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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Haven

If only I may get to thee,
What though the voyage may be rough?
If only I am thee-ward bound,
It is enough.
What matter that the waves roll high,
If but they bear me to my rest?
If only I may get to thee
On ocean's crest?
Borne heavenward by the stroms of life,
My soul shall cross the pathless sea,
And reach at length the haven fair
Of peace in thee.
—Selected.

Followers of God

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. Man by wicked works alienated himself from God, but Christ gave his life that all who would, might be freed from sin and reinstated in the favor of the Creator. It was the anticipation of a redeemed, holy universe that prompted Christ to make this great sacrifice. Have we accepted the privileges so dearly purchased? Are we followers of God as dear children or are we servants of the prince of darkness? Are we worshipers of Jehovah, or of Baal? of the living God, or of idols?

No outward shrines may be visible, there may be no image for the eye to rest upon, yet we may be practising idolatry. It is as easy to make an idol of cherished ideas or objects as to fashion gods of wood or stone. Thousands have a false conception of God and his attributes. They are as verily serving a false God as were the servants of Baal. Are we worshiping the true God as he is revealed in his Word, in Christ, in nature, or are we adoring some philosophical idol enshrined in his place? God is a God of truth. Justice and mercy are the attributes of his throne. He is a God of love, of pity, and tender compas-

sion. Thus he is represented in his son, our Saviour. He is a God of patience and long-suffering. If such is the being whom we adore, and to whose character we are seeking to assimilate, we are worshiping the true God.

If we are following Christ, his merits, imputed to us, come up before the Father as sweet odor. And the graces of our Saviour's character, implanted in our hearts, will shed around us a precious fragrance. The spirit of love, meekness, and forbearance, pervading our life, will have power to soften and subdue hard hearts, and win to Christ bitter opposers of the faith.

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Vainglory, selfish ambition, is the rock upon which many souls have been wrecked, and many churches rendered powerless. Those who know least of devotion, who are least connected with God, are the ones who will most eagerly seek the highest place. They have no sense of their weakness and their deficiencies of character. Unless many of our young ministers shall feel the converting power of God, their labors will be a hindrance rather than a help to the church. They may have learned the doctrines of Christ, but they have not learned Christ. The soul that is constantly looking unto Jesus, will see his self-denying love and deep humility, and will copy his example. Pride, ambition, deceit, hatred, selfishness, must be cleansed from the heart. With many these evil traits are partially subdued, but not thoroly uprooted from the heart. Under favorable circumstances they spring up anew, and ripen into rebellion against God. Here lies a terrible danger. To spare any sin, is to cherish a foe that only awaits an unguarded moment to cause our own ruin.

FITTING FOR LABOR

Ministers should see that their own hearts are sanctified through the truth and then labor to secure these results for their converts. It is pure religion that ministers and people need. Those who put away iniquity from their hearts, and stretch out their hands in earnest supplication to God, will have that help which he alone can give them. A ransom has been paid for the souls of men, that they may have an opportunity to escape from the thraldom of sin, and obtain pardon, purity, and heaven. God hears the cry of the lowly and contrite. Those who frequent the throne of grace, offering up sincere, earnest petitions for divine wisdom and power, will not fail to become active, useful servants of Christ. They may not possess great talents, but with humility of heart, and firm reliance upon Jesus, they may do a good work in bringing souls to Christ. They can reach men through God. Ministers of Christ should ever feel that a sacred work engages all their souls, their efforts should be for the edification of the body of Christ, and not to exalt themselves before the people. And while Christians should esteem the faithful minister as Christ's ambassador, they should avoid all praise of the man.

Peter exhorts the believers:

"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are there-unto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: let him eschew evil, and do good, let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

STUDY AND PRAY

When the right way is so plainly marked out, why do not the professed people of God walk in it? Why do they not study and pray and labor earnestly to be of one mind? Why do

they not seek to cherish compassion for one another, to love as brethren, instead of rendering evil for evil, and railing for railing? Who does not love life, and desire good days? Yet how few comply with the conditions, to refrain the tongue from evil, and the lips from speaking guile. Few are willing to follow the Saviour's example of meekness and humility. Many ask the Lord to humble them, but are unwilling to submit to the needful discipline. When the test comes, when trials or even annoyances occur, the heart rebels, and the tongue utters words that are like poisoned arrows or blasting hail.

Evil speaking is a twofold curse, falling more heavily upon the speaker than upon the hearer. He who scatters the seeds of dissension and strife, reaps in his own soul the deadly fruits. How miserable is the talebearer, the surmiser of evil! He is a stranger to true happiness.

"Blessed are the peacemakers." Grace and peace rest upon those who refuse to join in the strife of tongues. When vendors of scandal are passing from family to family, those who fear God will be chaste keepers at home. The time that is so often worse than wasted in idle, frivolous, and malicious gossip, should be given to higher and nobler objects. If the professed followers of Jesus would indeed become missionaries for God, visiting the sick and afflicted, and laboring patiently and kindly for the erring — in short, if they would copy the Pattern — the church would have prosperity in all her borders.

