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

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## UNION

### The West Virginia Conference and Camp-meeting

From the Chesapeake conference I went on to the West Virginia conference and camp-meeting. This was held in the beautiful little brick church recently built at Parkersburg, W. Va. There was a goodly number of our brethren present, considering the lateness of the season when the conference was held; namely, September 28 to October 8.

We were especially pleased to notice the deep interest on the part of the people of Parkersburg. There was a good attendance at the preaching service every evening, so that the church was filled and people stood on the outside to listen to the truths of the message. A good impression was made upon the outsiders, so much so that an effort will be made to follow up the work of this conference and camp-meeting.

The spirit of God was present throughout all the services. Many of the brethren found peace with God; backsliders were reclaimed, and a decided advance was made for the truth. The brethren responded liberally to all the calls for donations, which were three: one for the canceling of the little remaining debt upon the church, so that it might be dedicated the last Sunday of the meeting; one for the foreign mission work; and still another for the Union missionary educational fund.

Practically the same corps of officers which served last year was re-elected for the ensuing year. The brethren have full confidence in the ministry and leadership of the conference. There was a substantial increase in the tithe for the past year; and, as for the membership, there was absolutely no loss for 1910, while there will be a decided gain for 1911. Everything went to show, we believe, that this coming year will be one of rich blessings for the West Virginia Conference. B. G. WILKINSON.

### Be in Earnest

We have fallen upon a time in this world's history when the only thing that succeeds is that into which men throw their lives in dead earnestness. Ordinary people now are too busy to give even a passing thought to any cause that is presented in a tame, listless, or half-hearted manner.

The message, of all messages that have ever been sounded in the ears of humanity, which ought to startle men and women and arrest their attention, is that message symbolized by three angelic beings flying through mid-heaven, proclaiming with a mighty voice eternal glad tidings to the children of men.

Do we see on the part of the men whom God has called to proclaim this heaven-sent message that spirit of earnestness which is in keeping with the last notes of warning to be sounded in the ears of a lost world? Is it any wonder that people who are accustomed to listen to twenty-minute sermons, when they attend a service at the tent and listen for fifty minutes or an hour and a quarter to a dry, argumentative discourse, do not come again? One who had listened spell-bound to the burning eloquence of Mr. Webster in one of his great speeches, said of him, "When I came out, I was afraid to come near him. It seemed to me that he was like the mount that might not be touched, and that burned with fire." When Patrick Henry finished his memorable speech in behalf of American independence, it is said that "no murmur of applause followed, the effect was too deep." The cry, "To arms!" seemed to quiver on every lip and gleam from every eye. What was the secret of his power? The spirit of freedom so completely filled him that it overflowed into all other lives with which he came into contact.

When the spirit of God comes into the life of a Seventh-day Adventist preacher and consumes every fiber of self and earthliness, and fills him so full of the spirit of this third angel's message that it overflows into the lives of the people he comes in con-

tact with, then will his lips be touched as with a live coal from God's altar, and his message will burn conviction upon the hearts of men.

It is not so much a question of the quantity as of the *quality* of our zeal. We shall never be saved ourselves, nor save others, by a zeal that is born of the energy of the flesh. Dr. Bonar tells of a dream he once had. In his dream the angels weighed his zeal, and he was delighted with the result. It reached the maximum, and turned the scale at a hundred. Then they analyzed it, and his delight vanished. For (out of the hundred) fourteen parts were pure selfishness, fifteen parts sectarianism, twenty-two parts ambition, twenty-three parts love of man, and twenty-six parts love of God. He awoke from his dream, sobered and saddened, but resolved on a new consecration.

Of the greatest teacher the world ever knew it was written prophetically, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." If there was ever a body of men in this world who ought to manifest an all-consuming zeal and earnestness in the work committed to their hands, it is those who take upon themselves the solemn, sacred vows of the ministry in this closing work of the gospel. A. T. ROBINSON.

### Practical Christianity

The world looks for, and expects to see in the lives of professing Christians something that is not found in its own plan of living. Is the world reasonable in this? It has a right to require that profession be carried to its logical conclusion. Hence it is the duty, nay the privilege, of those who take upon themselves the name of Christ to manifest to the world something of the divine ideal—the character of Christ Jesus, who, while on earth, "went about doing good."

In the rush of life we are brought face to face with trying situations—situations which are provoking in the extreme. In such circumstances humanity is prone to fall. But that is just the time to "let patience have her perfect work." There is a dignity which has a telling effect in the calm,

patient attitude of persons who do not lose their temper under great provocation. How comforting and inspiring the assurance, "If when ye do well and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." Think of the meek and lowly Jesus, "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again." What a beautiful trait of character is patience!

