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GENERAL MATTER

Grace .

I ask not, Lord, for dying grace,
But living grace I crave,
I know a vision of Thy face
Lies just beyond the grave.

But living grace each day, each hour,
Each moment do I need.
I need Thine all-pervading power
To spur each word and deed.

Grace for the day's exhausting cares,
Sins which beset my soul,
Trials that take me unawares
And rend my self-control.

Grace to behold thee everywhere,
To read Thy smile or frown,
To lift to hope from dark despair,
Those who are trodden down,

To understand Thy Holy Word,
Thy saving power to see,
But most I crave, my gracious Lord.
The grace to be like Thee.

Columbus, O. MARION LUMLEY.

How to Begin Work with the Jews—No. 2

There is one thing which our readers should remember—the Jewish people as a rule know their Bibles. When we speak of the Jews knowing their Bibles, we mean especially the Old Testament. Perhaps many are not aware of the fact that there live today numbers of Jews, both in this country as well as in Europe, who could probably repeat the largest part of the Old Testament in the Hebrew from memory, if they could not repeat the whole of it. It is remarkable how these Jewish children of Abraham are trained to memorize the words of Scripture as well as the words of the rabbis.

But while they have learned to repeat the words of the Sacred Oracles, they are strangers to the meaning of these truths of God. There are various reasons for this, and we will not

take the time to discuss it. The rabbis have taught that any verse in the Bible may be interpreted in a number of ways. For instance: One rabbi taught that you could interpret any text of Scripture in four ways. Another Rabbi, the great Hillel, who lived about the time of Christ, taught that you could interpret any verse of Scripture in seven ways. Rabbi Samuel taught that you may interpret any verse in the Bible in thirteen ways. This method is known as the "thirteen ways of interpretation." Then Rabbi Judah, known as "The Prince," claimed that you are allowed to take any verse in the Bible, and explain it in any one of thirty-two different ways. His method is known among the Jews as "the thirty-two rules of interpretation."

The reader will recognize that it is difficult to get the Jews to see that certain Scriptures mean one thing, and that one *only*. That is one reason why in talking with the Jews it is found so difficult to teach them that the Old Testament instructs us of Christ. But this difficulty in working with the Jews has in a measure been overcome, in the preparation of reading matter for them. The Bible says that to the Jews have been committed the oracles of God.—Rom. 3: 1, 2. There is a certain Jewish background to the Scriptures that, if rightly represented, will appeal to the Jews. This we have tried to do in preparing the literature for that people.

The best way to begin work among the Jewish people is not to start in with an argument about the Old Testament prophecies; neither is it advisable to talk much with them about the prophecy of Daniel. While it is not generally known, the Jewish teachers do not allow their pupils to have anything to do with the book of Daniel. In fact, rabbis have taken the book out from the prophets, and have placed it among the sacred writings known as "The Kethubim," the Scriptures. We should remember that the rabbis have given to the people the idea that there are three kinds of inspiration, as follows:

The Law, referring to the Pentateuch,

the five books of Moses. To the believers in the Old Testament, the five books of Moses are really and truly the words of God. To them this is true in the absolute.

The second kind of inspiration is the prophets. These writings are inspired, but not quite as much as are the writings of Moses.

The third kind of inspiration is the Scriptures. These include the Psalms, Ezra, Nehemiah, Job, Proverbs, and so forth. But among these books they have slipped in the book of Daniel. We know they try to make an explanation why this is done, but, to the close student of Talmudic teachings and of the New Testament writings, it is known that it is done to do away with the time prophecy concerning Christ as found in Daniel 9. Therefore the Jews are not as interested in the book of Daniel as they are in some parts of the Old Testament.

We are adapting the literature to the people so that they will want to read what is presented to them. At the same time we are endeavoring to furnish this background of Scripture to appeal to them, concerning the Messiah, in a way that they will see it is in harmony with the word of God itself. Then the way to start is to give them something which will show them that Christ is the Messiah, and why He is the Messiah. The more this can be done from Moses and the stronger prophets, the more confidence the Jews will have in the teaching.

The Yiddish-English tract, "Israel's Deliverer," has been written with this idea in view; and we are glad to say that over one thousand copies of this tract have already been circulated. Write to your state tract society and secure a supply of this tract first. We believe that, with the blessing of the Lord, it will arouse an interest among your Jewish friends and neighbors.

In our next article we will call attention how to proceed with other literature.

F. C. GILBERT.
Sec'y Jewish Department.

VIRGINIA

The New Year

The year 1912 has closed. Its records are in the books of heaven. No changes can be made by us. Nothing can be erased. God alone can now smooth out the uneven and crooked paths that we have made, and he can do so only by Christ's intercessions, and Christ can intercede only as we see our mistakes and humbly confess them.

