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Small service is true service while it lasts;
Of friends, however humble, scorn not
one;

The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dewdrop from the
sun.

—Wordsworth.

The Nearness of the End

Troublous times are right upon us. The fulfilling of the signs of the times gives evidence that the day of the Lord is near at hand. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men and women and little children. All these things testify that the coming of Christ is near at hand.

The doctrine that men are released from obedience to God's requirements has weakened the force of moral obligation, and opened the flood-gates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness and dissipation and corruption are sweeping upon us like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, strife, betrayal of sacred trust, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin.

Courts of justice are corrupt. Rulers are actuated by a desire for gain, and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many, so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. "Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Men are rushing on in the mad race for gain and

selfish indulgence as if there was no God, no heaven, and no hereafter.

The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. The apostle James pictures the greed and oppression that will prevail. He says: "Go to now, ye rich men, . . . ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton. Ye have nourished your hearts, as in the day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." This is a picture of what exists to-day. By every species of oppression and extortion, men are piling up colossal fortunes, while the cries of starving humanity are coming up before God.

In accidents and calamities by land and by sea, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes,—in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. The visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, . . . the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

The crisis is stealing gradually upon us. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God. Men are still eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage. Merchants are still buying and selling. Men are jostling against one another, contending for the highest place. Pleasure lovers are still crowding to theaters,

horse-races, gambling-hells. The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. Satan sees that his time is short, he has set all his agents to work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut. The time is right upon us when there will be sorrow that no human balm can heal. Sentinel angels are now restraining the four winds, that they shall not blow till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads; but when God shall bid his angels loose the winds, there will be a scene of strife such as no pen can picture.

The "time of trouble, such as never was," is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality, but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation can not reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that trial every man must stand for himself before God. Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the land, "as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters;" "they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness."

Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some points where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of himself, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept his Father's commandments, and there was no sin in him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.

"Our God shall come, and shall not

keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The Camp-Meeting

Our camp-meeting for 1912 is now a matter of the past. In several respects it was a wonderful meeting. Undoubtedly it was the largest camp-meeting ever held by our people in the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to all the cottages, of which there were over one hundred, all having been spoken for weeks before the time of meeting, it was necessary to pitch thirteen family tents, and rent rooms in the immediate vicinity.

The help rendered by both the General and the Union Conferences was very timely, and was indeed appreciated. Many were greatly blessed, and reconsecrated themselves to God and his service. On both Sabbaths of the session revivals were held, at which time God came especially near, and many came forward, some for the first time, to give their hearts to God. Two beautiful and impressive baptismal services were held, twenty-three going forward in the ordinance. We sincerely hope and pray that these dear ones may prove true and loyal to their Lord, and may be the means of great blessing to the churches with which they will unite, and to all those with whom they come in contact.

On Tuesday, June 25, a special rally was made in behalf of Mount Vernon College. Our people responded nobly, over \$1000 being raised for this worthy institution. We trust that those of our brethren and sisters who were not present will remember this school in a substantial way.

Sunday morning, June 30, after an interesting discourse on "Redeeming the Time," by Elder R. A. Underwood, in which he showed that those of us who have devoted most of our years to the service of the world, can redeem the time thus lost, by helping with our means to bring the gospel message to those in heathen lands. Over \$700 was raised in behalf of our foreign missions at this time. We sincerely hope that those of our brethren and sisters who were unable to be

present at that time, will likewise remember this call, and generously respond by giving liberally at the time of our midsummer offering, which is rapidly approaching, the date being July 27. God has blessed us richly since the last midsummer opportunity, and we trust that all will respond accordingly.

It may be of interest to all our people to learn that the Harvest Ingathering for missions will begin one month earlier this year than last; that the monthly *Signs of the Times* magazine will be used in securing donations. We have the assurance that this number will be an especially good one, thus making it a splendid paper to use in this work.

THE TENT COMPANIES

The following tent companies, six in all, have been arranged:—

West Philadelphia: Elder R. E. Harter, F. A. Harter, Miss Janet Morris, Brother and Sister Harvey Gauker.

North Philadelphia: Elder C. S. Wiest, Miss Jessie M. Weiss, Mrs. Harriet Snyder, and Richard Farley.

Harrisburg: Elder A. R. Bell, Sister Louisa V. Wurts, Brother and Sister Glen Swingle.

N. E. Philadelphia (German): Evangelist O. F. Schwedrat, Miss A. Fritz-enwanker, and George Eichmann.

Shippensburg: Evangelist B. M. Heald, Laura Patterson, and William P. Hess.

Sayre: Evangelist C. S. Baum, Mrs. Elsie Evans, Brother and Sister Harry Rhan.

We trust all our brethren and sisters will remember these tent companies in their prayers, seeking earnestly God's special blessing upon them, that many souls may be brought to a knowledge and acceptance of the last message.

