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To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume on the violet,
To smooth the ice, or add another hue
Unto the rainbow, or with taper light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven
to garnish,
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess.

—Shakespeare.

What Does It Mean?

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 John 2:15. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:16.

The people of God are in the world, but not of the world; therefore they cannot act like the world and please God. Christ said to his disciples, and he says to them all, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps." 1 Peter 2:21. The Christian is to be Christlike in all things, for Christ is to control his life. That being true, we should always, in everything that we do, ask ourselves the question, Would Christ do as I am doing if he were in my place?

Would Christ at all times be guarded with reference to his conversation, that it should be heavenly in character? He would! Would he be careful about his eating and drinking, not to eat at improper times, neither to eat anything that would in any way injure him physically? He certainly would be careful on that point. If he were here in the world now, and were holding a tent meeting in some city, would he make an attempt to gain the favor of the world by making a musical display, as the worldly churches do? Would he have violin solos, and other theatrical exhibitions in the line of music? What does he say to us as a people in the testimonies of his Spirit?—"The work in the large cities is to be done after

Christ's order, not after the order of a theatrical performance. It is not a theatrical performance that glorifies God, but the presentation of the truth in the love of Christ.

"Do not divest the truth of its dignity and impressiveness by preliminaries that are more after the order of the world than after the order of heaven. Let your hearers understand that you hold meetings, not to charm their senses with music and other things, but to preach the truth in all its solemnity, that it may come to them as a warning, arousing them from their deathlike sleep of self-indulgence." "In their efforts to reach the people, the Lord's messengers are not to follow the ways of the world. In the meetings that are held, they are not to depend on worldly singers and theatrical display to awaken an interest." "In the meetings held, let a number be chosen to take part in the song service. And let the singing be accompanied with musical instruments skilfully handled. We are not to oppose the use of instrumental music in our work. This part of the service is to be carefully conducted; for it is the praise of God in song. The singing is not always done by a few. As often as possible let the entire congregation join." —*Testimonies, Vol. IX., pp. 142-144.*

If there was not danger of going to extremes on this line, would this testimony have been given? The writer has felt sad at times in the past few years to see what seemed to be a desire on the part of some to imitate the world in musical display in our general meetings and conferences.

If Christ were here would he follow the world in dress and outward display? Would he trim his beard in the latest fashion, or wear no beard at all, because the men of the world do that way? Would he feel it his duty to always wear the latest style of dress, in order that he might have an influence with the world? Would Christ, if he were on earth, look with favor on the low-necked dresses, short sleeves, tight-fitting skirts, and high-trimmed hats that we see worn by so many of our Adventist sisters at the present time?

As a people we say to the world, "We have a solemn message for you, which, if you will heed, will fit you for the kingdom of God." We tell them that the message will take all worldliness, all pride, all desire for worldly display, out of their hearts, and that it will enable them to love God with all the heart, and walk before him with humility and holiness of heart. But what must it mean to those not of our faith as they look at us and our methods of doing the work of the Lord, and see that our lives do not correspond to the solemn truth that we profess to believe? O that God by his Spirit would awaken us to a true sense of our real situation as he himself sees it. O that we might see that humility and earnestness of soul that the solemn times in which we live demand. When shall we as a people humble our hearts and get into that place where God can bestow the power of the Holy Spirit upon us for the finishing of this work, that we may speedily reach our eternal home?

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa.

An Experience

One of our sisters whose husband was not in the truth, meeting with opposition in the home, and with family cares increasing, found herself drifting from many of the fundamental truths of the third angel's message; but she was persuaded to attend the annual camp-meeting. Here she renewed her consecration to God and determined by his grace to live differently.

She felt it her duty to tell her children and husband that she had not always been a faithful witness for the Master; that when the children had annoyed her she had often spoken in a harsh, angry tone to them; that when her husband had found fault she had not borne it as a Christian should.

So returning to her home she gathered her four little children about her and told them her experience, asking them to forgive her for being impatient with them. The eldest little boy threw his arms around his mother and

with tears in his eyes, he said, "Why, mother, you have always been good, but we have been naughty." Later she tried to confess to her husband, but he said, "O, you will feel all right after a while, and this foolishness will wear off"; and he would not listen.

However, she prayed much for the Lord to help her, and her whole life seemed transformed. The children noticed and spoke of the difference in the home.

She received no encouragement from her husband, who seemed to grow worse and worse; until one night, coming home intoxicated, he was met by his little boy, who said, "Father, I wish you could attend camp-meeting, for mother has been different since she came home." The arrow seemed to go straight to his heart. He went out and slammed the door, nor did he return until after all had retired.

A few days after that, the husband said, "Wife, I am sorry for the way I have been acting. I did not think when you spoke to me of your determination to live a Christian life that it would last, but I see there is a power that helps you. And if you think there is any hope for me, I wish you would pray for me." They knelt right where they were, and the Lord drew near. And that man, with his whole family, is to-day a faithful member of one of our churches.