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; there are none good, no not one." This being so, shall we not all examine, as with a lighted candle, every act of our lives, our motives, our lack in omitting to do the many little things that would have contributed to the cheer and happiness of others, our lack of being on the alert and emitting light to those with whom we come in contact, so that they will not rise up in the judgment and condemn us for our unfaithfulness in giving them the light that God has committed to us?

Shall we not, as we take up the duties of the new year, make a clean sweep, by a godly confession or otherwise, of all our short comings, and then take up the duties of the new year with nothing between us and God so that we can day by day come boldly to the throne of grace and obtain grace and help in every time of need?

The future is all blank before us. Its pages are clean and white. The angels stand ready to record our acts, and each day's record may be closed with peace and acceptance existing between us and God. Faithfulness may mark every day's efforts, if we will just commit ourselves to God, and seek him for grace. Live not in the future, but live only one day or one moment at a time. Do to-day faithfully the duties that God indicates are yours. Endeavor to do your daily tasks so well, that none could excel. This will fit you for greater responsibilities, and make your life worth living.

Why not resolve that not one day of the year 1913 shall pass without our doing something that will help in the advancement of God's work in the earth. That day is lost that views from our hands or our lives in some way no good deed that will contribute to the salvation of some soul.

So many are content to pass along day after day doing nothing that will contribute to making the world better

for their having lived in it. All can live so that their efforts will be appreciated, and when they are not with us, they will be missed. Such persons live on and on in the lives of others when they are laid to rest.

Shall we not all strive the coming year to make each day valuable in the service of the Master? Then when this year closes, there will not be so many regrets for failures and valuable time unemployed for the Master.

W. J. STONE.

Autumn Leaves Series

This is the title of a series of Bible studies that have just been prepared by the Virginia Conference for missionary work among our neighbors, or for a follow-up work in our cities.

The Lord has said that this message should be scattered like the autumn leaves. I believe there is a significance in this statement that has not been fully comprehended. "Like the autumn leaves." Autumn leaves do not fall bound up a dozen in a bundle, neither two, three, or four hundred, with a board, or sheepskin cover, but they fall singly, having only two sides. You can quickly see all there is of them.

Is there not a lesson in this too for us? We are living in a very busy age when but few will stop to read a long article or a book, but if they can have placed in their hands something they can read in two or three minutes, some seed of truth may be dropped in their minds that will take root.

These leaflets are not intended to exhaust a subject or to give an extended study, but are only to awaken an interest. The leaflets are in the form of Bible studies with from six to ten questions.

This literature was in preparation at the time of our camp-meeting and all felt that it would be just the thing to awaken an interest and cause a desire to hear more. We are now prepared to fill orders, and we hope that wherever we have churches in the towns and cities, all our brethren and sisters will organize and assign territory to different individuals and do a thorough work, in placing in the hands of the people the precious message. They can also be used to advantage by our brethren and sisters who are living in the country, although they may not be able to distribute as many.

The plan being followed by some is to leave a leaflet each week. They do not gather them up if the people wish to keep them. Then follow up each week with the next reading, de-

vloping the interest that may be awakened. Some will not wish to continue to take them, and those should be dropped, taking up new readers.

All can have a part in this work, for surely there is not a Seventh-day Adventist who can not hand out a leaflet to a neighbor or friend. Shall we not see a great effort put forth along this line by our brethren and sisters throughout the conference? Send all orders to A. M. Neff, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va. The price is ten cents a hundred, postage extra when sent by mail.

W. J. STONE.

Roanoke

[From a recent letter from Sister Wilkins of Roanoke, I extract the following. W. J. S.]

I wish to place before you our condition here. We have a membership of ten, but for the past two years we have had only three or four resident members, and the work here has been almost lost sight of. During the past month other persons have moved to Roanoke making us at the present time a resident membership of seven. We have not been holding Sabbath-school or services of any kind. I feel starved for a good Adventist sermon. I had the great pleasure of being at camp-meeting a short time, and it was a feast to me. We do need work here so much. There is a wide field here for work, but it will be useless to send any but one of the best ministers here, one who can reach the intelligent class.

There are so many churches here and all flourishing. This is a beautiful city of about fifty-three thousands, and if an effort similar to the Richmond effort could be made here, I feel that much good could be accomplished.

We, who are here, would greatly enjoy having some one come here and hold some meetings, but I know the crying need for workers everywhere yet cities of this size should be worked.

While at the camp-meeting, when I would hear stirring sermons preached there, I thought, "Oh! if we could only have a powerful meeting like that at Roanoke, I am sure that many of the people would see the truth."

ELEANOR C. WILKINS.

