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

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GENERAL MATTER

THANKSGIVING

Let misers count their dust—
Cheap wealth compared to mine,—
Health, happiness, and love,
Abundance for my nature's needs.
Ah! these great things
Are more than gold.

These call me to a thankful heart,
And, as I look,
I am o'erwhelmed with blessings
From the fountain of all good.

How shall I thank
The mighty Giver?
How shall I utter praise
Commendable?
Ah! my poor heart is weak
To understand or tell
The wondrous love that prompts
To all these blessings.

My poor self warmed, and clothed,
And fed; my soul redeemed;
My faith in God made strong;
My hope within the veil;
And I can see beyond the earth line—
Yes, see by faith the bliss eternal
That awaits the just.

Stint not thy praise to-day.
For this I pray,
That hearty thanks be given,
And anthems rise to heaven
In glad and grateful strains
Of gratitude,
On this Thanksgiving Day.

MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.

Mt. Vernon, O.

"The Card Plan"

A few weeks ago Prof. Butler told the readers of the VISITOR of the effort that was being made in behalf of Mt. Vernon College. For fear that some overlooked the article, will say that the Columbia Union Conference has had printed 6000 (six thousand) cards. The cards are in the form of an agreement. Each card represents one six-thousandth of the amount necessary to liquidate the total indebtedness of Mt. Vernon College.

Every card calls for \$5.00 on or before June 1st, 1913, to be paid towards the Missionary Educational Fund and this

will be applied in cancelling the indebtedness of the college. The amount received from the churches and conferences on the Quarter a Quarter Fund will also be applied in cancelling cards at the rate of \$5.00 per card until the full amount of the indebtedness is raised. Thereafter, the Quarter a Quarter Fund will go towards the building up of the educational work in each local conference. This plan was presented at the various camp-meetings during the camp-meeting season, and the brethren and sisters responded in a most encouraging manner. The brethren said that they enjoyed the thought that the total amount of the indebtedness is to be raised and this is the reason why they are donating so willingly and liberally.

The agreement is that the Columbia Union Conference committee is to keep the 6000 cards going until every card has been taken by some individual and 6000 promises are secured calling for \$5.00 each. This will total \$30,000.00. If the college is able to make anything above its operating expense, the surplus is to be applied on the indebtedness.

Every effort will be made to cancel the full indebtedness by the time of the next General Conference.

As soon as agreements are in hand covering the full amount, notice is to be given to the signers and then the same is to be paid within thirty days. A number are already paying the amount promised. This is enabling us to pay off some notes which are drawing interest and thus we are saving that much on the indebtedness.

To give you some idea as to the way the brethren feel, it is only necessary to quote from some of the letters that have come to our office. We will not be able to give quotations from each conference in this article, but in our next will include selections from other conferences not given:

NEW JERSEY

"I did not expect to be able to pay my pledge of \$25.00 for Mt. Vernon College in less than a year, but God has been gracious unto me and I can, in a few days, send you a check. I am deeply interested in our work and certainly will pray that the Lord will

give success in this effort to free our college from debt."

"Enclosed you will find the card you sent me signed. You may send me one more card. I have just sent the last dollar on my card. I hope you will get the debt cancelled by the time of the General Conference. I wish I had enough money to pay it all." (This sister herself is deeply in debt.)

A sister at the New Jersey meeting signed five cards for Mt. Vernon College and also subscribed \$25.00 toward the indebtedness of the New Jersey Conference. She says:—"Was glad to hear from you. When at camp-meeting I also subscribed \$25.00 on the conference debt of which amount I have sent them \$20.00. Since I came home, I earned this selling 'Glorious Appearing.' I did this on faith. It is the Lord's doings and he will care for his work. Enclosed you will find \$5.00. Praying the Lord to bless so I can send the rest in due time, I remain."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

"Enclosed find \$5.00, part of what I pledged at the camp-meeting. I am so glad to have a part in this. The Lord has blessed me and I would ask your prayers that I may continue my work that I may help in this way."

"Was very glad to receive your letter and the card yesterday. I will enclose \$10.00 and will try to get someone to take the other card."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

"I have not forgotten the pledge I made at camp-meeting. I signed two cards and brought two home with me. My mother has given me ten dollars for the two. Will be pleased to hear from you again and how the debt is being cancelled."

OHIO

"The card you sent me I disposed of to Brother ——. You will find the card enclosed; also the money for the same. You may send me one more card. I think I can get someone to take it. Praying the Lord to bless all the brethren and sisters in this effort, with true regards."

"Am enclosing a draft for \$25.00 in payment of my pledge. Am much pleased to hear that the debt of Mt.

Vernon College is really being lessened. Last Sabbath I presented the subject at our Sabbath School and promises were made to sign five cards. Am returning the one you sent signed and will you kindly send four more as soon as convenient?"