The sin of evil-speaking begins with the cherishing of evil thoughts. Guile includes impurity in all its forms. An impure thought tolerated, an unholy desire cherished, and the soul is contaminated, its integrity compromised. "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death." If we would not commit sin, we must shun its very beginnings. Every emotion and desire must be held in subjection to reason and conscience. Every unholy thought must be instantly repelled. To your closet, followers of Christ. Pray in faith, and with all the heart. Satan is watching to ensnare your feet. You must have help from above if you would escape his devices.

Temptation, however strong, is never an excuse for sin. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." Cry unto the Lord, tempted soul. Cast yourself, helpless, unworthy, upon Jesus, and claim this very promise.

The Lord will hear. He knows how strong are the inclinations of the natural heart, and he will help in every time of temptation.

Have you fallen into sin? Then without delay seek God for mercy and pardon. When David was convicted of his sin, he poured out his soul in penitence and humiliation before God. He felt that he could endure the loss of his crown, but he could not be deprived of the favor of God. Mercy is still extended to the sinner. The Lord is calling to us in all our wanderings, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." The blessing of God may be ours, if we will heed the pleading voice of his Spirit. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

Mrs. E. G. White.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

If you have not sent in your order for tents and other things needed at the camp-meeting at Corry, August 14 to 24, you should do so at once. We are expecting the best camp-meeting ever held in the conference, and you will not want to miss it.

All churches who have not already chosen their delegates to the conference meeting to be held at Corry, Pennsylvania, August 14 to 24, 1913, should do so at once, and send the names of the delegates to the conference office. This will be a very important meeting, and we trust that we shall have a full representation from all our churches.

We trust that all will remember that all tithes and mission funds from the churches should be sent to the conference promptly at the close of each month. Our brethren and sisters can aid the church treasurers in doing this by being sure that their tithes and offerings are all handed in by the last Sabbath of each month. A little care on the part of each member will be a great help to those who have to pass on the funds which support the work at home and abroad.

Do not forget to pray for the success of the tent efforts which are in the field. These special efforts to warn our cities need our most hearty co-operation, as they should prove very effectual aids in gaining those two hundred new converts whom we have asked the Lord to give us this year.

Brother Archie Brownlee, of Canonsburg, one of our faithful canvassers, was among the callers at the office this week.

Brother H. Lauterback, who has had wide experience as an art salesman, has given up his work in that line and taken up the colporteur work in Warren county, thus turning his ability in worldly lines to giving this last message to the world. We pray that he may have abundant success. Brother C. H. Beach, who has done considerable good work in Bergen county, will also take up work in Warren county.

Camp-Meeting

The time for our annual camp-meeting will soon be here. This meeting, which will be one of great importance to the work in this conference, will be held on the Fair Grounds at Corry, Pennsylvania, August 14 to 24. Workers for God need to specially seek God for blessings at this time, and this should be made a season when the hearts of all those who love Christ and his appearing shall receive a spiritual quickening. There are also in our midst those who know the truth, but who, through carelessness and the allurements of the world, have become cold, and lost their first love. There are young people who are waiting for some one to give them a guiding hand at the parting of the ways. These should all be brought to the camp-meeting that they may be benefited by the spiritual atmosphere, and the ministrations of men and women who have a living experience in the things of God.

We shall have matters of great importance to discuss at the conference meetings, and plans will affect the work all through the conference. While we rejoice because of the blessings which God has given to the work in this field in the past, we must plan for larger, better things. We shall need the sanctified judgment of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference in forming these policies.

Every effort will be made to care comfortably for those who attend. The meetings will be held on the Fair Grounds, which are about 15 minutes walk from the Union station, and is reached by direct street car line. A number of new tent flies have been purchased. Tents, with flies, will rent as follows; 10x12, \$2.50; 10x14, \$3.00; 14x16, \$3.50. A few rooms can be rented for those who

cannot use tents. A supply of good spring cots and mattresses has been secured, and they will be furnished at reasonable rates. Orders for tents and supplies should be sent in at once to this office. We must know who is coming in order to provide accommodations.

Excellent railroad access to the place of meeting is furnished by the Pennsylvania lines from Pittsburg to Buffalo and from Erie to Philadelphia, and by the main line of the Erie railroad, which passes through Corry. Passengers on the Northern Division of the Pennsylvania railroad, running from Pittsburg to Buffalo, who take the fast-trains which stop at Columbus Avenue station, Corry, should get off at that station, which is only one block from the fair grounds.

Excellent dining room facilities are provided. There will also be a grocery on the grounds. The book stand will offer some special bargains to our people in our denominational books and Bibles. The Young People's Building will be specially fitted up for the use of our young people, and every effort will be made to help them get the benefit they should from the meeting.

Now is the time to decide to come to this great spiritual feast. No ordinary excuses should be allowed to prevent attendance. There will be opportunity for baptism for those who desire it. Our health and sanitarium work will be ably represented by doctors and nurses, who will be ready to give advice and instruction to those requiring their services. Professors from Mt. Vernon College and other educational workers will be on the grounds to counsel with those wishing to get an education. Ministers and Bible workers will stand ready to aid all who need spiritual help. Best of all, the Holy Spirit, will be there to give all who seek his presence the spiritual power necessary for our great work. The Lord is soon coming, and we are not yet ready. The task of warning the millions who throng our great cities looms up before us. And beyond are the perishing hordes of heathenism. How can we hope to escape the curse of God if we fail to come up to the help of the Lord's cause at this great crisis?

