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

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THE SECRET

Men wondered why, in summer heat,
The little brook with music sweet
Could glide along the dusty way,
When all else parched and silent lay.

Few stopped to think, how, every morn,
The sparkling stream anew was born
In some moss-circled mountain pool,
Forever sweet and clear and cool.

A life that ever calm and glad
One melody and message had—
"How keeps it so?" men asked, "when I
Must change with every changing sky?"

Ah! if men knew the secret power
That gladdens every day and hour,
Would they not change to song life's care,
By drinking at the fount of prayer?—*Sel.*

Our Foreign Population—5

FOREIGN LITERATURE

While we have been learning a few facts concerning the great foreign population in this country, I am sure that you have begun to feel that some very definite movement should be made to bring the message of salvation to all these people whom providence has thus placed in our midst, and has not the feeling arisen in your heart for a desire to help in some way to be a blessing and to some of these people?

I am glad to tell you that there is a way that you can help if you desire to do so, and not only you, but all and every one that will can help. You may not be aware of the fact but I am glad to inform you that we now have literature in seventy different languages and dialects. This is a great achievement. In some of the languages such as the German, the Scandinavian, and some others, we have a good variety of larger books as well as the smaller booklets and tracts, but in the languages of the people from Southern Europe, such as the Italians, Hungarians, and many others, our literature in these languages are the smaller books such as "His Glorious Appearing," "Steps to Christ," with a number of tracts.

While we greatly regret not having laborers in all these foreign tongues, still much good would result from a

judicious circulation of this literature, and in this *you* can take a part. And the best of it is that we can do much of this without having a knowledge of the language.

Yes, here is an opening by which nearly all our people could help greatly to spread the message. You will find the foreigner everywhere, and you can readily learn whether he is an Italian, a Pole, a Hungarian, or of some other nationality.

Every conference tract society should have on hand a supply of publications in these languages, and your church librarian should have on hand publications in the languages of the foreigners in that community, and call the attention of the church to that fact from time to time.

Why should we not inaugurate a real missionary campaign for the circulation of our literature in foreign tongues? By this means a great good would be accomplished. Why should not our churches and individual members give this matter immediate attention? There is great need for such a campaign.

In this as in all missionary work we need to use care and discretion. All literature is not equally appropriate at all times. It would be very unwise to put the tract "Rome's Challenge" as the first one in the hands of a Catholic neighbor. He would hardly be prepared to understand it and be helped by it. Rather use such tracts as the "Suffering of Christ", "The Coming of the Lord", and others of similar nature.

We shall be glad to furnish any one with a catalog of our foreign publications that would wish to have one. All you need to do is to send a post card and ask for it, then as you see what we have in the different languages you can make your selection and get them from your church librarian, or if they are not on hand have them get them.

As a preparation for this and all lines of missionary work, a heart filled with love of Christ, and overflowing with love for humanity is the best, and most important, and this preparation is available for all who will seek it.

Preparatory to handing out any literature make a friendly acquaintance. Many of these foreigners are new, having but recently come to this country, and naturally timid and shy; therefore a friendly acquaintance is of the greatest importance. Such an acquaintance will open the way for them to be interested in the reading matter you may place in their hands.

We invite correspondence, and shall be only too glad to render any assistance that we can by way of information concerning the foreigners in our country, or our literature in these languages. We also have periodicals in Italian, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Lettish, and many others. A club of these can readily be obtained for circulation. We do hope our people will consider these suggestions and take up this good work. Our address is 3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

O. A. OLSEN.

Why Obtain an Education?

If there ever was a time when the cause of Christ needed educated men and women it is now. In every trade and in all the occupations even to be a successful farmer it is recognized that a skillful training is a requisite of success. The Gospel worker must be prepared to give this message, and to meet at an advantage the learned Nicodemus as well as the humble fisherman. We recognize no calling higher than the ministry of Christ. If it is necessary for a merchant or salesman to be well informed, to be one who uses correct speech and capable through his training to meet all classes of people certainly one intrusted as an ambassador to represent the kingdom of heaven should be possessed of tact and able to draw freely from all true knowledge with an abundant vocabulary and ability to use it aptly and correctly.

It is true that in times past the Lord has used men of very limited advantages and abilities to accomplish a good work in his cause. It is also equally true that he holds men and women responsible for the opportunities before them of obtaining a train-

ing for a successful career. Such a preparation for his service can no more be obtained in the average college today than a man desiring to become an engineer could obtain his fitness in an agricultural college. The schools of this country are molding its citizens to a large extent, and their work may be judged by their product.