Newport News

Our week of prayer closed with a demonstration of the presence of God's Holy Spirit. At both the white and colored churches there was witnessed consecration of souls to the cause for the first time, and in tears confessions were made and lives were laid upon the altar of service to be consumed at God's call.

We announced at our meeting on Sunday night that our regular studies upon the Bible and health topics would be laid aside and give place to our annual week of prayer that was being observed the world over in the churches of Seventh-day Adventists, and we extended an invitation to our friends to meet with us. Some new ones were regular attendants. Our Sunday night services are quite well attended, there being about as many in attendance as the little church will comfortably accommodate.

The medical work is going nicely, and the nights devoted to this line of study draw as large attendance as the other services.

When our meetings first started two of our neighboring churches took turns holding revival meetings, which lasted four weeks, but in spite of this God has blessed us abundantly. We distribute announcements of our meetings each Sunday morning, and with them hand out an "Autumn Leaves Leaflet." Then, we spend some time during the week distributing the leaflets until now we are putting out number five.

While we have some opposition, we are not altogether despised, for one minister told his congregation that the little company of Adventists were doing more work than their whole church and that they should awaken and do something. Pray for us that we may accomplish something for the Master in this place.

R. C. GARDNER.

Colored Work in Richmond

Since coming to Richmond last January, the Lord has signally blessed us. We have been holding meetings in a spacious hall, electrically illuminated and well heated, in a populous part of the city. During the winter months we were assisted by Elder J. H. N. Tindall, R. C. Gardner, and C. E. Garnsey. There were ministers here who, when they found out that we were Adventists, stood on the outside of the hall and warned the people to stay away. These people could not believe that "we ought to obey God rather than man," for had they believed the Scriptures, they would not doubt have attended the meetings.

When we began the tent meetings we advertised extensively. We asked our heavenly Father to guide in all our deliberations, with the result that seventeen have embraced the truth. Thirteen have joined the Richmond church, and the remaining five have joined other churches in the State. The interest is good and we expect ere

long to report others who have taken a full stand for the truth.

We tried to follow all the light we had in conducting our meetings, by having the medical work combine with the evangelical. By so doing we were able to enter many houses, which we could not, I believe, have entered any other way. Many who were prejudiced against our work, when they saw what we were doing and how the sick were healed, opened their hearts and houses that they might learn the better way.

May the Lord help us to hold our confidence steadfast until the end and that we may be counted as faithful servants, is my prayer.

J. B. MALLORY.

Richmond and Danville

Several months have elapsed since writing the VISITOR, yet we find much comfort in reading a line from the dear workers in active service.

We came to Richmond to connect with the publishing work, but after a few weeks of service the doctor advised us to get out into the fresh air, so we gave up the work and have spent a good deal of time in resting, scattering tracts and papers, and doing a little job printing part of the day to keep down expenses. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for a return of strength.

The work here seems to be making progress. Brother Mallory has been laboring hard, and is comforted in seeing some precious souls take their stand. The church is sadly in need of a house of worship. At present the meetings are being held in a hall in the midst of some of the worst elements in the city. A few of them attend the meetings, and quite a goodly number from other sections of the city have attended services as a result of the recent tent effort.

If a house of worship could be purchased it would be a strong testimony for the truth. Efforts are gradually being directed to this end. Our prayer is that the Lord will raise up friends to aid in this line.

We recently visited Danville and found the brethren there of good courage. We had the pleasure of meeting our dear Brother Kinney once more and we believe the Lord will use him in winning many precious souls in that city.

The work is onward in this state and if the brethren continue to present a united front the enemy must give back and a telling work be done in Virginia. The outlook was never more encouraging. The bending,

ripened grain presents a potent plea for laborers, and many anxious souls are agonizing with God for a re-conversion and baptism of the Holy Spirit that they may be fitted for service.

The canvassing and educational work among the colored people is not making rapid strides yet something is being done. The field is ready. Where are the laborers? Where is the means for the work! The Lord will yet move hearts among our race to make greater sacrifice for these departments of the work.

We were expecting to go to New Jersey but the rapid approach of winter seemed to make it an unwise move, hence we may yet remain in Richmond a year or so. We are of good courage and striving to do what we can here until the Lord calls us elsewhere.

F. G. WARNICK.

CHESAPEAKE

Items

Elders R. T. Baer and R. H. Martin, together with Brethren G. R. Apsley and W. L. Adkins, are holding a series of general meetings at Smithburg, Hagerstown, and Cumberland. They report good meetings, and several have taken their stand for the truth.

We are glad to hear good reports from all parts of the field in regard to the week of prayer meetings. Our brethren and sisters feel greatly helped by getting into close connection with the Lord during that time and receiving the blessings that the Lord only could give.

