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"I WILL VISIT YOU, AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU"

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Important Notice

We are informed that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States providing for nation-wide prohibition, submitted by Honorable R. P. Hobson in the House (H. J. Res. 168), and Honorable Morris Sheppard in the Senate (S. J. Res. 88), will be acted upon during the present closing session of the sixty-third Congress.

Petitions are already coming in from all parts of the United States asking for the favorable consideration of those measures, and all who have not thus far sent in petitions on the subject are requested to do so at the earliest possible time. No matter what the outcome, we should be in the forefront of this nation-wide endeavor to eliminate the liquor traffic. Personal letters to the Congressmen and Senators from the state in which the writers live will be appropriate and influential. S. B. HORTON.

Among the Churches

For the past five or six weeks, it has been my privilege to visit a number of the churches in the East Pennsylvania, Chesapeake and Virginia Conferences in the interests of the canvassing work.

In East Pennsylvania, Brother C. V. Leach and I visited the West and North Philadelphia churches, Fairhill, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Homedale and Lake Ariel. Many were very much stirred by the call to service, so much so that we feel the attendance at the colporteurs' institute, to be held January 20 to February 7, will be the largest in several years.

In the Chesapeake Conference, in company with Brother F. E. Hankins, I visited the churches at Rock Hall, Maryland, and Wilmington, Delaware. At both these churches the Lord was with us and many heard the call to service. Two

have already responded to the call and are now at work as fishers of men. Herefore they have been fishing for fish and oysters. Elders Baer and Martin were with us at Wilmington.

I just returned home from a visit among the churches of Virginia, accompanied by W. H. George, the field agent, and a part of the time by Elders Moffett and Hirlinger. The prospects are good for two institutes in Virginia, one for the white and one for the colored. It was our privilege to visit the churches at Richmond, Newport News, Portsmouth, Yale, Guinea Mills, Lynchburg and Roanoke. At all of these places we found the brethren awake to the call of the hour.

The Young People's Society at Richmond is thoroughly organized and awakened for active service. The Portsmouth church No. 1, though not so large, is doing much to sound the call to the people of that city.

At Yale we had a splendid meeting with the Russian believers. At this place a Russian minister with sixty-one others have taken their stand for the truth. Their Sabbath-school numbers eighty. They have a church-school of thirty-eight. I spoke to these brethren through an interpreter. Following the sermon, we had a splendid testimony meeting. The meeting lasted for three hours. Several of these Russian brethren who speak English well may engage in the canvassing work.

I was pleased to find three brethren at Roanoke doing self-supporting missionary work. One of these brethren works ten hours every day and then goes out in the evenings and gives Bible readings. He has a reading every night and has calls which he is unable to fill. What a blessing it would be if more of our laity would get a real burden to go out and give the message.

One good square look at developments in the East just now ought to stir every Seventh-day Adventist to active service somewhere in God's great vineyard to

give the trumpet a certain sound. Let everyone seek the Lord most earnestly to know where the Lord would have him labor, and then if he shows you the canvassing work; write to your field agent. He will be glad to give you as much of his time as is necessary that you may carry on this work successfully.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Conference Report

The year 1914 has passed into eternity. We are one year nearer the close of the doings of men on this earth, and we are also nearer the day when you and I will have to face the great Creator and the records he has against us. These records we are making day by day here on earth. I wonder if the record of 1914 is all we would have it be; and if it should remain just as it appears in Heaven, if we would be saved.

Many things have transpired the past year. Much history has been made—whole nations have been effected; but there are greater things than these outward demonstrations taking place in the hearts of men. It is impossible for us to feel a self-satisfaction over the year's work, but it is well for us to pause awhile and consider our standing with the Lord. The Lord may see us in a different light than we see ourselves, and we may not be all we think we are. It takes the genuine article to pass in heaven.

The work in our conference is being greatly blessed of God in every respect. Many souls have been won to Christ during the past year, and the outlook for a good harvest of souls in the future is very promising.

Several of the larger churches are ahead on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, and we feel quite sure that as a conference we will swing clear on this fund. We feel to praise our Father for this. The tithe is also increasing steadily.

We now have a very active field agent, Brother E. R. Button, and he is working with all his energies to enlist men and women in the book and magazine work, and his efforts are not in vain. Many are taking hold of the work and are meeting with marvelous success, though the weather is unfavorable. Old and young are engaged in the circulation of our literature.

The students of the Washington Missionary College are doing excellent work with the magazines. Some are paying their way through school. It would do your very soul good to see how these young men and women go out with the magazines and dispose of them so readily. They are receiving excellent experiences. Two young men are spending their vacation selling 2,000 magazines. Who could spend the holidays in a more appropriate manner?

If you are interested in the circulation and sale of our literature, write E. R. Button, 708 McLachlen Bldg., Washington, D. C.

We solicit the prayers of every member of the conference, that the work may progress just as the Lord would have it.

R. J. BROWN.

The Work Onward

Having had charge of the field work here in the District of Columbia Conference but two weeks, I have not been able as yet to get my finger on the pulse of the situation as thoroughly as I hope to. Some advance, however, has already been noted, and the tendency is still onward.

