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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Young People's Institute

The Young People's Institute was held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Jan. 16 to 19. From first to last, the meetings were filled with matter of the greatest importance pertaining to the work for, by, and among young people. Elder N. S. Ashton acted as chairman, while Elder Meade MacGuire and Miss Matilda Erickson, two of the General Conference secretaries at the head of the Missionary Volunteers, presented the different phases of the work, answered questions, and gave the counsel that is so much needed by young people as they take up the work of soul winning. Besides these, Elder and Mrs. Kneeland of West Pennsylvania, Miss Ella Talmage, the M. V. secretary from East Pennsylvania, and delegates from a few of the local societies in Ohio joined the students and church of Mt. Vernon in the convention work. The usual studies were laid aside so that none need miss the different sessions.

OUTLINE OF SERVICES HELD

Thursday P. M.

Opening Address. Elder Ashton.
Personal Work. Elder MacGuire.
Libraries, *Instructor*, Leaflets.

Elder Moffett.

Discussion.

Evening. Sermon. Elder MacGuire.

Friday A. M.

Devotional Service led by Eld. Ashton.
Personal Work. Elder MacGuire.
Reading Courses. Miss Acton.

Discussion.

Morning Watch. Miss Erickson.
Discussion.

Evening. Social Meeting led by Eld. MacGuire.

Sabbath A. M.

Sabbath School.
Sermon. Elder MacGuire.

Afternoon.

Outline of the Missionary Volunteer Work in different parts of the world.
Miss Erickson.

Evening

Social Purity. Elder MacGuire and Miss Erickson in separate meetings.

Sunday A. M.

Devotional Service led by Eld. Ashton.
"Standard of Attainment."

Miss Erickson.

Discussion.

Organization. Elder Moffett.

Discussion.

Sunday P. M.

Organization. Elder MacGuire.
Finances. Miss Acton.

Discussion.

Personal Work. Elder MacGuire.
Question Box.

Evening. Sermon. Elder MacGuire.

A complete display of the Missionary Volunteer leaflets was given, also one hundred books of special value to Christian young people were placed in the front part of the chapel, for examination and reading during the Institute days.

A spirit of deep earnestness was manifest through all the meetings, and we expect much good to result to our young people's work throughout the Union from the inspiration and instruction gained.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

My Conversion

At the very beginning of my experience mother dedicated me to the Lord, and my first recollections are of stories of the heroes and heroines of the Bible, and also of those characters whose fate likewise revealed the outworking of the inmost thoughts and motives.

My parents were both zealous Methodists, father still being regarded as the strictest Sunday keeper in the community. The Methodist churches white and colored were the only churches in our town and I grew up in the Sunday-school and church, signing a total abstinence pledge as soon as I learned to write. My parents guarded very carefully against the acquisition of any immoral or vicious habits on the part of the children, their precepts being enforced by ex-

ample and the judicious use of the rod in harmony with the injunction of the Scripture. We were also taught to say the first thing in the morning, "Our Father, which art in heaven," and last at night, "Now I lay me down to sleep," a habit that has proven invaluable in later life. In view of these influences it would be impossible to point to the exact time when I began to serve the Lord. I naturally grew into it, daily looking to God for forgiveness and guidance, in childish simplicity.

It never occurred to us that we were mistaken in our theology until a humble blacksmith with limited education, accepted the truth, and moved to our town, engaging in canvassing for "Bible Readings." By an injudicious use of Sunday he aroused the bitterest prejudice before we had any idea why he kept "Saturday for Sunday." The prejudice was so great that no place could be obtained by the Adventists for a tent and the only hall open for meetings was over a saloon. The meetings apparently were a failure. But the canvasser's wife had aroused mother's interest by asking for her reasons for Sunday, keeping, which led to her taking a few Bible studies in the home, conducted by the minister's wife, until father who regarded the Adventists as Judaizing proselyters forbade Adventists to set foot on our premises, and prohibited our reading their literature. That was in the fall of 1892.

Reviews and Signs and tracts on all subjects were sent to us, and mother began to keep the Sabbath in the spring of 1893. Then followed the most bitter persecution on the part of her former friends and in our own home. She never dared to speak of the present truth to me, but I determined to know for myself what the word of God required and, after four years of most careful investigation, became fully convinced that the third angel's message in its entirety is the last message to go to the world, and that the hand of God was in the Advent movement.

I was only eighteen, father opposed me most bitterly, most of the athletic

sports in which I was interested came on Saturday, and my friends were urging me to hold to my plans, go to college that year, and study law preparatory to a political career.

That was a crisis in my life. Night and day the struggle went on in my mind, and when, having told father of my desire to observe the Sabbath early one Sabbath morning, he forced me to plow the pear orchard, my heart was almost breaking and I could hardly see for the tears. The peace that I had formerly known departed, and for several months I was left in utter darkness and despair feeling finally that there was no hope for me.

