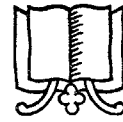


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# Visitor



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

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## U N I O N

### Christ is Coming

Christ is coming, Christ is coming!  
Soon His chariot will appear;  
Signs in earth and sea and heavens  
Tell that His approach is near.  
Earthquakes, pestilence and famine,  
Wars, and wickedness and strife,  
All foretell the Lord is coming  
With a new and better life.

He is coming, He is coming!  
He will leave His father's throne;  
Oh, the glory of that moment  
When He comes to claim His own!  
Often on life's desert pathway  
Comes that vision to my view,  
As refreshing as in summer  
Early morning's fragrant dew.

He is coming, He is coming!  
All the roughness of the way  
Will but seem as less than nothing  
When I meet him on that day.  
When the weary watch is ended,  
And my Saviour's face I see,  
Just to hear his loving welcome--  
What a moment that will be!

He is coming, yes, He's coming!  
How I long to see that time,  
Dwelling ever in his presence  
In that golden summer clime.  
How my heart will swell with rapture  
When I view his lovely face!  
And my tongue will tell the story  
Of a sinner saved by grace.

"He is coming!"—oh, the wonder  
Of the hope which there lies!  
'Tis a foretaste of the glory  
When we meet him in the skies.  
He is coming, Christ is coming!  
Soon the day will banish night,  
And earth's shadows flee forever  
In the dawn of perfect light.

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.—*Thoreau.*

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### Wyoming Sabbath-School Report

We held forty-three Sabbath-school services during the year 1914 which were five more than in 1913. Our school has a membership of twenty-two at the present time, including eleven adults and six children with the blessed privilege of attending each Sabbath; and five adults in the Home Department. During the year we had twenty-one visitors. Our average attendance for the year was ten, visitors included. Our Sabbath-school donations which was given to missions amounted to \$17.66 which was an increase of \$2.14. Our expenses for supplies for the year amounted to \$10.36. Our tithe for 1914 amounted to \$106.46; which was \$21.74 less than in 1913. Our Harvest Ingathering amounted to \$10.04 which was \$5.50 more than in 1913. Thus the total amount given to the cause of God was \$136.17. A number of missionary visits were made and personal work done. Also a number of papers were sent out by the different members of the school. I feel that we as a school have great cause to rejoice today in that God has seen fit to spare our unworthy lives during the year just ended, and in adding new members to the school, and for the rich blessings we have enjoyed.

It is true that Satan has tried in every way to overthrow our dear school. But let us praise God with all our hearts for we have come out victorious through

Christ. My earnest prayer is that God will bless our school more abundantly in the year we are just entering upon and that he may see fit to spare each one of our lives to work in his vineyard as we have never worked before, so that we may hear the "well done" from our Saviour's own lips and live with him throughout the endless ages of eternity.  
CAROLINE MOLOCK, *Secretary.*

### News Notes

Elder F. C. Harter is at present visiting his family in Michigan.

Elder W. C. White paid a short visit to the city of Philadelphia last Tuesday, stopping at the office that evening.

Elder A. R. Bell, pastor of the Reading church, is conducting an effort at Mohn-ton, near Reading and reports good results, there being prospects of some new Sabbath-keepers there.

It causes us sorrow to report the continued illness of Brother Leach, our field agent and we ask that earnest prayer be made in his behalf, that he may be restored to health.

Elder O. F. Schwedrat met with the Shimerville church Sabbath and Sunday, January 9 and 10, and with the Allentown church Sunday evening, taking as his subject, Jewish New Year Festivals as a type, being fulfilled in our day. He reports a good interest.

The Missionary Volunteer Society of the North Philadelphia church is the infant society of our conference—a robust one, we are glad to say. It is growing and doing a good work. They put out each week a good sized club of the weekly *Signs* and among other things, are faithful in committing to memory the Morning Watch and attendance at their meetings which are most interesting.

Announcement has been received that Sister A. M. Newell of the Williamsport church was married to John Edward Reiter of Levering, Michigan, January 7. Michigan will be their future home.

The Senior Missionary Volunteer Society of the West Philadelphia church was reorganized Sabbath afternoon, January 9, after a season of inactivity. These young people seem to be awake to their duty and privileges now and we wish them every success in the work they have undertaken, and much of the blessing of God.

The following young people of East Pennsylvania returned to their homes during the holiday vacation: Miss Gertrude Wacker, Miss Anna Williams, Miss Laura Patterson, her brother Charles, Clarence Bell, Charles Houck, Richard Farley, Kenneth Richards, Miss Ruth and Matthew Sterner, Arthur Hill and Homer Baumgartner.

