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NEW YEAR'S REVERIE

Another year is past,
And what have I
Built in the temple of my life?
Has it been only wood and straw,
Or have I built
A stronger work to stand the strife,
A building molded by thy law?

What I have built is built.
If good or ill,
Fore'er it must unchanged stand.
As I have sown, I needs must reap;
It must be so.
A witness to my erring hand
The record stands my deeds to keep.

A new year comes to me,
A white page waits.
With blots it may be marred, or I
May trace a truer record there.

What will I write?
For, when the years have all passed by,
I fain would have a record fair.

JANETTE L. BIDWELL.

Mt. Vernon College.

"The Open Door Policy"

Considerable is being said through the press and otherwise about how the incoming president will keep "open door" at the White House, and much speculation is indulged in as to how he will be able to manage the affair. The up-to-date Mt. Vernon College progressives have the "open door policy" sure enough. No one will be excluded. The only requisite is willingness to sign one or more cards at \$5.00 per card which, when paid, will help liquidate the indebtedness of the college.

The Board of Managers, not having a crowd of followers similar to the one going Mr. Wilson's way, will treat all who come with due respect. I feel confident there will come no "office seeker," but there will come card seekers, as happened only a short time ago. A dear brother came to our door waiting to know "Where can I get one of those cards for Mount

Vernon College? I feel I want a part in that good work. It is an excellent plan." I assure you he was treated rightly and soon his name was signed to card No. 2014. When leaving, said he: "I will see how next month goes. I may want another card."

We are planning on closing the door June 1st, 1913. As the progressives come, we will gradually close the door until we can squeeze through the last card only; then the door will be closed never to open again we hope.

We expected to have covered one-half of the indebtedness by New Year's Day but we have fallen short. We will need to make a little more speed during the first six months of the new year in order to reach the terminus on schedule time June 1st.

R. T. DOWSETT.

General Meetings

As recommended by the General Conference Council I have spent the last three months laboring in the Columbia Union Conference. In company with Elder Kneeland and others I attended meetings in West Pennsylvania at Erie, Corry, North Warren, Altoona, Huntington, Johnstown, and Pittsburg. In East Pennsylvania in company with Elders Richards and Harter I attended general meetings at Philadelphia, Reading, Fleetwood, Allentown, Fairhill, Wilkes Barre, Scranton, Lake Ariel, Hawley, and Sayre.

These meetings were a blessing and encouragement to our own people, and in a number of the places a good attendance and interest were manifested by the general public.

It was a pleasure to meet old friends and many I had baptized years ago as well as many new faces.

Various lines of missionary effort bearing upon the times and foreign work were brought to the attention of the believers. The evening services were devoted largely to presenting the current events, as marked signs of the end. Many renewed their consecration to the cause of Christ, and some began the Christian's life for the first time. Over one thousand dollars was received in cash and

pledges for Mt. Vernon College.

I had expected to visit more places in East Pennsylvania, but I was called to go to Mt. Vernon College to spend the last four days of the week of prayer, hence I was disappointed in not meeting some in East Pennsylvania.

Mt. Vernon College enjoyed the labors of Elder Spicer during the first three or four days of the week of prayer. On reaching the College about midweek I found an excellent spirit present in the meetings. This continued and deepened till the close of the week of prayer. Many consecrated themselves to God and his work and a number made a start in the service of God for the first time. Elder R. E. Harter was with us on the last Sabbath and took part in the service, and spoke on the Eastern Question evening after the Sabbath in the college. He also spoke in the city on the same subject the following Wednesday evening.

The annual offering on the Sabbath was over \$250.00.

On Monday evening, Dec. 16th, the College gave a musical entertainment, or chorus of forty voices, upon the cantata, "Saul", led by Miss Grace Taylor, which showed that most excellent work is being done in the musical department of the college.

Another pleasing feature of the recital was that it was in keeping with the spiritual influences that had made deep impressions upon many hearts during the week of prayer. I was much pleased with what I saw of the college work, and glad to see a large number of young people preparing to enter some branch of the Master's work.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

The Young People's Convention at Mt. Vernon, Jan. 9 to 12, will be no ordinary affair, and all who are interested in that branch of the work should plan to be present. Several strong general workers including Elder Mead McGuire, the field secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, will be present.

How Shall We Labor for the Jewish People?—No. 1

The question, How to work for the Jews, is one that is frequently asked of those who have charge of this Jewish work. It is true that it seems quite a problem to bring this message to the lost sheep of Israel; but we believe that every day and week there are new evidences arising to show that the angels of God are at work, and opening the way before us to bring the gospel of God to these people.