MORRIS LUKENS.

"Saved to Serve"

As it has been some time since I have reported to the VISITOR, I hasten to improve this, the first opportunity.

On April 30 we closed an interesting canvassers' institute at Mount Vernon, held at the College for the students who were planning to earn their scholarships this year. Returning home from that institute I was almost immediately taken ill and had to undergo an operation, from which I am now recovering. The past nine weeks of suffering have been a time of blessings from God. There were hours during which my living to serve the Master was a question; but these were the most precious, as they brought me nearer to the One into whose care I had committed myself, even our Saviour. He has again proved a Saviour of the body as well as the soul. I expect to be in the field in two or three weeks; and since the Lord has seen fit to spare my life, I believe it is that I may continue to serve him; and I hope with his help to serve him more earnestly in the work he has called me to do.

While lying upon my bed of affliction, my heart rejoiced over the good reports that came in from week to week, the work gradually gaining ground in nearly every conference; even in East Pennsylvania, where our local field agent was also lying ill at the same time. All this should be evidence to us that God is over this work, and will bring forth fruit from the seed his laborers sow.

God will surely finish the work, and if we do not let him use us, he will use the one who is willing; but let us pray that God may not have to call some one to take our place; then let us immediately go to work; for I read, "Every follower of Christ is to do something in the work, and not to do what you can, is to manifest indifference to the claims of Christ."

The truth-laden pages of our literature are being scattered like autumn leaves. Over \$1,000,000 worth of our books going into the hands of the people yearly tells only part of the story; for our magazine sales are now helping largely to send our total literature sales on to the \$2,000,000 mark. Brother Bourdeau informs me that the 40,000 edition of the "James Madison" number of *Liberty* was entirely sold out before the quarter ended. Two editions of the "Rome and Marriage" number of the *Protestant* were sold in four weeks, even then falling 4,000 short of filling the orders. We are now printing a second edition of the current number of the *Protestant*, as the first edition or 25,000 fell short of filling the orders that poured in.

The *Protestant* is now a monthly magazine. Considering the importance of this great question, Romanism and the activity of the Catholic church, it was decided that one every three months was not in keeping with the message that is to warn the people against this power; therefore it was decided to bring out a new edition every month.

Sixty thousand of that stirring July number of *Life and Health* were sold by June 28, and orders continuing to come in were filled by the August number, of which we are printing 65,000. The August number was being mailed as early as July 7. This gives the agent the opportunity of starting early with the current number.

God depends upon you to do your part in helping these precious leaves to fall; and if you fail, can God say "Well done" when the hour comes to "give to every man according as his work shall be"?

"Awake," for "it is high time." A club of *Liberty*, *Protestant*, and *Life*

and *Health* should be going into every church. If you can not take a large club of each, take a small one. Ten magazines sold out of every twenty-five pays for them, and leaves fifteen to be sold for profit or for missionary work. And are there not many who can give at least a few hours each week to this work? I know, too, that God is calling some who are now hesitating, to give their full time to selling our magazines or books.

While "thousands are in the valley of decision" and going over to the great majority, will not you decide now to go to work for the Master? Write your field agent for information and territory.

I. G. BIGELOW,
Field Agent, C. U. C.

AT THE COLLEGE

College Interest at the Camp-Meetings

The prospects before Mount Vernon College were never brighter than at the present time. Throughout the Columbia Union Conference there is a growing interest in this institution. This is as it should be. A school that has sent into the field more than two hundred fifty workers is surely entitled to the confidence of the people.

I have recently returned from two camp-meetings in the eastern states. I found there an enthusiasm far exceeding that of any previous year that I have visited the conferences. In Eastern Pennsylvania there was present a larger number of the young people than usually assemble in a conference of this size. They were a fine class, and gave good promise of future usefulness. A deep desire was seen among them to educate themselves for the Lord's work, and quite a large number are laying definite plans to attend Mount Vernon College the coming year. Some of them are already in the canvassing field working for scholarships. At the time of the camp-meeting they reported excellent success and good prospects of making their scholarships. Others planned to attend the institute to be held immediately after the camp-meeting and enter the field for the rest of the season. I expect to see several of the latter class in the College next fall, as they seem to be young people of determination. The watchword, "Fifty students from Eastern Pennsylvania in Mount Vernon College this year," was taken up by the young people on the camp-ground; and they seemed determined to make it a reality. Last year there

were twenty-five from that conference in the school. If they succeed in doubling the number this year, it will be a notable success. A resolution urging the conference officials, church officers, and parents to heartily support and encourage the young people in getting their education was unanimously passed by the delegates. They seemed determined not only to pass the resolution, but to carry it into effect.

