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

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The Demands of the Hour

(Concluded)

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that Sunday laws, religious amendments, and other restrictive legislation against the liberties of the people will come, and that we are very near to the time when the climax of events will be reached. In the most recent bound volume of the Testimonies, Volume IX., page 227, and onward, we are told:—

"The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. The outlook is not flattering; but, notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those ready to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up his precious life. When one means fails, try another. Our efforts must not be dead and lifeless. As long as life is spared, let us work for God.

"Men will exalt and rigidly enforce laws that are in direct opposition to the law of God. . . . Exalting a spurious rest day, they will seek to force men to dishonor the law of Jehovah, the transcript of his character. . .

"Religious powers allied to heaven by profession, and claiming to have the characteristics of a lamb, will show by their acts that they have the heart of a dragon, and that they are instigated and controlled by Satan. The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. Satan has caused the change of the Sabbath in the hope of carrying out his purpose for the defeat of God's plans."

The question that should concern us of the District at this time is, What can be done? and how shall we relate ourselves to that which can be

done in order to improve these times of remarkable incidents? It seems very clear that we should redouble our pace and efforts in behalf of getting this message before the public men who occupy national positions in the general government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial departments. Of course, we are not to leave out of consideration the general public.

For one thing, it seems imperative that the District establish a religious liberty office in the city, which could be operated in connection with the General Conference Religious Liberty Department. The effect of this arrangement would be to reach more adequately the people, at shorter range than is now possible under the circumstances.

It would also seem incumbent upon those who are to lead out in the work to inspire all of our churches in the District to an active missionary campaign along this line of work.

We should lay plans for a systematic canvass and distribution of literature, prominent among which is the new volume, "American State Papers," a book which ought to be placed in the hands of all public officials and leading professional and business men of the District. This work has been revised, and is well up to date. Being a recent production from the press, it is as yet untried in the field of systematic distribution and sale. "American State Papers" is brimful of valuable matter relating to the principles of religious liberty with which our country has had to do from its very infancy to the present time, and consequently it is a book which would appeal to all true lovers of religious freedom. If we can demonstrate these facts in the District by an earnest effort to circulate it, the pace would doubtless be set for a nation-wide sale of this important contribution to our denominational literature. We may say in passing that the chairman of one of the most important committees of Congress has purchased twelve copies of this book for the use of his judicial friends.

We would recommend that mass

meetings be held in different parts of the District, at which resolutions protesting against the enactment of religious legislation can be presented for consideration and adoption. These meetings should be given a large measure of publicity by reporting the same to the local press. No one can dispute the effectiveness of this line of public work.

We should also enlist the co-operation of the Foreign Mission Seminary in behalf of utilizing the student help for active missionary campaigning in the District along religious liberty lines. Our bright and enthusiastic young people could engage in a house-to-house canvass with the petition blanks and the distribution of literature. The necessity for reaching every family in the District and placing in their hands literature relating to the important questions of the hour must appear self-evident.

We should arrange for religious liberty meetings in all of our local churches following this convention in order to arouse the people to active service.

We should also plan for one or more religious liberty institutes to be held at an early date for the purpose of instructing those who desire to engage in this line of work.

Too much can not be said in favor of fostering the petition work; that is, the securing of signatures from the people, protesting against religious legislation. In this work the campaigner should be furnished with literature bearing upon the subject to give to the people. In this way an opportunity would be afforded to know the truth, and at the same time it would be demonstrated that our work is not simply to defeat Sunday laws, but to use the occasion of pending Sunday legislation to teach the people the true gospel of our Saviour, which, after all, is the one great object toward which every department labors.

The following statements from Volume VI., pages 402 and 403, should inspire us to put on the whole armor and advance more zealously toward the enemy's breastworks:—

"The principle we are to uphold at

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

this time is the same that was maintained by the adherents of the gospel in the great Reformation.

"The banner of truth and religious liberty which these Reformers held aloft, has in this last conflict been committed to us. . . .

"Those Reformers whose protest has given us the name Protestant felt that God had called them to give the gospel to the world, and in doing this they were ready to sacrifice their possessions, their liberty, and their lives. . . .

"In the face of persecution and death, the truth for that time was spread far and near. The word of God was carried to the people; all classes, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, studied it eagerly, and those who received the light became in their turn its messengers. In those days the truth was brought home to the people through the press. Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world. The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied a hundred-fold. Bibles, publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to all the world. We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light!"

We should not close this paper without a word in reference to the temperance movement and our relation to it,—a subject by no means the least important for our consideration. Sister White states the attitude we should sustain toward all proper steps looking to the prohibition of the liquor traffic, in this language:—

"The honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home, and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evil of intemperance. Soon we shall see the result of this terrible evil as we do not see it now. Who will put forth a determined effort to stay the work of destruction? As yet the contest has hardly begun. Let an army be formed to stop the sale of the drugged liquors that are making men mad. Let the danger from the liquor traffic be made plain, and a public sentiment be created that shall demand its prohibition. Let the drink-maddened men be given an opportunity to escape from their thralldom. Let the voice of the nation demand of its lawmakers that a stop be put to this infamous traffic."

