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To a Spring Flower

Oh! pretty little drooping flower
That cheered my heart in trial's hour,
Perfumed my room with fragrance sweet,
My tearful eyes, with smiles to greet
Looked up so soft, their gaze to meet,
From thy low bed beneath my feet;
How soon thy glory hath departed!

But yesterday, I met thee first,
With swelling buds about to burst,
With waxen petals, oh! so fair!
Thy subtle breath perfumed the air.
I plucked thee with the tenderest care
Lest thy gay chalice I should tear.
How soon new courage is imparted!

As gazed I in thy lovely face,
Traced gentle lines, admired its grace,
I gathered from thy stamens stout
And nodding pistils peeping out,
With dusty pollen flecked about,
A faith in God, serene, devout;
But now thy gentle form is wasted.

Today thy head is hanging low;
On yesterday it was not so,
'Twas mine that bending onward came,
As owned by one possessed by shame
Of ruined life, of ruined name,
Or one disowned by fickle fame,
Who yesterday its joys had tasted.

I weep for thee, thou pretty flower,
Thy glory lasted but an hour,
Then fleeting, left each with'ring leaf,
Which it had blest with smile so brief—
You left as leaves some skulking thief,
Whose joy has caused another grief.
The sunshine on thy cheeks is wasted.

Yet is thy labor not in vain,
For in the sunshine, through the rain,
Thou upward from the sod did grow,
And in thy loneliness did glow,
That yesterday thou mightest show,
And make a wayworn pilgrim know,
That God still justly rules in heaven.

Then still I hold thee in esteem,
Though flowery eyes no longer gleam,
Though flowery fingers withered are,
And features fair remain a scar;
Yet ruthless time can never mar
A hope thou broughtest from afar,
And to my clinging soul hast given.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

How to Train Colporters

To my mind this is one of the very important questions connected with this work. The prospective colporter may be quite enthusiastic concerning his call for service, he may have decided definitely that God has called him to the work of selling the books that are filled with the message to the world for this time and that the time is short in which to accomplish the great work set before us; he may be a man of "five talents," having been always successful in other lines of work, and yet, for the lack of proper training, make a failure of the canvassing work.

The situation to-day is different from the work of years ago. We are now not taking merely the uneducated and pick-ups throughout our fields, but we are securing the best, the most talented we can get, and taking from their positions men who are successfully supporting their families by their different occupations in which they have become efficient through years of service.

Therefore, we are duty bound to give these self-sacrificing volunteers a training that will enable them to climb the ladder of success in this line of work. I have mentioned so far only the ones we have called to sacrifice, but among our army of volunteers are men who have lost positions in accepting the message, and they conclude to give the book work a trial before looking further for other employment, and the still greater number who do not seem to be able to get anything permanent to do in other lines for lack of efficiency for some cause or other. I believe we should be just as earnest, just as zealous, in considering and educating these, as we are the more fortunate.

TRAINING

I believe our training of these workers should begin the moment the individual has decided to enter the work. Every field agent should carry with him on his trips through the conference a few of each of the printed canvasses of our leading books and immediately upon the de-

cision of your prospective to take up the work, you should pray with him in regard to both book and territory. A printed canvass of the book decided upon should at once be placed in his hands and he be advised to commit it to memory as quickly as possible.

He should also have a prospectus of his book and a full book to study along with his canvass; this we should do even though we are contemplating an institute. In fact it is an excellent plan, wherever possible, to follow this suggestion in looking forward to our institutes for we have learned that ten days is altogether too short a time to give the thorough work that we know they ought to have to immediately enter the field.

INSTITUTES

This brings us to the method of training colporters that we have employed for years, and no doubt we have all rightly decided that it is the best means of educating a number of new recruits during the same period of time. I am confident, however, that none of us are ever satisfied with the results accomplished in these short terms of school. Because of the expense to both conference and prospectives, it does not seem practicable to hold them much longer.

I would suggest, though, in order to make the institute more what it ought to be for the mutual benefit of conference and student, that we lengthen the time to at least twelve days, and that, where more than two classes are formed, one (or as many more as may be necessary to have a teacher for each book studied) of the experienced colporters be called upon to help in the class work. This will give more time for the much needed drilling on the book and canvass and give opportunity to add different classes to the school.

I believe that if two classes were formed, of at least three-quarters of an hour each, in grammar and reading, the student would be much benefited. If he did not know his lack of these essentials before coming to the institute, he would not go away without the knowledge that these qualities go a long way in helping him on to

success. Of course we could not enter into the theory of grammar during these classes, but enough of the "don'ts"; and examples can be brought in to give those who have not had the higher grade privileges in our public or denominational schools a good start in the right direction. The use of that excellent little book by Fannie Dickerson Chase, "The Speaker's Manual of Pronunciation," might be mentioned here as the text book along this line of class work. The text book for the reading class would be the book to be used by the canvasser in the field. I am positive if the preceding suggestion is followed faithfully, even though it be but for ten or twelve lessons, it will greatly strengthen our institute work.

