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

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GENERAL MATTER

Mission Fields at Home*

SOME have expressed a desire during this conference to send a large amount of means to China for the support of the work in that country. It is right and proper that means be sent to China. God's people are to act their part faithfully in warning that field, and many other fields in various parts of the earth. Already a beginning has been made in many important mission fields in the regions beyond, and God is giving his servants some measure of success in winning souls. As the workers advance in faith, they will find that the Lord is going before them by his Holy Spirit, preparing the hearts of many to listen to the truths presented.

But while plans are being carried out to warn the inhabitants of various nations in distant lands, what is being done in behalf of the foreigners who have come to the shores of our own land? Are the souls in China any more precious than the souls within the shadow of our doors? God's people are to labor faithfully in distant lands, as his providence may open the way; and they are also to fulfill their duty toward the foreigners of various nationalities in the cities close by.

Those in responsibility must now plan wisely to proclaim the third angel's message to the hundreds of foreigners in the cities of America. God desires his servants to do their full duty to the unwarned inhabitants of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities from the various nations of the earth. Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God.

Although the needs of the great centers of population have been presented before our people over and over again, yet comparatively little has been done. Who is answerable for this neglect? Brethren, consider how you can ever expect to be clear in the sight of a just and holy God, if you leave these cities unwarned. Very few of the ministers are carrying forward strong, aggressive work in those centers where so many thousands are in need of the saving truths we have to proclaim. The means that should be used to carry message to the cities, seems to be taken away and used there where it perhaps ought not to be used. But where is seen a burden in behalf of these cities that have long been pointed out as places that must be worked without delay? Who will take up the burden of this work? Who will labor faithfully to set a right example before the inhabitants of our centers of population?

It almost seems as if scarcely any one dares ask a worker to go into the cities, because of the means that would be required to carry on a strong, solid work. It is true that much means will be required in order to do our duty toward the unwarned in these places; and God desires us to lift our voices and our influence in favor of using means wisely in this special line of effort. Over and over again has been repeated the message, "Go out into the highways and the byways, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." This is a work God's people must take hold of; for it is a work that must be done.

In this effort in behalf of the cities, all classes of laborers may co-operate to advantage. Especially valuable is the help that the physician may render, as an evangelist. If ministers and physicians will plan to unite in an effort to reach the honest-hearted ones in the cities, the physicians, as well as the ministers, will be placed on vantage-ground. As they labor in humility, God will open the way before them, and many will receive a saving knowledge of the truth.

Great benefits would come to the

cause of God in the regions beyond, if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the cities in America. Among the foreigners of various nationalities who would accept the truth, there are some who might soon be fitted to labor among those of their own native land. Many would return to the places from which they came, that they might win their friends to the truth. They would search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message.

In New York City, in Chicago, and in other great centers of population, there is a large foreign element—multitudes of various nationalities, and all practically unwarned. Among Seventh-day Adventists there is a great zeal—and I am not saying there is any too much—to work in foreign countries; but it would be pleasing to God, if a proportionate zeal were manifested to work the cities close by. His people need to move sensibly. They need to set about this work in the cities with serious earnestness. Men of consecration and talent are to be sent into these cities, and set at work. Many classes of laborers are to unite in conducting these efforts to warn the people.

When God's chosen messengers recognize their responsibility toward the cities, and in the spirit of the Master-Worker labor untiringly for the conversion of precious souls, those who are enlightened will desire to give freely of their means to sustain the work done in their behalf. The newly converted believers will respond liberally to every call for help, and the Spirit of God will move upon their hearts to sustain not only the work being carried forward in the cities where they may be living, but in the regions beyond. Thus strength will come to the working forces at home and abroad, and the cause of God will be advanced in his appointed way.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

*Portion of a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 28, 1910.

"You have not fulfilled every duty unless you have fulfilled that of being pleasant."

Give Your Address

How can people find us out if they do not know where we live? If we invite a friend to our house we expect to give him, if he does not know it, the address of that house. I wonder how many of our church officers, or the dear brethren in our churches, ever think of putting the address of their church in the year book or directory of the city.