The Jewish people are a reading people. They are a strong literary people. Perhaps there is a larger per cent of the Jews who are able to read than among any other foreign people. It is true that for many centuries the rabbis forbade the women to be taught to read. This was because the teachers had perverted the word of God. But we understand that, at the present time, in all the European countries, where the Jews have strong influence in their own settlements, the rabbis and teachers are allowing the girls to be taught the language from books. This means much, because, as a general rule, the Jews like to read.

The more our people are known among the Jews, the more friendly the Hebrews become to our people. It is different with the Jewish people in approaching them on vital points of the message than it is with other peoples. The subjects of the Sabbath, the Law, the Diet Question, appeal to these sons of Abraham. They have lived in these principles all their lives, even though many of them at the present time do not carry out these truths. Therefore when the Jews find out a person is a Seventh-day Adventist, they at once become interested in him, and are willing to talk with him.

It is therefore apparent that our literature will have a great weight with these people, if we can get this reading matter in their hands. We know from personal experience that this is true. We should therefore do all we can to have reading matter put in the hands of these people.

There are a number of tracts already prepared in Yiddish and in English, and we hope to have a greater assortment before long.

Will you not, therefore, send to your state tract society for a supply of literature for the Jews, and see that your friends and neighbors among these lost sheep of Israel have the chance of securing this precious truth?

F. C. GILBERT.

O H I O

Pleasant Hill

I will send you a report of the work at Pleasant Hill. The work is onward here, and our prayers are daily ascending to God for wisdom and strength to do the work committed to our hands. In every branch of our work the Lord has prospered us, especially in our offerings to missions.

The week of prayer was one of great rejoicing to us. The Lord came near to us and showers of blessings were bestowed upon us. On the last Sabbath when an invitation was given for all to arise who wished to consecrate themselves to God in the year to come all present arose. Elder F. H. Henderson from Zanesville was with us the first Sabbath and Sunday and his help was very much appreciated.

In the Harvest Ingathering campaign quite a good sum has been gathered in. One of our workers at the close of a day of almost fruitless effort received a \$20 gold piece from a stranger whose heart the Lord impressed. We are glad that we can have part in sending this message to all the world. TODD FORKER, *Elder*.

Akron

We had been looking forward for many weeks to Prof. Wilkinson's visit to Akron, and were glad indeed to see him at last on Nov. 29th. During his short stay of four days he gave us freely of himself, and we still feel the inspiration of his words and life.

He spoke at our little church four times. We were especially interested in his exposition of the prophecies of Daniel and John as they relate to current events. Surely the drying up of "the great river Euphrates" has already begun—thus preparing the "way for the kings of the east," Armageddon, and the end. But, as our president pointed out, the important question is not, "How near is the end?"—but, "Are our hearts pure and holy before God? Have we gained the victory over every little and great besetment, not thro the flesh, but thro the blood and spirit of Christ? Are we ready?"

Besides our own meetings, the Lord opened the way for Prof. Wilkinson to speak at the North Hill M. E. church and at the Salvation Army Citadel. At both these meetings his theme was prophecy which applies to our day. Large audiences of interested people attended, many of whom

had never heard these wonderful things before.

We know that God has blessed us thro Prof. Wilkinson's visit, and we hope that we may have him with us again soon. We are praying God to sustain him in bearing the great burdens of the conference work, and the daily trials and sorrows, such as beset us all. In the end may he see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied.

R. R. HILBORN, *Elder*

Canton

We feel ourselves greatly blest by having had with us Prof. B. G. Wilkinson on Dec. 3. We have no church building so secured the Salvation Army Hall for a public meeting. The attendance was very good, about 250 persons being present.

Prof. Wilkinson preached on the Balkan war and the Spirit of the Lord was present in a great measure.

Every student of prophecy has his eyes on the East watching for the Turk to move as noted in the Scripture. It means the speedy coming of the Prince of life.

After the service a young man enquired if he could get literature on these prophecies. The writer explained to him some of our books. He took my address saying he would call. So two or three evenings later he called, and ordered "Desire of Ages", "Patriarchs and Prophets", "Daniel and the Revelation", and "Great Controversy".

The Lord is still working to save souls, and men sitting in darkness are seeing a great light. With the Lord's help I want to be a bearer of that light.

