64 23
Annual Offering	28 90
Asiatic Missions	40 00
Mid Summer Offerings	.....
\$300,000 Fund	139 05
Mount Vernon College Fund	89 99
M. V. C. Tank Fund	12 68
India	.....
Colored Work	50
Orphans and Aged	2 00
Tent and Hall Donations	14 49
Educ. Jap Workers	2 50
Religious Liberty	94 93
Ministry of Healing	.....
Missions	51 79
Harvest Ingathering (S. S. D.)	.....
Mission Signs	69 20
Blind	.....
White Memorial Chapel	.....

TOTAL \$4,281 83

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treas.*

WEST VIRGINIA

On account of poor health, Brother C. V. Hamer, secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Conference, has given up work in West Virginia. I am pleased to say that Brother Hamer has been an efficient and valuable worker while in this field. We are sorry to see him disconnect with the work here, but are glad he is going to take the needed rest. Sister Hamer has a number of Bible readers who are deeply interested at present, but will have to give up her work, as they are planning to return to Mount Vernon, O., where Brother Hamer can receive the necessary medical attention.

F. H. ROBBINS.

In behalf of the brethren and sisters in West Virginia, I extend a hearty welcome to Brother and Sister J. S. Barrows, of the West Pennsylvania Conference, who have consented to fill the place made vacant by Brother and Sister Hamer. We also thank the West Pennsylvania Conference for so kindly consenting to release Brother and Sister Barrows.

F. H. ROBBINS.

The Canvassing Work in West Virginia

Not much has been said recently concerning our work in West Virginia; nevertheless, we are glad to report that it is onward. Because of sickness, and for other reasons, some of our faithful workers have been held back from their work; but with returning health and favorable conditions we hope to have an unbroken line facing the enemy in a short time.

We herewith present the reports of two of our workers, for the months of January and February of this year, which demonstrate the possibilities that lie before the workers in this field. W. A. McElphatrick, 40 days, 312 hours, amount of sales \$443.75; T. M. Butler, 36 days, 258 hours, amount of sales \$298.05. These reports do not come up to the standard in point of time, but they are excellent when we consider the stormy weather that was encountered in making them. If reports of this kind can be made under unfavorable conditions, what may be done under advantageous circumstances?

Some of those who have talked with me concerning our work in West Virginia seemed to have the impres-

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 15, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Medairy, Pittsburgh		PG	5	30	3	11 00		11 00	
Wm. Burtnett, Beaver Co.		GC	5	31	8	28 00	3 95	31 95	2 75
Wm. Seigle, Altoona		CK	5	25	20	80 00	72 50	152 50	12 25
J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	4	24	14	25 00	11 00	36 00	2 10
T. O. Saxton, Indiana		PPF	4	23	13	20 00	4 60	24 60	3 20
G. W. House, Coudersport		PPF	4	23	8	12 50	2 25	14 75	75
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh		PG	5	21	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	
Totals			32	177	69	\$185 50	\$95 80	\$281 30	\$21 05

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 23, 1912

J. T. McAllister, Bryn Maur		DR	5	38	16	55 00	4 20	59 20	
E. Kesselmeyer, Bryn Maur		DR	3	18	4	15 00	50	15 50	1 40
W. Hess, Spring, Perry Co.		GC	5	48	12	36 00	6 25	42 25	
F. Barto, Perry Co.		GC	2	22	4	13 00	1 75	14 75	
Lucy Dicks, Hazelton		GC	4	28	1	3 00	10 80	13 80	2 20
Martha Part'gton, Kingston		GC	2	5			2 85	2 85	
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK	5	20	10	17 50	7 60	25 10	6 55
G. Folger, Bristol		CK	2	14	14	21 50	75	22 25	
H. Gerhart, Bristol		CK	5	31	6	10 00	2 25	12 25	
Jesse Smith, Scranton		HM	5	26	6	12 00	9 35	21 35	
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz		PG	4	20	1	4 00	9 85	13 85	
Bertha Williams			3	3			1 50	1 50	1 50
Totals			45	273	74	\$187 00	\$57 65	\$244 65	\$11 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 8, 1912

