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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## UNION

### A HELPING HAND

If I should see a brother languishing in sore distress,

And I should turn and leave him comfortless,  
When I might be a messenger of hope and happiness,

How could I ask to have what I denied,  
In my own hour of bitterness supplied?

If I might sing a little song to cheer a fainting heart,

And I should seal my lips and sit apart,  
When I might bring a bit of sunshine for life's ache and smart,

How could I hope to have my grief relieved  
If I kept silent when my brother grieved?

And so I know that day is lost wherein I failed to lend

A helping hand to some wayfaring friend;  
But if I show a burden lightened by the cheer I send,

Then do I hold the golden hours well spent,  
And lay me down to sleep in sweet content.

—Selected.

### City Pastors

Nineteen states comprising most of the territory west of the Mississippi River have a population of approximately twenty million which is the population of the territory included in the Columbia Union Conference. The area of those nineteen states is 1,905,064 square miles while that of our Union is 165,954 square miles. The vast territory west of the Mississippi is eleven times as large as the Columbia Union territory while having a population the same as our territory. There is room enough in the western territory for eleven union conferences as large as ours, but their population divided among eleven conferences would give to each about the number of people we have in the city of Philadelphia alone.

We have sixty-five cities ranging from twenty-five thousand to one and one-half million in population. Such centers as Philadelphia, Cleveland, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Washington, Cincinnati, Newark, Richmond, and Wheeling, furnish a larger field

for missionary activity than many of the western states. Considering these conditions, the call to give attention to the populous centers of the East is certainly timely.

Especially do we need strong city workers for these great centers. For some time I have been trying to encourage young men to aim to fit themselves for our city work. A pastor of one of our large city churches occupies a position second to none, which calls for executive and organizing ability and the elements of leadership in a large degree. He will not be contented to merely hover over and minister unto the church. He will study his field and devise ways for reaching the different classes making up the population of the city. He will feel a great responsibility to have the message reach the masses and to that end he will organize and lead the members of his church in a wise and effective soul-winning effort. A successful city pastor will depend upon the use of well chosen literature wisely used, and upon house-to-house work as much as upon his public efforts. He will not rely upon any pet plan nor will he wait for a conference committee to direct in detail, but he will be resourceful and tactful in directing and adapting his efforts in a way to successfully meet all classes and conditions.

The best talent that we have in our midst is demanded for these city charges. To minimize the importance of the city pastorate by calling such workers from their charge to executive or departmental work seems out of place when we properly sense this city problem. Men who are succeeding in this line should be protected and sustained and encouraged. We have many in the Union who are proving successful. Many others are needed who will go into our great cities and there be consumed by a wise and well directed zeal in giving the third angel's message.

E. K. SLADE.

The power of consecration is one of the most valuable of intellectual attainments.  
—Mann.

### Purpose of Our Schools

In the beginning God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and gave them work to do which was to care for the garden and make them a beautiful home. The Creator and heavenly angels were their teachers. God designed that man should become acquainted with the things of creation, to delve into the beauties of Nature and get better acquainted with God by studying day by day.

As time passed on, sin came into the world and instead of heavenly beings acting as teachers, the parents were given that part to do, the girls being trained by the mothers, and the boys by the fathers. They were taught those things which especially pertained to their necessities for the time in which they lived and also love and obedience to God.

Later the fathers and mothers became so engrossed in worldly things that their children did not receive the education that God intended that they should have. They were unfaithful and idolatry came into the home.

God saw that the young people must have a different kind of an education, so he saw best to establish schools of the prophets. His purpose was to have young men trained to go out into the world to be leaders. The teachers in these schools were consecrated men, those who had been with God and prevailed with him.

We have examples in the Bible of men who sought God and were taught by him. We have Joseph, Daniel, Moses, Elisha, Paul, and others. These were men who feared God and were found doing his will.

The first pupils of Christ were chosen from the common people. He desired to give them a training in the few years that he would be with them that they could go into the world and preach Christ to those who knew him not. When Christ left his disciples he sent his Spirit to instruct them, and the same Spirit is to be our teacher today. "The presence of the same Guide in educational work to-day will produce the same results as of old. This is the end to which true educa-

tion tends; this is the work that God designs it to accomplish."

"God's plan of life has a place for every human being." Let us think what that means. When we consider that God laid a plan for our future before we saw the light of this world, we surely must know that nothing but the very best for our good was laid out for us. The question that now comes to us, is will we disappoint him? He has done so much for us — gave Christ, all he had — to die for us that we might be with him throughout eternity.

