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GENERAL MATTER

IF WE KNEW

If we knew, when walking thoughtless
Through the crowded, noisy way,
That some pearl of wondrous whiteness
Close beside our pathway lay,
We would pause, when now we hasten;
We would often look around,
Lest our careful feet should trample
Some rare jewel in the ground.

If we knew what forms were fainting
For the shade which we should fling,
If we knew what lips were parching
For the water we should bring,
We would haste with eager footsteps,
We would work with willing hands,
Bearing cups of cooling water,
Planting rows of shading palms.

If we knew when friends around us
Closely press to say good-by,
Which among the lips that kiss us
First should 'neath the daisies lie,
We would clasp our hands around them,
Looking on them through our tears;
Tender words of love eternal
We would whisper in their ears.

If we knew what lives were darkened
By some thoughtless words of ours,
Which have ever lain among them,
Like the frost among the flowers,
O! with what sincere repentings,
With what anguish of regret,
While our eyes were overflowing,
We would cry, "Forget! forget!"

—Selected.

The Church School Teacher

The character of the work done in our church-schools should be of the very highest order. Jesus Christ, the Restorer, is the only remedy for a wrong education, and the lessons taught in his word should ever be kept before the youth in the most attractive form. The school discipline should supplement the home training, and both at home and at school simplicity and godliness should be maintained. Men and women will be found who have talent to work in these small schools, but who cannot

work to advantage in the larger ones. As they practice the Bible lessons, they will themselves receive an education of the highest value.

In selecting teachers we should use every precaution, knowing that this is as solemn a matter as the selecting of persons for the ministry. Wise men who can discern character should make the selection; for the very best talent that can be secured is needed to educate and mould the minds of the young, and to carry on successfully the many lines of work that will need to be done by the teachers in our church schools. No person of any inferior or narrow cast of mind should be placed in charge of one of these schools. Do not place over the children young and inexperienced teachers who have no managing ability; for their efforts will tend to disorganization. Order is heaven's first law, and every school should in this respect be a model of heaven.

To place over young children teachers who are proud and unloving is wicked. A teacher of this stamp will do great harm to those who are rapidly developing character. If teachers are not submissive to God, if they have no love for the children over whom they preside, or if they show partiality for those who please their fancy, and manifest indifference to those who are restless and nervous, they should not be employed; for the result of their work will be a loss of souls for Christ.

Teachers are needed, especially for the children, who are calm and kind, manifesting forbearance and love for the very ones who most need it. Jesus loved the children; he regarded them as younger members of the Lord's family. He always treated them with kindness and respect, and teachers are to follow his example. They should have the true missionary spirit; for the children are to be trained to become missionaries. They should feel that the Lord has committed to them as a solemn trust the souls of the children and youth.

Our church schools need teachers who have high moral qualities; those who are sound in faith, and who have

tact and patience; those who walk with God and abstain from the very appearance of evil. In their work they will find clouds. There will be clouds and darkness, storms and tempests, prejudice to meet from parents who have incorrect ideas of the characters which their children should form; for there are many who claim to believe the Bible, while they fail to bring its principles into the home life. But if the teachers are constant learners in the school of Christ, these circumstances will never conquer them.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Work in the Cities

On April first, 1874, the Lord gave the following instruction in regard to the work that we should do in the cities:

"I dreamed that several of our brethren were in council, considering plans of labor for this season. They thought it best not to enter the large cities, but to begin work in small places, remote from the cities; here they would meet less opposition from the clergy, and would avoid great expense. They reasoned that our ministers, being few in number, could not be spared to instruct and care for those who might accept the truth in the cities, and who, because of the greater opposition they would there meet, would need more help than would the churches in small country places. Thus the fruit of giving a course of lectures in the city would, in a great measure, be lost.

"Again, it was urged that, because of our limited means, and because of the many changes from moving that might be expected from a church in a large city, it would be difficult to build up a church that would be a strength to the cause. My husband was urging the brethren to make broader plans without delay, and put forth, in our large cities, extended and thorough effort, that would better correspond to the character of our message. One worker related incidents of his experience in the cities, showing that the work was nearly a failure, but he testified to better success in the small places.

"One of dignity and authority—One who is present in all our council meetings—was listening with deepest interest to every word. He spoke with deliberation and perfect assurance. 'The whole world,' he said, 'is God's great vineyard. The cities and villages constitute a part of that vineyard. These must be worked. We must not hide the truth in the corners of the earth. It must be made known; it must shine in our large cities. Christ in his labors took his position by the lakeside, and in the great thoroughfares of travel, where he could meet people from all parts of the world.'"

