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## GENERAL MATTER

### Practical Instruction

It is in the order of God that the physical as well as the mental powers shall be trained; but the character of the physical exercise taken should be in complete harmony with the lessons given by Christ to His disciples. Those lessons should be exemplified in the lives of Christians, so that in all the education and self-training of teachers and students, the heavenly agencies may not record of them that they are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." This is the record now being made of a large number, "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Thus Satan and his angels are laying their snares for souls. They are working upon the minds of teachers and students to induce them to engage in exercises and amusements which become intensely absorbing, and which are of a character to strengthen the lower passions and to create appetites and passions that will counteract the operations of the Spirit of God upon human hearts.

All the teachers in a school need exercise, a change of employment. God has pointed out what this should be, useful, practical work. But many have turned away from God's plan to follow human inventions to the detriment of spiritual life. Amusements are doing more to counteract the working of the Holy Spirit than anything else, and the Lord is grieved.

Those teachers who have not a progressive religious experience, who are not learning daily lessons in the school of Christ, that they may be examples to the flock, but who accept their wages as the main consideration are not fitted for the solemn position they occupy. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves," the word of God declares, "and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the flock of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint,

but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." These words are spoken to the teachers in all our schools, which are established, as God designed they should be, after the example of the schools of the prophets, to impart knowledge of a high order, not mingling dross with the silver. But false ideas and unsound practices are leavening that which should ever be kept pure, institutions in which the love and fear of God should ever be first.

Let the teachers learn daily lessons in the school of Christ. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me," "He says, "for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." There is altogether too little of Christ and too much of self. But those who are under the dictation of the Spirit of God, under the rule of Christ, will be examples to the flock. When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, these will receive the crown of life that fadeth not away.

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

All self- uplifting works out the natural result, making character of which God cannot approve. Work and teach; work in Christ's lines, and then you will never work in your own weak ability, but will have the cooperation of the divine.

"Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He is on the playground, watching your amusements, and catching every soul whom he finds off guard, sowing his seeds in human hearts and gaining control of human minds. He is present in every exercise in the schoolroom. Those students who allow their minds to be deeply excited over games are not in the best condition to receive the instruction, the counsel, the reproof, most essential for them.

Physical exercise was marked out by the God of wisdom. Some hours each day should be devoted to useful education in lines of work that will help the students in learning the duties of practical life, which are essential for all our youth.

There is need of every one in every school and in every other institution being, as was Daniel, in such close connection with the Source of all wisdom, that he will be enabled to reach the highest standard in every line. The love and fear of God was before Daniel, and, conscious of his amenability to God, he trained all his powers to respond as far as possible to the loving care of the great Teacher. The four Hebrew children would not allow selfish motives and love of amusements to occupy the golden moments of life. They worked with a willing heart and a ready mind. This is no higher attainment than every Christian youth may reach.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### "That Rock"

As Jacob journeyed to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel, to take a wife, he lighted upon a certain place and tarried all night, because the sun was set. For a pillow he took a stone and, while resting his weary body, was given the dream of the ladder with one end on the earth and the other reaching to heaven. This lonely place became the "house of God, and gate to Heaven" to him. The stone was erected for a memorial, consecrated, and named Bethel. A few years later he wrestles with the angel, Christ, and is named Israel. Gen. 32:28. From Israel, or Jacob, was the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel. Gen. 49: 24. The Shepherd was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Ps. 80:1; 23:1; 40:11; John 10:12; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:4.

We now enquire was the Shepherd the Stone? "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste (or stumble)." Isa. 28:16.

"And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a fire and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." Isa. 8:14. "Jesus saith unto them, 'Did ye never read in the Scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.'" Matt. 21:42.

"This (Christ) is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is their salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:11,12. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, *Jesus Christ himself* being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:20-22. Again: "As it is written, Behold I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Rom. 9:33. "If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore it is also contained in the scriptures, Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, erect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: 1 Pet. 2. Christ was prefigured in the smitten rock at Horeb. Ex. 27:6. Also in the desert of Zin, when Moses, much wearied, in a moment of impatience smote the rock twice, thus failing to sanctify the Lord before the people. Num. 20: 1-13 "And that Rock was Christ," for "They did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: And that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:3, 4. No allusion to Peter. He was a "rolling stone", an unfit stone for the precious headstone of the corner, the true and sure foundation stone.

"The gates of Hell", the grave, enclosed our Rock and a stone was rolled to the door. Yet our Rock being the living stone, the gates could not prevail, and he came forth to be

our "tried, precious, true, sure, living foundation Stone", at which we do not stumble, neither will we be ashamed at his appearing and kingdom for we will look up and say—"Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will rejoice and be glad in His salvation." Isa. 25:9. D. E. LINDSEY.