It seems almost out of place for me to add here that the school work should be followed up by giving the student a thorough practical experience right in the field by the field agent or one of the experienced canvassers who has been helping in the class work. In regard to this part of the work, I have found that three and sometimes two days is sufficient for what we call "a starter"; the canvasser will appreciate your help much more on a return visit for two or three days, a month or six weeks later. However, I have seen the time when it seemed necessary to spend two full weeks with a canvasser right in the start. On general principles though, I think the first plan mentioned best. The canvasser's condition on leaving the school and field conditions will help in deciding this point. As far as possible the field agent should arrange the deliveries so that he can be with each canvasser in making his first delivery, not only to help him deliver his books, but to get him started right in financial matters.

Another method, while the most expensive to the conference, I look upon as one of the most successful ways to train permanent canvassers. After having placed the printed canvass and prospectus with the full book in the hands of your prospective for a month, or longer if possible, go to his home and, after drilling him a couple of days behind his own door, go into the field and remain shoulder to shoulder with him in the work until you know you can leave him on the road to success. As I look out over the field to-day, I see more men sticking to the work who have received their training in this way than in the large institutes. I do not say this in the way of discouragement of the schools mentioned, for, as stated in the begin-

ning, they are the best means of bringing a large number of new recruits together and quickly training a larger number for the field.

I think I should add here that the training of our canvassers should not stop with our first visits to them but they should be visited as often as possible and time spent with them in house to house work, correcting the defects in the methods of the canvasser and always passing on the things that we have learned while working with others, for it is a fact that if we, as officers, are as humble as we ought to be we will continually be learning from the least experienced of the men we have in the field.

CORRESPONDENCE

Every field agent should be able to write encouraging letters to his canvassers and as far as possible reach them each week in this manner when he is not in the saddle. This helps not only to keep the men in the field, but in getting the weekly report which helps us largely in studying the colporter's need. A good news letter should be sent out at least every two or three months, passing on not only the news of the canvassing work in the conference, but helpful reminders in regard to the need of continual study for greater and still greater efficiency for the work.

STUDENT CANVASSERS

In closing, I will say that I believe it would be an excellent help to our student canvassers for regular class work to be established in our schools, academies, and colleges, for at least one class a week on general principles of canvassing and the study of the book that the student is going to use during his summer's work in the field.

I am sure that, if those who are planning to enter the Bible work or the regular lines of ministry were directed into such a class as this, it would help them to realize more what the distribution of literature means toward their success in the work. John Wesley as far back as 1785 in writing to Mr. Asbury, one of the leaders of Methodism in that time, wrote, "Newly awakened people should, if it were possible, be plentifully supplied with books. Hereby the awakening is both continued and increased." Such a class, continued year after year as a part of the school work, would not only exalt the colporter work in this denomination in harmony with many expressions that might be quoted from the Testimonies, but would be a benefit both to the school and the work by sending into the field for the summer students

better qualified to earn scholarships, and impressing more fully on the mind of our workers the great benefit the regular colporter is in helping to promulgate this message; thus creating a greater interest and better cooperation among the workers in recruiting and training volunteers for the canvassing work.

I. G. BIGELOW.

Read at Bookmen's Convention, Mount Vernon, Ohio, February 21-27, 1913.

VIRGINIA

America in the Hands of the Papacy

We are told in Revelation 13 that the leopard beast, which is a symbol of the papacy would be wounded to death, but that this deadly wound would be healed, and all the world would wonder after the beast, and all the world would worship him, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life.

We are now on the eve of the final fulfillment of this wonderful prophecy. The papacy or Roman power controls at the present time all the large cities in America, and when once the cities are captured, the country becomes easy prey.

Under President Taft's administration, the Catholic church was greatly favored and received much patronage from the government officials, and many favors were bestowed upon the Roman church upon many occasions.

While I believe Mr. Wilson will be more conservative in this regard, yet already he has chosen Mr. Tumulty, a Catholic, as his private secretary, and Mrs. Wilson has secured the services of Miss Mary Bayless, a Catholic, as her private secretary.

Through these private secretaries all communications must reach the head of the government, whether for favors desired or remonstrances against supposed evils. Undoubtedly many remonstrances against appointing Catholics to offices of public trust have come through Mr. Wilson's secretary, and he has the power to consign them to the waste basket, or pass them on to the President. Rome has had an eye to business, and what we do not wish or desire to have part in politics, there are principles adopted by Rome that could be used by us to a good purpose.

