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

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## UNION

### The Minister as a Pastor

From the beginning of our work, we have not assigned our ministers to churches permanently as pastors. We have recognized that we have a message to the world, and the aggressive work in this line has been placed upon our ministry. So during a portion of each year, at least, all our ministers who are in health and strength have been encouraged to go among the churches to strengthen and to build them up.

When a minister visits a church, he should have a very definite purpose in mind regarding what he will do in that church. He ought not to go there simply because he is sent. He should go there to consider the needs of that church and to strengthen the members, encourage, and instruct them.

This may be accomplished by two special lines of effort; first, by teaching them in the public services; second, by house-to-house visitation.

A minister who visits a church only once or twice a year, ought to value that time very highly, and he should study and pray most earnestly concerning what he should present to the members. It should not be his aim to prepare some pleasing essay, or to talk on some subject that he has recently read about, and which is prominent in his mind, simply because it interests him. He should seek to know the needs of the church, and then he should give them meat in due season. It should be his purpose to "strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die."

In selecting his sermons, he should study the conditions of the church, and preach the sermon that will meet those conditions, and help the members most, even though he may never have preached upon that subject before.

There are a few things which a minister may always safely present to a church. One thing is to give to the people a good report concerning the

progress of the work of God in the world. Another duty is to shear the sheep. As a usual thing, our sheep are very docile, quiet, and willing to be shorn; they stand it well; they enjoy it. They like to have us shear them, provided we feed them well; but they won't stand shearing forever without some provender. They must be fed, and one kind of food they all like is to be told about what the wool is doing that they have been giving all these years.

It is the duty of a minister to be well informed regarding the progress of our work, and be prepared to tell the people about it. It is not right to continually present before them the great needs of the field, the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, etc., and not tell them what the money is accomplishing.

A minister should carry with him a missionary map of the world, and when he visits the churches, he should hang that map up, and show the people what God is doing in the world with the third angel's message. He should be able to relate incidents and give statistics. It will warm their hearts and encourage them, as they are led to see that the money they contribute to missions is not thrown away. It is due our people that they should know what is resulting from the constant shearing.

The minister should call attention to important work that has been accomplished in special fields as the result of gifts that have been sent from the home land. The people will be interested to know that we are not now sending a dollar for the work in Australia; that they have their publishing houses, and their training school for workers, and are entirely self-supporting. The few dollars that we sent there to get the work started has served a good purpose, and they have now taken up the burden of carrying the message to others. The same is true of Germany. When we sent our first missionaries over there, every dollar required for their support was sent from North America, but now we do not send a dollar to them. They have conferences organized, with thousands of loyal be-

lievers, and are supporting their evangelical, publishing, educational, medical work, etc., the same as we are here. They have opened mission stations all through the East, and are supporting their own work.

One of the first things that a minister should do when he visits a church, is to visit the church clerk, and go over his books with him; ascertain how many members there are, and whether they are all resident members or not. He should make a record of the names, learn where to find the different members, and visit the home of every one, holding Bible readings with them and endeavoring in every way to encourage them. He should not select the most pleasant place to stay, and spend his entire time there.

When the minister has learned how many members there are in the church, he should ascertain from the elder or deacon how many young people there are who are old enough to seek God, but who are not converted and do not belong to the church. He then should plan meetings for them, and put forth most earnest efforts to win their souls to the kingdom of God. Let him work with a determination not to leave an unconverted person in that church. He should point them to our schools, and seek to impress upon their minds the importance of an education and working for God. We can fill our schools to overflowing with those young people, if we work for them in our pastoral endeavors as we should. Point them to the canvassing work; endeavor to get them to do something.

A minister should lay before a church all the plans of advances that are formulated by the General Conference, the union conference, and the local conference, and endeavor to secure their co-operation in carrying out all these endeavors. He should make an effort to increase the tithes and offerings in a church. He should compare the treasurer's book with the church clerk's book, to ascertain if all who are listed as members in the clerk's book are also recorded in the treasurer's book. If not, ascer-

tain why. Before leaving the church, he should see that they are organized for active missionary endeavor.

Regarding the importance of a preacher's aim and purpose in his pastoral work, Doctor Jefferson in his "Quiet Hints to Growing Preachers," chapter "Value of a Target," has said:—

"A preacher without a purpose is worse off than a man without a country. The frequent pondering of a purpose braces the heart and energizes the will. The man without a goal seldom gets anywhere. A man is effective in the ministry, other things being equal, in proportion to the clearness of his purpose and the definiteness of his aim. Unless a man can make the purpose of his sermon stand out broad as a barn door he ought to go into some work for which the Lord has fitted him."

A. G. DANIELLS.

## AT THE COLLEGE

"Every man's success comes from his inside rather than from his outside," was the theme of a recent chapel talk by the president.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 6 and 7, at the College. He spoke on Friday evening concerning his visit to the West and the progress of the message there as compared to its progress in the eastern states. We are glad to learn that many of the workers there are looking toward the great cities of the East, and that one able worker had been secured. On Sabbath Elder Wilkinson spoke to the church and conducted the quarterly service, addressing the young people again in the afternoon. His visit was appreciated by all.

