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

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GENERAL MATTER

Holidays Unto God

Would it not be well for us to observe holidays unto God, when we could revive in our minds the memory of his dealing with us? Would it not be well to consider his past blessings, to remember the impressive warnings that have come home to our souls, so that we shall not forget God?

The world has many holidays, and men become engrossed with games, with horse-races, with gambling, smoking, and drinking. They show plainly under what banner they are standing. They make it evident that they do not stand under the banner of the Prince of life, but that the prince of darkness rules and controls them.

Shall not the people of God more frequently have holy convocations in which to thank God for his rich blessings? Shall we not find time in which to praise Christ for his rest, peace, and joy, and make manifest by daily thanksgiving that we appreciate the great sacrifice made in our behalf, that we may be partakers of the divine nature? Shall we not speak of the prospective rest in the paradise of God, and tell of the honor and glory in store for the servants of Jehovah? "My people shall dwell in a peaceful habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." We are homeward bound, seeking a better country, even a heavenly.

EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM

The world is full of excitement. Men act as though they had gone mad over low, cheap, unsatisfying things. How excited have I seen them over the result of a cricket match! I have seen the streets in Sydney densely crowded for blocks, and on inquiring what was the occasion of the excitement, was told that it was because some expert player of cricket had won the game. I felt disgusted. Why are not the chosen of God more enthusiastic? They are striving for an immortal crown, striving for a home where there will be no need of the light of the sun or

moon, or of lighted candle; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever. They will have a life that measures with the life of God; but the candle of the wicked shall be put out in ignominious darkness, and then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

THE HOLY WATCHER IN OUR SCHOOLS

Why should we not expect the Holy Watcher to come in our schools? Our youth are there to receive an education so that they may do all in their power to acquire a knowledge of the most high God, and to make him known as the only true God. They are there to learn how to present Christ as a sin-pardoning Saviour. They are there to gather up precious rays of light, in order that they may diffuse light again. They are there to show forth the loving kindness of the Lord, to speak of his glory, to sound forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Those who are faithful will be clothed with white robes, will have palms of victory in their hands, and will stand in the heavenly courts. "I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

Again and again the heavenly messenger has been sent to the school. When his presence has been acknowledged, the darkness has fled away, and the light has shone forth, and hearts have been drawn to God. The last words spoken by Christ to John were, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." When we respond to God, and say, "Lord, we come," then with joy will we draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Shall we not keep holy festivals unto God? Shall we not show that we

have some enthusiasm in his service? With the grand, ennobling theme of salvation before us, shall we be as cold as statues of marble? If men can become so excited over a match game of cricket, or a horse-race, or over foolish things that bring no good to any one, shall we be unmoved when the plan of salvation is unfolding before us? Let the school and the church henceforth have festivals of rejoicing unto the Lord.

I do not recommend pleasure parties where young people assemble together for mere amusement, to engage in cheap, nonsensical talk, and where loud, boisterous laughter is to be heard. I do not recommend this kind of gathering, where there is a letting down of dignity, and the scene is one of weakness and folly.

SATAN'S FASCINATIONS

Many times young men for whom heavenly intelligences have been waiting in order to number them as missionaries for God, are drawn into the gatherings for amusement, and are carried away with Satan's fascinations. Instead of being afraid to continue their association with girls whose depth of mind is easily measured, whose character is of a cheap order, they become enamoured of them, and enter into an engagement. Satan knows that if these young men enter into an engagement with cheap-minded, pleasure-loving, worldly-minded, irreligious young women, they will bind themselves to stumbling-blocks. Their usefulness will be largely crippled, if not utterly destroyed. Even if the young men themselves succeed in making an unreserved surrender to God, yet they will find that they are greatly crippled by being bound to an untrained, undisciplined, unchristlike wife who is dead to God, dead to piety, and dead to true holiness. Their lives will prove unsatisfying and unhappy.

Gatherings for amusement confuse faith, and make the motive mixed and uncertain. The Lord accepts no divided heart. He wants the whole man. He made all there is of man. He offered a complete sacrifice to redeem the body and soul of man. That which he requires of those whom he

has created and redeemed, is summed up in these words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. * * * Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." God will accept nothing less than this. —Mrs. E. G. White in *Recreation*.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, December 28th

Sabbath, December 28, is the time for the next thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken in all our Sabbath-schools. At the last council of the General Conference Committee, held in September, the following action was taken:

"Voted, That we request the Sabbath-schools to devote the offerings for the thirteenth Sabbath of the last quarter of 1912 to the needs of the training-schools for missionary workers at Canarero, Argentina, and at Pua, Chile, aiming at \$10,000 for these enterprises on that day, the overflow above this amount to be devoted to the general missionary work of the South American Union among the Spanish and Indian missions."