We trust our brethren and sisters throughout the Union will unite with us in prayer that the Lord's blessing will so rest upon each member in the Union as to enable them to take part in the lifting of this debt. You will notice that one of the sisters suggested that she would like to pay off the full indebtedness herself. It seems in our work the Lord is giving each individual the privilege of taking part and thus sharing in the blessing. If any one individual would pay the full amount, it would deprive so many of having a part; and when we think of the blessed work Mt. Vernon College is accomplishing in training workers for all parts of the home and foreign fields, workers who are gathering a harvest of souls, we cannot appreciate too fully the privilege of assisting in their training, and of sharing in the final reward. B. G. WILKINSON

Results Are in God's Hands

A discouraged minister had the following strange dream: He thought he was standing on the top of a great granite rock trying to break it with a pickaxe. Hour after hour he worked on with no result. At last he said: "It is useless; I will stop." Suddenly a man stood by him and asked: "Was not this task allotted you? And if so, why are you going to abandon it?" "My work is vain; I can make no impression on the granite." Then the stranger solemnly replied: "That is nothing to you. Your duty is to pick, whether the rock yields or no. The work is yours, the results are in other hands. Work on." In his dream he saw himself settling down again to his labour, and at his first blow the rock flew into hundreds of pieces. This is only a dream, but it proved a valuable and never forgotten lesson to the minister, and a means of comfort and cheer to his soul.

Most of us are so impatient as to result! How many mothers have been praying for wayward sons since the days when they held them in their arms, and the days and years have come and gone, and still no answer! Is God's ear heavy that He cannot hear?—No. Oh, petitioner at heaven's gate, lean hard upon the staff of promise: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,

bringing his sheaves with him." "Our duty is to scatter seed. Its germination and springing are not by the will of flesh nor by the will of man, but of God."

The other day I was talking with an earnest young man who has visited more than twelve thousand homes in a large Western city. In addition to the work of placing present truth literature in every one of them, he has, in many instances, conducted Bible studies. No visible results have yet appeared, but this young man goes eagerly on in his work, confidently expecting a harvest. It will come. God has promised.

Adoniram Judson wrought and prayed year after year with a consuming passion for souls, yet saw no one converted. Where was the fault? Nowhere. God was merely biding His time. At length the Pentecostal blessing came. There were thousands who began asking as with one voice: "What shall we do?" And the wilderness blossomed as the rose. Let us be patient. The harvest will ripen, but it may ripen on our graves. Our faith should be willing to have it so.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." John on Patmos saw golden vials full of odors, which he tells us were the prayers of saints. Not one of them is forgotten before God.—*Selected.*

The Present Crisis

We are facing a crisis. It is worse than useless to ignore this present situation. We are now reaping the result of a combination of influences which have been working for a half century and more. The weakening of confidence in the Holy Scriptures as the fruit of the higher criticism, and the consequent loss of the sense of moral obligation; the mad race for place, power, and plunder, and the free use of questionable methods in attaining the desired end; the larger inflow of the foreign population, which has not been assimilated and transformed by American ideals; and, last but not least, the determination of the Roman hierarchy to gain control of this country, or, as they express it, "to make America Catholic,"—this combination of conditions, tendencies, and struggles has wrought a startling change and introduced a new order of things. We recognize it as a crisis. Others look at it in the same way. An editorial in *America* (June 22, 1912) presents the situation and the remedy from

the Roman Catholic point of view. We quote:—

"Even the careless observer realizes that we have reached a crisis in our history. A tremendous change is taking place among us. A new spirit is sweeping over us, and there are pestilence and death in its breathing. The very foundations of government, of law, of order, of social and family life, are undermined. The sense of authority is dying away. . . .

"The best antidotes for all these evils are the principles deeply imbedded in the minds of the educated Catholic. He has in the vast armory at his command the weapons wherewith to fight. In science, in literature, in law, in the press, in the halls of Congress, in the professor's chair, on the judge's bench, he has the principles most needed to thwart the progress of false ideas, the checks necessary to block the advance of the destructive forces now sapping the protecting dikes and bulwarks of our national life. . . .

"In the hour of need, when others will fail, when neither their systems nor their character will be able to save a dying state, anxious eyes will be turned to the ranks of our trained and educated men. If their training has not been an idle pastime, if their opportunities have not been wasted, they should be able to furnish the leader for the need and the hour."