Fearing that I was losing my mind, for I came to the point where I threw my axe into the snow and would work no longer till the question was settled, my father sent for our Methodist pastor, who pointed out that it was a case of genuine working of the Spirit of God and suggested that there was hope for me, for the Devil never caused any one to feel true sorrow for sin with a desire to forsake it. The Scriptures he suggested gave me light and courage. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God will surely forgive if we truly repent, which included the forsaking of the evil. By not following the light promptly I had lost my way.

I now determined that if it cost my life I would keep the Sabbath, and as I then asked God to forgive my sins, kneeling at the foot of the stairway, I can never forget how the darkness broke away and the burden rolled from my soul. I made every wrong with my fellow men right as far as I knew, and it seemed to me that that winter morning in January, 1897, was the most beautiful I had ever seen.

I was told that I could never keep the Sabbath at home, so spent several Sabbaths with relatives, who sought to change my mind, and several Sabbaths in the woods, finally being forced to leave home, not knowing where to go, and never having traveled.

I finally reached Baltimore not knowing a soul in the city, but was providentially directed to an Adventist family, and being anxious to pass on the light to others, I immediately entered the canvassing work, beginning with the colored people for I was too backward to approach the whites. The Lord has provided a hundred fold in this life of those things which I have forsaken, and I can never praise

him enough for the way he has led and kept and blessed me far beyond what I deserve.

*Written by a member of the College Rhetoric class as a class exercise.

If I Were a Girl Again

Any young person might well be pardoned for paraphrasing Robert Burn's familiar words:—

"O wad some power the giftie gie me
To see mysel as I shall see me."

Had the gift been mine when I was a girl, I should have consecrated my life absolutely without reservation to the service of God, for I should have realized that without this surrender all knowledge that I might gain would be "vain," all wisdom that I might attain would be "foolishness." A man returning from Africa with the whole of his fortune invested in one glittering diamond amused himself while on board the ship by tossing up the gem and catching it as it fell. The time came when he failed to catch it, and the jewel fell into the ocean. That man was not so foolish as was I when in youth I tossed about "the pearl of great price" as carelessly as if it were a bubble of little worth. It is only by God's mercy that it did not slip from my grasp forever.

Had that gift been mine as I stood upon the threshold of womanhood, it would have revealed to me the value of a Christian education, and the fact that I must have it even at the cost of the greatest possible effort or the greatest possible sacrifice that I or my people could make.

In beginning school work, I should at once try to develop in my mind the power of concentration of thought. Careless, irresponsible, unreliable, superficial, forgetful persons abound because of the lack of self-discipline in this fundamental principle.

I should hoard the minutes as the miser hoards his gold; for nothing is so valuable, so irredeemable, so wholly gone when past, as time.

I should strive hard to conquer difficulties. We may be either the master or the slave of environment, of temptation, of the ordinary school task, of every opposing force.

I should esteem faithfulness above brilliant attainment; honesty above apparent achievement; sacrifice as a blessing greatly desired; the opportunity to help another as a sacred duty. Higher ground in study, higher ground in experience, higher ground in service, should be my daily endeavor were I a girl again.—*Mrs. L. Flora Plummer in Christian Education.*

Home Missionary Work

A few years ago a good sister had a burden to do something for the Master. She began to pray over the matter, and asked the Lord, if he wished her to engage in missionary work among her neighbors, to give her some text that would make her duty clear. She opened her Bible, and her eyes fell upon the following words: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

This settled the matter in her mind. She immediately sent for some readings and began a systematic work in nearly two hundred homes. It took courage, and many times the tears would start as she began the new work. But she was strengthened with the promise: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

She had not been long in the work until she found a woman anxiously waiting for just what she had. She told her it was what she had been seeking for years, and before the winter was over this lady, with her entire family came into the truth. Her two sons are now in training in one of our schools for their life work in some part of the message. She is doing all she can to continue the good work. A relative in a nearby city has already followed her into the truth, and she, in turn, is laboring for her friends. Thus the heaven is working.

This is the result of home missionary work, and this work with just such results is within the reach of all.—*E. R. Numbers in Atlantic Union Gleaner.*

One of God's Heroines

She had been a teacher in the Sunday School and a faithful member of the Methodist church, regarded as a model in deportment. But when she married a hard working, honest young farmer, who was not a very good business manager, and, in addition to caring for a blind mother-in-law and doing the work that usually falls to the lot of the farmer's wife, had the still greater responsibility of caring for several active little tots, church privileges and social privileges were sacrificed and the hardships of her lot endured without a murmur for many years. Finally her strong constitu-

tion began to break beneath the heavy burdens and the crushing disappointments as the passing of the years witnessed the vanishing of high ideals, crowded out of her life by ceaseless drudgery such as those only can appreciate who have passed through such an experience.