We recognize that a consecrated heart is that which is most desired, its usefulness must then be largely determined by its training. Peter, John and James were men of consecration, they had considerable training and experience while with their Master, but as their early education had been neglected no doubt owing to their poverty, their sphere of influence was limited and we do not find them going beyond the confines of their own land.

It was the trained and skillful Paul that the Lord said was the "chosen vessel to bear his name before Gentiles, kings, as well as the children of Israel." With the command of the Hebrew, Greek and Roman languages and a cultured mind he was prepared to cope successfully with the varied experiences that came to him in foreign lands.

Today we must largely devote our strength to the proclamation of the foreign lands. Our tithe and offerings are beginning to flow that way. Careful search every place in our ranks is being made to find young men and women with the necessary training to fill the urgent calls. The committees in the fields are looking for the trained workers, not so much for men of long experience as those with adaptability and education, those who know the message, in fact just such young men and women as the scriptures say Daniel and the three Hebrews were, "Children in whom was no blemish, but well favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and tongue of Chaldeans." No one feels the need of education and training more than those that go to foreign lands. This is evidenced by the fact that as soon as the missionary is permitted to return on furlough he is most sure to besiege the Mission Board to allow him to take a year or so training in one of our colleges. These men in most cases have pioneered the work in the fields, and had no opportunity of knowing what was required of them before going there. It is to be much preferred that such training be secured before going to the distant countries, that from the first the worker may have the advan-

tage of such education to help in learning those difficult languages, and may from the first pursue his work to his satisfaction and the good of those for whom he labors. Ought we not then see many *prepare* for the service that awaits them in the great mission fields and take advantage of the opportunities now offered for obtaining an education and preparation in our college? H. W. MILLER, M.D.

The Missionary's Pattern

Every missionary has an ideal, and the more perfect that ideal the more impossible is full attainment but the greater is the promise of success in service. As in every sphere of life, the only worthy pattern is our Lord himself, who not only furnishes the model, but also the power to attain.

In the study of our Lord as the model missionary, we may discover the ideal by observing how he lived and wrought and how he spoke and taught. His is the only case in history where words and works perfectly harmonized. There was no preaching what he did not practise.

In the gospels we observe certain leading utterances that furnish us with a key to our Lord's life and exhibit the ideal for every missionary.

1. At the threshold of his entrance on the estate of manhood, in his first recorded utterance, the lad of twelve years declared: "I must be busied in the things of my Father" (Luke 2:49). He was a "Son of Commandment" and was to follow his Father's trade, not as a carpenter, as his friends thought, but as one sent to do the will of God. To him everything was sacred; he must be recognized as his Father's son and wholly absorbed in his Father's business. A true missionary of Christ can have no other business. He must not permit education, medical work, social service, literary work, or anything else in thought or activity to divert his mind or side-track his energy from his main business as an ambassador and servant of Christ.

2. Later, our Lord declared another life principle. "I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29). The result of this habitual conformity to the plan and will of the Father was a perfect union, a copartnership. Those who follow Jesus Christ fully are not left to work alone, nor is their business success dependent on their own talents and energy.

3. The law of his life is further revealed in a similar utterance in John 6:38: "I came down from heaven, not

to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Here is both his mission and his commission. The true missionary has no will outside of the will of God.

4. Absolute dependence on God for truth. "I do nothing of myself," said Christ. "My teaching is not mine but his that sent me" (John 7:16 and 8:28). The missionary cannot depend on the wisdom of man or the researches of science for his Gospel. His truth must come direct from God.

5. Honor not to self but to God. "I seek not mine own glory" (John 8:50). So medals, degrees, wealth, fame, count nothing for the God-sent missionary; all honors belong to the Father.

6. Fruit-bearing through self-sacrifice. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). This is the true way to be glorified. Death to the missionary living in the will of God means only greater harvests for the Master.

7. Separation from evil. "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me" (John 14:30). The Greek contains a doubly emphatic negative "absolutely nothing." There is no reserved territory, no right of way for the evil one in the heart of Christ, and those who follow him are in the world but not of it. They can not be longing for the fleshpots of Egypt while they are conquering the promised land.

Here we have seven ideals for the true Christian missionary.

1. Employed from the beginning in the Father's business.
2. A copartner with God.
3. God's will the law of life.
4. Dependence on God's Word for his message of truth.
5. Seeking only the glory of God.
6. Self-sacrifice accepted as the pathway to success.
7. Entire severance from evil.

—From *Missionary Review*.

Behavior in the House of God

"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:14, 15.