Come to the camp-meeting, and bring the spirit of prayer and service with you, and thus make the meeting a grand success.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The camp-meeting recently held at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown in East Pennsylvania, was one of the best ever held according to the reports we hear on every hand. The Lord was certainly present with rich blessings for his people and every one who surrendered to let the Lord have his way with him received a great blessing and returned home from the camp-meeting with courage and confidence in God.

The missionary spirit, the determination to finish the work in this generation and enter the gates of pearl that will swing open as soon as the work on earth is finished, was seen throughout the meeting manifested by prayers and testimonies and gifts to the missionary work, and plans for more faithful work in the home fields as well as in the lands afar off that must be warned before our Lord can come to take us from this earth to that "City which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," where "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

The cash given and the pledges that were so gladly made toward the work in the foreign nations to fulfill the word of God in Revelation 14: 6, and Mathew 24: 14., amounted to \$2, 873.00.

We are not prepared to report the cost of this camp-meeting at this writing, but will be ready to soon. However, we are persuaded that it was conducted without loss, in fact that it paid its way and more.

There was one omission in the report given in the "VISITOR" of July 9, the name of Brother F. A. Harter, who, with Brethren R. M. Fried, J. W. Hirlinger, Elder R. E. Harter and the writer, form the present conference committee.

At the close of the camp-meeting the conference committee in counsel with the workers concerned recommended six tent companies to go into the field as follows:

Berwick:- Brethren J. W. Hirlinger and Howard Detwiler. It is understood that Miss Tillie Ertle will assist this company.

German tent in Philadelphia:- Brethren O. F. Schwedrat and R. D. Harder, assisted by Miss Emma Poch as Bible worker.

Towando:- Elder C. S. Baum, and Brother and Sister Harry Rhan.

West Philadelphia:- Elder R. E. Harter, and Harold M. S. Richards. Miss Janet Morris as Bible worker. Brother Henry De Fluiter will assist in the music and advertising. Charles Gourley assists as tent master.

North Philadelphia:- Elber V. Nutter, Brother and Sister Harvey G. Gauker, and Sister Elsie Evans. Dr. Louise V. Wurts, who is going to Brazil early in September, will assist in this effort a short time.

Hanover:- Brethren F. A. Harter and Richard Farley, assisted by Jesse Smith as tent master.

If Elder A. R. Bell does not go to another conference, he will no doubt start a tent effort at or near Mifflintown in a few days. This will make seven tents in the field.

Elder S. D. Hartwell has been asked to labor at Reading without a tent.

Miss Jessie M. Weis has been asked to help the work in Scranton and Wilkes Barre until this fall when it is planned to locate a minister in that north east district.

These workers will soon be sending in interesting reports to the "VISITOR". Watch for them. We are all of good courage in the work and look for a harvest of souls this summer.

While these strong efforts are being made to build up the home work, let every church follow the program fully for July 26 and offer liberally to the foreign fields making this mid-summer offering the best we have ever made to the needy lands beyond.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

"Just What I Have Been Looking For"

While attending the recent General Conference many persons received a copy of the tract, "The Darkness of Millennial Dawn," and frequently was it said, "Just what I have been looking for." In the tract Pastor Russell's teachings are shown to be vagaries, and the truth concerning the millennial reign of Christ is clearly presented. Send a dime for 5 copies to John N. Quinn, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"If Christians would associate together, speaking to each other of the love of God, and of the precious truths of redemption, their own hearts would be refreshed, and they would refresh one another."

"I never made a sacrifice."

Be an inspiration, not a discouragement to all you meet.

COLLEGE NOTES

The busy days of summer school rapidly formed a chain of weeks, which now must be placed in memory's casket. Yet each link is a bright one as we think of the lessons learned, the tasks accomplished, the plans laid for future work.

The different conferences of the Union were better represented than ever before during the summer term: teachers having been sent from all but two of them. This has certainly been appreciated. As those from different parts of the field gathered in little groups, talked over experiences, unfolded plans, and discussed methods, a new zest was given to the work. Some, tempted to lay down the burden of teaching, are full of eagerness to try again; others, still preparing to enter, are filled with impatience to take up the duties of the school room.

Nearly all of the summer students took up the Normal studies with earnestness, feeling that they must have better training as teachers before entering their own school rooms again. Besides the regular course in manual training, many busy hours were spent outside of the class room as different teachers taught the rest various crafts that they had found of value in school work.

We feel that rich blessings have been gained, and hope to pass them on to others.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

The Lord is richly blessing the efforts put forth by our helpers this summer. The College farm has never looked better and the prospects of an abundance for all the students the coming school-year are exceedingly bright. Then, too, the repairs under way and those contemplated will add greatly to the attractiveness of the place. We feel sure that all who find their way to the open doors of the College this fall will be greatly pleased with its splendid appearance.