"Each is to improve his talents to the utmost; and faithfulness in doing this, be the gifts few or many, entitles one to honor." God had placed within everyone at least one talent. When we improve that one, he will give us more. Surely all of our young people are anxious to improve the talents God has given them. There is no better way than to enter one of our educational institutions. Not only do we have the opportunity of studying history, science, literature, etc., but God's Word which is the foundation of all true Christian education. This is God's plan for the young people of this, the last generation, to know God and to learn how best to carry this truth to earth's remotest bounds.

In our school we have mission, ministerial, Bible workers', and colporteurs' bands. All of these bands are larger than ever before, thirty to forty in each. These young people are working hard to prepare themselves to do the work that God has for them in the near future. Every week meetings are held in the city by the ministerial band, presenting the message to seekers of truth. A night has not been too stormy this winter to keep them from their meetings, even though the street cars were not running and they had to walk several miles in the storm. This kind of work shows earnestness and zeal in God's work. Bible readings are held by members of the Bible band with those who are anxious to know what is the truth. Why all this? It is that God's purpose in establishing our schools is being carried out — the training of our young people for more responsible positions in his cause.

"Time is short. What is done must be done quickly. Let our young people give themselves, body, soul, and spirit, to God, to be used by him in saving souls." Do you want to be among that number who will help carry this message to the world? If so, lay your plans for the coming year to be in Mount Vernon. Prepare to

go forth in the Master's service. Continually there are calls for young men and women to occupy positions of trust, in not only this country but foreign fields. The General Conference looks to our schools in order to fill these places. Will not you young man, young woman, fit yourself for some work, and when the call comes, be ready to say, "Here am I, send me?"

MINNIE O. HART.

### Mount Vernon College

Mount Vernon College has been enjoying the largest enrollment of recent years, if not the largest in its history, the total enrollment at the present time being 186. There have been many evidences of the Lord's guidance in our work, for which we are grateful. We are glad that it is so, for we feel that if we are not guided by the Lord in our work, it is indeed a great disappointment to him and a defeating of the object of the institution. During the week of prayer nearly all the students of the school made a new start in their Christian experience. There were at that time thirty-five baptized, twenty-nine of whom united with our church, and since then we had a baptism of four. While the list of converts does not include all in our school, we are praying that those who have not yet been converted, may yield to the influence of Christ's Spirit, before the school year closes.

Our attendance is holding very well and we are hoping for a successful finishing of the work. The ministerial, Bible workers', and mission bands are maintaining the lively interest which has marked their progress throughout the entire year. There are about thirty members in each of these bands who are definitely studying and preparing for work in their respective departments.

Throughout the entire year the Lord has blessed us with good health. There has been no contagious sickness in the school, and very few individual sicknesses. The faculty have been kept well, so that they have been able to go forward every day with the responsibilities placed upon them.

We are glad to report progress in all departments of the institution, and we wish the prayers of our brethren and sisters that the work done here may be in harmony with the Lord's will, and that this institution may fulfill God's purpose.

E. G. SALISBURY.

Seize time by the forelock.

—Pittacus.

### The Time Has Come to Rally on the Temperance Question

Beginning with April 15 and 16 hearings will be held before Congressional Committees on the alcohol question. On the first named date the House Committee on the Judiciary, of which Hon. Henry D. Clayton is chairman, will hear the proponents and the opponents of the Joint Resolution (168) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for nation-wide prohibition. On the last named date the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, of which Hon. Lee S. Overman is acting chairman, will conduct similar hearings on the Senate Joint Resolution (88) providing for the same. The liquor organizations and dealers are pouring in letters and petitions remonstrating against the passage of this legislation, and temperance people all over the country should be astir on the subject and take advantage of this great opportunity to strike a blow against the deadly foe of God, home and country.

Our people should take front rank in the matter of petitioning Congress to pass the resolutions which will permit the people of the country to express themselves on the subject of eradicating traffic in alcohol as a beverage. Sister White says that "by voice, pen, and vote" we should assist in the overthrow of this iniquitous business. We are therefore asking our people in this Union Conference to send in courteous but urgent letters as well as petitions to the respective chairmen mentioned above, addressing them Washington, D. C., and ask that the letters be referred to the committee. The letters and petitions should ask that the committee report favorably upon the respective resolutions. Further information will be cheerfully given by the writer upon request.

S. B. HORTON.

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Did you take the Standard of Attainment examination in March? If not, will you not prepare to take the test in one or both subjects next fall? Old and young are pressing into the Standard of Attainment membership. Why not you? Write your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary about it.

"Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness."

