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

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UNION

The Ideal Tent Effort*

It is useless to deny that the results of our tent meetings in recent years have been discouraging to the workers and a disappointment to our people. The reason for this is apparent if we turn aside for a moment to study the light that has been given upon this subject during the last ten years. It is evident that we have to a large extent failed to appropriate this light, and hence have failed to keep pace with the indications of Providence.

Unquestionably, with earnest consecration and humble prayer, even the poorest methods will yield encouraging results. Without these, undoubtedly the most up-to-date methods must be a failure, for "in the sight of men the *self-sufficient* worker may seem to be moving the world, but in the sight of God, the *humble wrestler* moves heaven."—*Review and Herald*, No. 27, 1893.

THE DOUBLE MINISTRY

The hour has certainly struck for our tent efforts to spell out more fully the commission given to the original seventy city missionaries,—to heal the sick and announce the near approach of the kingdom. Luke 10:9.

There came a time in the experience of the children of Israel when an *advance* move was demanded. "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward." Deut. 2:3. To-day the conventional corps of workers, consisting of a minister, tent-master, and a Bible worker, no longer meets the call of the hour. "A new element needs to be brought into the work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 267.

"Our efforts rightly directed will produce a *hundredfold* greater results than can be accomplished with the same means and facilities in another channel where God is not so manifestly working."—Vol. 6, p. 24.

"The ordained ministers alone are not equal to the task. God is calling

not only upon ministers, but also upon *physicians, nurses, canvassers, Bible workers*, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of present truth, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities. . . . Let the medical workers present the important truths of the third angel's message from the physician's viewpoint. Physicians of consecration and talent can secure a hearing in large cities at times when other men would fail. As physicians unite with ministers in proclaiming the gospel in the great cities of the land, their combined labors will result in influencing many minds in favor of the truth for this time."—*Review and Herald*, April 7, 1910.

The following instruction is clear and decisive: "In every place where the truth is presented, earnest efforts should be made from the first to preach the gospel to the *poor* and to heal the *sick*."—Vol. 6, p. 83.

And the following more recent instruction is equally to the point: "Wherever the truth is presented, the people are to be taught how to *prepare food* in a simple yet appetizing way. They are to be shown that a nourishing diet can be provided without the use of flesh food. *Cooking schools* should be established, and house-to-house instruction should be given in the art of cooking wholesome food."—Vol. 9, p. 161.

ORGANIZATION

"In order to meet the mind of the Lord, those in responsibility must plan for the carrying forward of a broad, well-organized work."—*Review and Herald*, April 7, 1910.

"We must not enter into the Lord's work haphazard and expect success. Jesus calls for *co-workers*, not blunders."—Vol. 4, p. 67.

"The more *simple* our plans for work in God's service, the more we shall accomplish."—Vol. 7, p. 215.

THE RELATION OF OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

The following quotation furnishes one additional startling reason why our tent efforts have been so fruitless:—

"The Lord does not *now* work to

bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted and those who were once converted but have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts?"—Vol. 6, p. 371.

From this it is evident that no genuinely fruitful tent effort can be expected until we "make regular organized efforts to *lift* the church members out of the *dead level* in which they have been for years."—Vol. 6, p. 267.

* Paper read by Dr. David Paulson, at Chicago City Workers' Weekly Conference, April 22, 1912.

Are We Ready to Meet Our Lord?

"Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12. Are we a part of Israel? If so, this language is spoken to us. If we are not of Israel, then we cannot enter the city of God, for no one enters there but the twelve tribes of Israel.

What preparation is necessary that we may meet the Lord in peace? To meet the Lord in peace and live with him throughout all eternity we must have the character of God. No sin can exist in his presence, hence we must be free from sin. We must know day by day that we are free from sin, and accepted of God. A theory of the truth will not save us; we must have a living experience, and know God as our Father, and Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour who saves us individually from sin. We read of Jesus, "For he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. He cannot save them in their sins, but if they humble themselves and let Christ have his way he will save them from their sins. And when a man is saved from sin he will know it.

How does sin manifest itself in the life? All selfishness and self-exaltation is sin, all pride and worldliness is sin. Hatred, envy, malice, evil speaking, evil thoughts cherished in the heart, evil desires of all kinds is sin. Jestings and light and frivolous conversation is sin; for it is a misrepresentation of the Lord Jesus who

is our example in all things. It matters not how high our profession of religion, or how exalted in the eyes of men our position may be in the cause and work of God, if we do not allow Christ to actually save us from all these evil things we must be lost at last. As a people to whom God has given the last message of mercy to a dying world, we must realize that to us, obedience to this truth in all its fullness is a question of life or death: life if we walk in all the light God has given, death if we fail to do so.