The senior class has organized with a membership of thirteen, and Mr. Merritt V. Eusey as president.

Miss Cora Bennett, who has been connected with the Mount Vernon Hospital as a trained nurse for the past year and a half, and Miss Jennie Evans, a graduate of that institution, left Mount Vernon last week for California, to connect with the Sanitarium at Long Beach.

Elder B. L. House has been elected secretary of the educational and young people's departments of the Central Union Conference. Elder House is a former student of Mount Vernon.

Mrs. A. McClintock of New Moorefield, O., has been spending a few days with her son at the College.

Elder and Mrs. Butler entertained about thirty students of the College home last Tuesday. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Miss Jessie Estep, who was graduated from the nurse's course with the class of 1909, and has since been nursing in Indiana, has again connected with the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Elder Butcher was called last Friday morning to West Liberty, O., to conduct a funeral service.

One of the best stereopticon lectures of this year's course was delivered last Thursday evening by Dr. Menkel, who is on furlough from India. The lecture and the large number of excellent views were enjoyed by all in attendance, as was also Dr. Menkel's chapel talk to the students on Friday morning.

Miss Annie Laurie McCutchen was recently chosen educational secretary of the Texas Conference.

A very good team of horses has been purchased for the College. Mr. Merritt Eusey will be in charge of the team during the spring and summer.

Mr. William B. Plant has entered the Ohio field with the temperance *Instructor*.

## THE PATH IN THE SKY

The woods were dark and the night was black,  
And only an owl could see the track;  
Yet the cheery driver made his way  
Through the great pine woods as if it were day.

I asked him, "How do you manage to see?"

The road and the forest are one to me."  
"To me as well," he replied, "and I  
Can only drive by the path in the sky."  
I looked above, where the treetops tall  
Rose from the road like an ebon wall,  
And lo! a beautiful starry lane  
Wound as the road wound and made it plain.

And since, when the path of my life is drear,  
And all is blackness and doubt and fear;  
When the horrors of midnight are here  
below,

And I see not a step of the way to go,  
Then, ah! then, I can look on high,  
And walk on earth by the path in the sky.

—AMOS R. WELLS.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### The President's Address

To the delegates assembled at the tenth annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 7-10, 1912.

Beloved Fellow-workers: It gives me great pleasure to look into the faces of this company of representative believers in the three-fold message that is now being given to the world. We are assembled under very favorable circumstances. God has greatly blessed our work since we last met in annual conference. I desire to join with you in thankful praise to the One who has helped us so many times in our hour of need.

The events of 1911 have been of striking significance. Prophecies for which the world has waited many centuries have been fulfilling before our eyes. Doors of opportunity that have long rusted on their hinges in the mission fields are now swinging wide open to receive the closing gospel message. The time has come for the work to be speedily finished. Louder and still louder sounds the voice of the angel proclaiming God's final appeal to a perishing world. Heathen nations are waking from the slumber of centuries to hear the trumpet tones which are proclaiming to all the world that the judgment hour is rapidly passing and the King is at the door.

The note of progress fills the air. The marshalling of Satanic forces for the last great struggle goes rapidly on. Momentous issues are upon us, and we must rally every energy, and fill every rank. This is not a work alone for the minister, the Bible worker, and the canvasser. The service of every member of the church should be enlisted. A very solemn warning comes to us from the Spirit of the Lord, which should stir every heart.

"Many, many are approaching the day of God doing nothing, shunning responsibilities, and as the result they are religious dwarfs. So far as work for God is concerned, the pages of their life history present a mournful blank. They are trees in the garden of God, but only cumberers of the ground, darkening with their unproductive boughs the ground which fruit-bearing trees might have occupied."—"Sowing Beside All Waters," p.20.

I will only attempt to briefly outline the situation as it appears to me, and it will then rest with you, my brethren,

ren and sisters, to say what should be the policy to be followed during the year that is before us.

#### THE EVANGELICAL DEPARTMENT

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the importance of strengthening our evangelical work. The proportion of Seventh-day Adventists to the population is very small, being only one to 4230, which is only one third that of the whole United States, and is less than seventy per cent of the average for the Columbia Union. We have a very unfortunate situation to face. The records of the conference show that we have fewer churches and fewer members than when the conference was first organized nine years ago. In view of the general advance of our work all over the world, these facts are startling. What can be done to remedy this situation? This is the fourth consecutive annual conference session in which not one new church has been ready for admission, while there are some which must drop from our list, since they have nothing left which justifies the name of church organization.

In view of this critical, and I may also say, deplorable, condition, I wish to suggest some things that I trust with God's blessing may bring relief.

1. *Earnest prayer.* When Israel was beset by the Amalekites, Moses went up into the mountain, and in faith held up before God the rod of his promise. The disciples failed in their Gethsemane trial because they neglected to watch and pray. Elijah won, single-handed, the fight against the host of Baal-worshippers, because he knew how to pray to a God who knows how to answer.