Elder V. Nutter, pastor of the North Philadelphia church, is spending two weeks at Lancaster, holding meetings each night in the church there. One young woman desires to be baptized and there are prospects of others taking their stand very soon. We desire the earnest prayers of our people in behalf of these souls, that they may not linger in the valley of decision, but walk in the glorious light of God's truth.

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## Individual Responsibility

There are many people who have but a faint conception of personal responsibility in the service of God. They offer no resistance to the progress of the message, but are not bestirring themselves in an effort to help carry it forward.

One would judge, because of their prolonged inactivity, that they place a discount on personal effort, believing that things can be brought to pass only by masses of men under some general or centralized direction.

But the Lord has given to every man his work, hence we are individually to in-

quire what the will of God is concerning us; and when once this is made known, we should set about to accomplish that will, be the task ever so difficult.

True, it may be but little any of us can do, but ten thousand littles done by ten thousand different consecrated individuals, is of more value, to my mind, than the same amount of work done by a much fewer number, as the success of the business is not to be measured so much from the number of dollars and cents brought in, as from the spiritual blessings that will accrue to the many who do the work.

Have you ever thought what it would mean to the cause of God if a hundred people should take up the colporteur work where today there is but one?

I am looking for men who, in years past, were successful book men, but who, perhaps for ten or twenty years have devoted their time and attention to the duties of the farm, the work-shop, the store, or to some other secular occupation. You are the men I am daily asking God to arouse, that you may re-consecrate your life to him for service, and then help in a speedy finishing of the work.

I have splendid territory for such men—territory that will not only be fruitful, but keep you busy as can be until the message is closed.

Remember, my work is to go into the field with each individual, and remain with them until such time as they feel certain that with God's help they can carry it forward successfully.

Another thing I would have you remember: "The Lord Jesus, standing by the side of the canvassers, walking with them, is the chief worker . . . and will make impressions in just the lines needed."

Let me hear from those who feel they must again get into the work.

E. R. BUTTON, *Field Agent*.  
 Takoma Park, D. C.

## Washington Sanitarium

As a gospel medical institution the Washington Sanitarium has had a successful year. New laboratories, and an X Ray outfit have provided added facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of patients. This equipment has made possible the best year for the medical department in the history of the institution.

During the past year two women and one man fully accepted present truth. Two of these were baptized. Many other persons were convinced concerning the Third Angel's Message and we trust that when the test comes a number of these will obey the truth. The average stay of patients is about five weeks, and this is a time of seed sowing. Though we do not see much result of the spiritual effort made for the people, we hope that eternity

will show many souls won through medical missionary work.

The Washington Sanitarium treatment rooms under the efficient direction of Dr. Margaret Ross-Stewart are proving successful. An average of fifteen bathroom treatments are given daily. The office treatments and work done outside add considerably to this number. Nearly \$1,000 was received for bathroom treatments alone during November and December. Several of the patients are studying the special spiritual truths for this time.

The Washington Sanitarium Mission Hospital in the charge of Dr. Elliott has accomplished a good work for the poor people in the southwest section of the city and for the poor among us. Opportunities are here presented for practical gospel ministry. The workers report many interesting missionary experiences.

We see God's guiding and prospering hand in our medical missionary enterprises in Washington, and with renewed consecration and courage we begin the work of the new year. The week of prayer has been a season of rich experiences to our families of workers, and we pray that God may direct our hearts throughout this new year in prayer and service.

O. B. KUHN.

## Waiting Until He Warmed Up

A man went forth into a forest one cold winter day, ax in hand, to do some wood-cutting. Arriving at his destination, he leaned the ax against a log, shoved his hands deeply into his pockets, and then sat down shivering. A passer-by called to him and said: "What are you doing there neighbor?" whereupon the man replied: "I came out here to cut a load of wood, but I am so cold I thought I would wait until I warmed up a bit before starting in."

There are people today right in the ranks of our own denomination who are spiritually freezing to death because of a prolonged life of inactivity. I am hunting for this class of people and can set them to work the very moment they report for duty.

"How much will you pay me?" do you ask? The work is not mine, hence I am not the paymaster; but the command comes to one and all: "Go work today in my vineyard," and the promise is: "And whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." No one should ask for more than that.

There are many people in the District of Columbia Conference to whom no one has gone with the blessed truth as found in our denominational books and magazines, and my constant cry to God is that men from the farm, the store, the work-shop, who have been out of the organized work for five, ten, or even twenty years

may hear the call, re-consecrate their lives to God for service, and again enter the great harvest field, which is fully ripe for the garner.

