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

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AT THE COLLEGE

Opening Exercises

After two or three very appropriate songs, Elder Butler read a Scripture lesson from Deut. 28:1-15 and Prov. 3:13-27. Several took part in the season of prayer which followed, and then Elder Butler made a few remarks, opening the way for both students and teachers to state their purposes and determinations concerning the coming school year. He said, in part:—

I believe this year will be a successful one. For my part, I come to you with a feeling of hope and courage this morning. One thing has greatly encouraged me this summer, and that is the fact that as I have gone about among the camp-meetings I have noticed a decided difference in the sentiment of the people, a decided increase of interest in the school. Now, what we need is to put our hearts into our work, and God will help us to succeed.

Dr. Miller: I certainly esteem it a privilege to be here myself this morning to start in school again. I started in here sixteen years ago, and went to school for seven years. Then I began to teach, but it was not long before I went to China, where I began to study the Chinese language in school; but I guess I did not graduate there, for I am looking forward to going back there again. Now the only reason that I am here is to help you in your resolutions and determinations to prepare for service in the Lord's cause. There is nothing in this world like training for the Master's service.

Mr. Detwiler: It does my heart good to start in with another year's school work. I often look back to the first year I came here. I did not have very much money that year, but Mother told me I should come to school, and that I would get through. I followed her advice, and the Lord has helped me to get through every year since.

Bertha Hanger: It was five years ago this fall when I first came to this

school. I can assure you there never was a more homesick girl than I was when I got here; but I succeeded in staying all the year. I can say to the new students here this morning that things look very different from what they did then. I do hope to be a help to the school, and it is my aim to prepare myself for the work.

Miss Wheeler: I am very glad to spend another year in Mount Vernon. I am sure the Lord has been with me, or I could not be here. I want to make it the best year yet.

Ruth Atwell: I am very thankful that I can be here another year. At the last chapel meeting last year I said it had been the best school year I ever had. I want to be able to say the same at the close of this year.

Josephine Smith: I am thankful this morning that a new year has begun. I hope that this will be the best year in my own life, and that I may be able to help others.

A. I. Baker: I thank God for the privilege of starting in on another school year. Last year he made it possible for us to come here. He has certainly blessed us during the past year, both physically and spiritually.

Mr. Coolen: Last year I arrived at the opening of school, and started in with a determination to accomplish more than during any previous school year. By the Lord's help, I succeeded. It is my desire to accomplish more this year by the Lord's help than any year and fit and prepare myself for a place in the Lord's vineyard.

Miss Rice: I am thankful for the privilege of being here this year. I feel more glad this year than I ever have before. I hope to make the very best of this school year.

Professor John: I was just thinking of the time when I stood below the great Niagara Falls and saw the immense amount of energy being displayed there and how men have harnessed that power and are utilizing it for their own purposes. I am sure that this ought to be a great year for us; and it will be if we harness up our energy and by directing it fit ourselves for greater usefulness.

Mr. Corder: I am glad to be with

you here in school again. I thank God for the good which I received during the last year of school. I desire to prepare myself here in school so that I may be of use to him and may be able to accomplish his purpose for me in this life.

Mr. Holst: I am thankful to the Lord that I have this privilege of being here this morning. During this coming year I am determined to make use of every opportunity that I have of making myself stronger and become fitted to do work in the Master's vineyard.

R. B. Wheeler: I am glad to be here this morning and express my desire to make this school year the best that I have spent here. I realize that every year I have been here has seemed better to me than the previous one, and I know that with God's blessing I can make this year the best yet.

Miss Pettit: I am glad to be here this morning. I am thankful that we have the privilege of being in a school of our own.

Professor Anderson: There is no work that I am so interested in as the education of young people. We are here now for the first time this year; we all want to begin right; now is the time to begin right; I do not think any one can begin the school year right without beginning it right with God.

Elder Shultz: I have been visiting our young people in this union conference. I find that nearly all of them are looking toward Mount Vernon, and I am glad to know that quite a number more will be here within a week. I found that our young people are getting interested in our educational center. They realize that the only way to prepare for efficient service is to attend one of God's schools. I feel very anxious that we shall start this school year right.

Miss Bidwell: I can never thank my mother enough, for when I wanted to attend high school she insisted on my coming here. I want to make this year the very best of my life.

Miss Purdham: I am glad to see so many familiar faces here this morn-

ing. I have been at Mount Vernon College for several years, but I want to make this the very best of my school life.

Mrs. King: Who has more to thank the Lord for than I? He has done more for me this summer than I ever thought of asking for. I wish to prepare myself for his service that I may give myself wholly to him.

Professor Hall: I am glad for this opportunity of speaking this morning. I am glad that Elder Shultz mentioned the fact that our students are *walking* advertisements, not *sitting* advertisements. We hope that you are all of that nature.