"The Messenger turned to one present, and said: 'Your ideas of the work for this time are altogether too limited. Your light must not be confined to a small compass, put under a bushel, or under a bed; it must be placed on a candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in God's house—the world. You must take broader views of the work than you have taken.'"

Again we read the following, which should be impressed deeply upon every heart:—

DELAY NO LONGER.

"Our workers are not reaching out as they should. Our leading men are not awake to the work that must be accomplished. When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming of the Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls. Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth. A new song is to be put into their mouths. They are to go forth to impart to others now in darkness the light of the third angel's message.

"We all need to be wide awake, that as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities. We are far behind in following the light given to enter these cities and erect memorials for God. Step by step we are to lead souls into the full light of the truth. And we are to continue the work until a church is organized and a humble house of worship built. I am greatly encouraged to believe that many not of our faith will help considerably by their means. The light given me is that in many places, especially in the great cities of America, help will be given by such persons.

"Workers in cities should read care-

fully the tenth and eleventh chapters of Hebrews, and appropriate to themselves the instruction that this Scripture contains. The eleventh chapter is a record of the experiences of the faithful. Those who work for God in the cities must go forward in faith, doing their very best. As they watch and work and pray, God will hear and answer their petitions."

May God help us to heed the message here given and as rapidly as possible carry the truth to the large cities which are rapidly becoming as Sodom. How precious the promise of God, that he will hear and answer our petitions if we work in faith.

W. J. STONE.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

Sabbath, April 12, 1913, it was the privilege of Elder T. H. Branch to administer the ordinance of baptism to three here in Philadelphia. The work goes very hard in this city, but we are reaching some hearts for which we praise God. Quite a number are much interested. Let all who read this please remember the First African S. D. A. church and this most needy field in your prayers, that God may send more workers.

M. G. WALLACE.

Elder H. M. J. Richards accompanied by Mrs. Richards, is making a tour through the conference, visiting some of the churches.

Miss Talmage returned to the office April 21, having visited the Sabbath-schools at Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Lebanon, and Wade. She also held midweek meetings in the interest of the Missionary Volunteer work at Carlisle and Harrisburg. The Volunteers at Lebanon were revived, a society organized at Wade, and bands formed at Carlisle and Chambersburg.

May 3 is Missionary Volunteer Day, to be observed in all our churches. Find the program in the Review of April 17.

While at Pottsville and Wade, Miss Talmage attended the fine temperance rally held at the latter place.

Elder C. S. Longacre visited Philadelphia recently, speaking in the West side church both Sabbath morning and Sunday evening.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

We are glad to report once again the progress of our work. We are making final arrangements to have actual possession of the fine modern building that our church and conference brethren have prayed so earnestly for. All our services are extremely well attended and we are praising the Lord for his manifold blessings. Several are awaiting baptism, some are keeping the Sabbath who we hope will join the church, and taking our work here in a general way it is increasing in every branch. A temperance program was rendered March 16, the hall being packed. School teachers, Y. M. C. A. representatives, newspaper men, and high school pupils, as well as our own church talent made the program very interesting. Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer and family were present and expressed great appreciation of our work, and of the fine class of people who are so interested in our work. We are expecting a strong tent effort this summer and ask the readers of the VISITOR to pray that it may result in many souls embracing this precious truth.

GUSTAVUS P. ROGERS.

Missionary Volunteer Day.

Sabbath, May 3, has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as Missionary Volunteer Day. The suggestive program will be found in the Review of April 17. This is supposed to take the place of the regular church service. I hope every church elder will accept this as an invitation to do his part in helping his flock to better understand their part in the Missionary Volunteer work. This conference has decided to use the offering taken May 3 for the great cause of missions. Here is another opportunity for us to assist our church in raising its twenty-cents-a-week quota.

LORA L. TARBELL,

M. V. Secretary.

We are sending copies of the 20-cent-a-week fund to all of our church officers. The results of the past quarter will show that we need to put a little more enthusiasm into our plans for increasing our donations to missions. Let the churches in the field organize for systematic effort along this line.

WEST VIRGINIA

A Good Report

As I was visiting among some of our isolated believers recently and heard them tell how anxiously they looked through the VISITOR for reports from our workers it reminded me that many months have passed by since I gave my last report through these columns.