2. *Increased faithfulness.* The message has repeatedly come to us from the Lord that there should be many more workers in the field. We are also told that if all were faithful in giving to God that which is his in tithes and offerings, there would be plenty of means at hand with which to carry forward the work. What a terrible responsibility is assumed by those whose unfaithfulness cripples the work of God and blocks its progress. May the blessing promised the faithful steward, rather than the curse pronounced upon Meroz, be our reward.

3. *Improved methods.* We must not be content with the inefficient work that covers the ground, but does not accomplish results. We must build with gold that will stand the fiery test of trial, rather than with that which will soon pass away. As ministers and church officers, we have the privi-

lege of building for eternity the temple of the church of Christ. Efficiency should be our watchword in the Sabbath-school, in the church, and out in the missionary field.

B. F. KNEELAND.

(To be continued)

### Notes from the Conference

The church officers' meetings have been especially enjoyed. Some of the papers will appear in the VISITOR.

The dining room has been very ably presided over by Mrs. M. Bensei, who, with the aid of faithful helpers, ministered to the "inner man."

Elder F. C. Gilbert and Elder B. G. Wilkinson have been with us during the session. We also enjoyed the presence and assistance of Elder J. L. McElhaney of Washington, D. C., and Elder W. G. Kneeland of Jersey City, N. J., both of whom wrote papers for the convention.

As we write this the delegates for the Columbia Union Conference are pouring in. All seem ready for a good meeting.

Officers of the West Pennsylvania Conference were elected as follows: president, Elder B. F. Kneeland; secretary and treasurer, Brother H. K. Hackman; executive committee: Elders B. F. Kneeland, W. F. Schwartz, J. E. Leach, I. N. Williams, J. P. Gaede, and Brother F. C. Owens.

The treasurer's report showed receipts for 1911 of \$10,951.17 tithe; \$1206.89 Sabbath-school offerings, and \$1122.55 on the \$300,000 fund. The total of foreign mission offerings (ten-cent-a-week plan) was \$2438.61, while the total donations for the general work outside of the conference were \$4319.04. The gain in tithe over 1910 was \$992.13.

It was voted by the conference to give ordination and credentials to Brother George L. West, who has been in charge of the Erie church.

Elder J. E. Veach was called home for a few days during the meeting on account of the illness of his wife, who was injured in a collision with an automobile. We are glad to learn that Sister Veach is improving, and that the other members of the family had an apparently miraculous escape.

The beautiful and commodious auditorium of the Homewood Carnegie Library furnishes a splendid meeting place for the conference. We are glad to be able to report that a goodly number of the citizens are attending the evening services, and seem to be deeply interested in the truths of the message which are being presented at the evening meetings. We trust that a number of these may take their stand for the truth before the series closes.

Mrs. Mary Kneeland, the mother of Elder B. F. Kneeland, arrived on Sunday, from Jersey City, N. J. She will make her home with her son in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Archie Brownlee, the wife of one of our most faithful canvassers, who has been undergoing an operation at Wheeling, W. Va., is reported very ill with typhoid fever. The prayers of the conference are ascending to God in behalf of Brother and Sister Brownlee.

Mrs. George Rhode and son, of Jersey City, N. J., made a short visit with friends in Pittsburgh last week.

At the closing meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference consideration was given to the needs of our cities; and although but a small number of delegates were present, there was raised in a few moments more than \$700 in cash and pledges to be used for city work. We thank God for the liberal spirit that appears in the hearts of our brethren and sisters of West Pennsylvania.

## OHIO

### The Mount Vernon Church

It has been my privilege to meet with the church at Mount Vernon a few times during the past six months; and I have been very favorably impressed by what I have seen. This church now has a membership of about two hundred; though quite a number of the members are in other parts, yet, with the College students, the chapel is filled to the utmost each Sabbath morning. The quarterly meeting held Sabbath, April 6, was the largest in the history of the church. It was a very precious occasion to all. Elder B. G. Wilkinson took the leading part in the service.

We have been especially pleased to observe how thoroughly and faith-

fully the officers of the church are looking after all matters that pertain to the building up of the work locally and abroad. Brother Harvey Cassell, Professor O. M. John, and Dr. V. L. Fisher, as elders, and Elder O. F. Butcher, as pastor, are enjoying the faithful support of the other officers and most of the members. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting is well attended and of an excellent spirit. While there is still need of improvement, yet, with many of the sister churches of the conference, Mount Vernon is enjoying a good degree of prosperity.

