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GENERAL MATTER

CHILDHOOD

I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again, when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it still it bore,
And I could change the form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded, with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone:
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early image wore,
And I could change him nevermore.

—Selected.

Church Schools Needed

Many families, who, for the purpose of educating their children, move to places where our large schools are established, would do better service for the Master by remaining where they are. They should encourage the church of which they are members to establish a church school where the children within their borders could receive an all-round practical Christian education. It would be vastly better for their children, for themselves, and for the cause of God, if they would remain in the smaller churches, instead of going to the larger churches, where, because they are not needed, there is a constant temptation to fall into spiritual inactivity.

Wherever there are few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day-school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries. Let teachers be employed who will give a thorough education in the common branches, the Bible being made the foundation and the life of all study. Parents should gird on the armor, and

by their own example teach their children to be missionaries. They should work while it is day; for "the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4. If they will put forth unselfish efforts, perseveringly teaching their children to bear responsibilities, the Lord will work with them.

Some families of Sabbath-keepers live alone or far separated from others of like faith. These have sometimes sent their children to our boarding-schools, where they have received help and have returned to be a blessing in their own home. But some cannot send their children away from home to be educated. In such cases, parents should endeavor to employ an exemplary religious teacher, who will feel it a pleasure to work for the Master in any capacity, and be willing to cultivate any part of the Lord's vineyard.

Fathers and mothers should cooperate with the teacher, laboring earnestly for the conversion of their children. Let them strive to keep the spiritual interest fresh and wholesome in the home, and to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let them devote a portion of each day to study, and become learners with their children. Thus they may make the educational hour one of pleasure and profit, and their confidence will increase in this method of seeking for the salvation of their children. Parents will find that their own growth will be more rapid as they learn to work for their children. As they thus work in a humble way, unbelief will disappear. Faith and activity will impart assurance and satisfaction that will increase day by day, as they follow on to know the Lord and to make him known. Their prayers will become earnest, for they will have some definite object for which to pray.

In some countries parents are compelled by law to send their children to school. In these countries, in localities where there is a church, schools should be established, if there are no more than six children to attend. Work as if you were working

for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world.

We are far behind our duty in this important matter. In many places schools should have been in operation years ago, many localities would thus have had representatives of the truth who would have given character to the work of the Lord. Instead of centering so many large buildings in a few places, schools should have been established in many localities.

Let these schools now be started under wise direction, that the children may be educated in their own churches. It is a grievous offense to God that there has been so great neglect in this line, when Providence has so abundantly supplied us with facilities with which to work. But though in the past we have come short of doing what we might have done for the youth and children, let us now repent and redeem the time. The Lord says: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Isa. 1:18, 19.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Church Missionary Work

This is the oldest, the most talked of, the most important, and yet the least developed phase of our work. Every time we have a general convention some believer in church missionary work is asked to present the importance of this line of work. It ever interests us, and our hearts burn within us as we discuss it; but we go our way, and simply neglect to put into practical operation the principles taught at the convention.

This kind of procedure has been going on for years; yet, if I am any judge of the situation, we are in a more unfavorable condition today than we were twenty years ago—worse, because our consciences are not so sensitive today to the demands of this vital, soul-inspiring work. We have become so accustomed to setting it aside for other things of far

less value to the rank and file of our churches, as well as to our general work, that we almost seem to expect but little to be done after we have discussed its merits and pronounced them good.

Sometimes we have gained a clear vision of our responsibilities, and have arranged for an organized effort in carrying out the principles given us through the Spirit of Prophecy years ago; but, ere long we have seen the missionary machinery loaded up with all manner of burdens other than its own, and finally we have seen the machinery itself assigned to other lines, and the missionary work practically discontinued.

How long, think ye, this condition of things will be permitted by Him who planted the missionary principle at the tap-root of every fruit bearing vine as the source of spiritual life and vitality? How long are we going to talk and grow eloquent over this ever-inspiring and God-ordained means of salvation, and go our ways, and fall again and again into the same old pit Satan has dug for our erring feet? Do we need any one to come and lay before us the importance and utility of this line of work? Do we need instruction, as workers, upon missionary methods? Are we destitute of material with which to work? Are there no openings for such work? Do we have no workers standing idly by merely awaiting our call? If we have all these where is the cause of the delay?

The principle of Christianity demands that every believer be a worker. The principle of Anti-christ is idleness. On the night of the betrayal of Christ Satan gave us an object lesson upon his successful methods of hindering the work of God, in that he put the Saviour's disciples to sleep, and thereby robbed him of their human sympathy and support, and them of the blessing of service and the power to resist temptation and discouragement. His methods are the same to-day, and he it is who is hedging up the way, and making it impossible for us to put into successful operation a great missionary force equaling our full membership.

