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

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CHESAPEAKE

The Colporteur Work

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In this inspired scripture, we have the character of God set forth as a tender, loving, compassionate Father, one that loved us so much that he gave his only Son to redeem man from the just sentence of death which he incurred by disobedience. What an infinite gift! Before Jesus paid the redemption price of our salvation on the cross, he began his ministry to inform mankind of the great sacrifice he was about to make, and to give every one an opportunity to believe in his mission to redeem.

After he had suffered the most cruel death and obtained the victory over it by coming from the grave on the third day, he ascended to the Father and was accepted. On meeting his disciples after that occasion, Jesus gave them the following commission: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

If ever there was a people commissioned to a great work it is those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. "The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of the Lord is near at hand." "Just now when people are thinking seriously, literature on the meaning of these signs wisely circulated will have a telling effect in behalf of the truth."

Brethren, let us delay no longer. There are many honest souls that are hungering for the truth of God. "With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our cooperation." Shall we not buckle on the armor? Let us decide today to enter the Mas-

ter's service and help in the circulation of our truth filled books and magazines.

The year 1913 has been fraught with much of the blessings of God; there are those who are rejoicing in the truth of the third angel's message as a result of the faithful work of the consecrated colporteur. Now we are entering upon a new year; we are planning for new conquests. We read in Volume VI, "Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need." In harmony with this instruction we are planning for a colporteurs' institute, March 1-15, to be held in the beautiful new church building at Fords Store, Md. This will be the most thorough course of studies ever given in an institute in this conference. We invite you to give the question of attending this institute your prayerful and most careful consideration, and if the Holy Spirit impresses you with the thought that you should attend, kindly write for further particulars.

Your fellow-worker,

F. E. HANKINS.

3 Culver St., Baltimore, Md.

The Work Continues

Dear Visitor Family:

The evangelistic canvassing work on the Eastern Shore Maryland and Delaware, continues. Although obstacles confront us at times, yet the great work moves on. When we look back over the road that has been traveled in 1913, we are led to say "It is a most wonderful thing that the Lord has wrought." Still we look at the road before us for 1914, and although we cannot see with the natural eye just the way the great Leader will lead us, yet we want to follow on. We know there is victory ahead. The Lord has for his faithful workers some grand experiences I believe, if we will only put on the armor and go forward.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is leading in this most important branch of the work. We know it is true. The writer met a man this week on

the road and he said "Are you not the man who sells good books?" I answered him "Yes, but why did you think so?" His answer was "Because you look just as though you have the mark in your forehead." So the order was taken and I went on my way rejoicing.

Dear brethren and sisters, I want to be faithful to my trust till Jesus comes. Pray for the work.

Sincerely yours for the finishing of the work.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

Fords Store, Md.

Words of Cheer from the Ranks of Our Vounteers

Believing the friends of the VISITOR would be glad to hear from our Volunteers in the Chesapeake Conference, I am passing on to you, extracts from some of our recent correspondence. Mrs. Grace Wolfinger, leader of the Smithsburg society writes: "I am very much interested in the 1914 goal, but it seems very small. I will do all I can by God's help to reach it. I have had better experiences this year than last with the Harvest Ingathering. Every one gave me a cordial welcome, and I have received three times the funds this year for the same number of papers.

"I visited a Jewess who said, 'I can't give you money when I don't believe in missionary work, but I will read the papers., I was glad for the opportunity of giving her the truth.'"

Quite a number of the society are taking the Reading Course and have sent in splendid reviews of the first books.

Our Rock Hall society are beginning the new year with a determination to do their part to reach the Standard. Quite a number have been out in the surrounding districts with the Harvest Ingathering *Review* and have had some excellent experiences. Sister Tarbell, their leader, has regular classes for the study of the Standard of Attainment and Reading Course books.

Our Ford's Store Volunteers have had some rather trying experiences

so their leader writes. She says: "On account of having no place to meet, the young people have had no meetings during the summer and fall. Brother Gibbs, our church school teacher, has been appointed as leader for the coming quarter and we have now had two meetings in our new church building.

"On account of the unorganized condition of our society during the last six months, I am sorry to say I cannot give a very flattering report, but I hope to do something this coming year to help our youth to become light-bearers."

Miss Emma Newcomer writes from Wilmington, Del.: "We have a fine lot of nice young people. I think there are about 25 ranging in age from fifteen to thirty.

"I am in full sympathy with the plans for 1914. We have some plans in mind that I think will work well. We are ordering twenty copies of the *Signs* weekly and are going to meet each Wednesday night to wrap them to mail to a list of names to be furnished by the young people. Then we plan to study the writing of missionary letters to follow these papers, and we will devote a portion of each evening to the study of some subject of the Standard of Attainment. We have a fine lot of Juniors that are active members."