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Sixth Annual Session of the District of Columbia Conference

(Concluded)

6. *Whereas*, The 1914 Goal of the North American Missionary Volunteer is for the spiritual and mental development and the salvation of our young people, and for the furtherance of the kingdom of God among China's millions; therefore,

(a) *We recommend*, That more attention be given to the young people's work and the development of our young people for service and that the Missionary Volunteer Secretary be encouraged to spend one-half his time in the young people's work.

(b) *Whereas*, The quota for this conference of the \$25,000 for missions through the Missionary Volunteer Societies, included in the 1914 goal, is between six and seven hundred dollars; we, therefore,

*Recommend*, That the young people in the conference raise the sum of \$500 for the building of the much-needed intermediate school in Honan, China, and give \$200 to assist the work in Borneo.

(c) *Whereas*, It will take the united efforts of all the societies to reach our quota of the goal; therefore we

*Recommend*, That the leaders and the assistant leaders of the societies in the District meet together once a month to plan and pray for the progress of the work.

*Whereas*, The suggestive programs for the Missionary Volunteer Society meetings have been carefully prepared by experienced workers and are especially appropriate for the societies in this conference; therefore,

*We recommend*, That each society take advantage of the printed programs and follow the suggestions as far as applicable to the needs of the local work.

(e) *We recommend*, That Junior Societies be organized wherever possible.

(f) *We recommend*, That each church carry out the following request made by the General Conference Department in session last May and June:

"*Whereas*, A large number of our young people are leaving the truth each year through marrying unbelievers; therefore,

*We urge*, That each conference place in the hands of every young person the leaflet entitled, 'Marrying Unbelievers.'"

(7). *We recommend*, That our churches join with the workers of the

Washington Sanitarium in holding schools of health for our church members and such other persons as may desire to attend.

(8). *We recommend*, That the constitution be amended by adding the words, "The North American Division Conference," in Section 3 of Article 4 on Membership, etc.

(9). *Whereas*, The North American Division Conference has set a standard for an increase of 10,000 new members during the year 1914, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we express ourselves in harmony with the plan and that we pledge ourselves by God's help to bring at least 100 new members into this conference during the year; and, *Further resolved*, That we will pay a faithful tithe systematically and contribute of our means to make the above plan effective.

(10). Recognizing our responsibility in connection with the message in this, the Capital City of our Nation, where legislation effecting the District, as well as the entire country, is being constantly placed upon the statute books;

*We recommend*, That we

(a) Carry forward campaigns for the distribution of literature from house to house, and otherwise,

(b) Secure subscriptions for the *Liberty Magazine*, and

(c) Offerings to be given to enlarge the religious liberty fund, designed to assist the North American, Union, and Local departments of the religious liberty work.

(11). *We recommend*, That if consistent with the finances of the conference, the executive committee arrange to pay the salary of one teacher in the Washington Missionary College.

(12). Recognizing the moral responsibilities attaching to membership in civil society, and in harmony with the council of the Testimonies that "by voice, vote, and pen" we should aid all proper efforts to eliminate the alcohol traffic.

*We recommend*, That endorsement be hereby given to the legislation proposing an amendment to the National Constitution in favor of nation-wide prohibition, and represented in Senate Joint-Resolution No. 88 and House Joint-Resolution No. 168, now pending in Congress.

*We recommend further*, That temperance rallies and campaigns be entered upon as soon and whenever practicable and advisable with the view of making known the true principles of temperance reform.

The Committee on Nominations rendered the following report: For President: R. E. Harter.

In view of the plans already on foot for a Union Office in the city, to be occupied by the officers of the District and Union Conferences; and, in view, of the possibility of the *Review and Herald* cooperating in an effort to push the book and periodical work in the city, it seemed best to the Committee on Nominations, to leave open the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference, with the understanding that it would be filled along with the office of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Tract Society, by appointment of the executive committee.

Conference Committee: R. E. Harter, C. Sorenson, T. E. Bowen, I. A. Ford, A. J. Bristol, J. M. Campbell, M. E. Olsen.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported the following names:

For Ministerial Credentials: R. E. Harter, J. M. Campbell, and G. A. Stevens.

Honorary Credentials: H. W. Herrell.

Ministerial License: W. A. Nelson.

Missionary Credentials: Janet Morris, Jessie Welsh, Eva Kern, Mary L. Senator, Mrs. Maude Harter.

Honorary Missionary Credentials: Mrs. M. A. Baker, L. M. Slocum.

All other names are referred to the executive committee.

At the close the secretary of the conference stated briefly the situation in reference to church property in the conference, calling attention to the fact that three churches in the state of Virginia, title to which was previously held by the Virginia Conference, has been transferred to the District of Columbia Conference Corporation. By vote of the conference, the corporation was recommended to elect as its Board of Trustees the conference committee.