Miss Hart: I believe our prayers are going to be answered, and that it will be the very best school year. I believe the Lord helps those who help themselves, and it is for us to go to work and work hard, and then God will work wonders for us.

Mr. Weaver: I suppose every one of us here this morning has come here to be helped. I have found in my experience that about the best way to get help ourselves is to try to help someone else. When I came here last year, it was my purpose to help someone else, and it has been helping me all the time. We can not help others without helping ourselves.

Miss Bailey: I have thoroughly enjoyed the good testimonies this morning, and I want, with you, to reconsecrate myself to the service of the Lord. I want to say that I have been praying that this school year may be the best that this school has ever had.

Professor Pulver: There is a verse that comes to my mind this morning regarding the New Jerusalem, that perfect city, whose length and breadth and height were equal. It seems to me that we ought to be able to say that of our lives. We are not to measure our lives in years, but in actions. Our lives should not be circumscribed. We should reach out, and, like Lincoln, have enough love in our heart for all mankind. Then too, we should let our lives go up to God each day.

Clarence Morris: I am glad to again have the privilege of being in school. My aim and determination is to make this school year the best that I have ever experienced.

B. P. FOOTE.

Great privileges never go save in company with great responsibilities.
—Hamilton W. Mabie.

A Word from The College Press

About June 1 we sent out a little folder from this department to each of the churches in the Union regarding a plan we had gotten up to raise money for the purpose of purchasing machinery which is very much needed in this department. For the benefit of those who perhaps did not see this folder explaining our plan and for those who have perhaps forgotten about it, we would say: we are making a little article which will be found useful in many ways. It is a ribbon book mark with the Ten Commandments printed on it. They are made in four different colors—white, pink, blue, and yellow or gold. The price is ten cents each, and we have asked each church to send us an order for 25, more or less, as they feel able. A number of churches and also individuals have responded nobly, to whom we feel very grateful; but there are still others who have not responded. Following is the result of our effort up to this time.

We have received orders from 41 of the 203 churches of the Union, as follows: Ohio Conference, 14 churches; West Pennsylvania, 10 churches; East Pennsylvania, 5 churches; Chesapeake, 5; Virginia, 4; West Virginia, 1; New Jersey, 1; District of Columbia, 1. We have received 3 orders for 100 and over. We have received 16 orders for 25 and over, the remaining orders being for less than 25.

Now, if the 162 churches in the Union, which have not responded, will do so as liberally as the 41 we would be able to get the greater part of the machinery we so much need, in order to place our printing department where we can compete in quality of work done with any other printing office. If we would be successful we must compete with both price and quality of work done, and in order that we might do this we must improve our equipment. And this all means that we are preparing ourselves to render more substantial aid to those students who have the grit to work their way through school. And who is it that would not help a young man of that stamp?

We might say that last year was a year of success, for by the blessing of the Lord we were able to do more business than we had dared to hope for at the beginning of the year. And we did about \$100 more business each of the two last months (July and August) than we did the corresponding two previous months. We do not tell this to boast, but to magnify the Lord and tell of his goodness to us.

We have endeavored, since the present management of this department, to conduct it on Bible principles, and the success that has come to us is proof that the Lord has recognized our efforts along this line for he has blessed us with all the work we can do, for which we praise him and take no praise to ourselves.

This institution, of which we are a department, was established, according to the testimonies, by the Lord for the purpose of training workers for his cause and to give "character to the work," and if faithful to God we must conduct this department according to Bible principles. In Eph. 6:5-7 we read, "Servants be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your hearts, as unto Christ: Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men." We endeavor to instill in the minds of those who work in this department the thought that we are not working for men but for Christ. Therefore we desire all who come to work here to do so not with "eyeservice as menpleasers, but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart." Again in Titus 2:9, 10, we read, "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them in all things; not answering again. Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. "Not purloining." In the work of the Lord there are purloiners. This is done often by using the time belonging to the Lord for idle purposes, sometimes spending the Lord's time in joking and jesting—purloining the Lord's time for foolishness. We endeavor to bring these principles to the attention of the young men, and they have responded and the work, with but few exceptions, has gone along harmoniously and the Lord has honored our efforts with success.

Now if the elders and leaders of the churches of the Union think this matter worth their effort in bringing it before their respective churches, and we have no doubt they do, we will appreciate their service very much.

Let the orders come to The College Press, making your checks, drafts, money orders, etc. payable to Mount Vernon College. So if the 162 churches of the Union which have not responded to our request for an order from each church for 25 book marks, more or less, will do so, we are sure that many hearts besides our own

will be made glad, when they desire a place in the printing office to help them through school. May the Lord bless those who labor and those who give and may each have many sheaves to lay at the Master's feet when he comes.

Sincerely yours,
HARRY S. WEAVER.