Along the path of life all sorts and conditions of men are met. Some are clad in goodly apparel, some in vile raiment. How are they to be met? True courtesy is an evidence of Christian character, and recognizes the person, and not the apparel. Under the tattered garment a human heart beats just the same as under the rich material. The genuine Christian is not too proud to mingle with all classes. The truly great is the humble person who meets humanity in its need.

"Let each esteem other better than himself." All are human. Faults are to be found in all if search is made. Could we but see ourselves as others see us, many words now spoken would be left unsaid. Remember, "sweet, kind words are as dew and gentle showers to the soul."

God gave life to all for a purpose. Life is real. It is not to be frittered away in a mere butterfly existence, with no other desire than the gratification of self. "Bear ye one another's burdens." In the workshop, the factory, the business office, the field—the ways and places for so doing are many. In life's daily routine they are found. It may be just a word, a smile, a thoughtful act done, not with ostentation, but unobtrusively and with a right motive—some kind deed that will chase away the gloom and brighten the life—something, however small, that will act as a lubricant on the living machinery.

One place in which to manifest that we have been with Jesus is in the home life, where little cares, worries, and perplexities abound. Daughters should act the same toward mother daily as when visitors are present. The little attentions paid then would be appreciated daily. Trifles can be seen and small services performed.

Let us not wait to be asked. Boys should keep the home wood-box filled. Both sons and daughters should remember that little kindly acts lighten mother's burden and smooth out the furrows that care, worries, and perplexities carve on the aged face. Another thing boys and girls should remember is, "Do not get 'too big' to walk with father and mother."

Students on entering schools or col-

leges should remember that habits and associations formed determine to a great extent their future usefulness. Conditions and regulations not in force at home are here necessary for the well-being of each. Paul says, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Cannot all learn this lesson? The contented, cheerful student's influence is far-reaching. Remember, "none of us liveth to himself." Our fellow-students may need just the counsel we can give. Our association one with the other demands a thoughtful consideration of the rights of each other—demands a cheery "good morning," and a sunny smile. Conversation should be such as will elevate, ennoble and edify.

Opportunities to aid our fellow-men are ever present. Bring the practical into life, and grasp it now.

"That day is best wherein we give

A thought to others' sorrows;

Forgetting self, we learn to live,

And blessings born of kindly deeds

Make golden our to-morrows."

J. GILLIS.

### Rome's Estimate of Her Own Literature

It must be acknowledged by all observing people that the Roman Catholic church has demonstrated her ability to take advantage of every means to instill her doctrines into the minds of the people. The one factor above all others which she employs in her work of proselyting is the use of literature. The *Western Watchman* (Catholic), of May 6, 1909, contained a plea by Archbishop Soldeville y Romero for the support of Catholic publications, as follows:—

"There are many rich persons who give money for the erection of churches and monasteries. Such generosity is very praiseworthy; but, unfortunately, a political change is sufficient to annihilate these works; whilst, on the other hand, the good wrought through the Catholic press can never be destroyed. Is it not, therefore, preferable to found and sustain first-class Catholic periodicals to defend the true cause? We live in an age in which it is necessary to support morally and materially the Catholic press, the most reliable defense of Christ's church. May God inspire us with our sense of duty towards Catholic journals and journalists."

Is there not a lesson in this for us, when we consider the importance of the last message of warning which must be disseminated largely through the printed page? K. C. RUSSELL.

### The Harvest Ingathering in the Columbia Union

A "Harvest Ingathering Summary" recently received from the office of the *Signs of the Times* reveals some interesting facts concerning the outlook for the Harvest Ingathering campaign. On October 18 the orders for the Ingathering *Signs* exceeded by 64,000 the total orders for the Ingathering *Review* of last year. To that date 323,235 copies of the *Signs* had been ordered.

Of these 323,235 copies, 43,491 copies were ordered by the conferences of the Columbia Union. East Pennsylvania ranked highest in the Union and third highest in the United States, with orders aggregating 11,895. Ohio came second with orders for 9,725 copies. Since then the Ohio Conference has almost doubled that number; and no doubt the other conferences have increased their orders in the same proportion. The District of Columbia Conference was the first conference in the Columbia Union to pass its last year's record; but others have no doubt joined it on the "honor roll" by this time. Altogether the outlook for a good Harvest Ingathering in the Columbia Union is very encouraging.

### The Missionary's Call

My soul is not at rest. There comes a strange  
And secret whisper to my spirit like a dream  
of night,  
That tells me I am on enchanted ground.  
The voice of my departed Lord, "Go teach all  
nations,"  
Comes on the night air, and wakes mine ear.  
Why live I here? The vows of God are on  
me,  
And I may not stop to play with shadows,  
Or pluck earthly flowers till I my work have  
done,  
And rendered up account.