I know of a gentleman who landed in one of the cities of the East, and wished to find a Seventh-day Adventist church. He hunted for four hours before he was able to secure the address. Why yes, everybody knew there were Seventh-day Adventists in that city, but nobody knew what the address was. Now suppose that man was a sinner under conviction, as happened in one of the cities of the West. Suppose he was looking for light and help from God. How in the world would he ever have found Seventh-day Adventists in an encouraging fashion if he had set out to look for them? Let me entreat all our brethren and sisters everywhere in the union to see that the address of their church is put in the year book of the city, or in some other conspicuous place where people will know of it, and those who perhaps by reading some of our literature get under conviction, may find us out, and converse with us about the truth.

In some of our large cities, they make it a practice to buy a rubber stamp, and on the bottom of a four-page tract stamp the address of the church, perhaps in red ink. Then they scatter this little tract all over the city, and information has come to us that this has been the means of advancing the truth. Why not try it?

B. G. WILKINSON.

Our Home Mission Field

FOR some time now our attention has been called to the great mission field abroad, and considerable has been done in the way of raising funds and of sending forth laborers to the needy portions of our world; and this is as it should be. It is difficult for us to comprehend the great magnitude of the work which is to be accomplished during this last generation; but we are all glad to see that something is being done, and that the blessing of the Lord is attending this important move in a very manifest way.

But we have another great mission

field here at home which is none the less important, and one which deserves very careful attention. We must acknowledge that there is a special providence in the fact that the Lord has sent so many people of the world's nationalities to this land, and God's purpose in all this is that these might receive the truth and be the means and agencies again of bringing it to the people of their own nation and language.

When the Lord has a great work to be done, his providence always prepares the way for its accomplishment. Many such incidents might be cited from the past. At this time we only call attention to one. In Acts the first chapter and the eighth verse, Jesus gave his disciples the following as his parting instruction: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

The second chapter of Acts recounts the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and it is a matter of interest to note the statement in the fifth verse: "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem devout men out of every nation under heaven." And then it goes on to name seventeen different nationalities which were present; and these, with representatives from every nation under heaven, were present there on that occasion and were eye-witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit and heard the gospel preached in their own tongue. This was truly a wonderful providence and must have contributed greatly to the results stated by the Apostle in Col. 1:23, namely, that the gospel "was preached to every creature which is under heaven."

There in that short period of time, with only meagre facilities as compared with the present, the gospel had then been preached to every creature under heaven. How could such a feat be possible in such a short period of time? It seems to us that the answer must largely lie in the fact that the representatives from all those nations and people who heard the gospel under the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit, in turn received the gospel and carried it, each to his own nation and people in the same spirit and earnestness which they saw it demonstrated at Jerusalem. Such a course is a natural one.

In the providence of God the three-fold message of Revelation fourteen,

that represents the closing work of the gospel in the earth, took its rise and beginning here in this country. And as this closing message is also to go with great haste to every part of the world, we see the providence of God preparing the way for just such a work by bringing all these nationalities to our shores that they here might receive the truth and accept the message and then bring it to the people of their own language and nationality. Certainly no one can give this a careful thought without realizing that there is a special definite providence in all this arrangement.

Now, a question comes, Have we, each of us, done our duty in the matter of bringing the light of the truth to these people? This is a more important question than many have given it credit for. Something has been done among the Germans, Swedes, and Danish-Norwegians, but what about the great multitudes of other nationalities?—scarcely anything at all, and this is not as it should be. Here are hundreds of thousands, yes, millions of Italians, Poles, Hungarians, Bohemians, Slavonians, and others, and among all these scarcely a beginning has been made. This is a matter to which we must awake.

But what can Americans do who cannot speak these languages? To this we answer, we have publications in a large number of the languages of these nationalities. These can be circulated, and what has been neglected in the past should now be done without delay, namely, the quick circulation of these publications among all these nationalities.

We urge upon the brethren and sisters in our churches and those also who live in more isolated localities, to ascertain what foreign people are living in your community, and then send to your tract society for publications in those languages, and make an effort to circulate them among these people. In this way you will be doing a grand work to hasten the message and bring the knowledge of the truth to the people of these many nationalities in our midst.

O. A. OLSON.

Jesus among the Common Things of Life

"As soon then as they were come to land they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon; and bread. Jesus said unto them, come and dine." John 21:9, 12.