The New Jersey camp-meeting was not so largely attended, as there are not so many people in the conference; but a fine class of young people was present. A number of them had already made up their minds to go to school this fall. The educational meetings that were held with them during the conference deepened their interest, and also aroused the interest of others. Two young ladies who have finished the high school work and also have been graduated from the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia are planning to enter the normal department of the College this fall to fit themselves for teaching in our primary schools. This is especially encouraging, as the demand for primary teachers throughout the Columbia Union Conference is very pressing. Many churches would gladly open schools this fall if teachers could be found for them. In both the Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey meetings the need of our young women who are adapted to teaching taking up this line of work was strongly emphasized. It is hoped that a number not only from New Jersey but from Eastern Pennsylvania and other conferences will feel a burden for this work.

There seems to be a growing desire on the part of our young people to have some part in the Lord's work; and this desire also seems to be taking possession more fully of the parents and friends of the young people. With this purpose there comes another; namely, to enter our schools and get the preparation necessary to make successful laborers.

Why should not scores of our young people in the Columbia Union Conference turn their steps this fall toward Mount Vernon College, and prepare for the great work that has been given them to perform? I pray that God will lay this burden upon their hearts. The College is ready to do its part. We have here the equipment necessary to impart the instruction. Our courses of study are strong and well planned; and the instructors are earnest and capable men and women, who are anxious to do every-

thing possible to assist all who come to the school with an earnest purpose.

S. M. BUTLER.

Miss Annie Bennett is selling magazines in Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. Edward Mooy is in the Mount Vernon Hospital, very ill from blood poisoning. At present he is doing better than was expected, and it is hoped that he will soon recover.

Mrs. Howard J. Detwiler recently enjoyed a visit from her friend and former schoolmate, Dr. Olive Pippy, who was on her way to California to take up the practice of medicine.

Miss Golden Kuhn of Lore City, O., who was graduated from the normal music course at Mount Vernon this year, is teaching instrumental music at her home this summer. She writes that she has an interesting class of thirty-five, and that she expects to give a recital soon.

Miss Lottie Gibson, who was in attendance at the Summer School, was compelled by ill health to return to her home in Wakeman, O., last week. Her sister, Miss Bessie Gibson, came to Mount Vernon to accompany her home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Allertz at Lincoln, Neb., on May 10, a son, Rolland Richard. Mrs. Allertz was formerly a preceptress at Mount Vernon College, and will be better known to old students as Miss Norma O. Cobb.

A quiet wedding took place at New Moorefield last Thursday, when Miss Nela Cartmell was united in marriage to Professor C. C. Pulver of Mount Vernon College. The ceremony was performed by Elder C. T. Redfield of the Springfield church, in the presence of the immediate relatives and near friends of the bride. The happy couple left Thursday evening for Madison, Wis., and will later pay a visit to Professor Pulver's home in Stoddard, Wis., after which they will make their home at Mount Vernon. Professor Pulver has been at the head of the commercial department of Mount Vernon College for the past three years, and has made it a growing department. Mrs. Pulver has also been at Mount Vernon as a student, and taught last year at Alliance, O. Their many College friends wish them a useful and happy life.

Miss Elizabeth Bailey, who will be preceptress at the College next year, is spending the summer near Mount Vernon, with her sister, Mrs. Edward Mooy.

It is said by Mount Vernon farmers that the College farm never looked better than it looks at the present time. Every field is planted, and the crops are growing well.

CHESAPEAKE

To the churches of the Chesapeake Conference:

Dear Brethren and Sisters: To state that we are living in the closing scenes of this world's history is to state a fact with which you are familiar; and yet we cannot emphasize this fact too strongly. Not to do so would be a denial of our faith. Now, if we are living down near the close of probationary time, we must know that Christ's words in Matt. 24:14 are soon to be fulfilled: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." This calls for a world-wide work to be done; and this responsibility falls upon those who believe in and are identified with the last message to the world. To give this message to all the world means that we are to be interested in missions to the extent that we will give ourselves, if need be, and then our means according as the Lord has prospered us.

Sabbath, July 27, has been set apart as the day for the midsummer offering; and we sincerely hope that every church member in every church will plan to make this the largest offering ever made to the cause of missions. Many may feel too poor to give, but let them remember the widow who gave the last mite she had, and the blessing which came to her by the exercise of simple faith and trust in God.

Most of our churches are in arrears of their quota of the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, and many of them will have to work hard to get out by the last of the year. This offering next Sabbath will apply on the amount you are to raise this year on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. Therefore it is hoped that our people will respond to the call for missions this midsummer occasion, when the Lord is blessing his people in basket and store. The refreshing rains which have come to us recently should help us to be more grateful to our heavenly Father for the bountiful store he gives

to supply the wants and necessities of mankind.

The work in the conference is moving along encouragingly, and we are thankful for the way the Lord has blessed us in the work. The tithe has come into the treasury in a manner which exceeds all previous records; and coming at the very time when most needed, proves to us all that the promises of Malachi are being fulfilled to us daily. We wish to express our appreciation to our brethren and sisters in the field for the interest they have manifested in the work all along, but especially during the last few months.

We are sending prepared readings for the midsummer offering service; and we hope that each church will plan to make Sabbath, July 27, a day long to be remembered because of the blessings which Heaven longs to give God's people.

