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

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## Opening of Mount Vernon College

(concluded)

We have with us this morning Elder Slade, the president of the Ohio Conference, who will speak to us.

Elder E. K. Slade: There is something inspiring about the first days of school. I have been thinking while sitting here of the first day of school that I have had experience in for many years past. I can remember back to the time when I took my slate and pencil and primer and went down the road to the school house. I cannot remember so well about the classification and the curriculum that prevailed, or the matriculation in the school; but I suppose that all came in.

In our school work everywhere there is something inspiring about the first day,—just how things will line up, how we will make the beginning. Really, there is a great deal of importance attached to a right beginning. I feel that a great deal depends upon the first day of school, not so much upon the student body as upon the individual. It makes a great deal of difference whether we enter with a good spirit and determination. I am sure, however, that you cannot help having the right spirit after hearing the splendid speech of your president, and the warm welcome that has been extended.

I have looked forward to this year's school with a great deal of interest. We have had a great deal of talk about going up or down, being reduced or otherwise, but I do not believe we are going to permit much of a sentiment of that kind in the future. When I see the large attendance here the first day, it leads me to believe there are a large number of young people who appreciate the work of Mount Vernon College. I received a letter only yesterday from a man who has been in the work as an ordained minister for several years. He writes me that he wants someone to take his place by September 30, for he is coming to Mount Vernon. He is going to put another year in here. He was graduated once,—finished the Scientific Course. I believe there are others who feel that they can receive

help in a school like this.

Really, I believe we have here the cream of the youth of the states represented here. I do not believe that this is an exaggerated statement. You know there is something peculiar about cream,—it is always on top. You may stir it up as much as you like, but for some reason you will find the cream on top again after a while. I think it is a very appropriate figure to use. I believe that is really the purpose of every student here,—to be in the front, to occupy a high position in life, to be on top. I like the figure, and I believe it means much to us.

There should come into our schools a spirit that is vastly different from that which exists in the schools of the world,—a spirit of loyalty, a spirit of love for God's work in the earth, a spirit of meekness and kindness. There should, of course, come in the exercise of faith. We can not overestimate the importance of that. It is surprising to see how completely the idea of faith has been eliminated from the plan and method of obtaining knowledge in the schools of the world, and how God and Christianity and righteousness are trampled under foot in these schools.

I always feel to emphasize the importance of our working for the experience that will make us practical and efficient. I do not believe that we should be satisfied with anything short of efficiency in our work. And when I talk about efficiency, I mean our being efficient in the common, practical things of life. I guess this, perhaps, is a hobby of mine, and I will tell you why. In the years that I have been connected with the work, I have had to spend a great deal of time on boards and committees where we had to consider the fitness of persons for certain positions, and try them out, and we found they failed almost invariably on the line of being able to do the things that pertain to success. It does not make any difference what the calling may be; whether one is a nurse, doctor, preacher, or teacher, if he proves successful, it will be because he has become efficient in the doing of the things that pertain to every-day life. I often think of the

illustration of the man who was traveling among the mountains, and came to a lake which he wanted to cross. Fortunately he found a man there with a boat, who consented to take him across. He was an educated man, and while being rowed across the lake, he asked the oarsman if he had ever studied zoology. The man replied that he had not, whereupon he was told that he had lost half of his life. The learned man then asked the other if he had ever studied astronomy, and again was told that he had not. This time he told the oarsman that he had missed one-fourth of his life. This continued until the poor man's life was pretty well reduced. However, he kept on rowing in good shape. He was also watching the clouds, and he knew something about how storms came down upon those mountain lakes. He saw that something was developing, and it was not long before the storm came sweeping down upon them. Just as the boat was about to capsize, he asked the learned man if he could swim, and the man said "No." "Well," replied the other, "you have lost four-fourths of your life." It was a case of sink or swim, a case of being on top,—a case of the cream again. I have thought a great deal of that illustration. I believe that in our school work we ought to have this one fixed purpose,—that we will become efficient in those things that pertain to practical life, that make us useful.

I am glad that I am permitted to be here on this first day of school, and that I can see so many of those who were here last year. I feel with Professor Salisbury, to say to you that I welcome you all to Mount Vernon.

Professor Salisbury: Elder Ashton, our Bible teacher, was once a student in this school, and we are glad that we can have him with us here as a teacher. I am sure that he needs no introduction. All he needs is an opportunity to speak, and I am sure all you need is an opportunity to listen to him.

Elder N. S. Ashton: I am sure that I do not feel that I am amid strangers this morning, but rather that I am in the house of my friends, and that I am

almost back home again. I am glad, indeed, for this privilege of being associated with the student body of Mt. Vernon College once more. However, I should greatly desire to be a student myself.

