

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD

Could we but draw back the curtains  
That surround each other's lives,  
See the naked heart and spirit,  
Know what spur the action gives,  
Often we should find it better,  
Purer than we judge we should;  
We should love each other better  
If we only understood.

If we knew the cares and trials,  
Knew the efforts all in vain,  
And the bitter disappointment,  
Understood the loss and gain—  
Would the grim, external roughness  
Seem, I wonder, just the same?  
Should we help where now we hinder,  
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah, we judge each other harshly,  
Knowing not life's hidden force;  
Knowing not the fount of action  
Is less turbid at its source;  
Seeing not amid the evil  
All the golden grains of good;  
Ah! we'd love each other better  
If we only understood.

—Woman's Work.

### How to Interest the Jews in Present Truth—4

As the Jews become acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists, they begin to have confidence in them as teachers of the word of God. This means much to our people, as the Jewish people generally have very little confidence in the ordinary Christian teacher. The masses of the professed Christian people have so little faith in the Old Testament, that the Jewish people as a rule do not consider them at all versed in Old Testament teaching.

It will give our workers a chance of taking particular interest in the Jews when they come to such subjects as the Sabbath, the law, the tithing, the spirit of prophecy, health reform, and kindred topics which bear particularly along Old Testament lines. It is true that the Jews do not come much to Christian services, and we know

that they think they have reasons. But we must be patient, and do all we can to lead them in a kindly way to the foot of the cross.

There will be many questions that the people will be asked, especially along the lines of certain Old Testament prophecies. While we as a people believe and teach the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, as a rule our workers and our people are much more familiar with certain prophecies and teachings of the word of God than they are with other parts. Consequently we not only need to know how to teach the Gentiles, but we also ought to become informed on those parts of the Scriptures which particularly appeal to the Jews. This we believe can be done.

The Jewish Department has prepared a series of Bible readings bearing on special lines of Old Testament prophecies, which will be found helpful in working where there are Jews. A copy of these typewritten Bible readings will be freely sent to any desiring them, by sending a two cent stamp to the Jewish Department, South Lancaster, Mass. If the Jews can be made to see that the truths we as a people teach today are the same truths that their forefathers believed and taught, it will arouse interest in their hearts.

Here is what the word of God says on this point:

"When this gospel shall be presented in its fullness to the Jews many will accept Christ as the Messiah."

"As the Old Testament Scriptures are blended with the New in an explanation of Jehovah's eternal purpose, this will be to many of the Jews as a dawn of a new creation, the resurrection of the soul. As they see the Christ of the gospel dispensation portrayed in the pages of the Old Testament Scriptures, and perceive how clearly the New Testament explains the Old, their slumbering faculties will be aroused, and they will recognize Christ as the Saviour of the world. Many will by faith receive Christ as their Saviour."—Acts of the Apostles, pages 380, 381.

These are encouraging words. Let us thank God for them. We will do all we can to cooperate with our people and workers in bringing the truths of this blessed message to the lost sheep of Israel. Let us pray that God will open *their* eyes to see, and open *our* hearts to bring the message to them.

F. C. GILBERT.

*Sec'y Jewish Department.*

### Quarter a Quarter Fund

In contemplating the failures or shortcomings of the past year and in the good resolutions for the new year, I wonder how many took into consideration the Quarter a Quarter Fund. Perhaps he is such a stranger to some, or perchance has been left so far in the rear that he was never once thought of. The fact is as I have had occasion to see him now and then in the remittances from the conferences, I scarcely recognize him myself, since, instead of having his full anatomy of four or five figures, he came to us with but two, such as 75 cents, 40 cents, and even the much talked of 23. He looked more like a "Weakly Offering" or the "Poor Fund" than Quarter a Quarter.

Let me suggest your counting up each quarter you have passed Quarter a Quarter without even giving him slight recognition and next Sabbath slip into the envelope a quarter (25 cents) for each three months our friend has been slighted. Remember to mark the envelope properly for unless this is done your donation to Quarter a Quarter will go to the pocket of another.

Quarter a Quarter Fund has come to stay with us indefinitely so let us treat him royally by being liberal to him the beginning of the year, and continue this treatment of him throughout the year for he is a good fellow.

He will cancel cards for Mount Vernon College indebtedness at the rate of \$5.00 per card until the debt is wiped out, then thereafter will continue his beneficence to the local conference educational work.

R. T. DOWSETT.

### If I Were a Boy Again

If I could live once more the years of my life which have gone, I should early choose my Creator as my first and chief counselor, making every ambition and plan subservient to his purpose for my life.

I should seek to lay in a good store of physical and nervous energy by obedience to nature's laws. I should avoid dissipation, should keep quiet, steady hours, be temperate in eating and drinking, and abstemious in all my habits of life. I should never shirk hard tasks, nor waste time in useless idle sports, but should take such clean, wholesome recreation as would strengthen both mind and body.

I should seek to obtain the best possible mental equipment for my life-work, by first obtaining a good general education. Then as it became clear to me what God wanted my life-work to be, I should obtain special training for that calling. If I purposed to become a farmer, I should not be content with following old-time methods, picking up such knowledge as I could obtain from association with my neighbors; but I should attend an agricultural college, and acquire a good working knowledge of scientific methods. If my purpose were to engage in literary work, then I should seek special preparation by studying the original tongues, especially Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, by obtaining a good knowledge of history, and by acquainting myself with the best literature of the world. The reading of novels and light worthless literature, I should avoid as a waste of time, and a lessening of my capability to acquire the useful and substantial.