The following is a plain statement of what the religion of Christ really means: "Christ has made every provision that his church shall be a transformed body illumined with the Light of the world, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is his purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. He desires that we shall reveal his own joy in our lives.

"The religion of Christ means more than the forgiveness of sin; it means taking away our sins, and filling the vacuum with the graces of the Holy Spirit. It means divine illumination, rejoicing in God. It means a heart emptied of self, and blessed with the abiding presence of Christ. When Christ reigns in the soul, there is purity, freedom from sin. The glory, the fullness, the completeness, of the gospel plan is fulfilled in the life.

"The acceptance of the Saviour brings a glow of perfect peace, perfect love, perfect assurance. The beauty and fragrance of the character of Christ revealed in the life testifies that God has indeed sent his Son into the world to be its Saviour." Christ's Object Lessons, pages 419, 420. The above clearly shows what a genuine Christian experience must be and the only kind of an experience that will enable us to be prepared to meet the Lord.

Do we all have such an experience as this? If not, how long are we going to be satisfied to drift along without it? Such an experience will not be gained without earnest effort.

But in view of the fact that Christ has made every provision necessary that his church may be a transformed body, if any of us who have this light fail to be transformed into the image and character of God it will be because our stubborn will does not yield to the powers of divine grace, and we will not let the Lord do for us what he desires to do. "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel!" J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa.

How blessings brighten as they take their flight!

Criticism

It has been well said that the reason there are so many critics is because so much business can be done on a small capital. Any brainless, irresponsible person can criticize. Lucifer introduced the idea into the universe by criticizing the Creator. Notwithstanding that he and all his sympathizers were cast out of heaven to save the universe, men refuse to be warned, and continue the useless practice.

The following anecdote and lesson from the *Christian Commonwealth* is to the point: "A dog hitched to a lawnmower, stopped pulling in order to bark at a passerby. The boy who was guiding the mower said: 'Don't mind the dog, he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine.' It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one, easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy reputation than to build character. Fault-finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize, or censure, like the Pharisees; but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to outward circumstances and surroundings as Jesus did." G. B. THOMPSON.

Consecrated Ministry

The minister who is a co-worker with Christ will have a deep sense of the sacredness of his work, and of the toil and sacrifice required to perform it successfully. He does not study his own ease or convenience. He is forgetful of self. In his search for the lost sheep he does not realize that he himself is weary, cold, and hungry. He has but one object in view—the saving of the lost.

He who serves under the blood-stained banner of Emmanuel will have that to do which will call for heroic effort and patient endurance. But the soldier of the cross stands unshrinking in the forefront of the battle. As the enemy presses the attack against him, he turns to the stronghold for aid, and as he brings to the Lord the promises of the Word, he is strengthened for the duties of the hour. He realizes his need of strength from above. The victories that he gains do not lead to self-exaltation, but cause him to lean more and more heavily on the Mighty One. Relying upon that Power, he is enabled to present the message of salvation so forcibly that it vibrates in other minds.

He who teaches the word must himself live in conscious, hourly communion with God through prayer and a study of His word; for here is the source of strength. Communion with God will impart to the minister's efforts a power greater than the influence of his preaching. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. With an earnestness that cannot be denied, he must plead with God to strengthen and fortify him for duty and trial, and to touch his lips with living fire. All too slight is the hold that Christ's ambassadors often have upon eternal realities. If men will walk with God, He will hide them in the cleft of the Rock. Thus hidden, they can see God, even as Moses saw Him. By the power and light that He imparts they can comprehend more and accomplish more than their finite judgment had deemed possible.

The Acts of the Apostles.

A Purpose in Life

"There is nothing that contributes more to success than that of an aim in life. Without this, life is a failure. We must have some grand and noble purpose before us if we wish to be a success, some object in view, and strive with all the energy we possess, by the help of God, to gain that object. But be sure when you have a purpose that it is right in the sight of God. Be sure when you accomplish your purpose that you will have something that will contribute to the furtherance of the gospel. It does not matter what your occupation may be, if it is one that is honorable and right in the sight of God, and is used to his honor and glory.

"It is the aim that makes the man. Without this he is nothing. There is nothing more calculated to lead the mind to serious reflection than the sight of an aged person who has mis-spent a long life, and who, when drawing near its close, looks back over the vista of his years to find that he has passed opportunity after opportunity without improving them. Now that it is too late he sees that he has passed the "real aim of life" in pursuit of the allurements of pleasure, which when gained, like the apples of Sodom, turn to ashes in his very grasp. What a different course he would pursue if time would but turn backward on its flight, and he be allowed to commence anew to weave the "tangled web of life." But this is not vouchsafed him. Regrets are useless save when these awaken in the mind of the youth a determination to gather only the "true jewels" of life.