At this time the work at the office is inconvenienced by the illness of Elder Baer's son, Frank, who has the scarlet fever, and this necessitates the practical isolation of the secretary to the home and office.

The building for the First S. D. A. Church of Baltimore is being pushed as much as possible toward completion, and the members are anxious to see it completed.

Brother Chas. B. Tracey has opened a health food store on Sewell Street near Lafayette Market, and is prepared to supply a large assortment of the best health foods, the most of which are manufactured by the Nashville Food Factory. We wish Brother Tracey success in his business.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

West Pennsylvania Conference

The eleventh annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Sixth Avenue and Union Avenue, Altoona, Pa., Feb. 4 to 9, 1913, for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business pertaining to the work of the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for each ten members of the church. The delegate's credentials should be sent at once to the conference office. All who plan to attend the meeting should send their names at once to Elder W. F. Schwartz, 521 Union Ave., Holidaysburg, Pa., that arrangements may be made for their accommodation.

In connection with the conference session there will be held a church workers' convention. This will be a special feature of the meeting, and we trust that all who possibly can will avail themselves of this opportunity to get hold of good ideas and plans which will help to make our work more effectual. As the time for work is so short we must take time to improve our methods. Among the lines of work which will be given special attention will be the work of church officers, Sabbath-school, educational, and young people's work.

The first meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, February 4, 1913. The first business meeting will be held at 9:30 A. M., February 6. Those coming on the Pennsylvania Railroad, can take the Eldorado car at the station, get off at Twenty-fifth Street, and walk one block to the left.

This will be a very important meeting, and as we shall have splendid help from the Union and General Conference, we trust that all will make a special effort to attend.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*
H. K. HACKMAN, *Secretary.*

Notice

The annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular session of the conference to be held in the First Altoona S. D. A. Church, Sixth and Union Avenues, Altoona, Pa., February 4 to 9, 1913. The first meeting of the Association will open at 9:30 A. M., Thursday, February 6, 1913. At this session members of the

constituency of the Association are to be elected, and any other business transacted which may come before the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*
H. K. HACKMAN, *Secretary.*

An Important Gathering

The next annual conference session and convention of the West Pennsylvania Conference, which is to be held at Altoona, Pa., Feb. 4 to 9, 1913, will be a very important meeting. Events of special significance to us are happening very rapidly, and we must lay plans to meet the issues. As true soldiers of the cross we must be more vigilant than ever as the situation becomes more critical. Now is the time when we must make every move count. At this meeting, besides the discussions of resolutions, hearing reports of the work, and the election of officers, we shall devote a large part of the time to convention work. All will recognize the value of this kind of work, which not only is a study of the principles which are involved in the various lines of work, but affords a chance to learn from the experience of others who have gone through, or are going through experiences similar to our own.

There is great need of strengthening the work in our local churches. Why is it that so many of our churches and companies are losing instead of gaining in numbers and spiritual strength? Shall we see souls coming into the faith by the hundreds and thousands in foreign fields, and sit at ease while our own sons and daughters drift into the world, and our brothers and sisters in Christ faint and die for lack of spiritual help which we ought to be able to give them? We feel that this meeting will be a very valuable opportunity, which all our members, especially the church and Sabbath school officers, should improve.

While every effort will be made to give a strong spiritual tone to the meeting, the attention of the workers will be especially directed to making this meeting a time for training workers. Papers will be read on various subjects vitally connected with our work, and which all will be asked to freely discuss. There will also be periods devoted to answering any questions regarding the work. We will have excellent help from experienced workers. Two and one-half hours each day will be devoted to convention work, besides the time spent in discussion of various church matters during the conference meetings. Among the subjects to be dis-

cussed are the following:

Duties of church elders.

How may the missionary spirit be encouraged?

How to deal with delinquent members.

The duty of the church to the children.

How may we best increase and direct the spiritual energies of the church?

How may our meetings be made more interesting?

The development of workers in the church.

The spiritual needs of young people.

The work of the church treasurer.

The prayer meeting, and how to make it more effective.

How may we improve our Sabbath-schools?

We hope that all will pray earnestly that the Spirit of God will guide us in the study of these and other important subjects at this convention.

Every effort will be made to reduce the expense of attending the meeting. The cost of board and room for the session will be \$2.50. Meals will be served at the dining room. Those who can bring blankets or other bedding should do so, as we wish to be sure that all will be comfortably cared for.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

Elder I. N. Williams and wife have been visiting in Erie during the last week.