In the past we have used our churches largely as our field. They have been made our pasture land, whereas they should have been our forces—our army of workers. We have organized so as to use them almost exclusively in supporting our institutions and supplying the finances for our great work. We go to them with our denominational burdens, but make little provision for their equip-

ment as forces in the salvation of others. What we need today is strong leaders who will put into actual operation the theories of church missionary work we have been talking of for years, and make our churches our strong forces instead of merely bases for supplies.

D. W. REAVIS.

Read at Bookmen's Convention at Mount Vernon, Ohio, Feb. 20 to 27.

CHESAPEAKE

Dedication of the Baltimore Church.

It was my privilege April 4, 5, and 6 to be present at the dedication of our beautiful new church in the large city of Baltimore, Md. The weather was favorable and many were in attendance. As we entered the new church home with its beamed ceiling we could only contrast the difference today with circumstances seven years previous.

It was about seven years ago when I first met with the Baltimore church. There in one of these lodge halls, unacceptable as a meeting place because of tobacco smoke odor, lodge banners, and different reminders of the worldly order of things, our brethren met for worship. Outside the clanging street cars followed one another in rapid succession while the empty wagons rattled over the cobble stones. In such meeting places as this our people in Baltimore were compelled for many years to gather.

Now they are rewarded for their long patience. The new church building is placed in a quiet spot on Tenth Street only a few steps from North Avenue. The surrounding locality marks the residence district of a good class of people. A large number of these are interested in the truth and some have already accepted. North Avenue is the principal thoroughfare of the north section of the city, so the location of the new church has in its favor, a quiet spot, a splendid neighborhood, and easy access to a main avenue.

The church is built of brick, the dull lines of the walls broken near each window by short projections, about the size of a chimney, which run up the full height of the building and give it an appearance of good taste much like the churches in England of that size. There is a modest sized rose window in the front wall which declares that some thought was expended in the effort to build a house for the worship of God. Many times we

are grieved as we travel through the conference to see some of our church buildings bold, bare, often without paint, and sometimes showing no effort to cover the foundation even. I believe that as well as reverence during worship within some thought and care should also be bestowed on the building with out.

Elder Paap and his corps of workers have worked hard to build the beautiful new structure. Its worth is about \$11,000 and already about two-thirds of the debt is provided for. The brethren hope to have the building free from debt by the time General Conference is over. Baltimore is a city of nearly 600,000 population. It is called the Queen City of the South because the South looks up to it as their leading city. Its importance may be seen in the fact that great National Conventions like the last one held by the Democrats go to that city.

The dedicatory services ran as follows: Friday evening, April 3, the undersigned had charge of the first preaching service. Sabbath morning, Brother Ashton led out in the Sabbath school lesson while Elder Thompson preached the morning service, full of help and of the Spirit, taking as his theme, "The Love of Christ." In the afternoon Elder Baer, President of the conference, who has cooperated fully with Brother Paap in securing the church, led out in a social meeting. Then Sunday afternoon, April 5, at 3:00 P. M., Elder Daniells preached the dedicatory sermon, Elder Knox offering the dedicatory prayer. The church was full of brethren and visitors. The Spirit of God was present in a marked manner. Excellent music formed part of the program and after a call by Elder Paap \$1332.00 in cash and pledges were subscribed. We are thankful for this memorial now raised in another of the leading cities within the Columbia Union.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Notes

A very interesting meeting of the conference young people's committee was held in the office last week. The members outside the city who were present are as follows: Sister Tarbell, secretary, and Sister Leary of Fords Store, Md., Sister Wolfinger of Smithsburg, Md., and Sister Alice Matthews of Wilmington, Delaware.

Elder N. S. Ashton from Pittsburgh attended the Baltimore church dedicatory services. He in company with Elder R. H. Martin visited our church schools at Fords Store and Rock Hall.

Elder Meade MacGuire field secretary of the young people's department of the General Conference was with us in our recent council for the young people. His words of counsel were very timely and all felt that the meeting was a profitable occasion.

Elders R. T. Baer, F. W. Paap, and T. L. Thuemler attended the re-dedication services of the Rock Hall church building which has been repaired. The church is in splendid condition and is neat and attractive. Elder F. W. Paap spoke to the church Sabbath morning, Elder Thuemler Sunday afternoon, and Elder R. T. Baer preached the dedicatory sermon Sunday night. A large attendance filled the church. The offering, amounting to \$300.00, will practically cover the expense of repairing the church property.

Elder R. T. Dowsett of Washington preached in the new church in Baltimore last Sabbath and Sunday. His sermons were a source of great encouragement to our people.

Brother H. L. Peden of Hagerstown, Md., made a brief call at the office last Thursday. The brethren there have purchased a lot and are planning to build a neat church building for the Lord in that city.

Elder R. T. Baer visited the church at Dover, Delaware, Sabbath, April 19. The regular quarterly meeting was held and the brethren and sisters were encouraged to move forward with the work necessary to bring success. A good number of our people were present to enjoy the meetings.