"Take heed, young man of an aimless life. Take heed, too, of a low and sordid aim. Life with its thousand voices is calling you. Time is too precious to be idled away in dreaming of worldly pleasure. Thousands of souls are perishing for a kind deed, a word of sympathy. Will you stand aside and let your neighbor perish for lack of that which you can give him! Do you know of some one in trouble? Go to him and tell him that you are his friend. Talk to him about God and his love. Then you will be surprised to know how many will be glad to hear of one who loves them though they are sinners. Arise! be about your Master's business. Time is fast passing. Soon Christ will come to gather his jewels home. You must work while yet it is day. Whatever you do let this be your grand aim and purpose in life."

—Selected.

The Devil's Tool

In fable it is told that the devil one night had a sale, and offered all his tools to anyone who would pay the price. These were spread out for sale, labeled hatred, envy, malice, jealousy, revenge, sickness, sensuality, despair, crime—a motley array. Apart from the rest lay a harmless looking, wedge-shaped implement, marked discouragement. It was much worn, and was prized higher than the rest, showing that it was held in high esteem by its owner. When asked the reason the devil replied, 'I can use this more easily than any of the others, for so few know that it belongs to me. With this I can open doors that I could not budge with the others, and once I get inside I can use whichever of the others suit me best.'

Let us bar the door, brethren, so securely that this tool of discouragement may not be used successfully in gaining an entrance into our hearts.

N. Z. TOWN.

Nine Points For a Missionary Sermon

Reasons why candid people must believe in Foreign Missions are stated so forcibly by Dr. James L. Barton, of the American Board that we quote it from the *Congregationalist*.

1. Missions constitute the only organized and concerted effort to elevate the intellectual, social and moral life of the non-Christian world.

2. Missionaries alone have inaugurated and are executing plans for the general Christian education of

non-Christian peoples.

3. Missionary institutions constitute the most substantial safeguard for the peace of the world.

4. Missionaries provide the best sanitary safeguard for the world.

5. Missions have done more for the science of geography, ethnology, philology and comparative religions than any other and all other organized or individual efforts.

6. Missions are the most successful Christian work in the world today.

7. The missionary work is the broadest Christian work in the world.

8. Missions demand all that is supremely Christian in those who have a part in general evangelization.

9. The work of missions deepens mightily the spiritual life of all who give themselves to it.

Missionary Review of the World.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Conference

The twenty-fifth annual session of the West Virginia Conference was held on the camp-ground, Loop Park, Fairmont, W. Va., July 18-28, 1912. The first meeting was called on Friday morning, July 19, by President F. H. Robbins. After reading a Scripture lesson from the second Psalm, Elder A. J. Haysmer offered prayer in behalf of the conference and the delegates. The seating of the delegates being first in order, the roll was called by the secretary. Six churches were represented, and eight delegates responded to their names. At the first meeting the chairman, in connection with the conference committee, and the following named persons were empowered to appoint the usual working committees; Brethren T. M. Butler, Henry Neptune, C. V. Leach and Elder Baierle. The working committees were announced as follows:

Committee on plans and resolutions: Elder James E. Shultz, Professor B. G. Wilkinson, Brother C. V. Leach, Brother S. F. Ross, and Elder J. F. Steele. Committee on Credentials and Licenses: Elder A. J. Haysmer, Brother William Ross, and Elder J. F. Steele. Committee on nominations: Elder I. G. Bigelow, Elder F. E. Gibson, Brother T. W. Thirlwell, Brother W. A. McElphatrick, and Brother I. D. Richardson. Committee on seating of delegates: Brother C. V. Leach and Brother Henry Neptune. Committee on program: Elder Baierle, Elder Gibson,

and Brother Richardson.

The president of the conference gave a very interesting, and encouraging report of the work done in this field during the past year. We learned from his address that thirty precious souls accepted the Sabbath truth during the past year, and that fifteen were added to the church. Also that there were two new churches built, one in Charleston, and one in Parkersburg. These churches are nearly free from debt. During the past year our faithful canvassers have sold \$13,000 worth of books, which have been the means of bringing souls into the truth. The president mentioned especially the solemnity of the times in which we live, and the importance of consecration, to enable us to bear this precious message of a soon coming Lord to a dying world.

The officers recommended by the committee on nominations, and elected by the delegates are as follows:—

President, F. H. Robbins; Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. Barrows; Executive Committee, F. H. Robbins, J. F. Steele, S. F. Ross, F. E. Gibson, and J. S. Barrows; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Barrows; Field Missionary Secretary, C. V. Leach; Young People's Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Barrows, Religious Liberty Secretary, I. D. Richardson; Educational Secretary, F. E. Gibson; and Medical Secretary, Dr. Baierle.