CHESAPEAKE

Among the Churches

The writer was privileged to spend Sabbath and Sunday, August 17 and 18, with the church at Cheswold, Delaware. The surrounding country here was very dry and because of no rain for at least two months, crops were suffering for rain and things looked discouraging. Sabbath morning a goodly number gathered at the little church in the woods and we had a profitable season together. The Lord gave us good showers of rain for weary souls and notwithstanding the discouraging outlook we presented the subject of missions and as the church was in arrears on their fifteen-cent-a-week fund, we decided to ask for pledges to bring up the amount. Prayer was offered and each one was invited to ask the Lord to help them in this matter. The result was that over \$10 was raised. We returned to the church in the afternoon and held another meeting. The Lord again came very near and all expressed themselves as having enjoyed a splendid Sabbath. I said to our people as the day was passing, that I felt sure that since the Lord gave us two good showers of blessings that he would not forget to send rain for the suffering crops in order that they might have something with which to cash their pledge to his work. After the Sabbath it began to rain and continued all night until water ran over the sandy country. It was the first real rain of the season to help crops that were maturing. The next day the brethren rejoiced to see how the Lord rewarded them for the faith they exercised toward him. Now they feel certain that they can raise the money their pledge calls for and have sufficient means to help along other lines. Surely the Lord remembers his people down here in the earth. Would that we could trust him more and more each day.

I returned to the office after this meeting to attend to important matters pertaining to our next conference meeting which will be held in

Baltimore October 10-17. With my family I left for Wilmington, Delaware. The first meeting was held Sabbath evening August 23 in the church. It was the occasion of the regular prayer meeting and as we spoke on the subject of prayer, several of the brethren and sisters sought the Lord for his sanctifying power to cleanse the soul's temple. Sabbath morning I spoke to a large congregation on "The importance of winning the race we are to run with patience" as recorded in Heb. 12:1, 2. The church here is prospering and we expect that in due time there will be a neat house of worship which will stand as a memorial for God in the city of Wilmington. Quite a large gathering of young people met in the afternoon when we had a very interesting meeting. Thus the day was crowded full and the Lord gave us all a signal blessing for which we were made grateful. Sunday, August 25, I visited our tent meetings which are being held in the same city for the colored people. I spoke to a large audience on the subject of "This Message and Obedience Thereto." Elder Seeney and Brother Rodgers are in charge of the effort and the present outlook bids fair for many souls to be added to the church. I was much interested to visit this section of our field and to see the work moving along so nicely. I feel sure that a good work is being accomplished in Wilmington, the largest city in the state of Delaware.

Sabbath, August 31, was spent with the German church of Baltimore. Elder Thumler, formerly of East Michigan Conference, is the pastor. We had a good meeting with the Lord ever ready and willing to assist us in our great needs. The German brethren are very enthusiastic in the work which falls to them to do for their own people in this great city. They are running ahead on their quota of the fifteen-cent-a-week fund and their tithe at the present time equals the pastor's salary, so we can see a substantial growth in the work among the German people. I feel to praise God for the harmony which exists among our churches and also the laborers, and if faithfully consecrated to the Lord we may yet see even more accomplished the coming year.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

The Conference

Most of our people know by this time that we are not to have a camp-meeting this year. We had planned early in the District of Columbia Con-

ference to hold a camp-meeting for the two conferences at Annapolis, Md., but we were not successful in securing grounds for such a meeting. After some very careful consideration, it was thought wise to better equip our tent efforts and give them a longer season in the field. Taking into account the extra expense of our evangelistic work and the fact that our camp-meeting would of necessity have to come quite late in the season, the Conference Committee decided not to hold a camp-meeting this year but to call a conference meeting sometime in October.

It has now been definitely decided that we will call a meeting of the conference to be held in the city of Baltimore, Md., October 10-17. There will be a canvasser's institute held in connection with the conference occupying the first three days preceeding the regular conference meeting. The institute will be held during the day and there will be a preaching service each evening during the institute and conference. Both the institute and conference meetings will be important and it is hoped our people throughout the field will plan early to attend.

The years of time are rapidly passing and the signs of the end are greatly increasing. There should be on our part a corresponding growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth of God. Our greatest need today is more power to overcome sin, so that we can stand in the place where we can be lights to those who are groping in darkness.

We are living in the time when the latter rain is to come upon us in showers. What is hindering this great blessing from coming in its fullness. Is it our lethargy, our failure to do our duty? Do we see the work advancing as it should? Are we satisfied with our present spiritual condition? Let us bear in mind that God intended that we should come together to seek him for his help and blessing.

Brethren and sisters you cannot afford to miss this meeting. The prophet Joel in speaking of this very time in which we live, says, "Sanctify ye a feast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord. Alas! for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the

altar, and let them say spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach." In order to carry out this Bible instruction the presence of the people is necessary at our annual gatherings.

We shall add a very important feature to our annual meeting this year by holding a church officers' convention in connection with other meetings through the session. This will be of valuable information and we hope that every church will send a goodly number of their church officers to receive the benefit of the instruction which will characterize a meeting of this kind.