In marked contrast with this suggestion that deliverance from all our troubles will arise from a Roman Catholic quarter is the call for "a new Luther" who will lay bare the corruptions and machinations of Rome, and who will marshal and lead the forces of truth. This demand for a voice in the wilderness was made in a letter to the *Christian Herald* (July 10, 1912), which we reprint:—

"When Luther drove the last nail into his thesis on the door at Wittenberg, he struck a blow for religious freedom that sounded through the world. We need another Luther,—a strong, able, fearless leader of men, to fling out a challenge to that power which is plotting day and night, and employing all the agencies within human reach, to effect the religious conquest of this continent. We need a Luther to show Rome in her true colors as the misleader of men, the obstructor of divine truth, the falsifier of history, the enemy of every form of education, religious and secular, the arch-plotter of the ages. We need a Luther who will carry through this country, in the press and the pulpit, the might and power of a divine

mission to apprise men of the menace of Catholicism, which would take from them their birthright, supplant their independence with servitude to an alien power, proselytize their children, anathematize their marriage laws, and render illegitimate the progeny of every Protestant domestic union. It will be strange if, in the whole array of Protestant churchmen, there should not be found one man equal to the occasion and prepared for the emergency."

Both the Roman Catholic and the Protestant recognize the crying demand for a change from the present drift of events, and each suggests a remedy; but they call for the application of principles that are destructive of each other. The one declares that the educated Catholic "has the principles most needed to thwart the progress of false ideas," while the other recognizes "the menace of Catholicism," and believes that some Protestant leader will arise to lead the forces of another reformation.

Here is clear evidence of the irrepressible conflict between Catholicism and Protestantism. Their principles are irreconcilable. The triumph of the one means the downfall of the other. The Roman hierarchy has thrown down the gauntlet and announced its purpose to extinguish Protestantism in America. It has already entered upon the campaign with a fierce aggressiveness. This calls for a restatement of Protestant principles, and for such an interpretation of the prophecies of the Bible as will show the true nature of Romanism, and serve as a divine warning against it.

All true Protestants ought now to rally to the defense of the truth, and present a solid front against the efforts of the Roman hierarchy "to make America Catholic."—*Protestant Magazine*.

CHESAPEAKE

A Canvasser's Experience

At your request it gives me the greatest of pleasure to relate to you a few of my experiences while canvassing in the vicinity of Rock Hall on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Although we have a church in Rock Hall, I have found very little prejudice among the people, and what little I did find, the Lord has helped me to break down, and after explaining a few matters and having prayer with these dear people, I left them quite friendly and with a hearty invitation

to call upon them at any time.

One lady said to me after I had canvassed her, "You are an Adventist, are you not?" I said, "Yes, I have the honor to be a Seventh-day Adventist." She said, "Do you know, I love to hear those people preach, and I have prayed and wondered many times over the Sabbath, whether I ought to keep it or not. It has worried me quite a lot." I, of course, gave her all the encouragement I could, but could not stay long with her, but I invited her to the special meetings which will be held in Rock Hall from Nov. 14 to 19. This is only one of many instances.

One day I called upon the M. E. colored minister. He was not at home, but I was received very gladly by his wife and her first question to me was, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" I said, "I am, what made you ask me that question?" She said, "When I saw you approaching the house, I thought that you were either a preacher or a missionary and the Seventh-day Adventists are the only denomination I know of that visit the people so much, including the poor, and do a great missionary work."

She said, "I am almost an Adventist myself. I like the attitude of your people and I am doing all I can for your denomination, but being a minister's wife, I have to be very careful how I work." Naturally, these statements cheered my heart, and I asked her how her husband was toward us. She said, "He is wrapped up in it. We have a lot of your literature." To my surprise I found that they had "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," and they get the *Review* through one of our brethren, who often visits them. I must mention here that it is largely through this brother's efforts that these people are so interested.

I promised her I would be at their church the next evening. On my arrival, I found the church in darkness, and so I studied how I could utilize the time, until the church was opened, and having my instrument with me, the thought came to me, why not go to some house where there is an organ or a piano, and have a little music. So I made my way to a house nearby, and inquired if they knew of anyone in the neighborhood who had an organ and was directed to a house close by. I was invited in, and after introducing myself, I suggested that we have a little music, seeing that I had a few moments to spare. After playing several hymns, I introduced

my work, "Daniel and the Revelation," and secured an order for a \$3 binding, receiving the cash at the same time. I came away expressing my thanks to my Master in heaven, who has a care for the canvasser.

I made my way to the church, and there I was introduced to the minister, who is a well educated man. I found that he holds very favorably towards us as a people. He expressed his desire to help me all that he could, and he also stated that he would be most glad to meet any of our elders.

Mrs. Barritt and I have since spent an evening with them, and the lady said, "Mr. Barritt, we are almost persuaded." I ask for the prayers of the readers of the *VISITOR*, for these dear souls, that they may step out and help in the spreading of the third angel's message.

The brethren have treated me royally, and I have enjoyed my visits among them. I find my musical talent, a great help to me in my canvassing, and I have entered homes, where otherwise I could not have done so. It is my desire to use this talent for the Master. Satan often puts other opportunities in my pathway, but it is my daily prayer that I may be kept faithful and press onward in the work and finally have a home with the redeemed.