The committee on credentials and licenses presented the following report: For ministerial credentials, F. H. Robbins, J. F. Steele, F. E. Gibson, and Charles Baierle. For ministerial licenses, I. D. Richardson and T. W. Thirlwell. For missionary licenses, J. S. Barrows, C. V. Leach, Mrs. J. S. Barrows, and M. M. Osborn.

The follow plans and recommendations were presented by the committee, and after discussion in which many delegates took a part, were passed:—

Appreciating the blessings of God which have attended our conference during the past year; that in his mercy he has spared to us our workers, giving them strength to labor, prospering them in their efforts to save souls, blessing our faithful canvassers who have gone from door to door, and giving our devoted church school teachers wisdom in their efforts to save the lambs of the flock, we, members of the West Virginia Conference, in session assembled, wish to heartily thank him and to pledge ourselves to more devoted

service during the conference year upon which we are now entering.

Appreciating the great blessing of having church business matters conducted in proper order, and that there may also flow into the cause of God every advantage possible, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we request the conference treasurer to submit to each church and company within the conference a monthly comparative statement of the funds received during the month. 2. That the conference treasurer visit each church at least once a year to audit the accounts of the church and to give such instruction as may be necessary. 3. That we hereby pledge ourselves anew to faithfulness in paying a full tithe, and the support of the cause of God with liberal offerings as the Lord doth prosper us and further, that we will co-operate in encouraging each believer within the conference to do likewise.

Whereas, the *Review* is essential to our members in keeping them in close touch with the rapid development of our world wide message, and in providing them with that spiritual food which sustains them in earnest Christian endeavor, and qualifies them for better service as individual representatives of the great work of which they have become a part, therefore,

Resolved, that we recommend that our ministers and workers keep the importance of the *Review* constantly before the church officers, and that they make the placing of the *Review* in the homes of the people an important part of the work of the officers of the church wherever they go.

Whereas, there are many influences in this age which tend to lead our youth from the right way, and in view of the fact that we have a paper, *The Youth's Instructor*, which has for its special aim the counteracting of these evil influences and strengthening the work of character building and Christian service by directing attention to high ideals and true principles of life; therefore,

We recommend, that earnest constant effort be made by the elders and officers of every church in this conference in arranging for every young person in every church to have access to the *Instructor*, either through personal subscription or Sabbath-school club.

Whereas, Mount Vernon College is the training school for the Columbia Union Conference, and is well equipped to give the youth thorough training for the work of the Lord, and in view of the need of qualified laborers for this great field of the east,

therefore,

Resolved, that we do all in our power to encourage the youth of our conference, who are of the proper age to enter the college to prepare themselves for service in the cause of God.

Whereas, the plan of giving twenty-five cents a member each quarter for the educational work in the union has been adopted by all the conferences in the union, but has not been carried out faithfully, therefore,

Resolved, that we put forth a greater effort to encourage our brethren and sisters everywhere throughout the conference to be more faithful in giving this amount each quarter to the Missionary Educational Fund.

Whereas, the Lord has singularly blessed in our effort to relieve the medical work in the Columbia Union Conference, assisting us to reduce the debt of the Philadelphia Sanitarium from \$85,000 to \$10,000, and, *whereas*, the General Conference has recommended that following the Harvest Ingathering campaign this fall, our people everywhere engage in a state-wide "Ministry of Healing" campaign, therefore,

Resolved, that we as a conference join in the movement at the time appointed by the General Conference.

Whereas, there is a demand for a reformatory movement along all lines of work, we recommend, that as far as advisable an effort be put forth by this conference to place consecrated colporters in the various counties of West Virginia to follow up their work from year to year with our leading books, preparatory to entering the field with a tent.

Whereas, the tract and periodical work is one of the most effective means of giving the message of the third angel,

Resolved, that we as members of the West Virginia Conference make a strong effort to disseminate the truth among our neighbors and friends by the printed page.

Recognizing the importance of our Sabbath-schools as a factor in the saving of our youth, we recommend, that during the coming year, conventions be held in the various churches, and that the holding of local teachers' meetings be encouraged.

We recommend, that during the coming year general meetings be held throughout the conference, at which time our workers present shall give instructions not only upon the phases of the message, but also upon the duties and responsibilities of our local church and Sabbath-school officers.

J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary*.
(To be continued)

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The North Philadelphia tent effort opened July 14. The first night we had rain, and almost every day for more than a week it either rained or threatened to rain. This greatly affected our attendance. However, we were glad to have an average of fifty persons present.

Last Sunday night the "Change of the Sabbath" was presented to a very large audience. The message took hold on the people and some have expressed their willingness to walk in the light of the Sabbath truth.

It was quite difficult to secure a lot this year; four times we were refused, but we feel satisfied that we have been led to the place where there are souls ripe for the message.