The outlook for the work in this conference is bright and encouraging. A spirit of harmony and co-operation exists throughout our entire constituency; and with the blessing of the Lord and the daily prayers of our people, we are certain of a successful year.

W. H. HECKMAN.

Colporters' Testimony Corner

The Lord is greatly blessing the work in the Eastern Pennsylvania field. Our standard is \$1,000 worth of orders per month, but our sales for June reached over \$1,800. We feel that this shows faithfulness on the part of our colporters, and especially when we consider that the majority

of our workers were in attendance at camp-meeting.

Thursday and Friday were good days for our publishing work at camp-meeting. Thursday afternoon was devoted to the book work, and Friday afternoon to the magazine work. These meetings were conducted in the form of a symposium. The colporters, together with some of the leading ministers of the General and Union Conferences, gave brief but inspiring talks on the importance of the work, the advantages of the scholarship plan, and the rich, edifying experiences obtained in this means of coming in personal contact with the people.

Brother W. P. Hess told of his joy in seeing two precious souls take their stand for the truth during his three months' canvassing in Perry County.

Sister King of Scranton testified to having earned \$90 in three weeks selling our magazines since she returned from Mount Vernon College. While the financial success the Lord gave her is indeed gratifying, yet she says that the blessings obtained in ministering to those hungry for truth far outweigh the financial gain.

Sister Sleep of Stroudsburg related how, at first, she entered the magazine work with the thought of making money at the business. But with this motive she failed; it was with hard, laborious work that she got back the money that she had invested in them. This experience made her discouraged with herself. But not so with the Lord. In answer to her prayer he breathed upon her a burden for souls. With a change of motive she went out the second time, and found that the angel of the Lord had prepared the hearts of the people. She took delight in the service; and success, both financial and spiritual, attended her work.

Brother A. R. Sherman is meeting with remarkable success in Harrisburg. He tells of a Baptist minister sending a little girl after him, requesting him to come to the house, so that he could order a "Great Controversy."

The camp-meeting resulted in several new workers' getting an inspiration to join our ranks, many of them ambitious to earn scholarships for Mount Vernon College. Pray for these inexperienced workers.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part,—there all the honor lies.

—Pope.

WEST VIRGINIA

My Work

I have been asked to write for the VISITOR a brief account of my book work in West Virginia. In response to this request I give the following report.

I began work in this state on September 4, 1910. Since that time I have worked quite steadily, having taken but two brief vacations, besides being laid off three weeks with an injured limb. I have sold about 750 copies of "Daniel and the Revelation," several hundred "Best Stories from the Best Book," nearly as many "New Testament Primers," more than 100 "Steps to Christ," and about 55 Family Bibles, besides several New Testaments and Teacher's Bibles. While I have never made any brilliant record, yet, with industry and perseverance—indispensable elements of success in any occupation—I have managed to maintain a fair average.

In my work I have had varied, but for the most part pleasant experiences. Perhaps my gray hairs have preserved me from indignities to which book canvassers are sometimes subjected, but I think the people here, as a rule, are disposed to treat courteously those who deal fairly with them. While most of them are steeped in erroneous teaching, and some of them much prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, yet they are generally honest and sincere, desirous of knowing the truth, and anxious to secure anything that will help them in Bible study.

In conclusion I will say that if any reader of the VISITOR is looking for a place where he can do efficient work for the Master in spreading present-day truth, he will find a fair, open field in West Virginia.

W. A. McELPHATRICK.

Richwood, W. Va.

Monday, July 15, work will begin on the camp-ground at South Side Park, Fairmont. We trust all our people will be on the ground for the first meeting, Thursday evening, July 18.

Elder Steele of Martinsburg reports that he is having a good interest in the meetings which he is holding in that place.

Elder F. H. Robbins called at the office this week on his way to Wheeling, where he will decide upon a loca-

tion for a tent effort to be conducted at the close of camp-meeting under the direction of Elder Baierle, Brethren Thirlwell and Richardson.

During the month of June our canvassers worked 1403 hours, and sold \$1409.60 worth of books. Deliveries were made to the amount of \$529.10. Surely the Lord blesses the efforts of the faithful canvasser.

OHIO

Springfield and Washington C. H.

Monday, June 10, we came to Springfield to join Elder Redfield in a tent effort. We were blessed in securing a lot, free of charge, on South Limestone Street, one of the best locations in the city. Thus far our attendance has been good. The Springfield church has given good help by advertising meetings and furnishing literature; also by assisting in the music, which is under the direction of Professor G. Earl Snyder and Brother C. C. Circle.

Sabbath, June 29, the writer had the privilege of baptizing and receiving into the Washington Court House church four adults. The hearts of the brethren were made glad on this occasion, especially as they saw a candidate eighty-nine years of age follow his Lord in baptism. May the Lord bless and prosper this church.

J. J. MARIETTA.

Cleveland

Thinking that the readers of the VISITOR will be interested in the progress of the message in Cleveland, we give a brief report of our meeting held Sabbath, June 29.