A strong corps of students from the Washington Missionary College are doing effective work both in book and magazine sales, and they are a real inspiration.

A class of colored workers is receiving instruction in salesmanship, and many of them have already given evidence of real ability. For the benefit of these, an institute is being planned, at which time thorough work will be done in preparing them to enter the great harvest field.

One of our workers in Virginia is having splendid success in his delivery, and that, too, in the very midst of the great European war—a time when most people say books can not be delivered. He handles "Bible Readings."

During the winter months I want to get over the entire territory, taking notes as I go, so that by spring I can send a faithful, God-fearing canvasser into every county, there to do resident canvassing until the Lord comes, or at least until the work is closed.

I am planning to district the city of Washington into about twelve sections, and in early summer place a faithful worker in each section, they to have one

common home, and share equally in the expense. Such a plan, if it can be successfully brought about, should result in a mighty forward movement to our cause here in the Capitol of the Nation.

I met with a very interesting class of young people at the Washington Missionary College one Sunday afternoon. I had gone to meet the class of book and magazine sellers, and to my delight about twenty had gathered in the Bible room for instruction and to receive their books, magazines, and also to have their territory assigned. The week previous had been one of extreme activity, and when I was forced to admit that I had only about one hundred *Signs* and *Watchman* to give them, there was, instead of a frown, a sweet smile, which seemed to say: "Well, I will be patient about it, and if I only get a few I will be thankful for the few, and I know the Lord will bless me as I go forth to dispose of them."

God bless the faithful, patient, self-sacrificing young men and women who are paying part or all of their way through school selling our periodicals.

E. R. BUTTON, *Field Agent*.

News Notes

Brother W. A. Nelson and wife returned last week from Foneswood, where they have been conducting a series of meetings. A report of these meetings will probably appear later.

The canvassing work is increasing from week to week, and we ask you to note the reports that appear from our conference from time to time showing the work done with books and magazines.

We still have in stock some of the War Extras, and shall be glad to send you a supply. They are excellent with which to do work. Just drop a card and your order will receive immediate attention.

Elder Harter returned this week from Kilmarnock, where he spent the week of prayer with the church at that place. He reports a profitable visit, and that the believers are of good courage. The Kilmarnock church is to be commended for its spirit of liberality, having reached its quota per member for missions and \$50. over. They are also desirous of a church-school there.

Elder G. A. Stevens spent Christmas at home with his family, but returned Sabbath to Clifton Station, Virginia, where he has twelve ready for baptism. They expect to organize a Sabbath-school at once, and a church a little later. Sev-

eral are thinking of uniting with us but their positions are standing between them and their duty to the Lord. Elder Stevens needs and asks the prayers of our brethren and sisters that he may win all the honest in heart to the truth at that place.

FOR SALE.—Bakery, Confectionary and Ice Cream Parlor, in Takoma Park. Everything in good condition. A good opening for a Seventh-day Adventist baker. The business is enjoying the patronage of our institutions and people. Good reasons for selling. Address Takoma Park Bakery 269 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, D. C.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington

For some time there has been a call for us to take up work again in Huntington. A number of years ago we had a church there, but for one reason and another the members had become scattered, or left the truth, and the organization had fallen to pieces. Some time ago Brother C. E. Mansell, who had been living in Parkersburg, moved to Huntington with his family, and since then his home has been the rallying place for the few believers living there, and this fall the way opened for the conference committee to send Elder Redfield to build up the work in the city. The Lord seems to have directed in the move, and as a first result we were able to organize a church there on Sabbath, December 5.

The Spirit came very near on this occasion, and all were greatly encouraged. The church starts out with a membership of thirteen, and two or three who were not present on account of bad weather will join later. Not to be overlooked is the spirit of unity and of zeal for the message that prevails. Huntington is one of the largest cities in the state, and with Elder Redfield and all the members working enthusiastically together we see no reason why our work should not grow in Huntington, and we have no doubt but that it will.

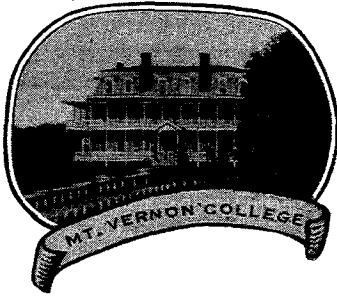
W. J. TANNER.

News Notes

Since camp-meeting two have taken their stand for the truth at Walker as a result of the labors of Elder Redfield at that place.

Elder Tanner is following up the interest left in Parkersburg by Elder Baierle when he was called to Jersey City.

OHIO



Mount Vernon Academy

Week of Prayer

The week of prayer in this school was a means of great spiritual uplift to us. Our student body might be considered unusual in this respect that nearly all the students were converted before coming to school. One year ago there were thirty-five baptisms following the week of prayer, and many of the students who were baptized then are with us this year, so that there were perhaps not more than six or eight students in the school who were not already baptized. The spiritual tone of the school needed to be uplifted, and we were looking forward with pleasant anticipations and hopes to this week.

