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

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The Summer School

Mount Vernon College will hold its summer session from June 12 to July 24, 1912. Below we give a list of the subjects that will be offered. It is not expected that classes will be formed in all these subjects; but from the list students may select such as they desire to pursue. The faculty reserves the right, however, to decide upon the advisability of starting a class, at the same time keeping in mind the best interests of the students.

I. Bible.

1. Life and Teachings of Christ.
2. Bible Doctrines.
3. Spirit of Prophecy.
4. Daniel and the Revelation.
5. Acts and Epistles.

II. Mathematics.

1. Arithmetic.
2. Methods and Problems in Advanced Arithmetic.
3. Algebra.
4. Geometry.

III. Normal Training.

1. Psychology.
2. Pedagogy.
3. General Method.
4. History of Education.
5. Teacher's Reading.
6. Teacher's Arithmetic.
7. Teacher's Geography.
8. Manual Training.
9. Teacher's Nature Study.
10. Teacher's Drawing.
11. School Management.

IV. History.

1. United States History.
2. General History.
3. S. D. A. Missions.
4. History of Missions.
5. Civil Government.
6. Denominational History.

V. Science.

1. Physiology and Hygiene.
2. Zoology.
3. Botany.
4. Physical Geography.
5. Chemistry.
6. Physics.

VI. English.

1. English.
2. Advanced English.
3. Rhetoric.

VII. Modern Languages.

1. German.
2. Spanish.

VIII. Drills.

1. Reading.
2. Mental Arithmetic.
3. Spelling.

THE FACULTY

The teachers in the College summer school have been chosen from the College faculty. This insures as thorough work as is done during the regular College year.

PLAN OF STUDY

The plan of study adopted enables the student to complete any two one-term subjects during the six weeks of the school.

WHAT TO BRING

Each student should bring towels, napkins, cover for dresser, washstand, and study table; also bedding and pillow. Only a mattress is furnished with the bed. Both ladies and gentlemen should bring working clothes.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL IDEA

The summer school idea is well established. Nearly all educational institutions of note now make provision for a regular summer session, and thousands of the best and most progressive teachers in the land are every year availing themselves of the opportunity offered by these schools to better equip themselves for their work.

ADVANTAGES OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The advantages which such a school affords are many. It furnishes teachers an opportunity to strengthen themselves where the class-room has revealed weaknesses. If a review is not needed, the live teacher will be quick to press forward to higher attainments. Students having hard work to make up in the College or Academic courses

may remove the conditions by taking the work offered in the summer school. Prospective teachers who feel the need of reviewing certain branches, or who desire to take up new studies to more thoroughly equip themselves for their work, will find the summer school adapted to their needs. Lastly, anyone wishing to take a short course in one or two subjects will find it greatly to his advantage to attend the summer session of the College.

EXPENSES

The management desires to reduce the expenses as much as possible with safety to the College finances. They therefore offer the following terms for the session of six weeks:—

Tuition	\$6.00
Lighted room	9.00
Board about	12.00

Board will be furnished on the European plan, and will cost the student according to what he eats. During the school year the average cost is about two dollars a week. If this average is maintained during the summer session the cost will be as stated, about twelve dollars. In addition to these rates, each student will be required to perform two hours' work each day.

WHEN TO COME

Students should come at the opening of school. Classes will be formed then, and any delay on the part of the student will mean a hindrance to his work. Late arrivals will be admitted to classes on condition that they make up the work done before they came. Otherwise no credits will be given.

HOW TO REACH THE COLLEGE

Mount Vernon is situated near the center of the state of Ohio, at the junction of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railways. On arriving at either station take the electric car, which makes regular trips to the College grounds every twenty minutes. Passengers coming over the B. & O. should ask for transfer when paying fare, and change cars at the public square. Tell the conductor where you wish to go, and he

will tell you where to change cars. Those coming over the Pennsylvania will take car at the station for the College without change.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If further information is desired, address the president of Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

S. M. BUTLER.

Loma Lima Medical College

In connection with the spring council of the General Conference Committee and the annual board meeting of the Loma Linda Medical College, I spent the latter part of March in Southern California, especially at Loma Linda. It gives me great pleasure to bring this excellent institution before the attention of the brethren of the Columbia Union Conference.

Acting in response to express testimonies from the servant of the Lord, our brethren upon the Pacific Coast moved out in the establishment of the Loma Linda school. At first the purpose of the school was to train medical evangelists, such as medical nurses, giving them an equipment in medical lines somewhat in advance of that which is secured by the ordinary nurse. However, as the word from the spirit of prophecy came stronger and more definite, the brethren moved out in response to it by putting before the Loma Linda institution the definite proposition of training evangelical doctors. At the time of my visit there, the second year class had finished its work; and some of the important considerations before the meeting were those relating to providing adequate means for the third and fourth years' work.

