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

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*Reading for the Children and Youth

THE spirit of prophecy tells us that God's children are never absent from his mind.

What a beautiful lesson for us, as parents, to ever have the welfare of our children uppermost in our hearts, and have all our efforts in their behalf under divine guidance!

We are also told that the burden of our life's work should be the salvation of our children. We are to do all in our power to lead our children to God. We then can rest in the promise that God will convert them and use them for his service.

God tells us, "If parents will reconsecrate their lives to God and work with renewed interest for the salvation of their children, God will reveal himself to our children and magnify himself to them."

With these few thoughts before us we will speak especially about the reading for children and youth.

"The study of God's word is a shield from temptation for the youth." Taught to children, it leaves lasting impressions in their minds. "Thy word," the psalmist declares, "have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." "By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer."

As a preparation for interesting our children in God's word, God commands that they be hidden in our own hearts. God says, "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart and thou shalt teach them diligently."

"In order to interest our children in the Bible, we ourselves must be interested in it. To awaken in them a love for its study, we must love it." Our instruction to them will have only the weight of influence given it by our own example and spirit. By our example and by our teaching we can

fix firmly in our children's minds the great importance of reading only that which will be of usefulness.

"God called Abraham to be a teacher of his word. He chose him to be the father of a great nation, because he saw that Abraham would instruct his children and his household in the principles of his law," and that which gave power to Abraham's teaching was the influence of his own life. "No less effective to-day will be the influence of God's word on the children and youth, when it finds a faithful reflection in the parent's lives."

"In interesting children and youth in reading God's word, parents gain much by observing the bent of their minds and arousing them to see what the Bible says about these things that must interest them." "He who created us with our various aptitudes, has in his word given something for everyone." God's work is filled with wonderful beauty. Let us help our children to appreciate this beauty. "Many books of no real value, books that are exciting and unhealthful are recommended, or at least permitted to be used, because of their supposed literary value. Why should we direct our children to drink of these polluted streams, when they may have free access to the pure fountains of the word of God?"

"The Bible has a fulness of strength, a depth of meaning, that is inexhaustible. Encourage the children and youth to seek out its treasures. As the beauty of these precious things attracts their minds, a softening, subduing power will touch their hearts. They will be drawn to him who has thus revealed himself to them."

"One of the chief causes of mental and moral weakness is the lack of concentration for worthy ends. The wide distribution of literature oftentimes makes us proud. Books that in themselves are not harmful, may be a positive evil. With the immense tide of printed matter constantly pouring from the press, old and young form the habit of reading hastily and superficially, and the mind loses its power of connected and vigorous thought. Furthermore, a

large share of the papers and books that, like the frogs of Egypt, are overspreading the land, are not only commonplace and idle, but unclean and degrading. Their effect is not merely to intoxicate and ruin the mind, but to corrupt and destroy the soul."

"The mind and heart that is indolent, aimless, falls an easy prey to evil. It is on diseased, lifeless organisms that fungus roots. It is the idle mind that is Satan's workshop. Where the mind has been directed to high and holy ideals, the life to noble aims and absorbing purpose, evil finds but little foothold."

Parents by keeping their children out of the public school are keeping them away from a flood of reading matter that is destroying to the soul. The question will arise in the minds of some, What in the public schools can harm our children? Let us read what the spirit of prophecy says along this line. "What are the works on which, throughout the most susceptible years of life, the minds of the youth are led to dwell? In the study of language and literature, from what fountains are the youth taught to drink?—From the wells of paganism; from the corruption of ancient heathenism. They are led to study authors of whom, without dispute, it is declared that they have no regard for the principles of morality."

"Besides these there are multitudes of fiction writers luring to pleasant dreams in places of ease. This is robbing thousands upon thousands of the time and energy and self-discipline demanded by the stern problems of life. The study of science which should impart a knowledge of God tends to infidelity."

From volume eight of the Testimonies we read, "In the education of children and youth, fairy tales, myths, and fictitious stories are now given a large place. Such books are to be found in many Christian homes." How can we as parents permit our children to use such books? The wide-spread use of such books at this time is one of the cunning devices of Satan. He means that our children

*Read at one of the young people's meetings at the Lima, Ohio, camp-meeting.

and youth shall be swept away by the soul-destroying deceptions with which he is flooding the world. He seeks to divert their minds from the word of God, and thus prevent them from gaining a knowledge of these truths that would be a safeguard. Never should books containing a perversion of truth be placed before children or youth.