This is good. We look for results from these aggressive plans for service. May the Lord richly bless the efforts of our Wilmington Volunteers and lead them to a complete surrender to his service.

The Baltimore Volunteers are doing splendidly. Several of the members have become quite successful magazine workers during the past quarter. One young sister, Miss Wieland, who accepted the truth during the summer effort in the city, has sold a large number of the *Protestant* and *Liberty* and has gathered in over \$20.00 on the Harvest Ingathering. Nearly all the members of this society have signed the goal card and are glad to do their part to reach the standard set for our Chesapeake Volunteers. The leader, Miss Irene Coleman, is arranging for a Standard of Attainment class. Eight are taking the Reading Course. They are taking up every line of aggressive work outlined by our organization.

Three of their Volunteers are in our institutions preparing for service: one at the Washington Missionary College, and another at the Melrose Sanitarium, and one in the Washington Sanitarium. Others are looking toward our schools next year.

They have taken 112 Morning Watch Calendars. One of our German young people sold over 100 *Protestants* during her holidays.

The Volunteers of the Third Baltimore church are planning for a young peoples' convention to be held in connection with their union convention of the colored churches in the conference, January 14-18. This society has entered heartily in the plans for 1914.

One of their members, a blind brother, is doing all he can for those he is associated with in the Maryland workshop for the blind. He has seven reading the *Christian Record* (our paper for the blind) and one of the teachers is using it as a text book.

The society are doing aggressive work for their people and they are full of courage as they enter the new year.

Pondsville is the first to send in her quarterly report. They are busy circulating tracts and papers. They have a small membership, but they are doing what they can to help forward the work.

Beside these organized societies we have quite a number of isolated youth who are loyal true-hearted Volunteers, each one seeking to hold up the light of truth and to press forward the onward march of our great message.

If the Chesapeake Conference reaches her proportionate goal, we will add twenty-one young people to the church; get seven new Attainments members; draw fourteen Reading Course certificates; and her Juniors and Seniors members will give \$325 to missions. This and more, can easily be done by the hearty cooperation of every Volunteer.

We enter the new year with good cheer and as the missionary spirit takes possession of our every heart, we shall hope for a steady increase in every line of work. Let us be ready "to spend and be spent," to the limit of our power for the advance of our Volunteer movement in 1914.

Yours for service,

FLORA B. PAAP.

"It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talents and aptitude for the work, and it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruitless and withered."

"There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every jot of ability, shall be brought to the work of saving souls."

VIRGINIA

The Year 1914

I wish to extend to all of our brethren and sisters in the Virginia Conference the greetings of the New Year. Many have been the blessings of the year just passed, but no life, perhaps, has been without its sorrows, yet in the midst of both joys and sorrows, happy is he who can see the hand of God in it all, knowing, "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

The blessings that have been ours the past year will not answer or enable us to meet the emergencies that we are sure to meet the coming year. A new and deeper consecration is needed that we may be prepared for every new development that we are sure to meet in the onward progress of the message.

We need more abundantly of God's grace that we may overcome the trials and temptations that will be ours, as Jesus overcame. Then too, if we are truly the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world", we must mingle with the unsaved, letting our light shine, or we cannot have a saving influence over other souls and draw them toward the greatest light,—the Sun of Righteousness.

The work is quickly to be completed. All who are overcomers, and hear the "well done" at last are to be soul winners. Plans are being laid to greatly revive the home missionary work throughout our denomination everywhere. Already the work has begun and some of the churches in Virginia have organized for more aggressive work in the future.

We have been passing through the time in our message spoken of in Matt. 25:5, "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." We have entered the next period spoken of in verse 6, "And at midnight there was a cry made, behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

We are just entering upon the period when the cry is going forth, "The bridegroom cometh." And there will be a people who will go forth to meet the bridegroom having oil in their lamps. They will be the ones to whom it is said, "Ye are the light of the world." They will be actively engaged in letting their light shine.

We are also told that there will be those with no oil in their lamps. They have no light for others or burden for

souls. Instead of being actively engaged in saving souls they are pleading for salvation for themselves, and saying, "Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out."

There are many evidences that there is coming in among us an awakening, and God has begun to do a great work in the earth, and to cut his work short in righteousness.

Now, at the opening of the year 1914, shall we not see a new and deeper consecration to God, and a revival of the missionary work, such as has never yet been seen in the Virginia Conference? If this is done, the year 1914 will be the best year in all the history of the work in this state.