I wish to express my pleasure at finding such a body of devoted students and earnest, consecrated workers. The men and women connected with this plant have no other purpose in mind than to advance the interests of the third angel's message and to hasten the quick return of our Lord and Saviour. Already this school has turned out some excellent and fruitful workers. We might mention Elder Tindall, who is now conducting a vigorous evangelistic campaign in the city of Richmond, Virginia, as a product of this school. He believes thoroughly in uniting the medical and the evangelistic work, and is being rewarded along this line with fruit for his labors. Other workers have been turned out. And we expect in the near future we shall have men carrying the degree of Medical

Doctor who will go forth in this and distant lands proclaiming the truth.

This year the school financially buckled its accounts. However, as there is danger that the effort to carry on so great a work will not always be able to finance itself, a call has been made throughout our union conferences to assist in meeting the expense of maintaining this institution. The Columbia Union Conference has acceded to the request to give \$500 for the work in this institution for the year 1912. Do our brethren throughout the Union endorse this item of co-operation? If so, we would be pleased to ask you to send your donations to this worthy enterprise to the treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, E. R. Brown, Takoma Park, D. C.

We left the institution with our confidence greatly strengthened in the purposes and the devotion of the men and workers connected with the plant. We trust that our brethren will enlarge the place of their tents, and that from those throughout this Union who love to see the advance of God's cause, we may secure some substantial and willing donations. Do not fail to let me hear from you.

B. G. WILKINSON.

How Will You Observe It?

DAY APPOINTED

Sabbath, May 25, has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as Young People's Day. All our churches and companies in the United States and Canada are asked to devote that day to a study of the organized work of the youth. This work of our young people is becoming more and more interesting. Already the organization has grown until its influence encircles the earth, gripping thousands of young people, drawing them into the church, and quickening their footsteps in service.

WHAT IT DOES

Recently a worker wrote, "Our conference is only six years old, but from churches where young people's societies have been organized several workers have gone forth. One young man has served as tent master, another is principal in an intermediate school, another is lecturing in connection with his medical course, still another is assistant secretary of a tract society, and many others are canvassers. Some of our young ladies are church school teachers, nurses, Bible workers, and one is matron in an intermediate school." This is one of the many evidences we have that, with the blessing of God, the organized

work for the youth is helping to prepare messengers to carry speedily the last message of hope to a dying world.

DO NOT FORGET

Friends, the salvation of our youth will depend largely upon their own efforts for others. What are we doing to co-operate with God in helping our young people prepare to do the work for which he has chosen them? Upon every church a divine hand lays the responsibility of doing her utmost to enlist and train her young men and women for Christian service; so I trust that nothing will hinder any church, large or small, from observing May 25 as Young People's Day. An excellent program appears in the *Review* of May 9. Study the work for our youth. Pray for its success. It merits our support. God has marvelously blessed this work in the past, and we cannot doubt its future success; but he is counting on your church to co-operate with him in utilizing to the best advantage the organization which he has called into existence to help save our youth from the world and train them for service in the Macedonian fields at home and abroad. Do not forget May 25. It is a special opportunity to study the Missionary Volunteer work. Make the most of it. MATILDA ERICKSON.

The Third Biennial Session

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11-21, 1912

(Continued)

REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Elder Stewart Kime made the following report of the work in the Virginia Conference:—

The Virginia Conference sendeth greetings:—

We are thankful to the providence of God that has preserved his cause in our conference in the degree of prosperity which we now enjoy. The Virginia Conference is composed of ninety counties of the state of Virginia. The work was started more than thirty years ago by Elder J. O. Corliss. Twenty-nine years ago the conference was organized. By the self-sacrificing efforts of the brethren who early accepted this truth, the cause has grown. But we are anxious to see the prospering hand of God placed upon the work in this conference. There are some forty counties which have never as yet been entered by Seventh-day Adventists.

During this biennial period we have lost in territory by ceding to the District of Columbia Conference five

counties. This will perhaps explain the seeming loss in some directions. Perhaps a recital of conditions during this period will not be out of place. The conference suffered a lack of laborers. Elder Herrell, the president, was ill and really incapacitated. He resigned in June, 1910, his place being filled until the close of the conference year 1911. Several men were called to the presidency during this time, but none were in evidence. Several laborers were called, but some of them failed to reach the field.

At our conference and camp-meeting in 1911 Elder W. J. Stone accepted an invitation to come to the conference and direct the work. It took him some months to make arrangements to come; so it was late in the fall before he reached the field. He brought with him three young men as workers. We feel assured that his long experience in the cause of God, both as a laborer and an executive, and his mature judgment meet the very needs Virginia has felt for some time.

A glance at the force of workers will reveal quite a change. During this period Elder Herrell retired; Elder Ostrander returned to Michigan; Elder Hanna moved away; Elder House went West; and Elder Warnick resigned. To fill these vacant places one minister came from California. During a portion of the summer of 1911 Elder Sorenson labored with us. Elder MacLay also spent a part of the summer and all of the fall. We added permanently two licensed ministers and two Bible workers.