All this briefly, and more, should I do if I were a boy once more, and could view life from a boy's standpoint as I view it now from the standpoint of a man. But it is given us only once to pass this way. We can not retrace our steps, nor can we spend our time grieving over wasted opportunities or regretting what might have been. We who are older grown can only redeem the past as we improve the present and the future. But perhaps from the mountain heights of our experience we may speak a word of admonition to those in the valley below—to you, boys and girls, who stand in the opening doors of life's opportunities—and lead you to realize that the present is the golden period of all your lives.—*F. M. Wilcox in Christian Education.*

"For everything there is a season."

### Cowardice or Courage—Which?

We are cowards, all of us. I know of but one person in a wide circle of acquaintances that seems absolutely fearless. And my appreciation of this man's courage grows keener as the years pass, and I see how cowardly the rest of us are.

This man has held various responsible positions in our educational work. And wherever associated with others as teacher, principal, or church elder, this characteristic of Christian courage has made itself felt upon those associated with him. If he saw a pupil, or even an associate member of the faculty, or a brother in error, he would bravely counsel with the person in question, point out *definitely his shortcomings*, and encourage him to renew his diligence in guarding himself upon that point. He would not merely bear with the person's failings until it seemed unwise for the work concerned to do so longer, and then dismiss the person from school, from employ, or from the church without disclosing the exact occasion of his dismissal. This is the easiest way, but it is not the kindest way; it is not the Christian way.

Many persons have been shifted about from one position to another without any one's having courage to say kindly and heroically to them, This change is necessary because you talk too much; or, You criticize too much; You are not sufficiently energetic in your work; You do not think and plan enough; You do not come close enough to the people; You hold yourself aloof from your associates and from those you ought to help; You do not economize as much as is necessary; You attend to details too much, and do not plan broadly; You think too highly of yourself; You are unwilling to get down and dig; You are too afraid of soiling your clothes; You do not visit the people in their homes as much as is necessary to bind up your work well; You do not get right down to study as your work demands; or, You do not put in long enough hours.

It takes courage to tell a person, face to face, his predominant failing. It is far less embarrassing for us to tell his faults to others or to allow him to drift on in his crippled way until some committee votes to release us from his incompetent work by sending him to some other field of labor, or by dispensing altogether with his services; but it is more embarrassing to the one most concerned. And it will in time be embarrassing for those to whom the committee sends him.

Would it not have been far better for some brother to have told him plainly his failing when it first became apparent that his work was not proving a success, and thus have given him an opportunity to correct the hindering cause?

Some of us who now and then got up courage to tell another his wrong, put it off so long because we dreaded the ordeal so much that it was well-nigh impossible for the person at fault to redeem himself at that late date. Procrastination in this Christian duty often brings in many complications, and sometimes proves fatal to the one most concerned.

The heroic person referred to at the beginning of this article did not wait for "opportune moments" as you and I do; he made the opportune time, and he usually made it come at once, with the result that hundreds, if not thousands of persons, have been greatly helped by this man's timely counsel.

Let us break away from the timid and fearful. Let us love others as we do ourselves; let us deal as candidly with others as we should like to have them deal with us. Let us not hide anything, but tell the worst, in love counseling and helping the failing one on to victory. Would you not rather have your worst fault pointed out, and know that the person pointing it out is endeavoring to help you, than to have nothing said, and you left to guess why you are dropped out and your work is given to another? Perhaps one person out of ten would prefer the latter way, but most of us would rather know that somebody cared enough to try to help us onto surer ground. The Judge of all the earth is about to reckon with his servants. Let us make haste to heed his command to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. This requires the highest kind of courage and love.—*H. O. Sinclair in Youths' Instructor.*

Many of our general educators as well as teachers in our church schools appreciate the premium globe *Christian Education* is offering. We give below a statement made by C. A. Russell, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference:—

"I have taken pains to examine the globe offered as a premium for five subscriptions to *Christian Education* for \$1.00 each, and I am surprised that *Education* is able to offer so fine a piece of apparatus, with a club of only five subscriptions. I shall enter upon the campaign all the more heartily now.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Washington Sanitarium Notes

Aside from the work of a gospel medical institution operating within its walls, the Sanitarium is doing a large and good work outside. A dispensary and mission is being conducted in Southwest Washington by Sanitarium and Seminary physicians and nurses. This is a blessing and a light to the poor and needy, educating them to higher and more advantageous living.

A like work is being done for the country people living within a radius of a few miles of the Sanitarium. The various cases have been treated in the bathrooms, but it is hoped that a dispensary will be equipped soon and put in operation in a cottage near the institution. Visiting nurses also minister to the poverty stricken and afflicted. Sign boards will be put up along the roads directing the people to the dispensary and headquarters of the visiting nurses.

This work in harmony with the instruction given in Isaiah 58 and Matt. 25:31-46 illustrates the gospel message, and represents its divine Author to the people. Such a work fulfills the prophetic picture of the church's mission as suggested by these Scriptures and fits it for that true and spiritual Sabbath observance which is the seal and sign of God to his people. Anything short of this is short of the fullness of gospel work.

A nurses' bureau has been instituted by the Sanitarium, and men and women graduated nurses are supplied to Washington and nearby cities and country. This is a great educational feature of our work. Medical missionaries are sent into the homes to heal and educate the people illustrating gospel principles, and teaching the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven by precept and example. This is also a medium of advertising, as opportunity is given to make known our Sanitarium work.