We have an abundance of that which is real, that which is divine. We need not go to polluted fountains. Christ presented the principles of truth in the gospel. In his teaching we may drink of the pure streams that flow from the throne of God.

MRS. PHENA GREENUP.

Home Schools

AS CHURCH schools shall be established in the future, there is a class of work to be done in connection with them that has not been done in the past. All who can should have the privileges of a home church school. It would be well if several families in a neighborhood would unite to employ a humble, God-fearing teacher to give to the parents that help that is needed in educating their children. This will be a great advantage, and a plan more pleasing to the Lord than that which has largely been followed, of removing the youth from their homes to attend one of our larger schools. The church members, uniting, could erect an inexpensive building, and secure a wise teacher to take charge of the school.

Our small churches are needed. And the children are needed in their homes, where they may be a help to their parents when the hours of study are ended. The Christian home is the best place for young children; for here they can have parental discipline that is after the Lord's order. God would have us consider these things in all their sacred importance. It is the precious privilege of teachers and parents to co-operate in teaching the children how to drink in the gladness of Christ's life by learning to follow his example. The Saviour's early years were useful years. He was his mother's helper in the home; and he was just as verily fulfilling his commission when performing the duties of the home and working at the carpenter's bench, as when engaged in his public work of ministry.

It is not required that all the youth rush off from home responsibilities to seminaries or higher schools in order to reach the highest round of the ladder. It should be remembered that right in the home there are gen-

erally young children to be instructed. The elder should ever seek to help the younger. Let the elder members of the family consider that this part of the Lord's vineyard needs to be cultivated, and resolve that they will put forth their best capabilities to make home attractive and to deal patiently with younger minds.

There are young persons in our homes whom the Lord has qualified to give the knowledge they have to others. Let these strive to keep spiritual lessons fresh in the mind, that they may impart the knowledge they have gained. If these elder members of the family would become learners with the children, new ideas would be suggested and the hours of study would be a time of decided pleasure as well as profit.

The tender years of childhood are years of sacred responsibility to fathers and mothers. Parents have a sacred duty to perform in teaching their children to help bear the burdens of the home, to be content with plain and simple food and neat and inexpensive dress. The requirements of the parent should always be reasonable; kindness should be expressed, not by foolish indulgence, but by wise direction. Parents are to teach their children pleasantly, without scolding or fault-finding, seeking to bind the hearts of the little ones to them by the silken cords of love. Let all, fathers and mothers, teachers, older brothers and sisters, become an educating force to keep up every spiritual interest, and create a wholesome atmosphere in the home and school life that will train the younger children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Our children are the Lord's property; they have been bought with a price. This thought should be the mainspring of our labors for them. The most successful methods of assuring their salvation, and keeping them out of the way of temptation, is to instruct them constantly in the word of God. And as parents become learners with their children, they will find their own growth in a knowledge of the truth more rapid. Unbelief will disappear; faith and activity will increase; assurance and confidence will deepen as they thus follow on to know the Lord. Their prayers will undergo a transformation, becoming earnest and sincere. Christ is the head of his church, the dependence of his people; he will give the needed grace to those who seek him for wisdom and instruction.

I speak to fathers and mothers. You can be educators in your home churches; you can be spiritual missionary agencies. Let fathers and mothers feel the need of being home missionaries, the need of keeping the home atmosphere free from the influence of unkind and hasty speech, and the home school a place where angels of God can come in and bless, and give success to the efforts put forth.

Let parents unite in providing a place for the daily instruction of their children, choosing as teacher one who is apt to teach, and who, as a consecrated servant of Christ, will increase in knowledge while imparting instruction. The teacher who has consecrated self to the service of God will be able to do a definite work in missionary service, and will instruct the children in the same lines. Let fathers and mothers co-operate with the teacher, laboring earnestly for the salvation of their children. If parents will realize the importance of these small educating centers, co-operating to do the work that the Lord desires to be done at this time, the plans of the enemy for our children will be frustrated.—Mrs. E. G. White.

A Good Delivery

THE writer had the privilege of being out with one of our students from the Foreign Mission Seminary, of Washington, D. C. The Sunday previous to our delivery a Methodist preacher found out something about what had been done around about the neighborhood, and he thought the best thing to do was just to nip the thing in the bud before it bloomed. So he preached that Sunday against us; but praise the Lord, he sent his angel along with us when we began our delivery. The Lord interfered and success was ours, "not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." The results were we delivered \$382.25 worth of books. Most of them were "Great Controversy between Christ and Satan." I tell you brethren and sisters, that is the book that tells the true story. That is the reason that Satan, the great enemy of the truth, fights us so hard. Let us not blame Satan, but blame ourselves for not seeking out those who are longing and waiting for the great message that is contained in that good old book, "Great Controversy."