The sale of books was considerably increased during this period. I am sure that the earnest, active efforts of the conference agent is responsible for this showing. Virginia is a good field for the canvasser. There are many counties in which no Adventist has ever lived, which afford virgin soil for both the sower and the reaper. We have eight cities of more than 20,000 inhabitants, with many of smaller population.

We have the distinction (I am sure so far none of our sister conferences need covet this honor) of having the only intermediate school in the Union. We have had much difficulty in securing experienced teachers; but we are hopeful. This school was established by the advice of experienced brethren, and it should have a wider support than it has enjoyed. There is a feeling on the part of some that a successful school would tend to cripple our Union College; but experience shows that intermediate schools stimulate the attendance at colleges, as do

church schools that of intermediate schools. We are in need of a good experienced teacher for the future.

It might not be out of place to give here a brief description of the school and farm. A faithful brother gave us as a dying gift, forty acres of splendid land in the beautiful, historic valley of the Shenandoah, for school purposes. On this land was erected a building with accommodations for twenty students; a well equipped kitchen, a cheery dining room, a commodious chapel, two recitation rooms, and modern conveniences in the building. The school cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. We believe it deserves the support of all the Union. We are desirous of making it an industrial school, in harmony with the light given from the Lord. We do not ask for financial aid, but for moral support.

During this biennial period the conference office was moved from New Market to Richmond. We believe this was a move in the right direction. Richmond is the capital of the state, and the most important city in the conference, and really is the gateway to the South. We desire to build up a strong work in this city.

Little has been done in the religious liberty department. We sent the magazine *Liberty* to our legislators. The matter of religious legislation did not come up during this time.

In the year 1911 we held in the city of Norfolk a public effort for the colored people. We held a public effort in Richmond for the whites. A country effort was held by two Seminary students, with good results; ten were baptized. An effort was held in two of our churches, which resulted in the baptism of thirty-nine persons. Altogether there were sixty-three baptized during the year 1911.

In our conference we have a population of 1,000,000 white and 800,000 colored. In Virginia we have many cities; but we also have a mountain section. Within our borders has recently been perpetrated the most harrowing crime written on the pages of the history of the United States, the shooting down at their post of duty of the whole court of officials in one of our courts of justice. This shows the darkened condition of these mountaineers and their need of the gospel of light.

The statistical report shows a loss of three churches; but this is accounted for by the cession to the District of Columbia Conference of the territory mentioned above. While this showed a decrease in membership, yet we have more members by nineteen now

than at the close of the fall period. We have added one church building. Our tithe has also increased satisfactorily, and our offerings to foreign missions have gained. Our book sales increased more than \$7,000.

REPORT OF GENERAL AGENT

Elder I. G. Bigelow, General Agent of the Columbia Union Conference, submitted a statistical report, which is briefly summarized as follows:—

Value of Publications Delivered in 1910-1911

1910	Sub. Books	Trade and 40 cent books, tracts.
Ohio	\$13,192.95	\$1,290.69
W. Penna.	8,555.00	829.07
E. Penna.	6,456.95	1,122.58
Virginia	6,050.75	262.37
New Jersey	5,399.25	978.88
Chesapeake	5,373.95	621.77
W. Virginia	5,097.40	139.11
District of Columbia	1,570.25	367.92
Totals	\$51,701.50	\$5,612.39

1911

W. Virginia	\$13,249.50	\$ 299.99
Ohio	12,776.10	1,477.87
New Jersey	6,663.55	1,014.44
E. Penna.	6,299.66	1,114.30
Virginia	2,576.20	381.46
W. Penna.	5,427.55	719.24
Chesapeake	3,147.30	605.87
District of Columbia	1,429.62	488.59
Totals	\$54,569.48	\$6,101.76

Total value of all books sold in 1910 \$57,313.89

Total value of all books sold in 1911 62,571.24

Total value of all books sold \$119,885.13

Gain of 1911 over 1910 5,257.35

Total number of books and tracts sold in 1911 356,165

Total number of books and tracts sold in 1910 319,347

Total number of all books and tracts sold 675,512

Gain in number of books and tracts sold in 1911 over 1910 36,718

Total number of magazines sold in 1910 199,342

Total number of magazines sold in 1911 161,553

Total number of all magazines sold 360,895

Loss in magazines sold in 1911 over 1910 37,789

Total income to conferences in per cent and tithe as noted here, \$22,465.56

Total number of books, tracts, and magazines, 1910 and 1911, 1,036,407.

Conservative estimate of number of people reached by these messengers,—three individuals per book, tract, and magazine,—3,109,221.

The preceding does not include the multitude reached by the denominational periodicals, subscriptions and clubs, sent to our own people and used in their home missionary efforts.

"And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII., page 140.