It is not so much a question as to whether the people will be saved if we refuse to carry to them the message, but will we ourselves be saved?

There are over 700,000 people in this conference, all of whom are judgment-bound, and if in times past you have been a successful canvasser or magazine seller, the Lord wants you to again take up the work, for the people need and must have our literature, and many of us need and must have the blessings that accrue to those who co-operate with God in this work.

If this appeals to any who are now out of the work, correspond with the undersigned, and such information as you desire will be cheerfully given.

E. R. BUTTON.

Takoma Park, D. C.

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### Rileyville and Stanley

After our good conference at Richmond, I joined Brother L. L. French at Rileyville in a two weeks effort. We had a good hearing with a number of persons much interested. We closed our effort with one asking for baptism.

Brother and Sister French have labored hard here as self-supporting workers and seem to be doing good work, they are now following up the interest with cottage meetings.

The weather has been either cold or stormy during the three weeks I have been at Stanley so the meetings here have been much interrupted, but have had a good attendance of our own people with a few outside people.

The preaching for the most part has been of a practical nature for the benefit of the church and the church seems to appreciate the effort. This is the oldest church save New Market in the state, is the second in size in the Conference and they have a fine lot of young people who ought to befitting themselves for the work.

I have been quite busy getting settled in our new home. We are well pleased with the house we have rented, a half mile from town with the mountains on every side.

Many calls are coming in for meetings from different parts of the field and I hope to see many souls saved from this field.

W. E. BIDWELL.

### Guinea Mills

We are sending in to the office, \$5.35 gathered in for mission by our little workers of the "Dime Band" of the Guinea Mills church. We know it is a small amount, but our little workers are young and small in size, and with it they send their prayers, and know that their heavenly Father will bless their mites, just as he does the millions. We are thankful to say that they are all of good courage, and looking with childish joy for the soon coming Saviour, and of having a home in the earth made new. The work is onward at Guinea Mills. Remember our little company in your petitions to the great white throne.

Mrs. BESSIE FLIPPEN.

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### Parkersburg Church School Exercises

The church school children under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, gave their exercises Tuesday evening, December 22, in the church before a representative attendance of the members and a number of friends and strangers from the city. Elder W. J. Tanner, our conference president, gave the opening address in which he explained from the Bible God's plan and purpose in the church school work. The children performed their parts well, and with the teacher's exhibit of the drawings paintings and other work done by the children in the school, which made a beautiful display, all were deeply impressed with the high grade of work which is done in the school.

At the close of the children's part of the program, Sister Wilcox made some appropriate remarks including statements from the Spirit of Prophecy which were very timely, a part of which I quote:—

"Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse, and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his hosts

are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death.

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work in the foreign fields, no amount of work in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God.

"As Jesus in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children who have been rightly educated will in their simplicity speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of "higher education." As the children sang in the temple courts, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord," so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last warning message to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which older workers can not do, because their way will be hedged up.

"Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work. Here children are to be instructed in the special truths for this time, and in practical missionary work."

The Parkersburg church school opened in the fall with eight children enrolled, and at the present they have an enrollment of eighteen with more wishing to enter; but have to be refused for the present because of their small school room which is now over-crowded. Besides this we have two home schools in the state with an enrollment of ten children. God is greatly blessing in this branch of the work and we expect to see other churches and companies over the state come up to the help of the Lord in the church school work and a number of new schools started next year. We are in need of consecrated teachers to join us in this important work in this needy field. Who will come over and help us? C. T. REDFIELD.

One million and a half copies of an issue of one of our papers is not the limit of the general conceptions of our message-loving people. They are thinking of our papers circulated in large figures, as is demonstrated by the following sample expressive of an ideal yet to be realized.

"The packages containing the *Review and Herald* Extra are at hand. The issue certainly deserves wide distribution, and I trust the good people may call on you for 5,000,000 copies."

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

—Milton.

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## News Notes

The members of the Baltimore church were pleased to see Elder and Mrs. F. W. Paap and John last Sabbath. They spent a few days in the city, visiting some of their old friends.

Brother L. E. Froom reports an excellent interest at Cambridge, having had an attendance of one hundred seventy-five at the service on Sunday night. He also reports another Sabbath-keeper. They contemplate organizing a Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers.

The conference and tract society secretaries are busy closing their work for the year 1914. The year has been one of the most successful in many ways in the history of the conference and we give the Lord all the praise. Miss Matilda Thaler returned to Rock Hall last Tuesday after having spent her vacation with her brother at Trenton.