But the faith of the brave little woman never faltered, and she put her life into the training of the little ones whom God had entrusted to her care. At the mother's knee they learned to lisp their childish petitions to the Father above, and the lessons which are taught by the lives of Bible characters were vividly and indelibly impressed upon their minds.

The subject of this sketch is now gray and stooped; cares and heart-aches have robbed her countenance of its girlish bloom, so that strangers see no beauty there; but it is the gray hairs, the bowed shoulders, and the furrowed face, that crown that mother queen in the hearts of her sons and daughters, as, in the midst of life's conflicts, when others are going down to ruin, they realize that it is the influence of the life and teaching of that self-sacrificing mother, which has saved them from a thousand snares, and fitted them for lives of usefulness in the world and in the cause of God. And when those children come from different lands bringing their sheaves with them to lay at the Master's feet, who can doubt that at his side will stand the mother who dedicated her children to God, and, like Hannah of old, followed their wandering steps with earnest petitions to the throne of grace, which Heaven could not refuse?

"She gave the best years of her life
With joy for me
And robbed herself, with loving heart,
Unstintingly.

For me with willing hands she toiled
From day to day,
For me she prayed when headstrong youth
Would have its way.

Her gentle arms, my cradle once,
Are weary now;
And time has set the seal of care
Upon her brow.

And though no other eyes than mine
Their meaning trace,
I read my history in the lines
Of her dear face.

And 'mid his gems, who showers gifts
As shining sands,
I count her days as pearls that fall
From his kind hands."

W. C. M.

VIRGINIA

News Ferry

It is with gladness that I can say that the Lord is still with us at this place. Elder Kinney meets with us once a month, and I believe it is through the leadings of Providence he is here, that many souls may be saved.

We have sold only \$12.50 worth of Harvest Ingathering *Signs* owing to local conditions. The smallpox broke out here and we could not do very much going around. We are few in number and have much to do. We want a better place of worship than we have, and, if any one feels impressed to give us some help, we would be glad for them to do so, for we are greatly in need. Pray for us.

MRS. ELLA V. RAGSDALE.

Notes

Brother C. E. Overstreet of Montvale is holding some meetings in his home town, and he reports some interest to hear the truth. He asks for the prayers of God's people.

Brother Mallory expects to go to Norfolk soon and hold a series of meetings in the colored church. Elder Muntz will assist him a portion of the time and will then come to Richmond and exchange places with Brother Mallory for a time.

The series of meetings being conducted by Elder Kneeland at Stanley still continues. May God greatly bless this effort to the building up of the work at Stanley, that this church may become a strong factor for good in every way to the work in the Virginia Conference.

We have invited Elder Kinny of Danville to come to Richmond and spend two Sabbaths in the interest of the colored work. His long experience and faithfulness, I am sure, will be a great blessing to the brethren and sisters of the Richmond colored church.

Elder J. H. N. Tindall and family returned from their visit to Indiana about ten days ago. He is feeling some better healthwise; and if a place can be secured, he, with the assistance of others, will hold a series of meetings in East Richmond between now and spring, although a suitable location is going to be difficult to find.

The quarterly meeting of the First Richmond Church was held the first Sabbath in the month. Elder Stone conducted the services, and it was a blessed occasion. Some took part in this service for the first time.

Sunday night, January 5, Elder Stone spoke again at the colored church in Richmond. There was a good congregation of attentive listeners. Elder Stone's talks have been intended to strengthen and help to decide some who have been attending Brother Mallory's meetings. It has been an uplift and help to the colored work.

Elder Kneeland reports one baptized at Rileyville, and that others will be baptized later. Fourteen signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Many of these made a start in Elder Kime's meetings one year ago. Officers were chosen to lead in the work until a permanent church organization can be effected. Sabbath-school supplies were ordered and the work there will be more thoroughly carried forward in the future.

WEST VIRGINIA

Items

Elder F. H. Robbins spent the Sabbath in Wheeling, where they had a very interesting meeting. He gives a good report of the work there.

The 1913 *Temperance Instructor* is ready and we feel sure that this issue will be one of the best which has ever been issued. Send your orders to the tract society office at once.

Elder Charles Baierle of Wheeling has just started a series of lectures in a large hall there. The first meeting was well attended, and we trust there will be a large harvest of souls as a result of these lectures. Let us pray for the work in Wheeling.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell has moved with his mother to Fairmont where he will be located from now on. We are glad to see the work started in this place.

Elder F. E. Gibson has moved from 1216 Charleston St., to 318 Fayette St., Charleston, W. Va. His mail should be sent to the latter address from now on.

