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UNION

Important Faculty Changes

I am certain that the patrons and friends of the Mount Vernon College throughout the Columbia Union Conference will be glad to learn of the new plans for our college this coming year. Some important changes have been made in the departments of Presidency, Bible, Business Management, English, Mathematics, and Commercial.

In the first place, Professor Butler has felt for some time that he would like to lay down the responsibilities of the college and devote himself to the work of Bible teaching. This, of course, involves some changes which in turn call for new plans in other lines. After careful consultation with the General Conference Committee and a personal visit to Loveland, Colorado, with Professor Salisbury, and after further consultation with the General Conference Committee and the Columbia Union Conference brethren, it was decided to call Professor E. G. Salisbury to take charge as president in the future of Mount Vernon College. Professor Salisbury comes to us with a splendid education and having had quite a long and wide experience in school work. He comes to his new duties depending upon the help of the Lord and we are sure that, with the hearty support of the brethren concerned, the blessings of God will attend the new arrangements.

There have been several calls from other schools for Professor Butler to come to them as Bible teacher. While nothing definite has been settled, yet, for the present, he has been invited by the faculty to remain at Mount Vernon College unless he receives another call which he prefers, as Bible teacher. Professor Butler is well known to us all and we are satisfied that no one could be found in whose experience as a Bible instructor we have more confidence than in Professor Butler.

As Professor Salisbury is well equipped in mathematics he will take

charge of this department of the school for the present thus doing work in the lines of teaching, getting in touch with the students, and entering more into the life of the institution. Professor Anderson, whose first training was taken with great care and under splendid instruction to fit himself as an English teacher, will take charge of the department of English with Miss Grace Purdham as an assistant.

Then we are glad to announce that the business management of the school this coming year will be in the hands of one person who will devote his whole time to that line of work. I speak now of Professor Pulver who has handled the commercial department so satisfactorily the past years. Professor Pulver has been more or less associated with Professor Butler the past few years in the financial and business part of the school. And we feel that, from his training as a school man coupled with his past practical experience as well as his acquaintance with the financial operation of the institution, he will give us excellent help in the further operation of the school.

We are glad to report to our brethren throughout the field that Mount Vernon College again this year will come out on the side of gain in her Loss and Gain account. And, whereas, in the past history of the institution throughout all the years, it has been a college which has graduated only four from the college department, this year alone it will graduate six. Out of these graduates two are already booked for China. One will become an assistant in the school and the others are also under consideration for other fields of work. In addition to this, some of the other members of our student body are under negotiations to become workers in the distant field of China. Thus, from every standpoint, the brethren can see that the school is beginning to bear fruit and that the last three or four years of earnest toil on the part of all connected with it is beginning to show.

We earnestly desire the prayers and

cooperation of our brethren in each field that what already has been done by the institution in the past may be more than duplicated in the future.

B. G. WILKINSON.

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VIRGINIA

Our Sabbath Schools a Great Resource

I fear that many of us have not fully realized or appreciated the great value of our Sabbath-schools as a resource in our missionary efforts both as an educational and financial asset.

In many instances, I believe, many persons can cite their first awakening in the Christian life to the influence of the Sabbath-school. I feel quite sure of this as I look back over my past experience, and the influence that the Sunday-school had upon my life when I was a child. And I am sure that our Sabbath-schools now, as carried forward, where God's word is so plainly taught in subjects, far exceed the teaching and influence of the Sunday-schools of forty-five and fifty years ago.

The Sabbath-school can be made a great factor in the conversion and education of our children, and in moulding their future lives for God and his cause. I trust that those who have the blessed privilege of the Sabbath-school will not fail to make the most of it in the moulding of the characters of those who come under its influence.

Then, the Sabbath-school should be a great educator in every line of missionary endeavor, including the cultivation of the gift of sacrifice and giving for the advancement of the work of God in the earth. The Sabbath-school is becoming a great factor in the support of our missions. Last year our contributions amounted to over two hundred thousand dollars for the whole denomination. The Sabbath-school donations in Virginia assisted greatly in increasing our gifts to missions over that of former years, and we have hoped that this year would show a good gain over that of last year.

Some of our Sabbath-schools in other conferences are endeavoring to make their average donations in the Sabbath-school reach ten cents per member. I wonder if this could not be done by some of our schools in the Old Dominion.

Thus far this year we have fallen behind that of last year. This surely none of us desire to see. Every year should mark advancement. Shall we not all take hold to make this year, before it closes, the banner year for Old Virginia in gifts to missions, and in all lines of work?

W. J. STONE.

Pointed Questions

What are you doing in the way of contributing to the 15 cents a week for missions? God says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24-25.