The new supply of the church missionary clocks are in the office, and the secretary is waiting for the reports from the various church clerks for the new membership, when they will be prepared with the figures for the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the year and sent out to the churches.

The Baltimore No. 1 church is to be added to the list of churches in this conference, which have raised their full quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. It is quite an encouragement to the members and all feel encouraged to work to the same end this year.

Some of the other churches report having worked hard to make the goal but failed. However, they are not discouraged, but ready to begin earlier in this year to make the effort for 1915.

"I hope the time will soon come when we will not know the difference between the week of prayer and any other week of the year."

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## Zanesville

The Zanesville church greatly appreciated Elder H. H. Votaw's presence and the lecture he gave January 6 and 7 regarding the advancement of the Third Angel's Message in Burma and India from which he has recently returned. The attendance was good in spite of the inclement weather. We feel that if all the churches he visits appreciate Elder Votaw's efforts as the Zanesville church does, his labors will be very pleasant, and much good will be accomplished.

On Sabbath, January 2, two precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Four others have recently started to keep the Sabbath. The work is onward and plans are being laid so every church member will be found doing something. All are encouraged, and are determined to make this year one of winning souls to this truth. We solicit the prayers of God's people in the interests of his work.

RALEIGH FRENCH.

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## THE FOOD

What a common topic! Yet how few among us can follow a bite of food from the teeth to the tissue. How few can follow the processes of insalivation, of deglutition, of gastric digestion, of intestinal action, and all the rest of it to absorption, to liver digestion and finally, assimilation. Then I dare say, the topic is not so common but that most of us need to give some of our time to learning more about it.

We are all food scientists to some extent. We analyze, investigate, criticize, and pass upon at least one element of food value at every meal. Diligently we scrutinize this one element and allow other and more important elements to pass quite unnoticed! I refer to the flavor. Each one thinks himself competent to analyze the flavor of most any article of food set before him. Contrary to popular usage flavor is not the most important element in food materials.

We do not take the food subject seriously enough. If it were our hogs that

were having sick headaches and bilious attacks we would at once condemn their feed as the cause. If it were our horses that were suffering with autointoxication the food would get the blame. If our cattle developed torpid liver, yellow eyes and jaundiced complexion it would be the provender at fault. If our chickens were crippled up with rheumatism, and gout, or what not, we would correct the matter in record breaking time by correcting the amount and kind of feed allowed.

But when our wives, our children, and our brethren suffer with similar ailments we are inclined to lay it to the climate, or the dark of the moon, or Providence! If we have bilious attacks we say our liver has gone back on us. If we have stomach troubles we are inclined to blame a "weak stomach" as the cause of the trouble. If we are rheumatic or gouty we are prone to complain of the weather. And so on through the endless list of ailments to which the human flesh is addicted for it is an addiction rather than an inheritance.

So in the study of this subject let us be fair. Lay aside the feeling of weariness that comes when food values are mentioned, and plunge into this subject with the intention of getting something beside weariness out of it, and you will end up by thanking God for the light on diet reform. Why? Because it is a beautiful theory and pleasant to contemplate? No. But because your aches and pains will disappear; your feeble bodies will develop strength; your mental capacity will enlarge, and the spiritual perceptions will be keen,—that is, if you practice what you learn. J. D. MONTGOMERY.

## News Notes

Brother B. P. Foote who has been canvassing in Jackson County has recently responded to a call to labor at Sanitarium, California.

Miss Acton is spending a few days at Youngstown, Cleveland, and Akron in the interest of the church schools and the Missionary Volunteer work.

The past year has been the most prosperous for the business of the Ohio Tract Society in its history. The total sale of books, periodicals, and tracts amounts to about \$43,000.

"All who surrender themselves to God in unselfish service for humanity, are in co-operation with the Lord of glory. This thought sweetens all toil; it braces the will, it nerves the spirit for whatever may befall. Working with unselfish heart, ennobled by being partakers of Christ's sufferings, sharing his sympathies, they

help swell the tide of his joy, and bring honor and praise to his exalted name."

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## Wedding Bells

A wedding occurred at the home of Mr. Ryan of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania December 23, at two P. M. Miss Lucy Lorette Ryan became the wife of Mr. James Henry Humphrey of Corry, Pennsylvania. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by at least fifty guests that were present. Elder W. F. Schwartz officiated.

## SPECIAL

### Our Literature

"Words of cheer from the battle field of life,  
Welcome tidings from the war;  
Glorious news from the grand and holy strife,  
Soon the conflict will be o'er."