T. H. BARRITT.

"Before honor is humility."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

Sabbath, November 16, Elder F. H. Branch buried four precious souls with their Lord in baptism, father, mother, and their two children, son and daughter. There was rejoicing in the hearts of this man and his wife as they stood side by side in the water because the dear Lord had in his goodness brought them to see alike and be united in the same church. For many years they had been in separate churches different in faith. The Lord is blessing in the giving of the message among the colored people in this city. There are more calls for Bible readings than I can possibly fill, working night and day, late and early. Several of the members are conducting Bible studies and have a good interest, yet our united prayer is that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the field, to help gather the ripening grain.

The work at this time is encourag-

ing; four are keeping the Sabbath and expect soon to follow their Lord in baptism. One young man who has desired long to keep the commandments, but who could not see how he could make a living, made up his mind last Friday to trust it all with God, so Sabbath morning united with the church subject to baptism.

To the Lord be all the praise. Our place of meeting is now too small so we are seeking other quarters for the work. The church is busy with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, and is doing well. We are expecting large things of the Lord at this time. Pray for us. Yours in His service,

MRS. H. BRANCH.

Notes

Elder H. M. J. Richards, who was recommended at the late General Conference council to take the presidency of this conference, arrived in Philadelphia from Colorado on Friday Nov. 8, and is getting the affairs of the conference in hand. We are sure the brethren of Eastern Pennsylvania will welcome Elder Richards to our midst.

Elder and Mrs. W. H. Heckman left Philadelphia on the 14th inst. to visit relatives and friends in Michigan and Alabama, before taking up their duties in Florida, their new field of labor. We wish them God speed.

The general meeting held in Philadelphia for the three churches in the city on Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 15-17, was quite well attended, especially on Sabbath day and Sunday night, Elder Richards speaking on Friday night, and Elder Underwood and Prof. Wilkinson on Sabbath. On Sunday night Elder Underwood spoke to a well filled house on the subject of the "Signs of the Times," referring to the current events as the most striking indications of the nearness of the end.

Elder J. H. Schilling of New York, superintendent of the German work in the eastern states, made the office a call on Tuesday, the 19th.

Brother and Sister Harry F. Rhan called at the office on their way from Sayre, where they have been laboring in connection with the tent work the past summer and fall. They report an interesting company of new Sabbath-keepers at that place.

Baptism was administered by Elder

R. E. Harter on Sabbath, Nov. 16, in the West Philadelphia church, and five new members were admitted into the church.

Brother Fred A. Harter is looking after the interests of the North Philadelphia church since the departure of Elder C. S. Wiest for the Mississippi conference. ELLA M. TALMAGE

OHIO

Visiting Among the Churches of Ohio

Since last reporting in the VISITOR the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Conference, the writer has visited Cleveland, Mt. Vernon, and Columbus and had the privilege of meeting with these churches.

The meetings held from October 31 to November 3 with the church at Cleveland drew forth an excellent response from the members of this church and was well attended by people from the outside. Elder Patterson, who is acting as pastor of this city, co-operated heartily with me in endeavoring to hold a few public meetings. Not a great time was afforded to advertise in advance the meetings. Nevertheless, they grew in interest and in members. This is an excellent city in which to labor for the advancement of the truth. The people of Cleveland are industrious, prosperous, and progressive. They respond heartily to a vigorous and decided presentation of the message. The last Sunday evening we were pleased to note a large audience present and were informed that many outsiders were there who had not previously been in the public meetings. Nevertheless all of the public meetings, especially the Sunday night services regularly conducted by the pastor, we are told, were very well attended.

Sabbath afternoon, the writer had the pleasure of speaking to the brethren in the German church. Our German brethren in Cleveland regret very much the prospective departure of Elder Graf who has received an invitation to labor in Southern California. Later on in the afternoon I went to LaGrange and met with the church there that evening and the morning following. Aside from the excellent public and spiritual meetings which we had, the brethren responded quite heartily to the presentation of the needs of the College and subscribed to about forty cards or

\$200. This is a good beginning and Brother Patterson will continue the solicitation according to the general plan adopted by the Ohio Conference committee.

From Cleveland I went to Mt. Vernon where I visited the College on my way to Columbus. We are pleased to note the new repairs which have recently been given to the plant both within and without. A new cement sidewalk has been laid from the main building over the campus to meet the new walks which have been laid by property owners thus connecting the College with the street car line. The dining room has been very beautifully repaired so that it now has a bungalow appearance. A new floor of wood has been laid, new walls added, the pillars remodeled and the whole room given a complete color scheme by different shades of tinting. There is an excellent spirit among the students and the college department proper will turn out this year from six to eight graduates; while of course there will be a number of graduates from the other departments such as the academic, normal, and business.