On motion, it was voted that the minutes of this session of the conference be referred to the conference committee for approval, in harmony with our custom of previous years.

Meeting adjourned.

R. E. HARTER, *President*;

A. J. BRISTOL, *Secretary*.

### Washington Sanitarium News Notes

Six or seven patients have come in during the last few days, and quite an inflow has occurred during the week. Four are from Frederick, Md., some of whom have been here before.

The institutional surgeon has per-

formed a large number of heavy operations lately, among these were a number of gastric and intestinal ulcers. All these cases have recovered nicely.

Mr. Leach, well known throughout the Union, the District Conference state agent, is recovering from his recent operation rapidly.

During this writing Brother Ross, the house manager, and Miss Corner, the head of the culinary department, came in from a cottage meeting and reported that eight persons have taken their stand for the truth. The little band consisting of a few from the Seminary and a few from the Sanitarium have been holding meetings in the vicinity of the institutions since the school year began. This is the result from one meeting place. We pray that the other cottage meetings may yield sheaves for the heavenly garner.

Many influential guests have visited their relatives who are patients here. Among these visitors there have been of late government officials, social workers, physicians, lawyers, and W.C.T.U. women. A prominent business man whose wife was here as a patient for a number of months, was so interested in the truth that he cut from a daily paper a clipping which set forth the peculiar doctrines of our faith, and carried it in his pocket for several weeks. His wife writes that she remembers with pleasure the Sabbath studies which she had here.

MAY COLE KUHN.

## CHESAPEAKE

### Temperance Rally

The Young People's Volunteer Society of the First, Baltimore church, gave a most interesting temperance program at the church, Sunday evening, March 22. Announcements were made in the daily papers and a very good audience was present.

Appropriate temperance songs and recitations were rendered by the young people and addresses were given by Doctors H. N. and Bourdeau Sisco.

Dr. H. N. Sisco spoke of the harmful effects of all condiments demonstrating their relation to the use of alcohol. Doctor Bourdeau Sisco gave a very interesting address on internal intemperance. She spoke very earnestly of the necessity of proper bathing, breathing, and exercise, that all

impurities of the body might be thrown off through the proper channels and our bodies be kept wholesome and clean; showing that we may be intemperate in our habits of living and never touch alcohol; as one young man expressed it after the service, in talking with the doctors, "I can see that one does not have to 'booze' to be intemperate."

Elder Paap spoke of the tobacco curse and gave some interesting illustrations of its deadly and demoralizing effect upon men that have very recently come under his observation.

As we listened to the program we were made glad because of the advance light God has been pleased to give us as a people on this great subject of temperance. I like to speak of it as "Christian Temperance" and I am sure God does not want us to enjoy it all ourselves. He expects us to give it to the world.

I believe a well prepared program affords us an excellent opportunity to place ourselves on the right side of this great temperance cause.

Several came forward and expressed their appreciation of the service at its close and I am sure our Volunteers felt well repaid for their efforts to make the rally a success.

Quite a number of the Temperance Annual were sold after the service. We feel very much encouraged by the way many of our Volunteers are taking hold of the circulation of this splendid issue, but we want all to take a part. The Baltimore society are handling 700 copies.

Let us all plan to give our best efforts to this campaign, for it is certainly a very important part of our Master's great work. We are told that the gospel of true temperance is the "entering wedge" and the "right arm to the message."

FLORA B. PAAP,

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary.*

## OHIO

### Educational Convention

An interesting educational convention was held in the Dayton church March 13-15, visitors attending from Cincinnati, Hamilton, Springfield, Washington C. H., and Piqua. The conference workers in attendance were: Elder Slade, Elder Miller, Elder Olmsted, Raleigh French, Brother McEachern, Miss Acton, and Miss Cora Gibson.

Following the few words of hearty welcome to the visitors by the pastor, Elder Marietta, in which he expressed

his confidence in such conventions, Elder Miller, as planned for the opening meeting Friday evening, gave a quiet talk fitting to the ushering in of the Sabbath hours. On the platform with Elders Miller and Marietta were Elder Slade, and Brethren French and McEachern.

Regular Sabbath-school and preaching services were held Sabbath morning, Elder Slade delivering the sermon.

Sabbath afternoon the work of the Sabbath-school was considered in papers and discussions. The different phases taken up were: "Daily Study of the Lesson-Why-How?" "Need of Personal Work in the Sabbath-school;" "Cooperation;" "The Sabbath School and Missions;" "Value of Trained Workers-How They may be secured."