When you give of your means, think of our missionaries in all parts of the world struggling with the difficult languages, suffering with burning fevers, and enduring hardships for the truth's sake.

Think of the millions in heathen darkness to be warned in this generation. God can and will accomplish it, but he plans to do it through his people. Will not all help to finish the work quickly, so that we can go home to ever associate with the Lord and his saints in the kingdom prepared for those who love him? And then will the words of the poet be realized:—

"Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Can we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has heard Messiah's name."
ROSCOE T. BAER.

Pondsville, Md.

On Sabbath, May 25, the Missionary Volunteer society of Pondsville rendered the program for young people's day. After the Sabbath-school service the meeting opened with silent prayer, and all joined in singing the "Missionary's Farewell." Brother J. H. C. Smith read the interesting article, "Co-operation Called For." All the members took part in the symposium readings, "What the Young People's Society Has Done for Me." One of our members read a letter from our conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, which proved very interesting. A recitation, "The

Call of the Hour," was given by Sister Lucy Bowers, and was followed by the reading of the article, "For Such a Time as This." The offering which was taken up was applied to our kindergarten fund.

ALFRED H. BYERS.

At Baltimore, July 10, 1912, Mr. George F. Curlett and Miss Edith Jones were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Elder R. T. Baer, at the conference Bible Training Home. Mr. and Mrs. Curlett will make Annapolis, Md., their future home. We wish them God-speed as they take up life's duties together.

Miss Emma Newcomer is spending a few days at Hagerstown, Md., visiting her parents. She will be absent from the office several days.

Elder A. J. Haysmer has been spending a few days in our conference in the interest of the work for our colored people. He visited the Baltimore church last Sabbath, speaking to the brethren in the morning, and again at their meeting Sunday night. He, in company with Elder R. T. Baer, visited the tent company at Wilmington, where the work was opened a year ago. The outlook is very promising for the colored people, and we hope to see even more accomplished.

Please remember that on Sabbath, July 27, will be held the midsummer offering service. Let all plan to make a liberal offering to missions.

Elder R. T. Baer has been out in the field visiting the tent companies, and reports the meetings progressing well. The brethren are enjoying fair weather and a good attendance. The Cumberland tent in South Cumberland is beautifully situated on an enclosed lot near a paved street, with arc lights.

The young people's societies of the Fords Store and Rock Hall churches united in a convention Sabbath, July 20. A very profitable meeting was held. We are pleased to see our young people taking such a live interest in building up the work. Those in attendance from the conference were Brother W. L. Adkins, secretary of the young people's department, Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer, and Brother and Sister Hugh L. Peden.

VIRGINIA

The Joy of Service

The greatest pleasure of a true Christian is the service of God. No one who has ever had a taste of whole-hearted service will ever be satisfied with anything short of a life of service for the Saviour. It is true that this service is accompanied by many difficulties, trials, and temptations; but after all, the joy of knowing that you are in the service of God, and that you are doing his will, is enough to overbalance all these things.

Jesus, when he came to this earth, did not come to get worldly gain, but "to seek and to save that which was lost." He lived a life of privation, of hardship, that we might be saved. So he would have us live; not to heap up treasure on this earth, but to seek the lost of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

In this work there is much to encourage us. We may become discouraged at times; but when we go to Jesus with our troubles, he never fails us. At the feet of Jesus every shade of trouble will vanish; new courage will take the place of discouragement. And as we press on and on, working for God, we can realize that it is more blessed to spend a life in the service of God than to receive all the gifts that the world can give. Then we can say with all our hearts, "Take the world, but give me Jesus"; "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee."

There is much for us to do. Jesus is soon coming. He bids us tell this glad message to the world. He bids us hold up the last message of mercy.

We experience joy in working for God on this earth; but oh what is this compared to the hope of eternal life! What will it be when we come before the great throne and see those who came there through the little that we, by the help of God, did for them! Is not this worth the while?

Let us press on, ever trusting in Jesus, who will guide us home at last.

C. E. OVERSTREET.

Richmond

A rich feast of spiritual things was enjoyed by the Richmond church Sabbath, July 13. It was not a beautiful sermon, but a meeting in which nearly everyone took part in prayer or praise. Especially were the prayers laden with appeals for God's blessing to be upon the meetings at

the tent, just now, as the testing truths are being presented. Hearts were made tender and many confessions were made, while tears flowed freely. In the ordinance of humility, which was then celebrated, sixty-four participated. A. M. NEFF.

Office Notes

Elder W. J. Stone was called to Indianapolis, Ind., last week on business, and returned the first of this week.

The tent meetings opened in the city of Richmond Sunday night, June 23. The large tent, 60 by 90 feet, was well filled, and fully one hundred were on the outside. During the week the attendance was good, and again on Sunday night the tent was filled with attentive hearers.

Elder R. D. Hottell spent a few days last week in Danville, looking after the transfer of the Danville church property to the Virginia Conference Agency, Incorporated.