From the instruction given by the Lord there is sure to come a revival in our work. Some will make the needed consecration and become more active in the Master's service. Who will join in this work? God asks for willing service. No other is acceptable to him. I am sure great blessings are just ahead of those who at this time go forward filled with the Spirit, and with a burden for perishing souls.

W. J. STONE.

Encouraging Omens for the Colporteur Work

For the benefit of those who are thinking of taking up the colporteur work in Virginia, I will tell of some of the good experiences and splendid success, some of the colporteurs have had in very recent deliveries.

Brother Charles Jones (who by the way is a trained nurse by profession) felt that he would like to have some experiences as a canvasser. After committing his canvass for "Great Controversy" he bought a prospectus and went down into the field, and from the time he started until the delivery was made (about five weeks in all), he delivered \$214.00 worth of books beside the sale of helps while taking orders. I was with him in his delivery, and not one person refused to take his book. I felt that God was truly blessing the work here, especially in the sale of that good book, "Great Controversy."

But Brother Jacob Meyer had a more remarkable delivery than that of Brother Jones. Brother Meyer went down in King and Queen County the last of December to deliver books his brother had taken orders for. These orders were for "Great Controversy" and "Past, Present, and Future." He located the subscribers and delivered every "Past, Present, and Future" he had and did not have

enough to fill the orders, and had only one "Great Controversy" left on his hands. These were fine deliveries, but did not compare or come up to the delivery Brother Bennett Hamm has just made in the mountains or western part of the state. He delivered every book he had orders for, not one left.

The magazine work is also going. Miss Amie George sold 77 *Signs* in Richmond in less than four hours. Frank Parsons also sold 100 in about five hours here in the city. Such records as these should encourage every one who possibly can to quickly enter the work, for God is richly blessing those who are willing to take up this important part of the work. No one need to fear that he will go hungry or will find no place to sleep when night comes. The good old Virginian hospitality still lives in the hearts of these people. "A man that hath friends, must show himself friendly." Pro. 18:24. W. H. GEORGE.

Why You Should Attend the Colporteurs' Institute at Richmond February 12 to 27

At this time in the world's history, there is much need of wise counsel and sound judgment, for we read in Prov. 24:6, "For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war; and in multitude of counsellors there is safety." The forces of evil are planning and counselling together to defeat the work of God in the earth. Then, we as a people certainly need to come together as one man to study and plan for the finishing of the work. We are as truly in a warfare as any opposing forces who have shouldered arms in mortal combat. At this hour in the fight how important it is that we should come together, every man, woman and child that can take any responsibility in the work to study together how that work can be best done.

There is need of organization and order in the work of God. And this will be a part of the instruction given in the institute. Treatment of the sick will also form a part of the instruction. We read in "Manual for Canvassers," page 55: "God calls upon his people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish and indifferent." "My soul was agonized as I saw the indifference of our people who make so big a profession. The blood of souls will be on the garments of very many who now feel at ease and irresponsible for souls that are perishing around them for want of light and knowledge."

My brethren, wherein we have been remiss, let us now "come up to the help of the Lord." We are expecting a spiritual feast at the institute, and the invitation is given to you to come and enjoy that feast with us.

W. H. GEORGE, *Missionary Agent.*

News Notes

There was a baptism at the First Richmond church Sabbath, January 10. Several who have recently made a start were baptized.

There were five persons added to the Richmond church Sabbath, January 3. While some of our members are moving away, we are glad to see others coming in to take their places.

Sabbath, December 27, Elder Stone organized a church at Thelma, of 23 members. This church has its own house of worship, and is fully organized with a full set of officers.

Week before last, Brother George, our field agent, moved his family here to Richmond, from North Carolina. He had never disposed of his home, and for this reason had waited moving his family to this place.

The church building at Portsmouth is now practically completed all but seating. The brethren and sisters there desire a series of meetings held at once. And it is believed that during the meetings enough money can be secured in donations to pay for the seating of the church.

Sabbath, January 3, although the day was a rainy one, there was a fair attendance at the Richmond church, and the quarterly meeting was held and officers elected for the coming year. The Spirit of the Lord was present with its subduing power.

Brother L. O. Gordon held quarterly meeting with the Newport News church No. 1 while he was there attending the week of prayer services. Two or three persons were added to the church. We are glad to know that the Newport News church is making some growth.

Watch the tabulated report of tithes and offerings for the next issue of the VISITOR. Note the gain over the previous year. This should be an encouragement to all. And with our general growth, what has been done

the past year, can be done the present year, with still a good added growth.