"The advocates of temperance fail

to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence."

Our people in the District have an opportunity to take an advanced position on the question of assisting in the creation of a public sentiment demanding the abolition of this dread alcohol traffic.

The general Religious Liberty Department has done some work before Congressional committees. In Maine the attempt to repeal constitutional prohibition was defeated in September, and our people took an active part in bringing about this result.

In a card to Brother G. B. Starr, Dr. Crafts credits our work in Maine as follows:—

"My dear Mr. Starr:—

"I thank you for your kind invitation and shall hope to accept it if only for a few hours when I am in Boston some time. Your paper (*temperance Youth's Instructor*) was one of the strong factors in the fight, and probably made as many votes as our small majority.

"Fraternally,

(Signed) "W. F. Crafts."

Representative Hobson, of Alabama has introduced into the House a Joint Resolution amending the Constitution, looking to the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Would it not be fitting for this body to pass a resolution commending this action, and endorsing the proposed legislation?

Shall we not follow the counsel of Paul to the Romans? "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

LOVE

Justice is Love holding the balance.
 Mercy is Love being gracious.
 Eloquence is Love talking.
 Prophecy is Love foretelling.
 Faith is Love believing.
 Charity is Love acting.
 Sacrifice is Love offering itself.
 Patience is Love waiting.
 Fortitude is Love suffering.
 Endurance is Love abiding.
 Hope is Love expecting.
 Peace is Love resting.
 Prayer is Love communing.
 Sympathy is Love tenderly touching.
 Comfort is Love soothing.
 Soul-saving is Love rescuing.
 Soul-developing is Love helping.
 Enthusiasm is Love burning.
 Work is Love laboring.
 Sanctification is Love perfecting.

—Anon.

AT THE COLLEGE

A Missionary Program

Complying with a request from the president of the young people's society, the class studying our missions gave the program for Sabbath afternoon, March 23. The procedure was on the order of a general conference meeting. Reports from various countries were read, giving such items of interest as the manner in which work was begun, the progress of the various lines of work in operation, and the present needs. Each paper closed with a strong appeal for the field just presented.

Mr. Gauker reported the South African Union Conference. It was stated that a family discussion over running the windmill on Sunday resulted in communications with our headquarters in America. A college and a sanitarium were soon established, and later work for the natives was begun. The reports from our industrial school for the natives are certainly encouraging.

Mrs. Gauker read a report from the West African Mission. Interest in the truth was first awakened in this dark corner of the earth by literature from the International Tract Society. This field has the honor of sending the first foreign report, which appeared in the *Review* of March 29, 1864. School was opened in the home of Elder Babcock, the first pupils being children of a Catholic neighbor.

Miss Brown gave many items which make the Levant Union Mission field an interesting one. Here were the homes of the great ancient empires of Bible times; the scenes of Israel's bondage, wandering, and final home; here Christ did his work; here the stronghold of Mohammedanism, and the scenes of the fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpets. The treatment rooms in Jerusalem, the school and branch of the Hamburg Publishing House in Constantinople, are our institutions in this needy field.

A report from the small but densely populated field of Java was given by Mr. Eusey. The people of this island are certainly in need of a gospel which will regenerate them. Their condition is truly sad. But even here we meet opposition from missionaries of other societies. In Java there are 32,000,000 people who are to have an opportunity to know of a soon-coming Saviour. Who will warn them?

After each report remarks were made by a member of the class. At

the close of the program Elder Butler made an appeal to the congregation, showing that through schools much of our work in foreign lands is to be done. CONTRIBUTED.

The Society at Work

At a recent meeting of the College young people's society, the secretary, Mr. John Hottel, read a very interesting report of the meetings held and the work done by the society during the first six weeks of the last school term. It included the following reports from the bands:—

THE MINISTERIAL BAND

The meetings of the ministerial band have been well attended this term. We are doing a work that is a blessing to ourselves and others. The Block school house in South Vernon has been secured, and each Sunday afternoon we hold a meeting there. Considering the weather we have had good attendance.

On Friday nights Elder Shultz gives us instruction on the various phases of the ministry. Pray for us, that we may become successful workers in God's vineyard.

GLENN DRAPER, *Secretary*.

THE BIBLE WORKERS' BAND

During the first half of the present term the Bible workers' band has made 17 calls, given 9 Bible readings, distributed 6 tracts, 5 papers, and, 19 copies of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and held one song service at the home of an aged brother and sister. In a recent meeting in the city seven not of our faith were present to listen to a Bible reading on Daniel 2; all seemed interested. We earnestly desire to improve the little opportunities for doing good that come to us. "Give sunshine while you may, for time is flying" is the lesson often brought home to us.