Do you believe this promise? Do we demonstrate by our lives how much we believe these promises? Have you paid honestly a tithe thus for this year to assist in saving souls? If so claim the blessing. What is it? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith of the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

"And all these blessings shall come on thee. "Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouse and in all that thou settest thy hand unto." Deut. 28. Blessed are they that do." "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22. Faith acts. Are we showing our faith by our works? W. J. STONE.

The Academy

We present at this time a report of the work done here at the Academy, and something of its success in a financial way. The attendance has been quite small, but that fact is not in any way against the grade of work the school has been able to do. The school year is now about to close, and all studies will be completed. Most of the students will complete their work quite successfully. We expect two to graduate from the tenth grade, and receive their certificates.

We have been handicapped to some extent, from the fact that we needed another teacher, so more studies could have been given, and more time could have been devoted to the studies that were taught; but by diligent effort and continually sticking to our work, all will be able to complete their grades.

Now, as to the financial condition, we will speak only of the expenses incurred and met since we came here about one year ago. At that time there were \$188.00 in the bank to the

credit of the Academy, and in order to get the school in readiness for opening and purchase its provisions, we had to borrow \$150.00 which makes \$338.00. There has been about \$175.00 of this spent in improvements which are of value to the farm. When the school year is over there will be the same amount in the bank there was when we took charge one year ago, above running expenses and the amount borrowed. This includes salaries, except one half of my salary, which was paid by the conference and the interest on our indebtedness amounting to about \$350.00. Thus it will be seen that the school has paid all running expenses and has gone ahead to the amount equal to the sum paid for improvements, unless it be considered that none of the salary should be paid by the conference, which is done by most of the conferences having schools of this kind located within their boundaries.

With good management and the cooperation of the brethren over the State, and their patronage, the school would easily make all expenses including the interest which could hardly be called a running expense, as it accrues each year as the result of the initial expense. The repair of the furnace was due to carelessness of the former year.

We thought it would be well to put these few lines in the VISITOR that the brethren over the State might see that they have good reason to be of good courage concerning their school, and it will be sure to make a success if they will but rally to its support. We trust all our people over the State will feel that this is their school and will do all in their power to aid it.

J. H. SMITH.

Danville

The message in the three churches of Danville, Spencer, and News Ferry is making improvement in the midst of trials and afflictions.

I am located in Danville, and have been visiting the other two churches regularly since December, 1912, every second and fourth Sabbath and Sunday, once a month. I am planning now, on account of circumstances, not to visit them quite so often, but at least once a quarter and oftener if necessary.

They all love the precious truth of the message but have not yet overcome all defects some of which are of serious nature, imperilling their eternal destiny. Pure, righteous characters, with hearts and minds and dispositions of tender love towards

each other, that will not irritate and offend in words is needed and must be secured, if success and spiritual prosperity attend the churches.

Parents must govern the moral rectitude of their children with sterner faithfulness than they have done or are now doing. Unconverted children and young people in the church and unconverted children of Sabbath-keepers, the children who are yet out of the church, must receive more attention in order to remove and prevent the reproach which is a stumbling block to unbelievers.

Needed instruction coupled with tender loving interest, prayer, and faith, greater exercise of parental authority in humility and meekness, and strict regard to the association of the young people, will, with the blessings of God, secure the desired results—their moral standing, conversion, and final salvation.

The past cannot be changed; why wound and mortify each other over what can not now be remedied producing perpetual estrangements to the injury of the church. Let us now change this course, redeem the past on all these points, and God will be glorified, the entire church saved, and the devil defeated.

I usually speak three or four times in the visit to the two churches. The outside interest has been small, but perceptible increase of interest is being noted. One member has been added to the Spencer church and there are hopes of additions to the Danville and News Ferry churches in the near future. Impressions of the truth are working in this direction. Work in Danville with the "Autumn Leaves Series" has begun, and an intelligent mail carrier, a member of the Presbyterian church, accosted me to-day with several questions on the nature of man.

It is simply justice to say there are very few in these three churches that *have much tithes to pay*, yet I am free and frank to say, that it is entirely probable that more definite and practical instruction and faithfulness is needed and will be given on this point. Two years of poor crops are the general complaint and excuse for the smallness of the tithes and offerings, but improvements are appearing which proves that there is some of the truth even though unfortunate conditions prevent a full manifestation of it. But it is to this fulness that we must aspire in all things at whatsoever cost and sacrifice in order to please God.

We are hoping for a week's camp-meeting out here this summer or fall

which will be a great uplift to the work here. We are earnestly praying for this. We have been impressed for some time that the enemy does not want the people disturbed with the truth here, so he is trying to disturb us with sickness and death. Each one of the churches is having some of this kind of experiences. They are trying to learn the lesson it is intended to teach,—greater faithfulness, repentance and reformation of past imperfections.