Upon the advice of the conference committee we moved to Parkersburg the first of October to take up work in this part of the State. Some time was spent with the Parkersburg church when the Prohibition amendment campaign came on. As a church we threw ourselves into the campaign heartily. We went out over the country filling appointments for lectures made by the temperance bureau of Parkersburg. Thousands of the *Temperance Instructor* were circulated with the result that a call was made for me to deliver some lectures in Kanawha where we have a church.

I went to Kanawha about the tenth of December and conducted a series of meetings resulting in twelve conversions, among which were several who, previous to the temperance campaign and the lecture in the union church at that place, had been very prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists. The plan is for a baptism and quarterly meeting at Kanawha Sabbath and Sunday, May 10 and 11. We would be pleased to have the isolated members of this church with us on this occasion. There are some new believers at Parkersburg who wish to be baptized at this time.

April 7 I went to Helvetia, where there are a few believers, to conduct a series of meetings. We had just finished with the Sabbath question when I received a very urgent call to go to Mount Vernon College and the Foreign Mission Seminary to conduct the canvassers' institutes. These institutes will occupy my time until May 1.

At Helvetia several took their stand to keep the Sabbath and four or five others were just coming to that point when I was called away. I am very sorry that it was necessary for me to leave this interest at such a critical time. There are seven or eight who desire baptism at this place and we trust that others will be ready by the time we return from General Conference.

The institute at the College closed April 18. A goodly number of the

students who are preparing for the ministry and other lines of work, especially those who were out last summer, see that the experiences gained in evangelistic canvassing are indispensable to them.

What is needed everywhere more than anything else is God-fearing, evangelistic, soul-winning, resident colporteurs to go out as fore-runners of our ministers. Let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers and as the calls come to us let us say, "Here am I; send me." I. D. RICHARDSON.

NEW JERSEY

Jersey City

April 6 was a day that will long be remembered by the Jersey City Swedish church. Seven dear souls were buried with Christ in baptism. All have united with the Jersey City Swedish church. Two candidates were prevented from being baptized this time. One was sick and the other, a sister, was held back by her husband. The night before the baptism he burned all her books, tracts, and papers. This sister is having a test of the persecution by the dragon spoken of in Rev. 12:17, and needs the prayers of God's people.

The Swedish work here is onward, souls are interested and we hope to see many more brought to the cross of Christ and join the commandment-keeping people. Pray for us and the Swedish work. A. O. LUND.

Elder Sandborn was prevented from making his trip, as planned, to the southern part of the State on account of sickness in his family. Two of his daughters have been quite sick with fever.

If you haven't sent in your order for a number of sets of the "Family Bible Teacher," do it now. Our new envelope opens the way for the distribution of each set. 50 cents will pay for five sets, enough to carry on good missionary work.

Have you noticed the large number of magazines that are being sold throughout our State? Members are really surprising themselves how well they can do with these messengers of truth. It may be that the husbands will prefer to do the house work while the sisters carry on this work and at the same time bring in good financial returns.

The Trenton church building is progressing nicely, considering the inclement weather we have been having. The roof has been slated and the siding is mostly on. The electric wiring is now being done and as soon as the metal lath, required by the city building code, can be secured the auditorium will be ready for plastering.

Brother G. W. Holman, field agent for New Jersey, is at present in Washington, D. C., where he has gone to visit the Foreign Mission Seminary in the interests of the book work.

Brother W. B. Plant has located permanently in Rockaway and will make Morris County his field of labor for "Practical Guide," following up his work later with other publications as a resident colporteur.

Brother J. W. Rambo has returned to Fairton after a number of months' canvassing in Camden, and is preparing to take advantage of the special opportunity of presenting "Patriarchs and Prophets" to the Sunday School teachers as a fine help in connection with the study of their lessons.

Brother A. S. Samuel is still faithfully at work, sowing the city of Newark with "His Glorious Appearing." Brother Samuel has been having some trying experiences on account of much sickness in his family, and at the same time one of his little ones was seriously injured by being run over by a wagon.

Brother Eugene Forbell is making preparation for entering the colporteur work with one of our important books, and will soon be permanently located in his field.

Brother Clarence Peacock of Bridgeton has decided to take up the colporteur work and took \$36.00 worth of orders in and about the factory where he has been employed.