December 28 there was a colored church organized at Portsmouth by Elder Stone of seventeen members. These embraced the truth during the past summer under the labors of Elders Mallory and Sebastian. They have all been paying tithes for the past three months, which is good evidence of their sincerity.

Elder Mallory is still at Thelma, and will remain there for a time and strengthen the work. He has an interest five miles from their church building, and the general interest is such that he could remain there all winter, but as earnest calls are coming from other places for his labors, he will be compelled to close his efforts there soon.

We desire the help of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Virginia Conference in working up an attendance for our conference school at New Market the coming school year. If all will take hold unitedly we ought to be able to double the attendance that we had last year. We earnestly solicit the assistance of every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference in this work.

Brother J. D. Reavis, who has been laboring in the Virginia Conference for the past two years, goes this week to Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, to attend school and get a better preparation for the work. Brother Reavis' labors have been appreciated by those in charge of the work here, and we wish him abundant success, wherever his future lot may be cast.

There are some encouraging omens for our conference school at New Market for the coming year. Besides those residing in the vicinity of New Market, Elder Hottel reports two students that desire to attend the school, and there are two now in the Richmond church school, who are looking toward the conference school, and there may be several others from Richmond if we secure a principal who has influence with the young people, which we hope to do.

The work is onward in the Virginia Conference. The year just closed shows a good gain over the previous

year in every line of Christian endeavor. A large number of souls have been added to our numbers. The tithe has been greatly increased; the offerings to missions show a good gain, and every soul in the conference should rejoice for what God has done for his work here during the year. In the next issue we hope to present more of these encouraging reports.

WEST VIRGINIA

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held in Parkersburg at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Mark Street, February 3 at 10:00 A. M. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business at may properly come before the meeting.

F. H. ROBBINS, *President.*
J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary.*

Brother J. S. Barrows and Elder F. H. Robbins spent from December 29 to January 6 among the churches. Meetings were held in the evenings, and the church books were audited at the different places. Walker, Kanawha, Parkersburg, and Charleston were visited. The brethren and sisters are of good courage in the Lord, in these churches. The church records were carefully looked over, and it was suggested that each church clean up their books, and do all in their power to encourage those who are not faithful, to get right with God, and thus avoid the unpleasantness of having to drop their names. Surely the solemnity of the times in which we are living demands that we renew our consecration to God.

We are certainly thankful to our dear people throughout the conference for their faithfulness in the payment of tithes and for their liberality in the giving of offerings for the past year. The amount of tithe received for 1913 exceeds what has been paid annually during the last preceding four years. Our people were not only faithful in the payment of tithes, but did excellent by giving funds for missions. Twenty-cent-per-week-per-member has been raised. It has taken sacrifice and work to pay these funds and we believe that God's blessing will rest upon those who gave, and the money will do much good in the mission fields.

NEW JERSEY

Saved to Serve

"Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other labor. This is not as it should be. Many of our canvassers, if truly converted and consecrated, can accomplish more in this line than in any other in bringing the truth before the people."

"We have the Word of God to show that the end is near. The world is to be warned and as never before, we are to be laborers with Christ. The work of warning has been entrusted to us. . . . All who accept the gospel take upon themselves the obligation to pass the good tidings on to others."

We cannot escape this responsibility. The service of God is the Christian's life. The redeemed do not enter heaven selfishly and alone. They come in by twos and threes and in companies. Says Whittier, "The soul is lost that's saved alone." The Christian's life is a triple life. A life of secret prayer, a life of open purity, and a life of active service.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties. If we obey his voice, he will work with us, and our efforts will be crowned with success. Canvassers need to be daily converted unto God, that their words and deeds may be a savor of life unto life; that they may exert a saving influence. *The reason why so many have failed in the canvassing work is that they are not genuine Christians; they did not know the spirit of conversion. They had a theory as to how the work should be done, but they did not feel their dependence upon God. If we only knew what is before us, we would not be so dilatory in the work of God.*"

"Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as his instrumentalities. *Christ is our sufficiency.* Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the embellishments in the world."

"The work of the colporteur is elevating, and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken. *His heart must be in the work.*"

"Christian life is more than many take it to be. It does not consist in mere gentleness, patience, meekness, and kindliness. These graces are essential; but there is need of courage, decision, energy, and perseverance

also. He who is called of God to so sacred a work should feel that its accomplishment demands all his energies."

"He who in his work meets with trials and temptations, should profit by these experiences, learning to lean more decidedly upon God. He should feel his dependence every moment. No complaint should be cherished in his heart or be uttered by his lips. When successful he should take no glory to himself, for his success is due to the working of God's angels upon the heart."

