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Special Winter Course for Mount Vernon College

At a recent meeting of the College Board it was decided to offer a special winter course in Mount Vernon College, beginning January 3 and closing March 27. It will be remembered that such a course was given last winter; and the success of the course encouraged the Board to offer a similar one this winter.

The following is an outline of the subjects that will be taught:—

1. Bible
2. History
 - (a) United States History
 - (b) General
 - (c) Special
3. Essentials of English
4. Public Speaking
5. Pastoral Training
 - (a) High calling of the minister
 - (b) His equipment
 - (c) Field work and methods
6. Missionary Workers' Class
 - (a) Bible readings
 - (b) Canvassers' class
 - (c) Tract and periodical work

In addition to these all the regular classes of the school will be open to the students of the special course.

The course is intended for four classes of people; namely, general students, conference workers, canvassers, and prospective workers. It was thought that a number of our younger canvassers and Bible workers would desire to avail themselves of the opportunity offered.

The three lines of study most needed by workers are Bible, history, and English. In these the course will be especially strong. It will be equally valuable to canvassers and prospective workers. Many canvassers who have not had a training in these lines will find it to be of great value to spend twelve weeks in this study. They will be enough better prepared for their work to pay for the loss of time and the amount of money expended.

Then there are many people of middle life who desire to do missionary work among their neighbors, but who feel that their limited education is a hindrance. This class will find the course very helpful to them in making them familiar with the Bible, history, and English; also methods of missionary work.

Instruction will be given in the best methods of preparing and giving Bible readings. There will be canvassers' classes, and classes for tract and periodical workers. The general students will find here much that will be to their advantage. By general students we mean young people who are unable to attend the whole of the school year, but who wish to improve themselves. The course will be especially helpful to such.

The expenses will be the same as for regular students; namely, eleven dollars a month for room and tuition. The board is on the European plan and will cost the student according to what he eats. It is safe to say it will average about eight dollars per month of four weeks.

We shall be glad to correspond with any one who may be interested in this course. Address the undersigned, Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

S. M. BUTLER.

The True Missionary

When a man is filled with the Holy Spirit, the more he is tested and tried, the more clearly he proves that he is a true representative of Christ in word, in spirit, and in action. Christ declares, "He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father." What is the promise to every true believer?—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Might not we better, my brethren and sisters, take ourselves to task for our unlikeness to Christ? He says,—“Ye are my witnesses.” What kind of witnesses are we for truth and righteousness? Are we striving with all our God-given pow-

ers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for his fulness, ever reaching higher and higher, trying to attain to the perfection of his character?

When God's servants reach this point, they will be sealed in their foreheads. The recording angel will declare, "It is done." They will be complete in him, whose they are by creation and redemption.

There is nothing in the natural world that has life but what grows and produces fruit. And in the spiritual world there is no life without growth in grace. Spiritual impulse is not growth. Impulse is feeling, and to depend on feeling is to be as changeable as circumstances. The professed Christian who does not draw life from Christ's life is not a doer of the word. He is a paralyzed member, only connected in name with the body. At times fitful, convulsive movements will be seen, with no permanent activity. Let no one think that the grace of God inspires these shortlived, impulsive actions. Many people are the subjects of impressions which are not reliable. Many have what they think are good impressions, wonderful exaltations of feeling; but the life does not represent an abiding Christ. They do not draw life from the source of all life. They are not drinking the living water, which springs up into eternal life. God's grace is the living water which we must drink. It quickens the whole being into spiritual life, the life of the Son of God.

Personal religion means perfect conforming to the life of Christ. When we profess this religion, we shall show sound spiritual growth, because we are partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Advance! is the watchword. There are no idlers in the Lord's vineyard. We must be laborers together with God, else we shall fail in the work of overcoming, and our irreligious influence will cause other souls to fall. No soul is lost that does not draw other souls down

with it. Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from all iniquity, that Christ may not be ashamed. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, I appeal to church members to arise and closely criticise themselves. Feel that this work is so important that you cannot engage in criticising others. Reveal an indwelling Saviour. Then you will understand what it means to be a true missionary. You will bring a Christian intensity into your work, and many souls will be saved through your earnest prayers and interested labors.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

AT THE COLLEGE

The College literary society reorganized lately. Mr. Sevelon Rockwell was elected president.

Dr. Fisher returned last week from Philadelphia, where he had been spending a few days at a medical institute.

We are expecting a visit from Dr. Harry W. Miller, who will give us the first number of this year's lecture course. His subject, China, will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

Mr. Earnest Ayers is teaching carpentry at Emmanuel Missionary College.

We are glad to hear that Miss Cartmell is improving rapidly.

The ministerial band is again in active service. Mr. Guy Jacques conducted the first meeting in a schoolhouse about three miles from the College.