MARY F. RICE, *Secretary*.

THE MISSION BAND

The mission band has been meeting regularly every Sabbath evening. Our study of the Spanish-American field was closed with two very interesting talks on the Mexican field by Professor John. We then studied the field of Arabia, and at present our attention is turned to Persia. Very interesting meetings are held. The realization of the fact that these last two fields are practically unentered by our people, helps us to see their great need. We hear calls from our missionaries everywhere, and sense in a measure their need of workers; but how much greater must be the

call of countries where our missionaries have not yet gone.

We are glad to report an increase in attendance at the last few meetings; the twenty chairs in the English room no longer hold all those who attend.

R. B. WHEELER, *Secretary*.

Sabbath, March 30, was a banner day in the history of the College Sabbath-school. The attendance was almost perfect, twelve of the fifteen classes having every member present. The offering, in response to the call for the needy cities of India, was the largest ever given by the school,—\$37.12. In the church Sabbath-school, which immediately follows the students', \$45.21 was contributed, making a total of \$82.33 from the two schools at Mount Vernon.

Elders Butler and Shultz left the College this week for Pittsburgh, to represent the educational work at the Columbia Union Conference now in session.

Mrs. Ella Baker, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Cincinnati, stopped on her way to her home in New York City to visit her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Baker, who are attending College.

Elder Butcher has moved into his new home, which has just been completed.

Mr. I. J. Gault has accepted the position of agricultural superintendent of the Ohio State Sanatorium near Mount Vernon, which has a farm and woodland covering three hundred and twenty acres.

In addition to holding Sunday afternoon meetings in South Vernon, the ministerial band is now meeting Thursday evenings with the prayer band of the Baptist church in Mount Vernon, which has cordially invited them to present any point of our faith which they may desire to take up.

Mrs. W. F. Porter has moved with her children from Duke Center, Pa., to Mount Vernon. Mr. Porter will follow as soon as his business permits. Misses Ethel, Edna, and Nellie Porter will enter College, and Master George is attending church school. Misses Goldie and Arlie Porter will be missed in the school home, where they have been inmates for the past three years.

Miss Goldie Hixon was called last Thursday to her home in Columbus by news of the death of her father by accident. We sympathize with Miss Hixon in this sudden bereavement.

The chair bands of the Bible department have completed their self-assigned task of seating the Bible room, and justly feel proud of their work. Over \$90.00 was raised, and after the seats had been bought, it was found that a considerable surplus remained. With this the chair committee decided to purchase a new desk and chair for the instructor of the department.

There was an unusually large attendance of both students and church members at the young people's afternoon meeting Sabbath before last, when Elder Butler spoke upon the subject of "Courtship and Marriage."

The students' prayer meeting held Friday evening is enjoying an increased attendance from week to week. A spirit of earnestness is manifested on the part of those who attend, a large number engaging in prayer, while few fail to publicly acknowledge the blessings of God.

Brother and Sister C. V. Hamer have returned to Mount Vernon from their field of labor in West Virginia. Brother Hamer is well and favorably known in Ohio and West Virginia, because of his long and faithful labor in connection with the treasury departments of these conferences. On account of declining health he has been compelled to retire from active service.

Sabbath morning, April 30, the students and church members had the pleasure of listening to an excellent discourse from Elder Slade. His subject was "Light." Analyzing our common sunlight, he drew from it the lesson of giving. White objects are such as give back all of the sun's rays, black objects such as absorb all. If we accept all of heaven's blessings and consume them upon ourselves, black will represent our characters. On the other hand when we have learned to reflect every heavenly grace that shines down upon us from the Sun of Righteousness, our characters will be represented by pure white, and we shall receive from the hand of Christ that "robe of righteousness" which he has purchased for us. "The Lord shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light."

OHIO

Another Sunday Proposal

The National Reform Party is still active in the Constitutional Convention. It succeeded in having another "Sabbath Proposal" introduced April first.

The committees on Education, and Judiciary and Bill of Rights wisely postponed indefinitely action on similar proposals; and we trust that this one will not survive the committee room. Such a proposal as the following would not only bring hardship, but, in the hands of zealots, cruel persecution would result, if it were incorporated into the organic law of the state.

PROPOSAL NO. 321

"To submit an amendment to the constitution.—Relative to the protection of the Sabbath.

"Resolved by the Constitutional Convention of the State of Ohio, That a proposal to amend the constitution shall be submitted to the electors, to read as follows:—

"The General Assembly shall at all times protect the moral, religious, and spiritual nature, and Christian character of the Sabbath, as a day of rest, worship, and spiritual uplift."