OHIO

The Silver Lining

The clouds never get so thick that they are not pierced with sunshine. Brother J. B. Reichenbach, of Montgomery Co., has had quite a time trying to sell books in a Dunkard settlement, but last week, as he was working in a little town, a storekeeper called him over to the store. As it was a rainy day, several were gathered in and they began to ask him questions about Scriptural subjects. He answered them all from the Bible and then gave an exhibition. The owner of the store took the prospectus and wrote his name in it for a \$5 binding; then passed it over to his father, who signed for a \$5 binding, and in turn passed it on, three others signing for the \$3 binding. Brother Reichenbach went out greatly enthused, and took an order for a \$5 binding from the storekeeper's brother,—a total of \$24 in about an hour on a rainy day.

We are glad to have Brother Randolph on our list again. He has worked four weeks now, and his reports show an average of \$1.75 per hour.

Brother B. F. Harrison, of Miami Co., has started to canvass with "Practical Guide." He is meeting with good success. He says P. G. is an easy seller. I received a good letter from him Wednesday; he had worked Monday and Tuesday, and had taken six orders amounting to \$20.

The Lord has many, many just such experiences for you, my dear reader, and you are just as welcome to them as the air you breathe. I am sure any of these workers will tell you that the experiences they have, are worth more to them than the amount of dollars before you. H. F. KIRK,

230 Rose St., Springfield, O.

Mount Vernon

The past year has been one attended by the prospering hand of God upon the Mt. Vernon Church. It has brought us one year nearer the consummation of our hopes, and it is to be hoped that the church has made proportionate advancement in its preparation for that great day. We herewith present a few figures from the report of the year.

The membership of the church was 188 for 1912, and it was upon this number that all the apportionment of funds was made. Of this number two

died and eighteen were given letters to join other churches. There were fourteen dropped from membership either because of apostasy or lack of hearing from them and knowing their standing or whereabouts. A number of these had not been heard from for years, so that this list of dropped members does not represent those that apostatized or failed to report the last year only. In order that our membership list may hereafter correctly represent our responsibility as a church, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Church Board from time to time go over the church list and revise it in harmony with the resolution adopted at the last session of the Ohio Conference. During the year there were added to the church three by baptism, twenty-five by letter, and eight by vote, making our present membership list 190.

The church missionary society took forty copies of the *Signs of the Times Weekly* during the year 1912 and have increased their subscription to seventy copies for the year 1913. The church treasurer's report was most encouraging. The total tithe for the year was \$4130.52, a gain of \$1044.45 over 1911. The Sabbath-school donations were \$1186.20, a gain of \$484.96 over the previous year. The total receipts for the year of tithes and offerings amounted to \$6874.63, a gain of \$2197.68 over the year 1911. Perhaps the most gratifying thing of all was the fact that the church gave an average of 22 cents per member to the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. This was going beyond the required mark seven cents per member.

While it is true that a financial record is not the record to be most sought after, and that God is most interested in the accounts as they stand on the records of heaven, still we can not but feel that the liberal placing of funds in the cause bespeaks the interest in the finishing of this work and attests to the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Liberality is the natural sequence of a spiritual awakening and the logical way of raising our gifts to God's cause is to labor for the spiritual betterment of the people. Let us thank God for his blessings of the past year, and endeavor to reach a much higher mark during 1913.

H. W. MILLER, *Pastor*.

By recent action of the conference committee Brother Raleigh French will locate at Piqua to strengthen the work in that city while continuing to act as the missionary secretary of the conference.

Columbus

During the past year, 1912, the Columbus church has been blessed in many ways. Fourteen new members have been added, and, at the last business meeting, the reports showed an increase on all points.

In our third quarterly meeting, a new church was one of the things discussed favorably. The treasurer reports more than one thousand dollars in tithe over the year 1911 making the tithe for 1912 about four thousand dollars. Certainly the Spirit of God prevails in these last days.

The librarian reports that she has handled between four and five thousand magazines, such as *Life and Health*, *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Protestant Magazine*, besides the *Review and Herald*, *Sabbath-school Worker*, and tracts, Bibles, and other books. During the holidays, one hundred and thirteen books were sold, and more could have been, if the subject had been taken up in time.

Out of one hundred and sixty-five "Ministry of Healing," one hundred and thirty-nine have been sold.

The Sabbath-school has been well attended, averaging about one hundred, and the donations for all work have exceeded any other year. The young people's society has had its share of the blessing. It has nineteen members, four are taking the reading course, and the readings are fairly attended, meeting after the church services at the church, thereby saving time and car fare.

During Thanksgiving, several members were appointed to distribute sixteen bushel baskets of groceries and vegetables, and five baskets of fruit and nuts, besides flowers to the poor and sick, also clothing to the needy.