Elder B. F. Kneeland attended the quarterly services at the Erie church last Sabbath. While the attendance was small, those present enjoyed a good meeting. The outlook in Erie is for better things, as the church is taking up some long neglected duties. Some of the dead branches were cut off at the church business meeting. The tithe has increased considerably of late, amounting to \$300.00 during the last quarter of the year. The Sunday night meetings, held by Elder West, are well attended.

Miss Floy Humphrey spent her vacation at Corry and Erie.

In four years the circulation of the Morning Watch Calendar increased from 6,000 to 25,000. These facts declare clearly and loudly the value of the Calendar. Do not fail to get one for 1913. Price, 5 cents.

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

NEW JERSEY

1912 - 1913

Ere these words reach the brethren and sisters in New Jersey, the year 1912 will be forever gone.

Seemingly, just a few hours ago and the first gray light of its dawning morning greeted our eyes, and we wondered what changes, blessings, and sorrows it would bring to our lot. Its three hundred and sixty-five days have come and gone, and some of our dear friends have gone with it, laid quietly to rest, free from the cares and troubles of life, to await the voice of the Lifegiver, when we shall all enjoy a new and better order of things. During its days, some have been born into this world, their bright, innocent faces to make joy and happiness in the home. May they ever bring only joy.

As we look back over a past year, as at the setting of the sun, the shadows of life have grown longer. What have we done during the fleeting hours? Have we laid up treasures where moth and rust do not corrupt, and where thieves cannot steal? May stars be set in our crowns as a result of our efforts during 1912.

1913 is here. Let us arouse! We may, if we will, begin the new year with a clean record, all sins forgiven. But we must establish a new record. We cannot remain inactive, as our very lives are an influence, and even this influence will tell what our records shall be. But with the talents that have been intrusted to us we may bring forth good fruit a hundred fold; and he with one talent may bring forth a hundred fold the same as he who has ten talents. It is not the quantity, but how we use that with which we are intrusted that shows the per cent of gain. What are you planning for 1913?

We are glad to hear that some of our churches have already planned to increase their supply of literature for missionary work.

Let us sow beside all waters this year, beginning at once, and the harvest is sure. The weekly *Signs*, the monthly magazines, the tracts on almost every subject and every language can be had at small expense, and are of inestimable value in bringing a knowledge of the truth to your friends and neighbors. Have you prepared for a supply?

The Lord has greatly blessed our conference during the past year. Our ministering brethren of the different

nationalities are calling for Bible workers to assist them in answering the many invitations to explain the truth. We believe our financial horizon is much brighter and by the same good cooperation of our brethren and sisters during 1913 the clouds shall be dispelled and we shall have clear sailing. W. B. WALTERS.

Plainfield

The work here is onward. God has blessed our company greatly since our last report. The week of prayer was a great blessing to all. It was the first experience of a week of prayer to many, as they have only been keeping the Sabbath since last September. We held meetings at three different homes during the week, two evenings in each place. Nearly all of the company attended regularly, the last Sabbath evening twenty-nine being present.

The children were given a part each Sabbath. They were in the charge of Sister Goodrich and my wife.

The presence of the Lord was manifest in every meeting, the spirit of entire consecration taking possession of all. The result is that every one is doing something in the distribution of tracts and other literature. One of the brethren who recently accepted the truth gave away to his friends eight "Bible Readings" and one "Great Controversy" in half morocco as presents.

Another lady has determined to take her stand for the truth as a result of Bible readings by the writer. I esteem it a great privilege to be laboring for souls at this period of the world's history. Every slice from the Turkish Empire is an urgent appeal to every believer of the third angel's message to hasten to get the truth to all the world. G. MEDAIRY.

WEST VIRGINIA

Among the Churches

On December 12 Brother J. S. Barrows, our conference secretary and treasurer, accompanied by the writer started on a trip among the churches. The following places were visited: Walker, Kanawha Station, Parkersburg, and Charleston. Brother Barrows audited the church books at the different places, meetings were held in the evenings, and the Lord by his Holy Spirit came near to his people. Brother I. D. Richardson had just begun a series of meetings at the Kanawha church, and the interest was good at that place.

Our hearts were made sad by the death of Sister Bogue of Parkersburg, and on Sunday, December 15, we attended the funeral which was conducted by Brother Richardson. This sister had belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years, and was considered a consistent Christian woman. We visited Brother S. F. Ross of Parkersburg, who is seriously ill. Brother Ross has been a member of the conference committee for several years, his good counsel is much appreciated, and we earnestly pray that he will regain his health.

From Parkersburg we went to Charleston. We found the brethren and sisters at Charleston of good courage in the Lord. Elder Gibson has done faithful work there, and the message is onward. The church school at Charleston, which is being taught by Miss Jessie Snider, is progressing nicely.