"The book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world.

Perfect agreement should exist in the plans laid for the publication of our books and periodicals, that the light which they contain may be quickly carried everywhere, to the nominal churches and to the world."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX., pages 69, 70.

"Newly awakened people should, if it were possible, be plentifully supplied with books. Hereby the awakening is both continued and increased."—*John Westley*.

REPORT OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

The following report was rendered by Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference:—

When the Pennsylvania Conference was divided in 1903, the president, Elder R. A. Underwood, in speaking of the eastern half, wrote as follows: "The eastern field is more conservative, being settled by such elements as the Quakers and sects of a similar character. A large section is covered by the Pennsylvania Dutch. These classes are among the most conservative and hard to move. The eastern field will require faithful, untiring labor, and will, of necessity, take more means and greater effort to raise up Sabbath-keepers than the western field, owing to the above named conditions; at least, this has been our experience for years."

In spite of these facts, which I have found to be absolutely true, this conference has steadily gone forward, until to-day it is one of the strongest conferences in the East, if not the strongest.

Two years ago we felt grateful to be able to point to marked progress over the preceding years, but to-day we are still more thankful for being able to report the best biennial per-

iod in the history of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

We attribute the progress that has marked the path all along the way, first, to God's special blessing; for surely without his prospering hand we should have made a dismal failure. Second, to the fact that behind the conference officers stood a band of workers heartily co-operating with them. Third, that back of the officers of the conference stood a loyal, united, faithful, and praying people, eager to uphold their hands and make a grand success of the work.

OUR FIELD

With reference to our territory, I wish to state that there is but one conference in the United States that exceeds ours in population. We have the vast population of nearly 5,000,000 people. There are about twice as many people in this conference as in the Northern Pacific Union, which embraces six conferences; almost twice as many as in the Pacific Union, which embraces such conferences as the Californians; and nearly three times as many as in the Western Canadian Union.

In Eastern Pennsylvania we have the city of Philadelphia, the third largest city of the United States, and the metropolis of the Columbia Union Conference. This city alone, without taking in every city and town within a radius of fifteen to twenty miles, has a population of 1,549,008.

We have thirteen cities ranging in population from 25,000 to 130,000; twenty-two cities of from 10,000 to 25,000, fourteen of which have never been entered by our people with a tent or an aggressive hall effort; and 115 towns of from 2,000 to 10,000, of which only fifteen have ever heard a series of meetings; these, however, in some instances were held from fifteen to twenty-five years ago.

Within the borders of our conference we have several counties, and city after city, village after village, in which Seventh-day Adventists have never preached a sermon. How to work these counties and cities with the living preacher is a problem which we cannot solve; and our main object in mentioning these facts is not to boast of the great confidence we have, but to place before you in Union Conference session the vast amount of work to be done quickly, in this extensive territory, before the Lord comes; with the hope of gaining your sympathy and hearty co-operation in placing more laborers in this most needy field.

EVANGELICAL DEPARTMENT

Eleven tent companies were placed in the field during the past two years, besides hall efforts, in most cases with excellent results. With the exception, however, of three tent efforts and three hall efforts, these meetings were conducted in cities and towns where we have organized churches; therefore we added only three new churches to our constituency during the biennial period. Many new converts have been added during this time, however, which resulted in strengthening the churches on which labor was bestowed.

LABORERS

Toward the close of the year 1911 we had eight ordained ministers, four licensed ministers, seven missionary licentiates, one field and missionary secretary, one Sabbath-school and young people's Missionary Volunteer secretary, and one stenographer. Including those connected with the tent efforts, we had a total of thirty-two workers for the year. Those laboring in the distribution of literature are not included in these figures.

SALE OF LITERATURE

The total amount of literature sold during the years 1910 and 1911 was \$24,588.19, as compared with \$17,851.78 for the preceding biennial term, making a net gain of \$6,336.41 for the two years. When we compare this with the figures given for 1906-1907, we cannot but thank God for the labors of our faithful workers who are carrying from place to place the message-filled page. We are laying plans and are aiming, however, to go far beyond what was accomplished during the past two years, as we firmly believe that the distribution of our literature is one of the most effective means of bringing people into the truth, and will be a strong factor in the closing of the third angel's message.

What we want and must have is more genuine missionary laborers who will engage in the distribution of our literature. We must have men and women who have the true missionary spirit; with such a supreme love for God and longing desire to win souls to God and his truth, that they will be ready to fall into the ranks anywhere they may accomplish the most good.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

The Sabbath-school and educational departments have made an excellent showing during the past two

years. During this period we have succeeded in having all our schools adopt the plan of giving "all to missions."

We are glad to report that twenty-five students from East Pennsylvania were in attendance at our conference school, Mount Vernon College, during the school year 1910-11, and practically the same number in 1911-12. We also had six students in attendance at the Foreign Mission Seminary, and four at South Lancaster Academy.