Miss Matilda Thaler arrived at the College last week, bringing with her another pupil for the Training School. Miss Thaler has been a Bible worker in the Chesapeake Conference during the past summer.

A letter from Mrs. Esta L. Miller, dated at Hankow the 20th ult., states that there is little danger to foreigners from the insurrections which are raging in China, that the movement is not anti-foreign but Chinese *versus* Chinese, and that the insurrectionists favor rather than oppose the foreign element. However, newspaper reports tell us that all foreigners have been transported from Hankow, the storm center, to Shanghai.

Mount Vernon had its first snowfall of the season last week.

A much valued improvement in the boys' dormitory is the new shower-bath which has recently been put in.

Club swinging is very popular at the College just now. A class in Indian clubs meets daily at five o'clock.

The Mount Vernon young people's society took up the cause of *Liberty* in a recent meeting and raised a club of seventy-five in a very short time.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Warren Barr's home near La Grange, O., was destroyed by fire Saturday evening, November 11.

The retiring hour at the College is now half-past nine instead of ten o'clock. Elder Shultz thinks he sees the students looking "fairer and fatter in flesh" already, after only one week's trial of the new plan.

In a recent issue it was stated that Mr. C. H. Panches had bought Mr. Spohn's farm residence. We are informed that this an error; the property has been rented, not purchased.

Five new pupils have recently been enrolled at the Training School: Mary Hamblin, Dorsey Gentry, Tracy Gentry, Thurston Gentry, and Robert Panches. This brings the enrolment up to twenty-four.

The October *Eastern Tidings* just received has the following concerning one of our old students now in India: "Brother and Sister Weeks returned from the hill country the 5th inst., and are located in Lucknow for a time. Brother Weeks went to Calcutta on the 11th, where he will spend a few days, and then take up matters pertaining directly to the canvassing work."

We are always glad to see news notes about our old school friends. Here is one from the *South African Missionary*: "Judging from the smile Professor C. P. Orager wears on his face these days, things are going nicely at the college. We have interviewed him on several occasions for a report of his work, but—can it be that over in Africa reporting is the same slow and laborious task that it is here in America—even when everything is in smiling order?"

VIRGINIA

At the Academy

On Friday evening, November 3, the writer arrived at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and although his visit was unexpected he was given a hearty welcome. It was pleasing to notice the atmosphere of order, harmony, and happiness which pervades the home life of the Academy. All the members, from the oldest to the youngest, seemed to know their places, and showed the best spirit possible in performing their parts.

Sabbath, November 4, proved to be a busy day. After the morning meal all joined in the family prayer service which was conducted in the dining room, and then scattered to their Sabbath morning duties. At ten o'clock the Sabbath-school came on, and was followed by the morning service, the school and the church being addressed by the writer. Another meeting was held with the young people in the afternoon; and as the sun was setting all came together again to worship God in prayer and to receive from him a parting Sabbath blessing.

On Sunday evening we held a miniature institute to receive instruction and training for the work of the next day, as it had been decided to close the school and go out in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We were disappointed on Monday morning to find the weather rainy and inclement, so that we were not able to attempt the work contemplated; but we improved the time by coming together for another institute on the mission *Signs* and "Ministry of Healing." The students, with the principal, Brother Marion E. Carr, have voted to dispose of the box of "Ministry of Healing" which they have on hand and to continue in the missions campaign as opportunity offers throughout the entire school term.

There are in the school at the present time about thirty students, who are for the most part working their way. Recently there has been added to the industrial department a large baking oven which will turn out a thousand loaves of bread a day. It is the intention of Brother Eaton, who is in charge of the bakery, to supply the small towns near the school with bread, etc., thus making the new industry a financial success.

During a part of my stay at the Academy we enjoyed the presence of Elder Stewart Kime, who assisted in the Sabbath services, leaving on Sunday morning to open a series of meetings at Rileyville.

The writer held still another meeting on Monday evening, and left the following morning for Lynchburg, Va. His stay at the Academy was greatly enjoyed, the students, with the school management, having done all in their power to make his visit a pleasant one. I. G. BIGELOW,
Field Missionary Secretary, C. U. C.

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Dear friends in the Lord: We rejoice to see the message going with leaps and bounds in our native state of Ohio, where we have loved ones whom we hope to see converted to God's saving truths for this time.

But we also have at heart a desire to have the truth brought to this place, where we believe a good work might be done. Our location here is a beautiful one, about twenty-five miles east of the Blue Ridge mountains, and seventeen miles south of the county seat, Charlottesville, at an elevation of five or seven hundred feet, which gives a commanding view of all the surrounding country. There is in sight plenty of available timber, such as would be needed for building should the work be opened up in this place.