The faculty met to plan for the work and decided to conduct the readings for the school separate from the church, at chapel period time. The series of services was opened with the reading by Elder Evans, on Friday night, December 11; then followed the regular Sabbath reading with the church at eleven o'clock service on Sabbath. This made it so that Sunday was free. Then we began our regular weekly readings with the Monday reading.

We were especially favored by having Elder Evans with us for the first four days of the week of prayer. His work among the students was of uncalculable value. The last two days of the week Professor Wilkinson was with us. We are not prepared to state at the present time just how many baptisms may be gleaned from the week's work, but the closing day we took five young people through the gateway of baptism, into the church, and we hope that all others who are not members of the church may follow.

On Friday morning at our revival service, every student gave his heart to the Lord, either for the first time or as an evidence of reconsecration. The school was divided into prayer bands for a thirty-five minute session each morning, and for regular prayer service from six to seven each night. The regular program of the school was largely neglected throughout the week of prayer, and short assignments of lessons were made.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING

The day before Thanksgiving was given by the school, to the work of the Harvest Ingathering, in which the students and teachers went out into Mount Vernon and secured donations to the amount of thirty-eight dollars. In the afternoon of the same day the students distributed thirty-five baskets for Thanksgiving dinners, among the poor families of Mount Vernon. We wish that our total receipts had been greater, but we are glad to do even what we were privileged to do and to present our papers before the people of Mount Vernon. The day was made a day of giving as well as receiving, and all of our students had especially in mind the gathering of names, to be followed by the Bible Worker's and Ministerial Bands during the year, so we feel the day was very profitably spent.

The annual offering amounted to \$55.92.

E. G. SALISBURY, *Principal*.

News Notes

Miss Bessie Acton has returned from Hicksville where she has been spending a few days with her parents and other relatives.

Professor J. B. Clymer, principal of the Fox River Academy at Sheridan, Illinois, was a caller at the office this week.

Brother C. E. Reichenbach has just finished his work in Licking County and will start the new year in Shelby County. We trust that he may meet with success in this new field.

Brother J. S. Randolph, who has been working down in Athens County among the miners, has returned to his home for a few days. He says that while the miners are out of work and times are hard, yet God wonderfully blessed their efforts in the delivery of the books.

Brother D. A. Reese, of West Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to this conference to act as assistant field agent. We feel sure that with the experience he has had in the field and with the training he has received in the College that he will be a great help in building up the work in this field. We welcome him to our force of laborers.

Miss Clara Reichenbach has just finished a large delivery in Logan County, and she was not only successful in delivering almost all of her books but she found many who were interested in the truth. She hopes to follow up this work by giving Bible readings, and in this way have some take their stand for the truth.

Brother V. O. Punches was accompanied by his wife on his trip during the week of prayer, visiting the Lima and Lake View churches, at the close of which a missionary convention was held at Lake View. Also while there, Brother Punches assisted Miss Reichenbach in her delivery, she having delivered about 98% of the books ordered. Brother and Sister Punches spent Christmas with her sister at Castalia.

From the returns that are coming in, there will be a large number who will attend the Canvassers' Institute at Columbus which will be held January 13-24. There are many who feel a great need of giving this message to the world at the present time and desire a thorough training for the work. This may be obtained at the Institute. We are going to have the very best of help. Besides the Union and Local Conference workers, Brother W. W. Eastman, of the North American Division, will be there to give timely instruction on the colporteur work. If there are any who have not sent in their names who desire to receive this training, they should send in their name to the office at once.

After a two weeks meeting at Laura, Miami County, we are again at home. The meetings began with the bad weather, yet we had a good hearing and several expressed a desire for baptism. A number of others are deeply interested.

I was called away to the funeral of my only brother, Rev. L. H. Lindsey of Findlay, Ohio. He had been helpless for seven months from a stroke of paralysis. We are of good courage and I enjoyed the labor among old friends. My first effort at Laura was nearly twenty years ago.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Wedding Bells

A double wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith, of Liberty Center, Ohio, December 23, at 7:30 P. M. Miss Jennie M. Smith became the wife of Mr. George Wagoner, of Delta, Ohio, and Mr. Claude A. Smith was joined in marriage to Miss May A. Hyter, of Liberty Center. It was a modest and appropriate affair throughout, and a very enjoyable evening to the few guests present. Elder E. K. Slade officiated.

CHESAPEAKE

Rock Hall

I am sure our people are anxious to know how the week is going at Rock Hall since the meetings have begun. The

general meeting for this place was arranged soon after the conference session in Baltimore, October 5-11. We selected December 13-22 as the date for the meeting. There was a deep interest manifested from the very first service and when we came to the last day of the series it developed that the interest was so great that it would be a great loss should the meetings close. I so arranged my work, that by correspondence and the use of telephones, I could manage to hold on to the interest. As we came up to the strong doctrines of the message, the attendance increased and a crowded church greeted the speaker each evening. This can be appreciated still more when I say that three blocks from our church, a series of meetings was going on in the Methodist church with a noted evangelist from Philadelphia assisting the local pastor.