The real clue to the interpretation of these verses is found in the following: "When morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus." How strange that his disciples should at this time fail to recognize their Lord! Why should their eyes be so heavy?—They did not expect to see him in such a humble scene. The words of Jesus ever lingered in their memory—"Ye shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven," etc., far, far above the humble duties and toils of daily life. Perchance they watched the gilded clouds of the morning, expecting him to come from glory bright, to call the nations and thus vindicate himself in acts of universal judgment. But alas, busy over a little fire, cooking the morning meal, Jesus stands upon the shore. "Have ye any meat? . . . Cast your net on the other side." It is Jesus that speaks—not of the deep and hidden mysteries of death, neither of the hidden mysteries of God, but of nets, and fishing, and the proper methods of casting the net. He talks freely of the simple things familiar to men in the most humble walk of life.

No wonder his disciples did not recognize him. They expected to see a royal king accompanied by a retinue of servants; but behold a humble fisherman. His hands must open the grave, but lo, they prepare the morning meal. He will declare mysteries of death and the grave. He will "tell us things to come," but listen, "Children, have ye any meat? . . . Cast the net on the other side." Beloved, no longer cry in anguish of spirit—"Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down . . ." Jesus stands upon the sea shore with the fishermen as a fisherman, talking about nets and catching fish.

May the Lord help us to see Jesus to-day as he is, the only true example for all his followers.

We see the reason why the disciples did not recognize the Lord. The disciples were like ourselves—blind to the real duty of dignity of common life. For many, dignity is synonymous with a separation from common life. Somehow we have come to view dignity as a dweller in the palace, but not in the cottage, inhering in culture, but not inconceivable in narrow and limited knowledge. Many entertain even the more vulgar conception that dignity is the inheritance of wealth, fine raiment, and social isolation. It is good that we

measure our vague conception with the divine standard, and thus we shall see that Jesus gave dignity to the most common affairs of life, weaving into daily duties his life. The whole life is dignified where love, purity, and devotion reign supreme.

I fear we too often look into the heavens to behold his foot-prints in the clouds. We strain our ears to catch his work in the thunder. We overtax the eye to behold the prints of his fingers in Orion, Arturus, or Mars, and forget the foot-prints by the sea. Our ears cannot hear the words. We do not expect to see Jesus in such a lowly walk. Christ ever stands amidst the common things of life. Where the fire is lit, where the bread is broken, where the net is drawn—there will we find him.

The writer was once privileged to visit one of the large studios of our country. There I saw the famous painting of the Lord as he labored in the shop. The setting sun cast the golden rays through the little window; the saw and the plane lay upon the bench; the shavings covered the floor, while the Lord stood before the window with arms extended, casting the shadow of a cross. Over the picture I read, "In the Shadow of the Cross." I silently gazed, while a voice within softly whispered "Amen."

Mothers, are you searching for him? young ladies, would you like to see him? The Master has come, and calleth for thee." "Where is he," do you ask?—He is working with the bread and fish, "over the fire of coals." Fathers, "The Master has come and calleth for thee." Young man, the Master calls you. He is in the shop, he is down by the sea with nets. We did not expect to find him there, but lo, he is there. It is daily "Jesus among the common things of life."

L. E. SUFFICOL.

The Danger-Line of Legislation

IN small places where games have a tendency to create disorder, and where the worst elements would congregate on Sunday and rowdyism result, they can and should be prohibited, on the ground of good order and good government. In great cities, however, this may not be the case when the games are properly conducted. There are thousands of people in the cities who cannot get into the open any other day, and such places as St. Louis, where liquor is not sold and gambling not

permitted, may bring them together in harmless recreation and prevent them from frequenting other places out of which disorder might arise. It is largely a question of locality. Where the conditions described exist, a law prohibiting such games would have to be on religious grounds. There is the danger-line.

Religion cannot be incubated in man-made laws, but only in our hearts. If there were no religious people, all the laws in the world would not create a single one. In other words, religion cannot come from the law to the people, but from the people to the law; not in the form of religion, but in good citizenship. Speaking broadly, the commandments are the corner-stones of all our laws, and our civilization is founded upon the Christian ideals of brotherhood, equal rights and individual enlightenment. But religious liberty demands that we give others the right we ask for ourselves—freedom from legal restraints in matters of religion. It is the individual at last that the laws rest upon, and upon the integrity and morality of the average individual the future of this government depends.—*Saturday Evening Post*.

Bible Colportage

"ORAL truth usually depends on the immediate impression it produces, or relies for future effect on memory which is often treacherous."

The printed page, on the other hand, abides for generations and ages; its revelations ever the same, and its lessons of wisdom unchangeable. Copies of the first edition of the Bible ever printed are still extant, in spite of fire and fagot, to which its enemies sought to consign it. Tracts of Luther more than 300 years old have been found, not only preserved in public libraries, but in the possession of the German emigrant on the western shore of America, teaching the same truths that shook the Papacy and convulsed the world, in the period of the Reformation.