A leaflet has been prepared and sent out to all schools, setting forth the urgent needs of making better provision for the training of workers for this great "neglected continent." Some special articles will also be found in the *Review* from Brother J. W. Westphal, and others, in South America, concerning the dire straits in which they find themselves because of a lack of adequate facilities for their educational work. We hope these articles will be carefully read, also the leaflet; and that a most liberal offering will be made for our school work in that great and needy field.

South America is a continent of vast proportions, with a population of nearly fifty million. Here are found almost illimitable areas, where millions are fettered by the superstition and paganism of Roman Catholicism. Millions more are primitive pagans, or Indians, on whose ears the sound of the true gospel has not yet fallen. We have a message for all of these millions, to be given in the short time which remains before the Lord comes. The territory is almost twice as large as that of the United States. Steam and electric railroads are not so far advanced as in this country. Vast regions are covered by the Andes range of mountains, and whole republics must be explored by the evangel of the gospel on horse back.

It is a task of tremendous propor-

tions to carry the message to the millions here under such circumstances. The workers must be educated on the ground. It is for this purpose that the offering is to be given in our Sabbath-schools, December 28. Cannot each one do a little better than in any previous offering? By doing so we will cheer the hearts of the faithful workers in that field, who are struggling against great obstacles, and give the work of God much needed help.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

An Object Lesson

When appeals come to us to give of our means that the work of God in the earth be not hindered, we sometimes think we cannot make the sacrifice. But let us consider the great sacrifice that God has made that we might have a part in this glorious work.

That we may more fully understand this, he has given us an object lesson through Abraham, God subjecting him to the closest test which man was ever called to endure; and his life was to stand as an example of faith to succeeding generations.

After a long life of waiting for the promised son when Isaac was now a young man and was the joy of the fond parents, this command came from God, "Take now thy son, thine only son, Isaac, whom thou lovest, and offer him for a burnt offering." Gen. 22:2. "The loss of such a son by accident or disease would have been heartrending to the fond father, but he was commanded to shed the blood of that son with his own hand; it seemed to him a fearful impossibility." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 148. On the way to Mount Moriah side by side the father and son journeyed in silence. Abraham pondering his heavy secret, had no heart for words.

Finally Isaac said, "My father, behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Oh, what a test! Must he tell him now? No; not yet. "My son, God will provide himself a burnt offering."

After they arrived at the appointed place and had built an altar, Abraham with trembling voice unfolded to his son the divine message and we read, "And now the last words of love were spoken; the last tears are shed; the last embrace is given. The father lifts the knife to slay his son."

The sacrifice that Abraham was called to make stands only as a faint shadow of the real sacrifice God made in giving his son for us. Are we willing to make the smallest sacrifice for Him?

C. C. WEBSTER.

UNION

Progressives

We hear but little about "Progressives" since the results of last election are known, but there are Progressives of the right stamp connected with every cause. These are the individuals who bring success out of seeming destruction; who go forward in spite of obstacles retarding progress; who build substantially while others prophesy defeat; who rally the forces notwithstanding the scattering; and who, while seeing the hindrances and the clouds, are willing to join hands and see the cause brought to glorious triumph. The up-to-date "Progressives" are signing one or more cards for Mt. Vernon College. 2,343 votes at \$5.00 per vote were listed up to last week and I am glad to report 112 additional votes cast since then. I wonder what will be the results during the coming week. I sincerely hope a number will join the ranks.

Notice the good cheer voiced by some of the "Progressives" in the following letters:—

"Enclosed you will find card that I have signed for you. I also secured another signature and have been waiting to receive card to send in. I believe we still have another blank card. Will endeavor to get that one signed, too."

"I am signing my name to the card you sent me thus canceling another card and helping to raise the necessary amount to liquidate the college debt."

"I have paid every time the Mt. Vernon fund has been presented. I surely would like to see this debt off our hands. I will send you something just as soon as I can. With best wishes for success."

"Yours of the 18th received. My husband agreed to have the card sent in your name. He is not in the truth. I ask an interest in your prayers for him."

"I have paid my pledge which I made at camp-meeting and I am glad I am able to have another card signed. You will please find check enclosed as I received it. Wishing you success attended by many rich blessings."

"Enclosed please find check for \$100.00 for twenty of the college debt cards as I stated I would give at the camp-meeting. I spoke to the members in our home church about this important matter and secured four pledges each to one card. Please let me hear from you again."

We are glad to get such letters as

these for it inspires confidence that we are going to see our cause triumph by the time of next General Conference.