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### Work Among the Jews—3

After the Jew has read the first tract, he will want to know something of the people who are distributing such literature. Having been so bitterly abused by professed Christians during many centuries, he will want to know if this kind of teaching is similar to others he has heard of, which have resulted in the persecution and death of thousands of his kindred and many of his relatives.

The thing then to do is to give the Jews the tract, entitled, "The Two Great Truths." This tract deals with the Sabbath question, and with the pork question. To a large number of pious, devout, orthodox Jews, pork-eating and first day observance are closely related. To them these two ideas are almost foundation stones of Christianity. When the Jews read that there are Christian people who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Lord, and, at the same time, do not eat swine flesh, it will make, we are sure, a great impression upon their minds. It will break down prejudice. It will lead them to feel that perhaps they may not have been correctly informed as to what real Christianity is.

Having read this tract, the Jews will want to know more; perhaps some of them will feel that there might be some things about the true Christians different from those Christians they have known in Russia. Hence many will be glad to read further. The thing to do now is to place in their hands, consecutively, the "Bible Readings," 1-3, published in Yiddish and English, which makes clear to them many things they know, but written from the standpoint of the fulfillment of the types, showing their fulfillment in Christ. We believe that with the blessing of the Lord this line of educational work will mean much in instructing the Jews as to the real meaning of the Christian religion.

We must not blame the Jew for feeling unkind toward the followers of Christ, for the Jews have been so cruelly abused for centuries. Still the word of God tells us that they must

know this message; it is to every nation, kindred, tongue, people. The day will come when many of these children of Abraham will rise up and thank God for those Seventh-day Adventists who have unlearned them what they had supposed was truth for hundreds of years, and who have planted in their hearts the true message of God which contains hope.

After the Jews read this literature, they will want to know other things of present truth. They will have many questions to ask, and we are sure the Lord will, by his Spirit, move upon their hearts to want to know the true way of God.

The Jewish Department, will be glad to give any information it can along the lines of help in working for the Jews, and all mail directed to the Jewish Department, South Lancaster, Mass., will receive prompt attention.

We hope that the readers will take hold of this matter, and interest themselves in this work. Here is a message which has come to the people of God recently:—

"In the closing proclamation of the gospel, when special work is to be done for classes of people hitherto neglected, God expects his messengers to take particular interest in the Jewish people, whom they find in all parts of the earth."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 381.

Here we have the word that the messengers of God are to take special interest in the Jews. There certainly must be a reason for this; and we believe that God will give large results. May God bless his people, as they take hold of this work.

Please do not send to the Jewish Department for these tracts. Send directly to your state tract society, or to the South Lancaster Printing Company, South Lancaster, Mass. This printing company has been authorized by the Publishing Department of the General Conference to issue literature for the Jews. F. C. GILBERT.

The January Number of *Christian Education* sparkles with good things for teachers and parents. Every father and mother in the church should have the instruction Mrs. Lewis gives in this issue in her lesson on "Every Home a School", the suggestions given in "A Letter From Mrs. A" on school work, and the Editor's teaching on "Stepping-Stones and Pitfalls in Education." Those who do not have *Christian Education* should subscribe for it at once, while it may be secured with other papers at special rates.

## UNION

Among the Churches of  
Northern Ohio

No doubt the readers of the VISITOR will be glad to learn what signs of the times I met on my way while visiting in northern Ohio the churches of Akron, Canton, Clyde, Toledo and Bowling Green. I met with the church at Akron Friday, November 29, and twice on Sabbath following. The Lord came very near to us during these meetings, and there were precious seasons of revival amongst our own people. That evening the Rev. McEwan of the North Hill Methodist church invited me to occupy his pulpit, and the next morning, Sunday, I spoke to his congregation upon the subject of "The Balkan War." It was quite a representative audience, there being present some seven high school teachers, two high school professors, the principal of the high school, and many business men in the different lines of professions. Without hesitancy I told them at the beginning of my remarks who I was, and God gave his freedom and blessing to the message borne. That night the Seventh-day Adventist church was well filled, some of the brethren saying that it was the largest audience they had ever seen out in the church.

The next evening I was invited to address the public in the Salvation Army Barracks. Although it was a bad night and many things of importance were going on in the city, nevertheless we had an excellent audience. The city of Akron just now is being stirred over the question of vice and moral corruption, which seems to be about to engulf the city in its overwhelming wave. The pastors of the city are calling for help, but it seems as if they get very little of this from the public press and from those representative organs which ought to be leaders against wickedness instead of leaders for it.