The Roman Catholic church controls all the large cities of the United States, and 75 to 80 per cent of the police are communicants of that church; and as the man at the head of

the army and the man who is chief justice of the United States Supreme Court are both Catholics, we can see how firmly Rome has her grasp upon the United States. And while it is too late to unseat her, it is not too late to let the honest in heart know the true meaning of all this and save them from going down in the great destruction just before us.

The *Protestant Magazine* is designed for the very purpose of meeting this issue, and should be in the hands of every lover of the true principles of Protestantism. Our people should put forth every effort to place this magazine in the hands of their neighbors. Now is the accepted time.

W. J. STONE.

Lynchburg

I do not feel for a moment that our work in Lynchburg is finished. If our people who live in the country were in the city, the work would prosper better. I believe that medical and Bible work would amount to more than anything else here at present, then later, perhaps, follow it with a strong effort in a hall or tent.

There is much that I can do going from house to house searching out the people and doing what I can for them. This allays prejudice and at the same time I can put out a large amount of literature. By this means, I believe honest souls will be found.

As the result of this kind of work one woman is keeping the Sabbath, and living up to all the light she has, and desires baptism. Another has kept two Sabbaths, another one—a brother—has been taken into the church on his former baptism; still another has taken his stand for the truth, and attends regularly, but has never been baptized; one backslider has been reclaimed and is growing in grace. She wishes to be rebaptized. I ask that the work here be remembered in your prayers.

ANNA C. RICE.

Dr. Neff returned from the Bookmen's Convention full of courage for the future of the work. The meeting was a profitable one in many respects.

Elder Kinny of Danville is meeting some encouragement in his work at place, News Ferry, and Spencer. He will soon begin active work with Autumn Leaves Series.

Sister M. V. Manners, of Norfolk, is devoting one half of her time to Bible

work there, and reports many interested persons.

Elder Stone went to Washington last Sunday in the interest of several lines of work, which it is hoped will be for a greater development of the work in the Virginia Conference the coming year.

Elder Kneeland is now at Guinea Mills for a few days, and hopes to strengthen the work he began there a few weeks ago. He will visit the Bethel church before returning to the northern part of the State.

Elder Stone's sermon at the Richmond church on a recent Sabbath upon the subject of the power and influence of the Roman Catholics in America was a startling reminder of the nearness of the time when all the world will wonder after the beast.

J. B. Mallory has been in Norfolk for a month holding meetings, and will continue there for a time, and then return to Richmond. He reports a good interest and that he has spoken at one of the largest churches in that city by invitation.

Two or three persons will soon be ready for baptism and will unite with the Richmond church. They have been taking Bible readings from Sister Robertson. A number of persons regretted to have Sister Robertson leave the city for Portsmouth, but we hope soon to secure the services of some one to take her place.

W. H. George, of North Carolina, but a native of Virginia by birth, has accepted the position of field agent of the Virginia Conference and entered upon his duties last week. He is full of courage for the future of the work in Virginia, and I believe with his enthusiasm he will see prosperity attend the circulation of our literature.

Those in charge of the arrangements for the caring for those who will be in attendance at the General Conference, May 15 to June 8, are very desirous of knowing just how many are coming from each conference. It is, therefore, important that all who are going report to either L. A. Hansen, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., or write to Dr. A. M. Neff at our conference office, that a room or tent may be secured for their accommodation.

CHESAPEAKE

Notes

Brother George R. Apsley has moved from Thurmont to Cumberland, Md., where he will take up the work, and endeavor to reap some benefit from the tent effort that was held there last summer. We wish Brother Apsley success in his new field.

Elder Baer made a visit to Blythesdale on Sabbath, and although the weather was bad, he reports a good meeting.

The Colored church of Baltimore rendered a very enjoyable Temperance program on Sunday night. Brother Rodgers is to be commended for his efforts in the interest which he is creating among the Colored people of Baltimore. The brethren are contemplating the purchase of a fine hall in which they have been holding meetings for sometime, and we wish them success in their undertaking.

The new Baltimore church building is practically completed and will be dedicated on April 6. We are expecting a number of the General and Union Conference brethren to be present on the occasion. The church building at Rock Hall has also been remodeled and will be re-dedicated on April 13.

Sisters Vanzant and Ashley of Rock Hall were callers at the conference home last evening.

Miss Edith Van Dusan is visiting at the conference home, 1611 Ellamont Street.

Mrs. Hugh Peden is spending a few weeks at the Sanitarium at Washington.

Elder F. W. Paap is visiting the church at Rock Hall.

Brother Joseph E. Jones who has been canvassing in the lower part of Worcester County, is spending a few days at his home at Fords Store.