R. T. DOWSETT.

AT THE COLLEGE

More Ingathering Experiences

RELATED AT SABBATH EVENING
PRAYER MEETING

Mr. Holst: Not long after I reached my territory, I called at the home of a lady to whom some of our people had been giving Bible readings. She said that she had been just about persuaded that the seventh day is the Sabbath. She had a few questions to ask, which I explained as best I could. And I told her there is not a text in the Bible which gives a person the privilege of keeping the first day of the week. She said she would like to have some more Bible readings, but her husband opposed her, and so she said it was impossible to have them now, but I believe that lady will some day be a Seventh-day Adventist. She was interested in our work, and gave me a small donation, as she did not have very much.

Professor Pulver: I decided to go out in the country and visit those people living where the ministerial band held meetings two years ago. I remembered one man especially. I thought that he was an honest man, and that if he was convicted that anything was right, he would live up to it. So when I planned I was going out there, I began praying that the Lord would keep him at home that day. I found the man up in his apple orchard.

During the conversation, he told me that he did not understand the books of Daniel and Revelation, especially Revelation. He said, "I was reading it the other day, and it was about the same as so much Greek to me." I thought it would be a good opportunity to get him to read my book, "Daniel and the Revelation," and so I would be very glad to make a special trip over there if he would read it.

This afternoon, after dinner, I took my book and went over. I found him today picking apples, the same as the other day. I told him I had brought the book for him, and he said, "You go in the house and talk to my wife. She is a little bit prejudiced against you people." When I went in there, she was a little stronger in her statements. She had gone so far, after he had promised to read the book as to tell him to telephone over and tell me not to bring it. I got a chance finally

to read a little from the books of Daniel and Revelation in the Bible. I guess my visit lasted about an hour and a half. She had received some wrong ideas concerning us; and when she found out that we believe in baptism as strongly as they do, she felt differently. When I came away she had the book, and they were starting to read it.

Professor Hall: The first young man I canvassed felt in his right pocket, but could not find any money. However a little later he tried his left pocket, and it was full of money. I had a recent copy of Brother Roger's statistical report of our denomination, and when I was about half way through with my canvass, I would show the people the list of languages that we are working in, and a list of the publications we are publishing, and give them some idea of the work a little handful of people are doing. I told them we raise our own funds and carry on our own work with this exception.

Elder Shultz: I think perhaps one of the best experiences I had was with an undertaking firm. I explained our work to one of the members of the firm, and he asked me to call after he had had a chance to see his partner. So I promised that I would call this coming week. I think the donation will be something worth going after. He is the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here in the city, and is very anxious that I should come down and join the Y. M. C. A. and teach a Bible class. It would be a valuable opportunity to teach some truth, perhaps, to those who are in the Y. M. C. A.

One young man whom I knew I thought would have no interest in missions, but he was more interested than any of the others. He even indicated that he would like to sell his business and go to a foreign field himself. He asked me to call any time when the other member of the firm was in, and he would have a donation for me. I think that, when I get in all the donations, it will be more than I could afford to give.

Mr. Corder: At one place I found an old German man working at the typewriter. I told him about my work, and he asked me what I wanted. I said, "Whatever you would like to give." I was sorry afterwards that I did not tell him how much I wanted. I believe I could have got about five times as much.

I also met a lady who seemed to be an intelligent lady. She said she had never realized how much work Seventh-day Adventists were doing.

I believe I received much more good from my work than the people whom I visited. I was very much encouraged.

Professor Butler: I went to the bankers and business men in the city, and I found only two who did not give me a good donation. One of those said he would give something later. One of the bankers was a Baptist, and he said he did not know, he would think it over, and of course I knew what that meant.

Thursday night, December 5, despite the rain and mud, a packed house listened to the lecture on "South America" by Elder W. A. Spicer, who has just returned from a second tour of that neglected continent. In these Catholic countries God is working wonderfully with the handful of workers who are enduring hardships, and battling with prejudice, superstition, and the powers of darkness, and we believe that this soul-stirring message will result in a hearty response to the calls for men and means.

The church and school at Mount Vernon have been highly favored. Elder W. A. Spicer was with us during the first part of the week of prayer, and Elder R. A. Underwood during the latter portion, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in power. Some accepted Christ for the first time, backsliders were reclaimed, and the recounting of the experiences of the pioneers in the Advent movement, and the providences of God in mission fields, inspired all believers to a renewed consecration. A fire was kindled upon the altars of some hearts which will ere long be shedding its light in earth's remotest corners. The annual offering was \$250.

January 9-12, 1913, is the date for the Missionary Volunteer Institute at Mount Vernon. Elder Meade McGuire and other general workers will be present, and an invitation is extended to our people generally to attend.

Mr. Lloyd Swallen who was a student at the College in 1910-11 writes that he is now engaged in canvassing and expects to continue in that work from now on. He says, "I often think of the College and the days I spent there."

Most of the students plan to spend the Christmas vacation from Dec. 19 to 31 at their homes.