C. F. WILCOX.

Elder E. K. Slade visited the Pleasant Hill church, Sabbath, Dec. 22, and on Sabbath, Dec. 29, visited the Coshocton and Zanesville churches, eight persons being baptized at Zanesville on that date as the result of the blessing of the Lord upon the faithful labors of Elder F. H. Henderson.

On Dec. 22 one soul was buried with Christ in baptism by the pastor, Elder C. T. Redfield at Springfield.

Dr. W. J. Venen is visiting the companies and isolated members in Trumbull and Ashtabula counties.

Elder W. E. Bidwell writes that there is such an interest in the school house meetings near Woodfield that he will continue them during the holidays.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

The election of delegates to the annual session of the conference to be held at Altoona, Feb. 4 to 9, should be attended to at once, if they have not been elected. We hope for a good representation from our churches at this important gathering.

Elder Kneeland spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Albion, holding quarterly meeting with them.

1913 should bring us much more of the Spirit of God, and greater success in the work of the message than any year of the past. As we stand at the threshold of the new year, having before us all its possibilities and promises, we are forcibly reminded that the remaining years for work in the gospel message are very few, and should be wisely improved.

Seven members were added to the Albion church last Sabbath. Six of these were from the old Conneautville church, and one joined on profession of faith.

Brother F. C. Owens and wife of Warren leave the first of the year for the South, were they expect to spend the winter.

All the church officers who possibly can do so should attend the church officers' convention to be held in connection with the conference session at Altoona, Feb. 4 to 9. A program of very interesting and helpful things is being prepared, and the best help obtainable will be present to give instruction.

Now at the close of the holiday season, is a splendid time for all kinds of home missionary work. During the long winter evenings the people have more time for study and reading, and they should be well supplied with our message-filled publications.

In making up your list of periodicals for 1913 do not fail to include the *Review and Herald*, and the *Columbia Union Visitor*. Trying to get along without them is almost like trying to keep house without a clock and a calendar.

Mrs. W. A. Westworth is visiting relatives in Tennessee, having been called there by the serious illness of her sister.

Delegates should be elected by all the churches to represent them at the annual session of the conference to be held at Altoona, Pa., Feb. 4 to 9, 1913. Each church is entitled to one delegate for every ten members of the church. The credentials of these delegates should be sent at once to the secretary of the conference, H. K. Hackman, 7049 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Elder W. F. Schwartz reorganized the Sabbath school at Lock Haven last week. We are glad to have this addition to our schools.

Don't forget to observe the morning watch during 1913. The Morning Watch booklet is both beautiful and useful, and makes a very neat and inexpensive gift which will be a constant reminder of the giver. Order at once from the office.

An excellent tract has just come to the office, written by Elder E. E. Andross. The title is, "Turkey, and His End". As the subject indicates the tract is a most timely and interesting one, and should have a large circulation at this time. Place your orders at once with our office. The tract has 32 pages, and costs only 2 cents each.

Remember that all tithe and donations to missions should be sent in to the office before the close of the year. This will be your last opportunity to help make up the deficit in the mission offerings for 1912. Let us do our best to close the year with a clear record.

McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 4 is now ready. Price \$1.20. Order of your tract society.

"Turkey and his End" is the title of a thirty-two page tract by Elder E. E. Andross, President of the Pacific Union Conference, just off the press and ready for wide circulation. It contains a two page map showing Turkey 100 years ago as compared with its dwindled possessions of to-day; also a map showing the original territories occupied by the kings of the north and of the south. Price \$2.00 a hundred. Order of your tract society.

The Morning Watch

Dear Young People of West Penna.:—

Make one New Year's resolution now, and resolve that with divine help you will make faithful use of the Morning Watch during the year 1913. We are living in the judgment hour, and each day we need the spiritual strength which comes from an early hour spent alone in study and communion with God. Now, as never before, we need to heed the admonition of the Saviour, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." Let us start our days right, and then we can consistently ask God to keep us from falling.

Read the following statements made by some of our young people regarding the value and use of the Morning Watch, and then come along with the band who are going into the conflict this year to win.

MRS. B. F. KNEELAND.

"I wish to have you reserve 25 of the 1913 Morning Watch Calendars for me. I think they are grand, and I expect to use them as Christmas presents. There is no excuse for our young people becoming indifferent or careless if they use these calendars each day as recommended."

NETTIE PORCH.

"The value of the Morning Watch cannot be told in words. It encourages morning prayer, thus fitting us for the duties of the day. It feeds our minds with spiritual thoughts, thus diverting our attention from harmful subjects."