There are many precious souls in this city thirsting for the truth. Elder F. M. Fairchild is working hard to do what he can to build up the church in this city. All the signs seem to point that intensity is taking hold of every earthly element. The forces of wickedness are lining up on the one side, while a deeper spiritual life is taking hold of the people of God on the other hand.

To show how people who know nothing of the prophecies are being impressed with the times in which we

live I will relate a little incident that occurred. I took the electric railway the next morning to go from Akron to Canton. I was in my seat paying attention to no one when the conductor approached me, and without any advances on my part he broke right out and said, "What is this world coming to anyway? Have you read the account of the terrible murder which took place in Barberton this morning?" I told him that I had not, whereupon he related to me the gruesome details of that shocking event. Men are being impressed everywhere that the forces of evil are unchained, and only the power of God having free course in the lives of his people can on the one hand keep them from being swept away in the great stream, and on the other hand make them powerful to restrain and save some.

At Canton I also was invited to address the public in the Salvation Army Barracks. Although the members of our little church there are not many, yet they were very glad for this occasion to say something decisively to the public. We had out a good audience. The Lord witnessed to the words. Some people were deeply convicted and inquired where they could buy literature which would enable them to get an understanding of the prophecies for this time. Of course, I referred them to our brethren who were glad to get in touch with them so that they might supply them with reading matter.

From Canton I went to the church at Clyde, where I held two meetings. We were signally favored by the presence and blessing of God. The brethren were very responsive to the message presented, and earnestly solicited that either myself or some other worker come to Clyde and hold a strong series of meetings. Although this is one of the oldest churches in the conference, if not in the denomination, nevertheless the brethren feel that if an experienced man could come into this place there would yet be fruit gathered out for the message.

In all these churches I presented the card plan for the liquidation of the debt of Mount Vernon College. It was encouraging to me to see how the brethren took hold with us in this enterprise. I told them that practically one-half of the debt had been subscribed, and the brethren warmly shook me by the hand, saying that if we found it a hard pull to gather in the last half of the debt to count on them, they would stand by us to the end, that they wanted to see the debt upon Mount Vernon College wiped off.

Perhaps the brethren throughout the Union would be interested to know that I have just gone over the financial statement of the College again this year, and we believe that the blessing of God will follow us on this point this year as it has in the past two or three years. We do not wish to impair the efficiency of our work by too careful a management in the matter of finances, yet we would like to do something that would lead our brethren to realize that we are putting up a brave fight to bring the school both from a financial and educational standpoint to a good standard of efficiency and to secure from them their help and co-operation. Of course, if we can not succeed in this we are perfectly willing to step aside and let some one else come in that will have their confidence and to whom they will give their support. We will have a number of college graduates this year, young people of the highest efficiency, who we expect will go right out into the work. Why should not this go right on in increasing measure to help hasten the proclamation of the message and the soon coming of our Saviour?

Toledo was the next church we visited, and we certainly did greatly enjoy our visit there. Dr. Jump is laboring hard to increase the membership and efficiency of the church. There was a hearty response on the part of the brethren both spiritually and financially.

They bade God speed as we went to Bowling Green. I shall never forget the Sabbath afternoon at Bowling Green when the majority of the church came forward to the altar, and with tears streaming down their faces made surrenders that I believe were done under the direction and sanction of God. Amongst those who came forward were many young people in the church school taught by Sister Andre. The hearts of many more were made glad by the surrenders to God which they saw. Here also the brethren took hold to lift in our financial burdens.

I suppose there will never be a time but what there will be calls for the means as well as for the lives of God's children, but sometimes we feel to wish that the financial burdens did not press so heavily, and that we might have more time to devote to the spiritual interests of so many needy souls. Pray to that end and give us your help along this line.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"Pray without ceasing."

## VIRGINIA

### What God Hath Wrought

It is well sometimes to pause and take a view of God's leadings lest we become discouraged at the seeming slow pace the work is moving. When we take one month at a time, we can see but little advancement many times. But when we group together several months, the progress is more apparent.

At the beginning of 1912 we set our standard for 100 converts to the faith in Richmond alone for the year 1912, including both the white and colored converts. We had hoped to see fully as many converts among the colored people as among the white. In this we have been disappointed. While we have seen over one half hundred accept the faith among the whites, there have been only about twenty among the colored people.

However, in this we are not discouraged. We would rather set our standard high and fall a little short than to set a low standard and barely reach it; for one seldom reaches higher than the the standard he sets. Talk great things, pray for great things, believe that we will receive great things, is always the rule that we should follow.

Besides what has been accomplished in Richmond, souls have embraced the faith at Lynchburg, Rileyville, Guinea Mills, Newport News, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Spencer. Ninety-five persons have been baptized and united with our churches. About fifteen more are keeping the Sabbath, making a total of 110 who have embraced the faith during the year 1912.