The young people's Missionary Volunteer Department has made some progress, but not what we hoped to see, during the past two years. This is accounted for largely by the fact that for many months this department has been without an official head, Sister Andrews having died, and Miss Bristol having left the conference to become the wife of Doctor Andrews.

FOREIGN WORK

As the anthracite coal regions of the United States are confined to about five counties in East Pennsylvania, and as these are operated largely by foreigners, the foreign population of this section is exceedingly large. We are sorry to say, however that but little has been done among this class; we have been compelled to confine our foreign work largely to the city of Philadelphia. Here we have had five foreign workers during the past two years; three Germans, and two Scandinavians. The result is that we have a strong German church, with a neat church edifice costing about \$5,500. Brother O. F. Schwedrat is in charge of the German work in Philadelphia at present. Brother Louis Halsvick, a Norwegian minister, has charge of the Scandinavian work in that city, together with Sister Stokka, a Bible worker. They have a nice little company of about a dozen persons.

COLORED WORK

In February, 1911, we organized our first colored church in this conference. In October, 1910, we succeeded in securing a colored minister, Elder T. H. Branch, from the Colorado Conference. This church during the past year has added thirteen members, having been organized with seventeen. When we stop to think, however, that in the city of Philadelphia alone there is a colored population of 106,000, besides Chester, with a colored population of 12,000, we can see the great amount of work to be done among these people before the coming of the Lord.

HARVEST INGATHERING

It may be interesting to note the progress in securing funds for foreign missions through the Harvest Ingathering campaigns. The first year this plan was adopted, 1908-09, a total of \$1,356.56 was collected by this conference, which was ninth on the list of all the conferences in the United States. In the 1910-11 campaign, while many of our brethren and sisters did not think they could duplicate their previous record, we were most happily surprised not only in duplicating it but in going far beyond the former mark, the amount being \$1,723.72. In the 1911-12 campaign we have already gone beyond the \$2,000 mark, which was our aim; and our records on this fund are not yet complete.

FINANCES

It is said on the highest authority in the universe that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The financial condition of a conference, therefore, is a good indication where the heart of its people are; consequently you will rejoice with me over the fact that the finances of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference have made great advancement over the preceding biennial periods; there has been a steady increase along the line of tithes and offerings. I refer to this with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, for it indicates the faithfulness and loyal co-operation of our brethren and sisters.

I desire to call your special attention to the following:—

Total tithe received, 1906	\$11,848.27
Total tithe received, 1907	12,629.22
Total for biennial period	24,477.49
Total tithe received, 1908	14,705.42
Total tithe received, 1909	14,709.13
Total for biennial period	29,414.55
Gain over 1906-07	4,937.06
Total tithe received, 1910	16,073.77
Total tithe received, 1911	18,866.75
	34,940.52
Gain over 1908-09	5,525.97
Gain over 1906-07	10,463.03

FOREIGN MISSIONS — TEN-CENT-A-

WEEK FUND

1906	\$1,982.70
1907	2,378.18
Biennial period	4,360.88
1908	4,773.61
1909	5,875.01
Biennial period	\$10,648.62

Gain over 1906-07	6,287.84
1910	5,778.51
1911	6,146.54
Biennial period	11,925.05
Gain over 1908-09	1,276.62
Gain over 1906-07	7,565.17

CONCLUSION

Very often figures are cold, and statistics make dry reading; but for this report we are thankful not merely for what it shows from the standpoint of dollars and cents, but for the evidence, as we stated before, it gives of the loyalty and faithfulness of our people in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The future outlook of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is bright and promising, as all our people are loyal and true to the organization and every phase of the message; and we see no reason why we should not make greater and more rapid progress during the ensuing biennial term.

My earnest desire is to see the third angel's message go forward with leaps and bounds in this territory; and to that end we believe every worker will co-operate and consecrate himself.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary.*
(To be continued)

AT THE COLLEGE

The Commencement exercises will be rendered Monday evening, May 20. School closes for summer vacation May 22.

The Summer School at Mount Vernon will open June 12, and continue six weeks.

Miss Martha Poole has been conducting a class in practical massage at the Sanitarium.

Elder Shultz has sold his home to Miss Frances Kennedy, and has moved into the cottage on the campus.

Mrs. C. H. Bailey, *nee* Cloda Franklin, of Charleston, W. Va., writes in renewing her subscription, "I enjoy the College page so much, for through it I can hear from many of the old students."

Dr. Fisher was called to Grafton, W. Va., last week to perform an operation for appendicitis on Mr. H. C. Shingleton. Miss Ruth Shin-

gleton, who is taking the nurse's course at the Sanitarium accompanied the doctor, and will spend some time at home caring for her father.

Mrs. Daisy Weick of Buffalo, N. Y., visited her daughter Mildred at the College last week.