I believe that much depends, as Elder Slade has said, on our beginning right. I feel sure that every individual here this morning desires to make a success of his or her life. You want success to perch upon your banner when your life's race is run. And I believe, dear young people, that there is no reason under the spreading firmament of heaven why your life should not be a grand success in every sense of the word; but if you make a success of your life, you must begin right, and, by the grace of God, you must keep right. Let us see to it that from this opening of school we begin right and stay right I was thinking this morning of those words of Abraham Lincoln: "I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true; I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light that I have. I must stand with the man who stands right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong." I believe that should be our attitude. We may not be bound to be at the head of the class, or considered the brightest student in the school, but we are bound to be true. We are bound to live up to the light that God gives us, and be noble, true Christians, above everything else.

We, as young people, must have a purpose in life. The sun of our short day has not yet reached the meridian for any of us here, perhaps. Life stretches out before us, and there are boundless possibilities before us. In order to make a success of life, we must have a firm and fixed purpose. The man who does not have that is adrift on the sea of life. He has no rudder to guide him. A purpose is to an individual what a rudder is to a ship.

Let us today purpose in our hearts that we will succeed. Let us prepare in the days of our youth for life's work. When we see an old man that is tottering to the grave, the question is asked, "What has he done?" When we see a man just in the zenith of his power, the great question is, "What is he?" But when we behold a young man or woman, the question is, "What is he or she going to be?" So let us determine today in our hearts what we are going to be. Let us prepare, while we have the opportunity, to work for God. If you were given a bow and a single arrow, and told to

shoot at a mark, and knew that your life depended upon that one shot, how careful you would be! Dear young people, eternal life is before us, and we have but one life in which to gain it. How careful we should be how we live that life! We can perform but one service in this world. How careful we ought to be that our preparation is just what it should be!

B. P. FOOTE.

## COLLEGE NOTES

We are glad to state that during the last week, the enrollment of students has increased from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty-seven

On last Saturday night the College choral society was organized under the direction of Miss Taylor. From "Manger to Cross" is the Cantata that will be prepared for rendering at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Detwiler announce the birth of a son, Newton Howard, at Wilkes Barre, Pa., September 11. Mr. Detwiler will teach the church school at his home at Souderton, Pa. this coming winter.

On last Saturday night an informal reception was given to the Home students in the dining room.

Miss Ella M. Talmage is visiting friends and East Pennsylvania students at the College.

## Present Truth for Perilous Times

This splendid book by Mrs. Mattie Hamilton Welch is conveniently divided into eight parts with addenda dealing with such general subjects as the Coming of Christ, the Heavenly Sanctuary, Bible Truths for this Generation, the Eastern Question, etc. Each part contains numerous chapters upon the general subject treated, and the whole comprises 436 pages of present truth in very attractive form. The type is unusually clear, being printed upon the finest quality of super-calendered paper. This book is replete with references to our leading writers, and should be in every home. Several poetic gems and illustrations also illumine its spirit filled pages. Prices, board binding, 75 cents, paper covers, 25 cents, both postpaid. Order of your tract society.

"The word of the Lord endureth forever."

## OHIO

### Ohio Camp-meeting.

The writer is very glad to report that the annual conference, held in connection with the Ohio camp-meeting at Hamilton, Ohio, August 21-31, was a most excellent assembly. The Spirit of God was present in power from beginning to end. The reviving showers fell copiously; hearts were deeply moved and many precious surrenders to God were made.

The camp was pitched on the large and commodious fair grounds of Hamilton, Ohio. Every accommodation necessary was arranged and the weather was beautiful. The attendance this year was not so large as that of last year partly because many of the brethren had attended the General Conference and partly on account of the floods which had swept Ohio this year. Nevertheless, quite a number of new converts were present on the ground earnest with their first love and zeal. There were also quite a number there who were in the valley of decision: so that, following the night on which the sermon respecting the Sabbath question was preached, the writer heard of some seven different persons who had made up their minds to begin to keep the Sabbath. Certain churches were well represented with large delegations and among their number were some who were on the point of deciding for the truth.

The attendance from the city was especially encouraging. The people paid splendid attention and many were deeply moved by the power of the truth. Without question, the camp-meeting made an excellent impression upon the city of Hamilton.

We are glad to note the excellent reports from the president and the secretaries relating to the progress which the conference had made financially the past year. The tithe for 1911 was \$30,309; while that for 1912 was \$36,681.00, or a gain over 1911 of \$6,300.00. The gifts to foreign missions also had risen from \$8620.00 in 1911 to \$15,093.00 in 1912; a gain per capita from \$14.43 to \$17.46. The reports also given in by the field missionary agent, the Sabbath-school secretary, the secretary also of the young people's work and of the educational work were most encouraging.

The business was carried on promptly and carefully and everything passed off harmoniously and encouragingly.

Practically the same corps of officers were again elected for this year. Elder E. K. Slade was again elected

as president with Brethren Holtom and Cassell secretaries respectively of the conference and tract society. The laborers from abroad, outside of the regular union men, were Elders G. B. Thompson and D. C. Babcock, while the book and periodical work were represented by Brethren Ford, Bourdeau, and Mace.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Young People's Meetings.