Remember that March 29 is the thirteenth Sabbath, and we hope to see all the churches make a good showing on their twenty-cents-a-week fund, at this time. W. T. DURST,
Secretary.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

President's Address

(Concluded)

The printed report of the treasurer, which will be placed in your hands, gives a very full showing of what has been paid in by each church and company in the conference in 1912. It will be seen that there was a gain in tithe during the year of \$1,855.83, while \$1,804.05 more was given to missions. The statement issued by the Foreign Mission Board credits West Pennsylvania with a gain of over \$2,400.00 in mission gifts, during 1912, or more than double the amount given in 1911. This is encouraging, and we hope to do even better this year for our mission fields with their great needs.

It may be interesting to you to know that during the ten years since the West Pennsylvania Conference was organized it has given over \$24,000.00 to foreign mission work, \$10,000.00 of which came from the Sabbath-schools. In both cases one-fifth of the whole amount was paid in during 1912. The amount of tithe paid in the conference during the ten years was over \$100,000.00.

A great work is being done through the circulation of our literature. It seems that we have only begun this work as we see the possibilities open up before us. The printing press that gave the pen of Luther power to topple over the throne of ecclesiastical despotism, has today multiplied efficiency. The record of the past year has demonstrated that cities as well as country territory furnish fruitful fields for the consecrated colporteur. There ought to be many more of these at work, and our church members should all scatter the pages of truth as never before. The time for work is short, and we should bend every energy to the task that the work may be done before the bigotry of our opponents succeeds in raising additional obstacles to the circulation of our literature.

The work in our cities is one of our most important problems. The nature of our industries as well as the topography of the state forces the people into crowded centers. These cities must be worked at once. Pittsburgh, which alone is larger than many conferences, and the many other important cities in the conference call loudly for help. Four Bible workers have been added to our staff of laborers during the past year. We need to develop workers who can carry on strong efforts in these great

centers. The time has come when we must rally all our forces to the attack on the strongholds of Satan, that we may rescue some as brands from the burning.

The churches in our cities need to specially bestir themselves. God has honored them by giving them a place at a very important part of the line of battle. Let us not disappoint him. This is no time to waste our efforts over trivial things or petty differences. Nero who fiddled while Rome was burning received the just execration of the people. What will God think of us if we fool away our time or spend it in any of the many ways the devil has devised while thousands are perishing around us? Now is the time to present a strong, united front to the enemy. The greatest obstacle to the progress of the work is in the church itself. This may seem a strong statement, but we know that the work would have been finished long ago had the church been prepared to enter the doors of God's providence. The Achans in the camp of Israel were a much more dangerous foe than the giants of Canaan. The church which has in it men who persistently rob God, are back-biters, love money, are controlled by selfish desires and appetites, or are hypocrites, needs to clean up the camp.

Another great problem is our foreign work at home. The millions who flock to this country and find themselves in a strange land and a strange language must have attention. I believe these people will be found to present a fruitful field, and I urge all our churches and workers to improve every opportunity for sowing the truth among them. Scatter tracts everywhere. This is a seed-sowing that will bring a harvest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are a few things which I wish to receive your special consideration as I feel that their importance demands attention.

First. The strengthening and organizing of our church working force. Most of our churches are necessarily deprived of pastoral help except as they receive an occasional visit from a minister. Plans must be put in operation that will not only keep these churches alive, but also make them powerful factors for the spread of the third angel's message. Even our city churches where a pastor is located should rally their forces and take the yoke of service so the pastor may devote his energies to bringing in new converts from the multitudes that throng our cities. Our burden for the

work in foreign fields must not blind our minds to the tremendous responsibilities laid upon us by the millions at our own doors. In order to keep up with the increase of population alone, we must reach with our message at least 80 persons each year for every member of our conference. Besides there are the millions already here.

There must be a decided increase in spiritual power in our churches. The time has come when God waits to do great things for his people. Our church officers must become real spiritual leaders. Men and woman should be chosen to direct the work in our churches who know how to win victories, and whose Christianity is recognized by the church and the world. I feel that we have lost much though failing to wisely choose and properly train the officers of our churches, and I trust that the convention to be held at this time will prove a great blessing to our work in the field.

Second. We must become a praying people, noted for our ability to prevail with God. A great record in tithes and offerings, or increase of membership may or may not indicate added spiritual power. Elijah was a remarkable man in many ways, but the most striking thing about him was that he was a man who prayed prayers that God answered. The forces of nature and the power of heaven were at his disposal as he prayed. Can the people, who are to do for this generation what Elijah did for his, be content with a feeble grasp on the arm of Omnipotence? Do we have to go beyond this point to find the thing which will do most to strengthen our work.

The time calls for men and women with large hearts and strong faith. We have talked about quotas in dollars and cents till I fear we may feel that our financial responsibility is the great thing. Will we ever come to the place where we will not only feel responsible for raising so many dollars, but we will also feel that we have come short when we fail to bring in at least a certain number of converts each year? I do not mean to say that all lack this burden, for I know that it weighs heavily on the hearts of many workers and lay members. But do we feel this as a church and a conference? When the report for the year is read and only a few baptisms are recorded, do we preach sermons on the subject and start campaigns to remedy the difficulty?