We have baptized two and thirteen more have asked for baptism. Eight others are keeping the Sabbath. I have never enjoyed a series in this conference more than I have here. Both men and women seem to respond to the preaching of the Word. There is a good spirit in the church which has a membership of sixty-three. Last Sabbath the election of officers was held and this passed off very nicely. It was also the last Sabbath of the week of prayer and the power of God was present. Prayers had been answered and we all were made to rejoice over the fact that there were new Sabbath keepers present to receive the blessing the Lord had for his people. A few miles away a new interest is being aroused and last Sunday I held a meeting in a neat comfortable school house. A large gathering of interested people listened attentively to the Word. It seems evident that the time is at hand for the message in this section of our field. I have had a little help from the brethren who came to counsel so that has been by myself and our people here.

I believe God is finishing his work in the earth and now is the time for our church members to buy tracts and quickly sow the seed. Let each member do his duty now while probation lingers. May the Lord help us to see our duty and to respond to it that souls may be brought to Christ to be received by him at his coming. ROSCOE T. BAER, *President*.

News Notes

Miss Newcomer, tract society secretary, will spend a week at her home in Hagerstown, Maryland.

The interest in the meetings at Rock Hall still continues, and souls are deciding for the truth.

Good reports are reaching us of the results of the week of prayer. Many are taking fresh courage and expressing determination to be more faithful.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pettibone, Frederick, Maryland, made a short call at the office Monday evening. They, too, are visiting relatives.

Brother W. T. Durst, our conference secretary, and Mrs. Durst left Baltimore last week for a short visit to Barton, Maryland to spend a short time with their parents.

"Guard well within thyself that treasure kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

By special invitation from the pastor of the United Brethren Memorial church near Connellsville, Pa. Elder F. H. Robbins spoke to a large audience Sunday night, December 6 on the subject: "Is the Present European War the Battle of Armageddon?" At the close of the service the pastor of the church asked Elder Robbins if he would remain and preach a good gospel sermon on Monday evening. The invitation was accepted, and at the close of the second meeting the pastor and members of the church thanked him very heartily for the two sermons.

This visit has broken down much prejudice against Seventh-day Adventists in that community.

West Pennsylvania Conference Report

Name of Church	Tithe 1914, II Mo. Amount	Tithe 1913, II Mo. Amount	Increase or Decrease	General Trust Fund		Increase or Decrease
				1914 Amount	1913 Amount	
Adah.....	252 01	231 91	20 10	220 43	167 54	52 89
Albion.....	395 10	175 11	219 99	128 32	52 78	75 54
Allegheny No. 1.....	760 60	902 31	*141 71	252 39	311 18	*58 89
Allegheny No. 2.....	544 31	782 29	*237 98	261 96	180 75	81 21
Altoona.....	463 80	457 95	5 85	165 57	129 93	35 64
Bradford.....	391 71	339 46	52 25	314 11	296 58	17 53
Clearfield.....	141 30	183 56	*42 26	77 78	93 35	*15 57
Conference.....	956 05	902 60	53 45	832 71	951 15	*118 44
Connellsville.....	285 30		285 30	118 31		118 31
Corry.....	223 99	179 32	44 67	96 31	83 73	12 58
Corydon.....	216 50	496 48	*249 98	228 43	273 99	*45 56
Coudersport.....	634 72	1424 68	*789 96	311 99	481 68	*169 69
Edinboro.....	129 55	237 55	*108 00	98 48	113 02	*14 54
Eldred.....	67 88	60 24	7 64	76 83	84 72	*7 89
Erie.....	848 81	661 09	182 72	446 44	256 58	189 86
Huntingdon.....	209 23	160 73	48 50	23 69	35 71	*12 02
Indiana.....	394 32	322 04	72 28	80 53	90 25	*9 72
Jimtown.....	120 49	194 32	*73 83	28 97	51 01	*22 04
Johnstown.....	1060 06	745 41	314 65	283 70	286 82	*3 12
Meadville.....	161 81	127 03	34 78	160 38	102 84	56 54
McDonald.....	131 55	156 14	*24 59	19 82	26 39	*6 57
North Warren.....	367 50	311 30	56 20	246 27	166 72	49 55
Pittsburgh No. 1.....	2658 22	2220 10	438 09	873 09	906 22	*33 13
Pittsburgh No. 2.....	505 34	289 57	215 77	239 80	47 44	192 36
Port Allegheny.....	249 12	223 18	25 94	40 34	54 26	*13 92
Ridgway.....	300 15		300 15	136 02		136 02
Shingle House.....	13 46	46 32	*32 86	32 39	32 87	48
Six Mile Run.....	176 07	255 43	*79 36	66 92	73 68	*6 76
Washington.....	344 31	440 44	*96 12	102 77	245 38	*142 71
Totals.....	12998 27	12496 56	501 71	5964 65	5626 67	337 98

* Decrease

H. K. HACKMAN, *Treasurer*.

VIRGINIA

The Importance of Reporting

We read in Vol. 5 page 754, "The bright light going among the living creatures with the swiftness of lightning, represents the speed with which this work will finally go forward to completion."