From Mt. Vernon we went to Columbus, where we held a week's series of meetings with this church. The attendance of our brethren was good and the number from the outside kept steadily increasing until the last Sunday night the church was filled beyond its seating capacity. Sabbath morning the Lord came in and there was a deep seeking of God and a complete surrender on the part of many. On this same occasion we presented the card plan for liquidating the debt of the college and subscriptions were given to 43 cards or \$215. This amount was pledged just after a few words of explanation and within ten minutes time. Elder Olmsted will continue the solicitations and we hope to see from this church, as well as from all the others, an excellent response to the effort which now is being earnestly put forth to relieve our educational work. We were privileged again Sabbath to run down for a few hours to Mt. Vernon College and meet once more with the students. School work is progressing satisfactorily and all are looking forward to the week of prayer and the institute and convention which follow in the month of January.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Miss Bessie E. Acton is visiting the church schools in the southern part of the state.

A Pleasant Visit

With Mrs. Lindsey and Brother H. Cassell I visited the Waterford church last Sabbath. Thirty-one years ago last April Elder A. M. Mann baptized me in the creek, a few yards below the church. There was a strong company at that time. Some have gone to sleep in Jesus, others have grown weary by the way and gone over to the enemy, and others have moved to other fields, yet a remnant remains to hold the torch of truth aloft. Our venerable Brother Bisel, aged 83, still attends services. Brother Talmage is still among the living, but so sorely afflicted that he cannot meet with the little company.

A few more years and the gathering sound will be heard and the sleeping saints will come forth to immortality to be united with the faithful who remain. It was from literature sent me by friends from Waterford, that I learned the blessed third angel's message. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the quiet seed-sowing done by God's humble people.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Elder E. K. Slade made a business trip to Columbus last week.

Elder J. J. Marietta reports a good interest in the meetings which he is holding in the Mendon church in the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe formerly of Clyde are moving into their recently acquired home in Academia which will also be occupied by the family of Elder Shultz.

Nine members have been added to the Toledo church since camp meeting. Seven of these were by baptism, one upon profession of faith, and one by letter.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Our Sabbath-Schools

As the reports come in from our Sabbath-schools from quarter to quarter they fairly bristle with interest. It seems that each increase in offerings inspires a still greater spirit of liberality. Twenty of our schools show an increase over last quarter's gifts to missions, and seventeen increased their thirteenth Sabbath offering.

Three new schools will be added to

Report of West Pennsylvania Sabbath-Schools

QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 28, 1912

Church	Members	Att'd'ce	Don.	13th Sab.	Av. per Member
Adah	9	7	\$18 24	\$ 1 40	15
Albion	19	17	5 09	2 17	02
Allegheny 1	23	19	34 24	11 54	11
Allegheny 2	18	12	18 90	5 76	08
Altoona	45	25	11 50	3 14	02
Belle Vernon	5	2	1 50	20	02
Bradford	23	18	23 74	9 11	08
Burrows	20	13	1 50	35	005
Butler					
Carter Camp	7	5	4 66	1 83	05
Clearfield	23	18	11 02	2 73	03
Conference S. S.	20		19 65	6 53	07
Corry	13	12	7 75	3 03	05
Coudersport	31	25	32 27	4 55	08
Coleville	6	6	3 95	1 00	05
Dubois					
Edinboro			1 41		
Eldred	6	4	11 55	3 50	15
Erie	56	27	19 78	6 34	02
Huntingdon			3 87		
Indiana	31	28	7 99	72	02
Jimtown	35				
Johnstown	21	12	39 01	19 11	14
Meadville	12	8	11 80	4 36	07
Midway	22	5	1 90	15	005
Millport			4 00	30	
North Warren	23	14	15 29	3 95	05
Pittsburg 1	90	56	56 92	10 85	04
Pittsburg 2	26	19	10 84	3 80	03
Port Allegheny	10	9	5 37	1 89	04
Raymond	11	9	5 25	83	03
Ridgway	7	6	5 27	78	05
Six Mile Run	47	31	12 82	2 75	02
Somerset	8	6	1 38	1 38	01
Union City	6	4	2 59	70	03
Verona					
Washington	20	17	27 23	14 17	10
Willow Creek	5	5	3 68	65	05
Wrights					
Waterford	6	4	2 50	50	03
Camp-meeting			55 05		
Totals	726	460	519 89	138 33	05

our list this quarter. They are at Millport, Jimtown, and Dubois.

Brother Kimmel, who is canvassing in Somerset, has organized a school of eight members at that place.

Brother Joseph Konigsmacher, of Pittsburg, is taking charge of the Sabbath-school at Butler.

The leaflet to be used for the thirteenth Sabbath offering for the present quarter, Dec. 28, will soon be in the hands of our Sabbath-school officers. We hope that during the intervening weeks all our schools will

study carefully the needs of our mission schools in South America, and as the urgency of these calls press upon us let us even sacrifice that we may give substantial help to these needy schools which are training workers for a difficult and neglected field.

MRS. B. F. KNEELAND, Sec.