It seems to me that we need to get a little different view of things. Why

not set our aim at an average of so many conversions each year per member and then stick to it till we get our quota? Last year 70 were baptized, which is about 1 to each 10 members. We have now nearly 800 members. Why not decide to work for at least 200 baptisms this year? This would be one for each five members. Could we not form bands of fives in our churches and young people's societies, who would plead with God for some soul and work for conversions? Why not pledge ourselves as well as to get dollars? Can not the God we serve give one as well as the other? It seems to me that this is worthy of very serious consideration.

Third. A high standard of church membership must be maintained. No one should be admitted to the church who does not by obedience give good evidence of thorough conversion. And when those in the church show by neglect of duty that their love of the truth is dying out, there should be most faithful work done to restore the spiritual life. This is a duty which rests heavily on church officers. How necessary, then, that all the church officers be men and women of such spiritual power that they will be real leaders of the flock, whose lives of obedience to the principles of truth may be examples to the church. And when members show that there has come a separation from Christ, which faithful labor cannot correct, the church should recognize that separation by removing their names from the church records. It is not right that names should be continued on the church books when the individuals are by their lives a disgrace to the cause of God.

Fourth. We must rally with increased earnestness to the support of the work. There are too many in our churches who are not honest with God. The devil has deceived them, as he did our first parents, into feeling that God's plan is not the best. The enlargement of the work depends on the faithfulness of those whom God has made his stewards. The plain now proposed of raising 20 cents per member each week, and applying the amount over 15 cents a week to the payment of the debts on our institutions seems a good one. We need to realize that our schools and medical training institutions are a necessary part of the third angel's message. Without them our foreign mission work would be crippled, and the work at home would have a serious set-back.

Fifth. There is great need for something being done for the larger

number of isolated members scattered throughout our conference. After studying the situation we have begun the organization of a conference church. This will include isolated persons who can be admitted at their request by letter or by baptism. They will be required to report regularly to the conference office and send their tithes and offerings there. The officers of this church will be the conference officers, and opportunity for celebrating the ordinances will be given at general meetings. We hope to see this church soon become one of the strong churches in the conference.

A time of crisis is here. What will we do to meet the issue? The shaping of the policies of the conference rests in your hands. Our churches must take on new life. Our ministry must have a new baptism of power. We need well organized and conduct-church schools, where we can gather in the children. God will hold us accountable for the work we might have done but failed to do. Our young people should be urged into our training schools, so that we can have new recruits for the ministry, for medical missionary work, for teachers in our church schools, for Bible work, and the many other lines which call so loudly for help. The time is here for the loud cry of the message, and the showers of pentecostal power.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Be sure to send in your subscription for the General Conference Bulletin at an early date. This will cost 50 cents, and will give full daily reports of all proceedings of the General Conference, sermons, messages from foreign missionaries, and other most valuable matter.

The Allegheny English and German churches, having been driven from their meeting place by fire, have secured a better hall just across the river from the old one. They now meet on the twelfth floor of the Century Building, on Seventh Street, between Penn Avenue and Duquesne Way, Pittsburg. There is fine elevator service, and the new location is a very pleasant and central one. The Germans use the hall in the forenoon on Sabbath, and the English church meets there in the afternoon.

All should remember the special collection to be taken in the Sabbath-schools on the thirteenth Sabbath, March 29. Let us make this offering sufficient to put our work on a solid basis in Korea and the Philippines.

Now is the time to work hard for the success of the 20-cent-a-week fund. The accomplishment of this will mean one of the most powerful impulses for the speedy finishing of the work that we have yet seen as a people.

WEST VIRGINIA

Notes

Elder F. E. Gibson called at the office last week. He is canvassing the ministers throughout the state of West Virginia for the *Protestant Magazine*. Brother Gibson has taken a number of subscriptions for the *Protestant*, and says that nearly all the ministers welcome him, and that a magazine of this kind is just what is needed at the present.

Elder Charles Baierle passed through Fairmont one day last week on his way to Grafton to secure a place in which to hold a series of meetings. The spirit of opposition is running very high between Protestants and Catholics in Grafton, and we think this would be an opportune time to present the third angel's message in that place.

A letter comes from Bro. Richardson from Helvetia, West Va., stating that he is having a good interest in the meetings which he is holding there. The prospects look very encouraging for a good, strong church to be built up at that place, as there are a number of good substantial persons already in the truth in the county.

The work is progressing nicely in Fairmont at the present. Brother T. W. Thirlwell, the pastor of the Fairmont Church, is finding a number of interested people. He is visiting some who became interested at the camp-meeting which was held here last summer. Elder Robbins has been assisting Brother Thirlwell during the last week in holding Bible studies and visiting the homes of the people, and he says the work looks encouraging at present in Fairmont.