I am pleased to say that an excellent spirit is manifested by our people throughout the entire conference, and we are certain that our churches are on a better basis, as Brother Barrows has visited nearly every church in the conference, and given the treasurers the necessary books for their work. Pray for the work in West Virginia.

F. H. ROBBINS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Colonial Beach and Chiltons

The church at Colonial Beach has had only occasional help since Elder G. A. Stevens closed his work in that place about a year ago. It was therefore pleasant to meet with them through the entire season of the week of prayer.

The first part of each meeting was given to the children, who have manifested good interest in learning the memory verses and seemed to enjoy their exercises. Some of the children of neighboring families attended these meetings also.

After the reading each evening a short talk was given to which close attention was paid by those attending the meetings who were not of our faith. Although the meetings were not large at any time, we believe a good work was done in encouraging the believers and in calling attention of others to some of the vital principles of the gospel.

At the close of the Sabbath the business meeting of the church was held, and officers for the coming year were selected. There are some interested

persons in the place, and the members show a commendable zeal in doing what they can with literature and Bible studies for these interested ones.

As the members of the Chiltons church are a little scattered, it was not thought best to attempt to hold a meeting every evening. The first meeting was held on Sunday night, December 15. This meeting was well attended. Every seat in the house was taken, some standing outside. Very close attention was given to the speaking of the Word. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings also a goodly number, who do not usually attend the church, were present. At the meeting on Sabbath, December 21, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and the Spirit of the Lord was present.

The members of this church have remembered the apostle's injunction, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together," for some of them come about eight miles every week, one sister walking this distance rather than be deprived of the privilege of meeting with God's people.

A. J. BRISTOL.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The New Year and the Book Work

We earnestly ask your prayers and continued cooperation for the revival of the colporter work in this conference during 1913. You will recollect that just one year ago we sent you a similar request. At that time there were only one or two canvassers in the field. The work was low, and we felt our need of divine help.

I am glad to say that God has answered your prayers. The Holy Spirit moved upon the hearts of a goodly number to leave their worldly occupations and engage in the Lord's work. Through their earnest labors \$12,742.00 worth of our precious books have been sold during 1912, an average of over \$1,000.00 a month. This shows a gain of \$6,819.00 over 1911. We rejoice in what God has done through the faithful efforts of our self-sacrificing canvassers. Thousands, upon whom the judgments of God will fall, have heard the warning from the lips of these messengers of God, and thousands more, who purchased the books, now have the light of truth shining in their hearts.

But we need not dwell upon the past except to take courage for the future. The present needs our attention. What will be the record for 1913? God still holds the winds. We

should improve this period of extreme prosperity. The winter is a favorable time to canvass. As good records have been made in January as in any other months. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Those desiring territory and information, kindly write me at once.

With much appreciation for your cooperation in the advancement of the work, I am yours to hasten the realization of the "blessed hope,"

J. H. MCEACHERN, *Miss. Sec'y,
4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.*

Substitute Activity for Idleness

"What Luther and his friends composed, others disseminated. Monks, desirous to substitute a life of activity for long idleness, but too ignorant to be themselves preachers of the Word, traversed the provinces, and visited the hamlets and huts, selling the works of Luther and his friends. Germany was soon covered with these bold colporters. . . . In vain had the emperor and the princes issued severe edicts against the writings of the Reformers. Whenever an inquisitorial visit was to be made, the merchants, who had secret notice of it, concealed the books which were proscribed; and the people, always eager for what is sought to be kept from them, afterward got possession of these writings, and read them more greedily than before. These things were not confined to Germany. Luther's writings were translated into French, Spanish, English, and Italian, and disseminated among these nations.—"The Printing Press and the Gospel," page 54.

The above is a good example for Seventh-day Adventists. We are entrusted with the carrying forward of a reformation far superior to that conducted by Luther. Ours is the last movement, culminating in the second coming of Christ. The printing press is still a most potent factor in enlightening the world. Let us each therefore, become active in scattering the publications that the honest in heart may quickly be gathered out of Babylon. The winter season is an excellent time to begin. "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you." J. H. MCEACHERN.

WANTED.—A middle-aged Adventist lady to do housework in a family of four.—Address J. D. Patterson, Route 9, Wellsville, Pa.