Sister Pearl Brown of the Danville church has been helplessly sick with rheumatism in one arm for seven or eight weeks. Sister Divin's little boy is down with pneumonia; Sister Ella Ragsdale's sister of the News Ferry church has been at the point of death for several weeks, but it is probable at this writing that she is better and improving. Death has entered the Spencer church and taken away its local elder, notice of which is given elsewhere in the VISITOR.

C. M. KINNY.

News and Notes

Last Friday Elder Stone went to Portsmouth to counsel with the workers there regarding their future work at that place; also to assist and help in their services. His visit was timely and an encouragement to the workers and new Sabbath-keepers there.

Three of the members of the Richmond church have recently begun the sale of our literature. There is no more important work than the sale of our publications by our faithful colporteurs, and they should be highly regarded for their work's sake.

Mrs. Pearl Cornett, a former resident of this State, who has been living in Butte, Montana, for the past few years, and while there accepted the truth, has recently returned to this conference. She has sent in a liberal tithe; and has also sent for her letter to join here. She is anxious to have her children in a church-school.

Elder Tindall writes that they are meeting much opposition from the ministers of Portsmouth, and that they have even brought in evangelists from outside and are circulating D. M. Canright's literature, raising all the prejudice possible, to hinder the people from going to our meetings. Notwithstanding this determined opposition, some have taken their stand for the truth.

Elder Stone was with the Lynchburg church Sabbath and Sunday, April 26 and 27. He reports good meetings and a growing interest there.

The Academy school closes next week. Prof. Smith and family will visit his father in Missouri taking a little vacation before entering upon the summer's work.

Elder Kneeland and family expect to attend the General Conference, leaving New Market soon after the close of the school. Their son's health has been much improved since coming to Virginia.

Brother Mallory reports two new Sabbath-keepers as a result of the work that is being done for the colored people at Richmond. Prejudice is giving way and they are having much larger attendance at their Sunday night services.

Brother George, our field agent, is now at Stanley endeavoring to interest some of our people there in the sale of our literature. He will also try to secure students for the Academy who will sell our literature to secure a scholarship.

The families of Elder Stone, Dr. Neff, Dr. Ingersoll, R. J. Brown, and others leave this week for the General Conference at Washington. While they will be missed from the Richmond church, we hope the future benefit to the cause will doubly repay the loss.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

APRIL 1913

Bethel.....	\$ 8 50
Buena Vista .....	....
Danville.....	6 91
Guinea Mills.....	....
Hamburg.....	....
Lynchburg.....	90 21
Mt. Williams.....	10 69
New Market.....	47 11
Newport News No. 1.....	54 00
Newport News No. 2.....	15 74
News Ferry.....	4 56
Norfolk	32 62
Portsmouth.....	44 32
Richmond No. 1	125 69
Richmond No. 2.....	32 27
Roanoke.....	20 00
Spencer.....	1 62
Stanley.....	....
Rileyville .....	....
Individuals.....	10 36
TOTAL.....	\$ 504 60

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

CHESAPEAKE

Items

All communications to the Chesapeake Conference or Tract Society should be addressed Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., during the General Conference Session, as we will have an office tent, and take care of the important business there.

Elders R. T. Baer and F. W. Paap are at the conference grounds assisting in the preparations for the General conference. The writer was a visitor at the campground on Sunday.

Elder T. L. Thuemler is spending a few weeks at the Washington Sanitarium in an effort to recuperate from a breakdown. Doctor and Sister Tetz are also spending some time there.

Brother James Skinner of Pittsburg is selling *Protestant Magazine* in Baltimore and is doing well. We also have several persons from the South who will sell the *Watchman* and *Life and Health* here the coming week.

Professor Salisbury visited the Baltimore church on Sabbath, April 26, and gave us an excellent talk on the mission fields that did our souls good, and helped us to see the great need of men and means and courage to bring the light to millions of perishing humanity.

The Hagerstown brethren have under course of construction a neat church of cement blocks which will be ready to dedicate some time the latter part of the summer. Brother H. L. Peden who has charge of the work there is to be commended for the excellent management of affairs to the present time.

Brother S. N. Brown, field missionary agent of the District of Columbia Conference was a caller at the office last week. Brother Brown and the writer were canvassing together for some time in both Maryland and Virginia in 1910 and 1911.

Our former pastor, Elder C. B. Haynes, spent a few days in town last week and gave us a very touching and interesting sermon on Sunday evening, April 27. Elder Haynes just arrived from Georgia where he has been laboring for some time.