Sister J. S. Barrows has undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Galen Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. The last report from the head doctor was that she was getting along nicely and her condition was satisfactory.

AT THE COLLEGE

A QUERY

List, my class mates! Time is flying.
 Are we really, truly trying
 With our might
 Each to live for one another,
 Or assist a struggling brother
 In the right?

Are we always up and doing,
 Deeds of kindness ever sowing
 In our track?
 Soon this school year will be ended;
 Will the school we have attended
 Call us back?

Have we left the right impression
 At the close of every session
 Every day?
 In this age of sin's upheaval
 Have our lives been free from evil
 Every way?

Have we helped a friend or stranger,
 Who stood on the brink of danger
 As we did?
 Have we set our aim for treasure?
 Do we seek for worldly pleasure?
 God forbid?

May our thoughts be fixed on heaven,
 On the one whose life was given
 Out of love
 To redeem us, not forsake us,
 And soon with his angels take us
 Home above.

O. C. SPOHN.

Sunday evening, March 16, the students of the Music Department met for an informal gathering in the music studio. A number of piano selections were given and the members of the music history class gave 15 Minute talks on the development of music and sketches from the lives of great composers, after which a short time was spent in playing musical games. The evening was profitable and enjoyable to all.

Following the Columbus meeting Elder G. B. Thompson addressed the Mt. Vernon church Monday night, March 17, and Tuesday morning at the chapel hour he gave an inspiring talk on the improvement of opportunities.

The evening after the Sabbath Elder Butler gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on astronomy.

After a two weeks' absence on account of an operation for appendicitis, Professor Anderson returned to the classroom last week.

OHIO

An Important Change

Brother J. H. McEachern has been called from the East Pennsylvania Conference to act as field missionary agent for the state of Ohio. Brother McEachern has had several years of experience in a number of conferences as a field missionary agent, and it has recently developed that his release could be secured to take up the work in our field. The Lord has greatly blessed his labors in other fields and we believe that we may hope for the same prosperity as he takes up the important task to which he has been called in our conference.

A little over a year ago, Brother H. F. Kirk was asked to act as field missionary agent, which position he has filled until the present time. It was realized that it meant much to ask Brother Kirk who had had no experience in any other conference as a general agent, to undertake such a proposition in an old and large conference and in connection with the College. It was thought that he could carry this work until someone of longer experience could be secured to carry the heavy responsibility in our large conference. As all have been permitted to see, Brother Kirk's work has been very acceptable and the work has prospered under his direction.

When the opportunity came for us to secure a man of larger experience, there was some question as to the advisability of the change since Brother Kirk was doing so well; but as we counseled with those standing at the head of the book work, it seemed to be the opinion of all, that Brother McEachern be called to Ohio, and that Brother Kirk be asked to take up a similar work in one of the lighter conferences, having no institution. Brother Kirk freely and heartily agrees to the arrangement, except that he has not felt free at the time to go to another field, but will continue to engage in colporteur's work in the state of Ohio for a time.

I am sure that our people in Ohio will gladly welcome Brother McEachern and heartily co-operate with him as he throws his whole energy into the great task of trying to secure new canvassers and of placing our work here on the high plane it should occupy. All will appreciate the good work Brother Kirk has done and will feel glad that he is to remain and be connected with the work in Ohio for a time.

Ohio should have one hundred faithful colporteurs. Let any who may be interested in this line of work, freely write to Brother J. H. McEachern, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

E. K. SLADE.

After April 1 the address of Dr. H. M. Jump will be 852 Colburn Street, Toledo, Ohio.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia German

The Y. P. S. M. V. of the First German church of Philadelphia has been doing some excellent work in selling the Temperance *Instructor*, distributing other literature, and doing personal work.

Sabbath, March 8, they observed as Young People's Day, rendering an interesting program to a crowded house. The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers, symbolic of youth and springtime.

"The Invitation" by Miss Gloor, was a poem calling attention to the young people's society and their object to work and pray. The children followed with a song; then the secretary's report was read and discussed. Miss Pflaum read a paper on the work of the society; other songs and poems followed.

Pastor O. F. Schwedrat addressed the meeting on "The Jewels of the Church," basing his remarks on Lam. 4: 2, and on an incident in which a Roman lady referred to her two sons as her jewels.

The church saw their responsibility toward the young people in a new light and the young people themselves received a new inspiration. They desire the polishing that will enable them to reflect the truth as it is in Jesus, as jewels reflect the light.

ELLA M. TALMAGE.