Brother W. T. Durst, left Thursday, April 17, for a few days visit with relatives and friends at Cumberland, Md. The change from office work will be beneficial to the secretary, who has been kept very busy the past few months.

There has been an unprecedented demand for the numbers of the *Protestant Magazine* containing the report of the trial of Catholic priests in the State of Washington for kidnapping a young girl. In order to meet the demand the publishers are now bringing out a third edition of the March number and a second edition of the April number. To get the sworn admissions of the priests send one dollar to your tract society for a year's subscription to the *Protestant* beginning with the March number.

CHESAPEAKE TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1913

Baltimore No. 1.....	\$ 263 44
Baltimore No. 2.....	31 83
Baltimore No. 3.....	30 07
Blythesdale.....	16 21
Cambridge.....	18 02
Cheswold.....	15 91
Church Hill.....	9 00
Cumberland.....	32 11
Dover.....	18 35
Fords Store.....	64 16
Hagerstown.....	27 21
Hollandsville.....	45 65
Millington.....	12 25
Pondsville.....	19 71
Rock Hall.....	42 49
Smithsburg.....	21 21
Wilmington No. 1.....	205 95
Wilmington No. 2.....	27 72
Individuals.....	3 00

Total\$ 904 59

W. T. DURST, *Treas.*

AT THE COLLEGE

Program for Commencement Week

School outing, Monday, May 5.
 Student's recital, Tuesday, May 6,
 8:00 P. M.
 Normal Department exercises,
 Wednesday, May 7, 8:00 P. M.
 Class exercises, Thursday, May 8,
 8:00 P. M.
 Devotional services led by Prof. B. G.
 Wilkinson, Friday, May 9, 8:00 P. M.
 Baccalaureate sermon, Prof. B. G.
 Wilkinson, Sabbath, May 10, 11:00 A. M.
 Graduates' recital, Sunday, May 11,
 8:00 P. M.
 Commencement exercises,
 Address by Eld. I. H. Evans, Monday,
 May 12, 8:00 P. M.

Owing to the illness of Elder I. G. Bigelow, Brother I. D. Richardson of West Virginia is conducting the Colporteurs' Institute at the College with the assistance of Brethren J. H. McEachern of Ohio and Vernon Panches the West Pennsylvania field agent.

In the book, 'Who's Who in America?' which contains short sketches of men who have attained prominence in some form of leadership, only thirty-two are given who received no education, eight hundred and eight had a common-school education, one thousand two hundred and forty-five a high-school training, while four thousand eight hundred and ten were college graduates.

The last month of the year bids fair to be the best for the shorthand and typewriting classes. A dictaphone is expected soon for a ten-day trial in the shorthand classes. This is a machine from which ten students may take dictation at the same time, while the shorthand teacher is engaged in other work. It is expected that one of these machines will be purchased before the next school year begins. The typewriting students are working hard to be prepared for a public exhibition which is to be given about a week before the close of school. The enrolment in the typewriting class has increased over three hundred per cent since the first week of school.

During the Canvassers' institute at the College, Elder Wilkinson gave some stirring talks to the students besides addressing the church Sabbath morning.

WEST VIRGINIA

We wish to call your attention to the *General Conference Bulletin* for the coming session of the General Conference, May 15 to June 8, and we solicit your subscription for the same. We will send the *Review* for three months and the *Bulletin* to any address for \$1.00.

Elder F. E. Gibson is now engaged in Bible work preparatory to a tent effort which he plans to hold in Charleston after General Conference.

On account of ill health Elder Steele thinks that he will have to leave the West Virginia Conference, and seek a more favorable climate. We are sorry that Elder Steele's health has broken and hope that a change of climate will be the means of bettering his physical condition.

Elder F. H. Robbins visited the Kanawha church last week to counsel with the brethren as to what would be the best thing to do with the church building at that place. The recent flood has damaged the church considerably.

Quite a number of our people in West Virginia are planning to attend the next session of the General Conference.

After July 1 the price of the *Little Friend* will be increased from sixty to seventy cents a year.

OHIO

Rates to General Conference

Several inquiries have come to us in reference to the rates and arrangements that would prevail in Ohio at the time of the General Conference. We have been frequently asked if there would be a special train or special car from this State. I have had considerable correspondence with the General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who has kindly offered to arrange for us a special car, which would start from Columbus.

Upon taking the matter up with a great many who are contemplating attending the conference, I find that different persons have their own plans and time for going to the meeting. The only advantage that we would have in securing a special car, would be merely the association as the same rates will prevail and all other accommodations will be the same; therefore, we have decided not to make any arrangements for a special car. Those desiring to go together in companies can easily arrange to do so on the regular train.

All B. & O. trains during the time of the General Conference will stop at Takoma Park to let off passengers and baggage. Special rates will be granted only to those buying round trip tickets. The rate from Mt. Vernon both ways, is \$18.90, and from Columbus it is \$18.70. No reduction will be granted to those buying for one way only. All baggage must be checked for Takoma Park Station. The instructions given by Elder Knox in the *Review* in reference to tickets and all other matters connected with the arrangement, should be carefully read over.