That this has been a healthy growth and that the people have actually embraced the faith is demonstrated by the fact that the tithe for the year was nearly \$1,000 more than for the year 1911. The increase in tithe has been in proportion to the increase in membership.

Not only has this been true of the tithe but it has been more apparent in our offerings, there having been a gain in offerings of nearly sixty per cent. The offerings for missions during the year 1911 were \$1,074.91, while for 1911 our donations to missions were \$1,754.68 a gain of \$679.77. The total tithe and offerings for 1911 were \$5,731.56 and for 1912 \$7,388.04 or an increase over 1911 of \$1,656.48, or an increase of about thirty per cent. The Sabbath-school offerings for the year 1911 were \$337.81 and for the year 1912

\$634.32, or nearly double.

These figures are given as a source of encouragement that we may see what God hath wrought through a consecrated effort on the part of his children, and what he has done for us during the year 1912 he is willing to do in the year 1913, and even more. As our members are greater we should expect to accomplish even more during the present year than in the year just closed.

I feel that I desire personally to thank our brethren and sisters who have contributed to this great increase, and I desire with you to consecrate my all more fully to God that he may do greater things through me in the coming year than in the past.

Now, as the work is moving on in an encouraging manner, shall we not double our diligence and not be satisfied until we have reached still higher attainments, or the standard God requires?

May God bless the faithful souls who have made this present showing possible and greatly increase them in spiritual blessings, also in basket and store.

W. J. STONE.

### Our Balance Sheet

At the close of each year we take an inventory, balance our accounts, make off a balance sheet in order that we may know just what our financial standing is. We have accounts which must be closed to loss and gain account, and, of course, we like to see a nice net gain. Just so it should be in our Christian life; we should review the past year and take an inventory of stock on hand, balance up our accounts, and close them into loss and gain account. Our losses should consist of such items as are a hindrance to our spiritual growth and development, such things as tend to tie us to this world and its pleasures, and every weight of sin which doth so easily beset us. On the other hand our gains should be many; increased knowledge of divine things, growth in grace, increase of talents and better use of those on hand, more love for our fellow men, more faith, more joy, more victories, more of a missionary spirit, and more time for labor for the Master.

Each day we should review our lives and know just how we stand with our Maker. We know not what shall be on the morrow, so each day's record should be clean and balanced. Our aim should always be "my best for Christ." The best of heaven was given for us, so we should give our best for him.

A. M. NEFF.

### Danville

After an absence of thirty-eight years the providence of God has called me back to my native State. I arrived in Danville Nov. 1 and have gotten fairly started, having visited the three churches of Danville, Spencer, and News Ferry. They thoroughly appreciated the help the conference has given them, and this their improved monthly reports will reveal.

There is "up and down hill" work, but, after recovering exhausted breath at the top, the landscape prospect encourages the efforts.

Improvements will be sought, expected, and, no doubt, secured in every department of the message to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. To this end, I am grateful to know that I have your prayers.

C. M. KINNY.

### Richmond

The last Sabbath morning and Sunday night of 1912 were special seasons of blessing and refreshing to Richmond Church Number Two. Elder Stone, the conference president, delivered two very impressive and helpful discourses. On the Sabbath the lesson was gathered from Isa. 2, 1 Thess. 5, and James 5, together with other passages setting forth the near approach of the coming of Christ. The Holy Spirit was present and all hearts were deeply moved.

At the close of the discourse opportunity was given for testimony. Nearly every one in the room spoke, and some not in the message requested prayer that they might have strength to keep the commandments of God.

On Sunday night the text was found in Jer. 6: 16. The Lord gave through the speaker the kindest, clearest, and most forceful setting of the binding claims of the fourth commandment that I have ever heard. After the service overflowing hearts among the members and visitors expressed themselves as determined to yield more fully to the claims of God's law than ever before.

As we catch glimpses of God through this precious truth the expression of the prophet in Isa. 6: 5 is ours. How hateful and repulsive in the sight of a Holy God are the miserable deformities of sin! How feeble have been the best efforts! "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Ps. 51: 10. As you read, pray for the writer, that this rich experience may be his, that having been faithful and useful here he may be among those of Rev. 22: 14.

F. G. WARNICK.

## News and Notes

Mrs. A. M. Neff has returned home from the Virginia Sanitarium, where she has undergone a surgical operation. She is making a good recovery.

Last week the students of the Academy enjoyed a vacation. Some of them going to their homes, and others spending the week with friends.

The Newport News Church No. 1 reports a profitable season during the week of prayer and new consecrations made to the Lord. All are of good courage.

J. D. Reavis and Myrtle Robinson are kept busy holding Bible readings and giving treatments to interested persons at Richmond. We hope to see others go forward soon in baptism.