And I will go.

I may no longer doubt to give up friends and  
idle hopes,  
And every tie that binds my heart to thee, my  
country.  
Henceforth, then, it matters not if storm or  
sunshine  
Be my earthly lot: bitter or sweet my cup;  
I only pray, "God make me holy, and my  
spirit nerve  
For the stern hour of strife."  
And when I come to stretch me for the last,  
In unattended agony beneath the cocoa's  
shade,  
It will be sweet that I have toiled for other  
worlds than this.

—Selected.

## AT THE COLLEGE

The maple flames with crimson leaves,  
And, as the fitful breezes sigh,  
Like little rippling tongues of fire  
They lick the edges of the sky.

Yet all its color and its glow  
Is wrapped in Winter's winding-sheet,  
And all its pomp must pass away,  
For Springtime's resurrection sweet.

The mysteries of life and death  
It holds, for those who turn to scan;  
So yearly from the burning bush  
The Lord God speaks to man.

—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

### Keep on Board, Young Man

To what shall I liken education? I would liken education to a voyage. A great ship rides in dock near a flat shore covered with small, low houses, and troops of little people go on board. The ship swings away from the wharf and makes out for the open sea. Captain, mate, and most of the crew know the course and the haven; but the passengers never crossed before. It is a long, long voyage, through storm and calm, through cold and heat; a voyage of years; a voyage that tests faith. The years pass, and the little people grow and grow. During the voyage, most of the passengers go overboard into the open sea; but some make the voyage to arrive at a coast with mountains and valleys, cities and castles, a world of powers and activities unseen by the dwellers upon the low coast on the other side of the Sea of Life.

Such is education. And the question is how to keep the passengers on board until the ship makes harbor.

—*William Eastabrook.*

### An Old Student Heard From

Mrs. W. A. Hammond, *nee* Bertha O. Spohn, is well known to the students of Mount Vernon, having spent several years in attendance at the College; graduating from one of the advanced courses in 1908. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Hammond taught one year at Cliff Island, near Portland, Me., and one year at the Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Hammond received a call to teach in the Gravel Ford Academy, Oregon. We were pleased to receive recently the following announcement of the opening of their school:—

“The Gravel Ford Academy opened September 20, with a good attend-

ance; and more students are coming all the while. The school is situated in a very pretty valley. All around us are the mountains covered with their large fir and myrtle trees.

“The students here are workers—every one. They manifest a desire to learn and to do; and we feel that God is blessing us abundantly.

“MR. AND MRS. W. A. HAMMOND.”

The enrolment at the College is now 147; that of the Training School is 19.

Elder Butler has been in attendance at the fall council of the Columbia Union-Conference Committee during the past week.

On Monday, October 23, the students and teachers enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Elder W. C. White, who spent a day at the College on his way to the General Conference council at Washington. His talk with the students at the chapel hour, his visits with the classes, and his friendly counsel with the faculty in the afternoon will all be remembered with pleasure and profit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gibson visited Mr. and Mrs. Esta L. Miller at Hankow, China, on their return from a short vacation at the mountain home in Maknsham.

The Spanish and German classes in the College Sabbath-school have a larger attendance than ever this year.

Mrs. V. H. Cook's mother, Mrs. Ostrander, has returned from an extended visit in Pennsylvania.

Elder Marietta occupied the pulpit of the Mount Vernon church, Sabbath, October 21, using for his theme the power of the truth to transform the lives of those who possess it.

Miss Laurel Rushmere and Miss Laura Brown spent Sabbath and Sunday at Miss Rushmere's home in Columbus.

On the reporter staff of the *Educational Messenger* published at Union College we notice the names of three old Mount Vernon students: Miss Dorothy White, who is matron at Union this year; Mr. Chester Spangler, who is assisting in the business office outside of school hours; and

Mr. Julian Greenup, who spends his spare time in the composing room of the International Publishing Association.

Miss Leona Tuley, who visited Mount Vernon last year on her way to the Washington Seminary, is teaching this year at Bethel, Wis.

Miss May Parker is taking the nurse's course at the Lafayette (Indiana) Sanitarium. She writes that she is enjoying her work.

Elder Butcher went to Columbus on business last Friday.

Mrs. A. E. Boggs, who spent last winter in Mount Vernon, is keeping house for her grandson in College View, Nebr.

Mr. W. F. Childs of Boston, Mass., spent a few days in Mount Vernon with his wife, who is visiting her brother, Mr. Clarence Miller.

Mrs. John Smith and daughter, of Leesburg, O., who have been at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium as surgical patients, returned home last week.