These girls should have a word of praise from every one, as the days were cold and windy, the places to be looked up, in out of the way alleys and back streets, numbers off of many a house, no one at home some times, compelling a second visit. Certainly Goldie Hixon, Laurel Rushmer, and Vada Strickler have done a good work, and we know, if the same spirit prevails this year, more work will be done.

Elder Olmsted teaches a class at the Penitentiary on Sundays, and he said that there were Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and other denominations represented there, but not an Adventist, which speaks well for those who look forward to the soon coming of their Saviour.

Mrs. H. W. R., *Librarian*.

Toledo

The Toledo church was fortunate in having Elder B. G. Wilkinson present Sabbath December 7. Elder Wilkinson delivered a stirring sermon in which he emphasized the importance of being ready for our names to be considered in the judgment. The Lord came very near in this service and nearly the entire audience consecrated their lives to the Master's service.

In the afternoon Elder Wilkinson held a meeting in the Bowling Green church. The message presented reached many hearts. The majority of the church came forward to the altar and made surrenders that evidenced the working of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts. Some of these were members who were not satisfied with their Christian experience. Some had been members but had gone back into the world. Others had never before taken their stand for the truth. Since this meeting seven have been baptized and received into the Bowling Green church.

At the close of the meetings in Toledo and Bowling Green Elder Wilkinson presented the Mt. Vernon College Card Plan and received a generous response. H. M. JUMP.

Canaan

Thinking perhaps a few lines to show the progress and work of our newly organized church at Canaan might be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR, I will say we are of good courage. Although working against opposition our motto is, "Onward and upward." We knew not what the outcome would be, but we stepped out on the promise of God, and never in our lives have we enjoyed such rich blessings, both spiritual and temporal.

We have organized a missionary society. Each member of our little band is an earnest worker and a spirit of brotherly love is manifested by all. Our Sabbath-school is doing a good work with Brother Rickett as superintendent.

One of our methods of doing the Master's work is to scatter our literature in the communities in which we live. We find this a great help to us. It is the best way we have in reaching the masses as a great many are very bitter against the message. But we are not discouraged knowing it is God's work. He will care for and water the seed sown, and when he comes to call the redeemed home we will come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves. MRS. D. P. YATES.

NEW JERSEY

Follow Me

To those humble fishers who sat mending their nets, Jesus said, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Later he said to Paul, "Go up to Jerusalem, and I will show you what great things you must suffer for my sake."

In following Jesus Christ, no soft beds of ease are offered, no worldly ambitions may be realized, but to the man or woman who will "follow me," he says: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee by the right hand of my righteousness." He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, because his teachings showed this world in its real, sinful condition, and it endeavored to fight the light; yet what a joy he brought to many individuals and homes: the sick were healed, the lame walked, the deaf heard, the dead were raised.

The call is sounding at the beginning of 1913, "Come, follow me." Earnest workers are needed to carry his Word to the people—those who can give all their time to the Master's work, and at the same time receive sufficient remuneration to continue in this work. With an average of seven colporters last year we took orders for \$11,000 worth of books and delivered about 90 per cent, making over \$1 per hour to each one for the time put in. We call for workers for 1913. This is the Lord's work. He, nor we, can offer any great inducements so far as this world gives. He says the bread and water are sure,—enough to keep us alive, but not so much that we shall become attached to this world to that extent that we shall forget the reward for which we are really working,—a crown of life, set with stars, and a home free from all sickness, pain, and trouble.

May the Lord impress upon those who stood the battle during 1912 to continue in the good work, knowing that they are one year nearer the eternal goal, and may others freely offer themselves to engage in this good work.

An institute for the training of workers will doubtless be held in the near future. Send in your name, with your desire expressed to engage in some branch of the work, and particulars will be furnished.

Address New Jersey Tract Society, 1109 Division St., Trenton, N. J. W. B. WALTERS.

Atlantic City and Cape May Court House

Sabbath Elder Hanhardt and myself met with the Pleasantville and Atlantic City churches and, although it was a rainy day, yet a goodly number were out and the Lord blessed in the meeting. Sunday morning, with Elder Spies, we went to Cape May Court House, where in the afternoon a church building was dedicated to the service of God. This building is the result of the consecrated effort of the sisters there. Their husbands, though not in the truth, have seconded their efforts, working with willing hands until they have a neat little building out of debt. These men are deeply interested in the truth and we expect they will be numbered among us soon. Elder Spies will continue the work there and we look for a harvest of souls. A. R. SANDBORN.

CHESAPEAKE

The members of the churches in this conference will, no doubt, be glad to learn that we are entirely out on the 15c-a-week fund for 1912. We desire to thank the churches for their cooperation in making this possible.

The general meeting at Wilmington, Del., was closed last Thursday, and everyone who attended testified to having splendid meetings, and to being helped and encouraged. Among those who attended from Baltimore were Elders Baer, F. W. Paap, and T. L. Thuemler. Elder R. T. Dowsett the Union Conference Secretary was also present.