The catalogue of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy has just come to our desk. It presents a beautiful appearance, and gives full information for the coming school year. Write for a copy to Professor James H. Smith, New Market, Va.

Two more followed their Lord in baptism Sabbath, in the Richmond church, making thirty-seven who have been baptized and joined the church since the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Fuller of Clyde, O., are spending ten days visiting Mrs. Fuller's brother, Elder W. J. Stone.

Brother L. O. Gordon, who has lately begun work in Newport News, writes: "The Lord is opening up the way for work here. Pray for us, that we may have good success."

A brother writes: "My report this week is not large, but I had some excellent talks concerning the truth."

Another Brother writes: "I arrived at ——— Wednesday evening, July 3, and found that there was to be a big celebration there on the fourth. The people said everybody in the country would come, and as I had worked the town, I did not know what to do. I

decided to get up early and go to the country and work. I made seventeen calls, and took fifteen orders, amounting to over \$25.

Brethren L. A. Overstreet and Paul E. Hottel called at the office last week on their way to Accomac County, where they have large deliveries to make.

Sister Lillie Henley has just completed the sale of about eight hundred magazines in this city. She left Sunday for Norfolk and adjacent cities, to engage in the same line of work.

Miss Katherine Schoenhals of Flint Mich., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. A.M. Neff, in Richmond.

Brother Bennett Hamm has made a very good delivery in Spottsylvania County. He has now located in Nelson County, and will continue in the canvassing work.

Brother C. E. Overstreet called at the office last week on his way to the eastern shore to finish his territory and make his delivery. He is full of courage and is pushing ahead in the work.

ERRATUM.—In the report of Virginia tithe receipts for May, published in our issue of June 26, the Spencer church received credit for \$19.67, which should have been credited to the Stanley church.—Ed.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS
JUNE, 1912

Bethel.....	\$ 14 90
Buena Vista.....
Danville.....	1 45
Hamburg.....
Lynchburg.....	28 33
Mt. Williams.....
New Market.....	33 71
Newport News No. 1.....	157 58
Newport News No. 2.....	10 54
News Ferry.....	6 32
Norfolk.....	18 71
Portsmouth.....	21 48
Richmond.....	165 00
Richmond No. 2.....	14 58
Roanoke.....	95
Stanley.....
Spencer.....
Guinea Mills.....	6 95
Individuals.....	7 85

TOTAL... .. \$ 488 35
A. M. NEFF, *Treas.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Kane

Our meetings at Kane still continue. The audiences are not large, only from twenty-five to fifty, and sometimes less than twenty-five; but there are a few who seem interested, and we hope some of them will obey. One unfortunate thing for the work here is that the only family of Sabbath-keepers we have in this place is moving away. Those who are attending the meetings seem to be, so far as we can learn, the most devoted members of other churches. They are Methodists, Baptists, Gospel Workers, Congregationalists, etc. Very few attend who do not belong to some church. We shall soon reach the Sabbath question, which will test them. Brethren, pray for the work at this place. J. W. WATT, C. MELEEN.

West Pennsylvania camp-meeting at Washington Park, Washington, Pa., August 22 to September 1.

Harry J. Doolittle reports from Erie County that he is of good courage in the canvassing work. He has sold books enough for a scholarship in less than six weeks.

Elder B. F. Kneeland spent last Sabbath with the Albion and Conneautville churches, holding quarterly meeting and baptizing one young sister, who joined with the Albion church. On Sunday evening he spoke in the Erie church.

Everything seems to indicate that there will be good times at the camp-meeting to be held August 22 to September 1. The Lord has certainly helped us to get most excellent accommodations for the meeting. Washington is one of the most thriving cities in West Pennsylvania, and the park is one of its beauty spots. But while the grounds and buildings are all that could be desired, and will contribute largely to the pleasure of the meeting, yet the greatest attraction of the meeting will be the blessing of the Lord that will be present with us in the camp. Let every Sabbath-keeper in the conference attend the meeting who possibly can do so. We cannot afford to miss such opportunities. Special attention will be given to the spiritual interests and the work of the church.

OHIO

Columbus and Marion

The churches at Columbus and Marion enjoyed the presence of the Lord at the recent quarterly services. Nearly all spoke of his goodness and care, expressing thanks and appreciation for blessings received.

While we were celebrating the ordinances in Columbus, one of our members was awaiting burial; this made the occasion solemn indeed, and very impressive. We are thankful that the message of the hour makes us one in Christ, and that the hope of soon seeing the Saviour return ever cheers us on.

A special effort was made the last thirteenth Sabbath to raise money to help start a new mission in South Africa. The Columbus church responded with \$62. We have aimed at \$100 the next thirteenth Sabbath, and we hope to reach it.

We are looking forward to camp-meeting time with the usual interest. Between eighty and one hundred Columbus members plan to be present. All should make a special effort to attend this annual gathering; the blessing of the Lord will be there to encourage and strengthen all who seek him. We all need more of his grace and goodness, more of his smiles and favor, in these days of adversity, when the majority have lost their moorings and are drifting away from God.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

Toledo

For several months before we pitched our tent in Toledo Brother and Sister Wales did a thorough house-to-house work in the district in which we are now holding meetings. Quite a number of our regular attendants are persons with whom they have labored.