E. K. SLADE.

### OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1912

Akron .....	\$119 74	Locust Point .....	7 10
Alliance .....	81 72	Mansfield .....	28 61
*Barnesville .....	13 60	Marion .....	.....
Bellefontaine .....	51 46	Marshfield .....	.....
Bellville .....	.....	Massillon .....	.....
*Broughton .....	3 60	Medina .....	13 00
Bowling Green .....	60 25	Mendon .....	.....
Camden .....	88	Middlefield .....	.....
Canton .....	52 37	Mount Vernon .....	436 90
Chagrin Falls .....	29 51	Newark .....	.....
Charloe .....	6 35	Norwalk .....	.....
Chillicothe .....	1 65	New Philadelphia .....	.....
Cincinnati .....	.....	Ohio City .....	3 00
Cleveland .....	153 24	Pemberville .....	.....
Cleveland German .....	.....	Piqua .....	12 16
Clyde .....	28 35	Pleasant Hill .....	40 27
Columbus .....	416 23	Powell .....	.....
Columbus S. D. A. Mission .....	.....	Ravenna .....	.....
*Conant .....	.....	*Reedsville .....	.....
Conneaut .....	5 50	Rows .....	.....
Corsica .....	10 00	Sherwood .....	10 00
Coshocton .....	45 38	Spencer .....	.....
Cygnnet .....	.....	Springfield .....	.....
Dayton .....	.....	Toledo .....	116 77
Defiance .....	3 25	Troy .....	.....
Delaware .....	48 00	Van Wert .....	.....
Delta .....	.....	Walnut Grove .....	.....
Derwent .....	7 60	Washington C. H. .....	.....
Dowling .....	.....	Waterford .....	3 35
Dunkirk .....	.....	*Wooster .....	.....
East Liverpool .....	42 69	*West Mansfield .....	20 00
Elgin .....	.....	Wheelerburg .....	28 85
Findlay .....	.....	Wilmington .....	21 14
Greenspring .....	7 05	Youngstown .....	24 80
*Gilboa .....	.....	Zanesville .....	36 23
Hamler .....	.....	Individuals .....	70 85
Hamilton .....	130 15		
Hicksville .....	.....		
*Jackson .....	14 57		
Jefferson .....	.....		
Killbuck .....	8 98		
LaGrange .....	214 25		
Lakeville .....	.....		
Laura .....	13 02		
Leesburg .....	.....		
Liberty Center .....	.....		
Lima .....	9 10		

TOTAL .....

\$2,452 52

### TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe .....	\$2,451 52
Tract Society .....	852 56
Sabbath-school Donations .....	367 51
First Day Offerings .....	51 94
Annual Offering .....	5 20
Mid Summer Offerings .....	.....
\$300,000 Fund .....	92 13
Mount Vernon College Fund .....	72 01
M. V. C. Tank Fund .....	60
S. S. D. India .....	187 29
Orphans and Aged .....	1 20
Tent and Hall Donations .....	18 41
Religious Liberty .....	67 63
Ministry of Healing .....	.....
Missions .....	71 45
Mission Signs .....	15 92
Blind .....	.....
White Memorial Chapel .....	.....

TOTAL .....

\$4,255 37

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treas.*

Elder and Mrs. J. F. Olmsted of Columbus announce the birth of a son, Virgil Albert, on April 8.

"Work is the expression of one's best ideals and purposes."

## VIRGINIA

### The Canvassers' Institute

A very interesting and profitable canvassers' institute was held in the city of Richmond, March 15 to 25. Brother I. G. Bigelow, the Union canvassing agent, was present and took charge of the class. There were but nine in attendance, but though the number was small, a good degree of interest was manifested throughout the entire meeting, and the canvassers returned to their field of labor renewed in strength and courage. One of the most interesting features of the institute was the good spirit manifested, and the deep interest shown in the devotional meetings. The workers were very anxious to be out in the field again, doing their work for the Master. As these dear workers go forth to labor, we trust that the prayers of every member of this conference will go up in behalf of their work.

A. M. NEFF.

### An Experience

"Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

For some time before I began to canvass I had wanted to be doing something for God. But I was not at all willing to canvass. I did not wish anyone even to mention that work to me. But God wanted me in the field, and he willed it so that I would be there. Now I am truly glad that he did. There is nothing that I enjoy more than this glorious work and the privilege of carrying the truth to others through the printed page. I find that as Jesus said to his disciples of old, even so he says to us to-day, "Lo I am with you always," when I am discouraged and tired I go to a quiet place in the woods and have a talk with Jesus. Those who have had this experience know how sweet it is, and how the burden rolls away, and new courage takes the place of discouragement. It is good to know that Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

Those who have never canvassed do not know what they have missed. I did not dream that the work was so grand. I would not take anything for my experience in the canvassing field. As I go from door to door I feel that Jesus is with me. I know that of myself I cannot sell a single book. But it is through Christ that I can do all things. As I meet with

the people it is a joy to speak of Christ and his soon-coming. Often I meet those who are hungry for the truth. Not long ago I met a lady who was looking for some one to tell her what is truth. I had a good talk with her. She had heard the people who teach that there is a second probation, and had become confused. She could not see any consistency in such teaching, but still she did not know what to believe about it. God helped me to show her from the Bible what is truth. When I left her she said that she saw things differently. There are many honest hearts seeking for truth, and the canvasser has the best chance to find them.