Professor H. F. Benson of Japan arrived at the College last week, to finish some work in the Literary Course which he will complete before returning to Japan.

Miss Leila Westfall of Michigan arrived last week to take up her work as stenographer at the Tract Society office.

Elder S. M. Konigmacher and family of Nyasaland, South Africa, are visiting Mrs. Konigmacher's mother, Mrs. Mason, and sister, Mrs. Hall. Elder Konigmacher will visit several of the camp-meetings in the Columbia Union.

On Monday evening of last week the friends from the village and the students gathered in the chapel to give a farewell reception for Elder and Mrs. Butler and Elder Shultz and family. A program, consisting of music, recitations, and appropriate remarks was rendered. As a token of the goodwill of the many friends here, Elder Slade presented a fine new trunk to Elder and Mrs. Butler and one to Elder and Mrs. Shultz. Elder and Mrs. Butler left the following Friday for a visit with relatives in Michigan before going to Iowa. Elder and Mrs. Shultz left that night and sailed for China the twenty-sixth. These workers have labored long and hard for the school and have done much for its advancement. We are sure that all appreciate these efforts and wish them success in their new fields of labor.

Miss Hart had quite an exciting experience in leaving the College last week, which delayed her from Sunday until Thursday. She and her sister had planned to stop off with friends in Cleveland on their way home to Battle Creek, Michigan, where they will spend their vacation. Her trunk was taken down to the station early Sunday morning. When she went down to check it for the two o'clock train, she found it missing. After investigation it was found that a man, a resident of the town, had bought a ticket for Columbus and had the trunk checked to that place. The matter was put in the hands of the chief of police, who went to Columbus and there got on track of the man and trunk. It was found that it had been sold for a small amount and the contents distributed in pawn shops. The chief spent the whole night in gathering articles together and returned to Mount Vernon with trunk and thief, whom he had arrested in a saloon in that city. The trunk was taken to headquarters and opened by the chief and the contents were looked over by the owner. Only part of the articles were found and these in a very wrinkled condition. Many little valuable things were missing which can never be replaced. The man was held for hearing which took place Thursday. He will be held in jail

until November when his trial will take place, unless some one goes his bail. Miss Hart left Thursday afternoon. We hope the rest of her vacation will be so pleasant that it will make up for its unpleasant beginning.

OHIO

In harmony with plans made early in the week, I left Mount Vernon July 4, for Akron. I met with Sabbath school, and occupied some time at its close telling of its history and present relation to our missionary work. As the quarterly service had been arranged, I was asked to occupy the time Sunday evening. A goodly number were present on both occasions. Some one will represent this city in our school if present plans work out.

Wednesday found me at La Grange. The evening service was well attended. As this is a very busy season with the farmers, an evening meeting is difficult to attend. Here I found a number with whom I was acquainted before. This church will send representatives to college next fall.

Friday was spent in reaching Cleveland and arranging with Eld. Patterson for the work. The Sabbath service was used in presenting the work of our Educational Department, and the necessity of sending our children to our school. About fourteen persons have been visited personally in their homes or after the Sunday evening service. None of these have attended the college and some have recently joined the church here. I feel confident that a number of these will come this year. Some have decided, and others do not see their way clear to do so at the present time.

I find an interest manifested in the school which is very encouraging. The parents and children seem to be turning their thoughts in that direction. Truly, it is time to value our children as they deserve. Give them a training for service, and they will be used in the work.

A most hearty reception has been given me in every church and home I have visited and I greatly appreciate the privilege of talking with the parents and the officers of the churches. I feel that there is a bright outlook for the school. Let all work together and send every young person possible to Mt. Vernon College next year.

A. E. HALL.

"God's children should resemble their Father so strongly as to be easily recognized."

VIRGINIA

Camp-Meeing and Conference

There are few of our people who have been in the faith any length of time but that know the great value to one spiritually of our annual feast.

First of all the effect of these gatherings should be a spiritual uplift and a better preparation for service in the Master's work. Here we should obtain a more intelligent knowledge of the truth and how to disseminate this most important message that we may hasten the coming of the Saviour.

Second the Conference convenes at this time to transact business and lay plans for the coming year and to elect officers. Matters of great importance will be considered, and all should be present to join in the consideration of these questions.

Meetings will be held in the interest of the children and young people. Good help is promised for all lines of work, and all should come and bring the angels of God with them; and come with a determination to contribute to the spiritual interest of the meeting. As one of our leading men has said, "If we are coming to criticize and find fault, our absence will contribute to the good of the meeting more than our presence." There will, undoubtedly, be many things to perplex. We may not have so good grounds as we would desire. There may be pests that will disturb our comfort, but let us make up our minds that we will be pleasant, and do all we can to prevent unpleasant things. In other words make up our minds, God helping us, that we will be Christians, that we will strive to do as Christ would do under the same circumstances.

The grounds secured for this annual gathering may not be quite so pleasant as the grounds were last year, but we have done the best we could, having secured a location on the water front at Port Norfolk, a suburb of Portsmouth. The camp will overlook the water, and there is usually a cool breeze so that the warm weather will not be so noticeable as it would be away from a body of water.