While we know that this truth is not to be impressed upon men's hearts by the word of man, but by the power of the Spirit, yet we hope to see an effort put forth for the proclamation of the truth in this place; and therefore we drop these few lines, leaving the results with God to be brought about through his agencies and according to his will. Your sister in Christ,

LUELLAH RICE.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS
OCTOBER 1911

Bethel.....	9 00
Buena Vista.....	1 00
Danville.....	3 83
Dillwyn.....	....
Hamburg.....	2 98
Lynchburg.....	74 34
Mt. Williams.....	....
New Market.....	155 59
Newport News No. 1.....	103 85
Newport News No. 2.....	....
News Ferry.....	....
Norfolk.....	27 92
Portsmouth.....	46 86
Richmond.....	101 40
Richmond No. 2.....	....
Roanoke.....	21 34
Spencer.....	16 60
Stanley.....	65 32
Individuals.....	9 54
TOTAL.....	\$ 639 57

A. M. NEFF, *Treas.*

NEW JERSEY

Elder Sandborn, president of the conference, will visit Pleasantville, Atlantic City, Camden, and intermediate points during the week.

Word received from the members at Rockaway expresses their appreciation of having Brother E. E. Pennington with them; and orders for Sabbath-school supplies, etc., indicate that they are organizing for service.

Brother C. E. Grey, field missionary agent, made a call at the office this week, en route to visit some churches and agents in the interests of books for local members. Already some local talent is at work with good results, as shown by the reports.

We are glad to note the good list of agents at work this last week, and while the reports are not large, owing to bad weather, sickness, etc., all did well for the number of hours at work. We expect fuller returns next week.

Elder B. F. Kneeland called at the office to say good-bye. He expects to get his goods packed and shipped and to get away this week. We wish him Godspeed in his new field of labor.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Appointments

- Condersport, December 1 to 3.
- Erie, December 7 to 10.
- Corry, December 11 and 12.
- Pittsburg, December 13 and 14.
- Johnstown, December 15 and 16.

The brethren and sisters in nearby churches, especially those near Condersport and Erie, are invited to attend. B. F. KNEELAND.

Sowing the Seed

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

These words have been very encouraging to me as a canvasser. The following experiences will testify to the goodness of the Lord's command.

After laboring all one day with little reward as to orders, I made two calls in the evening and obtained two orders for "Great Controversy," sold two *Life and Health*, and secured two

six months' subscriptions for that paper. Another evening I sold two copies of "Great Controversy," one in the half morocco and one in the morocco binding, sold one copy of *Life and Health*, and took one order for "Coming King." Still another evening while looking for a lodging I sold one "Coming King" and one "Great Controversy," and took orders for two "Coming King."

One day, having called at several farmhouses without securing an order, I returned in the evening, found the men at home, and secured orders for two "Coming King" and one "Great Controversy."

Before seven o'clock one morning I obtained orders for three "Coming King." Early another morning I took orders for two "Daniel and the Revelation" from men who were hauling hay.

The other week I called on a lady just at the dinner hour. She thought at first that she could not spare time to listen to an explanation of my work, but she finally invited me in, and later gave me an order for "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation." The same lady had bought "Coming King" from me last year. Another, who thought that she could not spare a dollar for a book, gave me an order for a three-dollar Bible.

One evening while on my way to take the train I gave two short canvasses for "Great Controversy," taking an order for one, and selling another outright to a man who was working in the field through which I passed on my shortcut to the station.

The other evening I sold four Italian "Matthew Twenty-Four," and was asked by one man if I should be around the next evening with another book.

Thinking the Hungarians would like to read our good books, I ordered a few copies of "Matthew Twenty-Four" in their language, and called at a Hungarian home. The lady could not understand English, and I could not understand Hungarian; but finally she became aware of the fact that the book was for sale, and she went into a room and brought out a twenty-dollar bill to pay for the twenty-five-cent book. I realized then that anybody will buy our literature if we will but carry the books to the people.

Who will respond to the call, saying "Here am I, send me"? What consolation to know that the canvassing work is one of the most successful means of saving souls! And, on the other hand, who can tell how much is lost by our slothfulness or our refusal to go? As I was delivering a

book to a certain lady, she burst into tears, saying, "The boy I ordered this book for is dead." Another lady said, "My husband has died since I ordered that book. On his deathbed he wished that you would come with the book; he longed to read it." "I have a book my mother left me," a young lady told me. "It is called 'Matthew Twenty-Four.' My mother read it over and over on her deathbed—the story was so comforting to her."

"Ask not to be excused,
There's earnest work to do;
Stand ready to be used
Where God may station you.
His invitation kind
To thee has oft been given;
Accept and thou shalt find
'Tis sweet to work for Heaven."
ARCHIE BROWNLEE.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder Robbins is in Mount Vernon this week, attending a meeting of the Union Conference Committee. He goes from Mount Vernon to Charleston, where he will assist at the dedication of the new Charleston church.