The Sanitarium physicians are doing a good work in connection with a society of physicians and W. C. T. U. workers in Washington. The woman physician of the Sanitarium is the District Superintendent of Health and Heredity of the W. C. T. U., and conducts a School of Health with regular monthly meetings. Beside our own physicians, the services of Doctors Kelly and Pollock of the Johns Hopkins University, and other well known physicians and lecturers are secured for these meetings. Sanitarium

nurses demonstrate in some of these lectures.

The society of physicians and the ladies of the W. C. T. U. are occasionally entertained at the Sanitarium. These occasions are made educational opportunities. The vesper services are made especially helpful, and demonstrated lectures are given on rational therapeutics.

With the desire to do complete and progressive work, a nurses' class was started at the beginning of the year. Ten earnest young men and women were enrolled. Most of these have been filling positions in the institution for several months, and are well known to the faculty. We are thankful for this class, and trust they will fully develop into efficient gospel medical missionary evangelists.

The word comes to us from the Spirit of Prophecy, "Educate, educate, educate." Sanitariums are to be institutions of healing and education to patients, and schools for the training of medical missionaries. Not merely a place embodying certain ideas but essentially a place where ideas are so carried out in the lives of the workers that they become instructive in character, finding acceptance and application in the lives of the patients who visit the institution. Sanitariums are not places for proselyting, but places where true Christianity is revealed in daily living the truth as it is in Jesus; not places for preaching the theories and doctrines of a merely formal religion or denominationalism, but where Bible truth is taught by example.

That we might have success in daily living the Gospel message, and always be ready to give the reasons for the hope that is within us, speaking the words of our peculiar faith when proper to do so, we ask the blessing of God upon us. O. B. KUHN.

## CHESAPEAKE

## The German Work in Baltimore

The German work in this city has been carried on for the last seven months by the writer. It seems a very peculiar situation in reference to getting the foreign people to attend any evangelistic meetings. For this reason the work is made difficult and slow, and most of it must be done by house to house visiting, and circulating of literature.

Our German membership of the Chesapeake Conference at present is twenty-six, six of these have been taken in in the last six months. Our

place of meeting is a hall located on Baltimore and Calverton Road. We have good services with full attendance on the Sabbath.

With all the slowness of the progress, we are not discouraged, but are planning for a strong campaign this year. We hope to gather in some of the outstanding interest. The financial situation is better. The total receipts for the last seven months amounted to \$621.00. While this is not yet what it ought to be, we are glad to see the willingness on the part of all our people to help carry the message to this large city and foreign fields. We are also expecting to have a Bible worker to locate in this city. The Conference Committee has already given its sanction, but the German Department of the General Conference has not yet been able to secure the proper person.

We ask the readers of this paper to remember us at the throne of God, that we might receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we will be able to do an efficient work.

T. L. THUEMLER.

## WEST VIRGINIA

## Notes

Elder N. S. Ashton, who is the educational secretary of the Columbia Union, is expected to attend the general meetings which will be held at Parkersburg and Charleston, January 31st to February 9th.

Brother I. D. Richardson sends in a good report of the work done at Kanawha. He says:—"We closed our meetings at Kanawha last Sunday night with eight new believers. There are some four or five whom we have strong hopes of, though we cannot count but the eight for the present. One is a school teacher, a bright young woman. She is planning to prepare herself for the Lord's work and give up the public school teaching."

Mrs. C. F. Furnival has returned to her home in Bridgeport, Conn., after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Barrows.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Barrows has recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis.

Let all remember that, at sundown January 31, 1913, the special club rates on our periodicals will end.

## OHIO

## Some 1912 Facts and Figures

We began 1912 with a large task laid out before us. We had freely consented to enter into the the proposed plan that called for 40 per cent of our total tithe receipts and fifteen cents a week per member for missions. Our tithe receipts for 1911 were \$30,309.80. Counting on that amount for 1912, with 40 per cent taken out, we would have but a little more than \$18,000 left to maintain our own work and workers. This we knew would come far short of our requirements. We appealed to our people to rally to the urgent call for a larger tithe income. Through the blessing of God and the faithfulness of our people, there has been a good increase in tithe receipts for 1912, as you will see by the figures given below. That the tithe for last year was \$4,343.41 more than ever received in any previous year, is an item of encouragement. By economy and carefulness, we have been able to go forward with our home work while sharing with the great mission fields.

We have made a still better showing in our efforts on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. A full report of the results, church by church, has been sent to all church elders. The Ravenna church stands at the head of the list, at forty-eight cents a member. Twenty-six churches raised and exceeded the quota of fifteen cents, ranging from forty-eight cents down to fifteen as follows: Ravenna 48; Pleasant Hill and New Philadelphia 34; Washington C. H., East Liverpool, and Zanesville 26; Canaan and Piqua 25; Ohio City and Canton 24; Chagrin Falls 23; Mt. Vernon 22; Mansfield and Hamilton 21; Akron, Alliance, and Medina 20; Laura 18; Cleveland German, Hamler, Conneant, Cincinnati, and Lake View 17; Bellefontaine 16; Wheelersburg and Locust Point 15. These twenty-six churches raised \$2,377.02 in addition to their quota of fifteen cents a member.

Thirty-six churches came short of the fifteen cent mark, ranging from fourteen cents down to one cent a member. Compared with the year before, these latter churches have made a splendid gain and we look for nearly all of them passing the mark this year.