The conference session will of course be very interesting to all and we must have our people with us to help us lay plans for more aggressive work in this field of over a million and a half of people, many of these are foreigners for whom we have done but little.

In view of these facts, I would urge that our people begin to arrange their affairs to have some time to spend at this meeting. Let our church elders and pastors attend to the election of delegates who can be present when the first meeting is called and send the names of these to the conference secretary. There will be other information in detail sent to all of our people giving full particulars concerning the meeting.

Let us come and seek the Lord together for more of his mighty power, and by relating ourselves to the Lord in an acceptable manner, this meeting shall mark a new era in the history of the work in this conference.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Chesapeake Conference

The thirteenth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Baltimore, Md., October 10-17. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Conference. The first meeting will be called Friday, October 11, 1912 at 9:45 A. M. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. A full delegation is desired from all our churches.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President*,
E. S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary*.

"Look for the light that the shadow proves."

Chesapeake Conference Association

The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a body incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, will hold its annual meeting in connection with the meeting in Baltimore, Md., October 10-17, 1912. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, at 9:30 A. M. This meeting will be for the election of five trustees for the association and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the association.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President*,
E. S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary*.

Canvassing Work

We are glad to announce to those who are interested in the canvassing work, that we have made arrangements to hold an institute in connection with the Chesapeake Conference at Baltimore, October 10-17.

It will be held in the Hall on the corner of 7th Street and North Ave. Board and room will be free to all those who take up the work. An extra five per cent will be given on sales until the car fare is refunded. Thus the canvasser will be at no expense.

Quite a number are planning to attend the institute; but we know there are many more who ought to take up the canvassing work, and who need to come and take the training with us.

There is no better way of reaching the people than by placing in their hands our good literature, and we receive a blessing while doing it. Brother Barritt, one of our faithful canvassers, while stopping a few days in a neighborhood created quite an interest, and three of those whom he had talked to, and delivered books to, came 25 miles to hear the sermon last Sunday night at the tent. We might relate many good experiences; but come to the institute, we will have all our regular canvassers present, and they will be given an opportunity to tell us some of them. We would be glad to hear from all who expect to attend, so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment. Come and bring someone with you, then let us continue to pray that we may receive a blessing by being there.

F. E. HANKINS,

Sta. D. Baltimore, Md.

To persevere in one's duty, and to be silent, is the best answer to calumny. — *Washington*.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder Robbins recently spent Sabbath and Sunday with the company at Grafton and Bridgeport. He reports that they are of good courage in the Lord.

The church school will begin in Charleston on Tuesday, September 3. Sister Jesse Snider of Hanna, West Virginia, will have charge of the school this year.

Elder Robbins was called to Kanawha Station, West Va., to conduct the funeral services of Brother Dallas Metcalf. We wish to extend our sympathy as a conference to the family, in this time of sorrow.

Elder F. E. Gibson will hold a series of meetings near Culloden, West Va., soon. Brother Gibson reports that the Charleston Church is on the way of progress, and the Lord is blessing in the work in that city.

Miss Jessie Snider arrived in Charleston August 29, and will make her home with Elder and Sister F. E. Gibson.

VIRGINIA

Conference and Camp-meeting

In connection with the Virginia Conference and camp-meeting held at the city of Richmond from August 22 to September 1, there was held at the same time in another part of the city a colored conference and camp-meeting, which the writer attended throughout. The meeting was in charge of J. B. Mallory and L. Muntz, with the writer helping.

The camp was on Baker Street near Brook Ave., where Brother Mallory has been and is conducting tent meetings. There were about fifty of our people present from various parts of the state including sixteen delegates. No one camped on the grounds, as good accommodations were obtained at low rates among the people.

Our night and Sunday night services were well attended by interested listeners. There were between four and five hundred who attended Sunday nights and about half of that number on other evenings.

While we could not fully conform to the regulations of the camp-meeting, we were able to hold four meetings every day and four conference meetings during the time—morning

worship from 9:00 to 10:00 A. M.; at 11:00 A. M., study of the Testimonies and various phases of the message; 3:00 P. M., preaching or the study of the truth; at night, evangelical preaching for the public.

Along with our feeble efforts, there was able and instructive help rendered by the following brethren: Elders W. J. Stone, President Virginia Conference, R. D. Hottel, Dr. Neff, J. H. W. Tindall, J. E. Shultz, of Mt. Vernon College, J. L. McElhany, President District of Columbia Conference, F. M. Wilcox, Editor *Review and Herald*, H. R. Salisbury, Educational Secretary of the General Conference, N. S. Ashton, Columbia Union Conference Educational Secretary and B. G. Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union Conference.

All the meetings were lively from beginning to end. All renewed their hope in the truth and took a firmer stand on the message for the finishing of the work—pledging their services, prayers and God's money lent them, to the cause.