Nearly one hundred children from the different parts of the state met upon the Hamilton camp-ground. Of this number, from thirty-five to forty, within kindergarten age, gathered around Mrs. Elmslie and her assistants eager for the new lessons each day. The little nature songs and games combined with talks of God's love and care were full of life and interest.

With the intermediate grades, active Christian help work was encouraged in connection with the spiritual lessons given. The lessons for the week were on seed-sowing and the harvest, based upon Gal. 5: 22-23. As we talked over the principles of sowing and cultivating the good seed so that it might produce much fruit, we endeavored with God's help to get rid of the weeds of evil that were striving to choke out the valuable plants. A band of Junior Volunteers was formed during the first of the meetings, who hope to continue the work begun upon the camp-ground. Many missionary letters were written; bright eyes sought for opportunities to help others; the older ones sold our papers; some made missionary visits inviting outsiders to attend the meetings. The Missionary Volunteer Reading tent also contained books for the Juniors and it was well patronized. Several joined our little meetings and became very enthusiastic in reporting work they were doing for Jesus. Their parents also were interested, and we hope that the seed sown will not be crowded out by the attractions of the world.

Among the youth much interest was manifest in these meetings from the start, although many things hindered the carrying out of plans as intended. An earnest spirit was shown, and God certainly was very near. Nearly every youth resolved to put forth more earnest efforts for the Master during the coming year. Prayer bands were formed among both the youth and the intermediate divisions, and many gained the victory for which they had been seeking. The Standard of Attainment is now the aim of all the ear-

est youth. The Reading Course for both the Senior and the Junior Missionary Volunteers was encouraged. In all of these plans we hope to be joined by many who were not able to be with us at that time.

B. E. ACTON.

### Cincinnati.

Sabbath, September 13, was a day of joy and blessing for the church when they assembled on the banks of the Ohio River and witnessed the baptism of seven souls by the writer. At the morning service nine were taken into the church on the profession of their faith in the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. Two were satisfied with their former baptism. Five of the number were readers of Brother and Sister Campbell, and for these dear souls they had a hard fight, for certainly the opposition was great, but through the power of the truth and the Holy Spirit the Lord won the victory for which we all praise the Lord. The other four had heard the truth from different individuals, but never took their stand until recently. One of the number baptized was a blind sister.

We were surprised on this occasion by three strangers presenting themselves for baptism. Their clothes with them expecting that of course there would be no objection, but we told them that we did not baptize any one until we knew that he was in harmony with our belief. We suggested that they take a course of Bible readings.

I never saw so large an attendance at the Cincinnati church as there was on the date mentioned above. We are all of good courage, and trust that many more souls will be brought into the truth. Pray for the work and workers in Cincinnati.

W. W. MILLER.

### Cincinnati

The colored Seventh-day Adventist people of this city feel that the Lord has blessed them as never before. Sabbath, September 13, four were baptized by Brother Muntz, and five or six more are expecting to be baptized on the twenty-seventh. The Lord is greatly blessing Brother Muntz in this city, and may many souls be gathered in.

M. J. SHERIDAN.

"Live so that those who know you and do not know Him, will want to know Him because they know you."

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion."

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Camp-Meeting

The camp-meeting of Western Pennsylvania, was held at Corry, Pa., August 14-24. In connection with the camp-meeting, the regular session of the conference was held. While the attendance of our own people was small, yet it was long to be remembered, for we felt the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts. The Lord met us there. Sinners found their Saviour; back-sliders and the whole camp renewed their consecration with an earnest determination to make this conference year the best of their lives.

From the president's report we glean that there has been advancement in all departments. Thirty-five were baptized and added to the church during the last five months. The report deals only with the past five months as in March 5-6 was held a session of the conference in Altoona, Pa. While there was a gain, yet we have not come up to the standard that we ought to reach.

The attendance from the outside was very good each evening.

After the formal opening the following committees were appointed:—

Committee on Seating of delegates: I. N. Williams, H. K. Hackman, and Miss A. Brown.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions: J. P. Gaede, N. S. Ashton, Mrs. Kneeland, H. K. Hackman, V. O. Panches, W. A. Westworth, and W. W. Williams.

Committee on Nominations: R. T. Dowsett, J. W. Watt, George Gates, J. Konigmacher, and R. A. Underwood.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: W. F. Schwartz, Chas. F. Ulrich, R. A. Underwood, Chas. Dunham.

The treasurer's report was read which showed an increase of \$1,000 in tithes and \$841.00 in general trust funds. While a gain of \$1,000 looks good, and in a sense it is, but if all were faithful in giving to God his own, there would be many dollars more in the treasury. The report showed that we have, thus far, paid in on the twenty cents per week fund but seven and eight tenths cents per member instead of twenty cents, the Bradford church being the only church that has come up to the standard. Brethren, let us put forth earnest effort and make up the deficiency ere the year of 1913 passes into eternity.

The committee on plans and resolutions brought in the following report which I hope will be put into Acts or else they are in vain.