To the humble believing child of God the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven. The songs of praise, the prayer, the words spoken by Christ's representatives are God's ap-

pointed agencies to prepare a people for the church above, for that loftier worship into which there can enter nothing that defileth. Then how important it should be that we heed the admonition of the apostle and learn how we ought to behave ourselves in the house of God.

There should be rules in regard to the time, the place, the manner of worshipping God. When we appoint an hour to meet to worship we ought to lay aside everything and be on time for the beginning of the first service, for we find God is exact in all of his work. Nothing that is sacred or pertains to the service of our Heavenly Father should be treated with carelessness.

When the worshippers enter the place of meeting they should do so with reverence, passing quietly to their seats not to indulge in common talking, whispering and laughing either before the meeting or afterward, which is very offensive to God. Piety and reverence should characterize the children of God at all times, and especially when they enter the house of God to praise his name.

If we have to wait a few moments before service after we enter the house let us seat ourselves quietly and let our hearts be turned to God in silent meditation, whispering to God the prayer of David found in Psalm 139, verses 23 and 24—"Search me O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me. And lead me in the way everlasting."

If when the people come into the house of God. They have genuine reverence for the Lord and bear in mind that they are in his presence there will be a sweet eloquence in silence. Whispering, laughing and talking may be all right in a business place but never in God's house. When we enter God's house silently and reverently with our hearts upturned to him we will be prepared to receive the message God has for us through his servants.

When the minister enters God's house it should be with dignified solemnity. He should bow down in silent prayer as soon as he enters the pulpit, and earnestly ask help from God. When the minister shows the due reverence for God in his house those of the congregation who fear God should bow their heads in silent prayer.

When the meeting is opened every knee should bow to God, and not simply the heads as is the custom in a great many congregations. All the services should be conducted in sol-

emn reverence to God, for we read "Holy and reverend is his name."

When the Word is spoken we should remember we are listening to the Voice of God through his servant. Sleep not for one instant because by sleeping you may lose the very word you most need, and the very word God has for you at the time. Again, it is very disrespectful to sit and sleep in God's house in time of service. Could the sleeper see the angels of God marking down their carelessness in God's presence they would be filled with shame. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares.

Parents, help your children to elevate the standard of Christianity in their young minds, teaching them to have the very highest regard for the house of God, and when they enter his house they will realize he is present.

When you enter the house of God take your children by your side and ever keep your eyes upon them, do not leave them to run at large over the room to whisper and laugh and talk and attract the attention of the church to them instead to the service. Parent should not only teach but command their children to show the respect due the house of God.

In the minds of many their is no sacred thought for the house of God, or his Holy Sabbath, for they attend church with the same clothing worn through the week, the men often not hesitating to wear their hats in the building.

There should be a radical change in this matter. Some of our ministers need to elevate their ideas to a higher plain and all should be taught to be neat and clean and orderly in their dress and manners in God's house. Unless correct ideas of true worship, and true reverence are impressed upon the people continually there will be a falling away from God and his truth and our service will be displeasing to the Lord. May God help us to indeed learn how to behave ourselves in the house of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

F. H. SEENEY

Elder W. C. White writes:

Recently I had a letter from Dr. Ruble, telling us that the year's work at Loma Linda has opened very encouragingly. There are sixty medical students in the four classes, and four more are expected. These are distributed as follows: Fourth year students, 7; third year students, 18; second year students, 17; Freshman, 18; with four more expected."

OHIO

The Harvest Ingathering

Realizing that an opportunity is afforded every church to raise their quota of fifteen-cents-a-week per member through the sale of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, the Cincinnati church has begun to work with a determination if possible to raise the amount they are falling short in the Sabbath-school and other donations. We started out last week to solicit, and Sabbath, October 12, we listened with much interest to the experience of each one who had been out soliciting. Donations have been received from nearly all classes, among which were three Catholic priests. Now and then we were turned down pretty hard, but we kept right at it and expect to keep it up until the end of the year. The amounts received by various ones ran from ten cents up to over twenty dollars, the sum total being \$69.72. We feel very much encouraged over the beginning that has been made and trust that before the end of December the Cincinnati church will have reached the full amount of their quota on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, if not more. We watch with interest the reports coming in from other churches.

W. W. MILLER

A Correction

In the Ohio Tithe list given last week the amount for Toledo, given as \$20.28; should read, \$51.15.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The general meeting at Erie was a great encouragement to the church there. Elders Underwood, Kneeland, Ashton, and West were present and, besides holding meetings, did a great deal of personal work in the homes of the members. Representatives from Albion, Meadville, Corry, Edinboro, Conneautville, Union City, and Waterford were in attendance.