Earnest work is being done by the workers, and according to the present interest there will be a goodly number to unite themselves with the remnant people.

The tent company consists of Elder C. S. Wiest, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, Miss Jessie Weiss, Miss Tille Ertle, Mrs. Snyder, and Brother Richard Farley.

THE TENT COMPANY.

Colporters Testimony Corner

We praise God for the continued success of our faithful colporters. Our total sales for July was over \$3000.00, and thus far August bids fair for advancement.

One of our best canvassers, Bro. A. R. Sherman, who is under appointment by the mission board for South America, left us last week after a very successful delivery of nearly \$500.00 worth of books in Harrisburg. Our prayers follow him as he takes his journey to his distant field of labor. Who will now volunteer to fill the vacancy made by his departure that the work may not suffer in East Pennsylvania?

Bro. H. O. Swartout and his wife, of Michigan, whose faithful labors are indeed appreciated, will leave soon for their home at Emmanuel Missionary College. God also blessed their efforts in Harrisburg.

Word has just reached me that Brother Samuel Swingle, who has been a very successful canvasser in the South, is returning to this conference. This will make it possible for three of the Swingle family to be with us in the work. I praise God for these reinforcements.

The writer had the pleasure of visiting Brother and Sister Morris and

Brother Smith at Hanover last week. Although they are the only Sabbath keepers in the place, they have cozy rooms for light house-keeping and are happy in the Lord's service. In the four weeks they have been there, Bro. Morris and his wife have taken over \$380.00 worth of orders. They are in territory that was worked with *Daniel and Revelation* last summer. O, that more consecrated young married couples would give themselves to the Lord for this work. How happy they could be. God wants our talent used in a broader capacity than that of the common work of the world. Many are burying their talent in the earth, instead of putting it out to the exchangers that the Lord, at his coming, might receive his own with usury. God has said, "Where there is now one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Experience is demonstrating that, no matter how earnestly and prayerfully our ministers work, only a small per cent of the people can be reached by public effort. Hence the great need of the co-operation of consecrated colporters, who will carry the message to the homes of the people. Time is short. The hour demands that companies of from two to ten canvassers be placed in every city and county of this conference. We are earnestly praying that God will raise up more laborers for his harvest. It may be, dear reader, that you feel the burden of the work being rolled upon you. If so, kindly write me without delay. Should the work demand it, a colporter institute will be held this fall; but before we decide on the place and date we should hear from those who contemplate entering this department of the work. Trusting that you will quickly respond to the hastening of the message,

I am yours faithfully,

J. H. MCEACHERN.

4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. H. P. Branch reports that on July 27 the young people of the First African S. D. A. Church of Philadelphia, held a convention. An interesting and instructive program was given. A missionary spirit is being manifested by our colored brethren, shown by the selling of books, and the distribution of tracts and papers. Among those who took part in the convention were Dr. J. M. Hyatt, of West Africa, and Elder T. H. Branch. Let us pray for the colored work.

"Those who would impart truth must themselves practice its principles."

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Butler is attending the Ohio camp-meeting.

Elder R. A. Underwood stopped a day on his way to camp-meeting. His family is located at Mesopotamia, Ohio.

Miss Alice Miller has returned after spending some time at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

Professor and Mrs. H. U. Stevens of College View, Nebraska, are spending a few days visiting Professor John. Professor Stevens recently received the Master's degree from the Chicago University and is on his way to Argentine, S. A. to take charge of our training school there. They will sail August 29.

Mr. V. H. Cook is enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. C. F. McVagh and her daughter Ilah.

Mr. Floyd Klopfenstein returned last week with his bride, formerly Miss Laura Brown. We wish them a long and useful life.

Mr. U. S. Clymer received a telegram last week announcing the death of his little three year old niece, Ruby.

Miss Pengelly writes that she is having a good time and gained six pounds on her way.

Brother Walter Metcalf spent a few days with his family last week.

Elder Shultz will be away several weeks visiting camp-meetings in the interest of the College.

Professor B. F. Foot and wife arrived last week. Professor Foot will have charge of the work in shorthand and typewriting.

Brother Harvey Cassell is brightening up the chapel with a fresh coat of varnish.

The girl's parlor appears cheerful and cozy with its new paper, and three new pieces of furniture.

The college crops are looking well.

Miss Floy Humphrey writes, "I look forward to the receipt of the VISITOR as eagerly as any letter, and I always read first the 'At the College' reports."

Quite a number from the village are away attending the camp-meeting. We hope they will share some of the blessings they are receiving with those who were unable to go.

A new oven has recently been installed in the bakery. It has a capacity of 70 loaves.

Only two weeks more, and school begins.

Keep Mount Vernon College in your mind constantly. You should be here September 4.

How about that new student you are going to bring? Don't let him rest until he decides to come with you.