*Whereas*, - We recognize the guiding hand and fostering care of our Heavenly Father in the work of the conference, during the past conference term, in

(a) The prosperity of our labors in the accession of souls, in

(b) the financial gains which have been accorded to us in

(c) the splendid success which has attended our colporteur work, and

(d) the health and preservation of life of our workers, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we offer to God our heartfelt praise, and pledge anew to him our lives in grateful service,

*Whereas*, The increasing demands which are coming to us through the rapid advancement of the third angel's message in home and foreign lands call for renewed efforts on the part of every faithful believer; and,—

*Whereas*, At our last session of the conference, the recommendation of the Union and General Conferences that we raise a sum equal to twenty cents a week for each member, was unanimously passed, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our allegiance to this principle, and pledge ourselves to personally sustain and to work for the accomplishment of this plan.

In view of the fact that in these days of peril to the youth, there is a strong tendency toward the world; and,—

*Whereas*, The Young People's Department of our organized work has set forth the safe guarding of our youth; therefore,

*We Recommend*, that Young People's Missionary Volunteer societies be organized in our church where there are young people, and where it seems advisable.

*We further recommend*, That the young people through out the conference be urged to become members of Attainment, and also take the reading course, both junior and senior, outlined by the Missionary Volunteer department.

*Whereas*, The blessing of God has followed, in a marked manner, our past efforts in behalf of foreign missions; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we again put forth earnest efforts to make the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1913 the most successful in our history thus far.

*Whereas*, The call of the Spirit of God is that special efforts be put forth to bring the third angel's message to

the large cities with their teeming populations; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we renew our efforts along this line, and continually strive to enlarge the means of bringing the light to these great cities both in the English and foreign languages.

*Whereas*, There is great need for more laborers in the finishing of this message; and,—

*Whereas*, Lack of faithfulness in tithe paying not only brings the frown of God on those who thus rob him, but also hinder the progress of the work,—

*Resolved*, That we emphasize the great importance of faithfulness in tithe paying, and urge our laborers and church officers to make special effort to increase the tithe.

*Whereas*, The many calls which come to us for the support of our conference work entail the keeping of many accounts and a multiplicity of collections; and,—

*Whereas*, There is continued need for funds to carry on our home work in the supplying of equipment, such as seats, tents, city work, etc.; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we establish a general fund to be known as the Emergency Fund, which shall absorb all the various funds that have been heretofore carried, and that we take immediate steps to supply the demands now upon us; and further,—

*Resolved*, That the Emergency Fund be considered a permanent fund to be contributed to regularly.

*Whereas*, The spirit of prophecy has told us that "to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4, which we believe to be the angel of the loud cry.

*We recommend*, That a strong effort be put forth to organize a strong missionary society in every church in this conference, and that members be set at work with our message filled tracts and periodicals.

*Whereas*, Resident canvassing is proving to be a grand success,

(a) As a means of creating an interest to be followed up by public effort and,

(b) As the best means to follow up work, we,—

*Recommend*, That every one be asked to cooperate with the field agent in securing such workers,

(a) By giving ourselves to the work as regular canvassers if possible and

(b) By encouraging others to enter the work.

*We recommend*, That the next camp-meeting and conference be held in as central a location as can be had, and that it be held in the month of June.

The officers elected were: R. A. Underwood, president; H. K. Hackman, secretary and treasurer; field missionary agent, V. O. Panches; W. A. Westworth, religious liberty secretary; Chas. F. Ulrich, educational and young people's secretary; conference committee, R. A. Underwood, W. A. Westworth, I. N. Williams, W. F. Schwartz, J. P. Gaede, C. F. Ulrich, and J. H. Humphrey.

It was recommended that in view of former obligations resting upon Elder Underwood, and promises made to the North American Division which demand a portion of his time; and in harmony with Elder Underwood's request, we recommend Elder W. A. Westworth to assist him in his executive work as he and the executive committee may direct.

May the Lord richly bless the West Pennsylvania Conference during the coming year, and may we all strive to take hold of the work with renewed zeal, faithfully doing our part in giving and praying. The Lord has promised the increase.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 29 we started a series of tent meetings in this city for the colored people. There were two other companies started also the same night for the white race.

Failing to procure a lot in new and unworked soil, we finally pitched in a vicinity where two similar efforts had been conducted some time ago. My helpers, Brother Osman Phipps of South Lancaster Academy, and Sister Maud I. Gauntlett of Oakwood School, were both inexperienced in the work, but by persistent labor and much prayer, we succeeded in getting a hearing. The battle went hard, until some of us got sick from overwork, but up to August 31, when we closed, eight had decided to keep the Sabbath, while we have over sixty homes now open for Bible work, with several deeply interested. We had prayed and hoped for twenty-five souls, and though we have not achieved all, yet we hope to get our full number from the openings we have. We praise our God for what he has done for us. August 24, I baptized two who had decided for the truth before our tent meetings started. September 14, four were baptized and received into the church, and others are yet to follow.