We want a few consecrated Christian young men to take up the colporteur work. Free instruction, good territory and good remuneration for the right kind of men. Address: G. W. Holman, field agent, Fairton, N. J., for further particulars.

Remember to pray for the workers in our State as they go out to meet the people, especially those who are just started out in the book work.

OHIO

A Large Undertaking

The attention of all our people has been already called to the larger plans laid for raising mission funds for 1913. The combination of the mission fund with the fund for relieving the indebtedness of our institutions places the amount at twenty cents a week per member. We succeeded in raising fifteen cents per member with several hundred dollars to the good. We certainly should hold to the high plane that we reached last year on mission offerings. The added five cents which is to be applied to our institutional indebtedness brings the amount up to twenty cents a week; but it is to be remembered that a considerable amount would have been raised for our institutional indebtedness had we not made this combination. With this plan before us, it will not be sufficient to give with the thought of missions only, or simply with the idea of raising our funds to twenty cents a week.

Many would have made large gifts for the institutional indebtedness fund, and now that this plan is provided in this combination, there should be many large gifts and much heavy lifting, that this general plan may be carried out, which in a few years will entirely free all of our institutions that are now languishing in debt, and I hope free our denomination from debt forever. Favorable comments are coming in from every side, and I have been pleased to observe the enthusiasm of our people and the willingness that is manifested in taking hold of this plan in a strong way. I hope that the church officers will be free to take as strong a hand in this as in the splendid work that was accomplished last year. Let us aim to have our results for the close of the year be such as to give encouragement all along the line.

E. K. SLADE.

Remember to pray for the Akron Colporteurs' Institute, May 2-12. Those who attend are requested to come early Friday so all can be located and ready to enjoy the opening address by Elder E. K. Slade, 7:30 P. M. Come direct to the church, No. 57 South St., and be immediately assigned to your room.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.—*Tennyson.*

Our Tent Work.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee some plans were laid for conducting a strong effort during the coming tent season. The tent efforts will be of necessity a little late on account of the General Conference. We are hoping to equip tent outfits as follows:

Dr. Jump to conduct an effort in the city of Toledo, with the assistance of the church people and a tent-master.

We hope to secure the services of Elder C. B. Haynes, who will conduct an effort in Cleveland, with such assistance as we may be able to provide him.

Elders F. M. Fairchild and W. E. Bidwell are to conduct an effort in some one of the many openings that are awaiting us.

Dr. W. J. Venen is to conduct an effort with the assistance of some young man.

H. A. Weaver will doubtless conduct an effort at Bucyrus, with such assistance as may be provided later.

We are in hopes to be able to carry on all of these efforts for the success of which, we hope that our people throughout the conference will pray most earnestly. It means much to go out in the world in efforts like this to proclaim the truth in an effectual manner.

In laying out such plans and carrying on our work as we feel that it should be, it is to some extent a step of faith to be able to properly finance the work. Our tithe receipts should be increased. We hope that careful efforts may be made along this line by our church elders and workers everywhere. Shall we not aim to make this summer's efforts the most fruitful we have ever had? E. K. SLADE.

Home Wanted

I wish to find temporary homes, or home, for two bright, helpful boys, for a few months or year. My object is to have them well protected in good S. D. A. homes, or home, until I can recuperate from over work and nervous strain. I do not wish to send them out of Ohio. The oldest boy is in his eleventh year and the youngest is just nine. To those desiring I can send post-card photos of them. Both are well clothed. Address Mrs. E. Crabie, Sta A, Columbus, Ohio. For reference write Eld. J. F. Olmsted, 1048 Fair Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

He that hath pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord. Prov. 19:17.

An Appeal to the Fathers and Mothers in Israel

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I am writing you concerning the locating of the colporteurs who will be ready for service at the close of Mt. Vernon College and the Akron Institute. We anticipate seeing thirty or more new workers enter the field the middle of May, and my burden is to distribute them over the conference to the very best advantage. I appeal to you for advice concerning the needs of the country or city where you reside. Your burden for the perishing souls around you will lead you to write me the kind of worker you desire, and the book best adapted to your territory. We shall do our best to comply with your requests.

So far as possible we plan to send the colporteurs out two and two, the young and inexperienced workers with those more mature and who have had experience. We very much desire to locate the younger workers with our people where they can have the fostering care of some kind brother or sister over the Sabbath. Will not many of our good fathers and mothers in Israel open their doors to such? It may mean some sacrifice, but God will honor and bless you for sharing your comforts with those who are toiling for the Master.