The street cars from the wharfs and main part of the city run right by the camp. Full instructions will be given in the next issue of the Messenger how to reach the grounds. I trust that all of our people, who possibly can, will begin at once to prepare and lay their plans to attend this annual gathering. May God greatly bless and prepare us for greater usefulness in

his service.

W. J. STONE.

Visit to Shenandoah Valley

Wednesday, July 2, Brother George, our Field Agent, and I left Richmond for New Market to attend a meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy. This meeting was called for Thursday, July 3, and continued all day. While the general situation of the school was quite thoroughly discussed, the main object of the meeting was to arrange for the caring of the crops now on the place, and select some one to take care of the books and act as treasurer until the Conference convenes. There are some accounts standing out and crops to be harvested and sold, and it was very necessary that some one be chosen to look after the matters. Brother Carl Woods was chosen to act as treasurer and take charge of the books until someone else is elected.

July 4 we crossed the mountains to Stanley. On the Sabbath we held forenoon and evening services with the church, and I am sure it was a good day for the Stanley Church. We talked up the matter of the importance of giving our children a Christian education and of the Stanley Church having a church-school for the many children of the parents belonging to that church, also the importance of the older ones attending the Academy. Much interest was manifested in these questions. Brother A. J. Painter favored the Stanley Church raising the money to send two or three students to the Academy the coming year. Many looked with favor upon the matter of starting a church-school. The Stanley church once conducted a church-school, but the burden falling too heavily upon a few, it was decided to discontinue it. Had they continued this school, the Stanley Church would now have several students ready to attend the Academy.

To my mind, a great mistake has been made in the past in not starting church-schools in all of our churches where there was a sufficient number of children to do so. These schools would be feeders for the Academy. The Stanley Church has about 25 children who ought to be in a church-school. May the brethren and sisters there realize the importance of giving their children a Christian education and delay no longer to provide the necessary facilities to carry forward a good school.

Sunday morning, July 6, we went on to Rileyville, where an appointment had been circulated for a meeting at 11:00 A.M. At that hour a good con-

gregation assembled and listened attentively to a discourse upon our special work and its rapid progress in all parts of the world. In the evening another meeting was held, which I am sure, was a great encouragement to those present. After this service, the matter of students for the Academy was taken up and two responded, somewhat, favorably. It was found that there were 22 students of church-school age, and there was a great desire for a church-school to be started at that place. In a few minutes more than one half enough means was subscribed to conduct a church-school the coming year. We trust that this interest will be unabated, and that the church at Rileyville will go forward with this very important enterprise. It will be the making of the children and nothing could be done that would help more in building up and strengthening the Rileyville church.

There is no more important work for our brethren and sisters than that of giving to their children a Christian education. I am very desirous to see the Rileyville Church lead out in this work. Then the church will be a growing church, and never go back as it has done in the past.

Several subscriptions were taken for the *Review and Herald*, the *COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR*, and the *Gospel Medical Messenger*, and these all paid for. The Rileyville Church is to be commended for the forward move made at this time. I have great hopes for the future of the work at this place.

W. J. STONE.

Brother Mallory reports a good interest at the tent meetings in Portsmouth, with an average attendance of about one hundred and fifty people. They are of good courage.

The meetings on the east side of Richmond are well attended Sunday nights and a fair congregation is in attendance during the week. Some seem deeply interested and good results are expected.

The first part of this week Elder Stone was in Portsmouth helping in the work there, and endeavoring to secure a location for the camp-meeting and conference.

It has been arranged for Brother Gorden to spend a few days at Guinea Mills the coming week. As he was largely instrumental in raising up that company, his visit will be much appreciated.

We ask again that all of our churches elect their delegates to the Conference and send in these names as soon as possible. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one for every ten members.

Elder Stone has been absent from Richmond most the time for the past two months visiting the churches, attending the General Conference, and board meetings. There are two or three other companies that he hopes to visit before the camp-meeting.

Did you read the report of the East Pennsylvania Conference meeting? They had expected a small attendance on account of so many attending the General Conference, but in this they were disappointed, more being in attendance than formerly. May this be repeated in the experience of the Virginia Conference.

Word comes from Guinea Mills that a colored family of Sabbath keepers has recently moved there from the north and they are awakening an interest to hear the truth in the minds of a number of the colored people in that vicinity. They are calling for a laborer.

Elder Stone attended a Board meeting of the Washington Sanitarium last week, and while there arranged for Elder Campbell of the District of Columbia Conference, to visit Thelma and hold some meetings to further establish the brethren and sisters there in the faith.

Why should I attend the camp-meeting and conference? Because there will be but a few more such occasions, and I should seek every opportunity for building up and perfecting a character. My salvation depends upon my availing myself of every opportunity of attaining a higher life. May each individual receive a spiritual refreshing at the coming camp-meeting.