But now our great need is a place of worship. Since the first of May when we moved, we have been paying six dollars per month for worshipping in a Baptist church on Sabbaths only. Now our tent meetings are closed, we have no place for Sunday night and

prayer meetings. If we remain in the Baptist church on Sabbaths, we must pay eight dollars from October. Where to go now is a problem, and much will be lost if we do not get a place for Sunday and other meetings.

For the last seven years or more, this little church, since its separation from Church No. 1 (which they say they helped to purchase) has moved into six or seven different rented places. We have been trying to raise funds to purchase a place, but being poor and few in number, help must come from other sources if anything is obtained.

At present it is imperative that something permanent and tangible be done to give stability and strength to the work. We feel ashamed of such inquiries from outsiders as "Where is your church now? I have been wondering where you were," etc. It is reported that two ordinary sized Baptist churches in this district will soon be for sale. Will the readers of the VISITOR send us some help, or pledge to help, by corresponding with the writer, whose address is 17 Conkling Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., or to Elder R. A. Underwood, 633 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. We invite correspondence from any interested in helping this most needy work.

A. N. DURRANT.

## VIRGINIA

### Report of the Virginia Conference Sabbath-school Department

For Quarter ending March 31, 1913

Number of Schools .....	17
Present Membership including State Home Department Members.....	502
Average Attendance (including State Home Department .....	354
Number in Senior Division .....	191
Number in Junior .....	33
Number in Intermediate Division ..	34
Number in Primary Division .....	101
Number in Kindergarten Division ..	27
Number in Home Department of local schools.....	7
Number in State Home Department	10
Total Home Department Members	17
Contributions (including Camp-meeting Sabbath-school donations .....	\$192.26
Donations to Missions from Schools (including Camp-meeting donations) .....	2.50
Amount of thirteenth Sabbath gifts (including in both the above items) .....	23.98

MRS. R. J. BROWN.

## Finishing the Work

The keynote of the recent General Conference was that the time had come to arise and finish the work. For over sixty-eight years we have been carrying forward this work, and now it seems as though the time had come when we should set ourselves with increased energy to the finishing of it.

Nearly all the waymarks are passed. We have reached three more,—the movement to drive the Turk out of Europe, the ever increasing agitation for Sunday laws, and the growing power of Rome in the United States. Just how long it will take us to pass these we cannot say, but it cannot be many years, for events move rapidly in these days. After them there are no more, for the end of the journey will have been reached. When the Turk shall have been compelled to remove his kingdom from Europe; when Rome shall gain control of the United States, and other Protestant countries of the world; when through the Roman power, life shall have been given to the image to the beast, so that it has power to enforce its mark; then probation will close and our work will be finished. "The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience." — "Great Controversy," page 588.

While the end of the journey is in sight, we cannot but realize that there is much work to be done before we can say as did our Saviour "We have finished the work which thou gavest us to do". Just now there is a time when we have freedom to work. It may not last long. We should, therefore, make the best possible use of it.

How can we finish the work? By warning every soul we can reach that the coming of the Lord draws near, and that he comes to reward the righteous and destroy the wicked. All around us we shall find people who know nothing of the message, or so little that they can form no intelligent idea of what it involves. We need to work the localities in which we live, until we are sure every soul in them has received sufficient knowledge of this message to enable him to intelligently accept or reject it.

There are many ways in which we may labor for souls. One of the most effective is the distribution of litera-

ture in various ways. We have tracts, periodicals, pamphlets, and books. These can be sold, loaned, and given away. An easy way to begin is to procure a supply of the "Family Bible Teacher" leaflets, take a street or district, and leave the first of the series at each house in it. Not much need be said at the visit, just a few words calling attention to the leaflet, and suggesting that it will probably be of interest to them. The following week the second leaflet should be left, and so on until all the leaflets of the series have been delivered. Before this is done, some will have refused to receive more and others will be asking questioning on certain subjects, which will open the way for further work with them. Some larger tract, or book dealing with the subject in which they show interest, might be loaned to them; or they might be shown a book that will help them understand the subject and be induced to buy it.

If some go through the entire series without manifesting any special interest, but are still willing to read, take them the *Signs of the Times* or *Watchman*, leave a copy one week, and the next endeavor to obtain a subscription for it. Do not leave any person so long as you can get him to take literature. It sometimes takes a long time to bring a person into the truth, so perseverance pays.

Take note of those who refuse the leaflets, and try them with a periodical. Some who are not interested in religious matters may be in health topics, or in Protestantism. Try them with health leaflets, *Life and Health*, or the *Protestant Magazine*. Never give up until you are sure further efforts are useless. Some of these who at first have seemed hopeless have become earnest Christian workers.

This is one way of working. Later we will give others. Let our motto be, "Let us arise and finish the work."

E. M. GRAHAM,

Secretary Home Missionary Depart.

## Married

A quiet home wedding was solemnized by the writer Sunday evening, September 7, 1913, when Miss Anna LaVell Lane, of West Mansfield, was united in marriage with Mr. Thomas C. Park, of Cleveland, at the home of the bride's grandparents in North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Our best wishes follow these young people as they endeavor to press on in Christian service.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

"Knowledge is power."