All should avail themselves to the fullest possible extent of the blessings and opportunities of the week of prayer. Remember that "Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence." Now, as never before, the people of God need the blessing

and power of the Holy Spirit.

Elder B. F. Kneeland spoke to the church at Johnstown last Sabbath.

Three more willing souls were baptized last Sabbath by Elder W. A. Westworth, and united with the First Pittsburg church.

The Sabbath school offerings reported by the schools in West Pennsylvania for the first quarter of 1912 was \$381.37, which was the largest amount ever received in one quarter. During the second quarter another record was established when the contributions reached \$460.61. But during the third quarter the offerings to missions mounted still higher, \$519.89 having been reported during the three months ending September 30. Shall we not help to bring the fourth quarter's donations to a still higher mark, and thus get nearer to our full share in support of the foreign missions?

Elder W. A. Westworth and Elder B. F. Kneeland are holding meetings at Adah this week.

Elder A. N. Durrant has been holding meetings at Bridgeville, where there are some interested ones.

The following is taken from the weekly letter of Brother J. A. Kimmel, one of our faithful canvassers: "It was raining hard one morning when I stopped at the home of a man whom I had been told was so close in money matters that I could not sell him anything. I was delayed there quite a while by the rain and had a chance to give him a good canvass, and took his order for a \$4.00 'Daniel and Revelation.' I then went to the home of a Mr. D., who had bought 'Past, Present, and Future' from me last spring. I found him all alive to what he had learned from the book. He said he had read it through three times, and some of it four times. He said he was glad I came around again as he wanted to get another book, 'The Great Controversy,' as he had read some quotations from that book in 'Past, Present, and Future,' and it had kept ringing in his ears to get that book." This is a good illustration of the good work that can be done by resident canvassers.

"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 15, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Swingle, Sayre		GC	8	65	6	16 00	32 00	48 00	
Grace Swingle, Sayre		CK	7	50	9	17 50	21 30	38 80	
S. Burkhardt, Waynesboro		CK	8	57	13	20 50	11 50	31 50	
M. Partington, Plymouth		BS	2	7			11 25	11 25	
Mrs. H. Gerhart Easton		BS	8	65			23 10	23 10	12 50
Stella Grube, Coopersburg		CK	2	17	10	12 50	1 50	14 00	
M. Diener, Allentown		BS	1	4			3 25	3 25	
M. Pierce, Phoenixville		CK	1	3	4	6 00	60	6 60	10
Harry Hale, Schuylkill		CK	8	40	13	16 50	2 70	19 20	
Edith Hale, Schuylkill		PG	5	15	4	13 00	50	13 50	
Laura Endy, Schuylkill		PG	4	24	3	9 00		9 00	
Lucy Dicks, Williamsport		CK	4	19	5	8 00	1 10	9 10	50
Daisy Ott, Williamsport		CK	4	18	4	6 00	4 35	10 35	
Mrs. M. Schmidt, Phila.		CK	1	2	2	3 00		3 00	3 00
Mark Hale, Schuylkill		CK		21	10	15 00	1 50	16 50	
Carl Pierce, Phoenixville		CK		5	8	13 00	30	13 30	30
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK		38	41	62 00	17 20	79 20	19 80
W. Dunkinson, Chambersburg		PG		25	4	13 00	3 80	16 80	4 75
Mrs. Dunkinson, Chambersburg		PG		17	5	17 00	3 75	20 75	1 00
J. Phillips, Scranton				40		43 00		43 00	31 00
R. Sterner, Lansdale		BS		39	16	12 00		12 00	
R. Towne, Chester Co.		GC		39	4	12 00	8 50	20 50	

Totals

619 161 \$315 00 \$147 70 \$462 70 \$108 95

West Pennsylvania Week Ending November 8, 1912

S. N. Brown, Pittsburg	CK	5	29	50	78 00	6 00	84 00	4 00
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	GC	5	45		38 75		38 75	13 75
E. French, Center Co.	PPF	2	14					57 00
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	BF	4	21	19	20 50	5 70	26 20	4 25
F. Hall, Pittsburg	CK	4	21	11	16 50	15 57	32 25	5 00
W. House, Potter	CK	5	31	8	21 20	27 15	48 35	43 30
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PPF	4	35	15	42 00		42 00	
*I. Lawrence, Bedford Co.	PPF	7	60	17	27 50	5 75	33 25	31 50
J. Paden, Pittsburg	CK	4	22	19	30 50	7 00	37 50	50
J. Perkins, Pittsburg	CK	5	25	9	14 50	4 25	18 75	75

Totals

44 296 144 \$214 25 \$67 65 \$341 90 \$116 75

Ohio, Week Ending November 15, 1912

*W. Sellers, Miami Co.	CK				44 00	52 10	96 10	
*F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	9	63	16	48 00	36 15	84 15	
*Jessie Sellers, Miami Co.						35 50	35 50	15 00
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	26	6	18 00	4 25	22 25	
Mary James, Ironton	CK	4	21	3	4 50	10 00	14 50	
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	32	4	12 00		12 00	81 00
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	36	7	10 50		10 50	115 05
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	3	10			3 00	3 00	
O. Hershberger, Clark Co.	GC	3	34					163 75