In the evening Elder Miller delivered a lecture on India, to the pleasure and instruction of all.

Sunday morning the subject of "The Church at Work" was discussed, the topics considered being; "Personal Evangelism;" "Work with our Literature;" "Christian Help Work;" "Missionary Correspondence."

The Missionary Volunteer Work was considered in the afternoon. The phases of this subject were: "What God expects of Our Youth as Workers;" "How may We Interest the Young People in the Message?" "Educational Features of the Missionary Volunteer Work-(a) Reading Course-(b) Standard of Attainment-(c) Morning Watch." "The Goal for 1914" was presented by Elder Slade, who also conducted the Question Box which closed the round table periods of the convention.

Elder Olmsted preached the closing sermon Sunday evening, referring to Daniel's prophecies concerning the end of time.

The members of the Dayton church feel that the meeting was a very profitable one. Cheering are the gatherings of God's people as they meet to "speak often one to another." "They shall be mine, saith Jehovah;"

C. R. SPANGLER.

Every character has an inward spring. Let Christ be it. Every action has a keynote. Let Christ set it.  
—Drummond.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But error wounded writhes in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers."  
—Bryant.

## AT THE COLLEGE

### The Commercial Department

An Edison dictation outfit has just been purchased for use in the shorthand and typewriting classes. The complete outfit consists of an Edison Business Phonograph, which may be used during the summer months in handling the correspondence in the offices; twelve blank records, upon which the regular shorthand exercises, for both beginning and advanced students, may be dictated; a shaving machine, by the use of which these records may be shaved and thus prepared to receive new exercises or letters; twenty-five gold moulded records, containing over 12,000 words dictated by Mr. J. N. Kimball, the most widely known stenographic expert in this country, at speeds varying from 75 to 225 words a minute; and an apparatus which makes it possible to attach ten hearing-tubes to the phonograph, so that as many as ten students may take dictation at one time.

The shorthand students are very enthusiastic over this machine, and they are making much more rapid progress since its arrival, as they can now take dictation at any time during the day, not being so dependent upon their teacher for dictation as before. This new equipment adds much to the efficiency of the department, and will, we feel sure, soon pay for itself in improved results and the drawing of new students to the department. The prospects before this branch of the institution have brightened considerably this year, with the addition of a special library, a fine large table, three new Underwood typewriters, and this dictation outfit. The department is now one of the best of its kind in the denomination, and we look for it to keep right on improving.

Correspondence is solicited from those who are interested in this line of work, either as prospective students or prospective employers of our graduates.

B. P. FOOTE.

### The Bible Workers' Band

We are glad to report that the Bible workers' band is now composed of fifty enthusiastic members, who meet every Sabbath morning from

9:30 to 10:30. During this hour instructive Bible readings are given by members of the band, which are open to suggestions and questions, just as one would meet with in giving Bible readings to outsiders.

On account of the band's being so large it was thought best to divide it into smaller bands, which are composed of four members. During the week the different bands meet to practice giving Bible readings. The students are not only getting a training in college along this line but are going out into the city, and an average of five readings are given each week. They are already seeing results, and one lady is keeping the Sabbath, and others are interested. One band obtained a reader who did not own a Bible. This was brought before the band, and a liberal donation was received, and a Bible secured for the lady, who is studying it with interest.

In connection with the band we



The Bible Workers' Band

have a mailing band, which greatly assists the Bible workers in their work. When it is impossible to reach people with Bible readings, the names are handed to the mailing-band. An average of twenty-two *Signs of the Times* are sent out every week, also many of our other periodicals.

We hope to see many results of our labors, not only now but in the future also. As the students leave the College we hope to see many of them engaging in the Bible work in the great harvest field.

VENUS LEWIS, Secretary.

### Protestant Magazine Campaign

Some of us at the Mount Vernon church have been waking up to the fact that Rome's purpose in making America Catholic demanded of us a more strenuous effort than ever before to get the *Protestant Magazine* before the people of this place, so on last

Thursday a week about twenty of the Mount Vernon College students with six or seven of the older church members provided themselves with about fifteen magazines each, some more, and betook themselves to the city of Mount Vernon and proceeded in all sections of the city to visit and canvass from door to door. Taken all together the results of the afternoon's work were very gratifying. The experiences of these canvassers were varied; some doing not so well, others doing better. That is the way we see it, but the real results can not be fully known until in the kingdom of God the records are finally made up.