One hundred and forty dollars was pledged to the conference expense fund. There was \$11.32 taken up for missions in the Sabbath-school. Other collections were taken during the conference.

Several took their stand for the truth and others asked for further instruction. Meetings will be continued for two weeks longer by Brother Mal-lory three nights in the week.

Twelve were baptized by Elder Muntz the last Sunday of the meeting—six of whom united with the Richmond church.

Indeed, the meetings were a gospel feast for all who attended, and they have returned home with renewed zeal for the finishing of the conflict in this generation. W. H. GREEN.

NEW JERSEY

It is now time to place orders for the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs* magazine. We are glad to report that the orders received thus far indicate that the churches are about doubling their orders for last year. This is a good omen, and we expect a greater effort and consequently larger returns than in any previous year. Please send in your orders at once.

The tent companies in the conference all report fair progress. All are having good attendance on Sunday nights and cannot complain of the attendance during the week, although

smaller, of course, than on Sunday nights. Some have already begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of these efforts and many others are seen regularly each night at the tents.

We trust that all will continue to pray that God will abundantly bless these efforts. They have been a heavy drain upon the finances of the conference, but we believe the Lord will reward the efforts, and that he will bless all those who come forward liberally with donations and tithe to meet the expense of carrying on his work at this time. We ask all to be prompt in sending in funds after the close of the month.

Brother Philip Waer, who has lately taken up the canvassing work, and for whom the Lord has done very much; writes that in his work he unexpectedly found his oldest brother's house and they could hardly believe how he had reformed. He says that after supper they had prayer together and he explained, as best he could, with reference to the second coming of Jesus and the judgment, and they were so interested that he had Brother Pennington visit them and found that the neighbors also had come in to hear the truth. As a result the brother and wife have accepted the Sabbath.

Brother Wm. Schmidt reports that from the sale of two magazines he has sold \$54 worth of books. Following the first sale, the lady liked the book, "Great Controversy," so well that she ordered one in the best binding for a prominent friend in New York, and this friend liked the book so well that she ordered some for other friends, and this kept on till Brother Schmidt simply had to open letters and extract cash until it has amounted to \$54, and he says the end is not yet. We have offered him our services.

Members of the Trenton church have formed a small choir, which is led by Brother Howard May with cornet, to help the Trenton tent effort. Some of these singers, including Miss Hattie Cately, Miss Anna Cately, Mrs. M. Bensel, and Brother May, spent Monday night visiting the Camden tent effort. They report a good meeting.

Brother C. E. Grey has returned from the southern part of the state and gone on up into Morris County to

help some of our new agents with their deliveries.

Miss Louise Bensel has been visiting relatives at Rockaway, and later left for a moonlight trip up the Hudson to visit friends in New York state.

Owing to the fact that Elder Sandborn cannot give his time during the day to the necessary visiting in connection with the tent effort, Elder G. W. Spies from Pleasantville is spending some time each week in this work in connection with the Trenton tent effort.

Mrs. W. B. Walters, Jr., wife of the treasurer of the conference, with her two sons, Beecher and Arthur, is spending the summer with her sister, Dr. M. Estella Houser, at the Melrose, Mass., Sanitarium.

Mrs. L. B. Haynes, of Vineland, called at the office this week, and spent the evening at the tent.

The sisters at Cape May C. H., for the church is composed of but sisters, are to be congratulated upon their earnest endeavors to have a church building of their own. They have secured the material, and voluntary free help of some neighbor carpenters, and while the building is not yet plastered, Brother C. E. Grey held a meeting in it last Sunday night. It was filled to its seating capacity (about forty) and many standing. The indications are for a good harvest. All that is needed is the reaper.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Colporters' Testimony Corner

Our book work is still onward. Several have had encouraging deliveries the past week. Others are continuing their deliveries into the present week. We praise God that these faithful self-supporting missionaries have been used of the Lord to carry the truth to thousands this summer who otherwise might never hear the message. Let us pray that the precious seed may be watered and bring forth a bountiful harvest in the salvation of many souls. Then will the self-sacrificing canvassers and the kind fathers and mothers in Israel who have encouraged them in their work have their reward and enter into the joy of their Lord.

Several, having earned scholarships, will leave this week for Mount Vernon College. This will naturally reduce our field force. We are glad for the few steady workers left. These will hold up the standard until more re-enforcements come.

It has been decided to hold a colporters' institute in Lebanon, October 17-27. It is indeed encouraging to know that there are already about fifteen who desire to attend this institute to prepare themselves for the Lord's work. God's people shall be willing in the day of his power. Great changes are taking place in our world. The crisis is rapidly drawing on. Now, while there is a short period of peace and prosperity, is our opportunity to sow the seed. God has said "Where there is now one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? We shall be glad to hear from you.

J. H. McEACHERN,
4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sayre

Thinking it might be of interest to some, to learn how the work is progressing in this part of the field, we will write you this letter through the columns of the VISITOR.