Mrs. Vernon O. Punches and her sister, Mrs. Earl Cockrell, are visiting relatives in Mount Vernon. Mr. Punches remained some time after the close of the institute, and has been conducting classes for canvassers.

NEW JERSEY

The Columbia Union Conference session held at Pittsburgh, is now a thing of the past; but we firmly believe that the influence of the good meetings, the counsel and instruction received, will go with the workers to their various fields, and the spirit of work that was urged at this meeting will take hold of the lay members as a result.

Elder G. B. Thompson presented the subject of the sealing time from Rev. 7:1-3, which brings before us the last work of God in the earth before the Lord shall come. So great in importance is this work that strife, war, bloodshed, etc., are held in check by the unseen agencies of God until it shall be accomplished. Therefore the work in which we are engaged is the most important thing on earth. The seal of God is the Sabbath. It is therefore a Sabbath reform work before the world.

Who is to be sealed does not depend upon how many are church members, but upon how many have the character of God. Suppose the angel came into this room, said Elder Thompson, and said, "I am going to put a seal upon every one who is sighing and crying for the abominations that are in the earth," I wonder if he would mark us all. That is the question. Those who carry a burden about the sin that is in the earth, and have a deep love for souls, are the ones who will be marked. It seems to me if we could get a realization of what is before us, it would arouse us to greater diligence. We take things altogether too easy. The condition of lost souls ought to stir us up. It means something to be a Christian, to be looking for the coming of Jesus and the end of the world. It ought to make us sweat, as it were, to think of the responsibility upon us.

Matt. 24:42—Watch! "If that servant shall say in his heart, My Lord

delayeth his coming." He believes in the coming of the Lord, but he believes it is *delayed*. How do we know what is in the heart?—We know only by the way we live. Am I saying by the way I live, talk, do,—am I saying to my neighbors that I believe the Lord is at the door? or am I saying to them that the thing is delayed? I tell you, this has become a very serious question in my life. Which way is it, brethren?

On the tenth day of the seventh month in 1844, they expected the Lord to come—along about the first of October, the time to dig potatoes. Men looked on the potato field and they said, Shall I dig potatoes? If the Lord comes we will not need potatoes, they reasoned. Suppose he doesn't come, then we will need potatoes. Some said, Well I think I will dig mine, and if he comes, all right; if he does not come I will have potatoes. What did ten bushels of potatoes in that man's cellar say to his neighbor? Did it talk? These potatoes said with a voice loud enough to drown all he might say that that man does not believe the Lord will come the 22nd of October. Have we got any potatoes in the cellar, brethren? It is just as easy for you and me to have something before us that says to our neighbors that we do not believe the Lord is coming soon. I believe we should look around and see what we are saying to our neighbors. No use preaching from a text in the Bible and from something else in the life.

May the Lord help us to have a burden for souls that will reach out and save them; that we may show that we believe the Lord is coming.

W. B. WALTERS.

OHIO

Coshocton

We have been thinking that perhaps the VISITOR family would like to hear what the little flock at Coshocton have been doing lately in the way of home missionary work. There are so few of us that we have not been able to do much; but we have not been idle.

You have learned ere this that the Corder family have moved from here to Mount Vernon. We miss them very much from our church here, and trust they will be a light in the locality to which they have gone, and that our loss will be the gain of others. This makes three families that have moved from here to other

places within a year, and our company is indeed growing very small, and help for missionary work is lessened. However, the few that are left feel the importance of the work, and have done what they could.

In the past quarter two copies of "Ministry of Healing" were sold. One copy was given away; and the person to whom it was sent writes expressing appreciation of the book. A copy of "Daniel and the Revelation" was also donated to the army work. Many papers and tracts have been given away; and a few letters have been written. *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* have been sent to all the attorneys, doctors, and ministers of our town, and to several outside of our town—forty subscriptions in all. The weekly *Signs* is being sent to one interested person. We also send a copy of the *Youth's Instructor* to our city library every week, besides other of our magazines. At our last home missionary meeting we voted to send *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and the *Protestant* to our city library for one year. One of our members has been caring for a sick woman, and has taken advantage of the opportunity to break to her the Bread of Life. Some of us have been hindered in our missionary work by serious illness; but we feel that God has a purpose in allowing us to be afflicted, whether it be by illness or otherwise. We ask the readers to pray for our little flock at Coshocton, and especially for our children and youth, that they may be stirred by the Spirit of God to enter into this work.

MRS. A. E. RALLS,
Missionary Secretary.

A Sabbath-school convention will be held at Mount Vernon, Sabbath, May 11. The church and College Sabbath-schools unite in extending a hearty invitation to all members of other churches who may be able to attend.

Dr. H. M. Jump, pastor of the Toledo church, sends the following good news: "Since my last report to the VISITOR two more members have been added to the Toledo church. The work is going forward, and we are of good courage."

Last Sunday evening Elder E. K. Slade addressed the inmates and employees of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The attendance was excellent, as was also the attention given. Special music was rendered by some of our Mount Vernon members.