WINDOM T. DURST, *Secretary*.

OHIO

Sunday Bill Defeated

On Wednesday, April 3, the eightieth General Assembly of Ohio closed its doors. Another legislative year has passed and no more religious laws have been made in this state than were already on the statute books. For this the Lord's people in Ohio should be thankful. This, however, is not to say that no efforts were made during the past assembly to enact such laws.

In the early part of April a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives and known as "H. B. 181." The ostensible purpose of the bill was stated in the title which read as follows: "A bill to promote the public health by providing for one day of rest in seven for employees in certain employments." This was only a subterfuge as the body of the bill plainly revealed. The expression, "first day of the week, commonly called Sunday," appeared four times in the bill. It was therefore not designed to conserve the public health, but to exalt Sunday by civil enactment. The bill is what might be termed a standard bill which had been drafted and recommended by the Federal Council of Churches and sent to every state and introduced into a number of state legislatures throughout the country during the past winter. It is not difficult to see that men may be found in many of the state legislatures that are willing to introduce such bills. In this instance it was Representative O. B. Chapman of Dayton. The bill was referred to the committee on labor of which the framer of the bill was chairman. This fact is responsible for the prompt work of the committee in rushing the bill through and referring it back to the House, recommending passage. It was all done so quickly and yet so quietly that no time was given the Religious Liberty Department to arrange for a hearing before the committee. The first we knew of it was its appearance on the calendar, scheduled for second reading Monday, April 14. We were present at the time of debate. Throughout the discussion a trained mind could detect the effect our literature has had on the minds of many of the assemblymen.

Frequently a speaker, speaking in opposition to the bill, was heard to employ almost the identical words that have appeared in past numbers of the magazine *Liberty*.

A large number of amendments to the bill were made which in them-

selves made the bill practically inoperative. Finally the Speaker called for a *viva voce* vote on the question of third reading. The negative vote resembled a great roar while those in favor of the bill sounded like a whisper in comparison. The bill was defeated by an estimated five-sixths majority.

H. A. WEAVER.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

APRIL 1913

Akron.....	\$327 41
Alliance.....	.....
*Barnesville.....	14 78
Bellefontaine.....	112 01
Bellville.....	8 00
*Broughton.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	101 40
Camden.....	42 48
Canaan.....	23 34
Canton.....	52 37
Chagrin Falls.....	4 83
Charloe.....	.....
Chillicothe.....	5 55
Cincinnati.....	107 43
Cleveland.....	373 33
Cleveland German.....	7 13
Clyde.....	.....
Columbus.....	347 48
Columbus S. D. A. Mission.....	.....
Conneaut.....	7 95
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	.....
Dayton.....	76 84
Defiance.....	7 50
Delaware.....	.....
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	7 75
Dunkirk.....	2 00
East Liverpool.....	38 97
Elgin.....	16 08
Findlay.....	24 72
Greenspring.....	.....
*Gilboa.....	.....
Hamler.....	54 85
Hamilton.....	50 79
Hicksville.....	19 60
*Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	12 60
Killbuck.....	22 07
LaGrange.....	15 06
*Lakeville.....	22 53
Lakeview.....	26 73
Laura.....	6 45
Leesburg.....	59 81
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	5 00
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	53 92
Marshfield.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Mendon.....	4 32
Mount Vernon.....	437 56
Newark.....	125 44
Norwalk.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	41 61

Ohio City	35 77
Piqua	17 88
Pleasant Hill	37 63
Powell	49 42
Ravenna	12 68
*Reedsville	24 40
Rows	17 97
Sherwood	305 70
Spencer	147 63
Springfield	3 81
Toledo	7 25
Troy	8 80
Van Wert	103 29
Walnut Grove	105 98
Washington C. H.	20 00
Waterford	121 02
Wilmington	87 54
*West Mansfield	47 58
Wheelersburg	
Youngstown	
Zanesville	
Individuals	

TOTAL.....\$3,821 74

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe.....	\$3821 74
Tract Society	1229 69
Sabbath-school Donations	620 21
Missions.....	227 11
Harvest Ingathering	18 00
Religious Liberty	9 65
Annual Offerings	
Weekly Donations	101 59
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	365 40
Colored Work	1 26
Refund Labor Expense	82 35
Ministry of Healing	
Loma Linda.....	72 19
Stereopticon Fund	
Orphans and Aged	9 70
Clinton Seminary	
Tent and Hall Collections.....	10 75
Flood Relief	51 65
Co-operation Fund (Signs Times)....	1 00

TOTAL.....\$6,622 29

H.D. HOLTOM, Treas.

At the close of the church school at Pleasant Hill the patrons of the school surprised the teacher, Miss Clara Reichenbaugh, by making up a purse sufficient to pay the expenses of attending General Conference.