Oh that there were one hundred canvassers in the field where now there is only one. No person who enters the work feeling a burden for souls, need fear that he will not have success. These are the kind of workers that are needed to-day, those who will loose sight of self, and lean wholly on the arm of Jesus. It is to such that he says, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."  
C. E. OVERSTREET.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1912

Bethel.....	\$ 22 25
Buena Vista .....	.....
Danville.....	2 84
Dillwyn.....	.....
Guinea Mills.....	9 47
Hamburg.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	34 97
Mt. Williams.....	.....
New Market.....	50 03
Newport News No. 1.....	62 15
Newport News No. 2.....	.....
News Ferry.....	4 00
Norfolk.....	14 66
Portsmouth.....	16 94
Richmond.....	192 06
Richmond No. 2.....	.....
Roanoke.....	.....
Stanley.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Individuals.....	2 61
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 414 98</b>

A. M. NEFF, *Treas.*

Mrs. H. E. West of Mattoax arrived in Richmond the first of last week, and is a patient at the Virginia Sanitarium.

Miss Emma Denison, a graduate nurse, came to Richmond a few weeks ago to take up her work in the Virginia Sanitarium.

Brethren S. N. Brown and F. W. Hall have completed their work at Appalachia. The former is now located at Norton, and the latter at Pennington Gap. These brethren have made some new records for the canvassing work in this conference, and our prayers will follow them to their new fields.

NEW JERSEY

The following delegates from New Jersey left last week to attend the Columbia Union Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, April 11 to 21: Elders A. R. Sandborn, J. G. Hanhart, and W. G. Kneeland; also W. B. Walters and C. E. Grey, who will represent the tract society and book work. Important matters will be considered at this meeting; therefore let all pray that the Lord will guide in all the deliberations.

Although the month of March was a stormy one and made the work of our faithful colporters difficult and unpleasant at times, we are glad to report that the retail value of subscription book sales was \$822.51. Besides this there were forty per cent and trade books sold to the value of \$37.14. The retail value of periodicals was \$313.45, and of all tracts ordered \$19.42; or a total of all sales from the tract society office for the month, \$1192.52.

As better weather conditions are at hand, we may confidently look for much better reports. The above valuations represent all the various lines of work, and what *you* have done should be included in one of the amounts. Is it? or did you not report? What are you planning to do in April? Our next report will tell what you have done.

Church missionary secretaries: It is time to make up the report of missionary work done by your church for the quarter. Please attend to this promptly and mail to the office. If every family in your church has hanging by the door one of our five cent tract racks, you will not look in vain for reports for the coming quarter. "There's a reason."

The total tithe received for the month of March was \$1153.18; other funds received for conference use, including appropriation from the General Conference, \$681.01; and funds received for missions and other general enterprises outside the confer-

ence, \$282.96; a total receipt of 2117.15. Several hundred dollars came in too late to be recorded with the last quarter's funds. The total disbursements, for local conference work, to missions, tithe to union conference, etc., amounted to \$2053.61. Conference treasurers should send remittances to reach the office by the last day of the quarter.

Brother C. E. Grey, field missionary agent and secretary, has moved his family to Trenton. Mail for him may be addressed to the tract society office.

Elder M. C. Whitmarsh has moved from Atlantic City to Camden, to take up work in the latter place. During the absence of Elder Sandborn Elder Whitmarsh is filling the pulpit in the Trenton church on Sunday nights. His sermons on the Eastern Question have been very interesting and instructive, a number from the outside attending.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder Steele, who has been holding meetings in Martinsburg for some time, reports a good interest at that place. He expects soon to have several new Sabbath-keepers added to the company already keeping the Sabbath. Let us all pray for the work in Martinsburg.

We are pleased to report to our brethren in West Virginia that the tithe is on a steady increase. Each month of the new year has shown a substantial gain over the same month of last year. Let the people of West Virginia continue to send in their tithe promptly and according to the manner in which the Lord has blessed them. By doing this we shall be able not only to keep up our gain, month by month, over the same month of last year, but we shall increase that gain. This increase in tithe is certainly a blessing in due time, as there are calls for workers coming in every few days from over the conference. In the past we have been compelled to answer to these calls, "We cannot send you any help just now, but will as soon as it is possible." Probably by the time the worker was ready to go, the yearning for the truth had died away. In the future, with a continuance of this steady increase in the tithe, we hope to add to our force of workers, so that all these calls can be filled at the opportune time.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Chambersburg

We can say with David that we will not be afraid of the thousands of people who have set themselves against the truth. Our stay in Chambersburg has been a continuous battle for truth; but we believe the Sword of the Spirit the most effective in soul winning, as it has been effective in the lives of the honest in heart here.

All sorts of tactics have been resorted to by preachers and people to thwart the progress of the message; however, we are glad to see a Sabbath-school organized and filled with missionary zeal. One of its members accepted the truth after the summer's efforts, and is now in the canvassing work to earn a scholarship for Mount Vernon College. Those who have come out and identified themselves with the message are indeed passing through their Red Sea—I have never seen such bitter hatred for the truth and truth-lovers as is shown here.

However, four are awaiting baptism. There are six who are keeping the Sabbath but who are not true Seventh-day Adventists; they believe it all, but are not as yet consecrated to the message. Others attend the services. The five who have taken their stand are live missionaries, and I believe they will be used of the Lord in the salvation of souls.