The members of the Corry church greatly enjoyed the visit of Elders Underwood, Ashton, and Kneeland during the week.

Elder J. P. Gaede recently baptized six who had taken their stand to keep the commandments of God as the result of the work among the Germans of Pittsburg.

Three more precious souls have been baptized by Elder W. A. Westworth since camp-meeting who have united with the First Pittsburg church.

Miss Celestia Midkiff and Miss Anna Saxton have recently been added to the list of West Pennsylvania students at Mount Vernon College.

Miss Gladys Leland of Erie has entered the nurses' class at the Melrose Sanitarium. Miss Grace Leonard, also of Erie, is at the Hinsdale Sanitarium.

Mr. Harry J. Doolittle of Eldred, Pa., has gone to the Wabash Valley Sanitarium for an operation.

The general meeting at Warren is in progress this week. The meeting at Coudersport will be Oct. 17-20, at Altoona Oct. 25-27, at Pittsburg, North Side, Nov. 1-3.

Elder J. E. Veach reports that his health is improving. We hope he will soon be able to get in the field again.

Elder I. N. Williams has been holding some meetings at West Pike, where several are much interested.

Elder B. F. Kneeland went to Conneautville last week to look after the church property there.

Now is the time to push the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Use all the papers you have and get some more.

Beginning the Harvest Ingathering work is good; but it is still better to successfully finish it.

The general meeting at North Warren was attended by Elders R. A. Underwood, B. F. Kneeland, N. S. Ashton, J. W. Watt, and I. N. Williams. Excellent arrangements were made for the accommodation of the visitors. During the meeting four young people united with the North Warren church. One young lady was baptized on Sunday.

Elders J. W. Watt and I. N. Williams spent last Sabbath with the Corry church. Quarterly meeting was held. One young man was baptized and three were added to the church.

There was a meeting of the conference committee at North Warren, at which plans were laid for the winter's work.

The following assignment of laborers for the week of prayer has been made:—

I. N. Williams, Coudersport, Shinglehouse, and Port Allegheny; J. W. Watt, Bradford, Eldred, and Duke Center; W. W. Westworth, Pittsburg Number 1, Verona; J. P. Gaede, Allegheny German, Allegheny English, and Butler; A. N. Durrant, Pittsburg Number 2 and Midway; J. E. Veach, Six Mile Run, Huntingdon; G. L. West, Erie, Albion, Corry; B. F. Kneeland, Indiana, Johnstown, Greensburg; W. F. Schwartz, Altoona, Clearfield, Lock Haven; W. W. Williams, Corydon, North Warren; C. Meleen, Meadville, Kane, Oil City; V. O. Panches, Washington, Adah.

The general meeting at Altoona will be held at the church, corner of Sixth Ave., and Union St., Oct. 24-27. The first meeting will be held Thursday night, Oct. 24. A special invitation is given to all Sabbath-keepers in the Altoona district to attend this general meeting.

Meetings were held at Corydon and Bradford by the brethren on their way to Coudersport for the meeting there Oct. 17-20.

One brother was baptized at Coudersport last week by Elder W. F. Schwartz.

Brother E. E. Reed writes: Wm. Guthrie, five-year-old son of Sister Guthrie of the Washington, Pa., Church, went out Sunday, Oct. 6th with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs* and sold fifteen in a short time, receiving \$1.75. "A little child shall lead them."

WEST VIRGINIA

Temperance.

We all know that the whiskey traffic is one of the greatest curses of our land. The battle is now on in West Virginia for state-wide prohibition. Our churches are planning to circulate a large number of the Temperance *Instructor*, from now until the vote is taken in November.

Letters have been written to the churches asking them to put forth a strong effort to distribute as many Temperance *Instructors* as possible,

and in this way help to abolish from the state the "Monster Strong Drink." The distribution of the papers will let the people see where Seventh-day Adventists stand on the temperance question, and this work will break down prejudice, and give openings where the message may be given. All our people should take an active part in the work. Eternity alone will reveal the good that may be accomplished by the circulation of the literature.

I take this means of asking our isolated members to do what they can by ordering Temperance *Instructors* at once, and either distribute them, or donate them to the churches where they may be circulated.

Please send all orders to the West Virginia Conference, Fairmont, West Va., and state whether you want the papers sent to you, or to the churches for distribution.

