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

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UNION

Among the Conferences

I have been silent for a few weeks, always waiting for a more convenient time; but with the rest of you, I find that every day brings its duties with it; and my silence is only evidence that I have been busy.

The first week in January, with Elder Gibson, I took a very interesting trip through West Virginia and came up into Western Pennsylvania, where I met one Sabbath with the Washington, Pa., church, and then with Brother V. O. Punches went to Pittsburgh to spend a short time with the canvassers in that field.

Returning home for a few days, I next started for institute work in the Chesapeake, Eastern Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Conferences. Our institute work in the Chesapeake was with the churches. Accompanied by Brother Hankins, the field agent of that conference, I visited Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Smithsburg, and Hagerstown. I never saw more interest manifested by our churches than was seen in the ones just mentioned. They joined in heartily, and responded freely to the call "to arms." Hundreds of our good magazines, *Life and Health*, *Protestant*, and *Liberty* were taken by the faithful to use in missionary work with their neighbors. Quite a corps of book and magazine workers called for help in making a beginning in the canvassing work; and I left Brother Hankins with enough to keep him busy for a long time. Elder R. T. Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference, joined earnestly with us in Baltimore, and gave us a free hand, and wellwishes as we passed on.

From Chesapeake I went to Reading, where Elder Heckman had made arrangements for a splendid institute. Brother J. H. McEachern, the field agent of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, had also done much to help make this school a success. From eighteen to twenty students were in attendance, and we are sure from the interest manifested that

they returned to their fields determined to wage war against the enemy and search for the souls that are yet in the "gross darkness of this old world." Here also hundreds of our good magazines were sold to the church members, and an encouraging response was given to the call for missionary work. We must pronounce this institute a success. Elder Heckman was with us a great part of the time and contributed much to the interest and success of the meeting. Elders Bell, Weist, Harter, and Hartwell also contributed their part, Elder Harter of Philadelphia remaining all through the ten days' school.

On February 28 I went to Trenton to begin a ten days' institute, and here also we had another successful school. Elder Sandborn, president of the New Jersey Conference, was with us all the way through, and was prominent in the class instruction. Here we had from ten to eighteen present, but not all were able to remain during the entire ten days. Brother Grey, with Elder Sandborn, had worked to get in a good class of students; so that the time in Trenton was also profitably spent in the interest of the canvassing work. Brother Grey, as a result, will find plenty to keep him busy in the field for some time to come. Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau was with us for a few days, both at Reading and at Trenton, and his help was appreciated by all.

I am now in attendance at the Virginia institute, which begins Friday, March 15, and is expected to close on the 25th. A few days at home again, and I shall then attend the Pittsburgh meeting, after which I go to Mount Vernon for the College institute.

The Lord is surely blessing this branch of the work, and we look forward to seeing this year a record-breaker by thousands of dollars; but best of all is to know that many, many souls are being reached in this way that would never be reached by the living preacher. Now is the time to work; for the "great curtain is about to be lifted, and eternity stretches before us."

I. G. BIGELOW.

CHESAPEAKE

The Quarter-a-Quarter Fund

As the first quarter of this year nears its close, we are reminded that one fourth of the year is almost gone, whether or not we have lived up to the level of our opportunities. As the days come and go we should not forget the many important obligations which we are to meet this year, in order that the work of the Lord may prosper.

I desire to call your attention to a recommendation which was adopted by the delegates in conference assembled at Dover, Del., September last.

"Whereas, The Testimonies have said that in each conference a fund should be raised to loan worthy students who desire to give themselves to missionary work; and in some cases they should even receive donations; and—

"Whereas, The Columbia Union Conference has passed a resolution which has already been adopted by several conferences in the Union, asking each church to contribute quarterly the equivalent of twenty-five cents per member or \$1.00 a year for the aid of Mount Vernon College and the educational interests throughout the Union; therefore,—

"Resolved, That we heartily concur in this effort to advance the educational work of the Union, and that we pledge ourselves to raise each year the equivalent of \$1.00 per member."

We hope that all of our people will do their best to carry out this resolution. Remember to place your quarter in the regular tithe envelope and mark in the place opposite "Union Conference Educational Fund" the amount you have given; it should not be less than twenty-five cents, but it can be as much more as the individual may desire to give.

If all will be faithful in their duty towards this recommendation, it will not be necessary for us to visit the churches and put on campaigns to raise what they failed to raise the

previous year. Brethren, we ought to work together and see to it that this and every succeeding quarter finds us having given the required amount, and that this has been placed with the local church treasurer, who will promptly remit to the conference office. Let us all lift together this quarter, and be convinced that this work can be done promptly and systematically. ROSCOE T. BAER.

An Open Letter

To the friends of the Sabbath-schools in the Chesapeake Conference:—

If one department of our work could be considered more important than another, it seems to me the Sabbath-school work might be that branch. It reaches to all classes and all ages.