O, how it thrilled my soul to see Brother Tush go into a house with

his arms full of books and come out empty handed. We knew that meant the truth's entering in so many homes. My brethren, it is not the dollars that the God-fearing canvassers are working for. But we long to bring to these starving souls the bread of life. May we that claim to love this great message be found at our post of duty as faithful sentinels.

"O, pray for help, Christians, pray, pray, pray.

Now pray for help in the field white to-day."

JAMES E. JONES.

Idle Words

"BUT I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12:36.

These were the words of our Saviour while he was on earth. During his life, he was never known to speak an idle word, or to indulge in a spirit of levity.

His words were words of life, words of instruction, words of comfort and encouragement, words which were calculated to uplift the minds of his hearers.

"He was a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief." He often spent all night in prayer. Many times his locks were wet with the dews of heaven, as he talked and pleaded with his Father, and thus gained strength for the conflict that was before him.

Now, if we would be his disciples, we must walk as he walked. Our words must not be idle words, but words that will edify those who listen to them.

Christ is our example, and it is said of him, that he did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. When he was reviled he reviled not again, when he was wronged he did not retaliate. So when we are abused or ill treated, we must do as he did, commit ourselves unto him who judgeth righteously.

Think of the Saviour as he makes his way to Calvary, there to suffer the death of the cross, to save fallen humanity. On the way a great multitude mocked and derided him. When Calvary was reached, they nailed him to the cross, and then it was uplifted and thrust into the ground.

During all this he did not call down curses upon the rough soldiers, nor upon the priests and rulers, but his cry was, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." O, what pure, unboundless love; the Just dying for the unjust.

Now, if we would live with this Saviour through the countless ages of eternity, when he maketh all things new, and sin with all its effects are done away, we must daily take up our cross and follow him. Our conversation must be pure. His law must be written in the fleshly tables of our hearts. We must die daily to self, to sin, and to the world. If we do this, we shall stand faultless before his throne in the day of judgment.

He says unto all his followers, "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto my self, that where I am, there ye may be also."—*Effie M. Shephard.*

No Time

In fact, most young people waste enough time each week to provide an abundance of time for private prayer, Bible study, and the reading of missionary literature. It is all a question of choice and purpose in life. One person loses mental, if not physical vigor, and frequently moral power, by staying up late for an engagement of fleeting pleasure and questionable character, if often indulged in. The brain moves slowly next day, and school work or business suffers. Another person of the same age keeps regular and reasonable hours of eating, sleeping and working, saves energy by not expending it when no permanent gain is to result, and thereby works rapidly, learns quickly, preserves health, and chooses best because he gets in many engagements of high intellectual and spiritual order.

More young people "have no time" because they waste it or do not know how to use it than because they have filled the hours with work and pleasure well worth while. For this reason engagements which cater to temporary and sometimes selfish gratification get the time which ought by right to be given to good reading, the study of the Bible and missions, and the doing of a reasonable amount of church work. If any person who reads this comment does not believe in its conclusion, but really desires to get the profit of mission and Bible study, let him keep a faithful record of the use of time, minute by minute for one week. Earnest prayer for wisdom to decide whether there is nothing of such inferior importance that it cannot give way to regular habits of spiritual culture, Christian training, and unselfish devotion to church work will usually result in

the discovery that there is time to learn and do the will of God with respect to these things.—*Selected.*

The Tobacco Habit

How rarely is a voice lifted against the once widely reprobated tobacco habit. It may not be described as universal, but surely there are no habits more nearly so among men. Is there to be no check to its triumphal march? If but half what is reported about it be true, the habit in one of its forms, the smoking of cigarettes, is making rapid progress among women.

It is reported that the smokers of the United States in the year 1907 consumed eight and one-half billions of cigars, to say nothing of the millions of pounds of the weed consumed in pipes and cigarettes, and chewed. In seven years the consumption of cigars more than doubled, the amount of those used last year being 5,300,000,000.