Married

On the evening after the Sabbath, March 15, Harry Hale and Miss Laura D. Endy were united in marriage at the home of Brother and Sister Mark Hale of Wade, Elder H. J. M. Richards officiating. The bride and groom are two of our faithful canvassers, and we trust that the blessing of God will be in this new home, and that it may be a center of influence from which the rays of light of the word of God may shine out to the world.

While at Wade, Elder Richards met with our church there and reports

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 14, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*A. Brownlee, Washington		PPF	10	67		62 35		62 35	56 00
Alva Davies, Pittsburg		CK	4	28	8	12 50	11 00	23 50	33 20
Mrs. C. Dunham, Erie		Misc.	5	48	42	27 25		27 25	
*Chas. Dunham, Pittsburg		GC	10	57	41	149 00	75	149 75	19 75
C. Guenter, Olean, N. Y.		GC	3	26	6	18 00	1 20	19 20	63 55
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.		GC	1	8					5 10
*W. H. House, McKean Co.		BF	7	49	5	13 00	21 75	34 75	50 00
J. A. Kimmel, Huntingdon		PPF	4	24	8	13 60	4 00	17 60	5 88
Ivor Lawrence, Blair Co.		PPF	2	17	18	29 00	3 75	32 75	26 50
J. Perkins, Allegheny		CK	2	3	2	3 00	50	3 50	2 75
*E. Rogers, Fulton Co.		CK	10	82	16	24 00		24 00	47 00
Totals	11 Agents		58	409	146	\$351 70	\$42 95	\$394 65	\$309 73

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 14, 1913

D. W. Percy, Eden, Md.		GC	5	24	28	77 00	3 00	80 00	
T. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.		PPF	5	27	29	48 50	3 50	52 00	50
J. E. Jones, Worcester Co.		GC	5	35	15	33 50	1 00	34 50	33 60
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.		DR	5	45	11	25 00	14 50	39 50	
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.		PPF	3	18	15	26 50	4 25	30 75	6 75
Anna Seeney, Baltimore Co.		BF	3	10	15	15 75	25	16 00	
Totals	6 Agents		26	169	113	\$226 25	\$26 50	\$252 75	\$40 85

Ohio, Week Ending March 14, 1913

C. V. Leach, Guernsey Co.		PPF	5	44	14	23 00	8 80	31 80	144 25
*C. E. Reichenbach, Ashtabula		CK	7	57	27	44 00		44 00	
*F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		GC	10	80	4	13 00	34 00	47 00	12 80
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.		CK	5	39	16	25 50	50	26 00	2 00
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.		BR	5	37	7	23 00		23 00	
B. F. Harrison, Miami Co.		PG	2	8	1	3 00		3 00	15 00
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.		ES	4	36			2 50	2 50	60 05
Mrs. Chas. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.		BF	1	4	1	1 00	1 00	2 00	
Mrs. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		Mag	1	7			10 60	10 60	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	7	10					21 00
H. A. Rossin, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	1	2		3 00		3 00	
Totals	11 Agents		43	344	70	\$135 50	\$57 40	\$192 90	\$255 10

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending March 14, 1913

A. S. Samuels, Newark		HGA	12	63	131	55 50	1 30	56 80	36 05
G. W. Blinn, Somerset Co.		BR	10	80	20	62 00		62 00	120 00
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth		GC	4	20	5	15 00	6 40	21 40	14 40
J. W. Rambo, Camden		CK	8	53	71	41 50	2 70	44 20	86 75
Totals	4 Agents		34	216	227	\$174 00	\$10 40	\$184 40	\$257 20

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending March 14, 1913

Mrs. L. Dennis, Washington		CK	5	22	7	8 50	4 00	12 50	10 50
L. A. Godwin, Washington		CK	3	10	3	12 00	1 00	13 00	20 50
A. H. Taltamus, Washington			4	44	41	70 50	1 00	71 50	18 00
W. A. Williams, Washington		OK	3	11	22	33 50	25	33 75	4 75
Totals	4 Agents		15	87	78	\$124 50	\$6 25	\$130 75	\$53 75

Virginia, Week Ending March 7, 1913

W. B. Eekhout, Norfolk		PPF		62	13	21 50	5 75	27 25	60 25
K. Oertley, Roanoke		PPF		53	16	24 50	1 50	26 00	
F. A. Nixon, Richmond		OK		30	8	12 00		12 00	6 50
Totals	3 Agents			145	37	\$58 00	\$7 25	\$65 25	\$66 75

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: 39 Agents Value of Orders, \$1220 70 Deliveries, \$983 38

that he found that he found that company to be an earnest, consecrated one, manifesting life and missionary zeal. Brother Richards also enjoyed a visit with some members of the Pottsville Sabbath-school, a branch of the Wade church.

Miss Talmage recently visited the Sabbath-schools at Stroudsburg, Scranton, and Wilkes Barre, returning to Philadelphia March 9. She reports profitable meetings with the young people also.