The eighteenth of this month we will start a series of meetings in a large Union church in a nearby town. The Lord has gone before us in obtaining this place, and the outlook is bright. I hope God's people will pray that the enemy of truth will be held in check, that souls may be won to Christ and the message, as a result of these meetings.

As the truth becomes more rooted here, we expect others to take their stand. All winter we have made good use of the newspapers; and the editors have been very generous in publishing whatever was sent in. Remember in your prayers the work in Chambersburg.

B. M. HEALD.

### Office Notes

The members of the Williamsport church are planning to erect a neat church edifice in the very near future. They already have a lot, a few hundred dollars on hand and

## Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending March 29, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. N. Brown, Norton		BR	31	25	78 00	9 75	87 75	2 25	
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap		CK	31	15	49 00	8 00	57 00	25	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	23	44	66 50	6 50	73 00	1 25	
U. Pickard, Charlottesville		PPF	29	34	52 00		52 00		
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth		GC	13	3	5 00		5 00		
C. Overstreet, Bay View		BR	14	6	25 00	8 85	33 85	1 60	
L. Overstreet, Bay View		PPF	16	18	31 00	5 15	36 15		
P. Hottel, " "		PPF	13	21	36 25	25	36 25	1 25	
G. A. Covert, Bay View		PPF	13	10	25 75	6 75	32 50		
Totals			183	176	\$368 50	\$45 25	\$413 50	\$6 60	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 6, 1912

E. Numbers		DA	41	34	102 00		102 00		
W. Hess, Perry Co.		GC	5	45	13 40 00	2 75	42 75		
Lucy Dicks, Hazelton		GC		22		7 55	7 55	8 30	
W. Lindsay, Montgomery Co.		DR	5	28	14 50 00	9 20	59 20	7 70	
J. T. McAllister, Chester Co.		DR	5	35	7 24 00	4 25	28 25	1 50	
G. Folger, Bucks Co.		CK	4	29	19 32 00	1 00	33 00		
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK	5	18	10 15 50	3 85	19 35	9 10	
H. Gerhart, Bucks Co.		CK	4	28	11 17 50	75	18 25		
Mrs. J. Dennis, W. Phila.		CK	4		1 1 50	1 15	2 65		
Jesse Smith, Green Ridge		HM	5	28	5 11 50	10 75	22 25	2 15	
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz		PG	4	26		5 40	5 40	90	
Totals			41	300	114 \$294 00	\$46 65	\$340 65	29 65	

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 5, 1912

J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.		GC	5	38	7 21 00	8 75	29 75	106 00	
*D. Percy, Queen Anne Co., Md.		DA	9	71	21 64 50	11 00	75 50	29 50	
H. Richards, Alesia, Md.		CK	4	31	21 36 50	3 00	39 50		
J. Melvin, Harrington, Del.		CK	2		3 3 75	30	4 05	1 05	
*H. Cephas, Seaford, Del.		PPF	6	24	20 40 00		40 00		
J. Dillman, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	4	4	5 3 50	2 50	6 00	9 25	
R. Martin, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	5	8	5 12 50		12 50	1 75	
Totals			35	176	82 \$181 75	\$25 55	\$207 30	\$147 55	

West Virginia, Week Ending April 5, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	4	28	14 20 00	6 10	26 10	2 55	
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.		DR	5	37	9 25 00	5 00	30 00	51 50	
Totals			9	65	23 \$45 00	\$11 10	\$56 10	\$54 05	

New Jersey, Week Ending April 6, 1912

R. Clark, Gloucester								21 00	
W. Fink, Blairstown		BR	3	27	4 8 00	1 75	9 75	1 75	
J. Glunt, Gloucester		BR	4	25	2 7 00	1 90	8 90	23 90	
B. Hartman, Jersey City		GA	5	22	18 8 60		8 60	8 75	
J. Rambo, Millville		OK	4	26	15 22 50	5 25	27 75	4 00	
R. D. Stagg, Vernon		PPF	2	15	16 24 50	50	25 00	32 50	
A. S. Samuels, Newark		GA	5	34	136 47 50	30	47 80	17 20	
F. Williams, Atlantic City		HM	4	26	1 2 00		2 00		
Totals			27	175	192 \$120 10	\$10 70	\$129 80	\$109 10	

Ohio, Week Ending March 29, 1912

Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	2	6	12 12 50	8 15	20 65		
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	3	15	3 9 00	8 75	17 75	10 75	
Totals			5	21	15 \$21 50	\$16 90	\$38 40	\$10 75	

Ohio, Week Ending April 5, 1912

Rudolph Gross, Holmes Co.	DR	5	41	8	24 00	13 75	37 75	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.	BF	4	32	28	30 50	50	31 00	
J. Reichenb'h, Montgomery Co.	BR	3	27	8	29 00	1 00	30 00	18 50
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	24	4	12 00	11 00	23 00	5 25
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	7	13	14 00	5 25	19 25	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>109 50</b>	<b>31 50</b>	<b>141 00</b>	<b>23 75</b>

\*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1326.75

Deliveries, \$381.45.

several hundred more in view. We are certainly thankful for the spirit of zeal that is being manifested by this church.