Elder J. H. N. Tindall and family are expected home from their rest and vacation this week. We trust that he will be much refreshed and benefitted by the trip and change in surroundings.

The record of the First Richmond Church shows over fifty accessions during the past year. I trust the coming year will witness no less of the mighty movings of God's Holy Spirit.

Elder W. G. Kneeland spent a few days last week with his family at New Market. He expected to begin a series of meetings at Stanley last Friday night. Pray that God may greatly bless his labors there.

Plans are being held for a strong effort to be made in East Richmond in the near future, and it is hoped that the work in Richmond will be greatly strengthened if not a new church raised up in that part of the city.

The treasurer's books of the Virginia Tract Society show a number of accounts of long standing, which should be settled to enable the Society to pay the publishing houses its obligations. Will not those who are owing the Society make a determined effort to pay these accounts? It would be greatly appreciated, and render present needed assistance.

Elder Kinny, of Danville, sends in a good report of the work done there with the Harvest Ingathering Signs. They have a few more papers to distribute and the prospects are that they will have between twenty and twenty-five dollars to help on the foreign missionary work.

Elder Stone spoke last Sabbath and also Sunday night at the colored church. There was a good attendance, and all are greatly encouraged by these services. The colored work is slowly, but steadily making advancement at Richmond. Their members are double what they were one year ago.

Brother Hess, our state agent, went to Norfolk about ten days ago to assist Brother and Sister Eekhout in their work and others who may need assistance, and then will spend some time in selling literature himself. Let our brethren and sisters remember in their prayers those who are engaged in this pioneer work.

Sabbath, Dec. 21, Elder Stone spoke at the First Richmond Church upon the "Heaping together of Treasures", as foretold in the Scriptures and fulfilled in the great combines, corporations, and trusts, as being brought to view by recent investigations at Washington of the J. Pierpont Morgan system. All were forcibly reminded of the fast fulfilling prophecies and the nearness of the coming of the Lord. Sunday night following he spoke upon the subject "Returning to the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints."

The Richmond church held a business meeting last week, Wednesday night, electing new officers for the coming year, and going over the list of church members. We found the membership in much better condition than was expected. Two or three were disfellowshipped, and as many more placed on probation for three months upon whom labor will be bestowed, then, if there is no change, they will be disfellowshipped. The church now numbers about 130 active members, and there was only one member whose whereabouts was not known. An effort will be made to locate this member.

There is a difference between sitting before the fire and thinking about doing good, and going out into the cold and doing it. — *Ram's Horn.*

## NEW JERSEY

### Newark

Somewhere about three years ago work among the Slavish-Bohemian people started in the city of Newark. This work has been growing from the very first, and somewhat over a year ago a church was organized. To-day they have a membership of thirty-three and eleven of these are brethren. About one-third of this number are Polish and we expect in the near future a Polish church will be organized in this city.

About a year ago these brethren began to feel that they needed a place of worship, as it was very difficult to get halls suitable for their meetings. They began to pray and to plan for a building and have continued to struggle and work until now they have a neat, creditable building that will seat one hundred and fifty people. This building has been put up practically by the brethren of the church working nights and holidays. It is worth five thousand dollars and they have been able to have it finished and furnished with an indebtedness of only \$1600.

Sunday, January 5, this building was dedicated to the service of God and the brethren are happy and full of zeal to do aggressive work among their people. Truly God has been good to them and we rejoice with them that we have such a creditable building which can be used to carry the truth to these nationalities. Elder Smith, Elder Hanhardt, Brother Matula, who has been working for these nationalities, and the writer conducted the dedicatorial services.

The 26th of January we expect to dedicate the English church in Newark, which has been built practically in the same way that the other has been built, that is, by the brethren of the church. This building, when completed, will be worth about ten thousand dollars and we expect to dedicate it free of debt.

We are glad for what the Lord has been doing for us here in New Jersey, and are looking forward to a year of blessing. While our people have been able to do so much for the work inside the conference, they have not forgotten the foreign fields, but have raised \$372 more than their fifteen-cent-a-week fund.

A. R. SANDBORN.

The best time to correct a mistake is just before you make it.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

## Notice

The annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular session of the conference to be held in the First Altoona S. D. A. church, Sixth and Union Avenues, Altoona, Pa., February 4-9, 1913. The first meeting of the Association will open at 9:30 A. M., Thursday, February 6, 1913. At this session members of the constituency of the Association are to be elected, and any other business transacted which may come before the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*  
H. K. HACKMAN, *Secretary.*

## Notes

Remember the date of the West Pennsylvania conference and church officers' convention, to be held at Altoona, Pa., February 4 to 9, 1913. Every church in the conference should have its delegates at this meeting, as some very important matters will be considered, which will affect the welfare of each church. Not only should the delegates attend, but we trust that as many of our brethren and sisters as possibly can will be there to get the benefits of the conference and convention work.