OHIO

Barberton

As a result of our tent effort at Barberton, three adults accepted the truths of the third angel's message, and with three others, one adult and two children, who reside in Akron, followed their Saviour into the watery grave. Doctor Venen took charge of the baptismal service. This makes seventeen who have recently given their hearts to God and united with the people who are giving the last warning message to a dying world. Others who did not fully take their stand for the truth during our tent effort at Barberton are very much interested and some are attending our Sabbath services, and we have every reason to believe will soon accept the glorious truths of this message. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for his grace and for what he has done for us. To him be all the praise. Yours in the blessed hope.

W. J. VENEN.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Columbus

Ten candidates were baptized and taken into the Columbus church, Sabbath, August 10th. After a review of points of faith, the candidates accompanied by the whole congregation went to the Christian church, at Broad

and Twenty-first, where they were buried with their Lord in baptism.

It was indeed a solemn service, and one that means much to us all. As each candidate was raised from the watery grave the congregation sang familiar hymns, praising God from the heart in song. At the close of the service all the candidates were welcomed into the church.

One rather unusual incident was the baptism of three generations; the daughter, grand-daughter, and grandson, but, like two years ago when three generations were baptized, it was a blessed experience seeing souls yielding all for Christ.

We gladly welcome these candidates into the church, and wish them many blessings in the service of the Master; trials will overtake the saints of God, but His grace is sufficient and His strength supreme, so we commit them to Him.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTEAD,
Pastor.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

We hope to meet all the brethren and sisters of the West Pennsylvania Conference at the camp-meeting at Washington Park, Washington, Pa., August 22, to Sept. 1.

Among the ministers expected at the camp-meeting are Elder M. C. Wilcox, of California, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, our great missionary paper, Elder R. A. Underwood, whose many years of labor in this state make him well-known to our people here, Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the *Review and Herald*, Elder A. J. Haysmer, Elder Mead MacGuire, of Colorado, who is prominently connected with the Young People's work, Professor S. M. Butler, president of Mt. Vernon College, and the workers of the Columbia Union and West Pennsylvania Conferences.

Elder George West has been holding meetings with the company of believers at Verona.

The friends of Brother W. C. Burnett, of Glenfield, sympathize with him as he mourns the loss of his wife who died a few days ago after a long illness.

Plan to spend a part of the time of the camp-meeting at the grounds if possible, even if you cannot get to the first part of the meeting.

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending August 2, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Eekhout, Portsmouth		PPF	26	10	16 50			16 50	4 00
J. Hottel, New Market		PPF	40	24	39 00	5 75		44 75	1 50
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	25	6	15 00	3 50		18 50	
R. Graves, Richmond		CS	7			9 70		9 70	6 20
M. Jemerson, Richmond		PPF	8	4	13 50	1 30		14 80	2 30
S. Christian, Richmond		CS	7	10	6 75	1 00		7 75	3 25
F. Nixon, Richmond		CS	8		6 50			6 50	3 35
Totals			121	54	\$97 25	\$21 25	\$118 50		\$20 60

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 9, 1912

*A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	10	89		39 75	4 20	43 95	93 85
S. N. Brown, Allegheny	CK	5	34	36	57 50	14 25	71 75	22 75
A. Davies, Allegheny	CK	5	34	34	52 50	5 75	58 25	
C. Dunham, Allegheny	Prot		60		76 85		76 85	76 85
E. French, Somerset	PPF	5	30	2	3 00	4 00	7 00	47 50
F. Hall, Allegheny	CK	5	30	27	42 00	6 50	48 50	2 00
Floy Humphrey, Westmoreland	PPF	3	24	3	5 00	4 20	9 20	
Evelyn Jobes, Westmoreland	PPF	4	28	6	12 00	6 25	18 25	
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	4	34		4 50	5 30	9 80	54 70
Celestia Midkiff, Westmoreland	PPF	4	36	8	15 50	8 55	24 05	8 00
J. Perkins, Allegheny	CK	5	30	19	29 50	9 50	39 00	75
Anna Saxton, Armstrong	PPF	4	13	6	9 50	8 60	18 10	5 10
Totals			54	460	141 \$347 60	\$77 10	\$424 70	\$311 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 9, 1912

H. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	5	48	15	47 00	1 80	48 80	1 80
Mrs. R. Morris, York Co.	PG	5	30	10	32 00	13 50	45 50	
R. Morris, York Co.	GC	5	44	11	35 00	3 75	38 75	
F. Williams, Lebanon Co.	GC	5	40	5	15 00	4 75	19 75	40
Nora Gibbons, Chester	DR	5	36	4	14 00	2 40	16 40	1 20
Geo. Unger, Lehigh Co.	DR	6	45	2	7 00	4 75	11 75	5 50
Ella Padgett, Chester	CK	5	27	18	28 50	3 60	32 10	
F. Willruth, Lackawanna Co.	CK		45	15	23 50	5 85	29 35	79 25
Josephine Bauerlein, Newb'y	CK	3	14	13	19 50		19 50	
Irma Gerhart, Northamp.	CK	5	37	9	13 50	1 50	15 00	27 50
Daisy Ott, Newberry	CK	2	10	7	11 00	1 75	12 75	
Minnie Gerhart, Northamp.	CK		33					58 70
J. L. Smith, Adams Co.	HM	5	38	9	19 50	15 00	34 50	2 00
E. Sterner, Lebanon	PPF	5	43	9	13 50	90	14 40	90
Ruth Sterner, Bucks Co.			26	10	5 60		5 60	
Totals			56	516	137 \$284 60	\$59 55	\$344 15	\$177 25

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Mrs. Sybil King,	LH	27	425				42 50
Mrs. J. Chandler,	LH	21	205				20 50
Sadie Detwiler,	W	24	192				19 20
F. J. Detwiler,	W	36	176				17 60
Mrs. M. Barrows,	LH	14	150				15 00
Miss M. Barrows,	LH	5	51				5 10
J. L. Gerhart,	W	22	122				12 20
P. Steely,	YI	16	30				3 00
Totals			165	1,351			\$135 10

West Virginia, Week Ending August 9, 1912

Dollie Parker, Tyler Co.	GC	4	31	14	27 00	14 25	41 25	
Clara Pettit, Tyler Co.	PG	5	29	18	57 00		57 00	
J. Marshall, Hampshire	GC	5	46	16	34 00	2 25	36 25	
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	5	48	13	31 00	10 25	41 25	6 75
Guy Corder, Charleston	CK	5	39	16	24 20	2 50	26 70	92 00
Totals			42	369	78 \$441 90	\$73 55	\$515 45	186 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 9, 1912

D. Percy, Caroline Co., Md. DA	4	28	2	6 00	15 50	21 50	7 00
J. Jones, Worcester Co., Md. GC	3	27	5	15 00	6 10	21 10	
W. Nelson, Frederick Co., Md. PPF	5	53					238 75
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md. DR	4	35	13	33 00	7 00	40 00	
B. Martin, Wilmington, Del. PPF	4	24	7	12 75	4 15	16 90	
H. Richards, Dorchester Co., Md. CK	3	26	28	56 00	1 60	57 60	

Totals 23 193 55 \$122 75 \$34 35 \$157 10 \$245 75

New Jersey, Week Ending August 9, 1912

G. G. Taylor, Tuckerton PPF	8	64	50	87 00		87 00	
G. Blinn, Burlington Co. BR	3	18	17	53 00	1 30	54 30	1 20
L. Cruickshanks, Plainfield DR	5	31	16	44 00	50	44 50	
J. Kennedy, Salem Co. GC	6	65	16	44 00	3 75	49 75	
G. Holman, Woodstown PG	5	36	17	53 00		53 00	
Emma Krebs, Woodstown PG	5	35	12	33 00		33 00	
A. Dennis, Woodstown GC	5	35	12	37 00		37 00	9 00
R. D. Stagg, Barnegat PPF	4	27	22	33 50	3 00	36 50	11 50
A. S. Samuels, Newark GA	5	35	82	31 00		31 00	22 25
J. Rambo, Cape May Co. CK	4	27	10	15 50	7 50	23 00	4 75
*J. W. Rambo, Tuckahoe CK	3	14	6	9 00	3 50	12 50	63 25
P. Waer, Rockaway BR	4	44	14	31 00	5 75	36 75	5 75
C. Beach, Bergen Co. PPF	3	11	5	7 50	3 00	10 50	15 00
Luck Kikkert, Clifton GC	5	35	3	9 00	4 50	13 50	
W. Fink, Warren Co. BR	5	36			50	50	50
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth GC	5	28	2	4 00	6 40	10 40	
N. R. Pond, Burlington Co. CK	5	26	8	13 50		13 50	6 30
Mrs. Job, Newark Mag.				4 20		4 20	4 20

Totals 74 567 292 \$511 20 \$39 70 \$550 90 \$262 50

Virginia, Week Ending August 9, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville GC	19			6 00	7 00	13 00	
W. B. Ekhou, Portsmouth PPF	24	7		12 00		12 00	
C. E. Overstreet, Keller PPF	60	27		43 50	1 50	45 00	187 20
John Hottel, New Market PPF	41	25		32 00	5 25	37 25	1 50
O. Painter, Stanley PPF	29	20		34 00	1 75	35 75	

Totals 173 79 \$127 50 \$15 50 \$143 00 \$188 70

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,932 20 Deliveries, \$1,392 50.