Our effort at this place opened July 17 with an attendance of about thirteen. Shortly before meeting a shower came up which kept the people away. The next night this was repeated, there being only two present besides our own people, but there were enough to claim the promise and we had a meeting.

After the meetings became more thoroughly advertised it was not long before a goodly number were coming from night to night, an average of one hundred twenty-four a night, although the weather has, much of the time, been cold and very unfavorable.

It has caused our hearts to rejoice as we see the people come to drink in these wonderful truths from God's word, and we are looking forward to the time when our efforts here will result in a little company of commandment-keepers in Sayre.

Up to this writing, twelve have decided to obey God, and others are in the valley of decision. Just now, we need the prayers of all who read these lines.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

TENT COMPANY.

Canvassers' Reports

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending August 30, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Rambo, Cape May Co.		CK	5	31	30	47 00	3 75	50 75	5 50
A. S. Samuel, Newark		GA	11	92	198	82 50		82 50	56 00
G. Blinn, Burlington Co.		BR	12	93	45	127 00	2 00	129 00	
G. G. Taylor, Tuckerton		PPF	4	35	25	39 50		39 50	54 00
R. D. Stagg, Ocean Co.		PPF	8	56	30	49 00	6 25	55 25	3 50
A. Dennis, Woodstown		GC		35	10	34 00	5 75	39 75	
G. Holman, Woodstown		PG	4	28	14	45 00		45 00	123 85
J. Kennedy, Woodstown		GC	10	21	9	26 00		26 00	115 00
J. Winemiller, Woodstown		GC							63 00
Emma Krebs, Woodstown		GC	4	28	7	17 00		17 00	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth		GC	10	79	10	31 00	15 20	46 20	6 00
W. Fink, Warren Co.		BR							74 50
P. Waer, Rockaway		BR	8	73	19	41 00	5 00	46 00	31 00
N. R. Pond, Moorestown		CK	4	23	6	12 00		12 00	19 65
W. Plant, Paterson		Mag.						15 00	
L. Kikkert, Paterson		Mag.						3 40	

Totals 82 594 403 \$566 00 \$37 95 \$654 85 \$552 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 30, 1912

F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	5	30	27	46 00	11 00	57 00	8 00
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK	5	25	13	19 50	2 50	22 00	
Ella Padgett, Chester	CK	5	21	11	17 00	3 60	20 60	
Josephine Bauerlein, Wms'port	CK	5	26	11	17 00	1 50	18 50	
Mrs. M. Schmidt, Phila.	CK	3	20	8	12 50		12 50	
R. Morris, York Co.	GC	5	47	13	42 00	11 25	53 25	
F. Williams, Lebanon Co.	GC	4	37	2	6 00	3 75	9 75	86 44
Nora Gibbons, Chester	DR	5	32	1	3 00	3 00	6 00	21 00
Geo. Unger, Lehigh Co.	DR	5	35			7 25	7 25	
H. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	5	58	3	9 00	6 10	15 10	589 10
Belva Morris, Hanover	PG	5	34	7	23 00	10 50	33 50	
J. L. Smith, Hanover	HM	5	40	4	8 00	10 90	18 90	1 90
E. Sterner, Lebanon	PPF	5	50					181 00
Sadie Detwiler, Phila.	W	5	29	238			23 80	
F. J. Detwiler, Phila.	W	5	35	126			12 60	
J. L. Gerhart, Reading	W	4	28	159			15 90	

Totals 76 547 623 \$255 50 \$71 35 \$326 65 \$416 44

West Virginia, Week Ending August 30, 1912

Dollie Parker, Tyler Co.	CK	5	37	29	42 00	2 25	44 25	75
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	5	41	10	32 00	4 50	36 50	3 50
Hazel Leach, Cairo	PG	5	46	13	58 00	12 50	70 50	
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	5	40	30	47 00	4 50	51 50	40 00
H. Forsythe, Kanawha Co.	CK	4	28	36	56 00		56 00	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	3	24	22	33 00	2 10	35 10	1 85
Madge Miller, Braxton	GC	2	15					49 50
A. Halstead, Kanawha Co.	CK	2	20		14 50	6 50	21 00	6 50
Orlo Butler, Taylor Co.	NTP	4	30		11 40		11 40	11 40

Totals 35 281 140 \$293 90 \$32 35 \$326 25 \$113 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 30, 1912

J. Jones, Snow Hill, Md.	GC	5	38	7	21 00	23 35	44 35	4 00
G. Lehman, Fred'ck Co., Md.	PPF							44 75
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	4	40	5	14 00	30	14 30	
C. Gibbs, Baltimore Co., Md.	CK	5	36	22	35 00		35 00	11 00
H. Richards, Dorchester Co., Md.	CK	5	51	45	94 70		94 70	
T. Barritt, Baltimore Co., Md.	CK	4	26	21	33 50	2 25	35 75	8 25

Totals 23 192 100 \$198 20 \$25 90 \$224 10 \$68 00

H. Richards,

LH

55

5 50

Ohio, Two Weeks Ending August 30, 1912

F.-E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	4	31	16	55	00	4	80	59	80	2	80
L. H. Waters, Hardin Co.	CK	10	64	22	34	00	4	00	38	00	6	00
Ray Corder, Greene Co.	BF	5	52								208	75

Totals 19 147 38 \$89 00 \$8 80 \$97 80 \$217 55

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,558 95 Deliveries, \$1,367 49.