We are in hopes that this General Conference session may prove a spiritual blessing and help to our Ohio people who attend. This conference meeting will doubtless be the largest by far, that has ever been held. It is much hoped that it may prove to be an occasion when God's special blessing shall be enjoyed in a great measure.

While it is true that the same rates will prevail on other lines, there would be a decided advantage in going from Ohio by way of the Baltimore and Ohio, inasmuch as that road passes through to Takoma Park, and they have made arrangements to stop all of their fast trains for our accommodation on that occasion.

E. K. SLADE.

To the Flood Sufferers

During the past few weeks our minds have gone out to those of our people who have been endangered by, and who have suffered from the recent floods. We knew that many were in the places where great loss of life and property occurred. Our hearts were made sad to learn of the fate of Sister Holobaugh of Columbus and our sympathies extend to that stricken family. We also regret that several have suffered loss of property. We wish our brethren to know that they have our sympathetic regards at this time and that we desire to render aid to those who are placed in great need.

E. K. SLADE,

In behalf of conference committee.

Akron Colporteur's Institute

The Akron church have kindly opened their doors to entertain the colporteur's institute to be held May 2-12. Our colporteurs being regarded as self-supporting missionaries, board and lodging will be provided free. Also the railroad fare will be refunded when \$150.00 worth of books have been sold and paid for.

Good help will be provided. Elder E. K. Slade will open the institute Friday on the importance of the colporteur in the Third Angel's Message. Both Sabbaths will be devoted to special consecration services. A strong missionary leader, representing the Columbia Union Conference, will be with us throughout the entire convention. Elder R. G. Patterson of Cleveland will assist in the morning Bible studies, the class work through the day, and take charge of the evening preaching services.

Classes will be formed in which will be studied our leading subscription books. Practical instruction will be given on all points of Christian salesmanship, our aim being to educate our colporteurs to be real missionaries as well as successful salesmen.

The Akron church is located at 57 South St., and can be reached by the cars running out East Main Street.

Those who feel a definite conviction that God is calling them to service and can arrange their home affairs to take advantage of this ten days training—come Friday, May 2. If possible write before coming.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Brother J. I. Cassell visited relatives in the southwestern part of the state last week.

With the Churches and Colporteurs.

The recent calamity which brought misery and sorrow to so many homes has awakened the people of Ohio to enquire after God. It is also having a reviving effect upon those who know the truth. Some have already realized that, instead of adding farm to farm, their duty now is to deposit their means in the Lord's treasury and give themselves to active service in proclaiming the message.

Our colporteurs in the flood districts write that they are of good courage. While the calamity detained them for a time from their work, yet now they feel the need of hurrying with the message of warning and comfort to the people.

The Lord helped Bro. J. S. Randolph to sell over \$114.00 worth of books last week. This is evidence that the Holy Spirit is working upon the hearts of the people. \$100.00 a month was once considered an excellent record for our colporteurs, but now our books are selling as never before. Oh, that consecrated men and women, with a burden for souls, would just now step into these providential openings! We are praying for one hundred colporteurs for Ohio. The call of the hour will be met by the coming of the men.

The more I see of this State the more I become enraptured with the territory. Ohio surely is a good field. I am also greatly encouraged by the spirituality I find among our people.

The Lord came preciously near in our meetings at Bowling Green and Clyde. Five promising recruits for the colporteur work from these churches have definitely decided to attend the Colporteurs' Institute, some to earn scholarships to attend Mt. Vernon College, others to become regular workers in the cause.

Bro. H. H. Geisweller of the Hamler church has sold half his farm, rented the rest, and is making a sale of his live stock. He is placing his surplus money with the conference; and he and his wife, after receiving a preparation at our Colporteurs Institute, will enter the canvassing work to impart to others the riches of eternal life.

Bro. H. F. Kirk is helping the colporteurs in the east side of the conference this week. Continue to pray for this work.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Elder E. K. Slade visited the companies at Norwalk and Sandusky last Sabbath and Sunday. It is hoped that a church may be organized at Sandusky.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

People Aroused

Many are asking the question, "What can be done to fill in the gaps that Romanism is making in the ranks of Protestantism?" This does not mean Adventists alone, but it comes from the people at large. People are beginning to see the deceitfulness of Rome, and want to check her, but have very little material to work with. We have never experienced a time, in our field, when the question was agitated so strongly as it is today. Every true Protestant is anxious to know what it means.

We can fill this want. There is but one people who can meet the issue, and that is this people. Many are the calls that we receive for the *Protestant* and "Daniel and the Revelation." If ever we should work with this magazine and book it is today. The following letter written by Brother Dunham will show how people appreciate these things. Brother Dunham for several months had been selling the *Protestant Magazine* in the business section of Pittsburgh. Then he began to follow up his work with "Daniel and Revelation." This may be of help to others in the city work.