I wish to express my appreciation of the faithfulness of the members of the church in attending the tent meetings and doing all in their power to make them a success. Every Saturday evening they visit from 1,000 to 2,000 homes and give the people a personal invitation and a program of the next week's meetings. That is hard work, and I am sure that angels go with them and record their efforts to get the people out to the meetings.

From among the members we have organized committees, each having a definite work to do during the tent

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending July 12, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.	DR	10	88			67 00	24 00	91 00	19 00
Leola Neptune, Lewis Co.	CK	5	45			78 50	1 50	80 00	1 50
Madge Miller, Lewis Co.	GC	5	44			65 00	12 50	77 50	2 00
Hazel Leach, Lewis Co.	PG	5	40			32 00	18 00	50 00	
F. E. Wagner, Elm Grove	CK	4	36			55 00		55 00	21 00
H. Forsythe, Kanawha Co.	CK	5	40			67 00	1 00	68 00	1 00
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	5	41			69 00	11 50	80 50	
J. Marshall, Hampshire	GC	5	65			130 00		130 50	18 00
Louis Riess, Hampshire	BF	5	56			14 00		14 00	
T. M. Butler, Fairmont	GC	4	46			67 85		67 85	
Totals			53	501		\$645 35	\$68 50	\$713 85	62 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 12, 1912

J. Jones, Worcester Co., Md.	GC	5	42	9	28 00	8 25	36 25		
D. Percy, Caroline Co., Md.	DA	5	42	13	39 00	13 00	52 00		
J. Sheirich, Carroll Co., Md.	BF	5	40	11	11 00		11 00		
W. Nelson, Frederick Co., Md.	GC	5	30		39 25		39 25		
T. Barritt, Howard Co., Md.	CK	5	36	39	62 00	19 55	81 55		
H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.	CK	5	42	14	27 00	60	27 60		
*C. Gibbs, Howard Co., Md.	CK	10	104	73	122 50	44 60	167 10		
*B. Martin, Newport, Del.	PPF	8	49	11	19 50	13 65	33 15		
Totals			43	385	170	\$348 25	\$99 65	\$447 90	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 12, 1912

A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	53		31 00	16 90	47 90	21 95	
*Wm. Seigle, Blair	PPF	10	78	11	17 50	9 75	27 25	40 20	
Leah Bainbr'ge, Westmoreland	PPF	2	9	1	1 50	3 90	5 40	1 90	
H. J. Doolittle, Erie	PG	5	37	16	49 00	2 00	51 00	4 05	
E. French, Somerset	PPF	5	44	10	15 00	1 90	16 90	1 50	
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	4	40	20	33 50	2 40	35 90	5 90	
*Anna Saxton, Westmoreland	PPF	7	52	12	19 00	8 90	27 90	5 65	
*Floy Humphrey, "	PPF	7	49	7	11 00	11 95	22 95	12 50	
*Evelyn Jobes, "	PPF	4	25	8	16 00	8 70	24 70		
*Celestia Midkiff, "	PPF	7	56	12	18 00	7 75	25 75	7 25	
Lucy Gabriel, Fayette Co.	PPF	4	29	5	7 50	3 70	11 20		
Totals			60	472	102	\$219 00	\$77 85	\$296 85	\$100 90

Virginia, Week Ending July 5, 1912

F. Hall, Pennington Gap	CK		23	11	16 50	2 75	19 25	
C. E. Overstreet, Keller	BR		3			1 75	1 75	6 75
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth	PPF		24	4	6 50	25	6 75	18 75
J. Hottel, New Market	PPF		49	36	57 00	4 50	61 50	75
C. Painter, Stanley	PPF		41	25	44 50	3 50	48 00	
Totals			140	76	\$124 50	\$12 75	\$137 25	\$26 25

Ohio, Week Ending July 12, 1912

Juanita Gibson, Hardin Co.	GC	5	36	11	37 00	13 45	50 45	
Ray Corder, Greene Co.	GC	5	44	10	30 00	16 45	46 45	
L. H. Waters, Hardin Co.	CK	5	40	22	33 50		33 50	
H. Bisel, Greene Co.	GC	5	41	6	19 00	12 35	31 35	
J. Smith, Greene Co.	GC	5	34	6	20 00	7 80	27 80	
J. Weldy, Preble Co.	DR	5	44	7	22 00	3 00	25 00	
O. Hershberger, Champaign Co.	GC	4	36	7	24 00		24 00	
G. Draper, Clarke Co.	GC	4	34	5	16 00	1 00	17 00	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	4	10	13	13 50	3 95	17 45	
J. Reichenbach, Montgom'y Co.	BR	4	34	3	9 00		9 00	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.	BF	3	25	7	7 00	1 50	8 50	
Totals			49	378	97	\$221 00	\$59 50	\$280 50