MARY WHEELER.

"I greatly prize the Morning Watch. In taking up these studies each morning we receive great blessings. I would not like to be without the calendars. We find them a splendid help in our Missionary Volunteer Society."

BESSIE A. NICHOLS.

"The Morning Watch speaks for itself. It has been a great source of blessing to me in many ways. In the morning when our minds are fresh we can best comprehend God's goodness, and by meditation and prayer we are brought into closer communion with him. The Scriptures read in the Morning Watch are seed thoughts which bud and bloom in our minds during the day and develop into the fruits of righteousness. It also increases our desire for study and prayer, which enlarges our faith and our love for everything which is of God."

MRS. R. E. PATTON.

VIRGINIA

Ford

It was my privilege to visit the Bethel church, which is located about four miles from Ford, Nov. 22 over Sabbath and Sunday. It was my first visit to this church, and I greatly appreciated becoming acquainted with the brethren and sisters there, and meeting with them in their homes.

Three meetings were held, and at the meeting which was held on Sunday afternoon fully one half of the congregation were outsiders, and paid excellent attention to the word spoken. I believe, if a series of meetings could be held here in the near future, several might be persuaded to obey the truth.

I was especially glad to see the interest manifested by the young people, and felt that there were some there who should be preparing themselves to help spread the message instead of burying their talent in the world. I shall take a deeper interest in the work of the Bethel church because of having become personally acquainted with the members.

W. J. STONE.

Newport News

We are getting along in our meetings very well considering all the circumstances. Our services are quite well attended, especially on Sunday nights. Two nights each week are given to the colored people. The interest there is also increasing. One woman united with the colored church last Sabbath, and others will undoubtedly be taken into the church soon. The school for the colored people is doing very nicely and is breaking down prejudice that prevailed in the neighborhood.

We are placing the "Autumn Leaves Series" in one thousand homes in this city each week, and I am sure they are doing a good work. While out the other day distributing these leaflets one of the leading ministers of the city met me at the door and requested that I place no more of these under his door. He, no doubt, has been called upon to answer some questions relating to them. I am sure these studies are agitating the minds of the people, and are laying a good foundation for the future here.

The health reform message is going slowly, but I am sure something is being accomplished in this line. Pray for the work here. L. O. GORDON.

Among the Churches

I began meetings at this place Oct 26, and continued them until Nov. 10. During this time I made thirty-three visits and held sixteen public services.

The attendance was fair considering the fact that the people were widely scattered and the mountain roads were rough. I was compelled to miss one appointment by the sudden rise of the river.

Some of those reported for baptism last spring had become discouraged as they were not visited by a minister during the summer, and because they were not well established in all principles of the truth, and therefore were not prepared for this ordinance. Local conditions were such that it was thought best to defer this service until another time.

Sabbath, Nov. 2, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house for the first time since the erection of this new church building. All were brought to realize the sacred presence of the Holy Spirit during this solemn ordinance. One who had grown careless made a new start for the kingdom and one made an open profession of faith for the first time. Two names were presented and accepted for church membership on condition of baptism.

Those having unpaid pledges for the church building expressed their determination to pay them as soon as possible so that their church would be free from debt and conference funds released for work.

We trust that this young church will continue to add new members and that all will ever be loyal to the cause of truth.

I began public services here at Rileyville Nov. 22nd in the Union Church with an attendance of about 100 the first night. Sunday evening the church was well filled with attentive listeners. Meetings are being continued every night with good attendance considering the conditions in the mountains. One person has recently begun to keep the Sabbath. We hope that the time has come to organize another band of Christian workers for service in quickly carrying the light of truth for this generation to all parts of Virginia. Remember us in your prayers.

W. G. KNEELAND.

Elder Tindall writes that his health is not improving as rapidly as he had hoped, but that he will return as early as possible, as he is anxious to be in the work again.

One new student was enrolled last week at the Academy, and the school will be pleased to take several more.

Dr. A. M. Neff was with the Bethel church the latter part of the week of prayer. He gives a good report of the work there.

In a letter received a few days ago from Brother Eekhout he gives a favorable report of the work at Portsmouth, and we are sure the interest and courage of the brethren and sisters there is on the increase.

A good letter was received from Sister Hardy of Portsmouth a few days since with \$10.00 tithes. She reports both she and her husband are keeping the Sabbath, and that they wish to do all they can for the advancement of the work.