Sabbath, July 5, Elder Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union Conference, was with the church at New Market. A real spiritual meeting is reported. He had an appointment to meet with the church at Stanley last Sabbath, July 12. We trust that these meetings have been profitable occasions for these churches.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending July 18, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	5	37	15	53	00	15 50	68 50	9 50
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	5	41	38	65	00	3 50	68 50	2 75
J. I. Butcher, Madison Co.	PPF	3	23	33	55	00	10 25	65 25	
Freeman Coolen, Madison Co.	PPF	4	42	22	36	50	25 00	61 50	5 25
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.	ES	4	39	14	44	00	6 00	50 00	3 75
N. J. Dean Miami Co.	PPF	4	30	17	28	50	15 75	44 25	
J. E. Gibson, Wayne Co.	GC	5	33	10	32	00	6 50	38 50	
D. J. Royer, Ashtabula Co.	GC	4	37	12	36	00		36 00	10 00
*Olsen Fairchild, Hancock Co.	SR	8	42	42	64	00		64 00	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	5	31	7	22	00	3 75	25 75	
M. G. Klopfenstein, Hancock Co.	ES	5	48	6	20	00	4 50	24 50	
Mabel Maretta, Monig. Co.	CK	4	20	14	21	50	2 00	23 50	
M. Hottes, Monty. Co.	CK	5	25	13	20	50	75	21 25	
F. D. Wells, Licking Co.	ES	2	15	3	9	00	11 35	20 35	1 40
*H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	ES	5	24	5	17	00	2 25	19 25	3 00
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.	BR	5	33	4	16	00	3 00	19 00	
Elsie Haughey, Mohoning Co.	ES	3	20	5	15	00	3 75	18 72	56 50
Clara Reichenbach, Muskingam	GC	4	25	4	12	00	1 50	13 50	
W. E. Wagner, Medina Co.	GC	3	25	2	6	00	4 85	10 85	
H. L. Sheneman, Ashtabula	ES	5	28	2	6	00	4 25	10 25	
Lillian Keyler, Hamiton Co.	CK	4	27	6	10	00		10 00	
C. A. Peterson, Huron Co.	ES	4	22	3	9	00		9 00	
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	BR	3	20	2	6	00	1 50	7 50	19 00
Audra Reichenbach, Montg. Co.	CK	5	26	4	6	00	1 25	7 25	
J. L. Holder, Richland Co.	GC	2	23						70 70
H. E. Bisel, Richland Co.	GC	2	20	1	5	00	1 50	6 50	
†Miscellaneous			21	80	21	45 50	21 25	66 75	45 00
Totals	26 Agents		129	835	304	\$655 50	\$148 45	\$803 95	\$304 60

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 18, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5					1 10	1 10	41 55
H. K. Christman, Clarion Co.	DR	4	38	17	53	00	3 20	56 20	2 45
A. Davies, Pittsburg	CK	5	32	18	27	00	3 90	30 90	35 25
George Dunham, Crawford Co.		5	38	45	21	55		21 55	
F. W. Hall, Pittsburg	CK	5	19	2	3	50	8 00	11 50	6 00
*W. H. House, Potter Co.	GC	6	47	11	16	50	22 90	39 40	20 70
A. E. Holst, Greene Co.	DR	3	12	4	13	00	2 00	15 00	1 50
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	5	33	10	22	50	6 35	28 85	19 80
D. E. Lindsey, Greene, Co.	DR	3	18	9	30	00	8 50	38 50	2 00
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	3	20	4	4	00	6 25	10 25	2 25
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	3	21	3	3	00	1 25	4 25	25
J. E. Perkins, Fayette Co.	CK	5	32	1	1	50		1 50	30 10
D. A. Rees, Clarion	PG	5	37	23	73	00	4 35	77 35	4 35
Totals	13 Agents		57	347	147	\$268 55	\$67 80	\$336 35	\$166 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 19, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	42	20	31	50	3 75	35 25	
W. B. Dunkinson, Franklin Co.	PG	5	23	2	6	00	14 05	20 05	5 10
Mrs W. B. Dunkinson, "	PG	1	7	1	3	00	3 05	6 05	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	5	25	16	49	00	4 00	53 00	33 00
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	CK	4	24	11	18	00	3 25	21 25	
Venus Lewis, Luz. Co.	ES	5	26	13	43	00	17 90	60 90	
H. C. Baumgartner, Lebonon	PG	10	99	40	124	00	27 50	151 50	4 25
Stella Grube, Lehigh, Co.	CK	4	27	11	17	00	5 55	22 55	
Robert Jones, Lebanon	ES	5	40	1	3	00	1 60	4 60	10
Mrs M. Billington, Luz. Co.	BR	4	26	15	22	50	50	23 00	
Mrs. M. Dunkinson,	Mag.		32		25	30		25 30	
Totals	11 Agents		48	371	130	\$342 30	\$81 15	\$423 45	\$42 45

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 18, 1913

Margurite Tippet, Allegany	BF	5	18	17	26	50	3 40	29 90	3 40
A. R. Paden, Washington Co.	ES	3	22	4	6	50	25	6 75	118 75
f. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.	PPF	5	32				12 00	22 00	156 00