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending July 12, 1912

A. R. Sherman, Harrisburg	GC	10	101	37	111 00	14	75	125	75	75
H. O. Swartout, Dauphin	GC	9	67	16	48 00	4	50	52	50	
R. Morris, New Baltimore	GC	6	49	24	82 00			82	00	
Lucy Dicks, Fayetteville	GC	5	25	2	6 00	5	85	11	85	
W. Hess, Jackson	DR	5	48	13	41 00	9	75	50	75	7 50
Mrs. Nora Gibbons, Chester	DR	3	16	3	9 00	1	20	10	20	5 20
E. Kesselmeyer, Lehigh Co.	DR	3	14	2	6 00			6	00	32 00
Belva Morris, Hanover	PG	6	39	19	58 00			58	00	
H. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	10	100	52	160 00	1	50	161	50	
J. Hyatt, S. Phila.	PG		11	14	51 00			51	00	
Geo. Unger, Lehigh Co.	CK		55	21	37 50	3	25	40	75	36 25
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK		17	1	2 00		75	2	75	39 25
Irma Gerhart, Easton	CK		24							52 80
Minnie Gerhart, Easton	CK		24							38 30
F. Willruth, Dalton	CK		39	18	31 00	13	85	44	85	59 50
E. Sterner, Lebanon	PPF	10	75	29	46 50	1	50	48	00	52 70
Jesse Smith, L. T. Pike	HM	6	47	8	16 00	9	85	25	85	
Mrs. J. Chandler, Phila.	CK			1	2 00			2	00	
Totals			83	751	260	\$707 00	\$66 75	\$773 75		324 25

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Mrs. J. Chandler, Phila.	102	801						80	10
Jennie Cunningham, Phila.	40	158				75		15	80
Mrs. M. Barrow, Phila.	10	65						6	50
Florence Garrean, Phila.	13	66						6	60
Ella Padgette, Phila.	8	36						3	60
Mrs. W. Sleep, Stroudsburg	6	14						1	40
F. J. Detwiler, Reading	32	175						25	30
Sadie Detwiler, Reading	37	433						43	30
J. L. Gerhart		600						60	00
Totals	248	2348						\$182	60

New Jersey, Week Ending July 12, 1912

A. Dennis, Salem Co.	PG	5	30	16	51 00			51	00
J. Kennedy, Salem Co.	GC	4	35	10	32 00		75	32	75
G. Holman, Woodstown	PG	5	37	18	56 00			56	00
Emma Krebs, Salem, Co.	PG	5	32	15	45 00	2	25	47	25
*A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	8	53	161	59 75			59	75
*J. Rambo, Cape May Co.	CK	9	59	52	78 00	5	50	83	50
J. Glunt, Camden Co.	BR	2							
Eva Morton, Laurel Springs	GA	1	7	13	1 75			1	75
Wm. Schmidt, Plainfield	GC	2	14	1	2 00	5	10	7	10
W. Fink, Washington	BR	4	44	6	15 00		50	15	50
B. Hartman, Jersey City	GA	5	24	64	20 00			20	00
Totals		50	335	356	\$360 50	\$14 10	\$374 60		\$76 75

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$3,024.70 Deliveries, \$590.65.

meetings. The music committee and choir are always in their places before the time to begin the song service. The reception committee are the first at the tent every evening. They meet and get acquainted with the people and help to make them feel at home. The ushers are always on time, and do their work faithfully; and the flower committee see that the pulpit and rostrum present a neat, attractive appearance. Should the Lord bless our effort with success, the souls saved will be stars in the crowns of those who are so faithfully laboring to make it a success.

We solicit the prayers of our brethren.
H. M. JUMP.

Mount Vernon

The report of the Mount Vernon Sabbath-school for the quarter just past is an encouraging one. We are glad that we can have a part in carrying the last warning message to the world, and we feel sure that the foreign workers have appreciated our efforts.

Our average membership for the quarter has been 149, our average attendance 139, number of visitors 112, the total donations were \$206.54; \$8.29 was expended for Sabbath-school supplies. The average donation per member each week was \$1.16½. The kindergarten gave during the quarter \$13.54, and the intermediate division

\$23.21. We were pleased to see the increase in donations for the thirteenth Sabbath over that of last quarter. The total amount given on "dollar day" this quarter was \$68.29.

Let us begin the new quarter with a determination to make it a period of greater progress in the advance of the last gospel message.

C. B. WALLER, Secretary.

Elder Slade spoke in the Mount Vernon church last Sabbath morning.

The Killbuck Sabbath-school convention which was to be held this month, has been postponed to the fall, when a larger attendance of the farmers may be had.

Elder Slade will visit the company at Wooster next Friday evening, and will spend Sabbath with the Akron church.

An excellent interest is in progress at Springfield, where Elders Redfield and Marietta are holding a tent effort. An excellent class of people filled the tent on a recent Sunday evening when Elder Slade spoke on the Eastern Question.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Four tent companies, three in Philadelphia, and one in Harrisburg, opened their summer's efforts last Sunday evening.