Just now there are some very important lines of work in this department which we should consider carefully. The first to which I wish to direct your minds is the thirteenth Sabbath offering. Because of the splendid work our Sabbath-schools are doing in giving to missions, the General Conference is willing that the contributions of one particular Sabbath in each quarter shall go to some specified field. Heretofore it has all gone into the general treasury and been sent on to fields where it was most needed. The last Sabbath of each quarter is the time set apart for the special offering, and the field chosen for March 30 is the cities of India. For a long time our workers in India have been desirous of having evangelistic work for the English speaking people. But city efforts are expensive, and funds were lacking. Just a short time ago two ministers sailed for India in order to do evangelistic work for the cities in that country. Now is our time to help. Some conferences have adopted the "dollar day" plan. That is, they are encouraging each member to give one dollar to this work on the last Sabbath of the quarter. Perhaps you will think that sounds big, and if we look at it from our viewpoint it looks big. But if we could be in India and see the need, I am sure we would not think it too much. The sooner the work is finished the sooner Jesus will come. Will not each one interested in this work help us on the 30th of March? This, of course, applies on our fifteen-cent-a-week fund.

I want also to call your attention to the Memory Verse Cards for the children. These are made of pretty

colored cardboard, and will be about three and one half inches square the coming quarter. They have a very pretty little nature scene, all different, I think; and the memory verse is printed in plain letters so that all the little ones who can read at all will have no trouble in reading them. They can be fastened together with ribbon or cord and made into a little book, and thus preserved indefinitely. They are only seven cents a set. Order from the Chesapeake Tract Society.

Then I want to call your attention to the importance of the lessons we are studying. Every point of doctrine will have been covered by the close of the next quarter, as our lessons are now topical studies on the message. They give us a splendid opportunity to become more firmly established in the truth. How careful we should be to take advantage of these opportunities and familiarize ourselves with the different points of truth. The Lord tells us that we should be able to give to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is within us. Every Seventh-day Adventist will be without excuse at the close of the next quarter if he is unable to give a reason for his hope. Dare you go on carelessly and neglect these studies longer?

If any have not ordered their quarterlies let them do so at once, that they may not miss a single lesson. If you are not a subscriber to one of the best helps we have, the *Sabbath School Worker*, send in your subscription at once. You will not regret it. EMMA S. NEWCOMER,
Chesapeake Conf. Sabbath-School Sec.

We are sorry to learn of the failing health of Elder John F. Jones. He has been compelled to go to the Sanitarium at Washington, D. C., for treatment. We hope he may recover rapidly, and be with the church at Fords Store, Md., again.

Brother and Sister Hugh L. Peden arrived last Sunday in Baltimore, where they expect to labor in the Bible work. We are glad to meet these laborers, and wish them manifold blessings in the Lord's work.

Elder and Mrs. C. B. Haynes and little Donald visited the Baltimore church last Sabbath. It was the occasion of Elder Haynes' farewell sermon. The church was well filled, and a splendid service was enjoyed. Elder Haynes and family left Balti-

more for their new field of labor at Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, March 17. We wish them Godspeed in their work in the South.

Elder R. T. Baer was called to Rock Hall, Md., last week to conduct the funeral of Sister Annie M. Reynolds. Sister Reynolds had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for over twenty years. She will be missed by all of the church people and her many friends.

The Baltimore church was favored with a special temperance program, which was successfully rendered last Sabbath. The church ordered 1000 copies of the temperance number of the *Instructor*.

Let every church member in the conference remember the Quarter-a-Quarter Fund. The quarter will soon close and none should fail to help our educational work by redeeming the pledges they have made.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Wilkinson spent a few hours at the College on his way to Los Angeles, where he is in attendance at a general meeting of the Pacific Union Conference and a session of the General Conference Committee.

Mrs. J. A. Eusey of Millersburg, O., visited her son at the College last week.

Mr. Ray Spencer has returned from a two weeks' visit at his home in Mansfield, Pa.

Miss Laura Brown enjoyed having with her last week her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Sheridan, of Cincinnati, O.

Mr. Charles Perrine left Mount Vernon last week to join his brother George in the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal., where he expects to learn printing.

Mr. Ray Corder visited his home in Coshocton over a recent Sabbath and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe, of Clyde, who have been visiting the home of their daughter, Mrs. James Shultz, during the winter, returned home recently, taking with them their grandson Harold.

Three students of the class in Danial and the Revelation, Mrs. A. E. King, Miss Florence Chrisman, and Mr. Howard Detwiler, occupied the time of the regular service on the Sabbath before last. Their subject, "The Seven Churches," was made interesting, instructive, and practical to all.

The special class in missions, which meets every Friday evening, has completed the study of Latin-America and begun the study of Asiatic fields, Arabia, Persia, and Thibet.

Mrs. C. F. Russell passed away last Thursday morning after an illness of three weeks. She will be missed by many members of the College community.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A Religious Liberty Convention at Washington

(Concluded)

At the afternoon meeting the chair announced that a portion of the time would be devoted to a study of the book, "American State Papers," and C. M. Snow gave an interesting review of the book, displaying at the outset three bindings, namely, limp, at \$2.50; sheep (intended for lawyers, etc.), \$2.00; cloth, \$1.25. "Suppose," he said, "this book were in the hands of every member of this denomination who can read and talk, what wonderful progress they could make in opposing religious legislation. They could sit down beside anyone and point out the result of making such laws. If you want the opinions of different men who have spoken in regard thereto, they are in this book. Here is the germ of the whole content of the book in what Judge Cooley says of it:—

"This is a country of religious liberty, not of religious toleration merely. Every person is allowed to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, under the obligations which rest upon all alike, that public order shall be respected, and the requirements of morality and decency observed. Whenever the law, either in terms or by the method employed in its enforcement, goes beyond this, and undertakes to compel observances that are only required by particular creeds, no matter how numerous may be those who consider them of divine obligation, it becomes tyrannical and destructive of a fundamental principle of American liberty.