Totals

35 22 36 \$147 00 \$131 00 \$278 00 \$374 80

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending November 15, 1912

G. Blinn, Monmouth	BR	8	66	36	106 00		106 00	125 25
J. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	9	56	34	50 50	7 00	57 50	124 75
G. Holman, Fairton	PG							113 00
G. G. Taylor, Lakewood	PPF	2	13					107 00
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	12	68	149	77 00		77 00	46 75
Eva Morton, Gloucester Co.	GP	8	43	111	27 75		27 75	15 25
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	8	57	9	21 00	25	21 25	11 75
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC							17 70

Totals

47 303 341 \$282 25 \$7 25 \$289 50 \$561 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 15, 1912

G. Lawrence, Perryville, Md.	DR	3	29	2	4 00	5 35	9 35	53 50
*J. Jones, Storkton	GC	5	37	25	52 00	13 25	65 25	1 20
*D. Percy, Wycomico Co.	DA	7	52	56	56 00	10 75	66 75	
Mabel Davies, Salisbury, Md.	BF	3	17	17	17 00	1 00	18 00	1 50
Anna Seeney, Baltimore, Md.	BF	5	21	42	43 50	8 95	52 45	
*M. Pettibone, Baltimore Co.	PPF	10	61	43	37 75	8 50	46 25	
Totals		33	48	185	\$210 25	\$47 80	\$258 05	\$56 20

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 15, 1912

T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	4	31		36 00	18 50	54 50	
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	5	35	12	42 00	1 50	43 50	
Mrs. H. Smith, Pocahontas	HW	2	8	25	10 00	25	10 25	25
W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co.	DR							53 50
Hazel Leach, Braxton	PG	5	33	2	6 00	24 00	30 00	
Totals		16	107	79	\$94 00	\$44 25	\$138 25	\$53 75

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1262 75 Deliveries, \$1271 65.

WEST VIRGINIA

Notes

Elder F. E. Gibson is holding a series of meetings at St. Albans, West Va. In a letter he says, "We are having the best interest which I have seen for years. We have a crowded house every night and a very nice class of people attending." Let us all earnestly pray that a good number will take their stand for the truth at this place.

The interest at Fairmont is increasing. Elder Robbins was with us last Sabbath and we had a profitable season together. The meetings are being held at the Redman's Hall in Palatine.

Elder J. F. Steele is now holding meetings at Romney, West Va. He reports that the Lord is blessing the work there and hopes to see several take their stand for the Sabbath truth.

The church at Charleston has a good attendance this year, and is growing under the direction of Miss Jessie Snider.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering for the third quarter which is past is the largest ever given in this Conference. We hope that the offerings for the last thirteenth Sabbath of the year, which go to South America will exceed all past records and thus help to

bring our 15 cent-a-week fund up to the standard this year.

Now, before the holiday season begins, is a good time for all those who have copies of "Ministry of Healing" to dispose of them. As we are desirous of closing this campaign during the present year, we ask that all remittances on this fund be made as soon as possible.

Brother W. A. McElphatrick, one of our canvassers, reports having held two services at Little Birch, and one at Skyles, Webster County, with very good attendance.

VIRGINIA

Notes

Brother Gordon writes that they have begun meetings at Newport News, and that the outlook is encouraging. Pray for the prosperity of the work at Newport News.

It is not too late for any who may desire to join the school at the Shenandoah Valley Academy. One young man can be provided with work to pay his way through school if he applies at once.

Elder J. H. N. Tindall, wife, and child are spending a few weeks at his father's in Hartford City, Indiana. He writes that he hopes to return rested and refreshed from his vacation and prepared to take up active work again in the near future.

Nothing preventing, Elder Stone will spend next Sabbath and Sunday with the Bethel church.

Miss Myrtle Clark of Richmond, went to New Market week before last to attend school at the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Elder Stone and Dr. Neff went to New Market Nov. 7, returning Nov. 12. Meetings were held with the church on the Sabbath and Sunday night. A meeting of the school board was held Sunday and many important matters considered.

Elder C. M. Kinny, of Nashville, Tenn., has arrived at Danville, Va., and will do aggressive work at Danville, and visit the churches at Spencer and News Ferry each month. We look for good results from the efforts of this tried servant of the Lord.

Elder W. G. Kneeland has closed his meetings at Guinea Mills, and will now hold meetings at Stanley and Rileyville, continuing as long as the interest demands. A report will appear later giving an account of his meetings at Guinea Mills.

Some good reports have come to us regarding the work of the Harvest Ingathering Signs, but not all is being done, I fear, that should be, and while a definite time was set apart for this work, it was intended to keep up the effort until the close of the year. Let the good work go forward.