Elder Kneeland held quarterly services with the Coudersport church last Sabbath, and reports that the Lord is greatly blessing the church there. He also met Elders Veach and Schwartz at Altoona, where they considered plans for the coming conference.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, the Union Conference Auditor, was at the office this week auditing the books of the conference and tract society.

The conference books show that the tithe has made a gain of nearly \$2,000.00, and the mission offerings counted in the 15c-a-week fund have gained nearly \$1,800.00 during the year 1912 over those of 1911. Surely this should be a source of encouragement to our faithful brethren and sisters, whose liberality and sacrifice with the blessing of God on their honesty, has made this good report possible. May the present year witness even greater progress.

We wish again to urge that as many as possible of our church workers attend the conference and convention for church officers at Altoona, Feb. 4 to 9. We have the promise of excellent help from the Columbia Union and General conferences, and the instruction given along the various lines of church work will be very valuable.

## CHESAPEAKE

## Rock Hall and Baltimore

It is some time since we reported the progress of the work in this section through the medium of our welcome VISITOR. I am glad to be able to say that the New Year finds us, almost to a man, more fully determined than ever to win in the last and mightiest struggle of the ages.

The Rock Hall church enjoyed a refreshing during the special meetings held a little over one month ago. There was quite an addition then and others are soon to follow their Lord in the solemn ordinance of baptism. At our regular Tuesday evening service last week the church had the new lighting system in full operation, and it surely was a delight, and shows that the spirit of progress still reigns in Rock Hall.

The church in Baltimore, old and young, show a very commendable zeal in connection with our new church building that is already for the slate. There has been some delay, though now with the continued rich blessing of the Lord, we can begin to see the end of our struggles, and find sweet rest in the contemplation of soon enjoying the privilege of worshiping in our own church home,—a monument to the name and sign of the true God. At one meeting over \$3000 was pledged toward the cost of this light which is to shine amid the moral darkness.

We hope to be able to hold the dedicatory service sometime in February. God has given us some precious souls and others are soon to join us. Our hearts are rejoiced at every victory of the cross of Prince Emmanuel. The third angel's message represents the truth—the might and power of the Creator. It can and does break down every barrier, giving glorious deliverance from sin and liberty in the Lord Jesus Christ. We esteem it a precious privilege to be identified with such a work and message, and our hearts thirst for a fuller identification with every possibility of the hour. Pray for us and the work.

F. W. PAAP.

## OHIO

## Toledo

Doubtless a report of the work in Toledo will interest the readers of the VISITOR. December 31, 1911, the membership of the Sabbath-school was 42, and December 31, 1912, the membership was 72. This shows a gain of 30 in membership during the year. In addition to this the home department has a membership of 20. The increase of the Sabbath-school donations has kept pace with the increase of membership.

During the year 1912 we have had a total of 19 additions to the church. The per capita offering to missions has increased.

Our 1912 tithe is more than double that of 1911. The attendance at prayer meetings and church services is increasing. Several times recently it has been necessary to bring in chairs from the chapel room in order that the congregation on the Sabbath might be seated.

We feel that we are all growing spiritually. We unite with our pastor in praising our heavenly Father for his many blessings.

MRS. S. D. PHILLIPS.

## Zanesville

The past year has been one of blessing to the little company at Zanesville. The Lord blessed in all our efforts to do his work.

By his help we were able to raise thirty cents a week for missions, most of this was raised during the month of October through the Ingathering Signs.

Fifteen have been baptized during the past six months, and united with the church.

The visits Elders Slade and Wilkinson made us recently were very much appreciated by the church. They gave us some very timely instruction. Elder Wilkinson presented the card plan of Mt. Vernon College and received quite a liberal response in cash and in pledges to sell Christ's Object Lessons amounting to one hundred dollars, or more.

The money raised in 1912 exceeded that of the previous year by three hundred dollars, in tithes and offerings. The church has acted most nobly in the scattering of the printed page, and results are being seen too. They keep me quite busy looking after new interests that are springing up from their faithfulness. Our courage is good.