†A. Brownlee, Washington		CK	10	167		119 30		119 30	117 24
Wm. Seigle, Altoona		CK	5	33	12	5 00	4 00	9 00	10 00
W. Burtnett, Glenfield		GC	4	28	7	22 00	2 85	24 85	1 80
J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	3	54	13	21 50		21 50	2 20
G. House, Coudersport		PPF	4	23	14	24 00	7 25	31 25	
John McIntyre, Indiana		PPF	4	19	8	12 50	3 50	16 00	30 50
T. Saxton, Indiana		PPF	2	16	1	1 50		1 50	30 75
E. French, Indiana		PPF	2	13	6	9 00	1 75	10 75	
Totals			44	323	61	\$214 80	\$19 35	\$234 15	192 49

New Jersey, Week Ending March 15, 1912

G. W. Blinn,		BR	5	38	21	61 00	2 50	63 50	65 00
J. S. Glunt, Woodbury		BR	3	22	4	6 00	50	6 50	4 50
B. Hartman, Jersey City		GA	3	12	37	9 50	7 50	17 00	7 50
N. R. Pond, Mt. Holly		CK	1	8	1	2 00		2 00	13 55
J. Rambo, Millville		CK	3	17	17	25 50	3 25	28 75	1 75
J. Rambo, Millville		CK	4	33	3	5 00	1 00	6 00	92 25
A. S. Samuel, Essex		GA	5	34	119	36 25	2 30	38 55	19 25
R. D. Stagg, Sparta		PPF	1	6	2	3 00		3 00	
Totals			25	170	204	\$148 25	\$17 05	\$165 30	\$193 80

New Jersey, Week Ending March 22, 1912

G. Blinn, Burlington Co.		BR	3	25	11	31 00	2 00	33 00	
J. Glunt, Glassboro		BR	2	13			1 00		25 95
J. Rambo, Millville		CK	4	23	19	28 50	2 51	31 25	7 71
R. D. Stagg, Sparta		PPF	6	28	19	31 50	50	32 00	2 00
A. S. Samuels, Newark		GA	6	25	108	32 50	80	33 30	19 25
*F. Williams, Pleasantville		HM	8	28	19	41 00		41 00	
Totals			29	142	176	\$144 50	6 81	\$129 55	\$53 91

Periodicals sold

\$70 56

West Virginia, Week Ending March 22, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	37	22	33 00	2 50	35 50	3 60
Orlo Butler, Marion Co.	CK	5	35	11	17 00	8 50	25 50	1 80
J. Marshall, Morgan Co.	GC	5	38	27	67 00	2 75	69 75	
B. Wagner, Ohio Co.	GC	3	29	14	43 00		43 00	
Totals		18	139	74	\$160 00	\$13 75	\$173 75	\$5 40

Virginia, Week Ending March 15, 1912

F. W. Hall, Appalachia	BR	15	8	29 00	2 25	31 25	1 00
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "	CK	5	7	11 50		11 50	
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth	PPF	15	3	4 50		4 50	
B. Hamm, Leavells	GC	16	3	10 00	75	10 75	2 25
L. Overstreet, Bay View	PPF	13	14	23 50	4 55	28 05	
S. A. Covert, Bay View	PPF	11	12	20 75	1 00	21 75	
Totals		75	47	\$99 25	\$8 55	\$107 80	\$3 25

Ohio, Week Ending March 15, 1912

*J. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.		9	78	15	48 00	2 50	50 50	16 50
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	20	4	12 00	9 00	21 00	15 25
Totals		12	98	19	60 00	11 50	71 50	31 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 22, 1912