It should not be forgotten that the agency that is so potent, as a means of intellectual and spiritual elevation, may have equal power for evil, when employed by infidel or irreligious hands. Voltaire and his associates employed it for obliterating the last traces of the religion of the Reformation, and for corrupting and infuriating the populace, throwing off the restraints of law, of conscience, and the fear of God.

The evils of a fictitious and licentious press are so prevalent and insidious, that it were worthy tenfold greater effort than has ever yet been employed to counteract and expose them. Colportage performs its part in this work by the wide-spread circulation of tracts, by pre-occupying the ground where the pestilence has not yet spread itself, by personal remonstrances at the fireside of those who have been ensnared; by supplanting mischievous authors with works of abiding excellence; and by visiting the thoroughfares where the poison had previously been retailed without rebuke; thus the antidote is placed beside the poison. Thus the river of the water of life is made to flow where bitter streams of earth and hell are maddening the brain, and destroying the soul.

Colportage penetrates the remote rural districts of our country, and hunts up retired farm houses and cottages, destitute of a good supply of books; perhaps indifferent about all means of mental or moral improvement. The word of God is not bound. The masses have their rights, as well as individuals, and Christians have their duties, and among them as clear a call of providence as ever sounded from on high, to move forward in the universal diffusion of printed truth.

The Christian press furnishes appropriate mental and spiritual ailment for the opening mind of childhood, the ripening intellect of youth, and the vigorous powers of manhood. It conveys to the mother such counsels, aids, and encouragements as may contribute to the wise and powerful discharge of her great trust. It furnishes the nursery and the parlor with reading adapted to win, and instruct children and youth in the ways of virtue and piety. It sets up family altars, and awakens "sacred songs" in abodes unused to prayer or praise. To provide for such wants is the noblest promise of such associations as our tract and Bible societies, and to be the purveyor of such blessings to the millions of families dispersed over the face of the earth, is the highest honor of the colporteur enterprise.

E. R. NUMBERS.

(To be Continued)

"MANY people are starving!" exclaims E. C. Jaeger in his article in the May issue of *Life and Health*. Starving for what? "For fresh air," he answers, and discusses the value of the life-giving oxygen so freely supplied, but so sparingly used by a great proportion of the human family.

The Busy Man's Corner

BEGINNING with the next number, May 3, a new department will appear in the *Signs of the Times Weekly* for the special benefit of busy persons—those who have but little time for reading. It will be called "A Corner for Busy Men, by One of Them." It will be just as good and just as interesting, however, for busy women and busy young people, as for busy men.

This department will be filled with short, pithy items on the great fundamental principles and doctrines of the Bible, put in such a terse and interesting way that they can be easily comprehended and remembered.

Would you not like to send this series to some of your friends and relatives? You can have them mailed direct from the office of publication to five or more different names and addresses as follows: Six months, 75 cents per copy; one year, \$1.50 per copy. Address your tract society, or *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, California.

The June "Life and Health"

SENATOR ROBERT L. OWEN, of Oklahoma, framer of the bill now pending before Congress for the establishment of a National Department of Health, gives a forcible expression of his convictions in the June number, under the title, "The Conservation of Life and Health." The senator from Oklahoma recently delivered a stirring speech on the floor of the Senate in support of this bill, and this will be commented upon in the forthcoming issue. This feature alone will make the June issue a noteworthy one.

The issue for June will be, in every respect, the most attractive, and, we believe, the most thoroughly helpful number of *Life and Health* ever published. It is one for which we predict an enthusiastic reception from all its old readers and from thousands of new ones.

Bellamy's "Looking Backward" is recalled by the quaint but striking way in which Henry Waldorf Francis deals with the subject "Early Twentieth Century Civilization" in the June *Life and Health*. The writer treats particularly the conditions obtaining in this day as viewed from the imaginary standpoint of one living at the end of the twentieth century. His article is both amusing and instructive.

Dr. George Wharton James writes in the June number on "Physical

Health." The introduction of the series in this number speaks promise of what is to follow. We can simply assure the readers of *Life and Health* that there will be no disappointment.

Professor Cromie, of the University of Pennsylvania, whose first article for *Life and Health* appears in this number, will write in the June *Life and Health* an equally helpful treatise on the subject "The Results of Physical Training."