Last Tuesday morning a chapel talk by Professor Hall called our attention to the 22nd of October, the sixty-seventh anniversary of the great second advent movement of 1844. Professor Hall related some very interesting history concerning this movement and the subsequent rise and development of the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists.

Miss Bertha Fisher is at Elm Grove, a suburb of Wheeling, W. Va. She is taking a course in nursing with Elder and Mrs. I. D. Richardson, who are opening up the medical work in Wheeling.

Miss Marie Flenner is canvassing at Middleton, O., with good success.

Mrs. John Pengelly, who has been visiting at the College for the past few months, returned to her home in Ontario last week.

A very interesting program was rendered at the meeting of the young people's society last Sabbath afternoon, when six of the student canvassers reported some of their experi-

ences of the past summer. They all felt that the work had been of inestimable value to them.

Mrs. A. Allen John left Mount Vernon last week to spend a few weeks in Chicago, where Dr. John is practicing medicine.

Miss Ariel Arnold of Detroit, Mich., who was a student of the College last year, returned Sunday, October 22, to resume her school work.

Mrs. I. J. Gault and her son Wayne, who have been visiting Mrs. Gault's home at Ashland, O., for the past few weeks, returned last Tuesday.

Mrs. Lina Lias and her daughter Mabel have come from Indiana, Pa., to reside in Academia. Miss Lias has entered classes at the College.

Mrs. S. L. Rowe of Clyde, O., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Shultz.

Two new Underwood typewriters were recently installed at the College.

Mr. V. H. Cook is building an addition to his store. This will be a much needed improvement.

Miss Jessie Snider, who taught at Alliance, O., last year, is teaching a school of six at Elm Grove, W. Va. Her sister, Miss Hallie Snider, is teaching in one of the public schools of West Virginia.

The College Press shipped nearly a hundred pounds of stationery to the Chesapeake Conference last week. We hope that the other conferences of the Union will follow the example of the Chesapeake and send their orders to the College Press.

### Personal Neatness

One's appearance has much to do with securing a favorable opinion from others. An exchange puts it this way: "We cannot all be handsome, but we can all be attractive in one way, and that is through personal neatness. There is something very winning about a boy whose face shines from a vigorous use of soap and water, whose hair is smoothly brushed, and whose clothes, though neither new nor fashionable, are still

whole and clean. Such a boy inspires confidence. We somehow feel that he is to be trusted; and if he is looking for work, he will get in much quicker than the boy who is slipshod and careless in his personal habits. Neatness is not all of character, of course, but it is a sign of thrift and self respect, and these are qualities that make for success in life."

—Selected.

### NEW JERSEY

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Please note that hereafter all mail intended for the New Jersey Tract Society, the New Jersey Conference, or W. B. Walters, Secretary and Treasurer, should be addressed to 1909 South Clinton Ave., Trenton, N.J.

The president of the New Jersey Conference is in attendance at the fall council of the General Conference Committee, during which important matters are considered with reference to the advancement of the work in general.

The near-by friends of Elder B. F. Kneeland and family called at his home Thursday evening, October 19, as a surprise, to express their appreciation of his faithful services as president of the conference, and to wish him Godspeed in his new field of labor. He was busy packing his household goods, and we felt that we were robbing him of valuable time, but he gladly laid aside his "packing attire" and we enjoyed a pleasant evening. Appropriate refreshments were served. In behalf of those present, Brother Benjamin J. Blinn, elder of the Trenton church, extended the best wishes of all, and presented to the family a token of remembrance.

Mr. Wm. F. Schmidt, who has spent his vacations for several years at his home in Elizabeth and near-by cities, working with our publications, has decided to stay with us through the winter and continue the good work. His work has been greatly blessed, and he has found many open doors. In several instances he has been asked to speak to different denominations; and Brother Schmidt is one who always accepts such invitations. We appreciate his good work.

We have filled some very nice orders for our agents the past week. We shipped 125 "Coming King" and

a number of helps to W. B. Plant; 132 copies of the same book to L. Cruickshanks; 225 "Glorious Appearing" to Arthur L. Samuels; 26 "Coming King" and a quantity of helps to J. W. Rambo; besides filling numerous smaller orders.