Brother H. C. Smith, now of Grafton, but formerly of Clarksburg, is seriously ill with typhoid fever. Brother Smith had been ailing for some time, but, like a good canvasser, stood faithfully at his post until he was compelled to discontinue the work. Brethren of West Virginia, pray for Brother Smith, that God may raise him from his bed of affliction.

Brother A. A. Hendrickson, who has been canvassing in the Clarksburg district, is now with his family located in Charleston, where he and his wife will join us in spreading the truths of the third angel's message through the sale of the printed page.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell is now located in Martinsburg. He is assisting Elder J. F. Steele, who has an exceptionally good interest in that place. Elder Steele has strong hopes of seeing a company of believers established in Martinsburg. Pray for this company, brethren, that the Lord may continue to bless their effort.

Brother David Haddix is now located in his new home at number 1832 Seventeenth Street, Parkersburg. Sister Haddix, with the help of the *Family Bible Teacher*, is visiting the homes of the people of Parkersburg with the hope of bringing many to

the new church there. That the Lord will aid her in her efforts will be our constant prayer.

CHESAPEAKE

The Harvest Ingathering

This is a day of opportunity. God recognized the fact that his people, to whom he has committed the responsibility of carrying the last message to the world, should have placed before them opportunities for making known the truth which they bear. I feel quite sure that I voice the general sentiment of our people when I say that we praise God for the many opportunities he gives us to do good and to aid his cause; and it is only by making use of these that the cause of present truth is advanced and the kingdom of God brought nearer.

I am wondering how we look upon the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Is it not one of these select opportunities which come to us just now? We will agree that this is true. Then let us as church leaders, as church members, and as ministers and Bible workers plan to make the most of this missionary campaign now while we have the opportunity. This work must be done by God's people; and what is done now will not have to be done in still more perilous times. I believe we should awaken to a sense of the times in which we live. If we fail to accomplish the work while peace and liberty still exist, we shall have to do the work in times which will be more perilous than these; like God's ancient children who had to "build the wall in troublous times."

The means gathered during this campaign will apply on our ten-cent-a-week fund; and if you have not the means to give to God's precious cause, you surely can give him a little of your time, and thus embrace this opportunity to bring up your portion of this worthy fund for missions. When the campaign closes you will have helped to advance the cause, besides having helped to bring the printed page bearing the gospel message to the people of your community.

Brethren and sisters, what shall we do with the Harvest Ingathering campaign? I seem to hear you say that you will all respond like an army springing into action, ready for the call to go forward. If this be true we shall accomplish the very thing the Lord has invited us to do. Then let us not delay. "The King's business requires haste."

ROSCOE T. BAER.

To the Young People of the Chesapeake Conference

Since I do not have the time to write to you all personally, I take this opportunity of writing to you, and I hope that you will accept this as a personal letter. I hope that soon I shall have the privilege of meeting you face to face.

A great work lies before us as young people. No greater privileges were ever enjoyed by young people than are given to us to-day. Think of it! The giving of the last warning message this world will ever hear! Is that not a glorious privilege? In "Education," p. 262, we read: "The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being." My dear young people, let us have a definite aim in life. Let us settle down to something definite—"the one thing," and let that one thing be the giving of this message to the world in this generation. Remember our motto: "The gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation."

To accomplish this work successfully, we must make a preparation. The way to begin this preparation is to read, and to read those things that will exercise our minds in the right direction. You may say, I do not know what to read. This may be true. Well, I am glad that there are some who do know, and that these have chosen books for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course that shall stimulate us to greater work along missionary lines than we have ever thought of attempting. The books are as follows:—

Senior Course No. 5: "Price of Africa," "Passions for Men," "Ministry of Healing," "Miracles of Missions."

Junior Course No. 4: "Uganda's White Man of Work," "Early Writings," and "North America."

You will readily see that these are good books; and I do hope that every young person in this conference will avail himself of the opportunity to read them. Many are reading those things that are sapping their very life. Satan is attracting their minds with story-reading, which confuses and enfeebles the mind. Let me quote from the Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 518: "There are many of our youth whom God has endowed with superior capabilities; . . . but their powers have been enervated, their minds confused and enfeebled, . . . because they have gratified a taste for story-reading. . . . These might to-day be connected with our pub-

lishing houses, and be efficient workers to keep books, prepare copies for the press, etc." Instead of reading those things which are sending souls to destruction let us read those things which will place in our bosom a burden for the salvation of souls.

Then again, there is the "Standard of Attainment," a means by which we may become thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines that are so dear to us as a people, and also with the rise and progress of our work, both in the home land and in the foreign fields. To know this should be the desire of every one of us.