While a few did not sell a magazine, others sold a goodly number, still all were giving the people an opportunity of gaining a better knowledge of the rapid advancement the beast is now making upon his prey. Some Catholics were found who were willing to read some of our books and

appeared really anxious to know God's will concerning them. Places were found where Protestants desired Bible readings regarding the Papacy and its work. One of the canvassers ventured to the "father's" home, and after fanning the cigar smoke out of his face, proceeded to canvass the priest and succeeded in selling him a copy of the *Protestant Magazine*. Others of our little army who worked so valiantly that afternoon, became so enthusiastic over the work that they went back to their territory the next day, and some several days after, and sold more than the first day.

Now this has been a good experience for every one of us who engaged in it, and it has brought new life into our church missionary society, for we feel that we are doing something to hasten the coming of him who shall reward every man according as his work shall be.

Pray that the Lord may water the seeds sown and that at his coming a rich harvest may be reaped for the garner of our King.

CHURCH LIBRARIAN.

On the evening of March 21, a stereopticon lecture was given by Miss Scott, who is connected with the Department of Agricultural Extension of the State University, on the subject, "How to Beautify the Home." Miss James, assistant of Superintendent

Graham of the same department, accompanied her. One of the many instructive points brought out, was that in furnishing a home four essential things should be considered: simplicity, line and design, appropriateness, and color. The slides illustrated these points.

Music was furnished by the orchestra.

On Wednesday morning Elder A. G. Haughey spoke to the students in chapel, telling of some of the early history of our school, and of the importance of gaining an education to go out into the work. Elder Haughey is taking treatment at the sanitarium and is also visiting his daughter Elsie, who is a student here.

Two of our students, Miss Ruth Murphy and Miss Anna Saxton, recently underwent operations, the former at the sanitarium, the latter at the hospital. We are glad to report that they are doing well and expect to return soon to school.

Brsther H. K. Hackman, secretary and treasurer of the West Pennsylvania Conference, spent a few days at the College last week on business for the conference. He left a large order for printing to be filled by the College Press

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins has been called to the presidency of the West Pennsylvania Conference and has already taken up his duties in that field. We are very sorry indeed to lose Elder Robbins from this field, but we know that our loss is West Pennsylvania's gain. We wish Elder Robbins much success in his new field of labor.

Mrs. E. R. Brown formerly of Takoma Park, D. C. is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Barrows of Fairmont. Brother and Sister Brown now have their home in Bridgeport, Conn.

Sister H. F. Kirk of Parkersburg, is making a successful recovery after a serious operation which was performed at the sanitarium in Bowling Green, Ohio.

A Sabbath-school of thirteen members has been organized at Huntington, West Va. Brother Mansell and family of Parkersburg have moved to this place. We are glad to see the work started in Huntington.

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending March 21, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	40	20	63 00	4 05	72 05	3 60
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	5	42	13	40 00	14 35	54 35	
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	5	30	13	41 00	1 00	42 50	
*L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	5	41	17	30 50	6 00	36 50	103 50
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	50	9	27 00	8 70	35 70	3 70
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	5	30	6	22 00	10 25	32 25	15 75
Lula Taylor, Fulton		ES	3	15	7	22 00	9 35	31 35	
Mrs. Sadie Conn, Cleveland		PPF	5	21	15	30 50		30 50	
J. E. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	5	36	8	26 00		26 50	60 00
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	44	5	17 00	7 60	24 60	70 75
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.		ES	2	19					185 75
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.		ES	2	21					94 00
C. W. Ford, Columbus		PPF	4	13	11	22 00	2 25	24 25	2 85
Mrs. H. B. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	5	18	12	20 00	2 00	22 00	9 85
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	2	13					37 75
W. Syphers, Wilmington		GC	5	35	5	14 00	5 10	19 10	6 75
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	4	23	5	16 00	2 25	18 25	
*Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	3	18	11	12 50	4 25	16 75	12 00
W. Salyer, Caldwell Co.		DR	5	30	4	12 00	1 50	13 50	56 00
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	5	24	1	3 00	7 75	10 75	1 00
W. E. Wagner, Wilmington		GC	4	26	1	3 00	76	3 75	3 75
Clara Kropp, Fulton Co.		PPF	3	15	2	6 00	4 00	10 00	9 00
Emma Kropp, Toledo		PPF	3	13	1	2 00		2 00	
Miscellaneous			9	31	9	43 50		43 50	1 25
Totals	27 Agents		103	648	175	\$478 00	\$71 15	\$569 15	\$677 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 21, 1914

J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	32	4	6 25	3 00	9 25	100 40
David W. Percy, Trappe		4	30½	7	11 00	24 50	45 50	3 00
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	1	8					22 75
M. S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	5	27					63 55
Naomi Geisenderfer, Arlington		2	10	7	15 75		15 75	
Magazines								
Naomi Geisenderfer, Youth's Instructor		19	82		8 20			
Totals	5 Agents	16	126½	18	\$51 20	\$27 50	\$78 70	\$189 70