## Offering for the Negro Work

Sabbath, October 25, has been designated by the North American Division Committee as the time to take the offering for work among the Negro people of this country. This call is a most worthy and urgent one, and there should be a very liberal response on the part of all our people.

There are at the present time 10,000,000 Negroes in the United States, or approximately one ninth of the entire population of the United States. This is a population nearly twice that of Australia. At the time of the General Conference the secretary of the department stated that, "This is a population of 3,000,000 more than the population of Belgium. It is greater than that of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, and one ninth of the total population of the United States. It is equal to the white population of the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Alaska, and the Hawaiian Islands."

We do not need to turn our eyes across the sea to find a mission field. We have one in our midst. Here are millions of the African race, civilized, speaking the English language, most of whom can read and write; engaged in skilled trades and various occupations, such as physicians, nurses, teachers, clergymen, masons, engineers, firemen, dressmakers, servants, carpenters, editors, electricians, merchants, farmers, etc. While putting forth strong efforts to save the untutored, uncivilized tribes of Africa, we certainly cannot afford to overlook so needy; and yet so promising a mission field as this lying at our door, and whose cry for light can enter into our ears.

These people are quite susceptible to the gospel. The efforts we have put forth to bring the special message for this time to them have been attended with good results, and some strong churches are being developed. And those who embrace the truth, when properly instructed, readily give of their means to carry forward the work.

But the work of carrying the message to the colored people is a mission problem which must rest upon all the people. There are more than six millions of Negroes in the Southern and Southeastern Unions alone. This is too great a burden for these weak struggling conferences to carry. The burden must be shared by our strong-

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Sept. 19, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	5	36	16	63 00	2 25	65 25	13 50	
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.,	ES	4	36	16	51 00	3 50	54 50	176 00	
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.	ES	5	37	13	44 00	8 25	52 25	2 25	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	ES	3	21	19	22 50	15 75	38 25		
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	ES	5	28	32	15 00	19 85	34 85	60	
E. B. Kutscher, Shelby Co.	PPF	5	35	18	30 00	50	30 50		
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	4	24	8	29 00		29 00		
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.	BR	5	33	8	24 00	2 85	26 85	5 15	
S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	FS	4	26	8	24 00	4 00	28 00		
L. H. Bocker, Knox Co.	ES	4	36	7	21 00	3 25	24 25		
N. J. Dean, Miami Co.	PPF	3	15	4	6 50	13 65	20 15		
Juanita Gibson, Wayne Co.	PPF	3	24					139 70	
D. J. Royer, Ashtabula Co.	GC	2	15					18 50	
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	BR	5	21	3	11 00	1 25	12 25	10 00	
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.	PPF	5	40	7	10 50		10 50	189 75	
Helen Grunke, Lucas Co.	PPF	5	29	9	14 00	75	14 75	9 00	
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	ES	2	8	2		1 50	1 50	9 25	
Mrs. Chas. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC							5 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18 Agents</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>\$365 50</b>	<b>\$77 35</b>	<b>\$442 85</b>	<b>\$581 70</b>

Virginia, Week Ending Sept., 12, 1913

K. Oertley, Roanoke	CK	30	11	17 00	1 50	18 50	8 25	
R. W. Constable, Culpeper	DR	40	11	33 00	25	33 25	25	
L. A. King, Ringgold	GC	56					190 00	
J. Meyer, Gloucester	PPF	55					61 35	
F. Meyer, King and Queen Co.	PPF	83	44	98 50	10 75	109 25		
House Boat, Wm. Wharf		35		18 00	75	18 75	30 75	
Mrs. C. K. Kirby, Norfolk					183 70		183 70	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$164 50</b>	<b>\$196 85</b>	<b>\$146 50</b>	<b>\$474 15</b>

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept., 19, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	43	21	49 50	17 95	68 45	23 45
F. W. Hall, Venango	CK	5	31	2	3 50	1 50	5 00	60 40
J. A. Heaton, Bedford Co.	PPF	4	23	32	53 00	2 75	55 75	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	7	50	5	8 25	5 20	13 45	76 50
Miscellaneous					10 50		10 50	93 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$124 75</b>	<b>\$28 40</b>	<b>\$153 15</b>

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept 20, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	34	10	15 50	6 75	22 25	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	4	16	5	19 00	6 25	25 15	
F. Willruth, Scranton Co.	CK		40	11	21 50	26 15	47 65	25 75
Stella Grube, Bucks Co.	CK							23 80
Miscellaneous		2	4	2	3 00	1 25	4 25	5 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$59 00</b>	<b>\$40 40</b>	<b>\$99 40</b>

District of Columbia, Week Ending Sept. 19, 1913

L. A. Godwin, Northunber	PPF	9	63	54	92 50	6 75	99 25	1 75
Frank Smith, Charles Co.	PPF	5	48	47	93 50	2 25	95 75	
A. Taltamus, Fauquier Co.	PPF	5	40	11	21 50	10 50	32 00	139 50
W. A. Williams, Alexandria Co.	PPF	5	43	25	46 00	1 00	47 00	60 50
Miscellaneous		5	25			25 00	25 00	7 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>\$253 50</b>	<b>\$45 50</b>	<b>\$299 00</b>