The Virginia Sanitarium has recently been enjoying a fair patronage. Several have undergone surgical operations. All are doing well. The Sanitarium management is anxious to secure the services of a graduate gentleman nurse. Anyone wishing to make application should address Dr. R. S. Ingersoll, 210 E. Grace St., Richmond, Va.

Elder Stone had quite a severe attack of neuralgia in the teeth, face, and head for a week, and was not able to attend the latter part of the week of prayer services. He is much improved, and we trust will soon be in his usual health.

A letter from Brother Oertley, who is now living at Roanoke, states that his wife's health is in a very critical condition. We ask our brethren and sisters to remember her in their prayers. Brother Oertley has been selling our literature during the past six years, but is now detained at home on account of the sickness of his wife.

For the past few Sunday nights Elder Stone has been speaking at the First Richmond church to fair congregations. Sunday night, Dec. 8, two persons raised their hands thus signifying their determination to keep God's holy day.

There has been a little lull in the work in Virginia for the past few weeks on account of some of our workers not being well, and as we

have been endeavoring to ripen off and fully establish those who have recently accepted the faith. No aggressive work can well be opened up before the holidays, but we hope soon after the first of the year to begin a much more active campaign along aggressive lines.

A good letter from Sister Wilkins of Roanoke brings encouraging news of an increase of resident Adventists at that place, and we hope an organized work will be maintained there until a strong effort can be made for that city.

There will be a *General Conference Daily Bulletin* printed during the General Conference to be held at Washington, D. C., May 15 to June 8.

There will be about twenty numbers in all and the price will be 50 cents. This will be only two and one-half cents an issue, and all of our people who do not attend the General Conference will certainly desire a *Bulletin* that they may know each day what is being done.

They write from the Review Office that never before has there been so much expressed interest in a session of the General Conference so far in advance as at the present time. Many are planning to attend this conference who are not delegates; also many of our lay members are very desirous of attending, and are laying plans to do so, but all cannot attend, and for this reason the *Bulletin* is published, that all may have an opportunity of knowing the plans that are coming up daily in the conference.

Send all orders for the *Bulletin* to A. M. Neff, 2705 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

The week of prayer was observed by the members of the First African S. D. A. Church of Philadelphia. The Lord greatly blessed us as we studied the lessons and humbled our hearts before him. A free will offering was given at the close of the reading of \$11.00. A good interest has been shown by the members selling the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. One sister who last year could not sell the papers, try as she would, this year has sold more than one hundred. The Lord has truly blessed in this work. Many strangers are attending our Sunday-evening services, and we are greatly encouraged in our work.

T. H. BRANCH.

NEW JERSEY

Plainfield

When I first took up work in this field, I began by canvassing for "His Glorious Appearing"; also gave away many *Signs of the Times and Reviews*. I disposed of 115 copies of "His Glorious Appearing," and got one member to canvass for this book. There are three individuals who bought this book that are now keeping the Sabbath. This enabled me to extend personal invitations to attend the tent effort, conducted by Brother Smith and myself.

After camp-meeting I assisted Elder Smith in a tent effort at Plainfield which was continued until Sept. 15. These meetings resulted in eight stepping out and obeying the Lord in keeping all the commandments. Four of these were baptized and three are awaiting baptism.

I have been following up this effort with Bible studies in the home of one of these, which seven attend regularly. One of these has never attended any of our meetings and is greatly interested. Have held private studies in four other places and have been requested to continue regularly in two of these as soon as arrangements can be made. I have a wealthy man who is a Wall Street broker greatly interested. He has asked for reading matter and desires me to take up studies with him and his family on present truth. Have loaned him "Great Controversy."

I have sold eleven sets of "Family Bible Teacher," and by this means am opening up studies in several homes by weekly visits. This plan I expect to follow, adding new readers as the Lord opens the way. I have given two tracts in the Braille system to a blind man. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the presentation of these as the man has become greatly interested and requested me to give him Bible instruction which I am doing twice a week. The result is he is inquiring how he can keep the Sabbath and run his store, for he believes it to be right. I desire your prayers for this brother.

After knocking at many doors since taking up my work in this field they are just beginning to open so that from present appearances I will be pressed for time to meet the demands. I have 150 calls to make in which I expect to place the "Family Bible Teacher" and answer questions as requested.

The field is a hard one, yet there

are honest hearts to be reached and I am praying God for wisdom and tact in obtaining openings to present the truth of the third angel's message. Whenever the signs of the times are spoken of every one thus far recognized the needs of a closer study of God's word concerning the prophecies. I am of good courage at the outlook in my field. With the Lord to help I can press on rejoicing in the privilege of being a co-laborer with Jesus, for indeed, "The gleams of the golden morning are fast approaching." Brethren, I need the prayers of all.