It is not expected that you should do this entirely free, unless you desire. Our workers are willing to pay moderate prices. The thing that counts most to a colporteur is the encouragement. After one has been out all week, meeting the rebuffs of the enemy, it is as showers to the thirsty ground to return Friday evening and be greeted with a hearty handshake, and to be welcomed into a home where the atmosphere of heaven and the presence of angels can be felt. This invigorates the worker and he returns to his field Sunday night or Monday morning with fresh inspiration. Those who thus encourage these messengers of God will partake of their joy and share in their eternal reward.

I hope to hear from many at an early date so assignment of territory can be made during the Akron Institute, May 2-12. J. H. McEACHERN.

Akron, Ohio. (Gen. Del.)

At the Friday morning chapel period Elder E. K. Slade presented some thoughts appropriate to the season on the love of God as voiced by nature. He also led the Sabbath evening meeting at the College.

Spencer

From March 20 to April 20, I held a series of meetings with the Spencer church. From the first the attendance was good and continued to increase even after the Sabbath question was given. The two ministers of the town threw their influence against the meetings, but were unable to keep their members away even when they had meetings in their own churches.

Many were heard to remark that the Bible was given at every meeting and not the theories and traditions of men. The last night about thirty failed to secure seats and so remained outside, although the ministers of the town held a union meeting with a minister from California occupying the pulpit.

Extensive repairs are being planned on the church and over half of the money has already been subscribed by the people of the town. This interest should be followed up next fall or winter. Eternity alone will reveal the results of these meetings. The few members of the church helped much to make the meetings a success. Nearly all of the Baptist choir with their organist furnished the music most of the time.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Elder Slade spent Sabbath forenoon with the Columbus church and Sabbath afternoon at Newark.

Elder F. M. Fairchild has moved his family to Findlay and is entering actively upon his work as superintendent of the northwestern district.

VIRGINIA

Visit to Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Sabbath and Sunday, April 5 and 6, I was at Norfolk and Portsmouth. The work there is onward. There were about fifteen new Sabbath-keepers out at their first Sabbath services at Portsmouth. All are rejoicing greatly in the new found truth.

Sabbath afternoon, R. B. Gardner accompanied me to the colored church at Norfolk, where a very encouraging meeting was held. Our colored brethren and sisters at Norfolk seemed to sense the obligation laid upon them to let the light which they have received shine from them to others, and are engaging more fully in the missionary work. Sister Manners is now giving her time quite largely to Bible work, and is finding many interested readers.

Sunday afternoon, Elder Tindall spoke in the theatre to about five or six hundred people. It was a fine audience, and many seemed deeply interested. Sunday night, at the hall about 150 people gathered to hear the subject of the "Seal of God," and a large number signified by standing, their intention of obeying God fully and keeping all his commandments.

With the present outlook, we have good reason to hope that the church at Portsmouth will be increased in membership greatly, and a good strong church established there. They need a church building, which I will be pleased to see procured. We have endeavored to secure more workers for a time for Portsmouth in the way of a Bible worker and a lady nurse, but they are hard to find just at this time, as all are planning to attend the General Conference.

We hope that all will remember the work at Portsmouth in their prayers, that God may use the workers there to his glory, and that his mighty power may be manifested in the conversion of souls.

W. J. STONE.

News and Notes.

Elder Stone spoke at the Richmond Church last Sabbath morning upon the increase of wickedness as a sign of the last days, showing the falsity of the claims that the world is growing better. The daily papers give evidence each day of the fulfillment of prophecy that the cities are fast becoming as Sodom.

A joint meeting was held April 3 at the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy. There were two members present of the General Conference Committee, the Virginia Conference Committee, the Virginia Agency Trustees and the School Board. A report of this meeting, doubtless, will appear in the next issue of the VISITOR.

We ask all to read carefully the article regarding city work compiled from the Testimonies, most of which was written thirty-nine years ago this month. While this instruction has been in our hands so long, many cannot yet see its importance, although our attention has repeatedly been called to this question from time to time. Watch for future articles upon this subject from the Testimonies. We are told that now is the time to work the cities, and that there should be no delay.

Brother W. H. George, our field agent, has just returned from North Carolina, where he made a very successful delivery of books, and is now in the field with brethren H. A. Wright and Jacob Weyers, assisting them in getting acquainted with this important branch of the work.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Notes

Now is the time to send in your subscription for the *General Conference Bulletin*. This will give you daily reports of the meetings at the General Conference, with very little expense. To read it will be next to being there. It will give you the full proceedings, minus the unimportant details. Price 50 cents for the entire session.