Is the Sunday sabbath esteemed so lightly by the people of this country that it is necessary for the strong arm of the law to defend and protect it from utter annihilation? Have the churches lost their power and influence over the minds of men to such an extent that this institution is crumbling to decay, and will soon be obliterated, unless civil authority compels, under severe penalties, all to observe it? Weak is the man who is compelled to maintain his existence by law, and weaker still is the church, supposedly built upon the Rock, which is unable to stand the storms of opposition without legal assistance!

The Lord said that the gates of hell should not prevail against his church; and, if this is true, why should Christian people be alarmed to such an extent that Congress and legislatures are constantly besieged by religious zealots, determined to force measures intended to bolster pet schemes which would coerce the minds of many, and finally bring cruel persecution upon the minority, who, perhaps, are just as zealous and good in the sight of heaven as those who make greater pretensions in public, but lack Christian charity.

The churches may federate and form a strong union, but this alone will never win souls to Christ. The true church is established upon the never failing Rock, and it will prosper and triumph without the aid of civil law. Who ever heard of the Saviour appealing to Caesar for legal enactments compelling the Jews to obey the gospel or observe his precepts? He never recognized "legal religion." It was not workable in his day, nor has it been a success since. When a religious cause is so weak that it cannot stand on merit, it deserves to fall, and sooner or later it will fall.

Let us take courage even in the face of adversity, and press on in the conflict which will soon forever cease. The work is not ours, but the Lord's, so be faithful in your devotion to the great work of warning the world in this generation. Let us live uprightly in the sight of all men, doing our Master's will; for soon the faithful will enjoy eternal rest beyond the shores of sin, in a land where selfishness is unknown and every desire dissolves in sympathetic devotion.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,
Religious Liberty Secretary.

The Mount Vernon Sabbath-School

We are glad indeed to see the good results that have attended our efforts in the Sabbath-school during the quarter just closed. The study of the lessons has given us greater faith and a better preparation to stand in the fiery trials that await Christ's faithful followers.

During the quarter the plan of reviewing mentioned in the *Sabbath School Worker* was put into operation, though in somewhat modified form. Each person chosen to review the school and conduct the teachers' meeting covered all the lessons treating on the same subject. This plan has worked well.

We are sure that many hearts will be made glad by our earnest efforts to raise money for the support of our faithful workers in foreign lands.

Our school also appreciates the privilege of giving to special fields, as shown by the hearty response to the first call, made Sabbath, March 30, for the cities of India. There are in that land to-day some strong workers who were connected with our school and church; and we know their hearts will rejoice when they learn of the interest taken in their field by the Mount Vernon church and College Sabbath-schools.

The following is a summary of the attendance and donations of the quarter:—

Average membership	116
Average attendance	106
Members having no absence	46
Number of visitors	120
Offerings for first twelve Sabbaths	\$113.17
Offering for "Dollar Day," March 30	45.21
Total offering for quarter	158.38
Average term offering per member	1.36

C. B. WALLER, *Secretary.*

Church School Enrolment 1911-1912

School	Enrolment	Teacher
Akron	10	Jenet L. Presley.
Alliance	1	Grace Kennedy.
Bowling Green	9	Mrs. Clara Leslie.
Canton	5	Lelo Welch.
Chagrin Fall	4	Bertha Laughlin.
Clyde	12	Bessie Gibson.
Columbus	25	Mrs. Anna F. Holobaugh.
Creston	6	Ira M. Rickett.
Dayton	16	Bertha Mitchell.
Grafton	8	Myrtle Laughery.
Mount Vernon	28	Florence I. White.
Pleasant Hill	19	Leila Clough.
Ravenna	8	Otto Hirshberger.
Springfield	21	Rosella Draper.
Wakeman	5	Clara Reichenbaugh.
W. Clarksfield	7	Lottie Gibson.
Total	184	W. C. MOFFETT.

From a Canvasser's Letter

I am thankful that I had a part in the Lord's work this week. While my report is not large, the experience I had with two families can not be valued in dollars and cents. I can not begin to tell you all that transpired. Suffice it to say that I received a card from the head of one of these families, with two orders for "Bible Readings," obtained among his fellow-workmen by telling them about my work, and also thanks for my visit, which he said had been a source of great encouragement to them. I had stayed with them over night and found them excellent people, both college graduates, the gentlemen having been graduated from a Bible course. They detected my faith and were pleased to learn more about it. I believe they will accept it.

With the other family I had an experience equally interesting. They ordered a five-dollar book, on condition that I would stay with them over night again on my delivery, as they

wanted to learn more about my religion. The night I was there they kept me talking till half past twelve, answering their many questions about the state of the dead, the end of the world, and other topics. They said they would be glad to read all the literature I would send them. I am going to do all I can to get these two families into the truth. The harvest truly is ripe; and I want to help rescue such earnest souls as these.