G. MEDAIRY.

Newark and Plainfield

My work during 1912 has been confined to Newark, with the exception of about two months which were spent in Plainfield, in connection with the tent effort there. Owing to the decision of the brethren, that we ought to follow up the interest in Plainfield awakened by the camp meeting, I was compelled to give up my work for the time above mentioned.

The Lord blessed our work in the tent during the summer, and we now see a fine company of precious souls rejoicing in the truth and the hope of a soon-coming Saviour. During the time that I was connected with the tent, I did not do as much Bible work as I had been doing in Newark, but spent my time visiting and laboring with the people there.

About Sept. 16th I returned to Newark, and at once entered upon my work. Some of my readers had moved out of the city, but I soon obtained new ones, until at the present time I have seven readers, besides others that come in occasionally and study with us. Four of my readers are now keeping the Sabbath, others are taking a deep interest as we advance in our studies. As for my work I enjoy it much, and would not exchange the blessings that I receive in it for any position this world could offer. My highest ambition and prayer to God is to become more efficient in my work with each passing day.

BESSIE E. SMITH.

Do you wish to become more like your Saviour? Then spend more time in his presence. "To me," said the late J. R. Miller, "religion means just one thing: Jesus and I are friends." He who is a friend of Jesus is also a winner of men. Will you not strive to become a closer friend of Jesus during 1913? The *Morning Watch Calendar* will help you.

AT THE COLLEGE

Miss Nellie Underwood was a visitor at the college before the holidays.

Mrs. B. P. Foote has been seriously ill during the past two weeks but is now improving.

Mr. Guy Corder and Miss Hazel Leach, who have been canvassing in West Virginia returned to take up studies at the college after their holiday delivery.

After almost two weeks vacation faculty and students are taking up their school work on the first day of the new year.

During his visit at the College Elder Harter gave several earnest, practical chapel talks which were greatly appreciated by the entire school.

Elder F. D. Starr, formerly Bible teacher at Mt. Vernon College, but now located at Forest, Idaho, writes in a personal letter that he has suffered the loss of the sight of the right eye, the sight of the left eye having been preserved by an operation. May the day hasten when the eyes of the blind will be opened.

Prof. Clemen Hamer of the Foreign Mission Seminary was called to the bedside of his father, Brother C. V. Hamer, at Mt. Vernon. Brother Hamer has been declining in health for some time, and his condition is critical.

Dr. H. W. Miller, the Bible teacher at the College, is planning to take back to China on his return a strong corps of workers. The latest addition to the China band is Harry Willis Miller, Jr., who enrolled on Dec. 18, and weighs nine pounds.

We are pleased to learn that Brother Clarence Leach, a former student, who was obliged to resign from the field missionary secretaryship of West Virginia on account of his health, is quite well again.

Brother Guy Corder sold over \$1000.00 of books in West Virginia during the summer and fall, thus earning a free trip to the General Conference next spring.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Mark Hale, Cressona		DR	5	27	13	42 00	6 00	48 00	
Harry Hale, Cressona		DR	4	24	2	5 00	3 75	8 75	
G. Hawthorne, West Chester		DR	7	29	4	12 00	3 10	15 10	
R. Towne, Phoenixville		GC	2	10	4	13 00	1 50	14 50	20
C. Woodward, Lycoming		PP	1	5	2	6 00	1 50	7 50	
W. Dunkinson, Franklin Co		PG	9	50	13	40 00	18 60	58 60	
G. Swingle, Sayre		DR	8	27			12 25	12 25	22 85
Mrs. Mark Hale, Pottsville		PG	3	14	2	6 00	50	6 50	
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK	4	16	12	20 00	11 85	31 85	15 85
Harry Hale, Schuylkill		CK	5	60	16	26 00	1 60	27 60	25 45
J. Pyle, Chester		CK	5	21	3	4 50	10	4 60	9 50
S. L. Burkhardt,		CK	7	43	16	24 50	4 50	29 00	16 50
Stella Grube, Coopersburg		CK	5	23	5	7 50	7 20	14 70	
R. Halbertson, Scranton		CK	10	92	17	26 50	3 00	28 50	
Mrs. Dunkinson,			2	5					6 90
Mrs. H. Trougher,		Misc.					13 50	13 50	
Edw. Sterner		"	3	17			7 55	7 55	
R. Sterner,				17			1 75	1 75	
Totals	17 Agents		82	490	109	\$233 00	\$98 25	\$331 25	\$97 25