The quarantine which has been on the conference home for some weeks has now been raised, and we are glad to report no evil effects have been left upon little Frank Baer. We are thankful that Lilian escaped contagion.

Brother J. I. Laurent has started canvassing with "Practical Guide to Health."

Sister Alma Hohensee has ordered 500 magazines for February sale in the city.

Brother F. E. Hankins will move his desk to the conference office in the near future.

The tract society is offering a good premium to the canvassers again this year, and we hope to see many taking advantage of it.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

Since my last report, the Lord has been blessing us by removing some of the difficulties that confronted us.

Sabbath, December 21st, I baptized two from Houston, Pa., and Sabbath, January 10, I baptized another from West Virginia.

After many weeks of search I succeeded in getting a large dancing room, where we will hold Sunday evening meetings for sometime. Sunday, January 12th, was our first venture, and the result was so encouraging that our hearts are cheered, and we are hopeful over the prospects.

I had printed 2000 handbills, and advertised in three Sunday papers. There were about fifty strangers out, from the best class, the largest I ever spoke to in this country since coming from the West Indies, where on such occasions hundreds flock to hear.

The subject was the "Dissolution of the Turkish Empire and Its Relation to the Coming of Christ." Many expressed satisfaction at the close.

Some of those to whom I am giving bible readings were out, and I hope to see some step out soon. Now these meetings cost us nearly five dollars a night, and, as we can not raise it all from collections, we have to cry out for help.

The few believers cannot lift this burden beside meeting the expenses for our meeting house. Will not some who read this send a donation to the conference treasurer for the colored work in Pittsburgh. The Lord has said, concerning the work for colored people, the "Seventh-day Adventist church has failed to act its part. Some persevering efforts have been put forth by individuals and by societies to uplift the colored people, and a noble work has been done. But how few have had a part in this work which should have had the sympathy of all."—Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 205.

In my former report I told how we could not get a hearing at our meeting house, which we must still hold for another six months. Will not all the readers of this note help us with your prayers, and whatever else you can, such as tracts and donations?

A. N. DURBANT.

Be sure to note the changed date of the annual conference and church workers' convention. It will be held at Altoona, Pa., March 4 to 9, 1913.

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending January 17, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Jones & Abbott, Luzerne Co.	DR	9	48	21	62 00	48 20	110 20	2 85	
Mark Hale, Schuylkill	DR	9	66	16	50 00	11 00	61 00		
G. Unger, Northumberland	DR	9	53	13	44 00	11 30	55 30	60	
G. Hawthorne, Chester Co.	DR	6	46	16	50 00	1 25	51 25		
E. Kesselmeyer, Northumberland	DDR	8	50	14	42 00	8 20	50 20		
Harry Hale, Schuylkill	DR	9	44	2	6 00	6 20	12 20	90	
F. Brownell, Lackawanna	DR	1	6	3	11 00	2 20	13 20	95	
R. Towne, Chester Co.	GC	9	57	12	39 00	6 50	45 50		
Stella Grube, Lehigh	CK	6	34	10	23 50	7 65	31 15	8 05	
F. Willruth, Lackawanna	CK		47	37	58 00	15 90	73 90	45 70	
S. L. Burkhardt, Franklin	CK	10	66	8	12 00	3 00	15 00		
Mrs. H. Tranger, Lehigh	CK	7	13	5	7 50	7 25	14 75		
Grace Swingle, Bradford Co.	CK	4	22	7	10 50	4 25	14 75		
W. Dunkinson, Franklin	CK	10	52	5	17 00	19 50	36 50		
Mrs. Dunkinson, Franklin	CK	2	7			1 85	1 85		
Mrs. Mark Hale, Schuylkill	CK	2	10	1	5 00	40	5 40	6 40	
Orpha Swingle, Wayne	ES	6	41	1	3 00	15 25	18 25		
Mrs. H. Gerhart, Northampton	BS	7	34	4		7 95	7 95	28 50	
Totals		19 Agents	114	688	175	\$440 50	\$177 85	\$618 35	\$88 75

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending January 17, 1913

S. N. Brown, Washington	CK	10	50	86	130 50	10 75	141 75	50	
Mrs. L. Dennis, Washington		7	36	50	73 00	4 35	77 35		
L. Godwin, Washington		3	12	18	30 00	25	30 25		
W. William, Washington		2	10	19	28 50		28 50		
F. Smith, Washington		5	31	53	79 50	1 75	81 25		
Totals		5 Agents	27	139	236	\$341 50	\$17 20	\$358 70	50