Both services were conducted by the Sabbath-school. The first part of the time was taken by the children of the primary department, with songs and recitations, all leaning toward the subject of giving, as this was "dollar day." Before the collection was taken a portion of the leaflet that was sent out in behalf of Africa was read, and an earnest appeal was made for the new enterprise. The result was \$45. This, together with the donations of the previous twelve Sabbaths, (\$128.13), gave us \$173.13 for the quarter.

The time of the regular church service was occupied with a review of the lessons of the quarter. The children gave the title and memory verse of each lesson, which was followed by a three minute talk from

different class members chosen by the teachers. At the close of the twelfth lesson, the regular church collection was taken, and proved to be a more liberal offering than usual for the incidental fund. Over one hundred dollars in tithes was handed in, making our June tithe receipts over \$300, and the tithe receipts for the first six months of 1912 over \$1000.

We also had baptismal services on Sabbath, and twelve members were added to the church. We now have one hundred and seventy members.

Truly, we have much for which to praise the Lord; for only through the influence and power of the Holy Spirit could any such results have been obtained.

JENNIE MORSE, *Secretary.*

Cincinnati

The cause is onward at Cincinnati, and we are having some good experiences in our work at the present time.

We have been quite busy since coming here. If we have not reported our work often, it was not that we did not have anything to report, but that we lacked time.

One lady accepted the truth shortly after we came to the city, and is now one of our best church workers. Several others accepted the truth this summer and were added to the church. Still others are keeping the Sabbath, paying their tithe, and coming to church regularly, who have not yet been baptized. We are praying earnestly that they will soon go forward in the ordinance of baptism.

Several of our readers are planning to go with us to the Springfield camp-meeting.

We enjoy our work at this place. We have a large circle of friends that we visit every week, who are very much interested in the truth.

We are holding meetings with a colored minister on Walnut Hills, and praying that the Lord will convert him to the truth, that he may be made a worker for his race in this city.

We are pleased to have Elder Miller with us as pastor of our church. Last Sabbath we raised \$29 for foreign missions. We find the "dollar day" plan to be a good one.

Elder Miller and I spent Sunday, June 30, with the church at Hamilton. I visited a family with whom we had held readings seven years ago, and had them attend the services.

We have organized a young people's society at Cincinnati. We held our first meeting last Sabbath, with an attendance of twenty-one. Pray for us and the work at this place.

W. M. CAMPBELL.

Akron

Sabbath, June 29, will long be remembered by our people in Akron. The "dollar day" was observed in a practical way. About sixty-five dollars was raised for missions.

After the close of the morning service almost the entire church went to Summit Lake, where eleven precious souls went down into the watery grave with Christ. It was indeed gratifying to see these souls take their stand for the truths of the third angel's message. The Spirit of God was with us in a special manner. Elder Venen was present, and by request took charge of the baptismal service. May our heavenly Father watch over and keep these dear ones until the Saviour comes.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Wilmington

On Sabbath, June 29, the Wilmington church organized a missionary society of fifteen members, with Mr. O. O. Metcalf as leader. During the past two weeks we have had several missionary talks concerning the truth, and have written a number of missionary letters, besides scattering several thousand pages of our literature. One man who heard our singing stepped in to hear the service while waiting for his train, and said that he thought he could have spent the time in no better way. God will direct men's hearts to listen to the truth when we are ready to give his message.

We are told that we must scatter our literature like the autumn leaves. I know of no better way to become deeply interested in the Master's service than to engage in active missionary work.

BERTHA L. FISHER, *Secretary*.

Elder Moffett spent last Sabbath with the Clyde church, in the interest of the church school work.

Elder E. K. Slade spent last Sabbath with the Washington C. H. church, and the following evening with the tent company at Wengerlawn. He also visited the tent company at Springfield Sunday evening, at which time he spoke on the Eastern question.

Mrs. Francis M. Fairchild and daughter Helen visited friends in Mount Vernon last week.

Sabbath, July 6, Elder Moffett baptized at Derwent a sister who had come into the truth through the faithful effort of one of our canvassers, Brother Harland T. Forsythe.