New Jersey, Week Ending Sept. 19, 1913

J. Kennedy, Gloucester	GC	4	32					186 00
Wm. Schmidt, Newark		4	25	3	7 00	17 65	24 65	17 15



W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BF	5	35	3	12	00	2	75	14	75	35	70
Geo. G. Taylor, Salem Co.	PPF	5	36	11	18	50			18	50		
Louis Riess, Branchville	BF	3	28								14	00
W. B. Parkins, Swedesboro	CK										42	00
A. S. Samuels, Newark	OA	5	21	34	12	00			12	00	4	75
Magazines					20	00			20	00		
Totals	7 Agents	26	177	51	\$69	50	\$20	40	\$89	90	\$299	60

Grand Totals: 44 Agents Value of Orders, \$1,036 75 Deliveries, \$1,873 10

### Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Conferences	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value of Books
Ohio	29	1883	559	\$1,829 80
West Virginia	12	1415	852	1,685 10
Virginia	12	864	339	962 80
East Pennsylvania	15	1021	334	.898 30
Chesapeake	12	1091	520	1,194 25
West Pennsylvania	11	1925	419	982 15
New Jersey	10	920	265	483 35
District of Columbia	10	873	608	1186 05
Totals	111	9092	3896	9,221 80

### The Summary.

Again we come up with our monthly summary of the canvassing work for the Columbian Union Conference,

How we all rejoiced when we saw the July summary, but this one for August rather causes our feathers to drop. It is true that at least four of our conferences were effected by camp-meetings; especially is this true of Ohio, West Pennsylvania, and Virginia, as there were a good number of canvassers at each of these meetings.

I wish we might have had \$ 800.00 more for August, for then we would have kept above the \$ 10,000.00 mark. You will notice that 111 colporteurs put in 9092 hours and averaged over \$ 1.00 per hour. Whereas full time (40 hours per week) would have given us 17,770 hours for the month, making a loss of 8,538, or nearly as many hours as we worked.

September has had two camp-meetings and now our camp-meeting season is over, and before us is October, November, and a part of December for a Christmas delivery. Shall we not put in full forty hours and thus roll up the best record of the year for October, November, and December?

Our time belongs to God. Every moment is his, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to his glory. Of no talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time.

"Christ's Object Lessons." page 342.

Let us remember that our time belongs to God and that we must use it to his glory.

Only a few bays ago, upon the demand of a strong Catholic paper, our

large tent in Albany, New York, was closed because Elder Cardey preached against the Papacy. Just about this same time one of our colporteurs was arrested for selling the *Protestant Magazine*. Only a few months ago several of our magazine workers were refused the right to sell the *Signs of the Times* in one of the large cities of this Union.

Brethren and Sisters, "the dragon is wroth with the woman, and is gone to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Let us do all we can to enlist the services of all our people in the circulation of the printed page. Let us give the trumpet a certain sound calling God's people into rank for the last great struggle. Rome has set her hand to the work of suppressing the truth and so we may expect to see Congress pass a Sunday Law in the very near future, and then the last step to forbid sabbatizing on the seventh day of the week. Thus we are right in the very closing scenes of the conflict.

We have been told that "the work which is not done in times of peace and prosperity will have to be done under the most difficult and trying circumstances." Brethren, wake up! We have come to the time of "difficult and trying circumstances" in many places even in this Union. It is high time to awake out of sleep."

I. D. RICHARDSON.

"The Lord's hand is not shortened."

er conferences, and liberal appropriations made to advance the message among this people.

We have been repeatedly urged by the spirit of prophecy to not neglect the colored work in the South. Now is the opportune time to work. Soon it will be more difficult, and circumstances may speedily take shape which will close up the work in this field. Many of these when reached by the truth will become agents to carry the message to others of their own race.

Church officers should bring this matter before the church, and plan for a liberal offering. All contributions for this work, whether from churches or isolated believers, should be sent through the regular channels, the same as other funds.

Remember the date, Sabbath, October 25. G. B. THOMPSON.

### From "The Missionary Campaign Primer"

Is not the reading of trashy obscene literature one of the greatest menaces of the home at the present time?

It certainly is. Next to the drink habit, cheap, vulgar literature is sending more people, old and young, to destruction than any other evil. Many of the most gigantic crimes of the age can be traced directly to this source.

How can I help my friends and neighbors to battle against this great evil?

By calling their attention to the disastrous effect this degrading literature is having on the life, the home, the nation, and directing their minds to good, pure and wholesome books.

Where can a good assortment of books be obtained that can conscientiously be recommended to the home?