It is the general belief among us, that the work will go forward with great swiftness, when the churches fully awake and

set themselves to the task. After reading the above quotation we can very clearly see that, that is what will cause the message to go with the swiftness of lightning. When we fully awake to see the importance of reporting what God has, and is doing with us, a great many will be encouraged to take up similar lines of work, and a great and mighty work will be accomplished very quickly.

We read in Acts 14: 27, "And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had

done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith with the gentiles." You will notice when they had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them. I do not doubt for a moment that the church was greatly encouraged, for these reports must have stirred them to greater diligence, for we read in Col. 1: 23, "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven." Matt. 24: 14 "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." In Acts. 21: 19, we read, "And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the gentiles by his ministry." Now it does seem to me that reporting is a very important part of the work. By our reports, whether small or great, others are encouraged to enter the work.

See what good reports the following are; A sister who is very timid, but loves the truth and wanted to have a part in its promulgation, went out with the "Home Workers" prospectus, and in about forty hours placed over \$90.00 worth of orders, and did not see the need of telling of her good success, when the dear Lord had so blessed her efforts. Seven souls embraced the truth from reading one "Great Controversy" sold by a colporteur.

My brethren and sisters report your work, make it your business at the end of the week to fill out and send in the report of the previous week's work, this will encourage others. Brother King has finished his delivery for the "Great Controversy," placing over \$500.00 worth of these good books into the homes in this delivery. I believe that many precious souls will be saved as a result of reading these good books. W. H. GEORGE, *Field Agent*.

News Notes

Elder J. B. Beckner of Matthews County reports one faithful soul as beginning to keep the Sabbath, and he is hopeful of others.

Elder W. C. Moffett has just returned to the office from a visit among the churches including Guinea Mills, Danville, Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Buena Vista. There seems to be a good spirit of unity and consecration at each place, and at some points the outlook is good for a series of meetings.

Miss Florence N. Swan, who is teaching the church-school at Richmond, is with Miss Rice of Lynchburg during the vacation. Miss Louise Cousins is with friends at New Market, and Miss Elsie

Pollard and L. A. King of the Conference School are at home. They bring good reports of the school and its success for the season.

Brother Charles Aplin who has lately moved into Albemarle County has been doing some missionary work in his neighborhood, finds quite an interest on his hands. He has begun to hold cottage meetings and reports sixteen out last Friday evening, who listened attentively to the words spoken. Let us remember these interested ones in prayer.

SPECIAL

The Present Truth Series

Beginning in January, a series of twenty-five or thirty Extras of the *Review*, *Signs*, and *Watchman* will be issued simultaneously until the series is completed.

This series is issued to meet a persistent demand of long standing for a cheap and effective series of leaflets with which to carry on systematic missionary work by the rank and file of our people. It has been provided, and its plan of circulation arranged, in an attempt made by our leaders to comply with the instruction given over and over to the church, and in meeting a demand for good, cheap literature to be used in simple, and effective missionary work for all the members of the church, to carry forward systematically. For years we have had message after message, appeal upon appeal, and warnings many, in connection with engaging all of our members in active service.

This series will be made up in the form of an illustrated four-page document. 11 by 16 inches in size, and mailable at pound rates, it being regular second class matter. It will cover quite comprehensively, when the series is completed, every leading feature of the Third Angel's Message, each issue dealing fully and exclusively with one general topic.

Each issue of this series will contain as much reading as a 32 page tract on each subject. Besides, this matter will be presented in the more appreciated form of an illustrated periodical, and can be mailed by tract societies at pound rates - one cent a pound instead of two ounces for one cent. The cost of this attractive matter is also greatly reduced to the worker, it being supplied for one-half cent per copy in hundred lots, whereas the same matter in tract form would cost the worker two cents a copy.

The Present Truth Series has been brought into existence in compliance with the appeals often sent to us in connection with making plans through which the

church may be a strong factor in giving the message. For more than twenty years we have been told that, "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If members will cooperate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts"

"God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. But let no one feel that because he is not educated he cannot be expected to take part in the work. God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work. Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand the manner in which they may impart light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart the light which God graciously bestows upon them, to those in darkness, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church."

Ask your tract society to send you a descriptive circular containing plans for using the series.

Simple Modes of Work

We wish that we might say something that would lead all of God's children to place a greater value and more importance on the simpler, smaller things of life. We sometimes are carried away with the idea that if we could have some leading preacher come and hold a few meetings in the largest hall in our city, and advertise the meetings with big posters, that then something would be accomplished. We do not wish to discount big things, but the sum total of the smaller things, the little things, is infinitely greater. "Our character building will be in constant peril while we under-rate the importance of little things."

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean, and the pleasant land."