See the beautiful path that is laid out for us as young people. First we begin our preparation for the great work by reading good books and taking the "Standard of Attainment"; when this is accomplished we pass from the home local society to Mount Vernon; from Mount Vernon to some department of the work in the Chesapeake Conference; from the Chesapeake to the Foreign Mission Seminary; from the Seminary to the foreign field; and, when the work is finished, we go to the New Jerusalem. What a glorious reward for faithfulness now!

Wishing you much of the blessing of God, I am yours for service,

W. L. ADKINS,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

With the Workers

Arriving in the Chesapeake Conference about the first of September, I at once proceeded to make the acquaintance of the canvassers by visiting each one and spending a few days with him in the field.

My first visit was to Brother Percy. We had a good experience together, and the Lord greatly blessed us in our work. In the short time that we were able to spend in the field, we secured orders to the amount of \$77.25.

Brother Britton, who was working for a scholarship, was next visited. He took with him two of our large books, which he readily sold and delivered. One man upon whom we called refused at first to grant us admittance, but later invited us in and after an exhibition gave us his order with the cash price of the book.

I spent two very pleasant days with Brother Manuel, who is making his home with a brother of our faith. One morning as the latter was giving us directions concerning the road we should take, another man came up, and we received the following introduction: "These brethren have a book you ought to see: it will explain what

we were talking about." After giving the stranger an exhibition we took his order for "Great Controversy" in one of the best bindings.

I had some good experiences while out with Brother Jones. He wrote me recently as follows: "I lost a few orders in making my delivery; but we know the truth too well to let these things discourage us; rather they should cause us to press the battle harder. Therefore I have no message to send you save that of good cheer."

From "A Call for Canvassers" by Mrs. E. G. White I quote the following: "Let no business enterprise be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord. Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs most to be done. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving."

Canvassing is one of the most successful ways of working for the salvation of souls. Will you try it? Just now is an excellent time to begin, as the holiday season is rapidly approaching and thousands of books will be bought as gifts.

Are there not those who will hear the Macedonian cry from this needy conference, and who will come over and help us to place our good books in the homes of the people? We have some who will soon take up this work. Still there is room for others. Who will join us?

F. E. HANKINS, *State Agent.*

From a Canvasser

Just a few words of cheer from the field. The canvassing work is not dead on the eastern shore of Maryland. The good work is still going forward with success.

The writer had some encouraging experiences not long since. Calling at a home where three ladies were visiting together, I showed them the Spirit-filled book, "Great Controversy," the book that is known as the greatest book among our people outside of the Bible. One of the ladies remarked, "A few nights ago I dreamed about the Lord's coming on a cloud. It was a beautiful sight indeed!" Said one of the others, "This good book answers to your dream." And I had the privilege of telling them that the book "Great Controversy" does treat of the Lord's second coming in the clouds of heav-

en. Soon I had obtained two good orders. These ladies were glad that I had called upon them, and felt that the Lord had sent his messenger to them. May the books lead them to accept the saving message.

We are living in grand yet solemn times. The Lord is opening the doors and the hearts of the people. And yet the great arch-deceiver is working ever more earnestly, and we shall soon see the ways hedged up before us. What we neglect now we shall have to do in more trying times. Let us therefore work for the Master while we may; for soon "the night cometh in which no man can work." Pray for the humble canvasser, that he may not fail nor be discouraged.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

News Notes

The conference committee was in session two days last week, and very important questions pertaining to the sacred interests of the Lord's work in this field were considered.

Sister Emma Newcomer, secretary and treasurer of the conference, is spending a few days' vacation in western Maryland, visiting her parents at Hagerstown.

The Baltimore church was favored with a very stirring sermon by Elder A. G. Daniells Sabbath, November 4. His words of courage were timely, and all felt that it was good to be there.

The young people's societies of Baltimore and Wilmington rendered very interesting Harvest Ingathering programs recently. The two societies gave their offerings, which amounted to \$25.00, to missions.

Elder R. T. Baer was called to Wilmington last Sabbath to organize a church at that place. Elder Seeney and Brother Rogers have been laboring there for the colored people. We are glad to know that their labors have been blessed of the Lord.

Brother F. E. Hankins, field missionary secretary and agent, has decided to locate in Baltimore. He is moving this week and expects his family to arrive from Oakwood, O., in a few days.

Brethren B. E. Manual and David Percy, two of our faithful canvassers,

called at the office last Monday on their way to Talbot County, where they expect to canvass. They report some very interesting experiences in the canvassing work.

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A Word to the Young People

We are told that the road to heaven is not an easy one; that to be a true Christian we must travel the way of self-control and crucifixion. But one cannot expect to reach the top of the hill in a moment of time; and God, who invites us to come, has promised to guide his children all along the way of holy living. Now is the time to lay hold of the strong arm of Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother.