On Monday night, Dec. 16, a large and appreciative audience assembled in the College chapel, the occasion being the rendering of the sacred cantata "Saul" by the M. V. C. Choral Society.

Elder Harter of Philadelphia visited his son, Harold, at the College last week, joining in the closing services of the week of prayer.

The old worn out pump which kept the engine going twenty-four hours in the day to keep water in the tank has been replaced by a new Weinman pump which fills the tank in seven hours. Our engineer, Mr. Floyd Klopfenstein, with other students assisting, installed the new pump.

OHIO

A Clean Sheet for the New Year

With most successful business men it is a common practice to try to begin each new year with accounts settled and with as clean a page as possible.

In our obligations to the Lord's work it is most fitting to close the old year with all pledges paid up and with tithes all paid up to date. On the part of some too much slackness has been practiced in gospel finance. Recently an appeal came to us through the Lord's servant asking that all back tithes be brought to the Lord's treasury before the close of the year. That appeal applies well just now. During this period when our churches are seeking for a special blessing there are many who have held the tithes back and who can not stand right with God until such tithes are brought to the treasury. God's blessing will not be bestowed upon such but on the contrary the curse of robbery will remain. Let us square accounts with the Lord before the year closes.

Pledges on the \$300,000 fund should be paid if possible. As far as consistent all mission pledges should be paid during December. Of course there are some who may not be able to do this and there are some pledges that run into next year which are not due, but as far as consistent let old standing obligations be settled before December 31.

E. K. SLADE.

Elder Slade met with the Springfield church, Sabbath Dec. 7.

Why Stand Idle

As a new year is staring us in the face with its opportunities why not begin to lay plans to take up some definite line of work in the Lord's vineyard the first of the year. You know people are always making new resolutions the first of the year. Would you, my brother, my sister, accept the privilege of making a resolution like the following? I resolve, if the Lord is willing, to begin canvassing January 1, 1913, and by his help to go onward and upward until the work is finish.

The Lord poured out great blessings on Israel expecting to bless the world through them; but they selfishly retained all of these blessings for themselves; by so doing they robbed God of the service he required of them, and robbed their fellow men of the blessings and guidance that God intended for them to have through this people. What a solemn lesson it is in Israel's experience for us.

Elder Bigelow was with me a few days in the interest of the work in Ohio. We visited the Akron church Sabbath and Sunday, November 23 and 24. Nearly all the members, and some visitors were present. We had a splendid meeting. Elder Bigelow gave a stirring sermon on the publishing work, and demonstrated how to sell our magazines. The result was, the members took 200 magazines that we had on hand, and took 256 in club orders for six months. We had a similar meeting in Bowling Green the following Sabbath. Several there responded to the call; they took a club of 225 *Liberty*. I am sure the Lord will water the seed that has been sown.

I visited brother Lloyd Swallen of Canton and he said he has had a burden for the canvassing work for a long time, and is now going to start in. He will not get in full time this winter, but will as soon as spring comes. Brother and Sister W. O. Dean are now moving to Shelby County to take up the work there, with "Coming King" and the "Home Workers Books."

Let canvassing evangelists give themselves up to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Let them by persevering prayer take hold of the power which comes from God, trusting in him in living faith. His great and effectual influence will be with every true and faithful worker. H. F. KIRK,
230 Rose St., Springfield, O.

Miss Cora Gibson has taken up Bible work at Hamilton.

Columbus Young People's Society

For the past two years the Columbus Young People's Society have endeavored to show their gratitude for the past year's blessing by assisting those in need at Thanksgiving time. Our society is not a large one but each member is willing to work and so with substantial assistance from the older members of the church and the blessing of God upon our work, we are enabled to carry out our plans. This year each member of the church was visited by some member of the society and invited to send to the church anything in the line of food and clothing that could be secured. Everybody responded so liberally that we found it impossible to get everything to the church in baskets so we secured a wagon and two young ladies spent the greater part of a day gathering provisions from different parts of the city. We received several good donations from the outside. The largest one was seventy-five loaves of bread from a bakery. With such a large variety of food on hand we greatly enjoyed preparing the baskets. After a few hours work seventeen baskets were well filled with a generous supply of wholesome food and nuts for the children. One of our denominational papers was placed in each basket and a verse of scripture written on a little card with the name of the society. From the reports brought back by those who delivered the baskets, we believe that a number of homes were gladdened and a Thanksgiving dinner made possible by our visit. Words could not express the sincere gratitude of these needy ones but their tears helped us to realize what words could not.

While we were working for the poor we did not forget the aged and sick. Five baskets of fruit and nuts, four plants, and two bunches of cut flowers were sent to homes, hospitals, and the Old Ladies' Home. As little notes of thanks and words of appreciation reach us we believe their hearts were brightened by our little tokens of remembrance.