It is also tyrannical when it punishes as a public offense the management of a citizen's private affairs in such a manner as his own conscience approves, taking care in doing so neither to wrong nor to disturb those of his fellow-citizens who differ with him in their views. If in their opinion the course he pursues must be displeasing to the Ruler of the world, the question involved belongs not to human tribunals, and it is the purpose of our constitutional system that human laws administered by imperfect human instruments shall not assume to deal with it. This is a commonplace in the United States of America, but it cannot be too often repeated or too distinctly borne in mind."

After carefully outlining the book and showing how it can be used by all in becoming informed on this very important subject of religious liberty, Brother Snow said:—

"It seems to me that every one of you would feel unprepared to go out into the world without this book. I expect to carry it with me, and I intend to make it a text-book to study. Our people should have this book so that they can present this phase of the third angel's message to thousands with whom they associate."

Additional remarks were made concerning the value of "American State Papers" as a compendium of principles which are of great value to the law-maker and public official, as well as the student.

The chair called for the report of the committee on recommendations. H. A. Weaver, secretary of the committee, read the following report, which, after appropriate remarks of approval, was unanimously adopted:—

Recognizing the fact that greater activities are required if we would properly discharge our obligation to the District of Columbia in the preparation of the principles of the gospel of religious liberty and temperance reform to officials and the public in general,—

We recommend: 1. That the District Conference be asked to plan for the conducting of a religious liberty office in the city of Washington, and that the counsel of the General Conference be sought in this behalf.

2. That the local churches be asked to have an active interest in the distribution of *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* and literature dealing with the principles of religious liberty, temperance, and other gospel subjects; and that the co-operation of the Foreign Mission Seminary be enlisted in this behalf.

3. That an active campaign be in-

augurated at once for the sale and distribution of "American State Papers" among the professional and business men of the District.

4. That the conference committee plan for mass meetings to be held in different parts of the District, protesting against pending religious legislation in Congress.

5. That religious liberty meetings be conducted in the District churches at an early date, to be followed by a three evening institute, January 28, 29, 30.

6. That a house to house canvass for signatures to petitions opposing pending Sunday bills be inaugurated at once.

Whereas, We have been admonished that in our work more attention should be given to the temperance reform; therefore,—

Resolved, That we commend the action of Representative Hobson, of Alabama, in presenting the joint resolution proposing the prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and that we appeal for its enactment.

Resolved, That we encourage the conducting of temperance rallies in the District, by means of which we may be enabled to show our willingness to co-operate with every proper effort toward temperance reform.

S. B. HORTON,

Religious Liberty Secretary.

VIRGINIA

A Report of Labor

Since the first of January I have been engaged in various lines of work. During this time we have experienced, in the Valley, the severest winter weather, holding on longer, than we have had for many years. This of course hindered accomplishing as much as we otherwise might have done.

In January I held the regular quarterly meetings with the New Market and Stanley churches, endeavoring to work up the attendance to the institute at Richmond, getting subscriptions for our periodicals, and doing other church work.

The last part of January and the first part of February I was with Elder Wilkinson visiting some of the churches in the conference in the interest of the Union Educational Fund. I enjoyed the visit; but the bad weather gave me a cold from which I have not yet fully recovered.

During this time, as opportunity offered, I visited some isolated families in this and adjoining counties, getting their subscriptions for our papers,

and encouraging them in the work of the Lord as best I could.

On account of the fire at the Academy, and the closing of the school in the higher grades, I have been obliged to give considerable attention, at different times during the past two months and a half, to matters there, such as starting the church school, which is being taught by Sister Rambo; looking after the repairing of the building damaged by fire, collecting and settling accounts, getting timber sawed, and a number of other things not necessary to mention.

We are glad to note through the columns of the *Messenger* the interest in the institutes, and in the public services now being held in the city of Richmond, and we pray that there may be accomplished in this center a great work that will spread into all the conference.

There is nothing that keeps us so well posted on the onward march of the third angel's message in the world to-day as the reading of the good old *Review*, the *Signs*, and the periodicals dealing with health and temperance, religious liberty, and other phases of the message; and our local paper, which brings to us reports of the work accomplished in our own home field. Thus, as we see that the work is but a battle and a march, we are encouraged to "arm ourselves with the same mind," that the victory may be sure; for has he not said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne"?

I purpose to hold during the last two weeks in March a series of meetings with the Mount Williams church, closing with the quarterly meeting at that place the last Sabbath and Sunday in the month. R. D. HOTTEL.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Canvassers' Testimony Corner

G. C. Folger: I am indeed thankful that the Lord has permitted me to labor another week in his vineyard. I am but a poor, humble creature; but God has used me to carry the truth to many of his dear children. I pray that the seed may be watered and bring forth fruit. I am of the best of courage, and would not leave this blessed work even if the world should offer me a \$100 a month salary. Pray for me.

M. J. Bartington: It is home duties that keep me out of the field. That is the reason my report is small

this week. I am thankful, however, for the success and blessed experiences I had the little time I could devote to the work.

W. P. Hess: My courage is good and I am pressing forward to still greater victories the coming week.

Bertha Williams: I am indeed glad I attended the institute. It has enabled me to work more successfully for Jesus. This missionary work is a real pleasure. Although I have all the work and care of the home resting upon me, yet I intend to do considerable canvassing.

Lucy E. Dicks: My report this week is small. The agitation caused by the expected strike in the coal regions makes it very hard to take orders here. O that God would hold the winds just a little longer! I meet many who seem to be longing for the truth. The work may go better after the first of April; but even if my report of sales were only half what it is, I should still be glad for the part I have had in the work. God gave me rich experiences, and I had many opportunities to point souls to Jesus.

Space does not permit giving the good testimonies of all the canvassers; besides, all the reports are not in at this writing. I praise God, dear brethren and sisters, that he is answering your prayers in behalf of the work. Faithfulness seems to characterize the canvassers in East Pennsylvania. Each intends as soon as possible to report forty hours each week. That spells success for each worker who will accompany faithful time with earnest prayer!

Brother H. H. Gerhart worked all day Tuesday in the rain; but God made it the best day of the week, giving him over \$20.00 worth of orders. Brother J. T. McAllister took \$25.00 worth the same day.

Brethren Hess and Barto have begun work in Perry County. Pray especially for these two workers, that they may have success in their new field.

Brother W. H. Lindsay, elder of the Hawley church, is leaving a good position in the glass works to enter the canvassing work. He has written for territory and expects to begin soon. J. H. McEACHERN.

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In a communication from Miss J. M. Weiss, our Bible worker in Wilkes Barre, she states the following: "I have been working with "Ministry of Healing" this week, with very good results; sold a book or received a donation from everyone I went to. I

received \$3.00 for one book, \$2.00 each for several others, \$1.50 for another, besides \$5.50 in donations." Miss Weiss also reports twelve new subscriptions to the *Review and Herald*.

We are receiving some very good reports from our canvassers in the field. For twenty-four hours' work Brother Willruth reports \$30.25 worth of orders; Brother J. T. McAllister, \$39.45 worth of orders in 34 hours; Brother G. Folger \$24.65 worth in 29 hours; Brother H. H. Gerhart \$27.00 worth of orders in 30 hours. Owing to the heavy rains last week, the canvassers were not able to put in as many hours as they otherwise would have put in. Let us pray for all of our canvassers, that God may give them success.

Last Sunday evening the Reading church was visited by Elder C. S. Wiest, who took as his subject, "The greatest religious awakening of the twentieth century, or, Do all church roads lead to heaven?" Brother F. A. Harter occupied the pulpit of the North Philadelphia church Sunday evening.

There was a large attendance last Sunday evening at the West Philadelphia church. Four adults and one youth were baptized by the pastor, Elder R. E. Harter.

Elder W. H. Heckman attended the Williamsport church for its quarterly service last Sabbath. He reports a most excellent meeting, one of the sisters saying it was the best she had ever attended in all her Christian experience.

Sister Bertha Stokka, our Scandinavian Bible worker in Philadelphia, reports that a young man and his wife have begun to keep the Sabbath and are attending regularly the services conducted by the pastor of that company, Brother Louis Halsvick.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger and family are visiting Sister Hirlinger's parents at Rome, Pa., for a few days this week.

Brother J. H. McEachern, our field missionary secretary, has been visiting Brethren Folger, Gerhart, and Unger, assisting them in their canvassing work. He expects to visit all our canvassers in the near future.

NEW JERSEY

What Are You Doing?

In "Testimonies for the Church" we read the following: "The very simplest modes of work should be devised, and set in operation among the churches."

Many of our church members, especially the sisters, cannot get out to do missionary work, and we have wondered what *simple* mode of work we could establish in which they as well as others could have a part. We believe we have devised not only a simple, but perhaps the simplest mode of work. But please do not consider it so simple that you do not care to read the plan. Here it is:—

We have prepared a neat little tract rack that will cost but five cents; and in this rack we do not intend you shall place a great assortment of tracts—it is not large enough. Our idea is that one good tract shall be selected and a dozen or so of this particular tract placed in the rack. Then read the tract and become familiar with it. Hang this rack on the door frame, inside the door to which your callers usually come; place these tracts in the rack, and you are ready for action.

By observation we have come to the conclusion that one tract is really better than a great assortment, for when many tracts are used the giver is not usually familiar with all, and is often backward to give them out, lest some question should be asked which he or she might not be prepared to answer. But if only one tract is used, and the giver is perfectly familiar with it, questions will be kindly invited. Isn't that so? Of course, after you have used one for a time, then you can take up another and become familiar with it.

And another thing. To the front of each rack will be attached a dozen missionary report blanks—always at hand, so that as soon as you give away a publication, you can jot it down, and when Sabbath comes you will have a report ready for your missionary secretary. Your secretary will have a report at the end of the quarter for the state tract society, the state society will have a report for the General Conference, and the General Conference can make an accurate report to the government—all of which is required.

We want to see one of these racks in every Seventh-day Adventist home in New Jersey. There is no one that

cannot afford it; and in the aggregate a great amount of good will be done. Hand your order to your church missionary secretary, or send five cents directly to the New Jersey Tract Society, 1109 Division St., Trenton, N. J.

The Institute

The Canvassers' Institute at Trenton has been a season filled with rich blessings from the throne of grace. The average attendance of canvassers was about eleven. Most of these plan to enter the canvassing work at once. The greater number went immediately to their field at the close of the institute.

The opening address at the Canvassers' Institute was delivered by the president of the conference, Elder A. R. Sandborn, his subject being, "The importance of the book and magazine work to the third angel's message." He took for his text Eccl. 9:10; "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," or as the original has it, "do it with a firm purpose to produce." Elder Sandborn emphasized the thought that we should all be producers. Among other good things, he said, "The book and magazine work is the means in the hands of God of doing a work that cannot be done in any other way." These timely remarks were appreciated by all. At the close of the meeting several expressed a desire to enter more fully into the work of the Lord.

On Sunday evening, March 3, we listened to a stirring address by Elder A. J. S. Bourdeau. His subject was, "Will Rome Rule Again?" At the close of the meeting about five hundred copies of our ten-cent magazines treating upon the subject of religious liberty and true Protestantism were sold to those in attendance.

These meetings were very beneficial to the members of the Trenton church, reviving the missionary spirit among them; and we feel sure that much good work will be done as the result.

The instruction and admonition given by Elder I. G. Bigelow, our Columbia Union Conference missionary and field secretary, was of great value to all who attended the institute.

On Wednesday evening, March 6, Elder Bigelow spoke on the subject of "Health"; and at the close of this service about three hundred health magazines were sold.

We were also favored from time to time by the presence of Elder Sandborn, and all appreciated the helpful

instruction he gave. Some of the thoughts brought out, setting forth the character of our work, were as follows:—

"We have a divine system unmixed with worldly systems."

The third angel's message has—

- (a) A spirit of its own.
- (b) An organization of its own.
- (c) A system of its own.
- (d) A language of its own.

The topic was developed under these four heads.

A SPIRIT OF ITS OWN

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| Spirit of the world | Spirit of God |
| To get. | To give. |
| Work for self. | Work for others. |
| Temporal gain. | Eternal gain. |
| Commercial. | Missionary. |
| Carnal mind. | Mind of Christ. |

AN ORGANIZATION OF ITS OWN

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| Organization of the world | Gospel organization |
| To earn money. | To carry the gospel. |
| To supply demands for temporal needs, pleasures and lusts. | To create a demand for an unpopular gospel. |
| To win temporal power, honor, and riches. | To win souls for the kingdom. |

A SYSTEM OF ITS OWN

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| Commercial systems | Spiritual principles |
| Instruction books on salesmanship. | The Bible. |
| The Sheldon system. | The Testimonies, instruction leaflets, and institutes. |
| The installment plan. | Colporters. |
| Periodical news stands. | Periodical agents. |
| Commercial smartness. | Heart to heart experiences. |
| Commercial work for gain. | Spiritual work for souls. |
| Display advertisements. | "Advertisements with boots on." |

A LANGUAGE OF ITS OWN

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| The language of the world | The language of the Spirit |
| The world has its phrases. | The message has its phrases. |
| The children of the world speak of the things of the world. | "They shall speak of the glorious majesty of thy kingdom, and shall talk of thy power." |
| The language of the sporting editor of the comic supplement. | Dignified, clear, and pure. |
| Comic stories. | Forceful illustrations. |

We hope and trust that such instruction will not only increase our force of workers, but will give strength and character to the work, so that those engaged in it may rightly represent the truth and bring glory to God.

C. E. GREY,
Field Missionary Agent and Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elders Robbins and Gibson still report success in their meetings at Grafton. They have a good number of the best citizens out to each meeting, and anticipate a larger number with the coming of better weather.

Elder Gibson reports good results from his efforts in Charleston. In a short time he expects to have a substantial addition to the church membership.

Brother Thirwell's removal to Parkersburg was the signal for renewed efforts along all lines, in advancing the cause of God in that city. The Parkersburg church has organized a missionary society which meets each week. The time of the meetings is taken up mainly by the giving of reports. A report is expected of and given by each member, of what that member has accomplished during the past week. This makes a very interesting meeting. The principle work of the society is the distribution of literature and the giving of Bible readings.

Brother Orlo Butler, one of our canvassers, who was reported sick a few days ago, is now far on the road to recovery. We hope to soon welcome him back in the field, as his help is needed much in this line of work.

A report just received from one of our most faithful canvassers reads: "I have been working steadily, and have not lost a day thus far this year. I have had fair success considering this time of year." We add that this canvasser has had most excellent success, taking into consideration the very inclement weather which has made the roads almost impassable. We know that he has had a constant companionship with the Lord, who has blessed him wonderfully and who will continue to bless him in the future. When our workers are so earnest that they can exclaim with Paul, "For I am persuaded, that

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Week Ending March 8, 1912

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
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| S. N. Brown, Appalachia | | BR | 21 | 27 | 27 | 90 00 | 4 00 | 94 00 | 1 25 |
| F. W. Hall, Appalachia | | CK | 4 | 7 | 7 | 10 50 | 1 25 | 11 75 | |
| Mrs. F. W. Hall, " | | CK | 22 | 17 | 17 | 25 50 | 3 75 | 29 25 | 1 25 |
| C. Overstreet, Bay View | | BR | 16 | | | 22 00 | 7 25 | 29 25 | 1 50 |
| L. Overstreet, " | | PPF | 10 | 10 | 10 | 19 00 | 3 00 | 22 00 | |
| P. Hottel, " | | PPF | 11 | | | 22 00 | 7 00 | 29 00 | 1 00 |
| B. Hamm, Leavells | | GC | 23 | | | | 3 50 | 3 50 | 1 50 |
| W. Eekhout, Portsmouth | | PPF | 23 | | | 8 50 | | 8 00 | |
| U. Pickard, Charlottesville | | PPF | 16 | | | 45 50 | | 45 50 | |
| J. Jenkins, Rileyville | | PPF | 20 | | | 29 00 | | 29 00 | 2 00 |
| Totals | | | | 166 | 61 | \$271 50 | \$29 75 | \$301 25 | \$9 00 |

New Jersey, Week Ending March 8, 1912

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| *J. Rambo, Millville | | CK | 4 | 23 | 15 | 22 50 | 5 75 | 28 25 | 14 75 |
| G. W. Blinn, | | BR | 3 | 21 | 18 | 58 50 | | 58 50 | |
| *J. Rambo, Millville | | CK | 5 | 23 | 16 | 24 00 | 5 75 | 29 75 | 7 25 |
| B. Hartman, Jersey City | | GA | 1 | 5 | 10 | 3 35 | | 3 35 | 2 00 |
| *R. D. Stagg, Ogdensburg | | PPF | 4 | 27 | 15 | 24 50 | 2 00 | 26 50 | 1 00 |
| N. R. Pond, Mt. Holly | | CK | 4 | 22 | 5 | 8 00 | | 8 00 | 5 90 |
| *R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co. | | PPF | 2 | | | | | | 70 00 |
| J. Glunt, Trenton | | DR | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 00 | | 3 00 | |
| W. Schmidt, Elizabeth | | GC | 5 | | 2 | 4 00 | | 4 00 | 12 25 |
| Totals | | | 29 | 123 | 82 | \$147 85 | \$13 50 | \$161 35 | \$113 15 |

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 9, 1912

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| F. Willruth, Scranton | | CK | 5 | 22 | 11 | 18 50 | 11 90 | 30 40 | 29 30 |
| Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz | | PG | 3 | 12 | 1 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 9 00 | 50 |
| E. Kesselmeier, Gowen City | | DR | | 29 | | | | | 171 60 |
| G. Folger, Bristol | | CK | | 24 | 12 | 20 00 | 6 75 | 26 75 | |
| Totals | | | 8 | 87 | 24 | \$43 50 | \$22 65 | \$66 15 | \$201 40 |

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 16, 1912

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| Wm. P. Hess, New Bloomfield | | GC | 3 | 27 | 2 | 7 00 | 4 25 | 11 25 | |
| E. Kesselmeier, Chester Co. | | DR | 1 | 7 | 2 | 7 00 | 50 | 7 50 | |
| J. T. McAllister, Chester Co. | | DR | 4 | 34 | 10 | 35 00 | 4 45 | 39 45 | 3 45 |
| F. Willruth, Scranton | | CK | 5 | 24 | 12 | 19 00 | 11 25 | 30 25 | 9 60 |
| G. Folger, Bristol | | CK | 4 | 29 | 13 | 20 50 | 4 15 | 24 65 | |
| H. Gerhart, Bristol | | CK | 4 | 30 | 12 | 12 00 | 2 00 | 14 00 | |
| H. Gerhart, Bristol | | GC | | | | 17 00 | | 17 00 | |
| Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz | | PG | 3 | 19 | 1 | 5 00 | 2 20 | 7 20 | 20 |
| Jesse Smith, Scranton | | HM | 5 | 21 | 2 | 4 00 | 7 40 | 11 40 | 1 40 |
| Lucy Dicks, Hazelton | | GC | 5 | 25 | 2 | 7 00 | 5 25 | 12 25 | |
| Martha Part'gton, Edw'sville | | GC | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 00 | 3 80 | 6 80 | |
| Matilda Wurga, Philadelphia | | GC | | | | | 1 10 | 1 10 | 1 10 |
| Totals | | | 37 | 223 | 57 | \$136 50 | \$46 35 | \$182 85 | \$15 75 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 15, 1912

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| J. Jones, Trappe, Md. | | GC | 4 | 27 | 7 | 21 00 | 5 70 | 26 70 | 60 |
| G. Carroll, Union Bridge, Md. | | DR | 4 | 28 | 9 | 25 00 | 90 | 25 90 | 90 |
| W. McFerson, " | | DR | 4 | 27 | 8 | 18 00 | 2 80 | 20 80 | 1 00 |
| H. Richards, Hampstead, Md. | | CK | 3 | 19 | 8 | 12 00 | 1 40 | 13 40 | |
| R. Murphy, Lonaconing, Md. | | PPF | 4 | 22 | 14 | 22 00 | 2 00 | 24 00 | |
| J. Dillman, Wilmington, Del. | | PPF | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 50 | 1 75 | 6 25 | |
| L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co. | | BF | 2 | 14 | 6 | 6 50 | 2 00 | 8 50 | 3 50 |
| J. Sheirich, Hampstead, Md. | | BF | 2 | 13 | 4 | 4 00 | | 4 00 | |
| Anna Seeny, Wilmington, Del. | | BF | 5 | 35 | | | | | 48 75 |
| D. Percy, Marydel, Md. | | BF | 3 | 16 | 16 | 17 00 | | 17 00 | |
| Totals | | | 33 | 202 | 75 | \$130 00 | \$16 55 | \$146 55 | \$54 75 |

West Virginia, Week Ending March 15, 1912

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| T. M. Butler, Marion Co. | BF | 4 | 40 | 37 | 55 | 50 | 3 | 00 | 58 | 50 | 3 | 50 |
| J. Marshall, Morgan Co. | GC | 3 | 26 | 14 | 33 | 00 | 11 | 50 | 44 | 50 | | |
| W. McElphatr'k, Nicholas Co. | DR | 6 | 44 | 22 | 54 | 00 | 23 | 25 | 77 | 25 | 15 | 15 |
| Totals | | 13 | 110 | 73 | \$142 | 50 | \$37 | 75 | \$180 | 25 | \$18 | 65 |

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1038. 40

Deliveries, \$412.70.

Magazine Reports

Chesapeake: Ordered to March 15, 1912

| | Temp. Inst. | L. & H. | Liberty | Signs |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|
| H. Richards, Hampstead, Md. | | 14 | | |
| W. McFerson, Union Bridge, Md. | | 10 | | |
| G. Carroll, Union Bridge, Md. | | 9 | | |
| Alma Hohensee, Rossville, Md. | | 450 | 50 | 100 |
| Baltimore Church | 1000 | | | |
| E. Durham, Cheswold, Del. | | 50 | | |
| F. Golt, Wilmington, Del. | 100 | | | |
| J. Dillman, Wilmington, Del. | 50 | | | |
| Mrs. R. Martin, Wilmington, Del. | 50 | | | |
| Totals | 1200 | 533 | 50 | 100 |

New Jersey, March 15, 1912

Periodicals sold \$183 70

neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," they are in a position to receive, and we are assured that they will receive, a most wonderful blessing.

We should be pleased if our brethren, in ordering tracts, would give the series and number, as this would help us materially in filling the orders.

Let all the churches in West Virginia be prompt in sending in their tithe and offerings, that we may record them in our books the same month in which they are given.

The Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies are now ready for mailing. It would be advisable for all orders to be made in time to receive the quarterlies before the beginning of the quarter, that not one lesson be missed.

Last week we were pleased to have the following visitors at the office: E. R. Brown, the Columbia Union Auditor; H. W. Waggoner, of Fairmont; S. F. Ross, one of the members of the conference committee; and Brother and Sister J. W. Brando, of Morgantown.

West Virginia seems to be alive with spiritual and temperance movements just now. Some of the most noted evangelists of the world are holding meetings within the borders of this state. "Billy Sunday" is holding in Wheeling a series of meetings which is attended daily by thousands of people from almost every part of the state. Mr. Booth held in Parkersburg a series of meetings which attracted the attention of the whole city. Many other evangelists are holding meetings in different parts of the state. Why not seize this opportunity while the people are interested, while their minds are aflame with spiritual matters, to call their attention to the last message of warning to be given to this world? There could be no better time; and there could be no better way to get the people interested in this, then to present one of our temperance *Instructors*, which sell at sight "wherever shown."

Last week a brother sent in an order which reads as follows: "Please send me 100 temperance *Instructors*. Tell them to hurry up the order, *Hastily*." A few days later we received an order from Charleston calling for 360. Let the office be favored with a few more orders like these and we will soon reach, and surpass the goal set—8,000 copies for West Virginia in 1912.

BURGESS ROSS.

OHIO

A Convention for Canvassers and Magazine Workers

At the College at Mount Vernon, April 23 to May 6, will be held a convention for canvassers and magazine workers. This will be an occasion of great importance to our work in the state, and especially to all workers in the missionary department. The sale and distribution of our splendid books and periodicals calls for a more general and hearty effort, and for capable, consecrated, and well trained men and women. One working with our books or magazines is engaged in a ministry of the highest order, a ministry that is self-supporting, and successful in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth. There are many in our churches who could and should become strong workers in this line. We invite to this institute those who desire to prepare for the work with a purpose to devote their whole time to it in a way that will insure success. Free lodging will be provided for those who are admitted to the classes, and other aid and encouragement will be given to canvassers who enter the work.

There will be good help to carry on the institute work from the beginning and throughout. It is only a month now until the institute opens, and we hope that during this month there may be awakened in all our churches a deep and stirring interest in this branch of the work, and that many may be moved to choose to enter the Lord's work in this line. We invite the co-operation of our elders in enlisting the interest of proper persons. Brethren J. I. Cassell, Raleigh French, and H. F. Kirk each and all stand ready to aid any of the workers in their departments, and they will be glad to hear from you at any time. E. K. SLADE.

Zanesville

The church at Zanesville has never enjoyed its privileges and opportunities as now. Some who have been in the background for some time are showing marked spiritual growth by paying their old accounts with the Lord and taking an active part in the general missionary work of the church. The interest in the latter was demonstrated last Sabbath (March 9), when Brother Raleigh French, our field missionary secretary,

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being present, subscriptions for eighty-one copies of *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* were taken. Some of our faithful sisters, in order to have a part in carrying forward this important branch of the work, pledged as much as three dollars, though the only way they have of raising the money is to take in a few extra washings. Like Mary of old, who poured the ointment from the alabaster box upon the Saviour's feet, these sisters thought the sacrifice not too great, if only they might do something for the Master.

The outside interest still continues to grow encouragingly. While some took their stand for the truth but after a time yielded to discouragement, their places are being filled by others, some of whom are being prepared for baptism. In many cases we have had opposition from the popular ministry through the circulation of Canright's literature. While the work goes hard and "we are troubled one very side", yet we are "not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair."

FLORENCE P. HENDERSON.

Canton

Sunday evening, March 10, marked the close of a four weeks' effort in a commodious and centrally located hall in Canton. The meetings were conducted by Dr. B. J. Ferciot and the writer, the members of the church assisting by their presence as well as by their prayers.

While the attendance was not all that could be desired, due no doubt to the reaction from Evangelist W. A. Sunday's meetings, which had just closed, yet we all felt the nearness of God's Holy Spirit. Four individuals

gave their hearts to God; accepted this message, and are now rejoicing in it. One gentleman had been raised a Catholic; another, not satisfied with anything he had yet found, had turned to theosophy, Buddhism, and the eastern cults now permeating this country, in all of which he found much that was intellectual, but no Christ; now he is rejoicing in a truth that not only feeds the intellect, but has in it the blessed Christ, who can fill that aching void which is to be found in many lives to-day. The other two are husband and wife.

During the Evangelist Sunday's meetings, excitement ran high, and thousands "hit the sawdust trail,"—the expression used when anyone goes forward; also thousands have joined some church. One church added nearly eight hundred to its membership. I have never seen a more marked fulfilment of Micah 4:1-2, referring to the popularity of the church in the last days, "And people shall flow into it." It is also a marked fulfilment of the language found in "Great Controversy," in the chapter on "Modern Revivals," especially pages 463 and 464. Surely the evidences of the approaching end are fast crowding in upon us.

W. J. VENEN.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Remember the date of the conference session and church officers' convention at Pittsburgh—April 7 to 10. Following this is the session of the Columbia Union Conference, April 11 to 21. Every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference who can do so should attend this series of meetings. Furnished rooms for the entire two weeks of the meetings, April 7 to 21, will cost only \$2.50 for each individual. A limited number who bring their own bedding can be accommodated at less expense. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan.

All should remember that the local and union conference meetings to be held in Pittsburgh, April 7 to 21, will be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library, Hamilton and Lang Avenues. This is necessary, to avoid confusion, as there are several Carnegie Libraries in the city of Pittsburgh. The one which we have secured for these meetings is in the East End, near the Homewood Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

We trust that all our churches will send a full representation of delegates to the conference and church officers' meeting, April 7 to 10.

Elder F. C. Gilbert spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Pittsburgh East End and North Side churches. His visit was greatly enjoyed.

The members of the conference committee were together at the office this week considering some important business matters.

Wanted

Mount Vernon College wants to buy a good two-horse team; should weigh about twelve or thirteen hundred pounds each and be not more than six or seven years of age. Any one having such a team for sale, please correspond with S. M. Butler, Mount Vernon, Ohio, care of College.

The College Press is ready to do your printing.

OBITUARIES

MEDHOLDT.—Sister Ida Medholdt died of tuberculosis March 12, 1912, at the home of her mother, 1106 Elm St., Wilmington, Delaware, the house in which she was born on June 25, 1883. Sister Medholdt accepted the third angel's message about four years ago, and was baptized by Elder C. B. Haynes. She was "faithful unto death" and is a candidate for the "crown of life." There are left to mourn their loss a loving mother, who cared for her tenderly in her hours of suffering, and a faithful sister and brother. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large circle of relatives and friends, from I Thess. 4:18 and other scriptures. We then laid our sister away in Mount Salem cemetery, to await "the voice of the Archangel." R. H. MARTIN.

DEUSCHLE.—William M. Deuschle was born Sept. 11, 1881, in Chillicothe, O., and died at his home in Columbus March 13, 1912, aged 30 years, 6 months, and 2 days. Being of a religious nature he took great pleasure in attending church service, and was always ready to assist and encourage others. He was a member of the Columbus Seventh-day Adventist church, and was the secretary of the young people's society at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed in the church, as well as in the home, where he assisted and cheered his afflicted mother. Tuberculosis was the cause of his death. While out for a walk he was suddenly seized with violent hemorrhage, and fell exhausted to the sidewalk only a few feet from home. He was quickly carried into the house, but expired within a few moments. His sudden death came as a shock, but we believe he was prepared for the inevitable. His father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, and a large circle of friends are left to mourn, but we trust that he has built upon the firm Foundation, and that he will come forth triumphant in the resurrection of the just, to enjoy the infinite blessings of eternity. The funeral service was held at his late home, and burial in Chillicothe. Text: I Thess. 4:16, 17.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.