"Open Air Schools" is an appropriate subject for discussion in the June number. It is treated by one who is well qualified to write upon this subject, namely, Dr. James P. Warbasse, author of "Medical Sociology" and former editor of the *New York State Journal of Medicine*.

"Prevention of Typhoid Fever" is a straightforward discussion of a plain but very important subject by a writer of extensive experience, Alfred B. Olsen, M. D., D. P. H., superintendent of the Caterham Sanitarium, Surrey, England.

Dr. Henry R. Harrower, editor of the *Medical Standard*, Chicago, writes in the June number on "The Elimination of Disease."

The Protestant Magazine

THERE is something associated with the *Protestant Magazine* that causes the people to be interested in it. To illustrate: a party received a sample copy of *Liberty* that contained an advertisement for the *Protestant Magazine*. This advertisement so impressed this man that he took it without a copy of the *Protestant Magazine*, and solicited subscriptions for the *Protestant*, and succeeded in securing eighteen full year's subscriptions for the *Protestant Magazine* from the advertisement alone.

Another man, meeting a friend, spoke to him about the *Protestant Magazine*. This friend immediately sent in his subscription, and when the magazine came, he sent it to one of his friends and solicited his subscription.

Another person examined for a few minutes a copy of the *Protestant Magazine* a friend had. He sent his subscription direct to the publishers and was very particular to have all the back numbers from the very beginning, and desired his subscription set forward for two years in addition.

Another person picked up a part of a copy of a *Protestant Magazine* on the street. The part he read was so interesting to him he sent in his subscription, having the address on the

part of the paper he found.

The *Protestant Magazine* contains the very core of the third angel's message. It seems to have the power to arrest the attention of the people. We believe the message it contains will also work upon the minds and hearts of the people.

OHIO

District Meeting

BEGINNING Friday evening, May 6, and ending Sunday evening, May 8, there will be held at Akron, Ohio, a general meeting for district No. 3. The church is located on South Street a short distance from the South Main Street car line. A good program has been arranged for the occasion, and we are looking forward to a spiritual time.

We trust that some one from each church in this district will be present, and especially do we desire to see those who are isolated. Come and you will surely receive a blessing.

W. J. VENEN,
Sup't District No. 3.

WEST VIRGINIA

CAMP-MEETING will be held at Parkersburg, August 18 to 20.

Brother William Shobe, of Decatur, Ind., has written to secure territory in this Conference. He will canvass.

Brother Butler is meeting with success in his canvassing work; says he has as a rule been welcome in the Parkersburg homes.

Brother W. S. Metcalf, with his family, has moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio. What has been West Virginia's loss will surely prove Ohio's gain.

Elder J. F. Steele has been holding meetings with the Chester church, but is planning to hold tent meetings as soon as the weather permits; location not yet decided upon.

Miss Blanche Grubb, formerly a Bible worker in this Conference, but who left on account of sickness, writes:—

"The Lord has seen fit to spare

my life during the winter, and I believe I am somewhat improved in health."

As a result of the labor of Elders Foggin and Adkins at Little Birch, Braxton Co., about twenty persons are keeping the Sabbath. A movement is now on foot looking toward the building of a church.

Brother David Haddix, an old time successful canvasser, and former state agent, has again buckled on the harness. He is now presenting the "printed page" in the vicinity of Parkersburg. The Lord be with you, Mr. Haddix.

Elder W. R. Foggin, formerly with the company at Little Birch, made a short call at the office. He is planning to begin a series of meetings at Walker Station. The Walker church will welcome Elder Foggin as he has labored there before.

Elder F. H. Robbins spent several days with the company at Little Birch, and on April 16 held quarterly meeting with the Clarksburg church. He says, "The Spirit of the Lord came very near to his people, and those present reconsecrated themselves to the service of God."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER G. W. HOLMAN, our field canvassing agent, spent last Sabbath and Sunday in Philadelphia. He spoke to the young people Sabbath afternoon in the First Philadelphia church.

In "Testimonies for the Church" we read the following: "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings." "Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you." "Let all who possibly can attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. . . . Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul."

At the last quarterly meeting held

in the Lancaster church one adult was baptized. J. W. Hirlinger, the local elder, administered the ordinance. This makes five new members that have joined that church within the last few months.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath, April 23, with the Reading church. He says that several of the church members there are contemplating attending the camp-meeting to be held in Allentown, June 1-12.