The following items you will study with interest:—

| 1911               | 1912        | Gain        |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tithes \$30,306 80 | \$36,681 09 | \$ 5,371 29 |

|                      | 1911      | 1912      | Gain      |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tithe per capita     |           |           |           |
|                      | 14 50     | 17 50     | 3 00      |
| Fifteen-cent Fund    |           |           |           |
|                      | 8,533 50  | 15,093 92 | 6,560 40  |
| Rate per week        |           |           |           |
|                      | 08        | 14        | 06        |
| S. S. Offerings      |           |           |           |
|                      | 3,929 58  | 7,975 39  | 4,045 81  |
| Tithes and Offerings |           |           |           |
|                      | 38,843 32 | 51,775 01 | 12,931 69 |

The past year represents equally good progress in other lines. It has been most gratifying to see from time to time a good number added to most of our city churches and in many other places. The tract society and book work maintain a good standing. Especially do I appreciate the faithful cooperation of the churches and church officers which accounts largely for the good results of the past year. Our Sabbath-school officers have certainly been doing good work.

As we take up the tasks for this year, let us aim for a still higher standard. There should be an increase in tithes in all churches. Let us continue the good work in behalf of mission offerings. Soon the work will all be done. Now is the time to help, when help is most needed and will count most. E. K. SLADE.

## Answering God's Call

"The Lord designs that the light he has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays, and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong, united effort that God's designs may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvassers to take up some other line of work. This order of things must be changed. *God calls the canvassers back to their work.*" Manual for Canvassers, pp. 70, 71.

Let canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, "remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, *will be rewarded by seeing souls converted;* and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the work will advance into new territory." Id. pp. 7, 8.

The above quotations have a weight of meaning that we cannot well disregard. God is calling the canvassers back to their work. My dear brother, is he calling *you* back to *your* work? Many a faithful canvasser has stepped aside for a time, thinking that they could serve the Lord as well in other

lines of work; but it is the universal decision of all, that there is not that peace nor satisfaction experienced which was theirs to enjoy when engaged in the canvassing work. The great need of the hour is good faithful canvassers who will devote their life to the spread of the message through the circulation of the printed page. "Go out into the byways and the highways and gather them in," is the command.

We were made glad a few weeks ago, when we received word from one of our faithful canvassers who had stepped aside from the canvassing work for a year, when he wrote to the office, saying that he was going into the work again. We gladly welcome him back. And why? Because God is calling such back. Others have written me saying that they were not satisfied, and would not be, until they were again engaged in the canvassing work.

Here is a quotation from a letter just received from our brother who has returned to the work. "I had a good time last week. One lady, that I sold two books to last winter, I found keeping the Sabbath, and I sold her "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Easy Steps in Bible Story." Not only this, but they told me to try to get back and stop over night all I can. Another place where I stayed over night last January, the gentleman of the house died last summer. They were rich people. I failed to take their order then, but after talking to the lady on New Year's day about the home of the saved, she wanted me to read about it from her Bible because she thought my Bible was different. I did so, marking the places where I had read, and at the same time telling her of the help that the book I was selling would be to her. She ordered a copy. My orders for New Year's day amounted to \$26.05."

From the above quotation you will note that this brother is canvassing over the same territory that he canvassed a year ago. His sales for the first 26 hours work after returning to work this year were \$73.15. What this brother has done *others can do*. Who will doubt for a moment that God is now calling the canvassers back to their work? And who among the old canvassers will respond to the call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and send back the answer, clear and distinct, "Here am I, send me." J. I. CASSELL.

The greatest benefactor is the man who sells good books.—Gladstone.

## Marriage

A pretty wedding was solemnized Saturday evening, Jan. 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morse, 2045-E. 79th St., Cleveland, Ohio, when their daughter Miss Helen, formerly a student of Mt. Vernon, became the bride of Mr. Irving A. Steinel of Battle Creek Mich., and a former student at Berrien Springs. Elder R. G. Patterson officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Steinel will make their home in Battle Creek, Mich.

Elder John W. Shultz, who has spent the last eight years in successful ministerial labor in Ohio, has accepted a call from the Mission Board to make Jamaica, West Indies, his field of labor, and is preparing to leave at an early date. Brother and Sister Shultz will first visit relatives in this State. The prayers of their friends follow them to their new field of labor.

Elder H. F. Graf, whose efforts at Cleveland in behalf of the Germans have been greatly blessed, has accepted a call from the Southern California Conference and is now located at 1025 G. Street, Fresno, California.

One hundred dollars was pledged on the liquidation of the Mt. Vernon College debt by the little company at Zanesville during the visit of Elder B. G. Wilkinson. Much of this will be raised by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

The Conference Committee met last week at Mt. Vernon, Brethren D. D. Panches of Hamilton and Harry Cassell of Mt. Vernon being associated with the committee in auditing the 1912 accounts.

The 1913 Temperance *Instructor* will be dated February 4, and mailed about January 24th. It will surpass all other Temperance issues in both appearance and contents. The usual price will be continued on this special issue.

I always feel like lifting my hat to the book agent, because he is doing more good than I can ever hope to do. —*Talmage.*

There is no calling or occupation so honorable, so beneficial to mankind as the business of selling good books. —*Spurgeon.*

## OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER 1912

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Akron.....                     | \$ 116 75 |
| Alliance.....                  | 34 25     |
| *Barnesville.....              | 22 73     |
| Bellefontaine.....             | 33 65     |
| Bellville.....                 | 22 00     |
| *Broughton.....                | 3 90      |
| Bowling Green.....             | 146 13    |
| Camden.....                    | 115 46    |
| Canaan.....                    | 27 90     |
| Canton.....                    | 54 43     |
| Chagrin Falls.....             | 213 75    |
| Charloe.....                   | 2 75      |
| Chillicothe.....               | 2 00      |
| Cincinnati.....                | 374 55    |
| Cleveland.....                 | 225 30    |
| Cleveland German.....          | 51 41     |
| Clyde.....                     | 41 34     |
| Columbus.....                  | 501 95    |
| Columbus S. D. A. Mission..... | 11 80     |
| *Conant.....                   | 5 00      |
| Conneaut.....                  | 21 18     |
| Corsica.....                   | .....     |
| Coshocton.....                 | .....     |
| Cygnel.....                    | .....     |
| Dayton.....                    | 163 60    |
| Defiance.....                  | 22 58     |
| Delaware.....                  | 2 00      |
| Delta.....                     | 117 43    |
| Derwent.....                   | 62 40     |
| Dowling.....                   | .....     |
| Dunkirk.....                   | .....     |
| East Liverpool.....            | 59 87     |
| Elgin.....                     | .....     |
| Findlay.....                   | 22 25     |
| Greenspring.....               | .....     |
| *Gilboa.....                   | .....     |
| Hamler.....                    | .....     |
| Hamilton.....                  | 43 43     |
| Hicksville.....                | 4 00      |
| *Jackson.....                  | 16 28     |
| Jefferson.....                 | .....     |
| Killbuck.....                  | 23 93     |
| LaGrange.....                  | 138 21    |
| *Lakeville.....                | 22 45     |
| Lakeview.....                  | 10 18     |
| Laura.....                     | 10 50     |
| Leesburg.....                  | .....     |
| Liberty Center.....            | 38 46     |
| Lima.....                      | .....     |
| Locust Point.....              | 28 35     |
| Mansfield.....                 | 20 71     |
| Marion.....                    | 46 94     |
| Marshfield.....                | .....     |
| Massillon.....                 | .....     |
| Medina.....                    | 2 00      |
| Mendon.....                    | 10 12     |
| Middlefield.....               | .....     |
| Mount Vernon.....              | 988 59    |
| Newark.....                    | 130 09    |
| Norwalk.....                   | 38 26     |
| New Philadelphia.....          | 23 89     |
| Ohio City.....                 | 15 80     |
| Pemberville.....               | .....     |
| Piqua.....                     | 8 78      |
| Pleasant Hill.....             | 49 30     |
| Powell.....                    | .....     |

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Ravenna.....         | 54 23  |
| *Reedsville.....     | 12 41  |
| Rows.....            | 5 62   |
| Sherwood.....        | 5 00   |
| Spencer.....         | .....  |
| Springfield.....     | 325 35 |
| Toledo.....          | 338 83 |
| Troy.....            | 44 11  |
| Van Wert.....        | 7 84   |
| Walnut Grove.....    | 59 34  |
| Washington C. H..... | 152 67 |
| Waterford.....       | 40 00  |
| Wengerlawn.....      | .....  |
| Wilmington.....      | 8 83   |
| *West Mansfield..... | .....  |
| Wheelersburg.....    | 107 92 |
| Youngstown.....      | 108 87 |
| Zanesville.....      | 50 25  |
| Individuals.....     | 32 22  |

TOTAL.....\$5,502 12

\*Companies

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Tithe.....                     | \$5502 12 |
| Tract Society.....             | 1813 64   |
| Sabbath-school Donations.....  | 1399 53   |
| First Day Offerings.....       | 191 83    |
| Missions.....                  | 566 45    |
| Mission Signs.....             | 647 89    |
| Annual Offerings.....          | 1021 25   |
| \$300,000 Fund.....            | 84 65     |
| Mount Vernon College Fund..... | 145 48    |
| Colored Work.....              | 5 10      |
| Clinton German Seminary.....   | 4 50      |
| T. & H. Collections.....       | 15 21     |
| Expense Refund.....            | 93 74     |

TOTAL.....\$11,491 39

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treas.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### A Time to Work

The signs of the times clearly show us that time is very short. The Turk, it seems, can not much longer remain in Europe. Bible students know that this step means the close of probation, but the winds of strife are held back a little longer that the servants of God may be sealed.

Is not the great need of the work and the lateness of the hour an appeal to each one of us from the Lord, "Go work in my vineyard"? Times are now good and what is left undone in times of peace will have to be done under trying conditions.

I am thankful to the Lord for better health since coming from the South. Pray for the work in Scranton as a company of us take up the canvassing work again in that city.

S. H. SWINGLE.

"The night cometh when no man can work."

## AT THE COLLEGE

### Meaning of M. V. C.

To the casual observer M. V. C. means Mount Vernon College, but in those three letters lies hidden a far deeper meaning—a meaning which comprehends the purpose for which this school was founded. Interpreted thus they stand for Missionary Volunteer College, and is it not appropriate that such a coincidence should occur? Before this was a school it was said that it should give character to the work, and could any but a Missionary Volunteer College do this? None enter the ranks of active warriors in this campaign but volunteers; no recruit is drafted; and this school is the military college, the drilling ground where the issues and methods of the battle may be learned before the new soldier engages in warfare on the firing line,—a knowledge helpful to every one, but most needed by those who must direct the advance moves at the front.

Although, perhaps, the words Missionary Volunteer College have not been directly recognized as those for which M. V. C. stands, yet no one thinks of our College without associating with it in his mind the missionary idea. How could it be otherwise when two hundred forty-eight workers have issued from it, forty-eight to foreign fields? Look in any of the large divisions of the mission fields and Mount Vernon is represented there. This is not accidental. From College Hill we seem to have extended vision; before us lies the world, and we must take to it our message. This is the aim kept before us, to be Missionary Volunteers in home and foreign lands.

JANETTE BIDWELL.