We are very much encouraged over the results of our work and are determined by the Lord's help to do more in the future.

GOLDIE E. HIXON.

Harvest Ingathering

Sunday evening, Nov. 17, was a time of rejoicing at Columbus as the children of our Sabbath-school and the friends of the cause met together to offer unto the Lord our tribute of thanksgiving for his blessings so

richly enjoyed during another year.

A large motto with the words, "Blessed be God who daily loadeth us with benefits, was placed upon the wall directly back of the rostrum, and underneath was a table loaded with God's bounties from the orchard. The platform was tastily decorated with palms and ferns presenting a pleasant sight to the eyes.

The hearts of old and young were encouraged in the service of God and were bound closer to one another and to God as songs of praise and thanksgiving and recitations were rendered by the children and youth calling the attention of all to God's goodness and mercies and the needs of the cause in the regions beyond.

To these calls a hearty response was given. The children had for several weeks been selling the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and the adults had been soliciting donations therefore joy filled their hearts as they came before the Lord not empty handed but with their offerings. The children gave \$17.00 and the older ones \$83.00 making \$100.00 in all.

For all these calls we are grateful to God, as the contributions are hastening the final ingathering of the fruit of the earth when the Lord of the harvest will send forth his angels to gather the wheat into his garner at which time "The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

This donation was a surprise to us all, as just recently another \$100.00 had been raised, but this is only a proof that the more we give unto the Lord the more he enables us to give. Old and young united in this effort and it is an evidence that "In union there is strength." IDA M. WALTERS

December 4, Elder Bidwell began a series of meetings in a schoolhouse near Woodsfield, Monroe county. The message has never been preached in this county, but three have accepted the truth through the canvassing done by Brother Harlie Forsythe and the Corder brothers.

The Cincinnati Enquirer recently published an account of the recovery of his sight by Elder Rupert formerly of Ohio but now in Oklahoma. Elder Rupert had been blind for years and his sight returned suddenly as the result of receiving an accidental blow in the eye. We hope the recovery will be permanent.

Akron

Elder I. G. Bigelow and Brother Kirk, our field canvassing agent, were with us over Sabbath and Sunday, November 22 and 23, in the interest of the book and magazine work. Elder Bigelow spoke to us Sabbath also Sunday night. His talks were timely and instructive. A number of magazines were sold. The church ordered 216 magazines to come monthly for six months. On Monday Elder Bigelow and Brother Kirk took a number of our people out and gave them a practical experience in canvassing for magazines. This was very helpful. May God ever bless those who scatter the printed page of the third angel's message. F. M. FAIRCHILD.

Mrs. E. K. Slade, who accompanied her husband on his recent trip to Michigan is spending a few weeks with relatives at Grand Ledge.

Please notice the November report of tithes and offerings of the Ohio Conference, as published elsewhere in the VISITOR. You will find in it much food for careful reflection. Then ask yourself if you have been doing all your duty in these very important matters.

We have just received a sample set of the Sabbath-school Memory Verse Cards for the first quarter of 1913, illustrating beautifully and appropriately Old Testament history, beginning at creation. They are excellent this quarter. Send your orders at once through the Conference Tract Society.

CHESAPEAKE

Smithburg, Md.

The Y. P. M. V. Society celebrated Thanksgiving, by following the example of the Mountain View Volunteer Society, by endeavoring to make a few of those less fortunate than themselves thankful. Large baskets of substantial foodstuff were prepared and sent to various needy families and individuals in the vicinity. Each basket contained copies of the *Signs of the Times Weekly*, the *Protestant*, the *Watchman*, and when there were children in the family, a copy of *Our Little Friend*. A card was placed in each basket, with compliments of the society, and the following text: "O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

Words can not express the gratitude

with which the baskets were received. Allow me to quote a few paragraphs from a card of thanks which I received from a poor widow woman. "God has surely directed your people in this matter, in being kind to the poor, and I hope he will reward you all in the next world, which is soon to be. I enjoy reading your books and papers which you sent me, and would be pleased to read some more of them if you have them to spare."

We are thankful for this opening, and are praying God that each individual that was the recipient of a basket this year will be rejoicing in the truth before another year rolls by. We ask all those who read this article, that they will remember the Missionary Volunteers of Smithburg, by seeking God in their behalf that they may at all times be found walking in the footsteps of their Master.

MRS. GRACE WOLFINGER, *Pres.*

Elder Seeney writes that several are ready for baptism in Wilmington where he is working for the colored people.

Elder Martin called at the office on his way to Cumberland where he will spend a few days looking after the interest there.

Elder T. L. Thuemler is working among the ministers of Baltimore city endeavoring to interest them in the *Protestant Magazine*. He has been appointed by the conference committee to canvass the ministers for their subscriptions to that valuable journal.