J. Jones, Trappe, Md.	GC	5	35	11	34 00	25 25	59 25	
W. McFerson, Union Bridge	DR	4	34	7	17 00	2 15	19 15	
G. Carroll, Union Bridge, Md.	DR	5	35	3	7 00	1 20	8 20	
R. Murphy, Midland, Md.	PPF	4	19	10	17 50	14 30	31 80	
A. Winter, Kent Co., Md.	BF	5	29	21	22 00	9 00	31 00	
D. Percy, Church Hill, Md.	BF	5	30	23	23 50		23 50	
J. Sheirich, Lineboro, Md.	BF	4	28	9	9 00		9 00	
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	3	16	17	17 50	2 50	20 00	
H. Richards, Millers, Md.	CK	3	27	20	30 00		30 00	
Totals		38	253	121	\$177 50	\$54 40	\$231 90	\$6 50

Ohio, Week Ending March 22, 1912

J. Reichenbach, Cuyahoga Co.	BR	5	42	9	31 00	50	31 50	
*L. Waters, Defiance Co.	BF	9	60	9	11 00		11 00	
Mary James, Lawrence Co.	BF	4	18	5	5 50	4 00	9 50	
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	12	2	6 00	2 25	8 25	
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.	CK	2	11	2	3 00	2 00	5 00	
B. Harrison, Miami Co.	BR	2	16	1	3 00		3 00	
Totals		25	159	23	\$59 50	\$8 75	\$68 25	\$257 25

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1708.15 Deliveries, \$777.05.

sion that our state was worked quite thoroughly last year. The fact is, we worked only about eleven counties. The year before we worked seven counties; making eighteen counties that have been worked in the last two years. You can see from this that the greater part of the state is virgin soil; and the territory that has been worked in the last two years may be worked again successfully with another book. So do not hold back because of the impression that the state has been worked, but rather step forward double-quick, and take possession of the goodly land.

Just now we have several counties that we consider to be in the best of

condition for our work, because of the rapid developments in the lumber and mining business.

We hope that a goodly number of the students, as well as others who will take up the work permanently, may step forward for service in this needy field. To such we give a cordial invitation to come to West Virginia; and we shall be pleased to assist any and all to the best of our ability.

C. V. LEACH.

Last Sabbath, March 23, the Fairmont church was favored with the presence of Elder Robbins, the conference president, who spoke many

encouraging words to the people. His subject, "Do we become angels immediately after death?" was delivered in a very pleasing and forcible manner. Besides the members of the church there were several outsiders in attendance. All considered the discourse a feast, and will welcome Elder Robbins back again.

We are pleased to see some new canvassers entering the work and having excellent success. Many others are planning to begin as soon as the weather opens up. We pray that the Lord will help them to carry out their plans; for we know that a rich blessing is in store for all who enter the Master's service. We are sure there is no better place to labor than in the needy fields of West Virginia. Books will be easy to sell this year in West Virginia, as the people's minds have been awakened to spiritual matters more this year than probably ever before in their lives. This will give the canvasser a twofold advantage. First, he will be able to place more books in the hands of the people, and thus spread the truth. Second, he will be blessed more financially than he has been in the past.

Brother Barrows, the secretary and treasurer of the West Pennsylvania Conference, paid the office a pleasant visit last week.

Professor Hamer of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents in Fairmont.

The office force would be pleased to receive reports that would be of interest to the people over the conference, and from our workers and brethren in their respective fields of labor. This plan, if carried out, would make the West Virginia items much more interesting in the future.

The Fairmont Sabbath-school has been making excellent progress ever since its organization. The donations are especially gratifying; this quarter the weekly donations have reached an average of over sixteen cents per capita. We hope the other Sabbath-schools in West Virginia are doing as well.

The meetings in progress in Grafton, conducted by Elders Robbins and Gibson, are reported as still holding a good interest. BURGESS ROSS.

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

To Those Who Will Attend the Pittsburgh Meeting

The West Pennsylvania Conference and the Columbia Union Conference sessions, to be held April 7 to 21, 1912, as well as the conventions and legal meetings to be held at the same time, will convene in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium. This is only one block from the Homewood suburban station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with frequent rapid transit train service from the Union and East Liberty stations. Hamilton Avenue and Frankstown Avenue car lines go on either side of the library, passengers getting off at Lang Avenue. Passengers on the B. & O. and P. & L. E. Railroads can either take any car marked Union Station, changing to train for the Homewood station, or change to the Hamilton Avenue car at Smithfield and Fifth Avenues, which will stop at the door of the Auditorium. All coming from the east or north over the Pennsylvania Railroad should buy their tickets to East Liberty. As there are several Carnegie Libraries in Pittsburgh, be sure to go to the Homewood Carnegie Library.