F. H. ROBBINS.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHES AND OFFERINGS

AUGUST, 1912

	Tithes	Offerings
Berea.....	\$	\$
Clarksburg.....	1 60	
Charleston.....	76 17	15 70
Chester.....	10 12	2 75
Culloden.....		
Elm Grove, Wheeling.		
Fairmont.....		5 00
Kanawha.....	14 15	
Little Birch.....		
Martinsburg.....	15 30	
Mason City.....		
Morgantown.....	72 45	6 00
Moundsville.....	20 83	
Parkersburg.....	8 41	2 00
Walker.....	16 09	
Individuals.....	38 10	50
Totals.....	\$273 22	\$31 95

SEPTEMBER, 1912

	Tithes	Offerings
Berea.....	\$	\$
Clarksburg.....	2 00	
Charleston.....	73 65	26 11
Chester.....	22 60	90
Culloden.....	3 60	1 00
Elm Grove, Wheeling.	37 80	1 50
Fairmont.....	41 55	14 37
Kanawha.....	2 60	
Little Birch.....		
Martinsburg.....	37 84	
Mason City.....		
Morgantown.....	15 14	
Moundsville.....	6 00	
Parkersburg.....	44 00	3 22
Walker.....	22 70	
Individuals.....	14 40	15 40
Totals.....	\$323 88	\$62 50

J. S. BARROWS, Treas.

Martinsburg

On the last Sabbath of August two precious souls were baptized in the waters of a beautiful little stream that runs through the city. These together with seven others that were baptized a short time ago make nine in all that we have baptized since coming here.

On the 19th of Sept. meetings were commenced in a tent about two miles from the place where meetings were held last summer. The meetings started out nicely with a good attendance, and not withstanding the many rainy days, the interest has continued right along. We expect to be able to report new Sabbath-keepers soon.

It is the intention to organize a good substantial church here sometime in the near future.

The readers of the VISITOR will be interested to learn of the marriage, sometime since, of Joseph C. Paden and Lulu Kendall, both of Smithsburg, Md. Brother and Sister Paden are consecrated Christians, and they are planning to engage in the canvassing work in the North Carolina conference. We anticipate a bright future for them.

A series of meetings was held along in the summer at Marlowe, a village about twelve miles from Martinsburg. The Union church was granted for the meetings. From the beginning the attendance and interest was good. The interest was closed to go to the camp-meeting. There are a number of interested persons there that are expecting meeting to begin again and in a few weeks we are to begin a series of lectures there. We expect that some will accept the message.

The way is open at Martinsburg and vicinity for the Message.

JOHN F. STEELE

Notes

From Chester, where there is a thriving Sabbath-school of eight members, we receive eight dollars for the thirteenth Sabbath offering. This is a very good example for our other schools to follow. Several of our isolated members have sent in dollar donations for China. We know that the sacrificing ones will receive in return, such a blessing that there will not be room to receive it.

Brother Guy Corder writes; "The Lord has certainly blessed me during the past week. I received five orders

for 'Coming King' from one lady." Brother Corder desires an interest in your prayers that he may be faithful in living the life as taught us by Christ our example.

Dr. Nina Baierle has been quite ill during the past week. She is gaining slowly and we hope to see her out soon.

The temperance campaign now going on in the state affords untold opportunities for our people to cooperate with other temperance workers, in stamping out the liquor traffic in this state by faithfully scattering the temperance *Instructors* between now and November 5.

Elder F. H. Robbins baptized another precious soul at Morgantown last Sabbath. We are glad to hear of one more taking their stand for the truth.

Brother Barrows is away from the office this week delivering books for some of our students. So far he has delivered every book ordered.

SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES, ATTENTION! Try to form the habit of sending in your quarterly report immediately at the close of the quarter. It is easy to form the habit. The Lord wants his work done systematically. You are one of his workers. Send in your report *now*. Do not delay the office work by being tardy.

VIRGINIA

**VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS
SEPTEMBER, 1912**

Bethel.....	\$ 4 77
Buena Vista.....	2 45
Danville.....	9 35
Hamburg.....
Lynchburg.....	62 40
Mt. Williams.....
New Market.....
Newport News No. 1.....	112 27
Newport News No. 2.....	25 33
News Ferry.....	4 72
Norfolk.....	14 43
Portsmouth.....
Richmond.....	145 82
Richmond No. 2.....	29 75
Roanoke.....	3 23
Spencer.....
Stanley.....
Guinea Mills.....	9 89
Individuals.....	3 57

TOTAL..... \$ 427 98

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

Visit to Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, and Portsmouth

It was my privilege to visit the above named places during the past few days, and counsel with the brethren and sisters regarding the work in these places as well as to speak to them regarding the rapid progress of the work.

On my way to Norfolk I stopped at Newport News and met our workers there, Brethren Gordon and Gardner. They are planning an aggressive work for a portion of the city of Newport News. They will begin first by making some repairs on the little church building. We need a larger edifice and a better location than where our church is now located. I advised that only the necessary repairs be made at present, as we may wish to dispose of this property and secure something better.