Ohio has thus far obtained splendid results on the "dollar day" plan. At the close of June \$287.70 for the new mission station in Africa was already in the hands of the conference treasurer, with other reports yet to come in. The best average has been made by the Akron church, which, with a membership of fifty-three, gave \$67.80. Splendid reports are coming in from other Sabbath-schools. The effort last quarter supplied over \$400 for India. Our Sabbath-schools are proving a great factor in the forward movement of this work.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS JUNE, 1912

Akron.....	\$ 114 40
Alliance.....	111 52
*Barnesville.....	20 75
Bellefontaine.....	32 08
Bellville.....	15 00
*Broughton.....	3 90
Bowling Green.....	110 98
Camden.....	3 60
Canton.....	57 52
Chagrin Falls.....	55 54
Charloe.....	2 68
Chillicothe.....	11 45
Cincinnati.....	144 44
Cleveland.....	306 22
Cleveland German.....	.....
Clyde.....	88 35
Columbus.....	446 77
Columbus S. D. A. Mission.....	.....
*Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	19 54
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	50 36
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	139 40
Defiance.....	15 00
Delaware.....	1 35
Delta.....	67 01
Derwent.....	8 10
Dowling.....	3 50
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	.....
Elgin.....	.....
Findlay.....	24 10
Greenspring.....	6 90
*Gilboa.....	12 30
Hamler.....	25 00
Hamilton.....	165 89
Hicksville.....	.....
*Jackson.....	13 79

Jefferson.....	.....
Killbuck.....	16 07
LaGrange.....	140 06
*Lakeville.....	.....
Lakeview.....	.....
Laura.....	25 06
Leesburg.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	14 40
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	19 15
Marion.....	122 55
Marshfield.....	8 16
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	22 34
Mount Vernon.....	255 25
Newark.....	70 00
Norwalk.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	31 55
Ohio City.....	15 15
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	104 01
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	51 75
*Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Spencer.....	43 00
Springfield.....	.....
Toledo.....	102 28
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	10 00
Walnut Grove.....	1 00
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	8 50
*Wooster.....	8 50
*West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	7 50
Wilmington.....	12 32
Youngstown.....	26 95
Zanesville.....	23 53
Individuals.....	190 54

TOTAL.....\$3,407 07

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe.....	\$3,407 07
Tract Society.....	1,004 07
Sabbath-school Donations.....	503 86
First Day Offerings.....	83 95
Annual Offering.....	09
Midsummer Offering.....	5 00
\$300,000 Fund.....	81 95
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	26 23
M. V. C. Tank Fund.....	2 55
S. S. D. Africa.....	287 70
Orphans and Aged.....	1 98
Religious Liberty.....	22 00
Missions.....	82 13
Mission Signs.....	4 72
Asiatic Missions.....	35 00
Sterling Lantern Fund.....	5 22

TOTAL.....\$4,294 24

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treas*

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore German

"What hath God wrought!" Our New Year's resolution as a church was, "A doubled, live membership in one year." This we have nearly accomplished in but six months. We have nearly trebled our tithe, almost quadrupled our Sabbath-school donations, and have done nobly for foreign and home missions, as the following figures will attest.

	4'th Quarter 1911	1'st Quarter 1912	2'nd Quarter 1912
Membership	17	27	32
Tithe	\$51.00	\$119.00	\$131.00
S. S. Don.	6.00	7.00	21.00
For. Missions	13.00	11.00	19.00
Home "		.63	.85
H. S. PRENER.			

Baltimore

At the time of this writing I am preparing to join Elder F. H. Seeney in his tent effort for the colored people at Wilmington, Del.

During the past six months the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work at Baltimore. Our Sunday night meetings in the large, comfortable hall, located in the heart of the best colored section of Baltimore, are still well attended, even during the warm weather; and as the conference brethren felt the need of pushing the work here, since the interest is so great, it was decided that I should continue the hall effort all summer, returning every week to Baltimore for the Sabbath and Sunday night meetings.

As the result of our earnest prayers and labors nine dear souls have united with the church, four following their Master in baptism Sunday, June 30, when quite a crowd witnessed the sacred ordinance. About seven others will soon be ready to take this step, while scores are much interested, and many are on the verge of decision. We have much to thank the Lord for in this city; yet the task is great and causes us to work early and late to place the message before the people. Many once slack are regaining their first love. The tithes and offerings are increasing, and we see nothing ahead but rich blessings from on high. We ask the readers of the VISITOR to pray for the work in this field, that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers; for as it is I am the only laborer among ninety thousand colored people. GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

Words of Good Cheer

"Lo, I am with you alway" is the promise that the Lord has given to his faithful and obedient children in their last days of temptation and trial. Were it not for this and other promises we should surely faint and fall by the way. When the trials are on, and the battle is waging, we lift our hearts to God for help, we stretch forth our hands for assistance. It is then that the Lord hears our cry and reaches down and takes us by the hand and leads us safely through the conflict. When the victory is won how glad we feel; and we can repeat the promise with full assurance, "Lo, I am with you alway." We have so much to praise the Lord for that we should never recount the trials and disappointments that we meet from day to day; but we should be able to say with the poet,—

"In the dust I leave my sadness,
As the garb of other days;
For thou robest me with gladness,
And thou fillest me with praise."

Brethren and sisters, I am more and more impressed with the fact that the spirit of the world is to get, while the spirit of Christ is to give. Are we, as believers in the great threefold message, following the world or the Lord in all of our plans? If we are following the Saviour, let us help to give the message to those who are in need of it. The world is seeking temporal pleasure, it matters not what it may cost them. Can we not afford to please our Father in heaven, let the cost be what it may?