While Miss Jennie Smith of the class of '12 was returning from Sabbath-school at Liberty Center, Sabbath, January 12, the buggy slid on the icy road, struck the curbing, and threw Miss Smith to the ground fracturing one wrist.

After last week's issue of the VISITOR was mailed word came that the postponed Missionary Volunteer Institute would be held January 16 to 19. It is in progress as we go to press. A full report will appear in next week's issue.

Mr. Schuster, one of our students from the German church at Cleveland, is transforming the interior of the

College by the use of the paint brush. The manual department of the College deals with practical things. Many more sturdy young people would be working their way in school and gaining a most valuable experience if more industries could be established. Trained laborers produced by the money thus invested would bring the donor a rich reward when the things of this world perish.

## VIRGINIA

### The Stanley Dime Band

We wish to present to you a short report of what eighteen children did with a dime apiece. Last January the church gave \$1.80 to the children to be used as a talent. This was to be brought in on Thanksgiving as an offering for foreign missions. The total amount returned was \$18.12. The children gave a few words of explanation as to how they used this little money entrusted to their care, and expressed a strong desire to see some good come out of the efforts put forth. Below we give a list of the children who took part in this good work:—

Garland Short, Russell Short, Vest Painter, Iness Painter, Eltie Foltz, Erman Blosser, Velya Alshire, Dorothy Alshire, Kermit Alshire, Grace Painter, Florence Painter, Floyd Flotz, Elva Flotz, Esta Jenkins, Mollie Jenkins, Dewy Jenkins, Edna Painter, and Erman Painter.

After the collection of this offering, A. J. Painter, elder of the church, asked the blessing of the Lord to rest upon this offering. We hope that this may inspire others to put forth a greater effort in this good work and finally may we all come rejoicing bringing in our sheaves.

A. W. PAINTER.

### Newport News

At this time of the year when inventories are being taken and new year resolutions are being made, it is well for Christians to "examine yourselves", as Paul said, and if we have no more of the power of God in our lives than we had a year ago, if we are not more able to resist Satan and overcome sin as we meet it day by day, then the past year has been a failure.

The Christian experience must be a growing one. As Peter's admonition was, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord", and the best way to accomplish this is to be doing something for Him. Nothing can put spiritual life and vigor into the soul like active service.

As I use the "Autumn Leaves Series" in my work I become more and more convinced that this is a plan of God not only to help those who are hungering after truth, but it gives the lay member a simple, easy way of doing a good effective work. Heaven alone can reveal the work of these silent little messengers as they are put out into the homes of the people. Every time I go out with them, I get a blessing and inspiration.

We are of good courage here in Newport News. As we look back over the past year we have nothing but praise to offer unto God. While the membership will only average about sixteen for the year there has been turned into the cause nearly \$800.00. The tithe increased over 1911 \$180.00, and gifts to missions increased \$27.00. There have been added to the church eight members. There can be seen the setting the "face like a flint", and pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. L. O. GORDON.

### Lynchburg

Many things have come up during the past month that have hindered me in my work, and I have done little compared with what I expected to do.

We have, however, some encouraging features in our work. Our meetings during the week of prayer were well attended by our people. Even those living in the country made it a point to attend each day. The last Sabbath Elder Farman was with us, and a brother who had a month before taken his stand for the truth united with the church; and since my last report one other person has taken a stand for the truth.

On the night of the 15th of December, Elder Farman spoke in the church on the "Eastern Question." His discourse was clear and impressive, and all seemed to enjoy it. There were more not of our faith at the church that night than I have ever seen at any one time before.

I have been in the work twenty-five years, and I have never been in a place where there were so many things to meet and overcome as there are here. I believe that in the future much care will have to be exercised in the selection of laborers for this place. And I sometimes wonder if more cannot be accomplished in a quiet way than in a public effort. Perhaps, if a large and well managed effort could be put forth, good results would be seen. I ask our brethren and sisters to still pray for the work here.

ANNA C. RICE.

## Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending January 10, 1913

| Name                     | Place    | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value    | Helps   | Total    | Del     |
|--------------------------|----------|------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| T. M. Butler, Pocahontas |          | GC   | 10   | 73  | 31   | 118 00   | 24 60   | 142 60   | 5 25    |
| H. Smith, Pocahontas     |          | DR   | 6    | 46  | 9    | 29 00    | 4 25    | 33 25    | 45 75   |
| W. McElphatrick, Fayette |          | DR   | 9    | 54  | 23   | 62 00    | 29 00   | 91 00    | 18 25   |
| Hazel Leach, Braxton     |          | PG   | 3    | 17  | 7    | 22 00    | 9 25    | 31 25    |         |
| Totals                   | 4 Agents |      | 28   | 190 | 70   | \$231 00 | \$67 10 | \$298 10 | \$69 25 |