O. E. Thompson, Carroll Co.	PPF	8	53	8	16	50	16	50	73	50
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	5	40	14	22	50	5	00	27	50
D. W. Percy, Wycomico Co.	GC	5	40	27	21	00	8	25	29	25
J. E. Jones, Somerset Co.	GC	3	22	25	13	50	10	35	23	85
R. J. Thompson, Kent, Co., Del.	PPF	5	37	44	88	00			88	00
G. R. Lehman, Newcastle, Del.	GC	10	76	33	74	00	5	25	79	25
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	3	26	2	5	00			5	50

Totals 10 Agents 52 366 134 \$273 50 \$44 50 \$318 00 \$447 75

West Virginia, Week Ending July 18 1913

James A. Bodle, Mineral Co.	BF	5	60	37	59	50	69	20	128	70
Leola Neptune, Marshall	CK	5	46	30	46	50	7	50	54	00
Madge Miller, Jefferson	GC	5	42	11	34	00	17	80	51	80
Guy Corder, Mercer Co.	BF	5	41	66	75	00	5	25	80	25
Hazel Leach, Jefferson	GC	5	40	12	36	00	12	00	48	00
Haskell Cunningham, Mercer	BF	5	33	24	28	00	1	50	29	50
Clara Pettit, Marshall	CK	5	37	34	82	00	29	15	115	15
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	4								
Miscellaneous									134	00
									11	50

Totals 8 Agents 39 299 214 \$361 00 \$142 40 \$503 20 \$145 50

New Jersey, Week Ending July 18, 1913

*J. Kennedy, Atlantic Co.	GC	9	77	25	74	00	90	74	90	100	00
*Irma Gerhart, Burlington	CK	10	95	38	59	00	8	25	64	25	7
H. Lautererback, Warren Co.	PPF	5	40	30	53	00	1	00	54	00	1
C. J. Beach, Warren Co.	PPF	5	40	24	41	50	1	50	43	00	
Edward Sterner, Cumberland Co.	PG	5	32	11	18	00			18	00	

Totals 5 Agents 34 244 128 \$244 50 \$11 65 \$254 15 \$108 00

District of Columbia, Four Weeks Ending July 18, 1913

E. R. Button, D. C.	PPF	4	18				40	25	40	25	26	00
Frank Smith, Londen Co.	PPF	13	119	26	46	00			46	00	64	00
L. A. Godwin, Lancaster	PPF	4	30	22	37	50	3	00	40	50	1	00
A. Taltamus, Stafford Co.	PPF	4	29	41	55	50	11	75	67	25		
W. A. Williams, Fairfax Co.	PPF	6	50	22	33	50	4	50	38	00	45	55

Totals 5 Agents \$172 50 \$59 50 \$232 00 \$136 55

*Two weeks. †Three weeks ‡Agents less than 20 hours

Grand Totals: 78 Agents Value of Orders, \$2317 85 Deliveries, \$1351 55

But few orders have yet been received at our office for tents for our camp-meeting and conference. It is very necessary that we know who desire tents for this occasion. We have not a sufficient number which are owned by the conference to supply all who will attend the meeting. And we do not wish to order these from our neighboring conferences or from some other conferences and have to pay for them and then not be able to rent them. It is very necessary, indeed, for those who wish tents to write at once to the conference office, stating number desired and the size. If our brethren and sisters fail to report or put in their application and they come up to the meeting and are not supplied with a tent, they must not blame the conference officers. I trust all will make a note of this and write at once.

We printed in the issue of the VISITOR the tithe report for June. We are glad to see such a good report, notwithstanding, some of the churches have nothing opposite their names. We wish to ask all of our church treasurers to be sure to send in all the tithe on hand for the month of July at the close of the month, so that it may appear in the first issue of the August VISITOR. It may be well for our treasurers to ask our lay brethren and sisters whether they have any of the Lord's money in their possession, which they wish sent into the conference.

The canvassers' report in the last issue of the VISITOR was the best that we have published for months, and we have the promise of still better results when all get fully into the work. We are glad to see this branch of the

work coming to the front.

WEST VIRGINIA

Camp-Meeting At Charleston West Virginia

Of course all of the loyal Seventh-day Adventists of West Virginia are planning on attending the state conference and camp-meeting to be held in Charlestown, W. Va. from September 4 - 14, 1913. We are glad you are, and hope you will continue to plan until you reach the beautiful city of Charleston which is the Capital of the state.

We have secured plenty of room on lots adjoining our new church building. Then, too, we can get all the furnished rooms we shall want right around and near the grounds where the services will be held. These rooms furnished will rent from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per week.

There will also be a few tents pitched for the convenience of those who prefer the tents.

Now let us remember to pray much for this meeting that it may be the best and the largest this conference has ever had. Why should it not be? Let us read the Testimonies of the church in regard to the importance of attending our annual camp-meetings and conference meetings. We shall not have this privilege many years more, so let us improve our opportunities.

Brother Thirwell and I began a series of tent meetings on July 11, and have had an increasing attendance and interest ever since. We are of good courage in the Lord and his work, and we are praying and working that a number will take their stand for the truth and with our church.