By the sale of \$1000.00 worth of books Brethren F. E. Wagner and J. S. Randolph have earned free trips to the General Conference.

The address of Brother and Sister G. E. Wales is now 1189 East Eighty-sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio. They are taking up Bible work in that city, having previously been successfully engaged in the same work in Toledo.

NEW JERSEY

Cape May Court House

The series of meetings begun here in Cape May Court House several months ago, has been well attended throughout. Several have begun to keep the Sabbath. Others attend our Sabbath services regularly, and a goodly number of the best people in the community are regular attendants at our public meetings. We expect that some of these will soon decide to fully identify themselves with us.

The little band of believers here have been very willing to cooperate in every way possible to make the meetings a success. The sentiment in the community has changed very decidedly with reference to the nature and importance of our work.

A good number of youth and children are among the believers here. Two of the former are planning to enter one of our institutions in the fall, to fit themselves for better service for the Master. We are planning for more systematic work in the distribution of our pioneer paper, the *Signs of the Times*, among those who are especially interested. We hope to see a strong body of believers established here as a light for the Master in this locality.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Items

Be sure to address all mail to the new office address, 635 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

The report received from the Columbia Union office of the amount of donations received for the first three months of this year on the twenty-cent-a-week fund show that West Pennsylvania has fallen short a thousand dollars of meeting her quota of this fund. Should this deficit continue for the whole year proportionately it would mean a loss to the cause of over \$4,000.00 This would be a very serious condition and we trust that all our people will arouse to the situation and bring in the gifts that will put our conference where it should be in the support of the mission fields and our institutional work. Let all do their part and the deficit will speedily be made up.

Mrs. Mary Matson, has returned to Pittsburg from her vacation in Western New York, feeling much refreshed.

A number of those expecting to attend the General Conference from Pittsburg will travel to Takoma Park in a special car leaving the B. & O. R. station Tuesday night. Indications now point to a large number of West Pennsylvania people in attendance at the meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA

Notes.

Brother W. A. McElphatrick, who has been doing Bible work in Cameron, has returned to Fayette county where he has a delivery of books to make before attending the General Conference.

We are glad to report that two of our resident canvassers, and two student canvassers have sold the required amount to entitle them to a trip to the General Conference which was offered as a special inducement to those who are spending their time spreading the gospel through the book work.

F. H. Robbins, president of this conference, is in Washington, D. C., lending his assistance in the preparation for the General Conference which is soon to be held.

Brother John McHenry of Chester, who has recently taken up the canvassing work, reported for his first week over \$300.00 worth of Bibles sold. This should be a source of encouragement to any who are contemplating this line of work.

Brother I. D. Richardson of Parkersburg, West Virginia, has recently been called to fill the place of Brother I. G. Bigelow, Union Field Missionary Agent, Washington, D. C., who has lately fallen ill and is leaving for a change of climate. Brother Richardson is moving to Washington. We are sorry to lose this worker as his services have been very faithful in the building up of the West Virginia Conference.

Brother J. W. Marshall, one of our old canvassers, is planning to enter the field again in the near future. We shall be glad to see him back again in the work.

"As by the light of opening day
The stars are all concealed,
So earthly pleasures fade away
When Jesus is revealed."

Results in the Home Missionary Work

A few days ago a young lady from the Y. W. C. A. in Los Angeles was attracted by a marked article in the *Signs of the Times* on the table while eating her lunch at the vegetarian cafeteria. At the close of the meal, she asked at the desk if she could get some tracts on the Sabbath question. Sister Drummond, the cashier, and librarian of the South Side church, supplied her with the tracts. Two days later, when she was in the cafeteria again, Sister Drummond inquired how she liked the tracts. "O," she replied, "I am studying them, and there are a number of other studying the Sabbath question with me at the Y. W. C. A."

This is only one of scores of incidents related during our recent series of missionary meetings in Southern California.

During the past three weeks, we have visited eighteen of our churches in the Southern California Conference and without exception find the interest in the home missionary work rising. Never have so many good experiences been given by those who are reaching out to interest others in the truth. Never has there been greater evidence of the definite way in which the Lord's Spirit is working on the minds of people everywhere. On every hand, through little conversations, through the tracts and papers given out, through the letters written, interests are springing up.