Sabbath, July 27, is the date of our annual midsummer offering to missions. We trust all our people will remember not only the date, but the worthy cause, and give most liberally.

Sister Ella M. Talmage has entered upon her duties as Sabbath-school, young people's, and educational secretary in this conference. She will be pleased to have our people correspond with her relative to these branches of our work.

A severe storm visited West Philadelphia last Sunday afternoon, with the result that our tent there went down. It was re-pitched, however, in time for the opening service.

Brother J. H. McEachern, our missionary secretary, visited the Reading church last Sabbath, and will spend this week visiting our canvassers in that vicinity.

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CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1912

West Virginia, Fairmont. July 18-28.
Ohio, Springfield August 15-25.
W. Pennsylvania, Washington Aug. 22-Sept. 1.
Virginia, Richmond August 29-Sept. 8.

Remember the date of our midsummer offering, July 27.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Phoenixville company Sabbath, July 6, for quarterly occasion, and with the Fairhill church last Sabbath. He reports good meetings at both places.

Four Seventh-day Adventist families have removed to Fairhill and vicinity, where our church school is located. Others are contemplating moving there also, in order to avail themselves of church school privileges.

Brother B. M. Heald will begin his effort at Waynesboro some time this week, and Brother C. S. Baum will open his effort at Sayre on Wednesday evening. Let us all remember these efforts before the throne of grace, that much good may be accomplished, and souls saved as a result.

Midsummer offering day—July 27.

Our Harvest Ingathering campaign will begin one month earlier than usual this year. Our people will be pleased to know that a special number of the *Signs of the Times* magazine (monthly) will be prepared for our use in this campaign.

Colporters' Testimony Corner

"No sooner is the name of Jesus spoken in love and tenderness than the angels of God draw near to soften and subdue hearts."—Mrs. E. G. White.

The Lord continues to bless our faithful colporters who are going from house to house speaking the name of Jesus in love and tenderness, and pointing souls to him as their blessed Saviour.

In just four weeks Brother Homer Baumgartner has taken orders sufficient for a scholarship at Mount Vernon College. What ambitious, consecrated, young man need be deprived of a Christian education because of lack of means, when such opportunities are open to all who want to be soul-winners?

Our Philadelphia magazine company has made a good beginning, and each worker is hopeful of earning a scholarship.

Brother J. L. Gerhart of Reading has not been reporting his work; but I found, on visiting him, that he has been doing an excellent work with our magazines. May God lead more men to take hold of this noble work.

Dr. J. M. Hyatt, who has been a missionary in Africa, but who has returned to the home land for a short rest, has now taken up the canvassing work in Philadelphia. He is not pretending to put in full time, but in the eleven hours he worked last week the Lord blessed him with \$51 worth of orders.

Miss Sadie Detweiler and her brother are meeting with success traveling from city to city selling our truth-filled magazines. At present they are working Reading, a city that has been quite thoroughly canvassed with our literature many times; yet Miss Detwiler is averaging a sale of nearly one hundred magazines a day.

Brother Philip Steele, who is only twelve years old, has begun selling the temperance *Instructor*. He is much encouraged and intends to spend his vacation in this work. The blessing of God awaits those who will go and do likewise. Send \$2.00 to the East Pennsylvania Tract Society, 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for fifty copies. The magazines will reach you in a week after you order them. Then you can begin to work.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

What a Tract Will Do

One progressive missionary secretary passes on some quotations from Adventists concerning the influence of tracts that should encourage us all. Here they are:—

"Someone left a tract in the depot. I found it and sent for others and soon saw the truth and took hold of it."

"I don't think I would ever have accepted the truth, had it not appeared so plain to me in the many tracts I read."

"Tracts brought the truth to me."

"Printed matter left in the house by renters brought the truth to me."

Would you not like to be continually sowing with the hope of such a harvest in view? Tract work among individuals is increasing; 290 of the Dollar Tract Package, which contains 120 tracts on twelve different subjects, 1896 pages, were ordered last year. Ought you not to replenish your stock with one or more of these packages. Simply ask your tract society for "The Dollar Tract Package," sending \$1.25 to have it prepaid. You will be much pleased with the excellent assortment, and the Lord will richly bless you in putting people in touch with the truth.

Ohio Conference

The first meeting of the fiftieth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held on the camp-ground at Springfield, O., at 9:30 A. M., August 16, 1912, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each twenty members.

E. K. SLADE, *President*;

H. D. HOLTOM, *Secretary*.

Ohio Conference Association

The Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church, a corporation of the state of Ohio, will hold its tenth annual meeting in connection with the camp-meeting at Springfield, O., August 15-25, 1912. The first meeting will be held at 10:30 A. M., Friday, August 16, 1912. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees and to transact such other business as may come before the association at this time. All accredited delegates are delegates to this association.

E. K. SLADE, *President*;

J. J. MARIETTA, *Secretary*.