As soon as we get our leaflets (Autumn Leaves Series) our workers at Newport News will begin a systematic distribution of these leaflets, visiting the people, searching out the sick and ministering to their necessities. At the same time public meetings will be held at our little church, and I look for good results.

I also stopped at Hampton and had the privilege of visiting, for a few minutes, with Brother J. E. Gardner, who is a member of our conference committee. Some matters of interest were considered.

It was a real pleasure to visit again our church at Norfolk. Brother Gordon accompanied me on this trip. As he is laboring in this part of the state, I thought it would be well for him to become acquainted with the churches in this locality. He conducted a very interesting review of the Sabbath-school lesson, which was enjoyed by all.

I believe the Norfolk church is making some real progress, and I look for brighter days for the work there. My talk to them was along the line of faithfulness in God's service and the rapid progress of the message. The testimonies born in the after meeting showed that a responsive chord had been touched. We left the brethren and sisters with renewed courage, to press on in the good work. The Norfolk church is also using the leaflets, and carrying forward an organized missionary work.

The little church at Portsmouth was much encouraged by our visit. After a short discourse the church members chose Brother Eekhout as elder of the church. He was ordained to this

office. Sister Eekhout was elected as deaconess. The ordinances were then celebrated and a social meeting followed, in which all took part. This church was greatly encouraged by the coming of Brother and Sister Eekhout. They have been without an elder for a long time, and the ordinances had not been celebrated for about two years; but this day brought new hope and courage to this little company. The brethren and sisters here are looking forward to the time when a strong, well organized aggressive work will be carried forward in this thickly populated territory.

I am sure this visit was a profitable one and of great encouragement to our people in this part of the conference, as well as a pleasure to me.

W. J. STONE.

News Notes

Elder D. E. Lindsey, who was located in Virginia for a few years has moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio.

The ordinances were celebrated at the First Richmond church last Sabbath. Elder Tindall officiated and seventy-two persons participated.

Brother Gordon writes that they are getting along nicely with the Harvest Ingathering campaign at Newport News.

The number attending the Wednesday night prayer and praise meeting at the First Richmond church averages from twenty-five to forty.

Three persons have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath at Newport News. This is reported by Brother L. O. Gordon.

The tithe report for September appears in this issue of the VISITOR. I hope this report will be read with interest and that every company will endeavor to increase the amount from month to month.

The enrollment at the church-school has reached twenty with prospects for several more students. The teacher, Sister Swan, is kept busy with all the grades necessary to accommodate this number of students.

Elder Tindall baptized two more persons after the regular preaching services at the First Richmond church

Sunday night, October 6. Others expect to be baptized later. The work is onward at Richmond.

The Second Sabbath Reading was taken up at the First Richmond church October 5, after which Elder Stone gave a talk upon the different mission fields and the rapid progress that is being made. We are sure that all enjoyed the services.

The Shenandoah Valley Training Academy put up 1,200 quarts of fruit during the vacation for the use of the school this year. Brother and Sister Smith have been working hard to make the coming year in the financial management of the school a success. Fifteen students are now enrolled.

Elder W. J. Stone spent Sabbath and Sunday Oct. 12 and 13 with the churches at Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Sister Lomax of New York City is spending several weeks in Richmond visiting friends.

Brother and Sister R. C. Gardner, who have been laboring in Richmond nearly a year left last Wednesday for Newport News to join Brother Gordon in a series of Gospel-medical meetings.

Brother R. C. Gardner joined Brother Gordon last week in his work at Newport News, and we hope to see a good work carried forward by the combined efforts of these brethren. Treatments will be given in the homes of the people, and health lectures will be given in connection with the gospel services.

Elder Stone was with the churches at Norfolk and Portsmouth last Sabbath and Sunday. The ordinances were celebrated at Portsmouth and an elder was chosen and ordained. It has been sometime since the Portsmouth church had an elder or celebrated the ordinances. This church is now in better working condition, and with other help that is expected to be given it, we hope to see several added to their number.

A Trip to the Country

On Sunday, October 6, Dr. Neff, Brother and Sister King, Sister Robertson, with my family visited Brother and Sister Pflugradt, twenty-five miles north of Richmond, near Doswell.

Brother Pflugradt was formerly secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Conference, and was encouraged to settle on the farm where he now lives, by Elder McReynolds, who was president of that conference, with the encouragement that he would join him in establishing an agricultural school where all who desired to come could do so; and if they had no money could work out their board and tuition.