The experience of Peter is recorded for our admonition. At a certain time Jesus called Peter and told him he would make of him a fisher of men. Upon another occasion, when the disciples were disappointed in Christ being crucified, Peter said "I go a fishing" (back to his former trade) others said "We go with thee." John 21.

After laboring unsuccessfully all night, and the Saviour had kindly rebuked them by telling them to cast the net on the right side, he said to Peter, "Lovest thou me?" Peter assured him he did. The Saviour repeated this question three times. Not because he did not understand Peter, but to keenly remind him of the mistake he made in leaving the work to which the Lord had called him. You know the result.

Dear fellow-worker, the Lord has called us to be fishers of men. Let us be true to our calling. "Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering," and let us provoke one another to good works.

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry."

G. W. HOLMAN

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sanitarium Notes

Two of Washington's leading ministers, an Episcopalian, and a Presbyterian spent a number of weeks here as patients. President Wilson attends the church of the Presbyterian minister. Both of these gentlemen were greatly benefited while here and are fully satisfied with the service rendered. One remarked that Seventh-day Adventists have more real Bible

truth and practical religion than any other denomination.

The Washington newspaper editor mentioned at the last writing, before leaving here said that he had always thought that Seventh-day Adventists were mistaken in so closely following the writing of Mrs. White, but since reading "Great Controversy" he has changed his mind. He says that he is convinced that Mrs. White is inspired of God else she could never have written this book. He also says that he knows that the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.

A Catholic gentleman of considerable wealth and education remarked to a Sanitarium official, when leaving here recently, "I had always thought Seventh-day Adventists to be a lot of cranks, but now I think them to be a wonderfully progressive and scientific people, possessing principles of true religion. The consecration and earnestness of your young people is a marvel to me."

The wife of a general of the U.S.A. after spending a number of weeks here during the past summer, has gone away entirely recovered.

Sister L. A. Hansen has been giving Bible reading to the patients. Much interest has been manifested, and it was largely through these studies that the gentleman and his wife from Cuba, reported some time ago, accepted the truth.

Douglas Martin is recovering from the operation performed sometime ago, and reported at our last writing.

A number of patients have come in since the first of the year.

MAY COLE KUHN.

OHIO

Cincinnati

Thinking some of the churches might be interested in the way that the Cincinnati church succeeded in raising her quota for 1913, I will give a few items.

Our receipts for missions were as follows:—

Sabbath-school Donations	\$145.39
Mid Summer Offering	23.67
Special Missionary Offerings	30.28
Weekly Offerings	101.40
Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings	108.09
Offerings for Colored Work.	5.72
Religious Liberty Work	7.72

Church Pledges	87.85
Camp-meeting Pledges	130.00
Harvest Ingathering	181.21
Annual Offering	17.87
Total	839.20

It will be readily seen that without the pledges made in the church and at the camp-meeting, and our work with the Harvest Ingathering *Review*, we would have been about \$300 behind instead of over \$120 a head on our quota.

We ordered the *Reviews* as soon as they were ready, began to work, and kept at it until the end of the year. We now start in afresh for 1914, and the sentiment expressed by the church last Sabbath was that we could raise our quota for this year, though we start in with a much larger membership.

We have about two dozen members from whom we received nothing at all, which makes a heavier burden for those who so give, but the Lord is our helper and we expect to triumph in his name.

W. W. MILLER.

Ohio's results on the twenty-cent-a-week plan for 1913 are as follows:—

Total receipts: \$19,396.96; Shortage, \$2543.04; Average per member each week, 17½c.

Although short of the mark, the above result represents a hearty response and sacrificing efforts. A more complete report will appear in a later issue.

H. D. H.

In the issue of January 9 in the table of comparisons under the article "Our City Work", the second Dayton should have read Canton.

COLLEGE NOTES

Miss Sadie Detwiler gave her friends a pleasant surprise by arriving here last Sunday to take up work again in school. It will be remembered that she went home some time ago on account of the death of a younger sister.

We were sorry to learn of the death of the father of Mr. Paul Johnston last week. Mr. Johnston reached his home in Indiana a few days before his father died. He expects to return to finish up the year's work.

After Christ had announced his mission by the words "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost," he said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I

you." Filled with this passion for souls, the Ministerial Volunteers are doing much personal work in the surrounding territory.

Every Sunday evening meetings are held in the school house in South Vernon. The different phases of the truth are being presented, and the people are interested. It is the hope and prayer of every Volunteer that at the close of the year some will take their stand for the truth. Will not you also remember these meetings in your prayers?

Bands of three and four have been formed for holding Bible readings in private homes. The Lord seems to have gone before, for we have found ready entrance. The people have invited their neighbors to join in the reading, and at one of these meetings twenty-seven were present.