In 1896 the value of the tobacco raised in this country as it came from the farms was \$24,000,000. Seven years later it was \$76,324,000. In pounds, the product of the country each year amounts to nearly 850,000,000. Our own fields do not produce sufficient to satisfy the demand of our citizens. The value of the tobacco imported in 1906 in various forms was nearly \$35,000,000, covering 40,000,000 pounds.

The tobacco industry of the country, it is figured, is providing an average of 100 cigars, 60 cigarettes, and unguessable quantities of chewing, snuffing, and pipe-filling tobacco for every man, woman, and child in the United States. Their voices are not heard, but there it yet a remnant who have not offered up the smoke incense or polluted their mouths with the product of the nicotian goddess. It would be a most salutary, and to many a most welcomed, movement which would influence men widely to set themselves against the tobacco habit.—*The United Presbyterian.*

OHIO

The Hunting Season

THE hunting season will soon be here, and we will hear firing on every side. Every rabbit and quail will be in danger of its life. The Lord uses this figure found in Jer. 16:16 to show the earnest and careful hunting it will take to hunt out the honest souls that are scattered in different parts of the country, for whom Jesus died. He

says in another scripture, "Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day; and I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land."

The poor game that the sportsman hunts for has but little chance for its life. He is usually well equipped with dogs, gun, and ferret. This figure or illustration is a good one for God's people, especially at this time of the season when the sportman's gun can be heard on every side.

God's arsenal for these gospel sportsmen has an inexhaustible supply of ammunition. "And I say unto you, ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Every Seventh-day Adventist, if he loves gospel hunting, should not fail to take advantage of the liberal supply of ammunition.—Special Ingathering number of the *Review and Herald*, which is now ready, and will be shipped as soon as ordered. The sportsman in his hunting realizes he has only a short time to hunt, and this urges him to lose no time in getting out the first day the law will permit. So the gospel worker will lose no time in getting into his hunting ground at his very earliest convenience. "The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth, now make haste to impart the truth to others." The great campaign for missions with the special *Review* will give a most excellent opportunity to carry out this instruction. May God help us all to take an active part in this work and thus help finish the work.

F. H. HENDERSON, *Missionary Sec.*

CHESAPEAKE

ELDER RICHARDSON, our conference president, is visiting among the churches at the present time.

Miss Mabel Corroll will go to Rock Hall, Md., this week to take charge of the church school there.

Two of our young brethren leave this city, Baltimore, Thursday morning to attend Mt. Vernon College this winter.

Most of our workers have closed their tent efforts for the summer. Meetings are still in progress at the English tent in Baltimore, and many souls are in the balance. Pray for these dear ones that they may have faith to step out on the promises of God. A number have already decided to obey, and some are asking that a Bible class be organized after the tent meetings close. We remember that the Lord has said by his Spirit that earnest work should be done in the city of Baltimore, as well as in other cities, and we see evidences that the time for this work is indeed here.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

DO NOT delay ordering special *Reviews* for Campaign week, November 1-6.

The general meeting for Erie has been postponed until some time in November.

A. V. Williams and wife enjoyed meeting with the Eldred church recently on Sabbath.

I. G. Bigelow visited the office September 23 and 24. Brother Bigelow was encouraged over the outlook for the canvassing work in West Pennsylvania.

Elder I. N. Williams held quarterly services with the Meadville church Sabbath, September 18. He reports a profitable time spent.

Just prior to the general meeting at Coudersport, Brother I. G. Bigelow was called home to preach the funeral sermon of Sister Ragland, a member of the Bradford church.

Elder J. W. Watt writes that ten or twelve persons at Johnstown are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the tent effort held there by Elder Schwartz and Brother Watt.

In the *Review and Herald* report of book sales for September we are pleased to note that West Pennsylvania is fourth on the list. "Let every one professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message. . . . Our publications should go everywhere; the circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased."

Brother Chas. A. Scholl, of Allegheny, writes that their tent was destroyed by a storm September 22, and that they have now fitted up a place in Millvale, and will begin meetings October 3, to follow up the interest awakened through the tent effort.

We have many thousand foreigners in our conference and no worker among them, but we have a way provided whereby we can give the message to them. Upon dropping a card to the office we will most cheerfully supply you with an up-to-date catalogue of foreign tracts, etc.

The church school at Indiana opened October 4 with a fair enrollment. We trust that this year may prove a prosperous and successful one to the school. Any one interested in the school kindly correspond with Elder J. W. Watt, Indiana, Pa., R. 8.