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 21, 1914

W. A. Williams, Stafford	CK	4	39	8	22 00	1 50	13 50	47 75
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	5	42		46 00	4 00	50 00	
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm. Co.	DR	4	38		58 00		58 00	
Godwin L. A., Montg'y Co.	DR	4	30		36 00			85 00
Totals	4 Agents	17	1 49		\$152 00	\$5 50	\$157 50	\$47 75

West Virginia, Week Ending March 21, 1914

T. M. Butler, Clarksburg	PPF	4	30	12	22 25	3 10	25 35	3 35
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	4	30	17	35 75	2 40	38 15	1 40
Miscellaneous	GC	4	41		36 50	4 70	41 20	
Totals	2 Agents	12	101	29	\$94 50	\$10 30	\$104 70	\$4 75

New Jersey, Week Ending March 21, 1914

G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	10	87	19	57 00	4 85	11 85	83 00
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	1	8			21 50	21 50	21 50
F. G. Warnick, Asbury Park	GA	2	10	24		10 75	10 75	
Edward Sterner, Trenton	PG	5	39	2	6 00	8 80	14 80	8 80
A. S. Paul, Bordentown	GC	8	71	26	76 00		76 00	15 50
Magazines					180 00		180 00	
Totals	5 Agents	29	246	72	\$319 00	\$45 90	\$364 90	\$133 80

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 21, 1914

A. Brownlee, McKeesport	PPF	5	41	14	26	50	7	85	34	35	65	42
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	DR.	5	30	4	17	00			17	00	23	80
J. A. Kimmel, Waynesburg	DR.	3	16	4	11	00	4	00	16	00		30
William Lener, Mt. Braddock	HW	5	32		26	90			26	90		
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	4	23	8	27	00	10	80	37	80		

Totals	5 Agents	22	152	30	\$109	40	\$22	65	\$132	05	\$90	52
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Grand Totals: 47 Agents Value of Orders, \$1195 90 Deliveries, \$1143 77

Brother Sidney Seal of Parkersburg has sold his Turkish bath rooms to a brother and sister from Ohio, and is planning to enter the canvassing work soon. We are glad to have such earnest, Christian young people to carry the pages of truth to those who know it not.

Brother H. F. Kirk has moved from 630 Lulu Street, Parkersburg, to Putman Street, of that city.

## VIRGINIA

### The Virginia Conference Intermediate School

The above is the present name of the Virginia Conference School, and we expect to make this school just what the name implies. The school is for the Virginia Conference, the whole conference, and we shall endeavor to make it, as far as the branches that are taught, second to none in the denomination.

Professor Ryan who is to stand at the head of the school, needs no introduction to the older brethren and sisters of Virginia, as he has lived here before, and many have learned to love him. He made the school, in the beginning, the most successful of any year of its existence thus far. And with the appropriation that is to be made each year for the school, and the enterprises that we hope to carry forward, we feel that the financial success of the enterprise is assured. And with Professor Ryan at the head of the school, we believe that the literary end will not be lacking.

Negotiations are being made with an experienced gardner, who understands canning fruits and vegetables, to take charge of the farm, and make a specialty of this line. In this way we hope to make the farm an asset to the school.

We wish to appeal to our people throughout the conference to take a greater interest in the school than ever before, both in the matter of sending their boys and girls to the

school, and also in contributing to its financial needs.

We have published several times a list of the subscriptions for a fund to aid worthy students. Again we appeal to our people to send in their pledges to this fund. It need not be paid before next August. May we not hear from a number with amounts from \$1.00 up? If there are those in the conference who will help in a financial way, in reducing the debt of the school, this, of course, will be greatly appreciated.

What an encouragement it would be to the work in Virginia if the debt of the school could be paid off during the next few years, and the school given a standing along with our educational institutions. Who will work to this end? W. J. STONE.

#### Portsmouth

The series of meetings being held in the new church at Portsmouth, Va., by S. W. Walker and L. O. Gordon, have been well attended, with an excellent interest.

Satan has been working in many ways to keep people from coming to hear the precious message for this time, and succeeded in leading several from the straight and narrow path, after having accepted. Yet notwithstanding these efforts to defeat the Master's work, sixteen dear souls have decided to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, besides many others are in the valley of decision.

Five of those who were baptized are men, three of whom are in the prime of life about twenty years of age, and are thinking of entering the Master's service. One of these was a Roman Catholic, a bright young man that will be a power in the Master's work.