Then every Volunteer is doing individual work. Report blanks are handed in at every regular meeting with a record of the work accomplished.

We are looking for the Lord's return, and we want to have done our part well. J. S. LEMMER, *Secretary*.

Like Leaves of Autumn

"The silent messengers of truth should be scattered like the leaves of autumn." "Gospel Workers," page, 333. We all know how the leaves of the trees scatter in autumn. They fall in heaps and blow in all directions. It seems impossible to keep them under control. So the Lord evidently wishes it to be with our tracts, that our people shall scatter them so widely and in such large quantities that they shall be beyond the control of the enemy.

There are many ways in which this may be done. Reading racks may be placed in depots, and other public places, and kept filled with a good assortment of tracts. This work should be attended to regularly and systematically. It has proved effective in the past in saving souls, and how many thousands have been warned by this means only the future will reveal.

Keep a stock of tracts on live questions in a pocket or hand bag. When you talk with a friend or chance acquaintance about the terrible storms, rumors of wars, political upheavals, money matters, etc. and he shows his interest in these things, hand him a tract on the subject discussed. Your conversation will have inclined him to read it.

Leave tracts on the seats in trains and street cars, on the reading room

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 9, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	37	19	57 00	3 50	60 50	5 55
C. E. Reichenbach, Perry Co.		ES	4	31	15	57 00	3 00	60 00	
J. S. Randolph, Knox Co.		ES	4	36	13	49 00	6 55	55 55	15 40
S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.		ES	5	23	6	18 00	8 00	26 00	
Ray H. Chapin, Licking Co.		ES	4	24	5	15 00	10 25	25 25	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	5	30	6	19 00		19 00	11 50
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	4	18	3	11 00	5 75	16 75	4 00
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	2	12	6	7 00	8 00	15 00	
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	3	24	4	13 00	1 20	14 20	
C. Woodworth, Hancock Co.		ES	4	19	3	4 50	3 05	7 55	
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	2	14					39 00
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		OK	5	22	7	10 50		10 50	5 25
H. C. Smith, Darke Co.		DR	4	31	5	16 00	30	16 30	4 00
Totals	13 Agents		51	311	92	\$277 00	\$49 60	\$326 60	\$84 60

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 9, 1914

Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	37	26	52 75	1 75	54 50	1 75
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	37	21	40 75	4 00	44 75	1 50
O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	4	24	12	36 00		36 00	
W. A. McElphatrick, Broxton	DR	3	24	7	20 00	8 85	28 85	2 85
Totals	4 Agents		17	122	66 \$149 50	\$14 60	\$164 10	\$6 10

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 9, 1913

F. H. Barritt, Howard Co.	PPF	4	30	18	34 25	5 25	39 50	
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	4	23	18	33 75	8 50	42 25	75
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	5	35	7	14 50	5 00	19 50	
J. E. Jones, Sussex, Del.	GC	5	34	26	50 50	13 50	64 00	
Totals	4 Agents		18	122	69 \$133 00	\$32 25	\$165 25	\$ 75

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 2, 1913

C. K. Kirby, Norfolk			16					7 10
Annie George, Richmond			15					25 00
Alice Robinson, Richmond			4					1 00
G. W. Hendricks, Skippers			23	17	25 50	3 75	29 25	
Totals	4 Agents		58	17	25 50	\$3 75	\$29 25	\$29 10

New Jersey, Week Ending Jan. 10, 1913

Allen Boynton, Cape May C. H.	PG	8	60	12	34 00	3 75	37 75	
Edward Sterner, Trenton	PG	5	37	5	15 00	6 25	21 25	6 25
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BF	4	28	8	24 00	5 50	29 50	4 00
A. S. Samuels, Newark	GA	3	25		3 00		3 00	3 00
G. W. Blinn, Trenton	GC & DR	5	40	13	44 00		44 00	
Magazines					51 10		51 10	
Totals	5 Agents		25	180	38 \$171 10	\$15 50	\$186 60	\$13 25

District of Columbia, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

Eva. Chandler, Wharves	GC	10	39	1	3 00	19 15	22 15	22 15
L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	5	43					54 25
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	6	62					260 00
A. Taltamus, Fauquier	DR	5	32					192 00
Mrs. Morgan, Woodridge		5	20				12 45	21 75
M. E. Barrows, Wharves		10	38				12 45	12 45
Misc.								15 55
Totals	6 Agents		41	234	1 \$3 00	\$19 15	\$34 60	\$578 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 10, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	40	27	48 00	3 85	51 75	
" " " "		4	33	20	33 00	2 25	35 25	
W. B. Dunkinson, Hanover Co.	PPF	4	25	4	6 50	5 45	11 95	3 75
J. L. Gearhart, Berks Co.	CK	2	15	3	6 50	2 50	6 00	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC		15	10	37 00		37 00	36 95
Totals	4 Agents	15	128	64	\$131 00	\$13 95	\$145 95	\$40 72

Grand Totals: 40 Agents Value of Orders, \$890 10 Deliveries, \$752 67

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month ending January 2, 1914.