After May 1 the address of the conference and tract society office will be 635 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. Kindly note the change of location in future correspondence. The change was made necessary by the unexpected return of the owner of our office building to the city, who now wishes to personally occupy the property. All mail for the conference and tract society officers, and also the personal mail of Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland should be sent to the above address.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson was called to Coudersport this week to give a series of lectures on some of the vital phases of our message and the present day developments which show that the end is near. The brethren there secured the use of the Baptist church, one of the finest in the city, for these meetings, and we trust that the Lord will make this the beginning of a good work for many who are seeking for light.

By the time this reaches our readers we hope to be well settled in our new office at 635 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburg. The change gives the office very pleasant and more commodious quarters on the Lincoln Avenue car line, a few squares from the East Liberty Station.

Are you seeing those new converts for whom you pledged yourselves to pray and work this year? If not, it is not God's fault. He is working with many who are honestly seeking truth and wishes us to help them to know and love the message for this time.

AT THE COLLEGE

The Commercial Department

This department is growing rapidly, not only in the enrollment (which is much larger than last year), but in equipment and efficiency. Some of the improvements which have been made during the past year are, the enlarging and brightening up of the commercial room, rearrangement of the desks to get better light and more blackboard space, new and up-to-date offices for the advanced bookkeeping students, and a long typewriting table and two new machines for the typewriting students.

Some of the most important improvements planned for the coming year are, a phonograph dictation outfit for the use of the shorthand and typewriting students, the fitting up of a room for a course in "Office Training for Stenographers," and the making of a cupboard in the commercial room in which to keep for easy reference the books and magazines of special interest to the students in this department.

A few changes in and additions to the courses of study are being made. It is believed that these will make the work even more interesting and helpful than it has been in the past.

It is the aim of the teachers in this department to make the work more thorough and complete than that furnished by first-class business colleges, and to begin from the first day to prepare the student for an important part in this closing work,—a preparation which cannot be secured in any worldly school.

Those in charge of the department will be very glad to correspond with any one interested in this line of work.

B. P. FOOTE.

Elder S. M. Butler has decided to devote himself to Bible teaching and to drop all other responsibilities. He has been requested to take charge of the Bible department of Mt. Vernon College, and Professor E. G. Salisbury, the principal of Campion (Colorado) Academy, has been called to the presidency of the College.

With the arrival of good spring weather the farm work at the College is being pushed. The land is being plowed and prepared for seeding, the fruit trees have been sprayed, and we hope to continue the good work done last year.

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 18, 1913

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
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| *A. Brownlee, Washington | | PPF | 9 | 69 | | 70 60 | | 70 60 | 47 45 |
| C. Guenter, Potter Co. | | BF | 3 | 21 | 16 | 17 00 | 9 05 | 26 05 | 3 00 |
| *Alva Davies, Pittsburg | | CK | 10 | 62 | 18 | 29 00 | 7 85 | 36 85 | 65 70 |
| J. S. Glunt, Blair Co. | | GC | 5 | 30 | 2 | 6 00 | 6 80 | 12 80 | 11 65 |
| J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co. | | PPF | 5 | 38 | 21 | 44 00 | 7 40 | 51 40 | 3 80 |
| Edgar Rogers, Fulton Co. | | CK | 5 | 42 | 2 | 3 50 | | 3 50 | |
| Akron Slavin, Fayette Co. | | CK | 2 | 11 | 6 | 9 00 | | 9 00 | |
| Totals | 7 Agents | | 39 | 273 | 65 | \$179 10 | \$31 10 | \$210 20 | \$131 60 |

District of Columbia, Week Ending April 18, 1913

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| I. I. Boyle, Berwyn, Md. | | CK | 4 | 25 | 16 | 24 00 | 17 10 | 41 10 | 2 25 |
| Wm. Bull, Mt. Rainier, | | CK | 1 | 6 | | | | | 12 00 |
| Edna Cockrell, Washington | | CK | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 00 | | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| L. A. Godwin, Fairfax Co., Va. | | PPF | 2 | 15 | 14 | 24 00 | 4 50 | 28 50 | 55 50 |
| Frank Smith, London Co. | | CK | 5 | 41 | 22 | 33 50 | 2 50 | 36 00 | |
| R. A. Towne, Prince George Co. | | GC | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 00 | 1 25 | 3 25 | 80 |
| A. Taltamus, Stafford Co., Va. | | PPF | | 39 | | | | | 121 75 |
| J. S. Williams, Fairfax Co., Va. | | CK | 4 | 29 | 51 | 77 50 | 4 00 | 81 50 | 3 50 |
| J. Smith, Washington | | | 1 | 8 | | | | | 15 00 |
| Totals | 9 Agents | | 19 | 173 | 106 | \$164 00 | \$29 35 | \$193 35 | \$212 30 |