"Sure I must fight if I would win;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the cross, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word."

Brethren and sisters, remember the canvassing work when you pray; for if there is any class of gospel workers that needs divine help each day, it is the humble, God-fearing canvasser who goes from door to door with the burden of precious souls on his heart.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

Chesapeake Notes

The work in the conference is moving along well. There are four tent companies in the field this summer, as follows: Cumberland, Md., Elders R. H. Martin and H. S. Prener, with Sister Lora L. Tarbell as Bible worker; Wilmington, Del., for the colored people, Elder F. H. Seeney and Brother G. P. Rodgers, with Sister E. V. Manners as Bible worker; Elder T. L.

Thuemler for the Germans, with Brother Emil Moessinger and Sister Anna Shafer assisting; and Elder F. W. Paap for the English in Baltimore, with Hugh L. Peden and Sister Ethel Carroll assisting. These meetings are quite well attended, and we trust that the Lord will give each effort a share of fruit for the kingdom. We believe he will, if those connected with the work will follow the counsel the Lord has given through his servant. We would kindly solicit the prayers of our people throughout the field for the success which should attend the meetings now been held in the different sections of the field.

Miss Lora L. Tarbell called at the conference office on Wednesday on her way to Cumberland, where she will take up the Bible work in connection with the tent effort at that place. Sister Tarbell takes up the work for the first time; but we welcome her to our conference and hope she will be one of our regular workers.

Brother F. E. Hankins called a few minutes recently to report that the canvassing work is progressing very encouragingly, and that those who are putting in forty hours a week are doing well financially.

Elder Baer spent last Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 3 church. Brother G. P. Rodgers is the pastor of this church, and we are glad to say that the work is onward, and that the Lord has added several new converts to the truth. These participated in the quarterly service, and though it was their first experience, they enjoyed the blessing which was so evidenced by the expressions at the close of the meeting. We are pleased to see the tithes and offerings rising higher and higher each month.

Elder H. S. Prener reports a most excellent meeting with the Cumberland church on a recent Sabbath. This is encouraging just at the time when a series of tent meetings is beginning.

Brother W. L. Adkins, young people's secretary, has been holding conventions for our young people throughout the field. A very profitable meeting was held in Wilmington last Sabbath, and another very important convention will be held at Rock Hall, Md., July 20. This will be a joint meeting of the Rock Hall and Fords Store young people's societies. A good meeting is anticipated.

Elder R. T. Baer was called to Fords Store last week, to conduct the funeral of Sister Ella Pierson, who was drowned in the bay while boat-riding. It was a very sad and distressing accident, but there is comfort in the promises of the Saviour, who can sympathize with his children in their grief and sorrow.

Brother G. R. Apsley reports another new Sabbath-keeper at Thurmont, Md. This will add strength to the new organization at that place.

Elders R. T. Baer and W. T. Knox, Professor B. G. Wilkinson, and Elder A. G. Daniells made a pleasant trip to Mountain Lake Park, Md., to look at the splendid grounds and large, spacious buildings, with a view to bringing the General Conference there.

Elder A. J. Haysmer made us a very timely visit last Sabbath and Sunday. His chief object was to get in touch with our work for the colored people. His counsel and earnest talks were appreciated by our people.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Book Work

Books are still being sold in this portion of the Columbia Union. A steady increase has been made each month. The canvassers resolved that they would sell an average of \$1000 per month throughout the year. Their effort has been well rewarded; we have not only raised our sales to this, but have gone over the mark. For May the sales were \$1,550. All determined to do their best, and not let them drop in June. With all reports not in, our sales have reached \$1,691, with deliveries to the amount of \$924. This is encouraging to all, and it has been done by workers living in our own field. We have seven young people from our different churches who are working for scholarships.