Conferences	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value of Books
Ohio	25	2061	501	\$1,596 90
West Virginia	7	773	295	923 90
Virginia	11	400	34	161 05
East Pennsylvania	7	565	154	429 90
Chesapeake	6	369	136	284 00
West Pennsylvania	5	589	208	631 96
New Jersey	7	495	183	446 10
District of Columbia	7	454	60	259 95
Totals	75	3906	1571	4,733 46

tables in public libraries, in depot waiting rooms, on ferry boat seats, and in every place where people may pick them up and read them. Do not leave so many at one time that they will be a nuisance, but place a few judiciously.

Give them to the tradesmen who call at the door. Visit hospitals, poor-houses, and similar institutions, and in a kindly way hand a suitable tract to all who will take them. If you live near a market where farmers congregate, place some tracts in the wagons and buggies. Use your ingenuity in devising ways of sowing tracts where they are likely to attract attention.

Use tact and good judgment in the selection of the tracts you use. Tracts on the second coming of Christ, the unsettled condition of affairs at the present time, and similar topics are not likely to arouse prejudice. Use plenty of good practical tracts, such as "Justification by Faith," "Way to Christ," "Benefits of Bible Study," etc.

At all times, and in all places manifest the spirit of Christ, and pray much over your work, and some day you will surely see fruits of your labor. Psalm 126:6. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

E. H. GRAHAM,

Secretary Home Missionary Department.

"Temper is so good a thing that we should never lose it."

The Summary

While December was a month of deliveries yet we come close to the \$5000 mark. We shall have two institutes each month until April, so we shall not expect to see our records rise so high as we should like until about that time. However, the West Pennsylvania institute has just closed and we expect to have some excellent reports from there. The Ohio institute will soon close and send a number of new workers into the field. You will notice that West Virginia almost reached the \$1,000 mark for December and will likely do much better for January. Brother Leach writes me that the District of Columbia Conference will run above \$1,000 per month from now on.

The end is very near and everything is ready for it except God's professed people. There must come a great awakening among this people and going forth to work else God will certainly reject the indifferent ones and raise up others to take their places. When the call comes, "Who will go for us?" Send back the answer clear and plain, "Here am I, send me."

I. D. RICHARDSON, General Agent.

"There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside the kingdom of heaven."

"God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world."

An Experience in Home Missionary Work

A brother of long experience in this message gives the following interesting account of his experience:—"The year 1861 found me a frail young man living in Michigan. At the time I came of age I decided to join mother in keeping the Sabbath and for several years we were the only Sabbath keepers for miles around. I was drafted for the army twice. My mother, with strong faith, said we would make it a subject of prayer that I might be exempted and they finally released me on account of decided feebleness of constitution.

"Through learning health principles I was enabled to so live as to regain a fair degree of health, and by diligent and persevering effort I managed by the time I was twenty-eight years old to buy a small farm. I had paid a faithful tithe, believing the Lord would be faithful in fulfilling his promise as recorded in Malachi the third chapter.

"My wife and I attended the first camp-meeting held by our people, and hearing a strong appeal for means from Brother White I gave \$100, almost all the money I had. He would only consent to take half of it. My wife readily consented to my making this donation, which some might have thought foolish, as we had no suitable house in which to live, nor furniture to keep house with. But on our return home we had a very pleasant surprise. A neighbor had sold his farm, and being about to move away, offered me his furniture, worth over \$100 for \$50, and urged me to take it, which I was very glad to do. In one year from that time we had completed a neat little cottage, all paid for.

"From that time the Lord blessed us in basket and in store, so that we paid our tithes and offerings, and were able to give liberally to every call for means. When the old home-stead was sold, and the money divided among the seven children, my wife and I decided to give our share, \$700, to the cause. At that time we were worth \$3000. We then sold our farm and moved to Battle Creek to educate our children. Four years later I was stirred to go into the canvassing field by a sermon given by Elder Geo. I. Butler at a camp-meeting. As the impression grew, we took it to the Lord in prayer and finally decided to make a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice. We wrote out what we would do as follows:—"We promise

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College will be held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, beginning January 27, 1914, at 2 P.M. All members of the Board are requested to be present for the transaction of such business as properly comes before the Board at that time.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President*.