Sister N. A. Sprecher, who has been visiting her daughter, Mary Sprecher, at Mount Vernon College, returned to her home in Ephrata last week. She expresses herself as being highly pleased with the College.

From the numerous inquiries that are coming in relative to our coming camp-meeting, we conclude that the attendance this year will be much larger than at any previous year in the history of our work in Pennsylvania.

Eleven adults were baptized by Elder R. E. Harter a few weeks ago. All united with the newly organized church at Covington.

The outlook for the canvassing work in East Pennsylvania is very bright and encouraging. Several of the Mount Vernon students will return to this field immediately at the close of the school year.

We appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist in Eastern Pennsylvania to personally attend our coming camp-meeting and to use their influence upon their friends and neighbors to come with them. Nicer camp-grounds, with more perfect facilities could not be found anywhere. Extensive grounds, beautiful shade trees, well built cottages free from all the discomforts incident to rain and dampness, pure drinking water, all that would be an incentive for our people to come and persuade their friends and neighbors to attend this annual gathering of God's people.

Elder C. S. Weist spoke at the Souderton (Fair Hill) church last Sunday evening. He had the privilege of speaking in the new church edifice which is nearly completed.

VIRGINIA

SINCE my last article in these columns Brother Numbers has been with me a few days. We spent a few days in the southwestern part of the state, where no work has ever been done. The great coal fields of Virginia were visited. While here, twenty hours were spent in canvassing. As a result books were sold to the amount of \$110.50.

The Lord led us in many ways while there. One experience was remarkable. I called upon a minister one evening, and while there met two others. There were three ministers to canvass at once. God gave me freedom to talk as never before. The work ("Great Controversy") was explained in detail. When through canvassing, the leading minister said, "That's good." As a result of the visit, an order was received from all three of them. This shows how God will work for us if we will trust him.

In gathering notes from the letters that come to us, all we find is courage, and they show advancement all along the line.

Miss Roberson has changed her field from Petersburg to Fredericksburg. She is meeting with excellent success in her new field. Her last report shows 26 hours work, and orders to the amount of \$46 05. Sister Roberson is working in a section which many say is a poor field. She is demonstrating, however, that the territory has nothing to do with it when the Lord leads one to a field.

Brother Oertley writes from a field that has never been entered by an Adventist: "The Lord truly is blessing me, and to him be all the praise for the orders I have taken." How much faster this work would go if more of our people would enter this work!

Letters from Brethren Jasperson and Lewis are the things that cheer the state agent. They just finished their delivery, and are back in the field again. Brother Jasperson delivered 100 per cent of his orders, by selling extra to make up for lost orders. This brother seems especially blessed in securing orders from ministers. He sold to three one week, and there is hardly a week passes but what he sells to one.

We have many counties yet that

have never been entered. The people do not know who the Seventh-day Adventists are. How long will we have to wait until someone will enter these needy places, and place our books before the people? They are able and willing to buy, all they need is the chance to get the books.

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Conference Notice

AS THE COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR is no doubt reaching nearly all of the homes of Sabbath keepers in West Pennsylvania by this time, I take it as a medium to inform all concerned that we are planning on having a camp-meeting at Ford City, Pa., June 16-26. As it will be possible to have with us on this occasion the very best speakers in the denomination, with the very latest message, the only thing that will hinder having a real spiritual feast and refreshing, will be the non-attendance of our people. True, those who may attend, even though the number be few, may enjoy a real treat of good things, and have their souls watered from the wells of salvation, yet the real object of a camp-meeting will be lost if there is not a good representation of the people present; and the more present the greater the blessings, and hence the greater the success of the meeting. It is no doubt pleasing to the God of heaven to have his people come together in the meetings, and when we sit down to count the cost of going, let us also count the cost of remaining away and losing the blessing that he may have there for us. So let us all pray over the matter, and weigh it, and ask God to open the way for us to be at the camp-meeting.

The camp-meeting is to be held in Lenape Park, situated about a mile or more from the depot, and is a fine place for the meeting. The ground is covered with tall shade trees that will make the place very pleasant.

The general services will be conducted in one of the buildings of the park, where there will be a good floor and roof, so we shall be well protected from the rain and mud should any such things prevail at that time.

There is just one street car line that runs within a block of the depot and will take you to the park.

Further instructions and particulars may appear from time to time.

F. D. WAGNER.

ALL those receiving copies of the VISITOR that they have not subscribed for, please read them carefully. The VISITOR will come post-paid to your address regularly for one cent a week.