Elder J. E. Veach, writing from Cypher, Pa., September 30, states: "I have been holding some meetings here in the school house; have about 25 or 30 coming out to hear. Some seem interested and come every evening. . . . I cannot see just yet what they will decide to do about present truth; however, I will give the message and look for results through faith."

"What Is the Matter with the Churches?" In the October number of the *Delineator* this question of intense importance is discussed from the view point of clergymen of different denominations. The November number of the *Watchman* will take this question up from the view point of the Holy Scriptures. Do not fail to distribute this magazine among your friends and neighbors.

Brother and Sister V. H. Cook, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, spent Sabbath, September 25, with the Eldred church. Brother Cook gave a very interesting

talk on our schools and the need of educating our youth for the highest service, and also urged that we carry out the plan of paying a sum equal to one cent a day for the benefit of the Mount Vernon College.

Millvale

In my last report I related to the dear readers of the VISITOR some of our rich experiences in our tent work on East street, Allegheny, Pa. Our tent was pitched there on June 15, and remained until August 9. At this place a few dear souls have accepted the Sabbath; others are still much interested. Praise the Lord for this.

August 10 we took our tent down and pitched it again in Millvale, a suburb of Pittsburg. Millvale has about 12,000 inhabitants, and is divided into three wards. One of these wards (the third) is packed full of German-speaking people. Here we began on August 13 to proclaim the third angel's message. The attendance was good from the very beginning, and increased as we went on with the meetings. The interest was simply wonderful,—such as we very seldom experience in tent meetings. One lady from this place went to Allegheny one day to visit her mother. She saw our tent and came in, and became very much interested. When we opened our meetings in Millvale, she was the first who came to the services, and she is now a sister in the Lord, keeping his holy Sabbath. This dear soul was the instrument in the hands of the Lord to bring into the tent her friends and relatives, some of whom are now also keeping the Sabbath.

So far we can count eight dear souls as a reward of our summer's work. May God bless these dear souls and keep them faithful till the end is our earnest and sincere prayer. The dragon was very wroth with us. But when he found that he could not keep the people back from our meetings, he sent a big storm, as in the days of Job, which tore tent to pieces and threw it flat to the ground. We did not miss one meeting. We did the best we could with the tent, made and raised a new center pole, and continued with our meetings until September 26. This day had been announced as being the day on which the farewell sermon would be preached. On this last night we illustrated our sermon by showing and explaining three pictures on "The Game of Life." This made a deep impression on the peo-

ple, which we believe will not be soon forgotten. May God bless the dear people in Millvale.

When we found that there was a strong desire on the part of those that keep the Sabbath, as well as those who were yet in the valley of decision, that the meetings should be continued, I decided to rent a hall and start a mission in Millvale. The next morning I found a stone building of 28x30 feet. It was just the thing I wanted, was in a good location in the town, and about eight blocks from where the tent was standing. When I saw the proprietor of this store and asked him what the rent would be, he said \$28 per month. After conversing with him for about half an hour, I found that he was the husband of the lady who was in meeting almost every evening, and that he was a well-to-do man. I took courage to ask him to give me the little hall free of charge, to be used in the Lord's work. He told me to come back in an hour. I went, earnestly praying to the Lord to give us the place. When I returned to his house he said, "It is all right; you can go ahead and begin meetings in my store, without paying any rent." What a joy this created in our heart! And how thankful we were to our God!

Sunday, October 3, we expect to have the first meeting in this new mission. It is only a fifteen minute car ride from Allegheny to Millvale. This gives me now two meeting places to serve. The church on Troy Hill, Allegheny, and the new mission in Millvale are the ones.

We now pray that God will bless us with new souls. Pray for the laborers in West Pennsylvania, especially for the German work in conference. Wishing you much of God's blessing, and hoping to send soon again a news report, we remain yours in the blessed work of the Lord.

CHAS. A. SCHOLL,
FRED GRIMM.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER W. H. HECKMAN is in attendance at the General Conference council being held at College View, Neb.

Elder C. S. Weist was called to preach the funeral service of Sister Coolidge, of Wellsboro, Pa. We extend to this bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

Since the close of the tent work in York, Elder A. R. Bell has rented a school house and reports a fair attendance.

Sister Kate Earle, who was connected with the tent effort in West Philadelphia, will join Brother Heald and wife in looking after the interests in North Philadelphia.

We have received orders thus far for 2,680 of the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*. This number comes from six churches. We hope to hear from all the other churches soon.

Brother C. S. Baum, who was left to follow up the interest created at Pottsville by a tent effort, reports that he is having some fine experiences in meeting with the interested ones.