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this day (September 13, 1883), if the way opens to sell our farm before next New Year's Day, to give one thousand dollars to the cause in 1884, and hold the rest on the altar to be used up in the cause as the way may open. Dudley will spend the year 1884 in missionary work, and Sarah will care for the children and educate them for missionaries. The price we have settled for the farm is \$6000 including all wheat on the farm, and nursery stock unsold. Signed D. A. Owen, S. A. Owen.'

"The farm was sold three days before December 1, 1883. The \$1000 was given, and I spent ten years in faithful, earnest canvassing work. Those were some of the happiest days of my life. I sold thousands of 'Bible Readings' and other books. At the close of ten years I returned home to Battle Creek badly worn with constant labor.

(Concluded next week)

Washington Correspondence

The temperance forces of the United States are now promised a "day in Court" before Congress in behalf of nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic. On December 10 a memorable occasion added to the National Capital's experiences. A street parade of temperance societies including the Anti-Saloon League, W. C. T. U., etc., repaired to the Capitol to hold a mass convention on the eastern front of that memorable structure. A committee charged with presenting memorials to Congress were met by Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, and Representative R. P. Hobson, of Alabama, into whose hands was placed the memorial asking for congressional aid in the destruction of the Great Destroyer. In fitting speeches the Congressmen accepted the commission to present the memorial to their respective Houses. The speeches of these gentlemen are referred to quite fully in our other publications by the writer, and so it will not be necessary to occupy much space here except to say in general that the speeches were, without doubt, the best on the subject ever put forth by these champions of temperance reform.

All doubtless remember that Sister White has said that by "voice, vote, and pen," we should assist the temperance forces in eliminating the national curse of the liquor traffic. It would be well in accordance therewith to write your Senator and your Representative favoring the adoption of the two measures now before Congress (Senate J. Res. 88 and H. J. Res. 168) looking to the amending of the Constitution of the United States declaring for national prohibition. Not only is this right from the positive side of the great question, but by this attitude we may correct the impression gained by some that in our opposition to Sunday legislation we are allied with the saloon business. As a matter of fact Seventh-day Adventists have always occupied the true temperance position, that of closing the saloons every day in the week, while many Sunday law advocates have contended for closing the saloons only on Sunday. It would be well also to present to your neighbors and friends asking for endorsement of the measures above referred to. We stand ready to cooperate with any of the churches in behalf of this movement.

There are now three Sunday Bills before Congress; viz., The Johnston District Sunday Bill prohibiting business upon that day, one for closing barber shops in the District on Sunday,

known as H. R. 7826, and one by Representative Heflin, of Alabama, entitled "A Bill for the Proper Observance of the Sabbath in the District of Columbia."

S. B. HORTON.

The new 1914 *Instructor* is to bear date of February 3, but will be ready to mail January 30.

Though other Temperance issues have been excellent, this new number will be superior in contents and illustrations to all others. The cover illustrations have been designed to impress purity, sacredness, and happiness of a natural home contrasted with the same home, later on, wrecked and ruined, with the father, through the use of liquor. The other ninety-six illustrations, with the overwhelming array of facts and figures against the curse of tobacco, render this issue of the *Instructor* one of the strongest appeals for county, state, and national prohibition ever published. Certainly it cannot fail in saving some who are now slaves to liquor and tobacco, protecting from being ruined those who are not yet captured, and paving the way in many homes and communities for the entering of the full gospel message for this special time.

OBITUARY

MORSE.—Typhena Maria Osborne was born in Ballville township, Sandusky County, Ohio, August 31, 1851; departed this life January 9, 1914, aged 62 years, 4 months, 8 days. She was united in marriage to John N. Morse March 15, 1869. To this union were born four children: Elmer of Locust Point; Whitman, of Oak Harbor; Mrs. Ed. Lynch, of Marblehead; and Mrs. Frank Brown, of Toledo. She leaves to mourn their loss, a kind and devoted husband, two sons, two daughters, seventeen grandchildren, one great-grand-child, two sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends. She had been in failing health for twelve years and was confined to her bed nine weeks. She was a patient sufferer until the last. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church about thirty-seven years ago, and held to that faith until her death. The funeral service was held in the Latter Day Saints house, which was packed with friends and neighbors. Sister Morse received the message from Eld. O. F. Guilford. The text chosen was Job 14:14. *Locust Point, O.* D. E. LINDSEY.

"God depends upon the church for the forwarding of his work, and he expects that his professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings."