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A REPORT OF PROGRESS.

Our Academy a College.

IN our article of two weeks ago, it was suggested that living, growing things continually change, take on new functions, appearances, etc., and that an institution having the elements of life within, will manifest similar characteristics.

The fact that the Mount Vernon Academy has been doing a good grade of college work for some time in the past, and also that there has been a steadily increasing demand for advanced work, has led both its Board and Faculty to consider the advisability of reincorporating the institution as a college with its courses strengthened to a thorough collegiate standard. The time seems to have fully come for this another step in our school's progress. Thus at a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees called for this special purpose, it was unanimously voted to reincorporate under the name of Mount Vernon College, and the Faculty were instructed to remodel the courses of study accordingly. This was easily and quickly accomplished. In order to advance the grade of work in the courses of study, the first year of the preparatory work of former years has been omitted and a year of advanced work has been added to the regular collegiate courses, retaining the same number of years' work, but beginning a year in advance of the former plan. Normal, Business, Nurses, Biblical, Academic, Scientific and Classical Courses are provided, and will be fully explained and outlined in the forth-coming calendar.

The Articles of Incorporation have been prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of State, where they were found proper and correct, and are now on file as a witness to the further development of our beloved institution,

and as our authority for exercise of the usual functions of such an institution.

While the legal name of the institution is now Mount Vernon College, it is the purpose of the management to continue its business for the present fiscal year ending June 30, under the name of Mount Vernon Academy, in order to avoid confusion. After that time the term "Academy," so dear to all, will have served its purpose, and the expression, "Our College," will easily and naturally take its place.

While the year just closing has been one of progress and much satisfaction in many ways, we look forward to still better experiences and better re-

missionaries whose first ambition shall be to win souls for God and the truth, and to "finish his work" in the earth.

But to be most successful as a missionary, one needs to be able to adapt himself to any or all the conditions of those for whom he works. In order to enter into their sympathies, and to come in touch with their needs, he must be able to share their joys, sorrows, aspirations, and their toil. To do this most effectually, he needs to be equipped both with a trained mind and with ability TO DO in many lines, for he will have to deal with many people of varied character and environment.

A good working knowledge of at least one trade or profession is of prime importance; then, every other one added to his equipment, increases his ability to attract and to hold just that many more.

It is true that we live in an age of specialists, and there is much force in the assertion that "the man who succeeds must be a specialist." It may seem that what has been written above is not in harmony with this idea. But really, it is this very thing this article is intended to impress. The man who becomes a specialist in any line, gives

his whole thought and energy to his one purpose. So it is with the missionary. He will bring to his aid every possible equipment that will help him to succeed in winning souls for the Lord.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE.

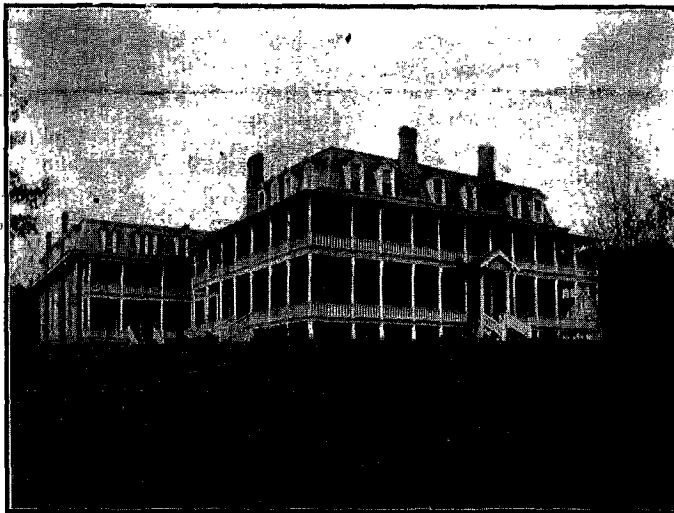
sults in the years to come. We are confident in the guiding hand of God in our work, and our preparations for the coming year have demonstrated already that we are working in harmony with his will.

The Aim.

The Board and Faculty keep constantly in mind the one purpose of all our denominational work — "This Gospel of the Kingdom to all the World in this Generation." Whatsoever will not serve to accomplish this end is not desired in the work of our College; but whatsoever may be obtained that will further this purpose, we shall bring into its work at the earliest opportunity. In other words, we desire our students to be trained

Industrial Equipment.

Accordingly, our College needs to add to its equipment facilities for training not only in lines of mental growth and moral stamina, but also in lines of manual labor. We already have made a beginning in a few branches. Farming, Gardening, Agriculture, Horticulture, and Floriculture can readily be developed as fast as properly qualified instructors can be obtained to direct in these lines. Printing has become a fixed industry



with us. Steam Engineering and Firing will be placed on a similar basis the coming fall. Poultry and Stock Raising is to become a permanent feature of our work also. Broom Making can be put in full operation with an outlay of a hundred dollars. A Food Factory, providing our own baked goods for the school Home and neighborhood, also supplying our Conference with health foods at a reasonable price, is not only a possibility, but a probability, providing a subscription can be raised sufficient to install the necessary equipment for the plant. A thousand dollars will put it in permanent working order. A Canning Factory is another industry that will not only make itself self-supporting as soon as its machinery is paid for, but will be a good financial investment for the College as long as it stands. In fact, this provides the best possible market for the products of the farm, garden, and orchards, insuring the least amount of waste, and commanding the best prices when sold. A thousand dollars will be ample to put this industry on a solid working basis.

These are suggestive of the possibilities before our school; and I am confident that our Ohio friends will recognize our present opportunity to move forward with the opening providences of God, and that there will be a united effort both to wipe out the last vestige of the old debt this summer, and to place one or more of these industries in active operation for the coming school year.

Let there be a special effort made to redeem all school pledges, and settle all bills due the Academy; and also let those who have means to invest in the Lord's cause in this State correspond with Elder H. H. Burkholder, President of the Ohio Conference, or with the writer of this article. We shall take pleasure in laying before you in detail possibilities and plans for the establishing of any or all these desirable industries for the proper training of our young people, who are to become our active missionary workers for both home and foreign fields. Let us in no sense slacken our efforts because the "Four Winds" of strife are being held back, but may we push the work the more vigorously, remembering that God's purpose in it all is that his servants may be sealed before the final storm of wrath breaks upon a guilty world. Work, for the night is coming. Watch, 'tis an evil day. Pray, for the harvest whitens. Pray, brother, work, watch, pray.

N. W. LAWRENCE.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

ACTIVITY.

I SOUGHT a crowded thoroughfare
One pleasant April day,
To watch the busy passers-by
And give our bills a way.

My left hand only held the slips
That bore the blessed news;
The right was swiftly serving all
Who did not quite refuse.

And when at last my task was done
One arm was stiff and sore;
'T was not the arm that did the work,
But that which only bore.

I thought, How many hold the truth
But never give it out
Until they faint with weariness,
And faith is lost in doubt.

While those who swiftly labor on
Gain strength from day to day,
And only seem to stronger grow
For what they give away.

Oh, let us work with heart and hand,
That others, too, may know
The precious truth that blesses us,
And we shall stronger grow.

—Atlantic Union Gleaner.

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE Board of Education of Cincinnati recently proposed a "Rule Governing Religious Instructions" which if passed would have made it obligatory on teachers to "give a definite time each day to teaching morals and manners." It would be necessary for them to use such portions of the Scriptures as would be agreed upon by the Board.

Quite a number of ministers were interviewed by reporters and nearly all were in favor of using the Bible in the schools as a foundation for the teaching of morals. There were three quite strong protests, however, one from a Jewish rabbi, a doctor who represented the non-religious element, and from the pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church, which evidently had effect in modifying the rulings of the Board.

The modified rule, which will probably pass without protest, reads: "Instruction in morals and manners shall be given special consideration by every teacher, and a definite time shall be set apart in each grade of the school for that purpose, such instruction to be prescribed by the Board of Education; but religious instruction and the reading of any religious books of any kind are prohibited in the common schools of Cincinnati."

This little incident gave the people of our city an opportunity to know that there are Seventh-day Adventists among them, and that the one great detector of error and rule of morals, — the ten commandments, — contain matters which would not be looked at

in the same light by all the patrons of the common schools. We trust that incidents of this kind will call some out of darkness into light.

C. A. PEDICORD.

Corsica.

TO THE VISITOR: The membership of the Corsica church is about equally divided between Districts 2 and 4. The writer went to that place March 17, and held the first meeting the next day, with only a few out besides the brethren. Every night found new faces in the congregation, so that by the middle of the next week, when Elder Miller joined me, there was a good interest.

We carried the meetings, with God's blessings, so that much prejudice was removed; a number became deeply interested, and attended every night. One was added to the church by baptism and there are others that we hope will yet have courage to identify themselves with God's people. The church was encouraged and seem to be taking hold of their duties with renewed strength. As a body they helped in every way possible to make the meetings a success.

We closed the meetings the evening of April 4 with a good house, nearly all bidding us good-bye and asking us to return at some future time.

The last Sunday night, Elder Miller spoke in an interesting manner on missionary work to a good sized audience which gave close attention to the word spoken. At its close they gave a good donation.

We sold literature to the amount of over twenty dollars.

W. E. BIDWELL.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK.

SOMETIMES we do not realize that great good may come from little things. All we do must be done in faith, and whatsoever is not of faith is sin. A few days ago I was reminded how essential it is that all our people be awake to the importance of medical missionary work and health reform.

It was a little matter, but the purpose served would not have been more important had the item been much greater. Last season Dr. Miller sold a vaporizer and fluid to a family where meetings were being held. Since then but little has been done for this family as no special reason was presented for calling. As the little bottle of fluid for the vaporizer became used and the prescription lost, Elder Miller, the tent meetings, our people, etc., were brought to mind. Word was left with others if any of

"GET wisdom, get understanding."

our folks passed to tell us we were wanted. I called and had a good talk on the truth, which was only another impression.

Let us work in faith and look forward in hope that God will give the increase. L. K. MORGAN.

Springfield.

THE series of meetings which has been held here some four or five weeks with Elder Van Horn as speaker has been well attended, especially so as the weather became more favorable toward the close. Our church has been well filled much of the time.

On Sunday forenoon, April 2, seven dear souls, all adults, were buried with Christ by baptism and added to the church. We trust "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:11. Others are well interested, some of whom are in the valley of decision. Our prayer is that they may soon take a firm stand to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. J. G. WOOD.

Youngstown.

MARCH 31 and April 1 I was at Youngstown and held quarterly meeting services with the church at that place. The Lord came graciously near by his Spirit and we had a most excellent meeting. The brethren there are faithful and energetic, and the result is the church is growing. Three united by profession of faith and two more are expecting to follow as soon as baptized.

It does our hearts good as we visit from church to church, to find them in a healthy, growing condition, looking and waiting for our blessed Master.

C. C. WEBSTER.

THE WASHINGTON SANITARIUM.

A SANITARIUM is greatly needed near the city of Washington. In the providence of God, such an institution will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to those in high places. Sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel. In them the sick are to be taught that sin is the transgression that brings disease and suffering. In our sanitariums temperance in all its bearings are to be taught. Those who are suffering as the result of a wrong course of action are to be shown the necessity of reform in their habits of life. They have violated the laws of health. By the eating of flesh-meat and of rich, highly-spiced food, they have injured the digestive organs, and if they would get well, they must adopt a simple, wholesome diet.

Those in charge of our sanitariums are to give clear instruction regarding these things. Medical missionaries are to be ministers of the gospel, showing the sick that by violating the laws of life and health they are deranging the machinery of the body. There are many who do not realize the necessity of carefully guarding the living machinery. Their minds are to be aroused to the harm they are doing themselves by indulging in wrong habits—by intemperance in eating and drinking. They are to be shown the necessity of discarding the use of alcohol and tobacco in every form. Our physicians are to go to the root of the matter, showing that sickness and suffering do not come from God, but are the result of a wrong course of action.

Our sanitarium work opens doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cause to the Great Physician, who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing them healing of soul as well as healing of body.

A sanitarium is needed at Takoma Park that this work may be carried forward. Will not those who have means regard it as a privilege to give something towards this work, that the needed funds may soon be raised? The Lord will certainly bless those who will cheerfully return to him his own.

I call upon our people, while the way is still open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one hundred thousand dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and he calls upon those who have means to bring their gifts to the treasury for the advancement of his work.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

FROM Cuba Brother J. M. Clark writes: "It is going to be far more difficult to give the Message to Cuba because of the delay. Every year increases the difficulty. While the sea breezes, good drainage, and sanitation in the cities have helped to make this a very healthful island, the enormous use of tobacco by both sexes from early life, the fried foods, and strong drinks make sickness much more common among the Cubans than among the Americans. While the majority of the people are Catholics, few attend church or care very much about religious matters. There are good openings for schools and sanitariums. Many hundreds continue to come."

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WORK.

[THE following article was read at the District Meeting held at Springfield, O.—Ed.]

THERE is no better work than that of winning souls to Christ. It is the greatest work ever given to mortal man to deal with human minds, and to teach the word. This can be accomplished in the house-to-house Bible work. Much depends upon the manner in which you meet those whom you visit.

We should manifest cheerfulness in our work; we should take hold of the hand in a way to at once gain confidence; and not in a cold formal manner. This latter manner will repulse, and you will find no warmth of feeling.

What we need in house-to-house work, and everywhere else, is the tender sympathy of Jesus; then we can win our way to the hardest heart.

If we desire to find access to the hearts of every class of people, we must heed the injunction of the apostle to be courteous, Love will do what argument fails to accomplish. Love is power. Workers need to bring the love of Jesus into their labor. A great work is to be accomplished in setting before men the saving truths of the gospel. This is the means ordained by God to stem the tide of moral corruption. This is his means of restoring his moral image in man. To present these truths is the work of the Third Angel's Message. The Lord designs that the presentation of this Message shall be the highest and greatest work carried on in the world at this time.

Satan is constantly urging men to accept his principles. Thus he seeks to counteract the work of God. He is constantly representing the chosen people of God as a deluded people. Therefore a great responsibility rests upon the Bible worker. She should learn to meet the people where they are. In house-to-house work we come in direct contact with the people. We need wisdom from heaven to read the Scriptures aright. With our Bible we should go before God and plead with him for understanding of his word; we want our understanding quickened; we want to know that we know the real principles of the truth; and then when we meet opponents, we will not have to meet them in our own strength. The angel of God will stand by our side, to help in answering every question that may be asked. We want to be walled in, as it were with Jesus; and we will have a telling influence upon the people. Let not our instruction be of such a character as to perplex the mind. Teach the great practical truths that must be stamped upon

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HE that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.—Prov. 28:20.

SISTER S. P. FLACK has been quite ill for two weeks, but is improving daily.

BROTHER IRA GAULT and family have located in their new home in Academia.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

MR. FRANK MOFFET has been visiting his mother while taking care of a fractured arm.

BROTHER I. D. RICHARDSON, after the close of a successful institute, has joined the workers in Muskingum Co.

BROTHER N. DONNELLY and family, of St. Clairsville, O., have taken up their residence in the campus cottage till they can locate in their own home.

"THE best mannered persons are those who try to make themselves agreeable to their friends; who are kind and considerate to their dependents and inferiors. The truest politeness proceeds from a genuine kind-heartedness which hesitates to mar by word or action, the happiness of others."

JAMES M. IRVING, a student in the Mount Vernon College, gave an interesting discourse to the church last Sabbath. It is truly inspiring to see four earnest, devoted young men occupying the pulpit, and to know that their ability and energy is consecrated to proclaiming this closing Message to the world. We are glad to say there are many more in the College who are also preparing for this work.

"BROTHER HILL'S BIBLE CLASS."

THE International Publishing Association has just printed a pamphlet of seventy-two pages with cover for Elder W. B. Hill, of Nebraska, entitled "Brother Hill's Bible Class, A Study of Excuses, Fables, Inventions, and Dreams."

This is without doubt the spiciest little booklet along its line that has been issued. Elder S. H. Lane, President of the New York Conference, says, "It is certainly an eye-opener. It should be in the hands of every one of our ministers, especially the younger ones who are not experienced in meeting these sophistries as are we older ones."

Price 15 cents, with a discount of 30 per cent., postpaid, in quantities of ten or more. Order of the publishers, or of the Ohio Tract Society.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Apr. 7, 1905.)

Robert Thomas, Marion Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 16 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$1; total, \$14.

Howard W. West,* Muskingum Co.—Bible Readings: 42 hours; value of orders, \$23.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$27.25.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Coming King: 34 hours; value of orders, \$33.50; helps, \$3.25; total, \$36.75.

Bradley W. Rayle, Clark Co.—Coming King: 39½ hours; value of orders, \$38; helps, \$.75; total, \$38.75.

*Howard W. West's report in last week's issue should have been for one week as follows—12 hours; value of orders, \$12; helps, \$1.50; total, \$13.50.

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the soul. Teach the saving power of Jesus in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:14. Do not cause the people to worry over things which you may understand, but which they do not see, unless these are of vital consequence to the saving of the soul. Do not present the Scriptures in a way to exalt self, and encourage vainglory in the one who opens the Word.

Those who teach the Word must themselves live in hourly contact,—in conscious, living communion with God.

The principles of truth, righteousness and mercy must be within them. They must draw from the Fountain of all wisdom moral and intellectual power. Their hearts must be alive with the deep movings of the Spirit of God. We all need to study character and manner, that we may use our best endeavors to help souls to a correct understanding of the word of God, and to a true Christian life.

Be careful not to arouse prejudice in the hearts of the people. Paul did not approach the Jews in a way to arouse their prejudice. He did not run the risk of making them his enemies by immediately telling them that,

they must believe on Jesus of Nazareth, but he dwelt on the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament Scripture which testify of the Messiah, of his mission and his work. He led them step by step, showing them the importance of honoring the law of God, etc. Thus he varied his manner of labor, always shaping his message to the circumstances under which he was placed: and yet after patient labor, many would not be convinced by any method of presenting the special truths for this time. The laborer for God should study carefully the best methods, in order that he may not needlessly arouse prejudice or stir up combativeness in his hearers.

The truth should be presented from house to house with divine tact, gentleness, and tenderness. It should come from a heart that has been softened and made sympathetic. We need to have close communion with God. God will be wisdom to all who seek for wisdom from the divine source. The truth will have quickening power, when spoken under the influence of the grace of Christ. Angels, too, are interested in the work and workers.

In "Testimonies," vol. 6, page 456, we read, "Angels are interested in the spiritual welfare of all who are seeking to restore God's moral image in man; and the earthly family are to connect with the heavenly family in binding up the wounds and bruises that sin has made. Angelic agencies, though invisible, are co-operating with visible human agencies, forming a relief association with men."

"The very angels who when Satan was seeking the supremacy fought the battle in the heavenly courts, and triumphed on the side of God—the very angels who shouted for joy over the creation of this world, and its sinless inhabitants—the angels who witnessed the fall of man and his expulsion from his Eden home—these very heavenly messengers are most intensely interested to work in union with the fallen, redeemed race for the salvation of human beings perishing in their sins."

There is a work to be done in this line that has not been done. Let God's workers teach the truth in families, drawing close to those for whom they labor. If they thus co-operate with God, he will cloth them with spiritual power. Christ will guide them in their work, entering the houses of the people with them, and giving them words to speak that will sink deep into the hearts of the listeners. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten our hearts and minds, and continually direct in this line of work.

ANNA E. SMITH.