*Two weeks

†Three weeks

The magazine workers are having good success. Now is the time to bring these messengers of truth to the people.

The infant child of Sister Ruth Drooz, of the First Allegheny church, died last Monday. The sympathies of the church are with the bereaved mother.

All mail intended for the conference office or for the campers during the time of the camp-meeting, August 22 to Sept. 1, should be addressed in care of S. D. A. Camp Grounds, Washington, Pa.

Great blessings that are won by prayer are won by thankfulness. Prayer and thanks are like the double motion of the lungs—the air that is sucked in in prayer is breathed forth again by thanks.—*Selected.*

The German Work in Baltimore

Our tent meeting is a thing of the past as far as the tent is concerned, but the interest is still on. We have secured a nice clean hall, two blocks east of where the tent stood, and the interested ones have followed us to the hall. Brother E. Messenger has 300 families that take our German paper, *Christian Friend of the Home*. Our first public meeting, Sunday evening was well attended.

It can be said of this city that the "adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." But we are glad to know that Christ Jesus of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Our motto is, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

We ask an interest in your prayers for the German work in Baltimore.

T. L. THUEMLER.

THE UNERRING HANDS

In the mysteries of thy life

Where its threads all twist and twine,
Mid the shadow and the strife,
Sadly missing his design,
With its gracious, loving pleading,
Breaks the tender Voice divine—

"Let me take the threads in my hands,
Child, before they pass through thine."

—*Selected.*

If you wish to be miserable, you must think about yourself; about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, what people think of you; and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery out of everything God sends you; you can be as wretched as you choose.—*Kingsley.*

For the mind and the soul, as well as for the body it is God's law that strength is acquired by effort.

—*Education.*

Suffer nothing to divide your interest from your present work until God sees fit to give you another piece of work in the same field.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

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Army Book Fund

Still the work goes on, in sending "Daniel and the Revelation" to the military service. Here is what one says: "Dear Mr. Brown:—I desire to ask you how best to spend my time in connection with studying the Bible as believed by Seventh-day Adventists. I am a firm believer of their doctrines and want to know more of these people. Can you help me along this line? I think this book is the grandest book I have ever read along this line. It has taken me out of the Catholic church after years of delusion." How's that? This work is a success. Send fifty cents in stamps to the Treasurer Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., for Army Book Fund and make possible another letter like this one. Surely it is worth the effort.

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To our Faithful

Life and Health Agents,
 Everywhere in America.

Dear Fellow Worker:-

Last Thursday, August 1, we forwarded your sample copy of the September number. Two editions of the August number (81,559 copies) were sold out by July 31. Best record yet!

We have also broken another record. For the first time copies of the September issue were placed in the mail the evening of July 31, or one month and one day ahead of date. Please order early. See page 2 of canvass. Note also paragraph on "Traveling Agents."

I am sure that even a hasty examination of this number will convince you that it will be the best seller of the year. You will appreciate the three new departments, "For the Mother," "What to Do First," and "The Human Machine." Other new and practical departments, such as "Care of the Sick," "Pure Foods," etc., will appear soon.

For over two months the daily orders for this magazine have called for an average of 2,000 copies; July 24 the record being 4,312, and on July 28, 5,375 copies. To date our September orders call for over 20,000 copies. Large telegraph orders received daily.

This is a capital number to use in taking yearly and six months' subscriptions before the summer's campaign is over. Your commission on these will be 40 per cent. Apply to our nearest General Agency for "Subscription Receipt Book." Subscriptions for less than six months NOT ACCEPTED.

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Awaiting your prompt and large orders, and long lists of subscriptions through our General Agency nearest you (see Directory in the September issue), I am, as ever,

Yours for a sale of 70,000 by September 15,

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Circulation Manager.

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Commencing in a week or two, there will appear in the *Signs Weekly*, a series of very important studies on present day conditions, and their definite place in fulfilling prophecies. Elder A. O. Tait, author of "Heralds of the Morning," has been giving these affairs a great deal of careful study and will present them to *Signs* readers in a clear, definite, forceful manner. This, with their graphic setting, will make them most valuable and they ought to go to every home.

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The Present Truth Evangelizer

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OBITUARY

VORDERMAN.—Mrs. Frank Vorderman fell asleep in Jesus in Akron, O., July 20, 1912, after an illness of almost a year. During her sickness she gave her heart to her Saviour, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of this city. She was a patient sufferer and bore her last sickness with Christian grace. As we laid her away to rest it was with the hope of soon meeting her again in the morning of the first resurrection. She leaves a husband, father and mother,—Mr. and Mrs. Crummel of Akron,—two brothers and three sisters. They were all present except Clara and Hazel, who were at the Melrose Sanitarium. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.