You can get them from your tract society office. Here is a list the society carries in stock:

Advanced Guard for Missions, Bible Child Life, Elo the Eagle, Gospel Primer No. 2, House We Live In, Making Home Happy, Mount of Blessing, Our Paradise Home, Story of Pitcairn Island, Uncle Ben's Cobblestones, Best Stories, Christ Our Saviour, Gospel Primer, His Glorious Appearing, Little Folks Bible Nature, Making Home Happy, New Testament Primer, Steps to Christ and Those Bible Readings.

How can these books be shown to the people so as to demand their attention and cause them to purchase?

The way is made very easy by the use of a prospectus or sampleholder

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When is the best time of the year for the introduction of these books?

There is a demand and a need for them at all times. The next four months will probably yield greater returns to the worker than any other time of the year.

What could one do who has but a few hours each day to give to work of this kind?

This is just the class of individuals who are making a success of this kind of work. Ask your tract society secretary to send you a booklet entitled, "Good Books for the Holidays." This will give you a number of reports from persons who have been spending their odd moments in this way.

Where can full information regarding the prospectus, prices and discounts on the various books, be obtained?

Your tract society secretary can tell you all about it. Ask him.

JAS. COCHRAN.

## Two More Stirring Letters Regarding the Harvest Ingathering Review

The little conference just across the Potomac—Virginia—has struggled hard to maintain its own against great odds and at the same time carry the truth through out its borders. Elder W. J. Stone, their president, writes: "We are planning to push the Harvest Ingathering enterprise all that it is possible to do. I think the estimate given us is not too high for

us to reach. We shall be pleased to make an effort to raise \$791.56 as proposed by your letter. It certainly is not too large an amount for 514 members to raise. I trust that this year will show an amount at least twice as large as we have ever been able to raise in the past."

If Virginia can do it, every other conference surely can, unless confronted with some very great calamity.

Here is an intensely interesting letter from Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference—

"I was interested in the figures that you presented in your letter regarding the amount that each member should raise in order for our people in this country to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for missions in this campaign. I believe this is not too much, in fact we are going to do our utmost to raise much more than our portion of the one hundred thousand dollars. How successful we shall be, I cannot tell you now, but will tell you better later; we are going to do everything we can to accomplish this. One of our conferences is already working on the basis of \$5 per member. This, of course, is a high average, but if we do not undertake great things we certainly will never accomplish great things, and I admire the spirit that prompts this brother to undertake such a great task as this, and will do everything I can to help him carry it out. In fact, I am suggesting to all our conference presidents in this union the same plan. I am sure if we undertake such a large task, we will accomplish more at least than if we only undertake some small task."

May God bless our brethren over on the Pacific Coast in their splendid endeavor. We shall pray for them, and be intensely interested to know how they succeed. One thing is certain, there are possibilities in this plan of going to the people, with the love of Christ shining in the heart and revealed in the countenance, which we have not as yet fully grasped. May God help us to improve them this year more than ever before.

T. E. BOWEN.

*Takoma Park, D. C.*

"To the overgilding will  
 My own I gladly yield;  
 An while my little craft outstands,  
 I sail with orders sealed.  
 Sometime, I know not when nor how,  
 All things will be revealed;  
 And until then, content am I  
 To sail with orders sealed."

"Ye are God's building."

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Important Notice

On account of circumstances it is found necessary to make some changes in the dates of the district meetings in the district comprising the following churches:—

Altoona.....	Oct. 10-12
Huntingdon.....	" 15-16
Six Mile Run.....	" 17-19
Johnstown.....	" 24-26

Let us pray, brethren, that the Lord may send showers of blessings upon us and indeed make it a season of refreshing to us all. This can be had for the asking, providing we are willing to yield all to our Master.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

### Important Meetings

Millport.....	Oct. 1-2
Shinglehouse.....	" 3-5
Sunderlandville.....	" 7-8
Jimtown.....	" 9-12
Coudersport.....	" 15-19
Ridgway.....	" 23-26
Lock Haven.....	" 28-29
Clearfield.....	Oct. 30 to Nov. 2

The above meetings to be attended by Elders B. F. Kneeland, I. N. Williams, and G. L. West.

Bradford.....	Oct. 2-5
North Warren.....	" 9-12
Erie.....	" 16-19
Corry.....	" 23-26

These meetings to be attended by Elders W. F. Schwartz and W. A. Westworth.

Huntington.....	Oct. 1-2
Six Mile Run.....	" 3-6
Altoona.....	" 7-12
Johnstown.....	" 16-19

To be attended by Elders J. W. Watt and C. F. Ulrich. Brother V. O. Punches will attend such of these meetings as he thinks will best advance the book work in the conference.

## OBITUARY

It is with sorrow that I report the death of Brother John R. Hall of Bowling Green, Ohio. Death came September 12, after a few days' illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Boughton, where he and his wife, who is also in a very serious condition, have made their home since last May. Sister Hall, who has been his faithful companion sixty years, and their children, Levi and Julius Hall, Mrs. A. E. Boughton, Mrs. C. B. Reid have the sympathy of hundreds of friends. We laid him in his last resting place knowing that the Saviour he loved and faithfully served will soon come and give him his reward—eternal life.

H. M. JUMP.