To be a missionary for God means sacrifice. Total consecration of the daily life and momentary sanctification of body and soul are what God requires of us to-day, in order that we may succeed in his cause.

The Lord will call many of the young to fill positions of responsibility in his work, to be honored vessels for the Master's use. Therefore put away lightness from your minds and be sober, as becomes the representatives of your Lord.

The cutting, squaring, planing, and furbishing is not an easy process; but God, who holds the tools, knows just how to fashion you for his glory and your own salvation. Submit yourself to God at all times, and never absent yourself from the place of prayer. You will make mistakes—and who has not?—but God will still hold you up. May Heaven crown your work with success!

FRANK HALL.

Youngstown

On his return from the General Conference council, Elder R. A. Underwood stopped at Youngstown, O., to visit his aged mother. His meeting with the church is reported by Sister A. Alderman in a letter to the office, as follows:—

"We enjoyed a treat last Friday evening (November 3), when Elder R. A. Underwood met with us at his mother's home. He had charge of the service and ministered to us the Lord's supper. We also had with us our aged Sister Booth from Cumberland. She and Sister Underwood have seldom been able to attend our meetings, and at their request the Lord's supper was celebrated, as they felt it might be their last opportunity

of partaking in this sacred ordinance. We were glad for the privilege of hearing the testimonies of faith and courage borne by these aged sisters; and we also thoroughly enjoyed the discourse by Brother Underwood. A goodly number were present, and all were of good courage in the Lord."

Walnut Grove

The Harvest Ingathering exercises of the Walnut Grove church were held November 11 and 12. Sabbath afternoon and the night following were given to the Ingathering program proper. A special feature was an act illustrating the parable of the sower. This consisted of recitations composed for the occasion, interspersed with appropriate songs and selections from the Bible and "Christ's Object Lessons," which impressed the lessons of the parable upon the mind of the hearer.

These Ingathering services are of special interest to our young people. They also serve to draw our neighbors nearer to us, breaking down their prejudice and interesting them in a further investigation of the truth we have to present to the world.

W. C. MOFFETT.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

OCTOBER, 1911

Akron	\$110 24
Alliance.....	66 97
*Barnesville.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	97 22
Bellville	26 02
*Broughton.....	.....
Bowling Green	226 04
Camden	75 39
Canton	61 34
Chagrin Falls	67 64
Charloe.....	9 33
Chillicothe.....	8 30
Cincinnati	184 78
Cleveland.....	.....
Cleveland German.....	75 00
Clyde.....	19 20
Columbiana .....	.....
Columbus .....	.....
Columbus S. D. A. Mission .....	.....
*Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	3 24
*Convoy.....	.....
Corsica.....	41 07
Coshocton	78 25
Cygnét.....	.....
Dayton	112 31
Defiance.....	5 10
Delaware.....	.....
Delta.....	158 65
Derwent.....	15 05
*Dixon.....	.....
Dowling.....	5 60

Dunkirk	5 00
East Liverpool	48 16
Elgin.....	14 18
Findlay.....	57 18
Greenspring.....	.....
*Gilboa.....	25 00
Hamler.....	143 64
Hamilton	85 86
Hicksville.....	11 66
*Jackson.....	.....
*Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	52 13
LaGrange.....	15 13
*Lake View.....	42 50
Laura.....	15 43
Leesburg.....	98 19
Liberty Center.....	59 75
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield	15 27
Marion	59 12
Marshfield.....	2 56
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	1 00
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	.....
Mount Vernon	761 59
Newark	28 72
Norwalk.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	49 31
Ohio City	26 00
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	2 73
Pleasant Hill	27 60
Powell.....	.....
Ravenna.....	46 34
*Reedsville.....	.....
Rows	17 96
Sherwood .....	.....
*Shreve .....	.....
Spencer.....	25 60
Springfield.....	793 65
Toledo	62 23
Troy.....	.....
Van Wert.....	13 10
Walnut Grove.....	81 95
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford	42 00
*West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	84 06
Wilmington	82 55
Youngstown	30 10
Zanesville.....	41 35
Individuals .....	.....
Isolated.....	43 67

TOTAL

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

OCTOBER, 1911

Tithe.....	\$4,459 01
Tract Society	928 95
Sabbath-school Donations.....	566 13
First Day Offerings.....	90 56
Annual Offering.....	3 77
Mid Summer Offerings.....	5 80
\$300,000 Fund.....	261 58
Mount Vernon College Fndd.....	51 02
M. V. C. Tank Fund.....	16 00