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	9		1	2 00	6 00	8 00	
A. Schenk, Wytheville		GC			7	17 00	13 00	30 00	
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap		BR	24			15 00	2 00	17 00	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	8		2	3 00	2 50	5 50	
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth		PPF	15			11 00		11 00	1 50
P. Hottel, Bloxom		PPF	19	29		50 50	3 50	54 00	2 15
C. Overstreet, Bloxom		BR	24	15		31 00	4 60	35 60	3 85
L. Overstreet, Bloxom		PPF	15	14		27 50	3 75	31 25	14 50
G. A. Covert, Bloxom		PPF	7	8		1 50	13 00	14 50	13 00
B. Hamm, Fredericksburg		GC	55	9		20 60	8 65	29 25	25
F. Cook, Rileyville			2			6 00	2 00	8 00	1 50
Totals			178		85	\$185 10	\$59 00	\$244 10	\$47 75

New Jersey, Week Ending April 26, 1912

W. Fink, Warren		BR	3	22	5	11 00	2 50	13 50	2 50
G. Blinn, Burlington		BR	3	28	22	72 00	1 75	73 75	
R. D. Stagg, Sussex		PPF	3	18	14	21 50		21 50	
C. Beach, Bergen		PPF	2	8	7	14 00		14 00	
L. Cruikshanks, Plainfield		PPF	4	32	19	32 00		32 00	
A. S. Samuels, Newark		GA	5	37	133	47 50	30	47 80	37 30
B. Hartman, Jersey City		GA	5	30	113	28 50		28 50	16 00
Totals			25	175	313	\$226 50	\$4 55	\$231 05	\$55 80

West Virginia, Week Ending April 26, 1912

T. M. Butler, Preston Co.		BF	5	35	33	47 50	4 40	51 90	3 40
J. Midkiff, Harrison Co.		PG	3	14	3	9 00	7 00	16 00	
*W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.		DR	10	91	15	36 00	25 95	61 95	116 33
*J. Marshall, Morgan Co.		GC	10	105		46 00	2 25	48 25	179 70
Totals			28	155	51	\$138 50	\$39 60	\$178 10	\$299 43

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 26, 1912

J. T. McAllister, Phila.		DR	5	40	25	83 00		83 00	
W. Lindsay, Philadelphia		DR	2	11	3	9 00	2 45	11 45	
Lucy Dicks, Hazleton		GC	4	24			6 50	6 50	2 70
Martha Partington, Plymouth				2					9 50
Jesse Smith, Factoville		HM	5	26	7	15 50	6 10	21 60	2 85
Mrs. J. Dennis, W. Phila.		CK			1	1 50	80	2 30	
Totals			16	103	36	\$109 00	\$15 85	\$124 85	15 05

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 26, 1912

J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.		GC	5	35	8	24 00	8 00	32 00	64 20
H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.		CK	5	33	23	43 50		43 50	
J. Dillman, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	5	2	2	2 25	75	3 00	2 75
R. Murphy, Barton, Md.		PPF	3	13	10	16 50	1 00	17 50	16 50
J. Sherich, Carroll Co., Md.		BF	3	13	10	10 00	25	10 25	
H. Cephas, Seaford, Del.		DR	1		1	3 00	1 50	4 50	
Totals			22	105	54	\$95 25	\$11 50	\$110 75	\$83 45

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J. H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.	LH	20						Value	2 00
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*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$888.85

Deliveries, \$501.48.

The Toledo, Clyde, and Bowling Green young people's societies are sending a stereopticon outfit to Brother and Sister George L. Sterling, who are working among the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Brother and Sister Sterling went to the Islands upon graduating from Mount Vernon College in 1908.

Elder W. C. Moffett visited the Pleasant Hill school on his return from the Union Conference. The school now has an attendance of twenty-one, twelve not of our faith; and Miss Clara Reichenbaugh, the teacher, expects still more to enroll.

Elders W. E. Bidwell and J. W. Shultz have opened meetings in a hall in Toronto.

We are sorry to learn that the family of Brother O. D. Stevens of Springfield, Ohio, is quarantined on account of scarlet fever.

Elder C. A. Smith, who has been very ill for some time, has returned home from the Sanitarium, but is not gaining in strength as his friends would be glad to see him gain. Remember Brother Smith in your prayers, that if it may be, God will restore him to health and strength.

Miss Frances Kennedy, sister of Mr. Arthur Kennedy of Newark and Mrs. W. C. Moffett of Mount Vernon, has bought Elder J. E. Shultz's home.

CHESAPEAKE

A Workers' Meeting

The Chesapeake Conference workers' meeting opened at Cambridge, Maryland, May 3, and will continue till the 13th. A very interesting program has been arranged, and the occasion promises to be one of added interest to the work in this conference. A special meeting will be held for the public each evening. Some phase of our organized work will be taken up each afternoon. One very important feature of our work will receive important consideration, and that is our evangelical work for the summer. Several tent efforts will be planned, and a survey of the field will be made, so that important openings will be entered with the truth. We expect the Lord to be with us in the meetings. ROSCOE T. BAER.