To the brethren and sisters in this conference I wish to say that it is a pleasure to be connected with the work here. Although considerable of our time has been consumed in moving, we trust that the address given above may be permanent, and that we may be able to give full time to the work from this on. I really feel more at home among you than many may imagine, having been connected with the work of the Pacific Press in New York during Brother Kilgore's administration, for ten years, at which time New Jersey and all the adjoining states belonged to the old Atlantic Conference; and we from New York with you from New Jersey, traveled south to Newark, Del., or some other "central" point, for a united camp-meeting. Many names that come into the office now I recognize and remember well since those days, although I have not been directly connected with your work since that time, having been employed the last seven or eight years in the Review & Herald, first in the book department, and for the greater part of the time acting as bookkeeper and cashier of that institution. I have watched the progress of your conference, and am glad to be connected with it, trusting that the Lord may continue to bless the feeble efforts which we put forth in his name. The Clinton Street car passes the Pennsylvania Railroad and comes within three blocks of the office. We shall be glad to have our friends make us a call when passing through the city.

W. B. WALTERS, Sec'y and Treas.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Western Pennsylvania Conference:—

I am very glad to be able to give you this direct message on a subject which lies very close to my heart. "Our Mission Work, Its Prospects, Needs, and How We May Help," is a theme that should stir to activity the soul of every professed believer in the third angel's message. As a people, we have had a very remarkable missionary experience. Starting only a few years ago to carry an unpopular truth to the world, without money,

influence, or reputation, we have succeeded in reaching nearly every known mission field. Strong conferences are now doing aggressive work in territory which a short time ago knew nothing of this truth; and now, instead of requiring donations from us, they are giving liberally of both men and means to carry the message to new fields. Many of the experiences of our missionaries are strikingly similar to those recorded of the apostolic church. As we draw closer to God, and consecrate our all more fully to him we shall see still more marked evidences of his power.

We are coming very near to the close of this world's history. The recent political developments in connection with the Eastern Question, the rapid strides that are being made in this country to establish a political church which shall rule the nation as did its predecessor, Rome, the omni-nous struggle between capital and labor, with the increasing lawlessness and disregard for the rights of others, all show that we are near the end. Do we as Seventh-day Adventists realize how short the time till the Lord will return and call his servants to give account of their stewardship? If our one talent is found in that day to have been buried in this world instead of being used in the commerce of heaven, will he be able to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Never in the history of our work have we faced greater opportunities and more open doors than we do today. Destruction, swift and unescapable, will soon burst upon an ungodly world. And in the midst of this peril are thousands of honest souls whose pitiful cries for help are ringing in the ears of the Lord of hosts. How long will he bear with us if we fail to respond with heart and soul to these appeals?

The Mission Board has strained its resources to the utmost to answer these calls. But more workers and more funds must flow in at once, or our work will be seriously crippled. Now is our opportunity to show how much we prize the blessed truth that has done so much for us, and how much we love our neighbors, both at home and abroad.

The Harvest Ingathering presents a splendid opportunity in which we may help to forward the cause that we all love so well. Of far greater importance than the money that may be brought in through this campaign is the spiritual help that will come to ourselves as we enter into this work burdened with a love for

souls, and rejoicing in the favorable opportunity it gives us to bring the truth before our neighbors. This work has received the endorsement of heaven, both through the voice of the Spirit of Prophecy, and through the blessings that have come as the result of the efforts that have been put forth.

What will be the record of the West Pennsylvania Conference this year? Last year the East Pennsylvania Conference raised about \$1,800 in the Ingathering campaign. In the last three years the New Jersey Conference has raised \$3,300 by this means. The statistics given in the *Review* of October 19 show that we must raise \$2,200 for missions before the close of this year in order to come up to our share of the "ten-cent-a-week-plan" for missions. This would mean getting in \$1,100 from the Ingathering campaign. This would be an average of only \$1.50 per member. Many, I am sure, could do much better than that. Remember that there is no expense for us in this effort. All that is needed is a little of our time.

I trust that all will pray most earnestly that the blessing of God will rest upon our missionaries. Some of them have paid their lives as forfeits, or laid loved ones to rest in a strange land. But, thank God, our work will soon be finished, the last sad partings will be a thing of the past, and we shall be at home with our Lord. May God keep us all faithful till the end. Your brother in the work,  
B. F. KNEELAND.

#### Autumn

The beautiful Summer is cold and dead;

She has past away like the rest—

The other fair Summers long since fled

From the woods and the meadow crest.

The blossoms of Spring were white and sweet,  
But they paled and shrank from the touch of  
the heat;

The fields are shining, yellow and dun,

Where the Autumn gathered its tale of  
grain;

We thank thee, Lord, for the blessed sun,

We thank thee for the rain.

Our beautiful Summer is passed and fled,

We are older grown and gray;

The spring is gone from the youthful tread,

The laugh from the lips once gay;

The childish hope in the childish eyes

Is darkened by many a sad surprise.

But the promise stands sure as then it stood

We can smile in loss as we smiled in gain,

And we thank thee, Lord of the year, for the  
good;

And we bless thee for the pain.

—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Four adults recently united with the First African church of Philadelphia.