Elder Paap will make regular visits to Rock Hall where he will bind off the work begun by the general meetings recently held at that place.

Sister Emma S. Newcomer called at the conference office on her way to Wilmington where she will take up the Bible work. She will be associated with Elder R. H. Martin in the work in that city.

Elder R. T. Baer spent a recent Sabbath with the company at Glenburnie. The day was pleasant and a good number were present to enjoy the service.

Brother H. L. Peden, writes that he is located at 364 N. Mulberry St., Hagerstown. He says that the church work is moving along nicely and that a good spirit prevails.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Harrisburg

Sabbath, Nov. 9, it was my privilege to administer the ordinance of baptism to six adults here in Harrisburg.

The First Baptist Church very generously gave us the use of their place of worship for the service, and Elder Heckman preached a most interesting sermon on the ordinance.

The work goes very hard in this city, but we are reaching some hearts for which we praise God.

Five other adults are at this writing awaiting baptism, several others are keeping the Sabbath, and quite a number are much interested.

Dr. Wurts is having some very trying experiences in her Bible work here, but she is of good courage and full of hope. One of her readers has taken her stand for the truth.

This is a hard field therefore a most needy one. Readers, in your secret devotions, and around the family altar, please remember the work and the workers in Harrisburg.

A. R. BELL.

NEW JERSEY

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1913 is now ready—price 5 cents per copy. Order your copy now, so that you may have it to begin the new year. The Calendar contains 365 Bible texts—precious promises that have been gathered from workers in various parts of the field, one of these to be read each day. This year's Calendar has some special additional features: a year's diary for missionary work done, universal sunset calendar, appropriate poetical selections, etc.

Announcement is made that the regular General Conference Bulletin will again be published, and that those who desire to receive it for the session of the General Conference to be held in the spring of 1913, should send in their orders early, so that the list of subscribers can be properly arranged.

Send all orders to the New Jersey Tract Society, 1109 Division St., Trenton, N. J.

Every penny used unnecessarily deprives the spender of a precious opportunity of doing good. It is robbing God of the honor and glory which should flow back to him through the improvement of His entrusted talents.—Mrs. E. G. White.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 7, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Mark Hale, Schuylkill Co.		OK	3	18	9	31 00	5 25	36 25	60
Harry Hale, Schuylkill Co.		OK	2	12	2	6 00	2 45	8 45	20
G. Swingle, Bradford Co.		GC	4	29	8	18 00	2 25	20 25	25 50
R. Towne, Chester Co.		GC	4	17	4	12 00	6 10	18 10	
*F. Willruth, Lackawana		OK	7	30	25	41 50	13 90	55 40	16 35
Edith Pierce, Phoenixville		OK	4	10	10	16 50	50	17 00	
J. Pyle, Chester Co.		OK	5	24	3	4 50	10	4 60	
Stella Grube, Lehigh Co.		OK	2	11	1	1 50	2 85	4 35	
Mrs. Mark Hale, Pottsville		PG	3	15	4	13 00	2 90	15 90	90
W. Dunkinson, Franklin		PG	3	18	3	9 00	3 75	12 75	
Mrs. Dunkinson, Franklin		PG	2	6			1 50	1 50	5 00
*Mrs. S. Mack, Scranton								37 55	
M. Partington, Plymouth		BS		5				29 00	
Mary Diener, Allentown				9				7 35	
R. Sterner, Perkasio				29				4 25	
G. Hawthorne, Chester								4 75	
†Mrs. Haller				354				35 40	35 40
Totals			39	223	423	\$153 00	\$41 55	\$312 85	\$83 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 6, 1912

S. N. Brown, Pittsburg	OK	5	18					60 00	
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	GC	4	34		18 70		18 70	8 70	
*A. Davies, Pittsburg	OK	9	49	25	37 00	6 50	43 50	42 12	
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	BF	3	19	10	11 00	2 85	13 85	1 85	
F. Hall, Pittsburg	OK	5	23	11	16 50	6 35	22 58	4 50	
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PPF	3	28	15	37 00	1 50	38 50	1 50	
I. Lawrence, Bedford Co.	PPF	4	32	21	36 00	7 50	43 50	15 25	
R. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	2	12	11	3 50	5 25	8 75	30	
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	4	31	10	10 50	9 75	20 25	20	
J. Perkins, Pittsburg	OK	4	21	17	26 00	1 25	27 25	1 50	
J. Paden, Pittsburg	OK	5	27	15	24 50	7 25	31 75	10 75	
E. Rogers, Fulton	OK	4	30	7	10 50	4 00	14 50	1 10	
Totals		52	324	142	\$231 20	\$52 20	\$283 40	\$155 80	