The members of the Virginia Conference Agency and the Conference Committee met at the Pflugratt farm near Doswell last week, Thursday, to consider a proposition made to establish a school on his farm. After looking over the farm a meeting was held, a report of which will appear later.

It has been decided by the General Conference to hold the week of prayer this year Dec. 7-14. The readings for each day are printed in the Review of Nov. 14. If any of our brethren are not supplied with a copy of this paper, and desire one, please drop a postal card to our Conference Office, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va., and it will be sent to you. I trust our church officers will at once begin to prepare for this week of prayer and endeavor to make it a real blessing to all our people.

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AT THE COLLEGE

Ingathering Day

It seemed fitting, since the Mt. Vernon College is represented in nearly all the mission fields by its students and graduates, that the faculty and students should engage in the general effort of soliciting funds for the support of foreign missions with the Harvest Ingathering Signs.

In accordance with this plan the College set apart November 13 for this work, dismissing school on that date, so as to allow teachers as well as students to engage in this campaign. Six hundred copies of the Signs were ordered, and arrived before that date.

During the exercises at chapel Friday, November 8, all that would engage in this work were extended an invitation to do so and there were sixty-four among the students and teachers that volunteered, twenty-eight ladies and thirty-four gentlemen. These were then arranged in bands of two, three, and four, and a leader selected for each band. In all there were twenty-three bands.

These bands all met together Tuesday evening, the day before starting out, to discuss plans for work and division of territory. Many helpful suggestions were offered by those who were experienced canvassers or who had previously worked with the Harvest Ingathering Signs. It seemed to be the general opinion of those present that it was best to first introduce ourselves to strangers in such a manner that there would be no question on the part of the donor as to our re-

liability and purpose. The solicitors cards were therefore signed by the president of the College each one being provided with one. The best method of obtaining funds was thought to be to interest the people in the needs of the natives in foreign lands and to portray before them something of the great work that we as a people are doing in nearly every country in the world, by a few facts well chosen and briefly told. It was also felt that little was ever accomplished by prolonged arguments with those that are opposed to our work but that it would be better to go on and cover more territory. In case any should express themselves as opposed to foreign missions and felt a burden for home missions, it was not thought out of the way to accept their offering for home missions and apply it to city work in this country.

This meeting proved to be very interesting and helpful. As a result of this meeting several more volunteered as members of bands and when the papers were distributed it became necessary for some bands to re-appportion their papers to have enough for all.

The prospects looked gloomy early in the day but the clouds soon disappeared and a pleasant forenoon followed. Practically every volunteer covered the territory assigned. Three fourths of the city of Mount Vernon, the surrounding country, and three of the neighboring towns were visited by teachers and members of the student body. No very large contributions were obtained but practically everyone received something and, while not all has come in that was promised, so far \$75.00 has been received. Something was received for nearly every paper handed out, and there were but few papers that were brought home.

All returned from their work of splendid courage feeling that it had been a blessed experience, and that it would remain as one of the pleasant memories of days spent in Mount Vernon College. Many most interesting experiences were related which witnessed to the work of the Spirit of Christ, and we must leave the results of this day's labor to be rightly and only truly known by Him that readeth and searcheth the hearts.

H. W. MILLER.

The finishing touches are being put on the cement walk connecting the College with the village cement walk newly laid to the street car line. The church furnished the cement and the

students, under the direction of Brother H. W. Chilson, did the work.

The dining hall also has become a most attractive place, its new wooden floor replacing the old cement, the unsightly pipes covered, new pillars replacing the old ones, the walks and ceiling being transformed into a thing of beauty by the decorator's brush in the hand of one of the students.

New dining chairs have been purchased, and a new sink and a specially built dish washing table and sink add to the convenience of those who perform the labor in the culinary department.

While year by year many badly needed improvements have been made, our people in the Columbia Union have reason for encouragement in the fact that by careful management the College is more than meeting its current expenses whereas some of our schools with double the attendance are getting deeper in debt each year.

Miss Bertha Crozier is the latest addition to the student body.

During chapel hour for several days Elder Butler has been conducting an instructive study of the Eastern question giving special attention to present developments and their significance.

Nov. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Butler welcomed to their home a little stranger, Dorothy Louise Fegley Butler. Mr. Butler is working in the Canadian Union Messenger Office at Port Hope, Ontario.

Prof. Otto M. John has purchased the Estep property, the second house north of the College.

In view of the plan of our pioneer missionary paper to give the Message every six months, which makes it an effective agency in enlightening and winning souls, the New York conference resolves "that we urge our people to use this paper in clubs for missionary work in churches, in sending to friends and acquaintances, and in opening new fields for protracted preaching efforts." A worthy example for every conference. The Signs does bring people into the Truth, and efforts that aid in placing it in the homes of the people are well directed.