We invite the prayers of God's people for the success of the work here.
F. E. GIBSON.

The following extracts will show what the Lord is doing for the canvassers in West Virginia.

C. H. Smith: Another week is in the past. I have been going over territory which I worked two years ago with "Daniel and Revelation." I was treated very well.

A preacher said if he remained on the same circuit until I made my delivery, he would take a book. He told me that he admires the way in which we, as a people, distribute our literature by the ton.

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T. M. Butler: We are well and enjoying God's blessings. I had good success last week in taking orders for August 11 - only a month off.

I expect to make a delivery this week. Pray for my success, for that is what counts in the work.

Leola Neptune: I have had good success this week and some blessed experiences. I know that the Lord gave both to me.

Thursday I canvassed an old man and woman for "Great Controversy." They were much interested in the book, but when I had finished showing it, the old man said, "I guess that I am not able to take the book." His wife interrupted him by saying, "O yes, you can take that cheap binding!" Her eyes filled with tears as he answered, "Alright; bring us one of the \$3.00 binding."

Miss Pettit, who is associated with Miss Neptune in working Marshall county, is also being blessed in her efforts; She writes that our books are scattered like the leaves of autumn in that county.

Last week we received a good report from Miss Mary Rice, who has begun work in Wetzel county.

Hazel Leach: I am enjoying my work. The Lord is blessing my efforts for which I am very thankful. Two Sabbaths ago, we called on an old woman and explained to her who changed the Sabbath. We tried to show her the importance of observing the Bible Sabbath, and of preparing for the second of Christ. She said she believed that the seventh day is the Sabbath and that she would keep it. She invited us to visit her again, so last Sabbath we went over and found that she had spent most of the day in visiting the sick and the

blind. We had a Bible study on "The Importance of Obedience," and a few songs, which she seemed to enjoy.

Madge Miller: I am thankful to the Lord for blessing me as he did the past week, and for the experiences which I received.

Guy Corder: The Lord blessed me very much during the past week. I had a good experience at the home where I stayed Monday night. The man was greatly troubled over the Sabbath question. He believes the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and seemed to be a Christian. I told him that I believed the Lord directed me to his home that evening. He seemed willing that I should send him some literature and lend him "Great Controversy." It was the mentioning of the subject, "The Institution and Observance of the Sabbath," in "Bible Footlights," that led to the conversation on the Sabbath. Pray for this man and this community.

Our youngest colporter, Haskell Cunningham has been sick for a few days; but we are glad that he is now able to enter the field again and continue to have success by faithful work.

Bro. Jas. Bodle is putting forth earnest efforts in Mineral county. He says that his experiences, alone, are worth much.

We are glad to know that Bro. J. W. Marshall expects to begin work in Wetzel county soon. E. R. CORDER.

Dates of Camp-Meetings

Virginia.....Portsmouth Aug. 14-24
Ohio.....Hamilton Aug. 21-31
West Pennsylvania Corry Aug. 14-24
West Virginia...Charleston Sept. 4-14
Chesapeake..Chestertown Sept. 18-28

Mount Vernon College Corporation Notice

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Mount Vernon College Corporation will be held in connection with the Ohio camp-meeting at Hamilton, Ohio, August 21 to 31, for the purpose of electing several trustees for a term of three years and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held at 10:30 a'clock A. M. Wednesday, August 27, 1913.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President.*

Notice

The next session of the constituency of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Corry, Pennsylvania August 18, 1913, at 10:45 A. M. , for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The constituency will meet in connection with the camp-meeting to be held in Corry, August 14 to 24, 1913. B. F. KNEELAND *President,*
H. K. HACKMAN *Secretary.*

Notice

The college of medical evangelists Loma Linda, California, offers a Medical Course, a Medical Evangelistic Course, a Nurses' Course, and a Nurses' Post-Graduate Course. Those desiring to enter one of these courses may secure the new 1913-1914 calendar upon application, and should write at once in order that all arrangements may be completed at an early date. Address Dr. W. A. Ruble, Loma Linda California.

Errata

In Sabbath School Quarterly, third quarter, 1913, appears on second page, the price of the Sabbath School Worker at 35 cents per year. This is an error and prices are 50 cents per year single subscription and two or more copies at 35 cents. Orders should be governed according. J.I.C.

OBITUARY

STRICKLER. Julia Rebecca Strickler, was born in Logan county, Ohio May 24, 1850, and died in Columbus July 11, 1913, age 63 years, 1 month, and 16 days. Sister Strickler became a Seventh-day Adventist thirty years ago and continued in the faith until death. She was married to Daniel Strickler in 1878; three sons were born to this union. For a number of years Sister Strickler has been in ill-health, and for the past five years has been afflicted with cancer. Her suffering has been severe and at times almost unbearable, yet she still trusted in God and longed to be at rest. Her only hope was in the life to come. About a week before her death, she fell from her bed and fractured her hip which added to her affliction. She finally fell asleep to all care and distress after a long, continuous struggle against disease and death. The service was held in the Ohio Avenue S. D. A. church. Text; I Cor. 13:12. Burial in Green Lawn.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.