Ohio, Week Ending January 17, 1913

J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	36	20	69 00		69 00		
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	5	43	14	45 00	6 00	51 00		
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.	PG	5	32	10	34 00		34 00		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	4	28	5	15 00	13 45	28 45	6 00	
Hazel Leach, Guernsey Co.	PG	5	31	5	16 00	9 00	25 00		
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	33	13	20 00	1 00	21 00	1 00	
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	5	26	3	8 00	75	8 75	25 50	
Marie Flenner, Warren Co.	BF				14 00		14 00		
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	6	1	3 00		3 00		
Totals		9 Agents	36	255	71	\$224 00	\$30 20	\$254 20	\$32 50

New Jersey, Week Ending January 10, 1912

G. Blinn, Middlesex Co.	BR	4	40	17	51 00		51 00		
J. Rambo, Camden	CK	5	25	39	58 00	3 25	61 25	5 50	
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	38	60	24 50	1 50	26 00	18 00	
W. Schmidt, Westfield	GC	5	19	5	18 00	4 50	22 50	4 50	
A. Waer, Morris	PPF	7	40	10	17 50	3 25	20 75		
P. Waer, Morris	BR	2	14	6	6 00	2 50	8 50	6 00	
Totals		6 Agents	29	176	137	\$175 00	\$15 00	\$190 00	\$28 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 17, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	39		65 80		65 80	84 30	
A. Davies, Pittsburgh	CK	5	34	22	33 50	10 00	43 50	20 50	
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	GC	5	26	8	24 00	5 70	29 70	2 25	
W. House, McKean	GC	5	14	5	17 00	16 85	33 85	17 85	
F. Hall, Pittsburgh	CK	3	40	8	12 00	75	12 75	20 25	
I. Lawrence, Blair Co.	PPF	5	23					56 25	
J. Paden, Pittsburgh	CK	5	19	12	18 00	1 50	19 50	11 00	
J. Perkins, Pittsburgh	CK	5	19	12	19 00	50	19 50	2 51	
E. Rogers, Fulton Co.	CK	4	40	27	43 00		43 00		
A. Shaw, Fayette Co.	CK	1	7	9	12 00		12 00		
Totals		10 Agents	43	276	103	\$244 30	\$35 30	\$279 60	\$164 90

West Virginia, Week Ending January 17, 1913

W. McElphatr'k, Fayette	DR	5	47	21	64 00	27 00	91 00	3 00
A. Halstead, Logan	DA	5	40	50	80 50	20 25	100 75	1 75
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	5	34	9	29 00	5 25	32 50	2 50
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	5	30	6	18 00	5 25	23 25	1 50
Totals	4 Agents	20	151	86	\$191 50	\$56 00	\$247 50	\$8 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 17, 1913

J. Jones, Worcester Co.	GC	5	33	17	35 00	8 10	43 10	
D. Percy, Wyeomico Co.	GC	5	32	12	35 00	5 00	40 00	
J. Lausent, Baltimore Co.	PG	5	27	5	16 00	1 25	17 25	
Totals	3 Agents	15	92	34	\$86 00	\$14 35	\$100 35	

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Grand Totals: 56 Agents Value of Orders, \$2049 60 Deliveries, \$323 40

Notes

One brother has just sent in his order for 1,000 copies of the new tract by Elder Andross, "Turkey and its End," for use in his home town. Now is the time to sound our message everywhere.

Elder J. P. Gaede, is conducting hall meetings on the south side of Pittsburgh, for the Germans, and Elder A. N. Durrant has started meetings in a hall on Wylie Ave. for the colored people. Both report a good interest in the services.

The statement of receipts on the 15c-a-week fund for missions, just received from the Columbia Union treasurer, credits West Pennsylvania with more than doubling the offerings to missions in 1912 over those of 1911. The total reported for 1912 is \$4,694.85, which is a gain of \$2,412.30 over the amount reported for 1911. This is a splendid gain and, while the amount given does not equal that of some of the more prosperous conferences, it shows that we have made a good start on the right road. Let us keep up the good work. A full 15c-a-week from each member in January, followed by the same during the succeeding months will not leave us with such a heavy deficit to overcome at the close of the year.

Mrs. B. F. Kneeland and daughter are spending a few days with relatives in Michigan.

One of our enterprising churches has just ordered from our office \$25.00 worth of various kinds of tracts for distribution in their town. The big boxful sent will doubtless reach many hearts, if judiciously used.

All the church elders and as many as possible of the other officers and members of the churches should be in attendance at the conference and church officer's convention at Altoona, March 4-9. This will be a very important meeting, and the instruction of the convention, will be very valuable. Two and one-half hours each day will be spent in special convention work, besides the time that will be devoted to the discussion of most important phases of our work during the conference meetings.

We are pleased to know that Brethren Wolfe and Frye, of the Altoona church, who have been hospital patients, are making good recovery.