Over at Redlands recently a lady picked up one of our tracts in a restaurant. She went to the proprietor and asked where she could get some more literature like that. She was told that over on a certain street a Seventh-day Adventist man had a shop. She went to that shop. The brother—who, by the way, always has a supply of our literature—stopped his work and sat down and studied with this lady for an hour and a half. She purchased a book and took tracts. This was an educated lady who was passing through Redlands. The little tract put her in touch with the truth. It pays to sow the seed.—*Selected.*

The *June Signs Magazine* is mind-ful of the students or anyone selling the magazine to aid in gaining an education. At the bottom of the first page of a splendid article by Professor Howell is a footnote commending the one selling the magazine to the prospective purchaser. Merely showing this note or reading it to the person should make a sale. It will be a great help to the agents.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending May 2, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
John McHenry, Chester		Bibles	5	50	188	300 80		300 80	
Clifton Smith, Harrison		PPF	4	35	21	33 00	3 50	36 50	50
T. M. Butler, Harrison		PPF	4	25	19	39 00	2 50	41 50	2 00
John Fahrner, Randolph		GC	5	43	3	9 00	15 65	24 65	
Totals	4 Agents		18	153	231	\$381 80	\$21 65	\$403 45	\$2 50

Virginia, Three Weeks Ending May 2, 1913

K. Oertley, Roanoke	PPF	66	43	65 50	50	66 00			
W. B. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF	47	9	20 00	10 04	30 04	19 24		
W. H. George, Norfolk	GC	10	4	12 00	1 00	13 00	1 00		
Mrs. E. A. George, Norfolk		2			2 00	2 00			
Miss Annie George, Norfolk					20 00	20 00	20 00		
H. A. Wright, Richmond	PPF	37	22	35 00	19 00	53 00			
J. Meyer, Richmond	PPF	65	25	41 00	33 70	74 70	2 00		
R. L. Rennells, Richmond	CK	18	9	13 50	4 50	18 00	1 50		
Mrs. E. F. White, Richmond		3			8 50	8 50	8 50		
Ella Meyer, Richmond	PPF	6	1	1 50	3 00	3 50	2 00		
F. A. Nixon, Richmond	CK				9 46	9 46	9 46		
G. Graves, Richmond	SP	21	41	41 00		41 00			
Totals	12 Agents		275	154	\$228 50	\$110 70	\$339 20	\$63 70	

East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending May 2, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster	PPF	10	68	47	103 00	11 25	114 25		
J. L. Gearhart, Snyder Co.	DR	8	66	4	11 00	38 25	49 25	42 00	
Mrs. H. Trauger, Allentown	CK	3	17	3	4 50	3 60	8 10	19 10	
S. L. Burkhardt, Chambersburg	CK	5	33	11	16 50	2 25	18 75		
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	5	32	12	18 50	12 55	31 05	19 50	
Stella Grube, Lebanon	GC	3	13	2	3 00	4 20	7 20		
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Scranton	CK	1	3	1	1 50		1 50	22 25	
W. B. Dunkinson, Franklin Co.	PG	5	38	8	24 00	15 10	39 10	2 25	
F. A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	2	10	1	3 00	4 90	7 90	8 15	
S. H. Swingle, Dunmore	SP		15					45 00	
W. C. Rahn, Dunmore	SP		15					34 75	
Mrs. M. Bellington, Moosic	BF	1	7	2	2 00		2 00	1 00	
Totals	12 Agents		317	91	\$187 00	\$92 10	\$279 10	\$194 00	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 2, 1913

*A. Brownlee, Washington	PPF	8	59		82 62		82 62	26 76	
†Chas. Dunham, Pittsburg	DR	15	95	22	91 50		91 50	132 00	
Alva Davies, Pittsburg	CK	5	29	10	15 00	25	15 25	22 45	
J. S. Glunt, Blair Co.	GC	2	15	2	6 00	1 90	7 90	5 40	
C. G. Guenter, Olean, N. Y.	GC	2	25					64 35	
W. H. House, McKean Co.	GC	4	30	5	19 00	11 95	30 95	16 60	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	5	31	18	31 00	6 90	37 90	10 60	
Edgar Rogers, Fulton Co.	CK	5	45					60 00	
Totals	8 Agents		49	329	57	\$245 12	\$21 00	\$266 12	\$338 16

Ohio, Week Ending May 2, 1913

W. H. Wright, Highland Co.	ES	5	27	12	44 00	1 50	45 50		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		5	35		38 35		38 35		
J. B. Reichenbach Mont'g'y Co.	BR	2	14	7	24 00		24 00		
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	3	17	9	14 50	2 00	16 50		
Bessie Ootton, Stark Co.	BF	2	10	9	10 00	5 55	15 55		
F. E. Wilson, Hamilton Co.	CK	4	29	9	14 00		14 00		
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.	BR	4	18	3	9 00	2 50	11 50		
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	BR	3	19	3	9 00		9 00		
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	25	1	3 00	75	3 75	7 50	
Totals	9 Agents		32	194	53	\$165 85	\$12 30	\$178 15	\$7 50

*Two weeks.