"Dear Brother PUNCHES:—

In 10½ hours yesterday I sold \$35.00 worth of "Daniel and Revelation," mostly down town, and to people whose names were given me by others. One young man studying for the ministry, a clerk in the city hall, paid me \$5.00 for an immediate delivery. Sold four books to three, to whom I delivered "Practical Guide" and one "Daniel and Revelation" last year.

"One doctor in the Diamond Bank building was so enthusiastic over reading "Daniel and Revelation" that he induced every one of the three men in his office, while I was there, to let me show them the book. I sold one \$5.00 binding, and another man in the Standard Oil building was very anxious to hear the canvass finished, but could not wait. He asked me to come to his office. Well Brother PUNCHES the Lord is surely going ahead and preparing the way for the colporteurs as well as for the other workers. I am so thankful for improved health and having a part in this great work."

We have applications from those outside to sell this book. If people not of our faith are anxious to handle these books, how much more earnest should those be who know this truth.

I have heard many say, "We never heard of such things. And is the Catholic church mentioned in the Bible?" How thankful we should be to give these wonderful things to those around us.

God is truly blessing the colporteur in carrying the third angel's message to the people. Satan has tried hard to defeat the work in every way possible. Our forces have been badly crippled by sickness, but we are coming back now with a stronger force than ever. Brother Paden and Hall are slowly recovering, and we hope soon to see them back in the field; we have also added several new ones.

V. O. PUNCHES.

Notes from the Field

Brother J. A. Kimmel has moved to Connelville, Fayette Co. His first reports show that the people are interested in these things.

Brother C. G. Guenter is still working in Potter Co., and is changing from "Bible Footlights" to "Great Controversy." Satan has tried hard to defeat Brother Guenter, but he finds God does not desert his children.

Brother W. H. House has been going over his territory with several different books. He tells us that the first ones only prepare the way for more. I was with him and enjoyed the privilege of visiting some of those to whom he has sold books. We thoroughly enjoyed it. Quite a number are very much interested in the truth. He finds this method very successful. Those who think territory is hurned over by working please take note of this.

Brother M. M. Bruner of Clearfield has been devoting his ability as a salesman to selling worldly goods. He said that it did not pay for too much time was spent in talking. Brother Bruner has decided now to not only talk the truth but to sell it.

V. O. PUNCHES.

Sabbath-school secretaries who have not sent in their reports and those who have the mission funds in charge, will be conferring a real favor by sending them to the office at once.

"We know so little of the hearts

That everywhere around us beat,
So little of the inner lives

Of those whom day by day we greet,
That it behooves us one and all

Gently to deal with those we meet."

Allegheny

Inasmuch as I have not reported for sometime to the VISITOR, I will send you a few lines at this time. We still enjoy the continued mercies and blessings of our heavenly Father, who in his kindness helps us in every place. His grace abounds much more where sin abounds. There is no lack of sin, unrighteousness, and crime of every description in this cosmopolitan city; and as the smoke of this city ascends to darken the sky, so the wickedness and sin arises till they have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. This is the hotbed of multimillionaires. Here is where many have amassed their fortune, or in reality their misfortune. Christ said; "Verily I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven." Again, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Soon the Lord will come with vengeance to give every man according as his deeds have been. Already we see drops of his judgments poured upon the nations and multitudes as a warning. May God help us to be ready for he cometh at such an hour as we think not.

In the face of all this the work is going on to the finish. It is easy in these days of calamity to point people to the message for these times. All feel there is something unforeseen to take place. The question in many minds is, "What is the next event?" Sabbath, April 5, the Allegheny churches had a baptismal service in the Sandusky Street Baptist Church. Six souls were immersed, four of which were taken into the Allegheny German church last Sabbath, and the other two into the Allegheny English. Three others were taken in upon profession of faith making nine new members.

The quarterly services were held for the first time in our new place of meeting. All are delighted with this place because of the nice furniture in it and because of its central location, being in the Century Building, 132 Seventh St. The attendance has been so much better since meeting here. We are thankful that the Lord has directed us to this place, the price of the hall being so reasonable. German Sabbath-school and preaching from 10-12 A. M. English Sabbath-school and service from 2-4 in the afternoon. The Lord is blessing our efforts and we believe that there are better things in store for the Allegheny churches.

JOHN P. GAEBE.

VIRGINIA

An Invitation.

To those, who are thinking of entering the canvassing work this spring, I extend a hearty invitation to connect with the work in Virginia. I will give you a few of the reasons why you should succeed in this State. The natural resources are good. The tide-water portion of the state has the oyster and fish business, which bring a large revenue into the counties bordering on the water, so the people have money, with which to buy books, and orders taken can be delivered; the fruit-growing sections, where some of the finest fruits are grown, especially apples, help to make that section prosperous; the large trucking sections in the State, where truck is grown both for the home and Northern markets, bring a large amount of money into the State, almost the whole year round, which is also a great advantage to the canvasser; thus there is no reason why Virginia should not be one of the leading states of the Union in the canvassing work.