We have received 355 subscriptions for the special *Signs*, beginning October 6, for six months. We trust that this is only a beginning, and hope to hear from a great many more. We are glad to see our people taking an interest in the periodical work.

At the recent meeting of the conference committee it was voted that the workers be distributed as follows during the Ingathering Campaign:—

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Elder W. H. Heckman.

First Philadelphia, Elder O. O. Bernstein, Mrs. R. K. Gemberling.

North Philadelphia, Evangelist Heald and wife, Miss Kate Earle.

York, Harrisburg and Carlisle, Elder A. R. Bell

Stroudsburg and vicinity, Elder Charles Baierle.

First German, Philadelphia, Lancaster and Shimersville, Elder H. Meyer.

Scranton, Carbondale, Ariel, Hawley, Elder C. S. Weist and wife.

Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Wyoming, etc., Miss Jennie M. Weiss.

Allentown, Souderton, etc., Mr. G. W. Holman.

Reading, Fleetwood, Mr. A. L. Bayley.

Lebanon, etc., Miss Sue M. Andrews.

Jersey Shore, Williamsport, Roaring Branch, Wellsboro, Cherry Flats, Evangelist William T. Hilgert.

Wade, Pottsville, Hamburg, Evangelist C. S. Baum.

North-east Philadelphia, Evangelist P. L. Hoen, Miss H. Borchgrevink.

WEST VIRGINIA

MISS BLANCHE GRUBB spent a few days in Huntington recently.

The office enjoyed a pleasant visit from Elder W. B. White, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, who passed through Parkersburg en route to College View, Nebraska.

H. W. Waggoner and family have moved from Clarksburg to Fairmont. Brother Waggoner takes the place where Brother Haddix has been living, and Brother and Sister Haddix expect soon to locate in Parkersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ripley, of Battle Creek, Michigan, have located in Huntington, where Mr. Ripley has a good position in the Kessler hospital. We welcome Brother and Sister Ripley to our conference, and know the two lone Sabbath keepers in Huntington will much appreciate having them locate there. Mrs. Ripley is a niece of Miss Grubb.

Have you ordered your Harvest In-gathering Review? If not, send us your order at once. Let everyone have a part in this work for missions. Though you cannot do much, do what you can if you only use five papers. Let us not stop until West Virginia has raised at least \$500 for foreign missions. It will cost you nothing but a little effort.

Little Birch

WE commenced our meetings at this place the 25th of August with about forty in attendance, and have had as high as two hundred and seventy-five. Our average has been about one hundred.

This country is very mountainous, yet many are coming seven or eight miles to attend, and the interest is wide spread.

We are having many calls from all parts of the country to hold meetings in school houses, as there are but few churches in this section of country.

The people are very kind and hospitable and our temporal wants are being well supplied. There seems to be but little, if any, prejudice, for which we are truly thankful.

We believe that a strong church can be built up here by persevering

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending October, 1, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*Jay Chrisman, Madison Co.	DR	6	39	26	\$74 50	\$	\$74 50	\$	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	4	36	7	19 25	14 50	33 75		
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.	DR	4	33						114 85
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	42	15	43 25	3 65	46 90		8 80
Ray Corder, Belmont Co.	GC	5	32	7	23 25	2 25	25 50		
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	4	29	2	5 50	4 50	10 00		
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	CK	5	40½	30	44 50		44 50		
L. H. Waters, Portage Co.	CK	5	43	27	33 50		33 50		
R. DeGarmo, Summit Co.	CK	5	25	18	23 00	6 00	29 00		
Guy Corder, Belmont Co.	BF	5	39	32	35 00	8 75	43 75		
Addie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	15	29	32 50	35	32 85		
Wm. Shobe, Athens Co.	BR	5	46	6	16 50	9 50	26 00		
Totals			56	419½	199	\$350 75	\$49 50	\$400 25	\$123 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 1, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	40	25	67 25	75	68 00	30 50	
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	5	35½	15	18 50	1 50	20 00		
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	38½	22	34 75	5 10	39 85	5 60	
Miss Zoerb, Butler Co.	CK	3	16	6	7 50	10	7 60	10	
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	2	9	2	5 50	4 75	10 25	1 50	
Totals			20	139	70	\$133 50	\$12 20	\$145 70	\$37 70