The price of the book "Daniel and Revelation," cloth binding, thin paper, plain edges, is \$2.00; formerly sold for \$1.75.

A number of the brethren and sisters from our conference were glad to attend the general meeting of the Western New York Conference held at Tunessassa school, and to hear the good instruction given by Dr. Kress, W. E. White, and others.

Elder I. N. Williams reports a very interesting meeting held at Pittsburg April 19-21. Brother I. D. Richardson met with the Pennsylvania ministers in this Institute in the interest of the Medical Missionary Campaign for the benefit of sanitarium work by selling the book "Ministry of Healing." We hope that all will take hold of this work and become a missionary people. Many hands make light work, so let us all lend our hands and our hearts to the medical missionary work by lifting together.

Elder N. S. Ashton and family are visiting Brother Ashton's people in the South. We trust they will return better prepared for the summer's work.

Elder Williams held quarterly meeting with the Corry church Sabbath and Sunday, April 23 and 24, and reports though the weather was stormy, the attendance was fair, and that they had a good spiritual feast, and that the spirit of the Lord came very near. A number of outsiders were present and seemed glad to hear the truth. Church officers were also elected at this meeting.

Remember the camp-meeting to be held at Ford City, Pa., June 16-26. A splendid camp-meeting is being planned for this spring. Do not fail to be there, and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you. All orders for tents should be in early. Send all orders to Brother A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa.

A. V. WILLIAMS.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 22, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
†A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	10	89½	23	67 25	23 55	90 80	5 60	
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	5	67	14	43 50	3 75	47 25		
F. E. Hankins, Carroll Co.	DR	2	17	10	28 75	5 20	33 95		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	33	6	19 00	6 50	25 50	21 00	
R. J. Minesinger, Morrow Co.	DR	5	49½	3	9 00	2 50	11 50		
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4	28	6	19 00	14 30	33 30	1 30	
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	34	9	29 00		29 00		
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	3	25	4	12 00	7 00	19 00		
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	41	39	46 50		46 50		
Totals		44	384	114	\$274 00	\$62 80	\$336 80	\$27 90	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 22, 1910

A. J. Lichty, Leight	GC	5	39	12	39 00	3 50	42 50		
†H. Albright, Bucks	DR	6	41	13	25 25		25 25	63 25	
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	PG	5	20	4	16 00	6 50	22 50	3 00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	41	39	47 50		47 50	5 00	
E. Steener, Bucks	CK	3	24	10	11 00	1 00	11 00	50	
Totals		24	165	78	138 75	11 00	149 75	71 75	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 22, 1910

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	21½			4 50	4 50	50 50	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	49	36	48 50	6 00	54 50	9 75	
G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	5	21	3	6 00		6 00	20 85	
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	5	21	6	9 00	3 00	12 00	3 00	
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	SP	2	6					46 25	
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	3	2		3 00	1 25	4 25	49 75	
Totals		24	120½	45	\$66 50	\$14 75	\$81 25	\$130 10	

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$567.80 Deliveries, \$229.75

NEW JERSEY

Newark

KNOWING that the readers of our periodicals are always glad to get reports from all parts of the field, I will pen a few lines concerning the work here.

Sabbath, April 9, was a day of rejoicing among all our people in this part of the field. We had the pleasure of burying eighteen souls in the watery grave. Quite a few others are keeping the Sabbath, two of whom were prevented from being baptized because of sickness. The others were not quite ready, but these will doubtless be baptized the next opportunity. Four of the above were not of the Newark company. This makes in all forty-four baptized in Newark within the last ten months.

Sabbath, April 16, was another memorable day for the company here. Fifteen were received into the church, by the right hand of fellowship, after

which all took an active part in celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house. We all felt that we had great things to thank the Lord for. The one all-pervading sentiment of the entire company, was a deeper consecration to God for service.

We are looking forward to our summer's work with great anticipations. We earnestly ask all who read these lines to remember us at the throne of grace, that God may continue to bless, until the last honest soul has been sought out of the wicked city of Newark.

W. H. SMITH.

ELDER W. G. Kneeland has located at 88 Jewett Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

The funeral of Sister Mary Van-Dyke was held at Morristown, N. J., April 22, 1910. Elder B. F. Kneeland officiated. Brother Van Dyke's health is very poor, and both he and his daughter have the sincerest sym-

pathy of all in their bereavement.