†Three weeks.

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 2, 1913

G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	8	61	26	58	00	5	60	63	60	57	70
D. W. Percy, Wycomico Co.	GC	5	34	12	35	00	15	00	50	00		
J. E. Jones, Somerset Co.	GC	5	37	24	50	00	20	50	70	50		
T. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.	PPF	9	49	33	67	00	1	50	68	50	19	50
Totals	4 Agents	27	181	95	\$210	00	\$42	60	\$252	60	\$77	20

District of Columbia, Week Ending May 2, 1913

I. I. Boyle, Prince George Co.	CK	5	42	14	21	00	4	15	25	15		20
T. J. Chambers, Montgomery Co.	GC	5	38	8	24	00	2	25	26	25		
L. A. Godwin, Fairfax Co., Va.	PPF	4	28	26	43	50	2	25	45	75		25
Frank Smith, Londen Co.	PPF	3	26	24	43	00			43	00		
R. J. Urkens, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	18	31	46	50			46	50		
W. A. Williams, Prince Wm. Co.	CK	4	31	27	41	50		50	42	00		
Totals	6 Agents	25	183	130	\$219	50	\$9	15	\$228	65		45

New Jersey, Week Ending May 2, 1913

G. W. Blinn, Mercer	BR	5	30	9	27	00			27	00		
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	3	18	6	18	00	7	95	25	95	24	95
A. S. Samuels, Newark	HGA	4	16	28	12	00			12	00	9	75
Clarence Peacock, Bridgeton	PPF	1		6							22	06
Totals	4 Agents	13	70	43	\$57	00	\$7	95	\$64	95	\$56	70

Grand Totals: 57 Agents Value of Orders, \$2012 22 Deliveries, \$740 21

Magazine Sales

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 2

	Orders	Total
Mrs. R. L. Luchenbill	950	95 00
Mrs. G. A. Sandborn	1100	110 00
Grace Stoner	550	55 00
Mrs. A. R. Bell	180	18 00
Mrs. H. E. Brubaker	50	5 00
Mrs. E. Hinterleiter	50	5 00
Mrs. N. E. Haller	50	5 00
F. Willruth	50	5 00
Mrs. J. Armole	25	2 50
F. A. Brownell	25	2 50
John Steinson	20	2 00
Virginia Patterson	10	1 00
Chas. O. Hine	10	1 00
Totals	3070	\$307 00

New Jersey, Week Ending May 2

Mrs. A. G. Negley	25	2 50
J. W. Rambo	30	3 00
Mrs. G. A. Sandborn	200	20 00
W. B. Plant	250	25 00
Totals	505	\$50 50

"How many go forth at morning,
Who never come home at night;
And hearts have broken for harsh words
spoken,
That sorrow can ne'er set right.
We have careful thought for the stranger,
And smiles for the sometime guest,
But oft for our own the bitter tone,
Though we love our own the best."

"Only as we help each other do we help
ourselves and help the world."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

With the Churches

Sabbath, May 3, was a good day for the churches of Reading and Harrisburg. At Reading the morning service was devoted to the interests of the young people's work. The friends came in from Mohnton, Fleetwood, and Birdsboro until a goodly number of young people with a few children and some of the parents were assembled.

As we considered the spirit of the Volunteer movement and studied the duties of officers, young people, and parents, all saw more clearly than ever before the need of cooperation, that our young people may be saved and trained for service in this great cause. Our hearts were cheered as we reviewed the work of the year and noted the progress made by the Volunteers and realized how this movement is encircling the world.

When the statement made by Mrs E. G. White, that "the lambs of the flock must be fed," was read, we took occasion to speak of the needs of the lambs in the Reading church and by request presented plans for a church-school. A committee was appointed to take under serious and immediate consideration the matter of establishing a church-school in September, and to formulate practical plans concerning it, to be presented to the church.

At the close of this service we took

the train for Harrisburg, some fifty miles away, and reached that city in time for the afternoon Sabbath-school and meeting. As it was Missionary Volunteer Day the subjects of the morning were presented, Eld. A. R. Bell leading out and assisting in the service. We enjoyed a precious season together, and, before closing the meeting, organized a missionary volunteer society with a consecrated leader and secretary. Not only were the membership cards signed but many of the children and older people signified their desire to sign the temperance pledge.

We shall expect good reports from this the capital of Pennsylvania. Some have been at work, and the Instructor of May 13 states that one young woman of the Harrisburg church, in one and one-fourth hours, sold one hundred *Temperance Instructor* in the railroad shops during the noon hour.