OHIO

Children's Department at Camp Meeting

This department was composed of children ranging in age from eight to fourteen years of whom there were about sixty-five in attendance. From the very first, there was a good spirit of co-operation in the meetings, all were willing to do the same thing at the same time which brought the blessing of God into the meetings. Meetings were held daily at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Bible lessons were given in the afternoon meetings which were simplified by object or blackboard illustrations, the principle texts of which were copied by the children in their note books and were reviewed by their teachers in class work in the morning meetings. A number of Bible stories were related by Elder McGuire which were greatly enjoyed by the children and which aided in increasing their interest in the study of the Word of God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

A special effort was made to interest the children in our foreign missions. Elder Haysmer gave a very helpful talk on his call, journey, and labors in Jamaica. Dr. Harry Miller gave some points regarding heathen worship and evil practices and customs of the Chinese and then told the children what they could do by saving their nickles and pennies for missions, drawing a lesson from the Chinese who never spend money for candy, gum, etc., as children do in this country. Elder W. W. Miller gave a talk on India and Master William Miller sang to us in Hindustani the story of the flood and then interpreted it in English. All these efforts proved a great blessing to the children.

TEMPERANCE

Dr. G. T. Harding gave an illustrated talk on temperance showing the evil effects of alcohol on the system and seeking to create in the boys a

true spirit of manliness and a pity for men and boys who give way to drinking, smoking, etc. The temperance number of the *Instructor* was distributed among the children, thus not only setting the true principles of temperance before them, but the papers were sold in the city and the money given to foreign missions.

At this point, a great blessing came into the meetings. The children decided to raise \$35 for our foreign missions. Our faith in God brought the blessing, for we were sure the Lord would give us this amount. By a spirit of sacrifice and earnestness in selling our papers and magazines \$45.18 was raised for our foreign work, an answer to our prayer of faith.

Among the number of children who gave themselves to the Lord were eleven who desired to be baptized. Four of these were baptized at the meeting and the remainder will be baptized at their home churches.

The co-operation and faithful personal work done by the teachers was a great help in these meetings. To the Lord be all the praise for what he wrought for the children.

IDA M. WALTERS.

Educational Report for Year Ending June 30, 1912

The educational department of the Ohio Conference has always included the Sabbath-school, church school, and young people's work. Until June 1, the correspondence of the Sabbath-school was carried on by Sister Bessie Russell, who for eleven years had labored faithfully for the upbuilding of this work, resigning to obtain a much needed rest. The last quarterly report of the Sabbath-schools indicated the existence of 73 schools with a membership of 1943 including 130 home department members. Through the blessing of God and the liberality of our people we are able to report a splendid increase in offerings as follows:—

	13th Sab.	Total
Third quarter, 1911		\$1106 98
Fourth quarter, 1911		1014 73

First quarter, 1912	\$401 32	1313 63
Second quarter, 1912	528 43	1746 87

Grand Total \$929 75 \$5182 21

To appreciate these figures it should be recalled that only five years ago the total donations to missions for the entire year ending June 30, 1907, amounted to \$1568.62, which was \$178.25 less than we gave during the second quarter of 1912. The second quarter of 1907 our Sabbath-schools contributed \$282.34 to missions. On the thirteenth Sabbath of last quarter we gave almost twice that amount, and over six times as much during the last quarter.

These donations can be still further increased, and a vigorous effort should be made to improve the work of the teachers, enrol every Seventh-day Adventist as a member of the Sabbath-school, and develop a deeper interest in the study of the lessons.

Turning to the young people's work we find twelve societies with a membership of 235. Fourteen reading course certificates have been issued during the year. A partial report of the work of the societies follows:—

Letters written	386
Letters received	102
Missionary visits	385
Bible readings	97
Subscriptions for periodicals	78
Papers sold	2332
Papers given away	4235
Books sold	139
Books lent or given away	162
Tracts sold	7563
Tracts given away	15322
Hours Christian help work	308
Articles of clothing given away	268
Meals provided	280
Signers to temperance pledge	24
Offerings to foreign missions	\$64.10
Offerings to Home Missions	\$88.54
Offerings to local society work	40 85
Conversions	12

\$346 has been raised on the College Tank Fund and it is expected that the remaining \$54 of Ohio's quota will be in hand before the close of 1912.