Brother W. B. Lindsay, who has recently entered the canvassing work, took orders to the amount of \$59.30 in three days last week.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Reading church last Sunday night. In spite of the inclement weather, many outsiders were in attendance. The meeting had been well advertised, not only by our own people, but also by the Reading newspapers, which made an elaborate announcement.

The following is from a member of the Lebanon church: "I thought I would make a report of the work done by my little girl Helen. She has taken up the sale of our ten-cent magazines, and is meeting with good success. From May until December 30, 1911, Helen, aged eleven, and Violet, aged nine years, sold 2028 of our magazines. Of late Helen has averaged 91 a week, one morning from 8:30 o'clock until noon, selling 29. Of course, we give the Lord all the honor, as we know that of ourselves we could not sell one paper. I never send her out until I ask the Lord to send his angel before her to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the magazines into their homes."

Elder S. D. Hartwell met with the Fairhill church last Sabbath for their quarterly occasion. Not only was there a good attendance of our brethren and sisters, but others were present who attend this church regularly. Brother Hartwell reports an excellent meeting.

Brother C. S. Baum met with the Orwell church at Towanda for quarterly services. This church is very

much scattered, its members living in different places within a radius of fifteen or twenty miles. On quarterly occasions, however, they all come together, and greatly appreciate the meeting, being like a united family.

Brother J. H. McEachern is now attending the canvassers' institute in progress at the Foreign Mission Seminary. We expect our students in attendance there to return to this conference and canvass during their vacation. Some of them were thus engaged last summer, and made a splendid record.

By the time this paper reaches our readers, the biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference will be in progress at Pittsburgh, Pa. The delegates from East Pennsylvania are: Elders W. H. Heckman, R. E. Harter, A. R. Bell, C. S. Wiest, S. D. Hartwell, T. H. Branch, O. F. Schwedrat, and Brother J. H. McEachern.

## CHESAPEAKE

### Cumberland

The quarterly meeting held at Cumberland, April 6, was a spiritual feast and an occasion long to be remembered. Several members had come distances of from twenty to forty miles, and they did not go away without a blessing. In connection with the ordinances a preaching service was held, the subject of which was, "The Little Foxes, Which Spoil the Vines," or the little sins which Satan causes to creep into our lives to destroy the usefulness of the remnant church.

The outlook of the Cumberland church is encouraging. Its membership is increasing, and all are of good courage to work earnestly until the battle is won and the jewels of earth are gathered in.

CONTRIBUTED.

## Thurmont

Some of the readers of the VISITOR may be interested to know of the progress of the message in this part of the field.

In Thurmont we have been conducting our work from house to house, giving Bible readings, and holding Sunday night meetings for the public. We have a very good hall in which to hold our Sabbath meetings, in fact we have the use of it at any time. It is well lighted with electricity, and very conveniently located.

The results of our labors thus far have developed so that we have at present seven Sabbath-keepers here, including one that was baptized at camp-meeting last fall in Dover, Del., and three that were baptized Sunday, April 7, and three who will go forward later, making with my family of three a company of ten, who are trying to hold up the light of truth amid the moral darkness that prevails here.

The day of baptism was a very stormy one; I think it rained about as hard as it could pour from the clouds; but in spite of the pouring rain a hundred persons witnessed the ordinance, and many were much impressed by the service. The faith and boldness manifested by the candidates was commented upon by the people. The baptismal service was performed by the president of the conference, Elder R. T. Baer, who with Brother W. L. Adkins spent Sabbath with us, Elder Baer speaking Friday evening and Sabbath morning, and Brother Adkins in the afternoon. The people appreciated the help of these brethren.

At Thurmont we have a Sabbath-school with a membership of fifteen, including the children. Our offering to missions the past quarter was \$12.58; \$3.12 of it was given on the thirteenth Sabbath for India. Our mark for this quarter is \$13.00, and we hope to go beyond it. We have made a good beginning on the first Sabbath, as we received \$1.85. All seem anxious to give. The children are especially interested. I have noticed during the quarter that the offering each week has shown an increase over that of the preceding week. This is brought about by a few words on the needs of the field and the work to be done in the far off lands.

We greatly desire the prayers of God's people for the work in this place.

GEO. R. APSLEY.

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### A New Book

"Star Flowers, or Songs in the Night" is the title of a new book of poems by the well known author, Eliza H. Morton. In the language of the writer, "The book was written to comfort and cheer those who are sick, sad, and discouraged."

The author's profits on this book will be donated to the work of the message in her home state—Maine, and especially in the city of Portland. The book is 6 x 8 inches in size, is printed in ten-point old style type, bound in light green, and lettered in gilt, contains 138 pages, and sells for \$1.00 net. Send all orders to the author, Woodford's Sta., Portland, Maine.