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending December 6, 1912

J. Rambo, Camden	OK	5	27	45	67 00	6 50	73 50	1 00	
*G. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR	10	81	22	69 00		69 00	132 00	
*A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	11	73	181	78 50	6 00	84 50	44 25	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	5	27	3	7 00	6 10	13 10	3 00	
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	4	22	9	11 00	5 50	16 50	1 50	
A. Waer, Whippany	BR	1	8	2	2 00	50	2 50		
Totals		36	238	262	\$234 50	\$24 60	\$259 10	\$181 75	

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 6, 1912

T. Barritt, Kent Co.	OK	2	12	12	19 00	4 20	33 20		
J. Jones, Worcester Co.	GC	5	38	16	28 00	2 10	30 10		
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	4	29	13	31 00	75	31 75		
M. Pettibone, Hartford Co.	PPF	5	30	48	86 00	9 25	95 25		
R. Urkums, Frederick Md.	PPF	9	50	40	60 00	2 25	62 25		
Alma Hohensee, Baltimore,	Mag.	2	5	44	4 40		4 40		
Totals		27	164	173	\$228 40	\$18 55	\$246 95		

West Virginia, Week Ending December 6, 1912

Mrs. John Huff, Elm Grove								200 00	
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	4	33					170 00	
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	5	37	9	31 00	5 50	36 50		
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas	DR	4	21					31 00	
Hazel Leach, Braxton	PG	5	30	4	12 00	6 75	18 75		
Totals		18	121	13	\$43 00	\$12 25	\$55 25	\$401 00	

Ohio, Week Ending December 6, 1912

L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	OK	5	36	21	34 50	3 50	38 00
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	35	9	27 00	1 50	28 50
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3					16 95
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	3		9 00	2 00	11 00
L. Swallen, Stark Co.	OK	2	3		5 00	5 50	10 50
Mrs. R. Wilson, Hamilton		4				8 20	8 20
M. Grubb, Paulding Co.	GC	4				6 40	6 40
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	3	13	2	6 00	2 00	8 00
Lillian Keyler, Cincinnati	OK	2	2	1	2 00		2 00

Totals 32 149 39 \$83 50 \$29 10 \$129 55

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending December 6, 1912

W. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF	21	3	4 50	4 50	17 50
Mrs. Eekhout, Norfolk		32				17 95

Totals 53 3 \$4 50 \$4 50 35 45

*Two weeks.

†Three months.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1291 60 Deliveries, \$857 95.

VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

OCTOBER, 1912

Bethel.....	\$ 10 04
Buena Vista	
Danville	1 80
Hamburg.....	
Lynchburg.....	31 81
Mt. Williams.....	10 00
New Market.....	170 93
Newport News No. 1.....	
Newport News No. 2.....	5 39
News Ferry.....	5 07
Norfolk	15 23
Portsmouth.....	19 40
Richmond No. 1.....	149 28
Richmond No. 2.....	41 58
Roanoke.....	
Spencer.....	
Stanley.....	32 68
Guinea Mills.....	
Rileyville.....	
Individuals.....	3 78

TOTAL..... \$ 496 99

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OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER 1912

Akron.....	\$ 227 42
Alliance.....	32 03
*Barnesville.....	
Bellefontaine.....	43 10
Bellville	
*Broughton.....	
Bowling Green.....	
Camden	19 81
Canaan.....	25 77
Canton	109 51
Chagrin Falls	35 48
Charloe.....	
Chillicothe.....	1 78

Cincinnati	
Cleveland.....	218 78
Cleveland German.....	83 07
Clyde.....	44 05
Columbus	292 33
Columbus S. D. A. Mission	
*Conant	
Conneaut.....	5 75
Corsica.....	
Coshocton.....	95 80
Cygnets.....	
Dayton.....	
Defiance.....	5 50
Delaware	
Delta	
Derwent.....	4 70
Dowling.....	
Dunkirk.....	
East Liverpool	11 35
Elgin.....	
Findlay.....	13 17
Greenspring.....	
*Gilboa.....	
Hamler.....	
Hamilton	63 62
Hicksville.....	29 05
*Jackson.....	
Jefferson.....	
Killbuck.....	18 99
LaGrange.....	
*Lakeville.....	38 00
Lakeview	
Laura.....	10 37
Leesburg.....	
Liberty Center.....	12 30
Lima.....	
Locust Point.....	
Mansfield.....	48 41
Marion.....	39 41
Marshfield.....	20 00
Massillon.....	
Medina.....	
Mendon.....	
Middlefield.....	
Mount Vernon	349 81