F. H. HENDERSON.



## Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending January 3, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. House, McKean		CK	9	41	19	44 90	7 90	52 80	33 75
E. Rogers, Fulton Co.		CK	10	90	23	36 50	2 75	39 25	41 50
A. Davies, Pittsburg		CK	6	37	10	19 00	5 10	24 10	7 75
J. Perkins, Pittsburg		CK	7	30	38	57 50	25	57 75	6 50
F. Hall, Pittsburg		CK	4	14	12	18 50	25	18 75	15 75
J. Paden, Pittsburg		CK	7	45	11	16 50	50	18 50	
C. Guenter, Potter Co.		BF	4	24					51 00
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.		PPF	10	90		92 80		92 80	98 45
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.		DR	5	25					69 00
R. Morgan, Beaver Co.		BF	5	33		2 50	1 60	4 10	9 00
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.		BF	5	31					27 75
Totals	11 Agents		72	458	113	\$288 20	\$35 11	\$313 37	\$450 70

## Chesapeake, Week Ending January 3, 1913

D. Percy, Wycomico Co.	BF	4	21	9	20 00	12 20	32 20	1 50
J. Jones, Worcester Co.	GC	5	39	23	43 00	13 10	56 10	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	3	24	13	37 30		37 30	
M. Pettibone, Baltimore Co.	PPF	2	12	11	18 50	1 50	20 00	5 50
Totals	4 Agents	14	96	56	\$118 80	\$26 80	\$145 60	\$7 00

## East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending January 3, 1913

R. Towne, Phoenixville	GC		48	6	19 00	2 90	21 90	41 40
Stella Grube, Coopersburg	CK		17	1	2 00	3 75	5 75	
Mrs. H. Tranger, Allentown	Misc.		3	1	1 50	4 20	5 70	
S. L. Burkhart, Waynesboro	CK		40	4	6 50	1 25	7 75	
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK		4	6	10 00	90	10 90	65
Mrs. Mark Hale, Wade	PG							15 75
Mrs. Dunkinson, Chambersburg	PG		15	3	9 00	8 10	17 10	
W. Dunkinson, Chambersburg	PG		31	4	12 00	9 30	21 30	21 30
Jones & Abbott, Wilkes Barre	DR		14	7	27 00	13 70	40 70	1 00
R. Sterner, Bucks Co.			32					25 40
Mary Diener, Lebanon			5					24 90
Mrs. M. Haller, Lancaster								17 00
Mrs. J. Mack, Scranton			13				8 50	
Totals	14 Agents		222	32	\$87 00	\$44 10	\$139 60	\$147 40

## Ohio, Week Ending January 3, 1913

J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.	ES	4	37	15	48 00	5 90	53 90	2 55
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	5	35	9	27 00	13 00	40 00	
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	4	30	4	12 00	19 00	31 50	3 50
Totals	3 Agents	13	102	28	\$87 00	\$37 90	\$124 90	\$6 05

## New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending December 27, 1912

J. Rambo, Camden	CK	6	34					61 50	
G. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR							36 00	
W. Fink, Jersey City	BR			3	15 00	50	15 50		
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	BR	3	18	3	7 00	16 00	23 00	23 00	
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	3	18	21	9 75		9 75	8 50	
Totals	5 Agents		12	70	27	\$31 75	\$16 50	\$48 25	\$134 50

Grand Totals: 37 Agents Value of Orders, \$771 72 Deliveries, \$745 65

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Washington Sanitarium Notes

The past year (1912) the Sanitarium has enjoyed the blessing of ministering to over 400 patients, an average of about 38 per month.

Many of these have come from leading families of the land, among them being ministers, physicians, lawyers, and other professional men, also editors, bankers, government employees, and business men.

The institution is becoming better known in Washington and the suburbs, and is steadily gaining friends and supporters among laymen and physicians and surgeons.

In organization and efficiency, the Sanitarium has made marked progress, and is fast approaching the ideal as an institution of health and healing. The departments are building up strongly, and cooperate heartily with each other in accomplishing the general work. The rapidly developing surgical, X-Ray, and laboratory departments are especially gratifying. The department of surgery is adding much to the efficiency, success, and earning capacity of the institution. The X-Ray department furnishes valuable aid in the diagnosis of fractures, dislocations, etc. Aside from the general analysis work in the laboratory, the use of the various serums, vaccines, and bacterial cultures add much to the efficiency of this department as an aid in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

The physicians, head nurses, and head bathroom attendants, composing the medical staff have prepared, read, and discussed papers relating to sanitary principles, technique, physiological action, and therapeutics of hydrotherapy, electricity, massage, and other medical subjects. The post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate nurses are organized into a nurses' staff with a physician as chairman, and read and discuss papers which they prepare on subjects relative to the work. These meetings have been a great educational factor, increasing the sense of personal responsibility, as seen in the enlivened and unified interest in the work, and care of institutional equipment. This also increases the ability and efficiency of the workers, and brings more intelligence, skill, and success into the work.

The religious element is strong. Many of the helpers are active members of the Y. P. M. V. Society, doing Christian help work, health and tem-

Having closed a successful effort near Woodsfield, Elder W. E. Bidwell began a series of meetings in the church at Pleasant Hill Thursday night, January 9.