Our great Leader counsels us to devise and set in operation among the churches the very simplest modes of work. This brings our Home Missionary work within the reach of all. If our people will cooperate with such a plan and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts. We wish to pass on to our readers a living example of what we desire to see and what we know to be possible in every church and company. Brother Capman of Ontario, writes:—

"We had a real live Home Missionary meeting last night. We hold them once a week. Every member had a real interesting experience to relate. One sister had found a lady who had been shut in with an invalid husband for about three years. She had taken her some flowers, and studied Daniel 2 with her, and made it so interesting that the women's sister was present at the next study on the "Home of the Saved," and they both enjoyed it very much. She has arranged for a study each week. She also took six orders for the Home Workers books the same day. Another member in making his weekly visit with the Home Bible studies received more than enough to pay for the tracts." He was asked into a home to explain a portion of the Bible to a lady to whom he had, on a former occasion, lent the little book, "Steps to Christ." He said that he was impressed to take "Great Controversy" along with him so that if the way opened up he would lend it. This lady wanted to know about the Sabbath, so he just pulled out the book and told her that if she would read it she would get the information she desired. He then asked for prayer for this special person. The whole hour was filled with these kind of experiences. We spent some time in praying for the work, and for each other."

It is clear to all that before we can win, we must enter into the race. We must not wait for opportunities, but make them. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men. We are to work wisely, patiently, considerably, winning our way by the tender ministry of love. God expects personal service from every one to whom the light has come. We invite you to take your place in the advance lines. Let us go forth into the whitened harvest fields, for much will be lost should the harvest wait.

Be sure and get a good supply of our truth filled literature. Do not fail to get your two copies of the *Signs* weekly.

F. W. PAAP.

Principles of Health Reform Number 5

EXERCISE

When Adam was created he was put into the Garden of Eden "To dress it and to keep it". When he was set out of the Garden of Eden into a country bringing forth thorns and thistles to make his way by his own efforts, the pitiful Father said unto him, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake". "For thy sake," not for his punishment. Work such as would need be performed to make the earth yield her strength was necessary for the man in his changed condition to antagonize, as it were, the elements of physical death im-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending December 18, 1914									
Paul Randolph, Athens Co.		ES	5	52			1 75	1 75	108 35
Jas. S. Randolph, Athens Co.		ES	5	46	1	4 00	5 00	9 00	130 05
H. O. Kohr, Richland Co.		DR	5	40					171 00
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	36	2	6 00	9 25	15 25	7 50
Beulah Morgan, E. Liverpool		PPF	5	34	20	40 00	3 55	43 55	16 75
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	30	20	33 50		33 50	2 00
S. D. Phillips, Toledo		BR	5	30	3	9 00		9 00	88 00
W. S. Scott, Jackson Co.		PPF	5	27		13 50		13 50	53 50
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		RR	4	27	7	21 00	3 00	24 00	12 75
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	3	24	3	9 00		9 00	
B. P. Foote, Jackson Co.		GC	5	19					18 25
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.		Mag.	2	15	2	6 00		6 00	41 75
Daisy Crist, Columbus			5	9					7 75
Totals	13 Agents		58	389	58	\$142 00	\$22 55	\$164 55	\$657 65

District of Columbia, Week Ending December 18, 1914

Jessie Welsh	Misch.	\$44 42
Joseph Bartini	"	9 74
Mrs. Smith	"	9 60
G. A. Stevens	"	26 80
R. J. Urkums	"	15 00
Mildred Stewart	"	4 85
Florence Chrisman	"	2 00
Carrie Smith	"	10 00
		122 41

MAGAZINES

Mrs. H. M. Cleveland	7 50
Miss Chandler	7 50
G. Augustine	5 00
F. E. Wilson	7 00
Genevieve Peacock	10 00
A. E. Brensinger	1 20
Lillian Harris	1 30
Lillian Peterson	1 20
Lewis Fisher	10 30
Miss A. Williams	1 20
Miss E. Sperry	1 00
M. M. Sterner	5 00
Geneva Bryan	5 00
Frank Costley	5 00
	68 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 18, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	3	27	7	14 00	2 25	16 25	
S. Booth, Tioga Co.	DR	5	31	21	63 00	9 75	75
W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5	32	9	18 00	75	59 75
John Schott, Franklin Co.							83 75
S. H. Swingle, Carbondale	SP	4	19			16 50	6 00
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale	SP		20	10	14 00	2 45	16 45
F. Washburn, Philadelphia	PPF	4	22			2 10	26 60
Total	7 Agents				\$109 00	\$17 30	\$142 80 \$176 85

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 11, 1914

C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	DR	10	71	13	50 00		50 00	58 00
W. C. Fleisher	BR		20	14	30 00		30 00	21 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	2	13					12 00
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset	BR	6	44	14	47 00	9 75	56 75	6 00
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	HW	5	23		30 15		30 15	
5 Agents			24	171	41	157 15	9 75	166 90 97 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 18, 1914