Quarterly services were held at the Scranton and Wilkes Barre churches Sabbath, October 21. Elder Heckman met with both churches. Several members of the Carbondale company were visitors at the Scranton church.

At the time of the recent quarterly meeting held at the Reading church one adult was baptized by the local Elder, Brother J. L. Rhodes.

The funeral of Sister Rosina Bouerlein, who recently died at her home in Fairhill, was held at the Fairhill church, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Sister Bouerlein was a faithful member of that church.

Sister B. F. Edwards of the Cherry Flats church is visiting her daughter, Sister C. S. Wiest, of North Philadelphia.

The pulpit of the First Philadelphia church was occupied by Elder S. D. Hartwell Sabbath morning, October 21.

The Reading church was visited by Evangelist C. S. Baum, Sabbath October 26. All present appreciated Brother Baum's presence.

We are receiving some very encouraging reports from the different churches relative to the Ingathering campaign. We have the assurance from many that they will take hold of this season's campaign as never before. We want to set our mark this year for \$2,000. Let all work to that end.

ERRATUM.—In the Eastern Pennsylvania canvassers' report published in the issue of October 11, Brother W. C. Hess is credited with \$7.55 worth of books delivered. The report should have read \$75.50.

"Most men are strong on starting but weak on finishing. They catch 'that tired feeling' right after they get under way, and drop out of the race. Fifty starts will not make one finish."

## CHESAPEAKE

Elder R. T. Baer, Elder R. H. Martin, and Brother W. L. Adkins spent some time recently with the churches at Rock Hall and Fords Store, in the interest of the church school and young people's work.

Elder Sandborn, president-elect of the New Jersey Conference, stopped at the office on his way to Washington recently. He is en route to his new field of labor.

A Sabbath-school was organized last week in Wilmington, Del., by Elder F. H. Seeney, who conducted a tent effort for the colored people in that place during the summer. He reports an attendance of eighteen, and thinks that if the weather had not been so unpleasant, there would have been twenty-five present, as there are fully that many interested.

Another Sabbath-school has been organized at Thurmont, Md. Brother Apsley, who is located there, says that there is an increasing interest at that place. We hope to see a church there in the near future.

Our Sabbath-school reports for the third quarter of this year have all been received. The offerings amount to \$301.33 for the quarter, all of which goes to missions. This is an increase of \$113.16 over the corresponding quarter of 1910. The Rock Hall school leads in the amount of offerings, having sent in \$56.09. Several months ago this school conceived the idea of raising a sufficient amount of funds to send a minister to Korea. After learning that the General Conference had decided to send Elder Baer to India, they felt they wanted to raise a large enough amount to send him and his family to that field. They are now working to that end. They hang a large map of the world before the school each week, and mark with little flags the distance the missionary may travel in one week on the donations of that day. They keep the offerings of the adults and those of the children separate; and it is interesting to note that the children are sending the missionary farther than are the adults.

Elder C. B. Haynes began a series of meetings in the new theater on Lexington Street near Park Avenue on Sunday, October 15. About five

hundred people attended this first meeting. We trust the people will pray for the success of these meetings, and that those people who would not attend meetings held in other places may learn the great truths for this time by attending the meetings at this place.

Brother F. E. Hankins, our field agent and missionary secretary is located in Baltimore, in order that he may better attend to the duties of his office. EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

## OHIO

### Your District and Your Director

It will be of interest, I believe, to the Ohio people to know the arrangements for the directors' work throughout the conference. The five directors chosen for this work are as follows: G. C. Quillin, J. J. Marietta, W. E. Bidwell, W. J. Venen, and James H. Smith.

It is the purpose of these men to visit, as far as possible, every church and all of the scattered brethren in each of their districts. They go forward to their work with an earnest desire to help and encourage our people to build up the work in the churches just as much as possible. They stand ready to help our church officers in any way that they can. It is their purpose to co-operate with the elder and his associates in endeavoring to raise the various funds, in caring for the spiritual interest of the church, and in advancing the missionary work.

We hope that our elders will be free and hearty in uniting with these brethren as they go among the churches. They will want to be informed regarding special openings for meetings, and to be made acquainted with such conditions as they should know, in the church and in the community, in order that they may plan to help and advise in the most effectual way.

That each one may know what district he is in, and who is his district director, I give a list of the counties comprising the various districts, as follows:—

Brother G. C. Quillin is director of Districts Two and Four, composed of the following counties:—

District Two: Coshocton, Delaware, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Marion, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, and Union.

District Four: Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Medina, Rich-

land, Sandusky, Seneca, Wayne, and Wyandot.