The climate is comparatively mild; grass has been green all this winter. Now the warm genial days of spring are here, the trees leafing out and blooming, the migratory birds arriving, there is everything here to cheer the heart of, and give success to the faithful, God-fearing canvasser.

There is county after county of Virginian territory, where not one of our canvassing evangelists has set his foot. There are one hundred counties in the State and at least one good canvasser should be in each. Few of these counties have any one in them to hold up the light of truth. In closing, let me say, that Virginia is a good field for the canvassing work, and so many honest souls are waiting for you to come to them with the good books and magazines.

I would be glad to hear from those who have a burden for the canvassing work in Virginia. How can we be at ease in Zion, when so many terrible things are taking place in the world, which plainly speak to us, telling that our opportunities to take to others the truth we love will soon be at an end? May the Lord lay upon you, who read this article, a burden to enter the canvassing work here, is my prayer.

W. H. GEORGE, *Field Agent.*
908 Southampton Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Elder Kneeland reports a good attendance at the Hamburg meetings.

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending April 11, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
D. W. Percy, Wycomico Co.		GC	10	69	31	88 00	9 70	97 70	111 25
J. E. Jones, Worcester Co.		GC	10	76	53	117 50	27 25	144 75	
T. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.		PPF	5	48	26	51 00	7 00	58 00	69 50
Irena Coleman, Kent Co.		BF	9	74	59	91 00	25 20	116 20	5 50
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.		DR	4	26	8	17 00	9 25	26 25	
G. W. Lauffer, Dorchester Co.		DR	5	57	18	5 50		4 50	30 00
Anna Seeney, Baltimore Co.		BF	5	15	21	21 00	1 25	22 25	10 00
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.		PPF	2	9	6	12 50		12 50	
Totals	7 Agents		50	374	222	\$402 50	\$79 65	\$482 15	\$226 25

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending April 4, 1913

W. B. Bekhout, Norfolk	PPF	28	3	5 50	6 60	12 10	4 00
K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF	39	26	43 75	50	44 25	15 00
W. P. Hess, Suffolk	GC	63	27	72 00	18 75	100 75	3 75
F. A. Nixon, Richmond	OK	42	2	2 50	10 95	13 45	10 95
Mrs. E. F. White, Richmond		80			150 00	150 00	150 00
Totals	5 Agents	252	58	\$122 75	\$186 70	\$320 55	\$183 70

District of Columbia, Week Ending April 11, 1913

C. I. Boyle, Prince George Co.	CK	4	40	38	62 00	5 95	67 95	2 95
Mrs. L. Dennis, Washington	CK	2	20		6 25		6 25	10 60
Mrs. L. A. Godwin, Washington	CK	3	9					6 60
L. A. Godwin, Fairfax Co., Va.	PPF	4	29	10	16 50	2 50	19 00	3 00
Frank Smith, London Co.	PPF	5	31	11	17 50	1 00	18 50	
R. A. Towne, Prince George Co.	GC	5	32	16	51 00	4 00	55 00	
A. Taltamus, Stafford Co., Va.	PPF	2	18	24	36 00		36 00	
W. A. Williams, Washington	CK	2	13	11	16 50	75	17 25	54 50
Totals	8 Agents	26	193	110	\$205 75	\$14 20	\$219 95	\$77 65

Ohio, Week Ending April 11, 1913

John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	40	4	9 00	4 75	13 75	8 25
*L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	8	62	23	35 50	50	36 00	131 50
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	5	37	11	33 00	19 95	52 95	24 15
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.	BR	3	19	6	19 00		19 00	
C. V. Leach, Guernsey Co.	PPF	2	16	12	22 00		22 00	
*Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	BR	6	22	3	9 00	11 35	20 35	
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	BR	4	16	9	29 00		29 00	4 00
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	3	10	8	12 50	1 35	13 85	5 00
Totals	8 Agents	35	222	75	\$169 00	\$37 90	\$206 90	\$173 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 11, 1913

*F. A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	9	44	18	70 00	10 30	80 30	23 55
E. J. Kesselmeyer, Wayne Co.	DR	4	27	4	14 00		14 00	
Grace Swingle, Scranton	CK	4	23	12	19 00	5 50	24 50	1 50
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	5	26	11	18 00	5 85	23 85	22 15
*S. L. Burkhart, Chambersburg	CK	9	56	7	10 50	50	11 00	
Mrs. H. Trauger, Allentown	CK	4	13	8	3 00	4 25	7 25	
G. B. Unger, Lehigh Co.		1	3					9 00
W. B. Dunkinson, Franklin Co.	PG	5	34	11	34 00	11 55	45 55	5 10
Edw. Sterner, Allentown	PG	8	68	2	6 00	3 80	9 80	29 00
C. M. Krater, Allentown		5	37	3	11 00	75	11 75	51 25
Mrs. Dunkinson, Chambersb'g		1	1					3 00
†Mrs. M. Bellington, Moosic	BF	9	64	26	26 00		26 00	9 00
Magazines				50		5 00	5 00	5 00
Totals	12 Agents	64	396	146	\$211 50	\$47 50	\$259 00	\$158 55

*Two weeks.

†Three weeks.

New Jersey, Week Ending April 4, 1913

*G. W. Blinn, Hunderton	BR	5	43	10	43 00		43 00		
A. S. Samuels, Newark	HGA	5	22	49	20 00	80	20 80	11 85	
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	5	28	2	5 00	8 00	13 00	12 50	
Totals	3 Agents	15	93	61	\$68 00	\$8 80	\$76 80	\$24 35	

MAGAZINES

Mrs. E. Brunton		72	7 20						
James Johnson		100	10 00						
Mrs. Backofin		60	6 00						
Mrs. Stowe		50	5 00						
Mrs. G. W. Holman		100	10 00						
Totals		382	38 20						

West Virginia, Week Ending April 11, 1913

W. A. McElphatrick, Fayette	DR	5	47					150 05	
H. C. Smith, Harrison	PPF	4	31	22	37 50	6 50	44 00	2 00	
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	4	28	16	25 00	5 50	30 50	1 50	
John Fahrner, Randolph	GC	4	35					27 00	
Totals	4 Agents	17	141	38	\$62 50	\$12 00	\$74 50	\$180 55	

Grand Totals: 52 Agents Value of Orders, \$1678 05 Deliveries, \$1062 45

The Temperance Work

The twelfth annual convention of the Anti-Saloon league of Virginia was held at Roanoke, Feb. 18-20. Eighteen different organizations and societies were represented by 350 regularly appointed delegates from all parts of the state. Governor Mann presided at the opening session and many speakers of state and national reputation, gave excellent addresses.

The avowed object of this league is to unite all the friends of temperance on the one issue, "The saloon must go." Thus the foes of the legalized traffic in liquor, of all parties and creeds, are trying to secure prohibition laws and the election to public office of only such men as will enforce such legislation.

The present condition of the temperance cause in the Old Dominion can be seen from the following facts gleaned from reports and addresses at the convention. Ten years ago, there were 3000 saloons in Virginia. Now there are about 1000. 66 of the 100 counties in the state have voted dry. 150 of the 170 towns in the state and 10 of the 20 leading cities are also dry. 1,450,000 of the 2,060,000 population live in prohibition territory.

The bill known as the Enabling Act which would have given the people the right to vote for state wide prohibition was defeated by a small majority in the Senate last year. That the state could well afford to dispose with the saloon revenue is shown by the fact that the liquor interests only furnished \$520,000, while the crime, pauperism, and insanity, traceable to

the saloon costs us \$793,000, or a direct loss to the tax payers of \$278,000. There should also be added to this the loss in wages, health, and respectability, to the consumer.

Prohibition does to a large extent decrease the amount of liquor used. The per capita consumption in dry districts is 1.25 gallons, while that in wet districts is 25.23. Should the Webb-Sheppard bill recently passed by Congress withstanding the protection of inter-state commerce laws from liquor shipments be sustained State prohibition laws will doubtless become more effective.

It is our duty as patriotic citizens to do all we can to cause the state and national government to withdraw their aid and partnership in the liquor traffic which is one of the greatest foes of law and order.

At the same time we should not forget that as Seventh-day Adventists our obligations to humanity are not fulfilled in merely helping to pass temperance legislation. As a people we have been called by God to clearly present to the world the cause and only remedy for the sin of intemperance. We should be able by precept and example to demonstrate the principles of right living and its power to save from the bondage of a perverted appetite. Seldom do any of the speakers refer to the sin of intemperance and the ever present power of God to rescue the poor drunkards. So earnest were the preachers in planning how they could secure the help of human laws to regulate this evil, that the value of God's law and his power to convict and con-

vert-the lost, received very little consideration.

"Every true reform has its place in the work of the gospel and tends to the uplifting of the soul to a new and higher life. Especially does the temperance reform demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work and make it a living issue. Everywhere they should present to the people the principles of true temperance, and call for signers to the temperance pledge."

"We bid all temperance workers God's speed; but we invite them to look more deeply into the cause of the evil they war against." "The advocate of temperance reform should be wide awake to the evils resulting from the use of unwholesome food, condiments, tea, and coffee." "Wrong habits of eating and drinking destroy the health and prepare the way for drunkenness."

"The honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well being of the community, of the home, and of the individual demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evil of intemperance." "Let the danger from the liquor traffic be made plain, and a public sentiment be created that shall demand its prohibition." "Ministry of Healing," Pages 171, 334-336. W. G. KNEELAND.

A View of the Field.