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited Newark last Sabbath, speaking to the English in the morning, and to the Bohemian-Slavic church in the afternoon. A very earnest missionary spirit is manifest in both these churches. The sermon to the Bohemians and Slavs was given with the aid of an interpreter. These brethren and sisters are working hard for the people of their nationality, and God is blessing their efforts. last Sabbath two observed the true Lord's day for the first time. We cannot help wishing that all our English-speaking people were as earnest in the effort to carry the gospel to their neighbors, as these brethren are to give the warning to those who speak their language.

Remember that the camp-meeting will be held June 23 to July 4. We hope to announce the place next week. This should be the best of the spiritual feasts of the year. We are especially anxious that all our young people attend.

The Conference and Tract Society office is now located at 1635 S. Broad Street, Trenton, N. J. This is also the address of the secretary and treasurer, Clarence Lawry.

OBITUARIES

CAMPBELL.—Maudie Fisher Campbell was born in Williamsport, Pa., March 26, 1889; died at the Williamsport Hospital, March 27, 1910, at the age of 21 years and 1 day. She became ill very suddenly on Sabbath evening, and was taken to the hospital on Sabbath at 4 P. M., and died on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock. Her death was caused by uremic poisoning. She was my niece and was baptized by me July 5, 1903. I united her in marriage to Mr. Walter B. Campbell, January 22, 1910, and she was only permitted to spend two months and six days in her happy married life. She was devoted to the truth and to the cause of God, and in the church was loved and esteemed by all. She leaves a husband, mother, three brothers, and one sister, also many relatives, with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Methodist church near her home. Words of comfort were spoken from Psalms 116:15.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

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It is not yet definitely known whether or not there will be a regular summer school at Mount Vernon College, but several members of the faculty are planning to remain at the College during the summer, and will conduct classes in several departments of study. This will afford an excellent opportunity to all who wish to pursue academic or college studies during the vacation. Full particulars of the work will be given in our next issue.

THAT the *Signs* is appreciated by our brethren in the field is evidenced by the many letters that come to the office. Here is what one subscriber has to say about it:—

"I have read this dear old paper the *Signs of the Times* for twenty years. It has always borne witness to the 'Advent Message' in all its fullness, and is still doing its work nobly. I have sold and am selling it from house to house, and taking subscriptions for it continually. In my ministerial work I would hardly know how to work without it. A young business man who has just made up his mind to keep all the commandments of God, and who has been reading the *Signs*, said to me as I handed him a copy last week, 'How much is this paper?' I told him, and he answered, 'have it sent to me for one year. It is the very best paper I ever saw. It is clean.'"

Special Notice, New Jersey

THE address of the New Jersey Conference and Tract Society office is 1635 South Broad Street, Trenton, N. J. All mail for the secretary and treasurer, Brother Clarence Lawry, should be sent to this address.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Pres. N. J. Conference.

**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
Notice!**

THE sixth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held June 1-12, 1910, in connection with the camp-meeting at Emmanuel Grove camp-grounds, near Allentown, Pa.

The location is ideal. Nicer camp-grounds with more perfect facilities could not be found anywhere—extensive grounds, beautiful shade trees, well built cottages free from all the discomforts incident to rain and dampness. All these should be incentives to our people to come, and persuade their friends and neighbors to attend this annual gathering of God's people. In addition to these temporal comforts, a spiritual feast will be provided for all. The election of conference officers and various other matters of intense interest to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist will come before the meeting.

The first session will be called at 9:30 A. M., June 2.

W. H. HECKMAN, *Pres.*

**Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association,
Notice!**

NOTICE is hereby given to the constituency of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association that the fifth annual meeting of the said corporation will be held at 9:30 A. M., Thursday, June 9, 1910, at Emmanuel Grove camp-grounds near Allentown, in connection with the annual camp-meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The membership of the constituency is composed of the Executive Committee of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Executive Committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the physicians employed by the corporation, the ordained ministers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the ordained ministers of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and twelve persons elected for the purpose at the last session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Officers will be elected and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

H. W. HECKMAN, *Pres.*

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L. E. SUFFICOOL,
Hagerstown, Md.

JUST before going to press we have received an interesting and important article from Elder Heckman, giving full particulars concerning the Eastern Pennsylvania camp-meeting which will be held at Allentown, Pa., June 1-12. This article, with views of the beautiful grove where the meeting will be held, will appear in our next issue.