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WEST VIRGINIA

Brother and Sister J. S. Barrows are now in Fairmont, and have begun work for the West Virginia Conference. Brother Barrows is secretary and treasurer of the conference, also secretary and treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society. Sister Barrows has accepted the office of Sabbath-school secretary, the place made vacant by Sister C. V. Hamer's removal. We welcome Brother and Sister Barrows to this conference, and believe that by our hearty co-operation with them, the cause of God will be strengthened in this state, and souls saved.

Brother Burgess Ross has been doing the office work for the conference since Brother C. V. Hamer's removal to Mount Vernon, Ohio. The faithful work of Brother Ross in filling the vacancy until a permanent man could be placed in the office is indeed appreciated.

All communications for the office should be addressed, West Virginia Conference S. D. A., or West Virginia Book Society S. D. A., Lock Box 353, Fairmont, West Va.

F. H. ROBBINS.

A Report

Dear VISITOR Readers: It has been some time since I have written to you, but I shall endeavor to tell you a few things which the Lord is helping us to do in the beautiful state of West Virginia. In Charleston we have a new church building which is a credit to the city, as well as to our work in the city and in the state. The church members are actively engaged in missionary work, and are trying to do what they can to hasten the coming of Jesus in the clouds of

heaven. Some are going out among their neighbors and giving them Bible readings, and as a result a number have taken their stand for the truth, and are ready for baptism. On April 6, I baptized one sister in the Kanawha River. Several others will be ready for the ordinance soon. We in Charleston are of good courage, and are looking forward to the series of meetings which Brother Richardson and I shall open next week when I return from the three weeks' trip I am now making.

Last night I had the privilege of speaking on the subject of "The Church" to a goodly company of people who gathered in the Parkersburg church. To-day (April 26) I go to Kanawha Station to hold a few services with our church there, which is trying to hold up the standard of truth before the people of the world.

Sabbath, April 13, I had the privilege of baptizing six persons in a baptistry of the Christian church of Wheeling, W. Va. Their conversion is the result of the work done by Brother Richardson and Sister Snider during the past year. Sister Snider is the church school teacher at Wheeling. She has done faithful work, not only in imparting book knowledge, but in helping her pupils take their stand for the truth. Five of the candidates were church school pupils. The little church in Elm Grove is gradually growing.

We are of good courage in West Virginia, and are glad for the progress which the work is making here; but we ask you all to pray that the Lord may continue to bring into the fold such as shall be saved.

F. E. GIBSON.

The West Virginia camp-meeting will be held in Fairmont, West Virginia, July 18-28. Our brethren should at once begin to make plans for coming. Let us make the camp-meeting this year the best in the history of West Virginia. Watch the VISITOR for further details.

Brother I. D. Richardson, who has been located in Elm Grove for some time, expects to go to Little Birch in the near future to hold a series of meetings.

Brother J. W. Marshall, one of our canvassers, reports that the Lord has blessed him wonderfully in his last delivery. In part he says: "A Baptist minister has done all he could against me. He told his people that

my book was an Adventist book. He also told things about our people that are not true. It took some time to show the people that the things he told were not true; but I was rewarded for my efforts by being enabled to deliver every book. The Lord certainly had a hand in the work." Thus you see the Lord has not forsaken his workers in this part of his vineyard.

Brethren, watch the West Virginia list of canvassers grow.

BURGESS ROSS.

VIRGINIA

Brother L. O. Gordon is spending a few weeks with the Guinea Mills church.

Brother and Sister R. C. Gardner were called to their former home in Indiana by the dangerous illness of Brother Gardner's mother.

The workers have returned from the session of the Union Conference in Pittsburgh, bringing good reports of the meeting there.

Our canvassers are sending in good reports of their work. All seem full of courage. They are finding many dissatisfied with their Christian experience and asking for more light. Oh that we had more laborers in this needy southern field to help carry this light to those who sit in darkness! One brother in re-canvassing his territory called on a man who had been very bitter toward him when he called the first time, and to his surprise the man gave him a hearty welcome, and bought a book, his wife having bought the "Coming King" when he made his first canvass.

A. M. NEFF.

OBITUARIES

SHATTUCK.— On April 13, 1912, after a short illness, Mrs. Stella Shattuck died at her home in Dayton, O., having attained the age of 54 years, 3 months, and 20 days. She and her husband rejoiced to hear and gladly accepted the gospel of the kingdom some years ago, and became faithful members of the Dayton church. Her husband preceded her in death about five years ago. Words of comfort from Phil. 1:23 were spoken to a large number of friends and relatives, who sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

A. C. SHANNON.