Brother J. A. Kimmel, whose name is familiar in the report of the canvassers, is located at Myersdale, and is meeting with excellent success. He has had to labor alone for some time, but is now joined by Brother Elmer French of Indiana, Pa. Brother French has been planning for some time to enter the field, and we are glad that he can now be there.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, for June 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. McAllister, Phila.	DR	77	10	33	00	5	50	38	50
Mrs. H. O. Swartout, Harrisburg	LH	80						90	00
Lucy Dicks, Hazleton	GC	69	7	22	00	11	30	33	50
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz	CK	122	34	51	50	15	25	66	75
H. Dennis, Phila.	CK	15	5	8	50	6	75	15	25
W. Lindsay, Philadelphia	DR	33	8	26	00		30	26	30
Leon Williams, Phila.	GA	115				26	50	26	50
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK	42	13	22	00	7	50	29	50
Chas. Gourley, Phila.	CK	21	7	11	00	8	80	18	80
A. R. Sherman, Harrisburg	GC	188	72	218	00	59	25	277	25
H. O. Swartout, Harrisburg	GC	159	38	121	00	20	25	131	25
W. Hess, Perry Co.	CK	122	27	55	50	19	50	75	00
Mrs. C. Smith, Chester	DR	74	25	77	00	5	70	82	70
Mrs. N. Gibbons, Chester	GC	73	19	31	00	6	10	37	10
H. Gauker, Berks	COL	22	19	23	75	5	50	29	25
Sadie Detwiler, Allentown	W	29	192			19	20	19	20
F. J. Detwiler, Allentown	W	28				27	50	27	50
M. A. Ready, Allentown	LH	28				10	00	10	00
E. Sterner, Lebanon	PPF	113	41	63	00	13	00	86	00
Minnie Gerhart, S. Bethlehem	CK	147	93	150	00	16	70	166	70
Irma Gerhart, S. Bethlehem	CK	101	41	66	00	10	00	76	00
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	71	47	78	00	24	80	102	30
H. R. Goodrich, Dyberry	GC	70	80	138	00	6	75	144	75
E. Prutzman, Reading	CK	26	8	12	00			12	00
H. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	129	61	186	00	4	00	191	00
Totals			1794	838	\$1393	25	\$330	15	\$1822
						10			506
									35

West Virginia, Week Ending July 5, 1912

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	5	48	20	64	00	8	10	72	10
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	5	35	11	39	00	17	25	56	25
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	4	32	35	54	50	13	00	67	50
H. Forsythe, Kanawha Co.	CK	4	30	35	54	50	6	40	60	90
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.	DR	3	29	15	47	00	2	70	49	70
Madge Miller, Lewis Co.	GC	3	22	12	43	00	5	30	48	30
Leola Neptune, Lewis Co.	CK	3	19	15	22	50	1	30	23	80
Hazel Leach, Lewis Co.	PG	3	18	6	20	00	7	20	27	20
Lily Whytsell, Lewis Co.	CK	1	10	4	6	50			6	50
F. E. Wagner, Elm Grove	GC	3	30							
Totals		34	273	153	\$351	00	\$61	25	\$412	25
										\$53
										75

New Jersey, Week Ending July 5, 1912

J. Kennedy, Woodstown	GC	3	30	13	40	00			40	00
J. Winemiller, Gloucester	GC	3	22	12	35	00			35	00
G. Holman, Woodstown	PG	2	15	8	26	00			26	00
Emma Krebs, Salem, Co.	PG	3	22	7	21	00	1	70	22	70
Le Roy Titus, Mercer Co.	PPF	4	24	11	21	25	70		21	95
A. Dennis, Salem Co.	PG	2	16	6	19	00			19	00
G. Blinn, Burlington	BR									
Totals		17	129	57	\$162	25	\$2	40	\$164	65
										\$175
										00

Virginia, Week Ending June 21, 1912

F. Hall, Pennington Gap	CK	15	8	12	00			12	00	4	00
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth	PPF	21	3	5	50			5	50	6	50
J. Hottel, New Market	PPF	42	27	43	00			45	00	75	
C. Painter, Stanley	PPF	43	41	65	50	2	00	69	50	25	
B. Hamm, Geer	GC	40								75	75
S. Christian, Richmond	NT	14	24			9	75	9	75	7	50
M. Jemerson, Richmond	CR	5	1	1	00	1	00	2	00	3	35
F. Nixon, Richmond		12				3	75	3	75	2	85
R. Graves, Richmond	NT	1								1	50
Totals		193	104	\$127	00	\$20	50	\$147	50	\$102	45

Virginia, Week Ending June 28, 1912

F. Hall, Pennington Gap	CK	34	7	10 50	2 00	12 50	49 00
C. E. Overstreet, Keller	BR	4					18 95
Mrs. F. Hall, Pennington Gap	CK	14					28 00
F. Nixon, Richmond							3 50
K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	7					9 85
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth	PPF	20	1	1 50		1 50	21 50
M. Jemerson, Richmond	CK			1 00	75	1 75	3 85
J. Hottel, New Market	PPF	47	32	53 50	4 50	58 00	75
C. Painter, Stanley	PPF	31	16	26 00	3 75	29 75	
R. Graves,	NT	5	8	2 75		2 75	1 75
S. Christian, Richmond	CS	6	19	6 75	1 75	8 50	2 50
Totals		168	83	\$102 00	\$12 75	\$114 75	\$139 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 5, 1912

A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	46		21 50	24 25	45 75	22 65
C. Dunham, Allegheny	Prot		20			10 50	10 50	10 50
H. J. Doolittle, Erie	PG	3	24	14	43 00	2 25	45 25	50
S. N. Brown, Allegheny	CK	4	17	25	38 50	4 50	43 00	5 45
T. Saxton, Indiana	PPF		7	2	3 00		3 00	9 50
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	5	42	10	16 00	1 20	17 20	47 40
Totals		17	156	51	\$122 00	\$42 70	\$164 70	\$96 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 5, 1912