Elder J. J. Marietta is director of Districts Five and Six, composed of the following counties:—

District Five: Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, William, and Wood.

District Six: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Shelby, and Van Wert.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is director of District Eight, composed of the following counties: Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble, Tuscarawas, and Washington.

Elder W. J. Venen is director of District Three, composed of the following counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull.

Brother James H. Smith is director of Districts One and Seven, composed of the following counties:

District One: Athens, Clarke, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Meigs, Pickaway, Pike, Rose, Scioto, and Vinton.

District Seven: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren.

Much of the success of our work in the conference will depend upon how thoroughly these ministers will be permitted to carry out their work in their respective districts. When they come to you, dear brethren and sisters, receive them gladly. Have respect for the very important work placed upon them, co-operate with them heartily in the efforts that they make. If all will be faithful we shall be permitted to see a splendid work accomplished throughout the conference.

E. K. SLADE.

### An Educational Convention

The first educational convention of the season was held in the Camden church, Sabbath, October 14. The only laborers present were Elder E. K. Slade and the writer; so that the local church members entered very fully into the work of the convention.

Subjects vital to the success of our educational work and the salvation of our children were presented in a way that showed a careful preparation of the parts assigned; and the general discussions revealed a deep interest on the part of all in attendance.

At the close of the last day of the

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending, October 6, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	34	4	10 00	3 50	13 50	11 00	
S. N. Brown, Bristol		CK	69	72	108 50	7 25	115 75	73 75	
Mrs. S. N. Brown,		CK	16	21	32 00	2 25	34 25		
F. W. Hall, South Boston		CK	18	11	17 00	4 25	21 25	1 00	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	4	6	9 00	75	9 75	25	
W. B. Eekhout, Chase City		CK	42	5	9 00	1 75	10 75		
Totals			183	119	\$185 50	\$19 75	\$205 25	\$85 00	

New Jersey, Week Ending October 20, 1911

R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.		GC	2	17	6 14 00	3 20	17 20	70	
*G. W. Blinn Murar Co.		BR	4	33	7 22 00	3 00	25 00		
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester Co.		BR	1	6	3 8 75	55	9 30	1 35	
W. Plant, Salem Co.		CK	3	24	27 42 50		42 50		
C. J. Beach, Bergs Co.		PPF	2					20 00	
N. R. Pond, Burlington Co.			3					4 75	
A. S. Samuel, Essex Co.		GA	6		132 33 00			14 50	
*G. W. Blinn, Mercer		BR	5	38	15 49 00		49 00		
Totals			26	118	190 \$169 25	\$6 75	\$143 00	\$41 30	

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 20, 1911

B. Manuel, Harford Co., Md.		GC	5	38	18 60 00	33 00	93 00		
J. Jones, Queen Anne Co., Md.		GC	5	36	8 24 00	16 00	40 10		
Totals			10	74	26 \$84 00	\$49 10	\$133 10		

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 13, 1911

Wm. C. Hess, L. Chancford		DR	8	71	16 50 00	13 75	63 75	3 75	
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East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 21, 1911

S. F. Zenger, Green Frauden		CK	2	15	9 14 00		14 00		
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\*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$559.10 Deliveries, \$130.05

convention one of the young people was baptized in a branch of the Vermillion River.

Two home schools are conducted by this church, on account of the widely scattered membership; and although the brethren who are financially responsible for these schools are not rich in this worlds goods, yet each man is providing the board, room, and salary of a teacher year after year. And as we see the children growing up with no other thought than that of engaging in the service of God, we feel sure that these brethren are making a wise investment of their means.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Owing to the absence of Elder Slade, who will be in attendance at

council meetings outside the state, the Akron Sabbath-school convention has been postponed till December 1-3, and the Columbus educational convention till January 12-14.

We are sorry to learn that Elder Burkholder is still confined to his bed.

Elder W. C. Moffett, our educational superintendent, recently visited the church schools at Springfield, Dayton, and Columbus, spending Sabbath, October 21, with the Springfield church. He also visited the Social Purity Congress held at Columbus.

Elder J. W. Shultz is looking for a location at Toronto, in the eastern part of the state, where he will labor the coming winter.

The Pleasant Hill church held its Harvest Ingathering on Sunday, October 29. The Springfield and La Grange churches held their Ingathering services on Sabbath, October 28.

Sister G.F. Bertsch of Canton, O., is a patient at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium.

Elder Bidwell spent a few days at his home in Academia last week. He reports several persons keeping the Sabbath as the result of the tent effort at Thornville.

Elder F. E. Gibson, who left Ohio for the West Virginia field a few months ago, was elected educational secretary and field missionary secretary of the conference at its recent camp-meeting. Elder Gibson is also pastor of the Charleston church, which has recently erected a neat church building and opened a church school. We wish Brother Gibson success in his labors.