Newark.....	32 30
Norwalk.....	
New Philadelphia.....	32 39
Ohio City.....	3 30
Pemberville.....	
Piqua.....	26 28
Pleasant Hill	11 61
Powell.....	
Ravenna.....	73 90
*Reedsville.....	
Rows.....	
Sherwood.....	
Spencer.....	
Springfield.....	72 32
Toledo	111 73
Troy.....	24 98
Van Wert.....	8 80
Walnut Grove.....	
Washington C. H.....	114 46
Waterford.....	
Wengerlawn.....	7 00
Wilmington	18 85
*Wooster.....	
*West Mansfield.....	
Wheelersburg.....	15 00
Youngstown	84 05
Zanesville	29 36
Individuals.....	11 58

TOTAL..... \$2,577 27

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe.....	\$2,577 27
Tract Society	1192 01
Sabbath-school Donations.....	396 98
First Day Offerings.....	147 25
Missions.....	235 43
Mission Signs.....	275 44
Annual Offerings	17 70
Midsummer Offering.....	2 94
Native Worker China	5 00
\$300,000 Fund.....	53 50
S. S. D. China	22 59
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	54 13
Religious Liberty	1 46
Colored Work	36 89
Sterling Lantern Fund.....	
Orphans and Aged.....	30
T. & H. Collections.....	32 40

TOTAL..... \$5,051 29

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This number completes the 1912 volume of the VISITOR. The next issue will be dated January 1, 1913.

In view of the danger that the blessings of the week of prayer will be lost during the holiday festivities we call special attention to the article in this issue from the pamphlet "Recreation" by Mrs. E. G. White. This pamphlet can be obtained of your tract society for ten cents.

Up to Nov. 29 the Columbia Union had ordered 71,668 Ingathering Signs as against 70,251 during the 1911 campaign. The Pacific Union ranks second with 64,897 ordered. Ohio leads in the Union with an order of 15,406, the Chesapeake Conference following closely with 14,555.

Awake, Thou That Sleepest!

In its issue of November 13, the *Christian Herald*, under the heading, "General Notes," says:—

The subject of the "Second Coming of Christ" is attracting much attention both in England and in this country, especially in view of the threatened dismemberment of Turkey in Europe. Recently a Sunday was set apart by the Ministerial Union at Denver, (Colo.), when twelve ministers preached upon the subject from a Scriptural point of view. The movement is attracting general interest, the churches were crowded and the next day the newspapers devoted whole pages to the subject: A similar concerted gathering took place in London, Eng., a short time ago.

This illustrates in a small way how quickly this message can be brought to the attention of the world when God fully sets his hand to finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

While the world is becoming aroused is it not high time that we, who profess to believe that the end of all things is at hand, should arouse from our lethargy and consecrate ourselves and our all to the giving of the message during the little time that remains.

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OBITUARY

OSBORN.—George Osborn, Jr., was born August 3, 1882, and died Dec. 1, 1912, aged 30 years, 3 months, and 29 days. He leaves to mourn his wife, father, aged grandmother, and many relatives and friends. One misfortune after another seemed to overtake Mr. Osborn. He was nearly drowned in a cistern when a child of two, his mother died when he was five, and he lost a leg in a street car accident at eleven. He was a man of honesty and integrity. His sobriety gave him good social standing, and his place will be greatly missed both in the home and office. His unexpected death came as a shock, but we cast our burden on the Lord and look to him for comfort and divine strength. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Ps. 102:11,12. Burial in Green Lawn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

RHODES.—William S. Rhodes was born Sept. 1, 1879, in Sugar Grove, Ohio, and died Dec. 8, 1912, in Columbus, Ohio, aged 33 years, 3 months, and 7 days. For the past three years Brother Rhodes has been afflicted with tuberculosis. He was resigned, however, and died in full hope of having a part in the first resurrection. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Watrousville, Michigan. He still attended church service after he was too weak to walk unassisted, and enjoyed the blessings and promises of God. He leaves to mourn his early death his wife, father, mother, sister, and other relatives and friends, but they mourn not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by the writer; text I Cor. 15:21. Burial in Green Lawn.

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SIMS.—Died at Rock Hall, Maryland, November 4, 1912. Sister Clara E. Sims, age 28 years and 19 days. She was born in Rock Hall, Kent County, Maryland, October 15, 1884. Sister Sims was converted at the tender age of 15 and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rock Hall. She was a very active and faithful church worker being especially interested in the Sabbath School and also a member of the Normal class. Sister Sims possessed most excellent qualities. She was a sincere Christian and her daily life testified to her loyalty to her Saviour in whom she trusted. She was a kind wife and a loving mother, and all that loving hands could do she did for her family. A husband, four children, a father and mother, two sisters and one brother, and a large circle of relatives and friends mourn their loss. A large and appreciative congregation was present at the funeral service held in the Seventh-day Adventist at Rock Hall, Md., on Tuesday, November 5. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 11.

ROSCOE T. BAER.