J. Jones, Worcester Co., Md.	GC	4	29	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	90 50
J. Taylor, Dorchester Co., Md.	GC	3	16		15 25		15 25	
*G. Lehman, Frederick Co., Md.	GC	7	63	12	21 00	22 50	43 50	3 75
B. Manuel, Dorchester Co., Md.	GC		40	10	32 00	28 25	60 25	2 25
W. Nelson, Frederick Co., Md.	PPF	3	22	18	37 00	6 75	43 75	3 75
J. Sheirich, Carroll Co., Md.	BF	3	23	9	9 00		9 00	
*T. Barritt, Howard Co., Md.	CK	7	54	63	99 00	11 95	110 95	
*D. Percy,	DA		75		58 50		58 50	116 00
T. Barritt	LH						60	60
J. Taylor, Dorchester Co., Md.	YI						1 20	1 20
B. Manuel,	YI						2 50	1 20
Totals		27	322	115	\$280 75	\$70 95	\$351 70	\$220 55

Ohio, Week Ending July 5, 1912

J. Smith, Green Co.	GC	5	43	15	47 00	7 10	54 10	
L. H. Waters, Hardin Co.	BF	5	42	28	44 50	4 25	48 75	
O. Hershb'ger, Champaign Co.	GC	4	33	10	33 00	10 50	43 50	
Ray Corder, Green Co.	GC	5	43	10	31 00	5 00	36 00	
Juanita Gibson, Hardin Co.	GC	4	32	5	15 00	19 35	34 35	
Juanita Gibson, Hardin Co.	GC	3	13	1	3 00		3 00	93 00
*G. Draper, Champaign	GC	8	68	11	33 00	12 65	45 65	14 40
*Elizabeth Miller, Clark Co.	COL	8	35	23	28 75	16 25	45 00	
H. Bisel, Green Co.	GC	5	40	6	18 00	2 70	20 70	
J. Reichenbach, Montgom'y Co.	BR	4	22	1	3 00	19 75	22 75	
Alice Black, Van Wert Co.	GC	3	20			6 00	6 00	15 50
J. Weldy, Preble Co.	DR	5	45	5	15 00		15 00	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.	CK	2	14					19 75
Totals		61	450	115	\$271 25	\$103 55	\$374 80	\$142 65

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$3,552.45

Deliveries, \$1,436.40.

Indiana County has been worked a good many times, but we still find Brother Saxton going over the field again, and selling as many books as ever.

Down in the hills of Bedford County is located Brother Ivor Lawrence. His time has been limited, but he promises to report full work soon.

Altoona has Brother W. M. Siegel laboring within its borders. He is to be commended for the faithful service being done there.

Our latest arrival in the field is Brother S. N. Brown. He is devoting his labors to the city of Pittsburgh. The results of his work there show that with good faithful efforts put forth one can do as well in the city as any-

where. Sister Brown is selling our magazines during her spare time.

Brother Brownlee is located in the country for the summer. He has been having some very good experiences recently in a Scotch neighborhood. These people welcomed him when they learned he was from their own country, and thus he was able to place quite a number of books in their homes, when otherwise they would not have purchased any.

If we were to visit the towns in West Moreland and Fayette Counties we should find Miss Midkiff and her company of girls scattering books and magazines like the leaves of autumn. Her company is composed of the Misses Saxton, Bainbridge, Gabriel, Jobs, and Humphry. These young ladies are working for scholarships. Brother Brown does the delivering for them.

Each week brings us a good letter and report from the hustling little town of Albion, Erie County, where Brother Harry J. Doolittle is selling "Practical Guide to Health." Brother Doolittle is well taken care of at the home of W. H. Walton. He is doing good faithful work, and as a result will soon have a scholarship. Two or three others could have worked here; for it is a large territory, and Brethren Walton and Griggs offered to open their homes to workers this summer. We appreciate the kindness of our brethren in offering to entertain our faithful canvassers. The only thing we regret is that we had no more students to fill these places. There are two or three other places where students can go to work for scholarships, and be in good territory and among our people also. It is not too late yet to earn a scholarship. We should be glad to have some good workers in these places.

V. O. PUNCHES.

Office Notes

Camp-meeting, Washington Park, Washington, Pa., August 22 to September 1. This will be a very important meeting, and every Sabbath-keeper in the West Pennsylvania Conference who possibly can attend should be there. Let us economize in other ways, rather than miss the blessings that will be found at this meeting. If ancient Israel could gather three times each year, when the transportation facilities were so poor, we ought to be able to get to camp-meeting. The camp-meeting this year will be a

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1912

West Virginia, Fairmont..... July 18-28.
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great spiritual feast, and special efforts will be made to make the meetings interesting and profitable to the youth. Let each church especially encourage the young people to attend.

Elder I. N. Williams met with the North Warren church for quarterly meeting last Sabbath. During his visit he baptized two persons who joined the church at that place.

Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Coudersport, where a Sabbath-school convention was held. Two new members were baptized and added to the church.

Send your orders for tents for the camp-meeting to the office just as soon as possible, as we have only a limited number of tents, and the orders will be filled in the order they are received.

The Washington Park, where the camp-meeting will be held, has beautiful, shaded grounds, with a fine pavilion, dining room, and kitchen, electric lights, good water, and many other advantages that make it an ideal place for a camp.

Let every church make a special effort to raise a good donation for

missions at the time of the midsummer offering, Sabbath, July 27.

During the past week Elder and Mrs. Kneeland visited among the churches and companies in the northern part of the conference, in the interests of the Sabbath-school and educational work.

OBITUARIES

NOLAND.—Susana Staley was born in Shelby County, O., April 28, 1837, and died in Shelby County, O., July 5, 1912, aged 75 years, 2 months, and 7 days. A little more than a year ago she suffered a stroke of apoplexy, from which she did not fully recover. Having had frequent attacks of heart trouble, she was found dead in her bed. Miss Staley was married to John Counts in 1853. To this union were born four sons and one daughter, three sons and the daughter dying in infancy. Mr. Counts died in 1862. In 1865 Mrs. Counts was married to Wesley Noland of Indiana, where she resided twenty-nine years. One son, Milton Noland, was born to this union, but died at the age of eleven years. In 1896 they removed to her former home in Ohio, where she has since resided. While young she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church; but for more than thirty years she has been a devout member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Only a few days before her death she said, "I am prepared when I have to go." The deceased was kind and considerate, and was respected for her convictions and devotion. She leaves to mourn her sudden death, her husband, a son, Henry Counts, one brother, two sisters, and many relatives and friends. The funeral service was held at her late home near Anna, O., and was conducted by the Rev. Winters of the First Baptist church of Pemberton, O. Interment was made at Port Jefferson, O.

CASE.—Minervia Ann Case was born Feb. 7, 1840, and died of organic heart trouble, after an illness of several months, June 13, 1912, aged 72 years, 4 months, and 6 days. Sister Case was converted at the age of ten, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, remaining a faithful and active member in that church until about seven years ago, when she, with her husband, on hearing the third angel's message in a series of tent meetings held in Powell, embraced the truth and became a charter member in the church organized at that place a little later. She was united in marriage to Theodore P. Case March 30, 1862. To this union were born five children, Hershel W. and Allando A., instructors in the Ohio State University at Columbus; Mrs. Weltha A. Sharp of Powell, O.; Mrs. Katie M. Hathaway of Ann Harbor, Mich.; and Norris D., who died in infancy. Sister Case was a

most kind-hearted and devoted mother, and a faithful Christian. She always had an encouraging word for all, and proved to be a mother in Israel. During the last two years of her life she devoted much time to the study of the Bible; and while affliction rested heavily upon her, no word of complaint was heard; and her faith and confidence in God only deepened as the end drew near. The husband, four children, one brother, one sister, and many other near relatives and close friends, while feeling deeply the loss of one whose work has ended, look forward with bright hope to a reunion in the earth made new. In keeping with the request of our sister, words of comfort were spoken by the writer from the text that was of great encouragement to her during her affliction, Rev. 14:13. C. T. REDFIELD.

GILL.—John William, son of Harlan and Elizabeth Gill, was born in Coalton, O., Apr. 14, 1883, and died in Columbus, O., July 4, 1912, aged 29 years, 2 months, and 10 days. Brother Gill had been afflicted for over six years with tuberculosis; and after an extraordinary struggle he was compelled to yield, and like the weary warrior overcome in an unequal contest, he finally fell asleep. He became a member of the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist church ten years ago, and died firm in the faith. During his long illness he revealed great faith in God, and his patience was a wonder to many. He had been confined to his room for thirteen months, yet he was cheerful and happy, serving the Lord. He remarked, just a few days before his death, that this year of suffering had been the crowning year of his life. He always enjoyed the presence of friends. Even when so weak he could scarcely whisper, he would beseech them to be faithful in their devotion, and meet him on the other shore. His illness and death has been the means of causing a number to renew their allegiance to the Lord; so while he is dead, he still speaks. His life is hid with Christ in God, but his deeds of kindness, gentleness, and Christian sobriety still live. It has been a pleasure to spend many pleasant hours with this exemplary young man, but we can no longer pray by his bedside and commit him to God. He is now at rest, and his case is in the hands of the eternal God, who will reward the faithful with everlasting life. He leaves to mourn his early death his father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, one sister-in-law, and many relatives and friends. It was hard to give him up, but God's ways are not our ways, so we bow in submission to the will of him who loves us with an everlasting love, and lay him tenderly beside his father Ivan to await the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the First Methodist Episcopal church, Lafayette, O., where a large number of sympathizing friends came to comfort those who mourn. Text, Ps. 17:15.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.