A farmer likes to look over his field and see what the crops are doing. So we who are interested in the work in this conference and are giving of our means and prayers for its advancement and success, like to look over the field and see the progress that is being made.

At Portsmouth where Elder Tindall is laboring, there is quite a good interest. The hall in which the meetings are held, seating about 250, is well filled each night.

Many of the members of the Lynchburg church moved to the country; but still the work moves forward under the leadership of Sister Rice.

Brother H. H. McConnell has lately located at Roanoke and has already been a source of encouragement to the little church there.

Elder Kinny reports slow progress at Danville, but that some results are now being seen. One of the sisters who has helped faithfully in giving out literature has been very sick for several weeks.

Brother Mallory reports advancement in the work at Richmond Church No. 2. Brother Muntz sends in encouraging reports of the work in Norfolk,

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The College Press

For some weeks past we have been trying to find time to express our gratitude to the conferences that gave us so liberally of their printing, during and since the Board meeting and the Bookmen's Convention at this place. The week previous to the meeting above mentioned, it will be remembered we had a little article "The Drawing Power" in the VISITOR regarding our work in the printing department in which we gave a comparative statement of work received from different sources. To show how generously our brethren responded to the call we will here repeat the statement and follow it by a statement up to the present time. These two statements which show work received from four sources, from the beginning of the school year to Feb. 1 and April 1, are as follows:

	Sept. to Feb. 1	To April 1
The College	\$67.25	\$100.65
Ohio Conference	81.35	205.93
All other conferences	13.40	84.50
From the world	150.30	186.64

Now we wish to express our appreciation for this kind consideration on the part of other conferences and earnestly solicit a continuance of the same as far as consistent with your local work. We of course understand that you who are at a distance from us cannot send us as much work as the Ohio Conference where we are almost within speaking distance of their office, but on any work you are not compelled to have done right at home on account of its urgency, we would be glad to be considered when such work is to be given out.

I cannot forbear mentioning the point that is so important when bring-

ing the printing department before the brethren of the Union, that is, the very great help it is giving to our students. At the present time six young men are putting in all their spare time in this department. This is a twofold advantage to these students. First, it is a financial help, a very essential thing with our students. If you should desire a definite idea as to how much our young men earn in this department it may be expressed in figures at from about \$8.00 to \$30.00 per month, according to their proficiency and the time they are able to put in.

Second, it is a very important part of their education, training them to walk in the path our father Adam was taught to walk in—to earn their bread by the sweat of their own brow. Just think, brethren, what a happy world this would be if every one would earn at least as much as he consumed—no drones—no one depending on another for support, but every one depending upon God for strength to earn his or her own livelihood. So these two points we consider very essential and they are well covered in the printing department.

There is still another point in regard to working in this department. First, remember this one thing, our schools are not necessarily places of great religious and spiritual influence only.

For instance, should one ask, "Is there no influence at Mt. Vernon College against one's spiritual growth?" we would be forced to answer that there is, for wherever you find a number of people together, old or young, saint or sinner, there will be influences for wrong at work; but if one should ask, "Are there opportunities at Mt. Vernon College favoring one's spiritual upbuilding?" we would answer most assuredly there are many.

Says one, "What has that to do with the work in the printing department?" Much every way. The young men who work here, by virtue of the fact that they are kept employed, are prevented from coming under evil influences that idleness invariably encourages; and on the other hand it aids them to embrace the many excellent opportunities that make sound men of them. Is this a worthy work? You may decide.

Again we thank you for your generous consideration and leave you this parting thought. To us as a people we do not need to stop to prove that the printing press is a mighty factor in our work. And especially is this so at Mt. Vernon

College where we afford so much help to students; but the main point with us is, which press shall we use—the press of the world or

THE COLLEGE PRESS.

NEW JERSEY

Newark

I am glad to be able to report that the work in this great city is still onward, not one discouraging note to be sounded. God has and is still wonderfully blessing every effort put forth. As was stated in these columns about three months ago, we dedicated our new church, Jan. 26, free from all indebtedness. The Newark church now owns a building valued at \$11,000.00, with no white elephant on their back, for which we give God all the glory.

One thing that inspired us all to labor and sacrifice for our new building was the fact that God had said, through the Spirit of Prophecy, that, in every city where the work was started, it should not be left until a memorial was erected, that would stand as a monument to the last message of warning earth ever would hear; and also that it would prove a means of bringing many more souls into the truth. This has already been proven to be true. We have a fine company of new souls that have embraced the truth since we entered the new church. We are planning for a baptismal service in the near future, which will mean the swelling of our membership beyond the hundred mark.

We are all of good courage, and are looking forward with great expectations for a successful work in the tent this summer. We earnestly ask the prayers of all who read these lines, that God will give us wisdom, that no mistake may be made, so that God can bless every plan laid to the hastening of his purpose in this wicked city. Brethren and sisters, we have reached the time, when we all ought to expect great things at the hands of our God.

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