Ohio, Week Ending January 10, 1913

|                              |          |    |     |    |          |         |          |         |
|------------------------------|----------|----|-----|----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.   | ES       | 5  | 35  | 12 | 37 00    | 13 55   | 50 55    |         |
| B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.    | PG       | 5  | 35  | 11 | 17 00    |         | 17 00    |         |
| Hazel Leach, Guernsey Co.    | PG       | 5  | 28  | 3  | 11 00    | 14 50   | 30 50    |         |
| J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co. | BR       | 5  | 33  | 9  | 30 00    |         | 30 00    | 3 00    |
| F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.     | GC       | 5  | 35  | 5  | 17 00    | 10 60   | 27 60    | 7 00    |
| L. H. Waters, Miami Co.      | CK       | 5  | 29  | 17 | 27 00    | 50      | 27 50    |         |
| J. Schick, Summit Co.        | GC       | 4  | 27  | 6  | 19 00    | 8 50    | 27 50    |         |
| Totals                       | 7 Agents | 34 | 212 | 63 | \$177 00 | \$52 65 | \$229 65 | \$10 00 |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 10, 1913

|                             |          |    |     |    |          |         |          |         |
|-----------------------------|----------|----|-----|----|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| A. Brownlee, Washington Co. | PPF      | 5  | 45  |    | 50 25    |         | 50 25    | 13 50   |
| A. Davies, Pittsburg        | CK       | 5  | 23  | 27 | 42 50    | 3 35    | 45 85    | 11 50   |
| F. Hall, Pittsburg          | CK       | 2  | 6   | 3  | 4 50     |         | 4 50     | 8 00    |
| W. House, McKean            | GC       | 5  | 32  | 5  | 20 00    | 20 10   | 40 10    |         |
| C. Guenter, McKean Co.      | GC       | 3  | 24  | 7  | 21 00    | 4 25    | 25 25    | 1 50    |
| J. Paden, Pittsburg         | CK       | 3  | 13  | 2  | 3 00     | 1 25    | 4 25     | 6 00    |
| J. Perkins, Pittsburg       | CK       | 5  | 22  | 17 | 25 50    | 2 25    | 27 75    | 5 75    |
| E. Rogers, Fulton Co.       | CK       | 1  | 10  | 10 | 16 00    |         | 16 00    |         |
| Totals                      | 8 Agents | 29 | 175 | 71 | \$182 75 | \$31 10 | \$213 95 | \$46 25 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 10, 1913

|                             |          |    |     |    |          |         |          |        |
|-----------------------------|----------|----|-----|----|----------|---------|----------|--------|
| J. Jones, Worcester Co.     | GC       | 5  | 32  | 20 | 34 00    | 6 20    | 40 20    | 1 20   |
| M. Pettibone, Baltimore Co. | PPF      | 3  | 21  | 13 | 22 00    | 1 75    | 23 65    |        |
| R. Urkums, Baltimore,       | PPF      | 4  | 19  | 24 | 40 00    | 2 00    | 42 00    |        |
| T. Barritt, Kent Co.        | PPF      | 3  | 19  | 9  | 16 00    | 1 45    | 17 45    | 45     |
| D. Percy, Wycomico Co.      | GC       | 9  | 57  | 19 | 42 00    | 8 20    | 50 50    |        |
| G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md. | DR       | 3  | 24  | 14 | 35 00    | 1 45    | 36 45    |        |
| Totals                      | 6 Agents | 27 | 172 | 99 | \$189 00 | \$21 35 | \$210 35 | \$1 65 |

## MAGAZINES

|                          |  |   |    |     |       |  |  |       |
|--------------------------|--|---|----|-----|-------|--|--|-------|
| Alma Hohensee, Baltimore |  | 3 | 10 | 103 | 10 30 |  |  | 10 30 |
|--------------------------|--|---|----|-----|-------|--|--|-------|

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending January 3, 1912

|                     |          |   |    |    |          |        |          |
|---------------------|----------|---|----|----|----------|--------|----------|
| W. Eekhout, Norfolk | PPF      | 4 | 27 | 8  | 14 50    |        | 14 50    |
| W. Hess, Norfolk    | DR       |   | 31 | 21 | 80 00    | 3 75   | 83 75    |
| F. Nixon, Richmond  | COS      |   | 40 | 13 | 18 50    |        | 16 50    |
| Totals              | 3 Agents | 5 | 98 | 48 | \$113 00 | \$3 75 | \$116 75 |

New Jersey, Week Ending January 3, 1912

|                           |          |    |     |     |          |        |          |         |
|---------------------------|----------|----|-----|-----|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| A. S. Samuel, Newark      | GA       | 6  | 40  | 91  | 41 75    | 1 50   | 43 25    | 16 95   |
| A. Waer, Summit           | PPF      | 5  | 28  | 15  | 28 50    |        | 28 50    |         |
| G. Holman, Cumberland Co. | OPH      | 4  | 32  | 104 | 26 00    |        | 26 00    |         |
| P. Waer, Rockaway         | BR       | 2  | 14  | 6   | 6 00     | 1 50   | 7 50     | 75      |
| W. Schmidt, Westfield     | Mag      | 3  | 12  | 48  | 4 80     |        | 4 80     | 6 80    |
| Totals                    | 5 Agents | 20 | 126 | 264 | \$107 05 | \$3 00 | \$110 05 | \$24 50 |

District of Columbia, Week Ending January 10, 1913

|                         |           |   |    |    |                            |      |                      |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|----|----|----------------------------|------|----------------------|----|
| S. N. Brown, Washington | CK        | 6 | 26 | 43 | 64 50                      | 5 75 | 70 25                | 25 |
| Grand Totals:           | 35 Agents |   |    |    | Value of Orders, \$1249 10 |      | Deliveries, \$170 20 |    |

## VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER, 1912

|                         |     |      |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
| Bethel.....             | \$  | .... |
| Buena Vista.....        |     | .... |
| Danville.....           | 17  | 60   |
| Hamburg.....            |     | .... |
| Lynchburg.....          | 26  | 35   |
| Mt. Williams.....       |     | .... |
| New Market.....         |     | .... |
| Newport News No. 1..... | 111 | 05   |
| Newport News No. 2..... | 24  | 81   |
| News Ferry.....         | 4   | 57   |
| Norfolk.....            | 15  | 50   |
| Portsmouth.....         | 21  | 90   |
| Richmond No. 1.....     | 235 | 19   |
| Richmond No. 2.....     |     | .... |
| Roanoke.....            | 14  | 03   |
| Spencer.....            |     | .... |
| Stanley.....            |     | .... |
| Guinea Mills.....       | 18  | 90   |
| Rileyville.....         |     | .... |
| Individuals.....        | 16  | 42   |

TOTAL..... \$ 506 32

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

## February Signs Magazine

"The Future of Turkey in Prophecy," by L. A. Reed. The events in the fulfillment of the prophecy are traced out clearly, definitely, and interestingly. A strong, convincing setting showing the importance of time.