J. B. REICHENBACH.

Office Notes

The Pittsburgh *Evening Herald* of April 2 contains an article of nearly two columns in regard to the meeting of the Columbia Union Conference, to be held in that city April 7 to 21. After naming the officers of the Columbia Union Conference, and the conferences comprising the Union Conference, with the officers of each, attention is called to the public services which will be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium every evening, as follows:—

"Every night public services will be held, in which some of the leading preachers will preach. Bible prophecies as applied to present day happenings will be expounded in some of the discourses. Seventh-day Adventists are of the conviction that they have a message of warning to carry to the world in this generation; and the second return of Jesus Christ to the earth will be a prominent theme in these discourses. Seventh-day Adventists have no other creed but the Bible, and all of the lectures will be based on the Bible. A corps of specially trained evangelists and lecturers will be brought to Pittsburgh for the purpose of making this the most valuable series of religious lectures ever given in this city."

While this meeting is a very important one in regard to the future conduct of our work, it also affords an opportunity to place the last warning message before the people of that great city. We need to seek the Lord earnestly that he will not only direct in the plans for the advancement of his work, but that the people may be impressed to attend these meetings and hear the gospel message for these last days.

The Columbia Union Conference convenes at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11 to 21. This will be an important meeting. The delegates from Ohio are: Elders E. K. Slade, R. G. Patterson, W. E. Bidwell, W. W. Miller, J. J. Marietta, W. C. Moffett, H. M.

Jump, J. F. Olmsted, W. J. Venen, H. F. Graf, J. H. Smith, C. T. Redfield, and brethren Raleigh French, G. C. Quillin, and M. Andre. Other conference workers are also planning to attend the conference.

Dr. Jump is giving a little time to the work in Kenton, where Brother Wm. Black has developed an interest and has been holding some meetings.

Elder Marietta is holding meetings at Gordon, where he has a very good interest, notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads.

Elder E. K. Slade met with the Cincinnati and Dayton churches recently.

Brother and Sister C. V. Hamer are staying at the home of Mr. C. E. Welch while looking for a permanent location. Brother Hamer is here to take treatment, which we hope will restore him again to health and strength.

We hope that the Sabbath-school secretaries will remember to specify the amount of the donation for March 30, when making out their quarterly report for the office. The donation of this Sabbath is to go for the work in India, whether or not a special effort was made in behalf of this needy field. We are pleased with the results of the effort, so far, and feel sure that it will prove a blessing to both the givers and the receivers.

CHESAPEAKE

Elder H. S. Prener of Baltimore met with the company at Glenburnie last Sabbath. A very good meeting is reported. We hope to see a church organized at that place in the near future.

Sister Emma S. Newcomer left the office last Friday for a few days' visit with her parents and friends at Hagerstown, Md. She reports the church at that place progressing, and a good attendance of our people at the Sabbath services.

Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer spent the first of last week with the company at Thurmont. Several there are await-

ing baptism. It is possible that a new church will soon be organized at that place.

We are pleased to learn that the members at Ponds ville, Md., are progressing with their new church building. They hope to have a building ready for dedication in a few weeks.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

We are glad to report that some have recently accepted the truth in Williamsport. We hope to see them baptized and fully united with the church in the near future.

Quarterly service was conducted by Elder W. H. Heckman at the Wade church last Sabbath. The brethren and sisters there are of good courage, and are doing all they can to spread the third angel's message.

Brother C. S. Baum is still holding services Sunday afternoons and evenings in the "Aljo Nickette" at Clarks Summit, a suburb of Scranton. He reports good meetings.

A young man and his wife have recently accepted the truth in Wilkes Barre. We are thankful to see this church prospering.

Last Sunday night at the Reading church, Elder C. S. Wiest spoke to a large and interested audience upon the subject, "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast."

Brother and Sister B. M. Heald, who have been conducting a series of meetings in Chambersburg, are still located in that city, and are doing all they can to spread the last message in that place. Some have accepted the truth, and are loyal and faithful. We are in hopes of seeing a good, strong company established there.

Elder W. H. Heckman spoke at the West Philadelphia church last Sunday evening, to a large and attentive audience.

Elder T. H. Branch, pastor of the First African church of Philadelphia, held a baptismal service last Sunday. Another precious soul united with that church, being the thirteenth member added to their number during the past twelve months.

WEST VIRGINIA

The series of meetings conducted in Grafton by Elders Robbins and Gibson closed Sunday night, March 31. Many of the people of the city are deeply interested in the truth, and we feel sure that a number will take their stand to obey the Lord. When an invitation was given to all who believed the Sabbath, as it had been taught, to make manifest their belief, eight stood upon their feet.

Elder F. A. Robbins was called to Kanawha to conduct the funeral service of Sister Meek's little son. While there he held a meeting with the Kanawha church, and later went to Parkersburg to meet the church at that place Wednesday evening.

Brother H. C. Smith, of Grafton, one of our canvassers, who has been out of the work for quite a long time on account of fever, is now planning to enter the field again soon.