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1912

M. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	4	36	4	7 00		7 00	63 25	
D. Percy, Wyeomco Co.	BF	8					69 50	102 50	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	4	31	10	28 00	1 50	29 50	53 10	
J. Jones, Worcester Co.	GC	10	77	58	98 50	2 80	152 30		
R. Urkums, Baltimore,	PPF	9	45	35	55 50	4 25	57 75		
M. Davies, Wyeomco Co.	BF	4	21	5	5 50	5 00	10 50		
T. Barritt, Kent Co.	CK	3	16	12	19 00	3 85	22 85		
A. Rogers, Baltimore,	BF	4	12					19 50	
Anna Seeney, Baltimore,		5	20					60 25	
Alma Hohensee, Baltimore,	Mag.	4	13	121	4 40		12 10		
Totals	10 Agents		59	271	242	\$106 55	\$205 95	\$311 50	\$454 65

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1912

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PCF	10	70		94 19		94 19	19 44	
A. Davies, Pittsburg	CK	10	67	15	42 06	13 75	55 75	78 70	
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	BF	4	17	9	10 50	2 90	13 40	25	
F. Hall, Pittsburg	CK	8	42	20	32 00	25	32 25	74 45	
W. House, Potter	CK	2	9	7	11 50	22 10	33 60	7 25	
J. Perkins, Pittsburg	CK	5	19	5	7 50	50	8 00	17 00	
E. Rogers, Fulton Co.	CK	5	49	8	12 50	7 75	20 25	1 00	
S. N. Brown, Pittsburg	CK	5	23					121 50	
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	3	17	4	4 00	5 00	9 00	20	
R. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	2	7	1	1 00		1 00		
J. Paden, Pittsburg	CK	4	22	15	22 50	7 50	30 00		
Totals	11 Agents		60	344	97	\$237 69	\$59 75	\$297 44	\$364 04

Ohio, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1912

J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.	ES	3	26	22	68 00	5 15	73 15		
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	PG	3	19	5	17 00		17 00		
Mrs. S. Schorr, Hamilton Co.	BR	5	11	7	19 00	3 00	22 00		
W. O. Dean, Shelby Co.	CK	6	36	3	10 50	17 80	22 30		
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	9	70	16	26 00	50	26 50	174 00	
Ruth Wharram, Ashtabula Co.		1	3					11 00	
Isaac Harden, Butler Co.	GC	5	40	6	18 00		18 00		
W. O. Dean, Miami Co.	CK	1	15			2 00	2 00	16 50	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	4	28	6	18 00	3 00	21 00		
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	20	6	17 00	75	17 75		
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	2	10		16 00		16 00	12 00	
W. Sellers, Miami Co.	CK	5	16	4	6 00	7 45	13 45		
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	3	23	2	6 00	1 80	7 80		
L. Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	3	5	2	3 50	1 50	5 00		
Totals	14 Agents		56	326	81	\$225 00	\$42 45	\$267 45	\$211 50

New Jersey, Week Ending December 13, 1912

J. Rambo, Camden	CK	4	16	24	36 00	5 25	41 25	2 75
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	34	62	28 25	1 50	29 75	22 75
P. Waer, Dover	BR	5	19	8	24 00	1 25	25 25	1 00
G. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR	5	40	8	24 00		24 00	
A. Waer, Whippany	PPF	4	26	10	15 00	1 25	16 25	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	Mag				5 00		5 00	5 00
Totals	6 Agents	23	135	112	\$132 25	\$9 25	\$141 50	\$31 50

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1912

T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	7	51	21	63 00	10 50	73 50	48 50
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	5	39	17	53 00	6 50	59 50	5 50
W. McElphatrk, Fayette	DR	5	39	11	30 00	20 00	50 00	2 00
Hazel Leach, Braxton	PG	5	36	7	23 00	17 50	40 50	
Totals	4 Agents	22	165	56	\$169 00	\$54 50	\$223 50	\$56 00

Grand Totals: 62 Agents Value of Orders, \$1572 64 Deliveries, \$1214 94.

CHESAPEAKE

With the Canvassers

The privileges and opportunities which have come to us for 1912 are now in the past; as we look back over the year and note the advance steps we have taken, we can only say, "Praise God for what he has wrought among us."