OHIO

Church Schools

School	Enroll't	Teacher
Akron	13	Florence Hottes
Alliance	1	Marie Snider
Bowling Green	18	Mabel Andre
Burbank	5	I. M. Rickett
Canton	5	Wilma Stockwell
Chagrin Falls	2	Grace Kennedy
Clyde	7	Frances Arnold
Columbus	15	Goldie Hixon
Dayton	17	Myrtle Laughery
Dresden	17	Clara Reichenbaugh
Grafton	5	Bertha Laughlin
Mt. Vernon	41	Florence White
Newark	3	Bertha Acton
Ohio City	2	Alice Black
Pemberville	2	Maud Hess
Ravenna	9	O. S. Hershberger
Springfield	33	Rosella Draper
Wakeman	14	Ethel Murphy
West Clarksfield	5	Lottie Gibson
Total	214	

Zanesville

Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 28 and 29, was a time of rejoicing in the Zanesville church. After speaking to the church Sabbath morning using the words: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God," ten new believers were received into church fellowship. In a touching and pleasing manner they were formally welcomed by the pastor, Elder F. H. Henderson. On Sunday afternoon the ten new members were baptized by Elder Henderson. A more complete report will appear later of the progress and prospects of the work in Zanesville. Let us pray for our workers in the cities where there are many who will yet accept the truth. E. K. SLADE

Sabbath Dec. 28 was Harvest Ingathering and Church School Day at Springfield. Sister Bessie Acton who was present reports a most profitable occasion.

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath evening, January 3, with the Laura church, the remainder of the Sabbath at Dayton, and joined Elder Wilkinson at Springfield Sunday, the latter having spent Sabbath morning at Zanesville, and afternoon at Newark. Elder Wilkinson has visited quite a number of Ohio city churches recently and we hope to present a report from him in the near future.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending December 27, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas		GC	5	33	11	38 00	2 00	40 00	78 00
H. Smith, Pocahontas		DR	4	33	15	49 00	9 80	58 80	9 00
Mrs. H. Smith, Pocahontas		HW	2	11					42 35
A. Halstead, Putnam		DA	3	24		45 50	6 75	52 25	
*W. McElphatr'k, Fayette		DR	8	56	10	23 00	18 25	41 25	45 15
Totals	5 Agents		22	157	36	\$155 50	\$36 80	\$192 30	\$174 50

Ohio, Week Ending December 27, 1912

*F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	8	56	9	29 00	15 50	44 50	60 00	
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.	ES	3	17	3	12 00	11 75	23 75		
L. Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	2	5					16 50	
*J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	10	60	2	6 00		6 00	229 70	
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	37	3	8 00		8 00	71 65	
Mary James, Ironton	CK	5	23					18 75	
M. Grubb, Paulding Co.	GC	2						8 60	
Totals	7 Agents		34	198	17	\$55 00	\$27 25	\$82 25	\$405 20

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending December 27, 1912

W. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF	30	11	18 50		18 50		
Mrs. Eekhout, Norfolk		51					27 50	
Totals	2 Agents		81	11	\$18 50		\$18 50	\$27 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 27, 1912

Irena Coleman, Rock Hall	BF	3	8		11 00	11 00	49 00	
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*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: 15 Agents Value of Orders, \$353 05 Deliveries, \$856 20

It was made very plain through the sending out of the *Review* containing the week of prayer readings that there are many of our people in every conference without the *Review*. These cannot afford to be without it. Our conferences cannot afford to have them without it. In the home of the members of our churches, the *Review* is even more effective than the presence of a permanent pastor. It is "Our Able Minister." Those who have the *Review* are always faithful in supporting every branch of the work. They are the pillars of the church, and the support of the conference. They get to be all this as they grow through the broadening, deepening, and faith-filling influence of the *Review*. After Feb. 1 the club rates cease and now is the time to subscribe.

The elders in our churches should look closely after this matter now while the *Review* can be had at practically the old rate. J. I. CASSELL.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elders Mead McGuire and Ned S. Ashton and Miss Matilda Erickson will lead out in the work of the Missionary Volunteer Institute at the College January 9 to 12. The institutes held in different sections of the country have been very successful. The Mt. Vernon church is prepared to entertain all visitors.

The painting of the dining room and kitchen floors and the varnishing of the chapel steam pipes have added to the attractiveness of the College home.

A pleasant surprise was enjoyed on the morning after New Year's Day in the form of a chapel talk by Elder Wilkinson inspiring to our best efforts in this, the most momentous year in earth's history.

Prof. J. B. Clymer, formerly president of Mt. Vernon College and now teaching in the Sheyenne River Academy, Harvey, N. Dak., addressed the Mt. Vernon church, Sabbath morning, December 29.

On the afternoon of Sabbath Dec. 29, three members of the ministerial band addressed the Young People's Society on the "Second Coming of Christ."

Having sold their home in Academia to Frank Wells, the family of Smith Clymer have left for Nevada, Iowa, where Brother Clymer is connected with the Sanitarium.

Miss Hazel Leach will continue her canvassing the remainder of this year instead of attending school as was anticipated in last week's issue.