Let the people in West Virginia make some definite plans for disposing of the "Ministry of Healing" now on hand. Why can not each person having books, set apart one day for canvassing work? We feel that the Lord will bless so abundantly all who make this sacrifice, that they will dispose of all their books. It certainly would be a great pleasure to the office workers to receive and turn over to the needy fields the funds which the sale of these books would bring.

Miss M. M. Osborn, our worker for the colored people, who has been away on a vacation for some time, has returned and is now laboring in Charleston.

The Seventh-day Adventist Book Society was organized into a corporation March 27, 1912, and is now ready to transact all legal business for which it was incorporated.

In remitting money to the conference or Book Society, please send the money in the name of the West Virginia Conference or Book Society, and not in the name of the secretary or any other person. This rule, if adhered to, will save much delay and trouble.

BURGESS ROSS.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 30, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. T. McAllister, Bryn Mawr	DR	4	33	10	25 00	8 30	33 30	2 30	
W. Hess, Spring, Perry Co.	GC	5	47	8	24 00	5 00	29 00	3 25	
F. Barto, Perry Co.	GC	5	40	6	18 00	3 50	21 50	2 75	
V. Klein, Kingston Luzern	GC	5	24	4	15 00	13 60	29 60		
Lucy Dicks, Hazelton	GC	5	24	1	3 00	9 25	12 25	2 80	
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	5	24	13	19 50	9 70	39 20	15 45	
G. Folger, Bristol	CK	5	36	21	32 50	3 95	36 45		
H. Gerhart, Bristol	CK	5	36	29	48 00		48 00		
Lillian Elliot, Chester	CK	2	12	10	15 00	2 40	17 40		
Mrs. J. Dennis, W. Phila.	CK		15	8	12 00	7 35	19 35		
Jesse Smith, Providence	HM	4	19	4	8 00	6 15	14 15	6 15	
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz	PG	4	19	1	3 00	2 25	5 25		
Bertha Williams Philadelphia		1	4	1	3 00	2 25	5 25		
Elizab'h Eyster, Chambers'b'g		5	6			5 00	5 00		
J. Gerhart, Mohnton						20 00	20 00		
Matilda Wurga, Philadelphia	GC	4				90	90		
Totals			59	339	116	\$226 00	\$99 60	\$335 60	32 70

West Virginia, Week Ending March 29, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	4	29						135 40	
Orlo Butler, Marion Co.	CK	5	31	17	27 00	4 20	31 20		3 20	
W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.	DR	3	19	16	54 00	12 25	66 25		123 50	
J. Marshall, Morgan Co.	GC	9	74	25	59 00	14 75	73 75		19 25	
J. Midkiff, Harrison Co.	PG	1	1	1	5 00	3 50	8 50			
B. Wagner, Ohio Co.	GC	4	30	9	28 00		28 00			
Totals				26	184	68	\$173 00	\$34 70	\$207 70	\$281 35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 22, 1912

Wm. Seigle, Altoona	CK	5	41	39	18 00	19 25	37 25	38 51	
G. W. House, Potter	PPF	5	39	2	3 00		3 00	50 00	
John McIntyre, Indiana	PPF	5	22	4	6 00		6 00		
T. Saxton, Indiana	PPF	4	19	8	15 50	2 00	17 50	5 25	
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	PG	4	17	10	38 00		38 00	3 75	
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	2	16	2	5 50	11 25	16 25	12 25	
Ivor Lawrence, Cessna	PPF	2	12					24 50	
Totals			27	166	65	\$86 00	\$32 50	\$118 00	\$134 26

Virginia, Week Ending March 22, 1912

S. N. Brown, Norton	BR		27					151 00
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap	CK		18					29 00
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "	CK		16					45 50
U. Pickard, Charlottesville	PPF	38	35	52 50			52 50	
C. Overstreet, Bay View	BR	16	3	9 00	9 50		18 50	1 25
P. Hottel, " "	PPF	18	21	39 00			39 00	
Totals			133	49	\$100 50		\$109 00	\$226 75

New Jersey, Week Ending March 30, 1912

G. W. Blinn, Springfield	BR	3	28	11	34 00	1 00	35 00	
J. S. Glunt, Haddonfield	BR	1	5			2 00	2 00	
*B. Hartman, Jersey City	GA	9	44	54	17 00		17 00	12 75
A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	5	28	116	34 00	1 20	35 20	15 70
Ethel Kirk, Hackensack	LH	3	9					3 70
Sadie Winter, "	LH	3	7		2 90		2 90	2 90
J. Rambo, Millville	CK	3	23	9	13 50	6 00	19 50	5 71
R. D. Stagg, Sussex	PPF	4	29	16	25 00	2 00	27 00	
F. Williams, Atlantic City	HM	1	8	2	4 00		4 00	
Totals		32	181	208	\$130 40	12 20	\$142 60	\$40 76

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 29, 1912

J. Jones, Bruceville Md.	GC	5	30	6	18 00	18 10	36 10	3 60
R. Murphy, Midland, Md.	PPF	4	22	16	26 00	1 50	27 50	
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.	BF	4	33	19	37 00	5 25	42 25	3 50
Totals		13	85	41	\$81 00	\$24 85	\$105 85	\$7 10

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1018.75

Deliveries, \$722.92.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Bradford

Giving the message for our time is still the work of most absorbing interest to me. Through Bible readings, medical missionary work, and the distribution of literature, I am endeavoring to do all I can to spread the truth in the little city of Bradford, where much yet remains to be done.