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 24, 1909

W. Reynolds, Montgomery	DR	5	40	7	14 25	1 00	15 25		
H. J. Albright, Berks	DR	4	32	3	6 25		6 25	92 75	
E. J. Rudolph, Philadelphia	DR	4	22	3	7 25	2 00	9 25		
John Kennedy, Berks	DR	3	18	2	5 50		5 50	4 50	
H. Goodrich, Lackawanna,	GC	2	27					48 25	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	54	33	41 00		41 00		
Totals			23	193	48	\$74 25	\$3 00	\$77 25	\$145 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 24, 1909

C. Tracy, Montgomery, Md.	GC	5	33½	8	22 00	6 60	28 60		
S. L. Lush, Cecil Co., Md.	GC	4	41					183 00	
D. Snyder, Washington Co., Md.	CK	5	31½	20	27 00	3 40	20 40		
S. Brown, Washington Co., Md.	CK	2	17	8	10 50	2 10	12 60		
Totals			16	123	36	\$59 50	\$12 10	\$71 60	\$183 00

New Jersey, Week Ending September 24, 1909

Geo. Taylor, Dennis	DR	3	24	9	21 75		21 75	1 25
Wm. B. Plant, Dennis	CK	5	32	41	41 50		41 50	
Totals			8	56	50	\$69 25	\$69 25	\$1 25

Virginia, Week Ending September 24, 1909

E. Truman, Cape Charles	GC	16	7	25 25	10 05	43 75	2 45	
K. Oertley, Radford	SP	3	2	2 50		2 50	2 50	
†M. Jemerson, Richmond	CK	19	6	8 00		8 00	6 10	
Totals			35	15	\$35 75	\$10 05	\$54 25	\$11 05

*Two weeks

†Two weeks ending October 1

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$818.30.

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effort for a few months, as we have good substantial persons deeply interested.

We are holding a Bible reading each Sabbath and expect to organize a Sabbath-school in the near future.

Fifteen subscriptions for the special

number of the Signs have been taken, mostly by young school teachers who begin their school to-day.

Our tent is standing, but it has required much care and mending to hold it together, as it is almost worn out. We now have a stove in our tent

which is great help, as the weather is quite cool and frosty.

The tent is lighted with gasoline and we are using only two torches, yet our expenses, up to the present time for light, has been about eight dollars and fifty cents, at thirty cents per gallon.

The people have donated quite liberally, considering their circumstances, and this has been quite a help in defraying our expenses.

The president, Elder MacLay, has paid us a visit and expressed himself as being well pleased with the prospect at that time.

We ask our brethren to remember the work at Little Birch daily, as they bow before God in prayer.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon the faithful laborers over the wide harvest field is our earnest prayer. W. R. FOGGIN.

VIRGINIA

ELDER J. GREER HANNA is now located for the winter in Lynchburg. His address is 1110 Pierce street, Lynchburg, Va.

Elder Herrell spoke for the Richmond church Number Two, Sabbath, October 1, and reports a good meeting. Five new members were received into the church.

Miss Anna C. Rice, our Bible worker in Richmond, has been sick, but is reported to be improving slowly. She is now located in her new home, 209 West Canal st., Richmond, Va.

Elder B. F. Purdham reports that they have taken down their tent, and will follow up the interest in house-to-house work. He reports five or six families very much interested.

Brother I. D. Richardson, general missionary agent of the Columbia Union Conference, spoke for the Richmond church Number One, Sabbath, September 25. He, in company with Brother Panches, our state agent, left Richmond Friday, October 1, to visit the following churches: Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Newport News.

Elder F. G. Warnick reports that one has been baptized in Danville, and

that he is quite sure that five or six more will soon take their stand for the truth. He also writes that the audience is keeping up well in the church since the tent has been taken down.

The tent company in Norfolk in charge of Elder Munce reports the interest is still good, and that several more have begun to observe the Sabbath. We also understand that Brother Rogers, who is assisting him, is kept busy holding Bible readings in the homes of the people.

Elder Wm. Ostrander reports another man is keeping the Sabbath, and that he is getting pledges for money to build a church in Portsmouth. We are certainly pleased to learn that there is a prospect for a church building in Portsmouth. They are very much in need of same, as it is almost impossible to rent a hall.

The tent meetings being conducted in Fulton, suburb of Richmond, were closed Sunday night, September 26, with a large attendance. Twenty-seven arose at the close of meeting, acknowledging the seventh day is the Bible Sabbath, six of them agreeing to obey the Lord in keeping the Sabbath. Elder House will follow up the interested ones in visiting them in their homes and holding Bible readings.