Ohio, Week Ending April 18, 1913

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| J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co. | | ES | 5 | 43 | 13 | 46 00 | 6 10 | 52 10 | 17 00 |
| F. E. Wagner, Summit Co. | | GC | 6 | 48 | 2 | 7 00 | 32 35 | 39 35 | 13 65 |
| *Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co. | | CK | 6 | 35 | 24 | 38 00 | 12 50 | 50 50 | |
| Mrs. Reichenbach, Montgy Co. | | Mag | 2 | 11 | | | 18 25 | 18 25 | 18 25 |
| J. B. Reichenbach, Montgy Co. | | BR | 5 | 37 | 4 | 12 00 | | 12 00 | |
| L. H. Waters, Miami Co. | | CK | 2 | 15 | 7 | 10 50 | 1 25 | 11 75 | 4 75 |
| John Schick, Summit Co. | | GC | 5 | 32 | 2 | 6 00 | 4 95 | 10 95 | 10 50 |
| Mrs. Chas. Cable, Cuyahoga Co. | | BF | 3 | 10 | 2 | 2 00 | 2 90 | 4 90 | 60 |
| C. E. Reichenbach, Cuyahoga | | CK | 5 | 40 | 15 | 23 50 | 3 00 | 26 50 | |
| Totals | 9 Agents | | 39 | 271 | 69 | \$145 00 | \$81 30 | \$226 30 | \$64 75 |

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending April 18, 1913

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| G. W. Blinn, | | BR | 10 | 84 | 20 | 58 00 | | 58 00 | 60 00 |
| A. S. Samuels, Newark | | HGA | 9 | 49 | 84 | 33 50 | 20 | 33 70 | 20 10 |
| Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth | | GC | 7 | 40 | 9 | 19 00 | 21 90 | 40 90 | 12 10 |
| Clarence Peacock, Bridgeton | | PPF | 9 | 14 | 23 | 42 50 | | 42 50 | 2 00 |
| J. W. Rambo, Camden | | CK | 4 | 27 | 3 | 5 00 | 2 20 | 7 20 | 57 00 |
| Totals | 5 Agents | | 39 | 214 | 139 | \$158 00 | \$24 30 | \$182 30 | \$151 20 |

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| G. G. Taylor | | 25 | 2 50 |
| Mrs. G. A. Sandborn | | 100 | 10 00 |
| James Johnson | | 25 | 2 50 |
| J. Upton | | 320 | 52 00 |
| W. B. Plant | | 350 | 35 00 |
| J. H. Holt | | 20 | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Ellen Storms | | 10 | 1 00 |
| S. A. Paul | | 10 | 1 00 |
| Julia Jenson | | 350 | 35 00 |
| Mrs. H. Stowe | | 50 | 5 00 |
| Totals | 10 Agents | 1260 | 126 00 |

*Two weeks.

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 18, 1913

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|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| W. B. Dunkinson, Chambersb'g | PG | 5 | 32 | 1 | 3 00 | 1 35 | 4 35 | 43 65 |
| W. P. Hess, Lancaster | PPF | 5 | 29 | 18 | 33 00 | 5 25 | 38 25 | |
| F. A. Brownell, Scranton | GC | 5 | 21 | 10 | 40 00 | 50 | 40 50 | 2 50 |
| F. Willruth, Scranton | CK | 1 | 29 | 14 | 21 00 | 12 70 | 33 70 | 26 15 |
| Stella Grube, Lehigh Co. | GC | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 00 | 3 50 | 8 50 | |
| Mrs. R. L. Luchenbill | Mag | | | | 575 | 57 50 | 57 50 | 57 50 |
| Totals | 6 Agents | 42 | 128 | 639 | \$319 00 | \$46 60 | \$365 60 | \$129 80 |

Grand Totals: 42 Agents Value of Orders, \$1177 75 Deliveries, \$689 55

Dr. Harry Miller was a busy man last week. In addition to his regular work as Bible teacher and church pastor he was called upon to perform surgical operations upon Brother J. K. Newell of the Mt. Vernon church, and upon two students, Miss Vesta Panches and Mr. William Sims.