After Brother Pflugradt had purchased this tract of 1,300 acres the help that was promised him failed to be forthcoming, and he has for two or three years been doing the best he could in conducting the farm, trusting that his fond hopes of seeing a school established there would yet be realized.

With proper management and little means there are, I consider, great possibilities to be realized in the way of an agricultural school at this place. But whether it will ever be possible to interest those who could render the needed assistance in means and management, is the question.

This tract of land is located from one half mile to three miles from the town of Doswell. There are two railroads running from Richmond to Doswell, and eighteen trains each day stop at Doswell.

The land is as good as the average land in Virginia, and raises fairly good crops. I think there are 2,500 or 3,000 fruit trees on the place. About 600 acres of the land are under cultivation.

There is a large brick house on the place and about fourteen other buildings including four cottages, barns, implement buildings, etc. All these are located on a rise of ground overlooking the farm, surrounded by shade trees, and the place could be made a beautiful location for an agricultural school.

If it is the Lord's will I hope Brother Pflugradt will yet see his hopes realized. He offered at one time to give 250 acres of this land where the buildings are located, for a school, and I think that his offer is still good if the proper parties will take hold of the enterprise.

We spent a pleasant day with Brother Pflugradt and family. They have recently united with the Richmond church.

W. J. STONE.

The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.—Garfield.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending October 11, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.		OK	5	39	57	86 50	6 00	92 50	
H. Smith, Pocahontas		DR	5	41	21	63 00	9 25	72 25	2 50
*Hazel Leach, Clay		PG	5	42	11	35 00	21 00	56 00	1 20
W. McElphatrk, Fayette Co.		DR	4	25	14	35 00	10 50	45 50	
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas		GC	5	41	9	28 00	5 50	33 50	2 50
Mrs. John Huff, Ohio Co.		HW	4	19		37 80		37 80	
Mrs. Lena Vance, Ohio Co.		HW				8 50		8 50	
Totals			28	213	112	\$263 80	\$52 25	\$346 05	\$6 20

West Pennsylvania Week Ending October 11, 1912

S. N. Brown, Pittsburg		OK	4	24	11	17 50	3 25	20 75	51 75
Wm. Burtnett, Center		GC	3	19	4	12 00	20	12 20	
A. Davies, Pittsburg		CK	5	35	20	34 00	7 35	41 35	16 85
E. French, Blair Co.		PPF	3	18	16	30 50	1 90	32 40	1 90
C. Guenter, Potter		BF	4	30	13	16 50	13 20	29 70	
F. Hall, Pittsburg		CK	5	34	16	25 50	4 50	30 00	3 40
W. House, Potter		CK	4	22	3	4 50	28 00	32 50	
I. Lawrence, Bedford		PPF	5	39	11	19 50	16 75	36 25	33 00
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.		BF	2	11	4	2 50	75	3 25	2 10
R. Morgan, Beaver Co.		BF	2	11	6	3 50	3 05	6 55	55
J. Perkins, Pittsburg		CK	5	22	10	16 00	1 75	17 75	7 50
J. Paden, Pittsburg		CK	5	31	19	31 00	3 75	34 75	31 00
Totals			47	297	133	\$213 00	\$84 45	\$297 45	\$148 05

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending October 11, 1912

G. Blinn, Monmouth		BR	5	43	22	67 00		67 00	
J. Rambo, Port Norris		CK	5	34	28	42 00	6 25	48 25	
R. D. Stagg, Lakewood		PPF	4	25	30	48 00	1 50	49 50	
G. G. Taylor, Lakewood		PPF	4	30	21	33 50	50	34 00	
A. S. Samuel, Newark		GA	6	45	60	26 25	1 80	28 05	25 05
P. Waer, Rockaway		BR	4	32	12	20 00	2 50	22 50	
*W. Schmidt, Westfield		GC	10	52	5	13 00	12 50	25 50	
Totals			38	261	178	\$249 75	\$25 05	\$274 80	\$25 05

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 11, 1912

F. Willruth, Scranton		CK		53	45	72 00	24 60	96 60	47 40
Mrs. M. Schmidt, Phila.		CK		9	5	8 00		8 00	
Daisy Ott, Montoursville		CK		21	3	5 00	1 60	6 60	47 25
Nora Gibbons, Reading		CK		24	2	3 00	60	3 60	
G. Unger, Lehigh Co.		DR		35	1	4 00	11 75	15 75	75
F. Williams, Reading		GC		15	8	12 00	75	12 75	
Lucy Dicks, Montoursville		GC		16			3 90	3 90	80
Belva Morris, Hanover		PG		52					265 00
R. Morris, Hanover		GC		52					90 00
Totals				257	64	\$104 00	\$43 20	\$147 20	\$451 20

Ohio, Week Ending October 11, 1912

J. Schick, Summit Co.		GC	4	26	7	19 00	19 75	38 75	
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.		BR	2	17	1	4 00	50	4 50	
J. Reichenbach		Mag.	3	20				32 00	
Totals			9	63	8	\$23 00	\$20 25	\$75 25	

Virginia, Week Ending October 4, 1912

C. E. Overstreet, Cambria		PPF		42	19	29 50	8 00	37 50	
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Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,108 75 Deliveries, \$630 50.