The year just closed has been a very successful one in the distribution of the printed page, our sales for books and magazines having amounted to many thousands of dollars. We can see the hand of the Lord as he has led us along, and helped us over the many trying experiences that have beset our path.

The fact that we are one year nearer the end, should cause us to seek for a deeper consecration and greater power from on high, to enable us to accomplish more for God in the closing work the coming year, than we have during the past year. As we enter upon this new year may our prayer be, "Take me O Lord as wholly thine. I lay all my plans at thy feet. Use me in thy service. Abide with me, and let all my works be wrought in Thee." If the work goes hard at times let us buckle on the armor a little tighter, remembering the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

As we visit among the workers we find them of good courage. Brother Jones just reports a delivery of \$162.80, and orders for \$25.45, the result of 35 hours work.

Brother Percy has lost a little time lately on account of moving. He is now located at Eden, Md., and will work in Wyeomico County.

Brother Barritt has been working

near Rock Hall with splendid results. He has several interested, some that seem just ready to step out and keep the commandments of God, and we believe he will see some fruits of his labor.

Sister Anna Seeney and Sister Alverta Rodgers, have been meeting with success in the city of Baltimore. As we visited Sister Mabel Davies, we found her of good courage. She has had good success in Salisbury.

Brother Pettibone writes, "The Lord directs all our ways when we trust wholly in him." Recently he made 16 exhibitions and took 14 orders, his sales for the week being \$95.25 as the results of 30 hours work.

Brother Lawrence just made us a very pleasant visit. He relates some interesting experiences, and has met with excellent success in Cecil County.

We have some that will take up the work the first of the year. Brother J. I. Laurent says he will begin the first day of the new year. We believe there are others that should engage with us in this good work. Why not resolve to start with the first month of the new year. We will be glad to hear from you. Address 1611 Ellamont St., Baltimore, Md.

F. E. HANKINS.

OBITUARY

BABB.—Mrs. Lydia Anna Babb, daughter of Eli and Hannah Walker, was born in Wilmington, Ohio, Oct. 23, 1832, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. D. Miars of Xenia, Dec. 10, 1912, aged 80 years, 1 month and 17 days. She was taken to Wilmington for the funeral.

She was reared in the Methodist church, but twenty-one years ago she embraced the truth and from that time until her death she remained a consistent advocate of the truths she believed. In the obituary that was read

at the the funeral were these words, "She was a strong advocate of every good and moral reform, and opposed things of a light or frivolous nature. To her the word of God was always the standard of right and the rule of life. She loved to read the Scriptures and took great comfort in the promises of the Saviour." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

W. W. MILLER

DE VINE.—Mary Elizabeth De Vine, nee Johnson, was born June 16, 1844, in Zanesville, Ohio, and died at her home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1912. Age 68 years, 5 months, and 24 days. She leaves to mourn her death a devoted husband, two daughters, one brother, and two sisters. Sister De Vine was a patient sufferer for many years but was seemingly getting better when last visited by the writer, thus making her unexpected death so much harder to bear by her loved ones. She was of cheerful disposition and firm in the belief of the message. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 23 years. Words of comfort were spoken to relatives and friends gathered from Psalms 116:15 by the writer. Scripture reading and prayer by W. A. Westworth. JOHN P. GAEDE.

MINNICK.—Sarah Jane Minnick passed away at Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 12, 1912, aged 77 years. Sister Minnick was born March 24, 1835. A godly woman all her days, she received the message of present truth gladly, and was baptized by the writer Oct. 16, 1910. Her life was an inspiration to the church and to her many friends. She was ill but a few hours, her death resulting from a stroke of paralysis. The funeral was remarkable because of the great number of people who were present. Service was conducted by the writer.

She sleeps and we all miss her; but God has marked the spot where His faithful servant rests, and a glorious awakening awaits.

A. R. BELL.

GUE.—At Yale, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1912, our beloved Sister Fannie Gue fell asleep in Jesus. She was never more happy than when in some loving service to her fellow creatures, and loved the truth she embraced 26 years ago in Pittsburg, Pa., under the labors of Elder Peabody, to which truth she has been most faithful until her hope in its triumph was swallowed up in sweet rest in Christ. She leaves a husband, eight children, and eleven grandchildren, and was in her 63d year. Sixteen years ago by letter she united with the Alliance church. Elder H. F. Graf, her pastor, spoke words of comfort and admonition to the many friends and neighbors who gathered with the bereaved family to pay their last tribute of respect.

FANNIE EMMEL

"I am the resurrection and the life".

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