The conference committee has ordered a new 40 by 60 foot gospel tent made as an addition to our equipment for the summer of 1913. We trust that those who made pledges to the tent fund will send the money at an early date.

Have the delegates been chosen from your church? And will your church be well represented at the conference and church workers' convention to be held at Altoona, March 4 to 9? Please do all you can to see that these questions are answered in the affirmative.

We still have a few of the Morning Watch Calendars for 1913 on hand at the office. All should have one of these useful and helpful booklets.

Elder W. A. Spicer paid a flying visit to the First Pittsburgh church last Sabbath. We wish he would come more often.

AT THE COLLEGE

Those who braved the rain and mud Thursday night, January 16, felt well repaid by the musical recital given by the students of the music department under the direction of Miss Grace Taylor.

Elder W. A. Westworth, recently returned from China, delivered a stereopticon lecture on that field, Thursday night, January 23, at the College.

Brother C. V. Hamer, for a number of years secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Conference and later of the West Virginia Conference, passed quietly away after a lingering illness Tuesday night, January 21.

Of the Ohio workers Elders E. K. Slade and J. J. Marietta, and Sisters Bessie E. Acton, Bertha Acton, Clara Reichenbach, and Goldie Hixon were in attendance at the Young People's Convention.

Dr. Wilburn Smith, who has just completed a two and one-half year's course leading to a Fellowship in the Royal Society of Surgeons at London, England, was a visitor at Mt. Vernon during the Missionary Volunteer Convention. Dr. Smith was formerly superintendent of the Philadelphia Sanitarium.

Prof. Hall, having been called to Lamar, Colorado, by the death of his sister, Miss Hattie Hall, his classes in history were conducted by students last week.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson is attending the General Conference Council which convened at Mountain View, California, to consider important questions.

Mr. W. E. Patterson of Asheville, North Carolina, entered the College as a student last week.

The College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, has at present an enrollment of sixty-four medical students and fifty-two nurses. These are all earnest, consecrated workers. During the Week of Prayer the students visited the nearby towns with the *Special Signs* and secured \$350 for the Harvest Ingathering fund. All are working hard.

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Married

Mr. Lorenzo John Borrowdale and Miss Clara Crummel were united in holy matrimony Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Crummel, at Akron, Ohio. They are both graduate nurses from Melrose Sanitarium, and expect to return to Massachusetts to engage in their chosen work. FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

An Aid to Personal Work

The commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," makes the carrying of the third angel's message a matter of personal effort. Now is the time for every church member to work for others personally. Now is the time for every member of the family, old and young, to work for friends and neighbors.

The *Medical Evangelist*, published at Loma Linda, Cal., is devoted to the work of carrying the message to others by personal effort. With the beginning of this year, the journal will be considerably enlarged and much improved in every way. A few of the objects of the *Evangelist* are:—

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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*.

"Count that day lost whose low descending
sun
Views from thy heart or hand no worthy
action done."

To Church Officers

An effort is being made to secure returns at the earliest possible date from all our conferences and missions throughout the world for use in compiling the 1912 statistical report of the denomination. To accomplish this, however, the cooperation of the officers of our churches is enlisted. If each one who has any part to act in the matter of submitting returns for our churches and companies will act promptly, the secretary of the conference will be able to make his report without delay. Unless this is done, it will be impossible to prepare the report prior to the coming session of the General Conference, which it is greatly desired to do. Will not each one, therefore, who has anything to do in the matter of reporting information for our various churches and companies, please forward his report without delay, and thus greatly assist in the prompt preparation of the report for 1912. Proper blanks for reporting have doubtless been furnished each church clerk for use in submitting returns, and these should be filled completely, and at the earliest possible date, and sent forward to the secretary of your conference.

H. E. ROGERS, *Statistical Secretary*.

There are briers besetting every path,
Which call for patient care;
There is a dross in every lot,
And an earnest need for prayer;
But a lowly heart that leans on Thee
Is happy anywhere.

OBITUARY

HEISE.—Simon Heise was born near Circleville, Ohio, Sept. 28, 1840, and died in Lockbourne, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1913, aged 72 years, 3 months, and 7 days. Brother Heise was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Kemp, three sons and two daughters being born to them. Sister Heise, three sons, one daughter, sixteen grandchildren, three brothers, one sister, and many relatives and friends are left to mourn. When the War of Secession came he responded to Lincoln's call to service and spent three years in defense of his country. He was a member of Company B, 114 O. V. I. Brother Heise was a man who believed God and as long as life lasted he had confidence in his Creator. He was a member of the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist church, and he will be greatly missed, but we mourn not as those without hope. Words of comfort from Ps. 19:14 were spoken to a large congregation that filled the Lockbourne M. E. church to honor the memory of one who was so well and favorably known.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.