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	27						155	75
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	4	25						157	00
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	5	27	2	9 00	5 40	14 40		96	30
J. W. Wynn, Baltimore, Md.	BR	3	11						29	00
D. W. Percy, Talbot Co.	BF	6	43			18 00	18 00		114	00
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	34	13	28 00	11 75	39 75		17	75
D. C. Johnson, Dorchester Co.	PPF	1	9			3 00	3 00		42	50
Clifton Downey, Somerset Co.	PPF	5	34	17	37 00	90	37 90			
W. J. Vansant, Somerset Co.	PPF	5	35	20	42 00	8 55	50 55			
Robert G. Wynn, Howard Co.	PPF	2	15	5	10 00	1 50	11 50			
Robert G. Wynn		5				2 60				
Totals	10 Agents	40	351	58	\$126 00	\$49 10	\$175 10	\$612 30		

Virginia, Week Ending December 18, 1914

Raymond H. Young, Matthews Co.	GC	8	47	14	16 00	11 55	37 55	35 00		
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.		2	12					11 90		
George W. Hendricks, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	33	16	32 00	2 70	34 70	2 60		
Aubrey L. Gary, New Kent	PPF	8	58	1	2 00	95	2 95	13 20		
Frank S. Parsons, Richmond	NTP	5			9 80		9 80	9 80		
Mrs. A. Burns, Port Norfolk	HWP	4			15 15		15 15			
6 Agents		32	150	31	\$74 95	\$15 20	\$90 15	\$72 60		
Grand Totals:	41 Agents				Value of Orders, \$609 00		Deliveries, \$1616 40			

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending November 27, 1914

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Total 1914	Total 1913
Ohio	23	1848	342	\$1,470 65	\$2,380 95
Chesapeake	12	807	302	1,052 65	491 25
West Pennsylvania	12	756	218	778 99	940 16
West Virginia	6	528	186	918 85	534 20
East Pennsylvania	9	732	199	515 10	514 90
Virginia	14	640	51	391 70	376 55
New Jersey	4	608	157	477 60	577 45
District of Columbia	7	65	50	87 25	713 90
Totals	87	5984	1505	\$5,392 50	\$6,529 36

planted in the human system at the fall. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the ground" was the divine sentence. Even in the renewed earth the redeemed shall "build houses and inhabit them and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them." Divinely appointed recreation! The exercise of immortal bodies.

Space forbids an attempt to go too far into details of this topic, but as a principle of healthful living, bodily exercise should not be depreciated, especially by those whose occupation is sedentary. The editor, the stenographer, the book-keeper, and all others whose work consists of the exercise of but one or two sets of muscles should seek different employment at odd hours to bring into play more of the muscles of the body. The garden offers to many, health and greater mental activity at certain seasons of the year. The widow's woodpile offers exercise for both muscle and religion at other seasons. The mother's dish-pan and wash-tub offer many inducements to the young ladies to develop both physical and spirit-muscle. To young men of sedentary employment the father's chores invite mus-

cular exertion and paternal love and respect at one and the same time. I do not greatly advocate "beating the air" in gymnastic and calisthenic exercises to gain muscular development but rather suggest useful employment instead.

Jump in and help, my boy, my girl, and watch the cares roll off the brow of father and mother; and, incidentally, watch your own shoulders broaden, your self respect deepen, and your love for God grow on apace! "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Do not fear obstacles. Put your powers to the test and strive to overcome physical, moral and mental difficulties. Along with our spiritual development we must test and train the tissue of brain, of nerve, of muscle. "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning; and thine health shall spring forth speedily." Try it out.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

Preparing for the Harvest

For a number of years an isolated brother labored faithfully week by week taking a club of *Signs* from door to door.

Seemingly nothing came of his efforts. He still remained alone in the truth.

In course of time a tent was taken there and meetings held, and in a short time sixteen adults, and fourteen children were keeping the Sabbath. One young man and his wife immediately made arrangements, to go to school. Another and his sister are going soon, and the Sabbath-school superintendent and his wife expect to go as soon as they can make the necessary arrangements.

The faithful work done with the *Signs* had sown the seed, and watered it, so that when the minister went, he had little else to do but gather in the harvest.

This should encourage our isolated people to go on steadily sowing the seed. It is doing its work, and some day the harvest will be gathered in.

With our truth filled literature, books, magazines, periodicals and tracts, we are to go forth to the warfare. Well-drilled, well-organized, spirit filled, with a message of life to our friends and neighbors, let us no longer delay but rather now enter into the great Home Missionary campaign. It is a soul-winning campaign. Eternity alone will reveal the blessed results.

The Lord is depending on you, and he has no other plan. You will not disappoint him, will you?

E. M. GRAHAM.

The Summary

The summary for November shows a slight falling off from November's report of last year. However, this is not a discouraging report as nearly all of the conferences have made a gain. There is a slight loss in two of the conferences, and the District of Columbia Conference, which has been without a field agent since Brother Leach was called to East Pennsylvania, shows over \$600 loss. However, after looking about for some time, the brethren have found a good man in Brother E. R. Button who is now taking charge of the work here. Already we see a marked improvement. We trust, now that the Union is well manned in all of its conferences, that no more calls will come to us for a time, or until our work shall be on a good solid footing, with men to supply the vacancies which may be made by the call for some of our field agents to more needy fields. We are more than glad to supply workers for the fields beyond, and of course whatever calls come from the mission fields we shall be glad to respond to as far as it is possible to do so. The indications at present are that the Columbia Union will make a gain for this year over last year of about \$10,000. Watch the summary for next month as it will give a complete report of the year's work as compared with a year ago. I. D. RICHARDSON.