In all Bible studies my one aim is to exalt the love of God revealed in his plan to save humanity from the degradation and ruin into which it has fallen. To nearly everyone the Bible is a new book when it is shown that our precious Saviour, the Son of God, was with the Father creating all things; that they have been planning and working together since before the world was for the complete happiness and fullest benefit of mankind; that since sin came in there has never been but one plan of salvation. Man's faith in the Son of God as the one sacrifice in the sinner's place, as shown in his obedience to all the commandments of God, has been the human side of the contract, though the manner of service through which faith in a personal Saviour is manifested was different before he was offered on the cross than it has been since. Then, the sacrifice of animals as the outward evidence of repentance and real faith was appropriate and necessary; now, the ordinances of baptism and communion are appropriate and suitable. God's plan, as shown in the prophecies and all the holy Scriptures is plain and perfect, and it is for us to accept it. Some of my readers are so interested that they have requested two or three readings a week instead of one; and a few have turned away from the traditions of men to keep all of the commandments of God. It is cheering to hear readers thank God in prayer for the light and truth sent them in these Bible studies.

In house to house work with *Life and Health*, and the *Watchman*, or with books, I find those who are will-

ing to study the Bible, also many that need help healthward. In the health work one who could give all her time would find plenty to do, and could, at the same time, make a good living. There is also a very good opening here for treatment rooms, and we are praying the Lord to send the right help for that good work, if he sees it best.

I use *Liberty* and religious liberty leaflets in offices among professional and business men and women. Some are coming to see the truth concerning the future of the great nations, including our own country.

Our church elder, with his wife and others of our number, has held a few cottage meetings this winter, excellent results following. Several have joined our Sabbath-school and are walking in the light they have received.

I praise God for the privilege of working for souls, and for his special guidance. My greatest delight is to see those for whom I labor and pray receive God's word and walk in his ways. Truly, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." Please pray for the work here. ADDIE S. BOWEN.

Elder N. S. Ashton has been spending some time visiting the churches in the northern part of the conference, in the interests of the educational work.

Miss Ethel Burnett, formerly with the Review and Herald Publishing Association, of Takoma Park, D. C., is assisting in the work in Pittsburgh.

As we write this the workers are gathering in preparation for the conference meetings to be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh. The indications are that this will be a very successful meeting. Let earnest prayers constantly ascend to the throne of God that these meetings may be a great source of good to the work of the third angel's message in this conference.

What are you doing to circulate the temperance issue of the *Instructor*? It ought to be in every home in this country. Order a supply from the office and let your neighbors know what a good paper it is.

If you missed the first of the Pittsburgh meetings, and can come for the last, do so. It will be worth some sacrifice to gain the advantages of the occasion.

Brother George West, pastor of the Erie church, spoke in the First Pittsburgh church last Sunday night to an appreciative audience.

VIRGINIA

The Work in Richmond

I am sure our people throughout the conference will be glad to hear how the work is progressing in the city of Richmond. We have no discouraging report to bring. The institutes have been a success, and a great benefit to those who have been in attendance. The future will demonstrate the wisdom of this plan outlined in the Testimonies. I look for useful workers to be developed as a result of this effort, which means that many souls will be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

On Sunday night, March 24, at our meeting for the white people, about twenty-five rose to their feet in response to a call for those who were going to keep the Sabbath of the Lord instead of Sunday. Some of these have to make changes in their business, and other preparations; but they are in earnest in this matter. Last Sabbath five of these new Sabbath-keepers were in attendance at our meeting; others are keeping the Sabbath, but sickness and other matters kept them away. We are confident that the Lord has great blessings in store for the Richmond church.

Last Sabbath the Lord came very near by his Spirit, and tendered nearly every heart. Tears flowed freely. Confessions were made, and God's name was glorified. All the new Sabbath-keepers present gave good testimonies, and praised God for the new-found truth. There are several young people from the age of twenty to twenty-five who have decided to obey the Lord. Some of these are anxious to fit themselves for some line of work for the Master. God be praised for the manifestation of his convicting and converting power!

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We ask that our brethren and sisters throughout the conference continue to pray for the work at Richmond, that wisdom may be given the workers here, to know how to plan and conduct the work so that the truth may be brought to every heart in this large city.