"Lack of Faith a Sign," by the editor. An article that clearly shows these particular conditions to-day as a sign of the times, and turns the minds of the readers to serious thought.

"The Advent Message in Europe," by Mrs. E. G. White. Another timely article in this important series. Real foundation builders.

"The Movement with Which Seventh-day Adventists Are Identified, as Foretold in the Scriptures, No. 2," by T. E. Bowen. These articles, without question, are of the utmost importance, presenting the rise and progress of this great movement in just the way that will interest the unacquainted reader. Genuine, converting, missionary articles.

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On account of the call for a General Conference Council the Bookmen's Convention has been postponed, and will be held in connection with the meeting of the College Board and Union Conference Committee at Mt. Vernon, Feb. 18 to 27.

Elder J. N. Loughborough, the oldest active minister in the denomination, is this year celebrating the 60th year of taking the *Instructor* and reading the Bible through by course. His statement is as follows:—

"Your letter of the 27th ult. was duly received, and read with interest. You speak of the oldest members being interested in the *Instructor*. Well, the age of the *Instructor* and my age in the third angel's message are very nearly the same. The little sheet was first printed as a monthly at 25 cents a year. When I first accepted the message in September, 1853, the Rochester office, 124 Mt. Hope Avenue, had just mailed the first number to its subscribers. I have had access to the *Instructor* taken by my grand-daughter, but now, as she is at Loma Linda College, and has her *Instructor* sent there, I must have it here for myself.

"As to the premium Bible; you feared it was not as good a Bible as I ought to have. I am well pleased with it. It is about the same quality as I have been using, and suits me well. The one I was using was smaller type. This one is a relief to the eyes, and being a little thicker paper than the other I can put some notes on the margin without the ink blotting through the paper. The Bible arrived December 31, 1912, in good shape, all ready for me to begin with it, on January 1, 1912, in reading the Bible through, by course, the sixtieth time."

## The Watchman

The outlook for the *Watchman* for the coming year is very bright. The first edition (January) was not only entirely exhausted but went ahead, by 5,000, of the same period last year. The subscription list passed the highest previous point by 500. It now stands at the high-water mark of 7,000. Truly the Lord is doing an effective work through the agency of our magazines.

The following are some of the excellent features of the February *Watchman*:

A report of the federated council of churches by the editor. This is the second quadrennial session of an important movement which is steadily forming in this country, looking toward the eradication of all denominational differences and the consolidation into one ecclesiastical empire for the more effective working out of certain reforms.

Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, the vice-president-elect of the United States, gave a very able address before the above mentioned council. This will appear in its entirety in this issue under the caption, "The Church and the Forces of Reform." Mr. Marshall has a very clear conception of the true functions of church and state and his ideas should be heartily endorsed by all liberty-loving Americans and this article widely circulated.

Our readers will be glad to know that Prof. P. T. Magan will continue his important series on the "Eastern Question," his contribution being entitled "The Fear and Dread of Europe."

"The Jews Misled from the Christian Religion," the second of Elder F. C. Gilbert's splendid series will be a prominent feature. The Lord is using Elder Gilbert in doing a distinctive work among a class who are difficult to reach. All will appreciate the beauty in the simplicity of Christianity when freed from human tradition.

The call of the hour is to "work the cities." Inasmuch as "the final movements will be rapid ones" and we are living in a magazine age, it behooves us to widely circulate our good magazines with the truths they contain.

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## West Pennsylvania Notice!

The next annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference has been postponed by the action of the executive committee till March 4 to 9, 1913, which is just four weeks later than was announced last week. This action has been taken at the request of the Columbia Union officers on account of other important meetings conflicting with ours, which have been appointed by the General Conference. The change in time will be the only change from the arrangements as previously announced.

All delegates' credentials should be sent in to the conference office at once. All who expect to attend should send their names at once to Elder W. F. Schwartz, 521 Union St., Holidaysburg, Pa. The meeting will be held in the First S. D. A. Church, Sixth Avenue and Union Avenue, Altoona, Penna.

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

## West Pennsylvania Conference Association

There will be an adjourned annual meeting of the constituency of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Sixth and Union Avenues, Altoona, Pa., Thursday, March 6, 1913, at 9:30 A. M., for the election of the members of the constituency of the association, and any other business which may come before the association. This meeting will be held in connection with the eleventh annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference, which will convene in Altoona, Pa., March 4-9, 1913.

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

## OBITUARY

CROSBY.—Francis Hale Crosby was born near Liverpool, England, April 13, 1836. When she was six years old her parents came to America and settled near New York City, afterwards moving to Ohio. She was united in marriage to Almiron H. Crosby Aug. 29, 1855. To this union were born eight children, six of whom survive. She died Jan. 8, 1913. Her last words were spoken in praise to her Master. Sister Crosby accepted present truth, and was baptized by Elder H. H. Burkholder early in 1893. At that time she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Liberty Center, remaining faithful until death.

J. J. MARIETTA.