AT THE COLLEGE

The College Press has recently purchased \$87.96 worth of job type.

The work on the cement walks is progressing nicely. H. W. Obilson has the work in charge.

Mrs. B. F. Kneeland spent a few days visiting at the College.

Miss Celestia Midkiff and Miss Saxton enrolled last week. Both are from Pennsylvania.

Mrs. James Shultz is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mooy while they are away on a visit in Indiana and Illinois.

The chorus class now numbers 45.

N. C. Thornton, who has been connected with our West Indian Union Conference publishing house for the past three years, is now at the Nashville Sanitarium where he has undergone an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Thornton is with him.

In a recent letter from Japan, Brother Harry Benson, a former student of this school, expresses his desire to return here next year to complete the work necessary for a college degree.

College Press Again

We are pleased to note that orders are still coming in for bookmarks, the useful little article we are making for the purpose of raising means with which to improve our printing department equipment. Last week we received two orders for 100 bookmarks each. One of these orders came from a church in Western Pennsylvania which had already sent us an order for 100 some weeks ago: the other order was from one who has taken the agency to sell these bookmarks in Battle Creek.

We will be glad to correspond with anyone who would desire to take the agency for these bookmarks, and give them our special terms to agents. Here is an opportunity for someone to make something for their new church building.

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Liberty Magazine

I feel sure that you are well pleased with the "Catholic Federation" and "Sunday Mails" number of "Liberty," an advance copy of which was mailed you a few days ago for inspection.

A glance at the table of contents will surely convince every patriot that the seeds of despotism and religious intolerance are being sown by religious zealots in free America to-day.

The sinister efforts of the American Federation of Catholic Societies (p. 155) to curtail American free speech and free press, the recent enactment by Congress of a law closing post-offices on Sunday, and the proposed Sunday law for California are but a few of the many trumpet-calls summoning true citizens of every persuasion to the defense of religious liberty principles.

The resignation of Mr. Robert G. Valentine, U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the more recent decision of President Taft permitting over fifty nuns to retain their religious garb while on duty as teachers in government Indian Schools, emphasize the tremendous influence exerted by Rome in American politics to-day. Note, also, the hasty resignations of Rabbi Silverman, General King, and Major-General Sickles from the "Guardians of Liberty," under the fire of Rome. Truly these are times that test men's political souls!

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A. J. S. BOURDEAU,

Life and Health Agents

Under separate cover we are mailing you to-day a copy of the beautiful November number for inspection. Sorry this number was unavoidably delayed for a few days. But we are proud of its appearance and contents!

You can't imagine what a hard time I had to boil down the "House-to-House" canvass to its proper length. Every article that I left out was as good a selling point as any that I left in. I am sure that you will agree that this is a good seller.

I want you to do me a favor. The effort will take but a few moments of your time. Please start at least *one new agent* to selling this magazine during the next *four weeks*. Boys and girls, men and women, and old people report good success at this work. Start him or her out with five, ten, or twenty copies. *Thank you.*

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Yours for health principles,
A. J. S. BOURDEAU,

Thanksgiving Evening

Beautifully depicted on the front cover of the November *Signs of the Times* Magazine. A typical Thanksgiving picture. A real selling feature of this important number.

Its contents, too, are most timely. Appropriate for the season, and laden with messages of truth.

A few of the leading articles are,— "The Second Coming of Jesus," "Militarism versus the Peace Propaganda," Prof. W. G. Rine. Another of the striking articles from this writer. Present day affairs indicating the close of the age. A timely study for everyone.

"In Everything Give Thanks," by Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle. The first of a series for our Home Department. Our readers can count on the best in these articles.

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We wish to call special attention to the series of articles on "Our Foreign Population" which has been running in the columns of the *VISITOR* and the last of which is in the present number. The facts set forth in these articles by Elder O. A. Olsen, chairman of the American Foreign Department should awaken our people to the opportunities for foreign missionary work at our very doors.