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OBITUARIES

VINCENT.—Elizabeth Vincent was born in Norwood Township, Knox County, Ohio, in 1854, and died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, December 12, 1914. During the last twelve years of her life she made her home with Sister Alderman of Academia, Ohio. While not a member of any church, it was thought by those who knew her best that in the last weeks of her life she manifested strong faith in God and in the truth for the latter times. She fell asleep, we believe, with a clear hope in the soon coming of the Life-giver.

E. K. SLADE.

THORNTON.—Rebecca Hopkins was born September 27, 1854 and died December 17, 1914, aged 60 years 2 months and 20 days. She was united in marriage to Noah Thornton in 1874. Two sons were born to this union, who with their father, and two sisters of their mother remain to mourn the loss of their loved one.

At an early age she united with the Methodist church and remained a faithful member until 1891, when she accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message. She had hoped to live to see the Lord come, but said not her will but the Lord's be done. Toward the last her suffering was intense but she bore it patiently. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the Sugar Creek Baptist church and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Washington C. H. Although the whole country was covered with ice, there was a large attendance both from Washington C. H. and the vicinity of her home, for she was held in very high esteem by all who knew her. Those who knew her best are confident that, when the Life-giver comes, she will awake to hear God's covenant of peace with his people.

W. W. MILLER.

JONES.—Laura E. Jones died December 6, 1914, aged 68 years. Sister Jones came to a sad and tragic death on the above date. Fire was seen breaking out from her room on the second floor. The house was soon in flames and as the house was outside of the city limits, an unsuccessful effort was made to put out the fire before the call for help was made to the city Fire Department.

Someone started the report, that Sister Jones had been seen leaving the house earlier in the day, thus no one had any idea that the old lady was in the flames. Yet someone went into her smoke filled room and searched for her in the bed, but she was not there, confirming the idea that she was away. When the second story fell in her charred body was found.

The nearest relative she had living, was her nephew who took charge of the body. Funeral services were held in the Undertaker's chapel by the writer. Text, 2 Cor. 4: 18 and 5: 1. The remains were buried in the family lot in the Sheridan cemetery.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Mount Vernon Academy Annual
Board Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the board of Mount Vernon Academy, for the purpose of electing the faculty and planning policies for the school for the ensuing year, February 15-20, 1915.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President.*E. G. SALISBURY, *Secretary.*Washington Missionary College
News Notes

Miss Thayler, a former student of Mount Vernon, recently visited the College.

The English classes of the College have had some interesting times studying argumentation. Among the questions discussed were the causes of the present war, and women suffrage.

The students who go out each Monday with our magazines and Looks are having excellent success. One day's sales amounted to \$85.00.

The Quadrangle is the name of a club recently formed of the older students and teachers, for lectures and discussions along literary and historic lines, as well as in science and art. At one of the meetings Professor Sorenson presented a paper on the European war, which was followed by a short discussion. Another program was devoted to the life and works of Robert Louis Stevenson.

An examination was given the other day on the first twenty-five lessons of Daly's Rational Speller. Five students passed with a grade of 100%. In a few weeks a second examination will be given on the next twenty-five lessons, following which a class will be organized for those who fail.

Elder Prieger, returned missionary from Haiti, recently occupied the chapel hour in telling of the manners and customs of the interesting people who inhabit that island. Haiti has gone through three revolutions in the last two years. The lives of our faithful believers have been preserved during these troublous times.

The College Press has received from the Young People's Department of the General Conference the order for The Morning Watch Calendar. An edition of forty thousand has just been printed. Among other improvements a new proof press has been added to the equipment. The office is now one of the best equipped of any connected with our schools.

Notice to All Our Workers

The General Conference Committee has prepared a new Ministerial Reading Course for 1915, open to our workers of all classes. The course is conducted by the General Conference Department of Education through its magazine *Christian Education*. The January number is especially good for the course reader, containing among others the important articles "Business of the Ministry", "What Does It Mean?" "Plagiarism," "Learn the Laws of Nature," "Our Second Year" of the reading course. This magazine and the four books for 1915 are clubbed together at the remarkably low rate of \$5 postpaid. Send for a registration blank. It will save time to send the money also. On the installment plan you pay \$3 now and \$2.50 later. Address the General Conference, Department of Education, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

WANTED.—A loan of four-hundred dollars. Please state conditions. Address Mrs. Park Drake, Johnsonville, Pa.

FOR SALE—Six room house, barn, good chicken house, 5 acres ground. Located near Mount Vernon Academy on Wooster road one mile from Mount Vernon square; at a bargain if sold within thirty days. James S. Randolph, Mount Vernon, Ohio. R. F. D. No. 5. Phone 809 Black.

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