On Sabbath morning and afternoon, April 19, Brother H. A. Weaver, the Ohio religious liberty secretary delivered an address in two parts on the history of governments with special reference to the theocracy. He also gave some interesting information concerning the defeat of the Sunday closing bill in the Ohio legislature a few days before.

Saturday night, April 19, Dr. Miller gave an instructive stereopticon lecture on "Hygiene and Sanitation."

The College Literary Society held its last meeting for the year on the evening after the Sabbath, the program consisting of orations by students from the literary department. Misses Kennedy and Purdham, the English teachers have been careful to make the programs of the society educational as well as entertaining.

Messrs. John Holder, Oscar Marietta, and W. E. Patterson recently began their apprenticeship in the College printing office. The work given by our people to the College press is helping worthy young men to make their way through school.

Monday morning, April 21, the Mt. Vernon Sanitarium narrowly escaped burning down. The fire originated in the bathroom, and began to spread rapidly, but by vigorous effort, was gotten under control in time to save the building. The loss is covered by insurance.

The auditorium in Lake Hiawatha Park has been secured for the Class Exercises, Thursday night, May 8, and also for the baccalaureate sermon and Commencement Exercises.

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We believe that selling is an art and the practice of it is a profession.

We believe that every colporteur must possess certain natural abilities and have a certain amount of training before entering upon his work, and as lawyers, doctors, and other professional men improve their efficiency by contemplating and studying the experience of others, in like manner the canvasser can improve his talent and increase his ability, and the power to sell by reading the experiences of other successful colporteurs who are following the same vocation.

We believe that a man never gets too old to learn, and we further believe that when a man reaches that point in his experience where he thinks he knows it all, right then and there he begins to lose what he has already learned.

We believe that any man or woman with a love for our Heavenly Father and a burden to save souls, and possessing ordinary ability and capabilities, can develop his faculty for selling, the same as an orator can develop and cultivate the power of speech.

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We believe that the colporteur must study to show himself approved of God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.—*Selected.*

If you sit down at the set of sun
And count the things that you have done
And, counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One smile most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then you may count that day well spent.

—Sarah B. Lawrence.

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For, lo, the summer is past;
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth,
The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.—*Cant. 9:11. 12.*

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The *Signs Magazine* has developed a new, and what promises to be the most interesting, little scheme that has been launched for some time. Their new circular, the little illustrated one, that is meeting with such a hearty welcome by all our people, is hardly at work before their circulation department plans something good to accompany it. This is especially for those who go to General Conference, but is also for any who are travelling.

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But, if, though all the livelong day,
You've eased no heart by yea or nay,

If through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to a face;

No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost.

—Sarah B Lawrence.

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OBITUARY

COOK.—Elizabeth Cook was born in Lincolnshire, England, Oct. 6, 1824, and died April 11, 1913, aged 88 years, 6 months, and 5 days. She came to this country in 1835 with her parents, Henry and Mary Hoff, and later settled in Wood County. In 1841 Sister Cook was married to Robert Cook, and to this union two sons and two daughters were born. Two other children were taken and reared as her own. She leaves to mourn two children, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Thirty-five years ago Sister Cook embraced present truth, and according to the testimony of her neighbors, she has lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral service was held by the writer in the Bowling Green Seventh-day Adventist church, which was crowded with relatives and friends.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

DE FLUITER.—Frank De Fluiter was born in Holland Sept. 28, 1848, and died March 26, 1913. Brother De Fluiter came to America and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1882. He first heard the Sabbath question at the Cleveland camp-meeting, later removing to Ravenna, Ohio, where two faithful self-supporting canvassers found him, and by their efforts both he and his wife were enabled to see the privilege of accepting and obeying this message. It was in 1897 that he began keeping the Sabbath. At the time of his death his membership was with the Camden church. His faithfulness and devotion to the cause he loved will never be forgotten by those who knew him best, and his earnest Christian life was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Five children survive: Henry, John, and James De Fluiter, Mrs. C. L. Hall of Ravenna, and Mrs. C. C. Kellar of Washington, D. C.

W. J. VENEN.