B. F. KNEELAND.

This is the last issue of the VISITOR before the beginning of the special series of meetings at Pittsburgh, April 7 to 21. During this time we will have the sessions of the West Pennsylvania Conference, the Columbia Union Conference, the church

officers' convention, the bookmen's convention, special institute instruction for workers from our leading men, and a strong series of evangelistic services. Will you be among those who, even at a personal sacrifice, avail themselves of this opportunity; or will you pass it by?

Elder W. D. MacLay of Butler was called by telegram this week to the bedside of his sister in Chicago.

Elder J. E. Veach has been spending some time at Verona, where a number of earnest believers meet together each Sabbath. At a recent meeting, ten of them attended the First Pittsburgh church in a body.

Brother J. S. Barrows, and his wife, Sister Beatrice Furnival Barrows, have accepted positions in the West Virginia Conference office, and will leave for their new field of labor at the close of the Union Conference meeting. Brother and Sister Barrows have many friends in West Pennsylvania, who will regret their going. In view of the earnest appeal from the West Virginia Conference, and the needs of that field, the West Pennsylvania conference committee consented to release Brother Barrows, and chose Brother H. K. Hackman, of Pittsburgh, to fill the vacancy. Brother Hackman expects to be able to enter upon his new duties by April 10.

The office was favored with the presence of Brother E. R. Brown, the Union Conference secretary, a few days last week.

Remember the dates: West Pennsylvania Conference and Church Officers' Convention, April 7 to 10; the Columbia Union Conference and Institute for Workers, April 11 to 21. Be sure to attend.

There will be a general meeting at the First Pittsburgh church, Rowan and Lincoln Avenues, East End, on Sabbath, April 6. We expect that Elder F. C. Gilbert will be with us at that time.

Every delegate to the West Pennsylvania Conference to be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium, Hamilton and Lang Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., should be sure to be on hand promptly at the first business meeting, which will begin at

9:45 A. M., Monday, April 8. Our time for doing business will be limited, so we must not lose any time at the beginning. The first meeting of the series will be held on Sunday, April 8, at 3:30 P. M., when Elder Gilbert will speak.

Every church in the conference should see to it that a good delegation of its number is present at the Pittsburgh meetings. The instruction to be given there is very timely and important.

Special efforts should be made by all to place as many copies of the annual temperance number of the *Instructor* as possible in the homes of the people of this conference. The temperance issue is a live one, and we should do all we can to help forward the good work of temperance reform.

A new book which will interest and inspire all who read it— particularly our young people— is "The Advance Guard of Missions." This is made up of thrilling sketches touching upon the most important events in the lives and work of more than fifty Pioneer Missionaries. It is a highly entertaining work, written in a style that educates and arouses one to action. It has 347 pages, and comes in two styles of binding: handsome red cloth, heavy paper— \$1.50; plain cloth, \$1.00.

WANTED.— A competent girl or woman to assist in general housework; Adventist preferred. Address Mrs. A. Alderman, 248 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, O.

OBITUARIES

GRINER.— Died at Moosic, Pa., Mar. 23, 1912, Norman Griner, son of Brother and Sister Edward Griner of Moosic, Pa. Services were conducted at the home of the parents, after which the remains were taken to the Marcy cemetery, Duryea, for interment. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31:15-17. C. S. BAUM.

APPLEGATE.— Carlyle J., the infant son of John I. and Sister Ada G. Applegate, died March 8, 1912, of intestinal indigestion, after an illness of only one day, at the tender age of 1 year and 9 months. The loved one was laid away from the evil that is in the world, until the resurrection of the just. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, words of comfort being spoken from Jer. 31:16 and Matt. 2:16-18.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

Pleasantville, N. J.