We are sorry to tell you of the severe illness of Sister Branch. We earnestly solicit your prayers in her behalf, that if it is God's will, she may be restored to her usual health. Sister Branch is indeed a helpmeet to her husband, Elder T. H. Branch, pastor of the First African church of Philadelphia.

Elder R. E. Harter was called to Cherry Flats, March 11, to conduct the funeral of one of their faithful members, Mrs. Lydia Bailey. He remained with the church over Sabbath and Sunday, conducting quarterly services. He also visited the churches at Covington and Fleetwood, holding midweek meetings.

The *Signs of the Times Magazine* has just issued a very attractive sixteen page leaflet advertising the magazine by means of Scripture texts on the signs of the times. This is as good as a tract, and can be obtained free for distribution by addressing the Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Calif.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY 1913

Bethel.....	\$ 12 20
Buena Vista
Danville.....	10 51
Hamburg.....
Lynchburg.....	36 10
Mt. Williams.....
New Market.....	71 77
Newport News No. 1.....	79 42
Newport News No. 2.....	11 80
News Ferry.....	4 88
Norfolk.....	33 36
Portsmouth.....	24 07
Richmond No. 1.....	203 12
Richmond No. 2.....	78 03
Roanoke.....	14 95
Spencer.....	4 05
Stanley.....	55 20
Guinea Mills.....
Rileyville.....
Individuals.....	59 88
TOTAL.....	\$ 699 34

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The good that one man flings aside,
 That in his discontent and pride
 He treads on, and rejects no less
 Out of his count of happiness,
 Another wiser, even from this,
 Would build an edifice of bliss,
 For whose fair shelter he would pay
 Glad offerings of praise alway.

Appreciated

The following letter, written by a gentleman in Ohio, is indicative of the favor with which the *Protestant Magazine* is being received. Surely our own people should be equally as earnest in its circulation.

"Dear Sir:—As I am a subscriber to the *Protestant Magazine*, I have been showing it to my friends and am getting some of them quite interested in it who want to subscribe for it. Therefore I would like to have you mail me your subscription rate, also blank subscription lists, for I believe that I can get quite a number of subscriptions. I think it a magazine that should be in every Protestant home. The reason that I am writing you this letter instead of using the blank in the magazine for that purpose, is that I have loaned my magazine out and it is not at home."

A few weeks ago a lady travelled thirty miles to attend her first Adventist meeting. She could wait no longer, but must hear the truth for herself. Her interest had been aroused by the faithful efforts of one of our sisters who had written to her, sending the *Signs of the Times Weekly*, for which she soon subscribed. After one visit, hearing one sermon, and being given one Bible study, she asked, "What more must I do before I can be baptized into this truth?" This demonstrates the wonderful possibilities that lie in a liberal use of our good papers, and especially the *Signs*, associated with some prayerful letter-writing.

Notice this list of timely and valuable articles for the April *Signs Magazine*. Every one a real, winning argument for the message. They are just the right length for busy, thinking people.

Watchman—What of the Times?
 Unrest in America.
 Does the U. S. Need a Guardian?
 The Future of Turkey.
 Turkey will Leave Asia Minor, or Turkey is Doomed.
 Turkey in Prophecy.
 The Modern Crucifixion of Christ.
 The Test for the Supernatural.
 They Think Turkey a Sign.
 The Saviour of Humanity.
 Holding the Dogs of War.
 Suffrage Movement in England.
 Spiritualism on the Stage.
 Divorce as a Sign of the Times.
 What Shall It Profit?
 Seventh-day Advent Message—
 Bowen.

Go Ye into All the World.

Palmistry,—An Old Occult Art—Weston.

What is a Pessimist?

Men's Hearts Failing Them for Fear.

Civilization at Stake.

Each one is a genuine selling point, and agents will enjoy presenting this number to their customers. Ready for mailing now.

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Show your pupils that you are personally interested in them by remembering their birthdays. It is a little trouble, a little expense, but the results make it worth while. Send the order, accompanied by the money, to the General Conference Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Do not wait until the supply is exhausted. There will be no more like these. We shall send out the cards in the order in which the requests are received.

Married

A quiet wedding was witnessed at the home of Mr. Charles Bostedo at Rockaway, N. J., Thursday, March 13, 1913, when their daughter, Eva, was united in marriage to Mr. W. B. Plant, the ceremony being performed by Elder W. H. Smith, pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Newark, N. J.

OBITUARY

MEREDITH.—James Marshall Meredith was born in Ritchie Co., West Virginia, Sept. 25, 1841, and died Dec. 18, 1912, at his home at Berea, W. Va. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bee in 1864. Five children were born to them, four of whom survive. His wife died April 19, 1910, having been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for over twenty years. While father believed all points of the message, he never united with the church, but faithfully paid his tithe. JOHN E. MEREDITH.