Sixteen church schools were operated under conference supervision with an enrolment of 192. Arrangements have been completed for the continuation of these schools and the opening of one new school at Newark. Twelve of our teachers were in summer school, the conference continuing its liberal policy of defraying their expenses.

Seventy-eight of our young people attended Mount Vernon College last year making 270 of our children who were under the influence of Christian teachers. We expect to see this num-

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ber greatly increased during the coming year, and believe that the finishing of this work depends largely upon the fostering of the educational work with the purpose of saving our young people and training them for service. May the Lord arouse his people more fully to the importance of investing their means in training our young people for service and for his kingdom.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Barberton Canvasser's Letter

I canvassed over some territory in the suburbs of Barberton the past week and the Lord gave me more orders than I had ever taken in that section before. This is truly an evidence that territory that has not been worked for two years at least can be gone over again with success.

F. E. WAGNER.

Study at Home

FOURTH YEAR

The army of wide-awake people who see in the correspondence school a much longed-for opportunity of improving their personal efficiency, is steadily growing. Three years of experience has proved beyond question the value of studying at home during the spare hours under the direction of skilled instructors. The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C., opens its fourth year of work October 7. If you feel an ever-present sense of educational need, and can not go away to school, write at once for a calendar of full information and be ready to start in promptly with the new term. It is the best season of the year for study. Watch the *Review* for fuller announcements.

Reading Course

This has been the banner year in Missionary Volunteer Reading Course work. More reading course certificates have been sent out than were issued during the first three years the reading course work was conducted. During one week a hundred certificates were sent out. Prospects for next year are better still, if the large sale of books indicates anything. Have you received your reading course books? If not, order at once. The new course begins October 1.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course assignments begin in the *Instructor* of October 1. Get your books now,—at least the first one in the course you choose to take. Then please send your name and address to your conference M. V. secretary. Notice the reading course announcements in the *Youth's Instructor*. Do not forget the courses begin October 1.

The reading courses offer to you an opportunity for intellectual and spiritual advancement. Seize it. Most persons owe their lack of progress to their own indifference. You cannot afford to belong to that class. To fail to make the most of the life God has given is an injustice to yourself and to others. Youth is the time to prepare. "Youth comes twice to none."

Missionary Volunteer Department.

JUNIOR COURSE NO. 5

1. *Winning the Oregon Country*, by John T. Faris, will hold the reader's interest to the very last page. The author weaves into a thrilling story the hardships, the loneliness, and the privations suffered by those brave men and women who gave their all to tell the Indians of the Northwest about the Saviour from sin. The chapter telling how a few Indians tramped two thousand miles through the wild unknown to secure a copy of the Bible must constrain the reader to appreciate the Bible more, and it seems that the book as a whole must lead to deeper consecration to the great work of saving souls. Price, 50 cents.

2. *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan. Since the day that John Bunyan lay in Bedford jail, a prisoner for his devotion to his Lord, young and old have read and reread the story of Christian's pilgrimage from the City of Destruction to the New Jerusalem. Its pages, so full of hope and courage, are still helping its readers through the Slough of Despond, on to the foot of the cross, where the heavy burdens of sin fall from tired hearts. No one

can read *Pilgrim's Progress*, with its story of practical Christian living, built upon promises from the Word of God, without receiving fresh strength for life's battle, and renewed courage to the end. Price 50 cents.

3. *Daybreak in Korea*, by Annie L. A. Baird. Surely those who read this book and see something of the wrongs of Korean womanhood, see how Korea is steeped in superstition, and realize to some extent the sorrow and suffering resulting from these conditions, will become more eager to give prayer, means, and service for the salvation of the souls in the Hermit Kingdom. Price, 60 cents.

Order all books and the *Youth's Instructor* from your conference tract society or the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Army Book Fund

Still the good work goes on in sending "Daniel and the Revelation" to the military service. Here is what one man says:—

"Dear Mr. Brown: I desire you to advise me how to spend my time in connection with studying the Bible and seeking the truth as taught by Seventh-day Adventists. I am a firm believer of their doctrines and want to know more of the people. Can you help me? I think this book is the grandest thing I have ever read along this line. It has taken me out of the Catholic church after years of delusion." How is this? This work is a success. Send fifty cents in postage stamps to the treasurer of the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., for the Army Book Fund and make possible another letter like this. Surely it is worth the effort.

B. N. BROWN, Formerly U. S. Army.

OBITUARY

EVANS.—John Herbert, son of David and Martha Evans, was born in Coalton, Ohio, July 18, 1885, and died in Columbus, Ohio, August 30, 1912, aged 27 years, 1 month, and 27 days. His sudden death was a great shock to his mother and all the members of his family. His mother, aged grandmother, four sisters, two brothers, and many relatives and friends are left to mourn. The funeral service was held at the home of his mother in Jackson, Ohio, and he was laid to rest in the Jackson cemetery. Words of comfort were found in 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.