Let us praise the dear Lord for opening the hearts of those who are honestly seeking after truth, and pray they may remain steadfast to the end. Brother Gordon remains to follow up the work in Portsmouth.

We ask your prayers that the blessing of God may rest upon the work and workers at Portsmouth.

S. W. WALKER.

## Fruits of Our Literature

### KOREA

One of our workers in Korea writes:-

"Some of the canvassers for the paper had interesting times. One native ordained man had told his congregation many times not to buy our paper or read it, but our canvasser happened to stay all night with a Christian family who, when they found out that the canvasser was an Adventist, asked for a Bible study. When given one on Daniel 2, they sent for their pastor, and said 'Now you are an ordained man, and this man is only a canvasser, but you have said so much about him and his work, now please show him where he is wrong, for we want to know. His Bible sounds like truth.' The preacher turned on the member and said 'What, do you believe this doctrine? The member said, 'You have failed to show us wherein the brother here differs from the Bible.' The preacher said 'If you believe this, I will take your name off the church book.' But the member answered: 'You may take my name off the church book, but you cannot take it out of the book in heaven.' The man and his family kept the following Sabbath. They are in a new district where there were no Sabbath keepers."

WANTED.—By Missionary Volunteer Society of Indiana, Pa., good copies of *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Protestant*, *Liberty*, and *Life Boat*. We have a large number of names on our mailing list, but no literature to send them. All literature should be sent prepaid to Charles French, Indiana, Pa., R. D. 5.

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"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps."



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### Columbia Union Conference Biennial Meeting

The fourth biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the First Seventh-day Adventist church, North Avenue and 9th Street, Walbrook, Baltimore, Maryland, April 28 to May 10, 1914. Officers for the ensuing period will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The voters of this Conference are as follows:—in addition to its president, one representative from each local conference for every one hundred and fifty church members therein; two representatives from each organized denominational institution located in the Columbia Union; the officers of the Columbia Union Conference; members of the General Conference Committee who may be present, and such others as may be granted delegate credentials by vote of the Union Conference.

A ministerial institute will be held beginning 9:00 A. M. April 28, and continuing until May 6.

By order of the executive committee. B. G. WILKINSON, *President*;  
R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary*.

### Columbia Union Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the First Seventh-day Adventist church, North Avenue and 9th Street, Walbrook, Baltimore, Maryland, at 10:00 A. M., May 4, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the delegates. All accredited delegates to the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are members of the Association and may vote at this meeting.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President*;  
R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary*.

### Save the Young People

We are all well informed in a general way at least as to the means by which the Church of Rome has built up its work. One of the most effective means it has is the training of its young people. It bends every effort to that end. It establishes hospitals; it establishes orphanages. It does everything it can to get young children into its fold. It not only cares for its own, but for the Protestant

children. To get hold of those children and train and develop them until they are brought thoroughly into sympathy with the work of the church, we find that every means and every effort possible is exercised by the Church.

Now, I think if we labor with a determination to get every young man and woman interested in this cause, we will have accomplished the biggest thing we can do for this work. It means more than dollars and cents. We have a splendid organization in the Missionary Volunteer Movement, a splendid machine; if we can make it operate to the extent that every one of our young people is effected, then we shall see a mighty work accomplished. In some way we ought to make every one feel that he is a part of the young people's work.

F. GRIGGS.

"Nigh and afar are souls weighed down by a sense of guilt. It is not hardship, toil, or poverty that degrades humanity. It is guilt, wrongdoing. This brings unrest and dissatisfaction. Christ would have his servants minister to sin-sick souls."

### OBITUARY

BOYER.—Wm. Edwin Boyer was born February 1858 at Fremont, Ohio. The deceased was married October 16, 1890 to Dora Greenman. One daughter, Leona, blessed this union. Mr. Boyer was a Christian from his youth and in all his sickness and suffering his faith in God was an anchor to his soul. He had been an invalid for the past twenty-seven years. Two brothers and four sisters survive him. His invalid wife and only daughter have the deep sympathy of many friends and neighbors. We await the resurrection with a bright hope of immortality. The many friends and family were comforted by a lesson drawn from Romans 8:18-23.

D. E. LINDSEY.

SCOTT.—Emma May Scott was born June 7, 1907 and dies February 17, 1914, aged six years, eight months, and ten days. Her illness was of short duration and was borne with patience. Her last words to her mother were, "I am all right." As we lay her away to rest it is with the blessed assurance that we will meet her again on the morning of the first resurrection. May the Lord bless and strengthen the dear mother and all who are called upon to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 21:15, 16.

"It is effort, not genius, that crowns success:

And he will succeed who does his best."