### OBITUARIES

**RIEBEN.**—Robert N. Rieben, three year old son of Brother and Sister Robert Nathan Rieben, died March 23, 1912, near the home of his parents in Wenonah, N. J. He was watching other children float chips down a stream of water when he fell in and was drowned before his rescue could be accomplished. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, and little Robert was laid to rest until the coming of the Life-giver.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

**SHEPHERD.**—M. W. Shepherd was born Oct. 25, 1851; died of heart failure at Wakeman, O., Apr. 8, 1912, aged 60 years, 7 months, and 14 days. His early years were spent in Lorain County, O., where he cared for his parents till their death, after which he visited different states in pursuit of his vocation as beekeeper. The deceased

had no church connection, but held to our views on many points: He leaves one sister, four nephews, and three nieces. Eccl. 7:2 formed the basis of the funeral discourse.

W. C. MOFFETT.

**HAYES.**—Esther, the six year old daughter of Joseph Hayes, a member of the Norfolk church, departed this life Apr. 5, 1912, after an illness of three weeks. Funeral service was conducted by the writer at Baltimore, Md., words of comfort being spoken to the sorrowing father, brother, and sister from Jer. 31:15-17.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

**WILLIAMS.**—Richard P. Williams, beloved husband of Sister Anna E. Williams, died at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 12, 1912. He had been a believer in the Sabbath truth for five years, and a member of the Baltimore Church No. 3 for two years. Brother Williams was a staunch adherent to the principles of the third angel's message, admonishing all his friends who visited him in his sixteen months of suffering to prepare to meet the Lord. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

**ALGER.**—A. J. Alger was born Apr. 16, 1833, and died at his home near Rileyville, Va., Mar. 28, 1912, aged 78 years, 11 months, and 12 days. He is survived by his wife and four children. Brother Alger loved the message for this time. He was among the first to accept the truth when it was proclaimed in Page County about thirty-five years ago, and was baptized by Elder J. O. Corliss, one of the ministers who first brought the truth to Virginia. The funeral was held March 30 at the Stanley church, and we laid him to rest in the cemetery adjoining. The service, based on Rom. 6:23, was attended by a houseful of sympathizing neighbors and friends.

R. D. HOTTEL.

**BEAR.**—On Jan. 31, 1912, Miss Hattie Bear of Mt. Crawford, Va., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Tutwilder. Many years ago she heard the message of God for this time, and mentally accepted it. She neglected openly acknowledging the claims of her Saviour till a few days before her death, when she confessed with sorrow her neglect of duty, and cast herself upon the mercies of a loving God. I reached her bedside about seven o'clock in the evening, and she died about twelve. Her experience should be a warning to others. Time quickly passes, opportunities are soon gone, and we pass on to old age and decrepitude, when the powers of mind are benumbed with sickness or beclouded with pain, and our spirits are sunken with remorse; then it is difficult to grasp the promises of God. We believe our sister rests not without hope. But, O how thoughtless to serve self all our lives,

and give God the very ragged edge! Her age was not known, as the family record was burned years ago; but she was somewhere in the seventies. The funeral was conducted at the home, where opportunity was taken to sow some seeds of truth on the nature and destiny of man.

STEWART KIME.

**REYNOLDS.**—Annie M. Allen was born in Queen Anne's County Md., January, 1847, and died in Rock Hall, Md., Mar. 9, 1912, aged 65 years. She was converted in the tender years of her youth, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was a member until about twenty-two years ago, when she embraced the teachings held and practiced by the Seventh-day Adventists, uniting with the church at Rock Hall, Md., where she lived a faithful and consistent Christian life until her death. She was united in marriage to Peter Reynolds January, 1869. To them were born five children, one son and four daughters. Three daughters, Sister Clara May Judefind of Rock Hall, Sister Emma F. Stephens of Washington, D. C., and Sister Nettie Bramble of Worton, Md., and many friends are left to mourn. Sister Reynolds rests from her labors, but her works will follow on. She sleeps in Jesus, but to awake in the morning of the resurrection. Words of comfort from Rev. 14: 13 were spoken by the writer to a large gathering of sympathizing friends and relatives.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

**HIXON.**—Granville E. Hixon, (husband of Sister Hixon of the Columbus church), was born Jan. 6, 1861, and was instantly killed in an elevator accident, April 4, 1912, at the age of 51 years, 2 months, and 28 days. Twenty-one years ago he was married to Almeda Ish; three children were born to this union. The deceased leaves to mourn his untimely death his faithful wife, one son, two daughters, one sister, and a large circle of relatives and friends. Mr. Hixon was industrious and honorable. His time was spent in honest toil, and he was ever ready to aid and assist those in need. His sudden death was a great shock to his family and friends. Words of comfort were spoken from Eccl. 12:13, 14, and burial took place at Union Cemetery, North Columbus.

His flaming forge and bellows grim

Will ne'er again respond to him;

His happy heart that beat so high

No more will cheer his comrades nigh.

His eyes are closed in silent sleep,

While friends around his casket weep.

We look across the rolling wave

To Christ the Lord, who died to save,

And think of that eternal shore

Where all shall dwell forevermore

Who walk with Christ the journey through

And ever strive his will to do;

Then never doubt when sins decoy,

Nor fall away when trials annoy!

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.