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia Week Ending November 10, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	10	66	17	51 00	19 15	70 15	5 90	
A. Halstead, Putnam Co.	DA	3		11	33 00	39 00	72 00	17 50	
A. Hendrickson, Kanawha Co.	DR	5	42	8	24 00	8 25	32 25		
J. W. Marshall, Braxton Co.	GC	5	44	15	37 00	6 50	43 50	2 00	
J. W. Marshall, Braxton Co.	GC	4	32					85 75	
Totals			27	184	51	\$145 00	\$72 90	\$217 90	\$111 15

New Jersey, Week Ending November 10, 1911

R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	GC	4	29				2 45	2 45	31 45
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester Co.	BR	3	15	6	10 00			10 00	3 00
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	5	26	108	27 00			27 00	26 75
G. W. Blinn Mercer Co.	BR	3	28						130 00
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC		26						8 10
Mrs. Stowe, Rockaway Co.	BS	3	14	17	13 25			13 25	
Mrs. G. Himerdinger, Camden	GP	3	27	44	11 00			11 00	
Mrs. M. Jones, Bridgeton						16 90		16 90	
J. Rambo, Millville	CK	5	28	38	58 00	6 50		64 50	
*A. Winters, Bergen Co.		3	19	2	6 00			6 00	
*R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.		3	24	4	12 00	4 25		16 25	1 75
Totals			32	236	219	\$137 25	\$30 10	\$167 35	\$201 05

Ohio, Week Ending November 10, 1911

J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	49	13	40 00	17 95	57 95	2 60	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	4	29	5	14 00	4 50	18 50		
H. Forsythe, Seneca Co.	BF	5	30	14	16 00		16 00		
L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	4	33	2	2 50		2 50	109 25	
E. Reichenbach, Geauge Co.	CK	1	12	5	7 50		7 50	27 00	
Totals			19	153	39	\$80 00	\$22 45	\$102 45	138 85

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 10, 1911

*C. Dunham, Pittsburg	GC	5	7	5	15 50	4 80	20 30	11 05	
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	3	21	14	26 50	1 80	28 30	8 50	
Totals			8	28	19	\$42 00	\$6 60	\$48 60	\$19 55

Virginia, Week Ending, November 10, 1911

S. N. Brown, Bristol	CK	5	36	28	37 50	8 50	46 00	4 50	
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*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$582.30 Deliveries, \$475.10

Tent Fund.....		Elder J. J. Marietta and Dr. H. M. Jump will hold a series of meetings at Bowling Green, beginning Sunday evening, November 26.
Blind Fund.....	1 00	
Africa.....		
Camera Fund Little Friend.....		
Colored Work.....	128 53	
Orphans and Aged.....		
Tent and Hall Donations.....	26 95	Elder F. H. Henderson writes from Zanesville: "We have two new Sabbath-keepers, and hope for more soon." "I am also holding Sunday night meetings with a good interest."
Religious Liberty.....		
Ministry of Healing.....	230 00	
Missions.....	36 89	
White Memorial Church.....	20	
City Work.....		
Harvest Ingathering (S. S. D.).....	37 17	Elder E. K. Slade is spending a few days at the ministerial institute of the Lake Union Conference which is now in progress at Battle Creek.
TOTAL.....	\$6,843 56	

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

Our state canvassing agent, Brother F. B. Numbers, has moved from Delaware to Madison. His new address is R. F. D. 2, Madison, O.

Elder James Edson White met with the Toledo and Bowling Green churches on a recent Sabbath and Sunday; the members were highly edified by his discourses.

It has been arranged that Elder J. W. Shultz remain at Barnesville this winter and assist Elder Bidwell in the work of his district. This is new territory and numerous calls for help are coming from places where the truth has never been preached, people having become interested through the work of the canvasser.

Elder J. J. Marietta is visiting churches in the western part of the state in the interest of the \$300,000 fund and the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

Elder H. H. Burkholder, though he has not yet fully recovered from his recent illness, is in attendance at the Lake Union ministerial institute.

Dr. W. J. Venen held a meeting with the East Liverpool church Sabbath, November 4, visited isolated members in Mahoning County the week following, and met with the church at Youngstown Sabbath, November 11. Dr. Venen is finding subscribers for the VISITOR as he visits among the churches.

Sister Ella M. Talmage has fifteen regular appointments for Bible readings as a beginning in her work of following up the effort at Wooster.

Elder Bidwell is visiting churches in the north central part of the state, in behalf of "Ministry of Healing" and the \$300,000 fund. The following places will receive a call from him: Norwalk, Camden, Spencer, Medina, and Wellington.

Mrs. Ida Acton of the Waterford church and Mrs. George Cemer of Clyde are at the Mount Vernon Sanitarium for surgical attention.

Brother Frank Hall, who is in charge of the colored work in Columbus, requests that we help that work by giving some good tracts to use in that city. These should be sent to Brother Hall at 1421-Acheson Street, Columbus, O.