Miss Ella M. Talmage will engage in Bible work at Wooster, following up the interest created by the camp-meeting and subsequent tent effort.

Elders Bidwell and Moffett will hold a short series of meetings at Pleasant Hill. The importance of the young people's work will be emphasized in this effort.

Elder J. J. Marietta is using the hammer and saw for a few days on the extension to the conference building.

Ten thousand letter heads for the various departments of the conference were recently delivered to the office by the College Press.

Any in the conference who desire to take up the sale of home worker's books for a Christmas delivery, should at once begin to make arrangements for their work by corresponding with the Ohio Tract Society.

Thursday afternoon, October 26, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Hogue in Mount Vernon, O., when her father, Mr. Edmund B. Haughey, was united in marriage with Mrs. Martha M. Black.

O.F. BUTCHER.

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### Criticism

It has been well said that the reason there are so many critics is because so much business can be done on a small capital. Any brainless, irresponsible person can criticize. Lucifer introduced the idea into the universe by criticizing the Creator. Notwithstanding that he and all his sympathizers were cast out of heaven to save the universe, men refuse to be warned, and continue the evil practice.

The following anecdote and lesson from the *Christian Commonwealth* is to the point: "A dog, hitched to a lawnmower, stopped pulling to bark at a passer-by. The boy who was guiding the mower said: 'Don't mind the dog; he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine.' It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy reputation than to construct character. Fault-finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize, or censure, like the Pharisees; but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to outward circumstances and surroundings, as Jesus did."

G. B. THOMPSON.

"Ask God to give thee skill  
In comfort's art,  
That thou mayest consecrated be  
And set apart  
Unto a life of sympathy;  
For heavy is the weight of ill.  
In many a heart,  
And comforters are needed much  
Of Christlike touch."

### The Watchman

#### The Present Truth Evangelizer

The October *Watchman* struck a vital chord; for again we exhausted our edition. It is certainly phenomenal the way the Lord is blessing in the circulation of this magazine.

In the November issue we think we have surpassed all previous efforts. Our cover design is the finest design we have ever yet secured. It is a most striking picture of the hand of providence in the history of the United States.

We want every one to read our leading editorial, "Was Our Nation Established by Divine Providence?" Is it not strange that nearly 5500 years elapsed since the commencement of time before the western hemisphere was discovered, during which time powerful universal monarchies rose and fell? While the Old World was exhausted by almost ceaseless conflict God prepared virgin soil for the growth and development of heaven-born principles long trampled in the dust by the legions of Europe. From it the United States sprang forth, and took her place among the nations as an example of what God-given freedom and equality can accomplish when nourished in soil wet with the dew of Heaven's blessing.

Read how the United States, the most favored of governments, must have been established by providence for a definite purpose.

Another editorial, "The Hand of God in History," is an excellent review of evidences indicating divine direction in the affairs of men. Have the wheels of time, grinding out the centuries, turned in vain? When universal empire held sway, defended by Rome's imperial army, Christendom dreamed of nothing but despotism. How different to-day! World dominion, after a supreme struggle, has given way, and several kingdoms now occupy the throne of the Caesars', maintaining universal peace by their jealous fear of each other. Truly the hand of God is visible in history, and the handwriting on the wall is plainly legible when viewed from a Bible standpoint. This article is interesting and instructive because it views history and its Maker in the light of the prophetic word.

Those interested in the causes of the unrest prevailing to-day should read Clarence Santee's striking article entitled "Prophecy of the Last Days." Everyone knows that more wealth is being amassed to-day than in the palmiest days of Babylon's splendor. Labor conditions are strained and

perplexing. The unsettled world presents to-day a picture the counterpart of which cannot be found in all history. This article shows that remarkable prophecies are being fulfilled right before us, and that day labor troubles are one of the many signs that the end hastens on apace.

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Stanley.....	....
Dillwyn.....	9 20
Individuals.....	26 40

TOTAL... \$ 228 39

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

### OBITUARIES

**HOWELLS.**— William H. Howells was born near Cardiff, Wales, March 9, 1840, and died in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1911, aged 71 years, 6 months, and 8 days. He was united in marriage to Hannah Evans, in Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 5, 1870. Mr. Howells spent much time in study and research, and often took an active part in Sunday-school work. He secured our literature many years ago, and at times defended the truth, but never wholly accepted it. His wife, however, accepted the third angle's message about twenty-three years ago and is a member of the Ohio Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church of Columbus. Sister Howells, four sons, three brothers, and many friends are left to mourn. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, who based his remarks upon Ps. 37: 23, 24.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.