We quote the following from a personal letter to Elder J. E. Shultz written Nov. 29 by Brother C. C. Belgrave of the class of '12 from London, Eng.

"To-day we went to the estate owned by our people, at Watford. The college is a beautiful building and everything about it is neat and clean. I was pleased to find myself once more in school, and also to have the pleasure of partaking of a college breakfast. Prof. Lacey, the principal, asked me to address the students at the opening exercises. I did so; and all were pleased to hear me.

I met Elder Wakeham who told me he taught seven years at M. V. C. We were taken through the sanitarium, food factory, and printing office as well. I cannot but truly confess that everything is simply beautiful, and that the estate owned by our people here speaks well for the British Union.

We are now getting ready for our final trip from London to Calcutta. They are all expecting us. I hope we shall not disappoint any in their expectation of us."

Don't fail to read Dr. Reed's article on the "Eastern Question" in the February *Sigmas Magazine*. Make a note of this and be sure and get a copy—only a dime. Five or ten for your friends would be better. Five cents each for five or more. Order through your tract society.

A kindly act is a kernel sown,
That will grow to a goodly tree,
Shedding its fruit when time has flown
Down the gulf of eternity.

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Endow a Bed

We receive many calls from our brethren and sisters who are ill in the various conferences to come to the Sanitarium at a low rate. We accomodate these, but there are many equally as worthy and as much in need of coming, who cannot pay even a lower price. They are loyal to our work. They have sacrificed much for it in days gone by, but are now ill and destitute.

Is there not some one reading this notice who would like to endow a bed at the Washington Sanitarium? This could be done by the gift of a lump sum which would make an endowment for a certain length of time, or a sum of money might be placed with the Sanitarium for a certain length of time, the interest of which could be given to endow a bed for some weeks or some months during each year, as the case might be. No better missionary work could be done, and in no other way could the Master be better served than by providing for these helpless, needy ones, the medical attention and treatment necessary.

We should be glad to correspond with any concerning this endowment. Address the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Army Book Fund

Fifty "Daniel and Revelation" are ready for shipment to the United States Army. They need, however, twenty cents postage for each book.

You can see, therefore, that it will take ten dollars to forward this large shipment. These books are going to all parts of the United States and the world and will be read by thousands of men, who in all probability would never hear the message otherwise.

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Send all funds, stamps particularly requested, to the Treasurer, Southern Publishing Assn., 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. B. N. BROWN.

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Marriage

Mr. Albert Simpkins and Miss Florence Corder, both of Coshocton, Ohio, were united in marriage by the writer in Columbus, December 22d, 1912. These young people have our best wishes for a bright and prosperous future. JOHN FRANCIS OLNSTED.

Program for Field Agents' Convention

Mt. Vernon, January 20 to 25

1. Qualifications of a Field Agent, I. A. Ford. Discussion—H. F. Kirk.
 2. Our Magazine Work and How to Promote It, A. J. S. Bourdeau. Discussion—I. G. Bigelow.
 3. Record Keeping: (a) of agents, (b) of prospectives, (c) of territory, C. E. Grey. Discussion—J. I. Cassell.
 4. How to Canvass Roman Catholics, J. A. P. Green.
 5. How to Secure Permanent Canvassers, N. Z. Town. Discussion—J. H. McEachern.
 6. How to Train Agents, I. G. Bigelow. Discussion—I. D. Richardson.
 8. Letter Writing: (a) circulars, (b) personal, (c) news letters, (d) follow up, J. H. McEachern. Discussion—F. E. Hankins.
 9. How to Reach Our Cities, I. D. Richardson.
 10. Qualifications of Canvassers, I. A. Ford. Discussion—Wm. P. Hess.
 11. Institutes: When? Where? How long should they be held? Who should attend? V. O. Punches. Discussion—Elder R. T. Baer.
 12. Special studies to be given on "Practical Guide," "Easy Steps," "Desire of Ages."
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1. Original Purpose of Tract Societies, N. Z. Town.
 2. Advantages of Tract Societies, Elder B. G. Wilkinson.
 3. Relation of Tract Society Secretary to Church Missionary Societies, T. E. Bowen.
 4. Church Missionary Work, D. W. Reavis.
 5. Relation of the Secretary to the Colporters and Field Agents, W. B. Walters.
 6. Secretary's Work at Camp-meetings, I. A. Ford.
 7. How may the Secretary Cooperate with the Conference President and Ministers, B. F. Kneeland.
 8. Work of the Secretary in Promoting General Plans of Work, A. R. Sandborn.
 9. How Should Secretaries Receive Their Training? A. J. Bristol.
 10. What Should Constitute the Tract Society Office Equipment? J. I. Cassell.
 11. Business Methods, R. T. Dowsett.