This will no doubt be the last opportunity to speak of our annual conference before it convenes in Lynchburg, Oct. 26-31, 1909. Let all who come plan to bring their Bibles, and "Christ in Song." We have the promises of having with us Elders W. A. Spicer and B. G. Wilkinson; also Miss Matilda Erickson of the General Conference Volunteer Department. We also hope to have with us Professor Frederick Griggs. Let all who are coming write at once to Elder J. G. Hanna, 1110 Pierce street, Lynchburg, Va. Furnished rooms may be had for the entire time at \$2.00 each. Meals will be served at our dining hall at 20 cents each. May all as far as possible plan to be there, and receive special blessings of the Lord.

To the Churches

OUR Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference Session will be held in our church at Lynchburg, Park avenue,

between Orchard and Forest streets, October 26-31, 1909. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, October 26, 9:00 A. M. Every one should plan to be in attendance at the first meeting. There will be plans made to accommodate all who come. Furnished rooms may be had for the entire time at \$2.00 each. Meals will be served at our dining hall at twenty cents each.

HOW TO COME

Those coming from Roanoke, take Norfolk & Western direct to Lynchburg. Those from Buena Vista, take Chesapeake & Ohio direct to Lynchburg; and those from Page county, take Norfolk & Western to Buena Vista, then change to Chesapeake & Ohio for Lynchburg. Those coming from the Shenandoah Valley, take Southern Railway to Harrisonburg, there change to Baltimore & Ohio, and again at Lexington to Chesapeake & Ohio for Lynchburg. Those from Spencer, take Danville & Western to Danville, there take the Southern to Lynchburg, and those from Danville take Southern. Those from Portsmouth, Norfolk and Newport News, take Chesapeake & Ohio railway by way of Richmond direct to Lynchburg.

STREET CARS

Those arriving over any of the above roads will take the car at depot and ask for transfers to the car marked "5th Street." Get off of car at Orchard street.

SPEAKERS

We expect to have with us Elder W. A. Spicer, secretary of the General Conference; Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president Columbia Union Conference; Prof. Frederick Griggs, chairman Educational Department General Conference; Matilda Erickson, secretary Missionary Volunteer Department General Conference; I. D. Richardson, general missionary agent of the Columbia Union Conference; Elder J. G. Hanna, of Montreal, Canada; Wm. Ostrander, of Michigan, and also the workers in the state are expected to be present.

Let all who are coming write at once to Elder J. G. Hanna, 1110 Pierce street, Lynchburg, Va.

H. W. HERRELL, Pres.
A. M. NEFF, Sec.

HE who is false to a present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—Beetcher.

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"Live for something; have a purpose
And that purpose keep in view.
Drifting like a helpless vessel
Thou canst not to life be true.

Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean,
If some star had been their guide,
Might have long been riding safely;
But they drifted with the tide."

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Virginia Conference Notice!

THE twenty-sixth annual session of the Virginia Conference will be held in Lynchburg, Va., October 26-31, 1909. The first business meeting will be at 9.00 A. M., Tuesday, October 26.

We hope for a full representation. We have the promise of good help from both the General and Union Conferences.

We are facing very important questions. Advance steps must be taken. Let all who can possibly do so, plan to attend this important meeting. All churches should attend immediately to the election of delegates to the conference, and send credentials to A. M. Neff, New Market, Va.

W. H. HERRELL, *President.*

Harvest Ingathering Services in Districts 5 and 6, of Ohio Conference

THAT there may be no conflict in dates, arrangements have been made to hold Harvest Ingathering services in districts 5 and 6 as follows:—

Ohio City, October 16, 17.

Charloe, October 23, 24.

Walnut Grove (St. Mary's), October 30, 31.

Laura, November 6, 7.

Liberty Center, November 13, 14.

Especially interesting programs, which include an address by our president, Elder H. H. Burkholder, have been prepared. These churches invite their neighboring churches to enjoy this spiritual feast with them.

H. M. JUMP.

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The November number of the *Watchman* will take up this question from the viewpoint of Holy Scriptures, and consider the matter in the light of what God has placed upon record. The *Watchman* articles suggest the remedy which God has placed within the reach of all who are inquiring for truth and knowledge. Do not fail to secure a large number of this magazine for distributing among your friends and neighbors. It will certainly be a number affording great assistance to the agent who devotes his time to the selling of periodicals, for with such a subject made prominent in the magazine it will advertise the paper at once.

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