Sunday morning we took the train to Fleetwood, where in the evening we held a Young People's meeting. We were glad to meet these dear young people again and to know of their interest in this movement. Several from this place are attending Mount Vernon college, and others are planning to attend next year.

We enjoyed this pleasant and, we believe, profitable trip, beholding the beauties of nature as we traveled from city to city. We desire to be a blessing to the young people and children of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. ELLA M. TALMAGE.

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The editor having accepted a call to Jersey City, Professor Lawrence Anderson will act as editor of the VISITOR from now until the close of summer school when Miss Grace Purdham is expected to take up the work. We desire to thank those who have so kindly favored us with reports and other matter for the VISITOR, and hope that the incoming editor will be supplied each week with an abundance of reports and news items. The people who are supporting the workers have a desire to know whether they are alive and what they are accomplishing and the VISITOR is the ordained medium for imparting that information.

AT THE COLLEGE

Monday, May 5, was an ideal day for the College outing which was held in Hiawatha Park, and students and faculty made the most of the opportunity.

The first number on the program of graduates' week was rendered on Tuesday evening by the Music Department. Nearly every seat was occupied. The smiling faces and the hearty cheers indicated that the carefully prepared program was enjoyed by all.

Of the arrivals from a distance at the beginning of commencement week we note Mrs. H. B. Wheeler and daughter, Mary, of Pittsburg, Pa., Miss Carrie Horne of Columbus, and Miss Ethel Benson of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Ross Lindsay, whose husband is pastor of the Louisville, Ky., church, is visiting relatives at her old home in Academia.

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BUSINESS

Arthur King, Moosic, Pa.
Floy M. Humphrey, Corey, Pa.

NORMAL MUSIC

Ruth Cassell, Mt. Vernon, O.

The church school gave its closing exercises on Wednesday evening. A very interesting program was given in which nearly all the children took part. Those who had been studying seventh grade Bible gave some excellent expositions of some of Daniel's prophecies. Six were graduated. The interest that is being taken in the church school work here was indicated by the overcrowded condition of the chapel. Surely it is a privilege for parents to have their children receive a Christian education.

During the closing days of school Miss Minnie Hart enjoyed a visit from her mother, returning with her to Battle Creek, Michigan, by way of the General Conference.

Having completed a successful year's work in teaching the church schools at Akron and Bowling Green, Ohio, respectively, Misses Florence Hottes and Mabel Andre were present at the commencement exercises of their Alma Mater.

Miss Goldie Kuhn, who completed the College music course last year, attended the closing exercises. Miss Kuhn has a large class of students taking music at Lore City, Ohio.

Mrs. Secor has returned to Academia having spent the winter with her son, Dr. Edward Secor, at La Grange near Chicago, Ill.

OBITUARY

BRANCH.—Henrietta P., wife of Elder Thomas P. Branch, born at Roanoke, Howard County, Missouri, March 12, 1858. Died at Philadelphia, Pa., soon after the commencement of the Sabbath, Apr. 4, 1913. Age 55 years and 23 days. She united in marriage with Thomas H. Branch at Wyandotte, Dec. 7, 1876. They moved to Colorado, where in 1892 they both accepted the restored faith of Jesus as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and devoted their lives entirely to the work of teaching the true faith to their own race. They were sent to Nyassaland, Central Africa, where Sister Branch labored faithfully by the side of her husband for several years. Since their return she has been an able assistant to Elder Branch in his work in Denver, Colorado, and later in Philadelphia, Pa., where he has for two years had charge of the work of the First African S. D. A. church. Her loss will be keenly felt by the church as well as by her husband and four children who mourn for her. Yet while they sorrow, they "sorrow not as others who have no hope." She rests in the hope of the appearing of the Lord and a part in the resurrection of the righteous. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Philadelphia on April 7. The text of the sermon was Rev. 14:12-14. H. M. J. RICHARDS.

SHELTON.—Abraham Shelton was born in Henry County, Va., Feb. 10, 1871. Died April 22, 1913, of typhoid fever. Age 42 years, 2 months, and twelve days. He was a Baptist about twelve years, and embraced the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventists about eleven years ago, and at the time of his death he was the local elder of the Spencer church, which office he had held for four years. He loved his church and did what he could for its prosperity. He assisted the writer in the quarterly meeting in January before going to West Virginia to labor. He was a loving husband and father and leaves a devoted wife, two sons, one daughter, two brothers, one sister, and many friends to mourn his departure. The church will miss his loving interest and care. He sleeps and rests in hope. Remarks were made by the writer from Rev. 1:17, 18 to a large congregation. He was laid to rest by the side of Brother Wooding near the church to await the resurrection of the righteous dead.

C. M. KINNY.