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Notice

All matter intended for immediate publication must reach the VISITOR office not later in the week than Thursday morning.

ERRATUM.—The West Pennsylvania tithe report published in the previous issue is for the month of October, and not for the third quarter as given.

The November-December issue of *Christian Education* begins new serials—Primary Language and Construction Work. The instruction given in this first number will not only be of great value to our primary teachers, but may be profitably used by parents in directing their children into profitable pastime. Too little attention is given to teaching boys and girls the use of tools and general mechanical construction. Early training along these lines ever sheds favorable influence over the entire life

Study at Home Now

The best season for study at home has now begun. The pressure of the summer and autumn work is beginning to lighten. The tonic of cooler weather awakens the mental faculties to their best efforts. Ambition rises, the sense of our educational need deepens, and determination takes hold of us anew.

Members of the Fireside Correspondence School who have been obliged to slacken their work somewhat during the summer are now pushing their studies again with vigor. Those who see their opportunity for the first time, and are making a way to improve it, are enrolling while the

season is the most favorable for study.

It is not yet too late for any one to begin. This school is open for admission and service the year round. But the sooner one starts, the surer he is of getting well under headway before another warm season comes. Time taken by the forelock yields rich returns. Instruction in twenty-four preparatory and collegiate subjects is now offered. A complete calendar of information may be had by addressing the school at Takoma Park, D. C.

Persecution

That the dragon is "wroth with the woman," the church whose members keep the commandments of God, is clearly revealed in the way persecution is being waged in South Carolina. Last week, Brother J. A. Brown and wife were arraigned before a magistrate and six jurymen to answer a charge of Sabbath-breaking. The trial was set for September 28, and Brother A. H. Evers and the writer were present to defend the case. The circumstances which led to the arrest were these. The weather had been bad for some days previous, and the corn-fodder, cotton, etc., in the vicinity were wasting. Sunday being a clear day, early morning found many of the farmers out in the fields trying to save their crops, and among them, Brother and Sister Brown. There were a number closer to the public road, and nearer to some one's home than were these two Sabbath-keepers; but it seems that these two were the only ones who in any way disturbed the peace. They were quietly picking cotton in in the field, while some others, among them the constable himself, had their teams at work hauling fodder to the barns.

It was very apparent from the first that it was a case of religious persecution, and that the only real fault they could find with these two persons was that they had not worked on the day before. The law of South Carolina says that no persons are to perform labor of the ordinary, calling on "the Lord's day, commonly known as Sabbath." When the writer rose with Bible in hand to address the jury, and give the reason why we contended that Brother Brown and his wife had not broken this Sabbath law, the opposing attorney immediately objected to the Bible's being used as evidence, and the judge ruled that it was incompetent, and must not be referred to in the trial. It was stated that the state of South

Carolina, and not the Bible, was to decide as to which day is the Sabbath; that for God's law to be introduced as evidence, he[God] must be present in person, else it would be only hearsay or supposition.

The only thing left for us to do was to improve the opportunity of presenting the true principles of religious liberty, and Brother Evers and I did so. It was also contended that the work was a "work of necessity," as the cotton in the field was wasting. The trial lasted about two hours, and resulted in a verdict of "guilty" being returned by the jury.

The writer remained with the Battle Ground church over Sabbath and Sunday, and we were glad to see that the trial had resulted in creating in the hearts of some of those present an interest in the truth. These eagerly listened to the truth, and one family who has been holding off for some years because of the testing points of our faith promised to obey. This community is quite a fruitful field, and there are other interested ones who will no doubt obey soon.

W. H. BRANSON, in *Field Tidings*.

Ode to the Chrysanthemum

Autumn gems,—Chrysanthemums,
To thy beauty all beholden!
With thy coming gladness comes,
Riches with thy petals golden!

Snowballs of another world—
Pearls among a sea of flowers—
Banners of the pure unfurled—
Crystal drops from heaven's showers—

Bleak November's sunny day—
Sorrow's end and Pain's forgetting—
Autumn's button-hole bouquet—
Gems without a proper setting.

Whence did all thy splendor flow?
From within thy curtained chalice?
O, the secret would I know,
Hidden in thy gorgeous palace!

For the joy of seeing thee,
Life is worth the trial of living!
May thy beauteous mission be
One eternal, glad Thanksgiving!

R. B. THURBER.

OBITUARIES

PAINTER.—Died at his home near Stanley, Va., Oct. 11, 1911, Joseph Painter, aged 73 years, 9 months, and 22 days. Before his death he expressed a bright hope of life beyond the grave. Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh-day Adventist church at Stanley, by Brother A. J. Painter, assisted by the writer. The deceased was the father of Elder T. H. Painter of the Stanley church.
B. F. PURDHAM.