W. J. STONE.

Buena Vista

Buena Vista is a town of about twelve hundred inhabitants, lying in the mountains north of Lynchburg about thirty miles. It is maintained by factories of various kind, and most of its populace are factory hands. They are poor, so far as this world's wealth is concerned; but I read that the very first thing the anointing of Jesus fitted him for, was to preach the gospel to the poor; and it was so, that when he did preach, the rich and learned turned away, but the common people heard him gladly.

Buena Vista might be termed a city of churches; for with her population of twelve hundred, she has twelve churches. February 5, I went there, and stayed a week. The brethren were helped and strengthened by the visit. We celebrated the ordinances for the first time in two years.

Our church building at Buena Vista is too small for church purposes, being only sixteen by twenty feet, and out of the way too. However, this is no good reason why the cause of God may not prosper. God's people used to meet in caves and dens and catacombs, and the cause grew. When our hearts are right, and we are true to God, we shall see others seeking knowledge of the truth from us. Just as a light at night draws the insect world; so our light shining for God will draw others. Our example either draws to God or drives from God. There is some interest in this

place, and I am sure if consecrated persevering efforts could be put forth many would walk in the light.

At the present time I am in Lynchburg making plans for work in this growing city. We have a fairly good church building here, and a small company of believers. I think the members number about twenty-three; but they are devoted and loyal. We have read the promise of God in Matt. 18:19, and more than six times the required number have already begun to ask God to so help in the work that by next fall every person in Lynchburg will have had an opportunity to make his decision for God's truth. We have decided to "expect great things from God and undertake great things for God." We almost believe that God has been grieved because we have asked so little in the past.

Brethren pray for the work here, and for the workers.

STEWART KIME.

The Richmond Institute

Those of us who are privileged to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of him are more than glad for the privilege of attending the Gospel Medical Institute in Richmond. I can say that it is indeed a feast of good things, and I feel sure that I voice the sentiment of each one when I say that truly we do sit together in heavenly places with Jesus, and learn many precious lessons that inspire us with new zeal and courage, and a determination to so live that others may see that we have been with Jesus, and learned of him. We are beginning to realize as never before the importance of showing our faith by our works, and the necessity of living up to all the light we have, and constantly seeking more light, that we may better glorify God in our bodies and minds, which are his. So, judging from the help the institute has been to me and the manner in which its influence is affecting others, I feel safe in predicting a rich harvest of precious souls as the result of this meeting, together with the public effort that is being put forth in this city.

EDWARD WHITE,

Delegate from the Mt. Williams church.

Inquiries from leading temperance workers in the United States and Canada about the temperance *Instructor* are quite frequently received by the publishers. Many of these say they chanced to see a copy, and desire to know more about it. The

temperance *Instructor* is rapidly growing popular among the best temperance people everywhere. Why not? Is there any better temperance paper issued?

OBITUARIES

WILKINS.—The funeral of Sister W. P. Wilkins was held at the home of her son in Roanoke, Va., February 4. Sister Wilkins died in Denver, Colo., but it was her wish to be buried in Virginia. Six years ago she heard the message of present truth, and with her husband rejoiced in the knowledge of a soon-coming Saviour. For the past four years of her life she was an invalid and confined to her chair; but in all her sufferings not one word of complaint or one murmur of discontent was heard. Her life of patient suffering was a benediction, and her death an inspiration. A very large gathering of friends at the funeral indicated the esteem in which she was held. Many on this occasion heard for the first time the Bible truth of life only in Christ. A faithful husband and two devoted children are bereft of a dutiful wife and loving mother; but they feel that when God's blessing rests on the death of his saints, surely much of the bitterness of separation is taken away. We believe our sister rests in hope, and that she will come forth in the resurrection morning to meet the Saviour she has loved and served with all her heart.

STEWART KIME.

RUSSELL.—Charlotte Fleming was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Oct. 6, 1829, and died at the home of her daughter, Bessie E. Russell, at Mount Vernon, O., Mar. 21, 1912. On April 2, 1854, she was united in marriage to Alfred R. Russell, who died September 5, 1884. To this union seven children were born, of whom only the following survive her: Bessie E. Russell of Mount Vernon, O., Mrs. S. S. Bassler and Mrs. Paul Jones of Cincinnati, O. Early in life Sister Russell came to America and lived in Philadelphia for a time, later making Cincinnati her home. When quite young she sought to know and experience the peace of mind resulting from obedience to God. She enjoyed a rich Christian experience and was lead of God in a remarkable manner. On accepting the truth for this time she united with the Cincinnati Seventh-day Adventist church, where she maintained her membership until her death. Sister Russell was a noble Christian character. Her time and strength were spent largely in ministering to the needy in some way. She rejoiced in a bright hope, with strong faith to the last moment of consciousness. A large number of friends and dear ones are left to mourn. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder W. W. Miller, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones of Cincinnati. E. K. SLADE.