Brother W. H. Wright, elder of the Leesburg church, recently met with a serious accident in a saw-mill, resulting in the loss of his right thumb and the laceration of both hands.

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perance work, Bible work, canvassing and visiting nurses' work. Also considerable missionary correspondence is done.

The week of prayer has been a precious season. The workers earnestly sought the Lord and he came very near. A deeper consecration and increased efficiency in Christian service witness to Heaven's blessing. The family have definitely consecrated their lives for the sake of those who come to us.

Many letters of appreciation have been received from patients, telling of the gratitude in the hearts of the writers for the help received while at the Sanitarium. Some especially mention the spiritual blessings obtained.

During the year one lady patient and three men patients gave their hearts and lives to God, and took a definite stand for the message and work of the present hour, gratefully accepting the Sabbath and related truths. These people are above the average in social position and influence. Several women accepted the truth but were not baptized.

The managers and helpers know that God has established the institution to be a light and a blessing to Washington and vicinity. We praise and thank Him for the privilege of laboring in this, His vineyard and missionary field, and rededicate our lives to this great and sacred work.

O. B. KUHN.

We give first place in this week's issue to a timely article from Mrs. E. G. White, and commend it to the earnest consideration of our readers in these days of departure from the old-fashioned simplicity of the message.

## AT THE COLLEGE

### Mount Vernon College

"When there is a harvest in sight," says Carlyle, "It is a mistake to be sparing of the seed corn."

With nearly one-half the 6000 cards covering the indebtedness on Mt. Vernon College already signed, and over \$2000 of this amount already passed over in cash to the college treasurer; with all the conferences composing the Columbia Union cooperating heartily in the effort, and the dear brethren and sisters in these conferences willing to do what they can; with prospects of 1913 being a prosperous year; and with the privilege of being connected with the Lord and having the resources of heaven from which to draw, we have everything to encourage us to believe our campaign for Mt. Vernon College will be crowned with success.

Then why should we be "sparing of the seed corn"? It is true each kernel of corn (card) will mean \$5.00. But think of the richness of the harvest and the cost of the grain will seem insignificant. May the first of 1913 witness many taking part in the sowing of the seed.

R. T. DOWSETT.

Miss Nadine Ross of Mt. Vernon and Miss Grace Sims of Cincinnati have enrolled as students at the College.

Of the sixteen members of the newly organized church at Creston, Ohio, seven are planning to attend Mt. Vernon College next year.

The young people's convention, which was to have been held at Mt. Vernon Jan. 9 to 12, has at the last moment been indefinitely postponed.

Our church schools are availing themselves of the premium offer of a large Peerless Globe with five subscriptions to *Christian Education*, \$1.00 each. The children are finding much pleasure and satisfaction in soliciting for these subscriptions, and securing a good globe for the school room.

The Premium Bible with the *Instructor* is giving good satisfaction, we are told. The *Instructor* for one year with a good Bible, ordinary print, \$2.50 postpaid. Another Bible, with larger print, is given with the *Instructor* for \$3.00 postpaid.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Notes

General meetings will be held as follows: Parkerburg, Jan. 31 to Feb. 3; Charleston, Feb. 5 to 9. We hope that our brethren and sisters will plan to attend these meetings, and shall be pleased to see as many isolated member present as possible. These meetings will be spiritual feasts, and all who attend will aid greatly by their presence, and will themselves receive a blessing.

Elder F. H. Robbins called at the office on his way home from Pickens. He brings an encouraging report from that section of the country, and said that he had the pleasure of organizing a little company of nine members, and a Sabbath school of nineteen. These isolated brethren and sisters are all of good courage, and have the true missionary spirit to want to see others accept the truth.

Brother I. D. Richardson in a letter to the office, says, "The interest at our meetings in Kanawha is good. There are eight persons who are very much interested, one has already taken her stand, and I feel sure that at least four more will follow this week.

Brother Barrows was called to Vermont last week by the death of his father who will be greatly missed by his devoted wife and children all of whom are rejoicing in the third angel's message. Our hearts go out in sympathy to Brother Barrows in this hour of bereavement. "Not my will, O Lord, but Thine," is hard to say, but we know, if we are faithful, we shall meet him when Jesus comes.

Our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times Weekly*, commences another of those helpful, converting missionary series with the issue of January 7th. In addition to the splendid list of contents shown in the little circular sent out by the tract society office, there will be a series of articles on the Eastern Question from the pen of Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference. Elder Andross gives the prophecy in striking setting with the ring of the message, and we ought to get these strong missionary numbers of the *Signs* into the homes of a great many people.