In looking over the present situation the above lines force themselves upon my mind. The privilege of knowing God's will and plans for this day and age places a tremendous responsibility upon us. We rejoice to know that on the part of many there is a determination to faithfully discharge this responsibility. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." Vol. 9, pp 61. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68: 11. "Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world." Vol. pp 61. Seventh-day Adventists have what the world needs. Yes, and they have what many hearts are longing for. Everywhere men's hearts are failing them for fear, their hearts are troubled. We have a healing balm for all such. God has given this light, this comfort, this key to us, that we might pass it on to others. In a special sense we have been set in the world as watchmen, and light-bearers. To us has been intrusted the last warning for a perishing world. Our work is to proclaim the First, Second and Third Angel's Messages. There is no other work of so great importance. See Vol. 7 pp 19.

Those to whom this great work has been intrusted are beginning to wake up. We praise God for the partial evidences this soon to be seen great awakening. I have before me a very interesting comparative statement of work done by the various conferences in connection with the *Signs* weekly. We are steadily increasing, but there is no end of room in the front. Some are doing splendidly. What can we say or do to lead the large majority who are evidently inactive to take hold? We have now a circulation of the *Signs* weekly of something over 30,000. Let us make it 50,000. We can if we try.

Nothing is so successful as success. Let this be secured by persevering effort, and the work will move forward.

Do you know, dear reader, that the people want our literature? I have before me a very interesting item from the Minnesota Conference. "Dr.—, Pastor of the tabernacle of this city, conducts a Bible class every Friday evening. He has been giving some studies on the Armageddon question, and having learned of our tracts, called at the office and has already secured 500 for distribution to the different members of his class. He recommends them highly, as well as the tract, "Turkey and its End." "In the same city another influential minister recommended to his congregation our tracts on Armageddon, saying that every person ought to distribute five or ten copies among their friends." This certainly is fine, and we hope our people everywhere will manifest the same interest, and will enter enthusiastically into this great soul-winning campaign. The Gospel of the Kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing; and this message is to be brought quite largely to the attention of the world through our literature.

F. W. PAAP.

## An Important Book

"A Straight Talk to Old Brethren" is the title of a book written by Elder J. H. Morrison, containing two hundred and twenty-four pages. This book has a field of its own. It reviews and gives facts and confessions made by leading men that have from time to time left our work and started movements in opposition to the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists. It gives something of the history and demise of five different papers that have been started at different times against our work by these spasmodic movements.

The book is devoted especially to a review and the consideration of the teachings of Elders A. T. Jones, A. F. Ballanger and G. G. Rupert, who have in a way been united in an effort and are contribu-

tors to a publication called "The Gathering Call," whose object and purpose is especially to oppose the organized movement of Seventh-day Adventists. Everyone will find a perusal of this book most interesting.

In a recent letter from Elder George I. Butler, I take the liberty of quoting the following:

"I have recently read Elder J. H. Morrison's book of two hundred and twenty-four pages, entitled "A Straight Talk to Old Brethren," and find it exceedingly interesting. It is a book that is needed at the present time. It is a candid, fair review of the teachings of Elders A. T. Jones, Ballanger and Rupert, also of M. E. Kellogg, in their combined attack upon our denomination. His review of their arguments and positions is a very forcible presentation defending the positions of our people. It is devoted to ground not elsewhere covered. It explains facts that seem mysterious to some of our people, who might be led into doubt and uncertainty. It would be a grand help on right lines, preparatory to a great crisis. I wish it could be circulated everywhere. It will do a vast amount of good in removing doubts from many hearts. It will do all believers good to read it. We advise many to purchase and carefully peruse its pages. It will strengthen your faith in God and in His Word."

This book has been turned over to Union College, and whatever little profit may be in it, the college will have the benefit from the same. The price of the book, when ordered in three or more copies sent to one address, will be 30 cents, postage prepaid. When sent in less than three copies, it will be 35 cents, postage prepaid. All orders for the book should be sent direct to Union College Printing Department, College View, Nebraska. In the second edition of Elder Morrison's book, he has added eighty pages, but only added 5 cents extra on the price.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

## Opportunities

It might not be out of place to Stop, Look, and Listen. To look both ways just at this crossing. As we glance to the left we can see a year of the greatest happening in all the history of our world. It has been a year of opportunities to the child of God. Have we improved these opportunities? Have we made the most of them? Doubtless there are few who can answer in the affirmative. But while we have failed in many ways, we must not become discouraged. As the Professor once said, "There is no use crying over spilled milk; up, and catch the cow."

The year 1915 is with us. It offers us every opportunity. "The man who loves

God does not measure his work by the eight hour system. He works at all hours, and is never off duty. As he has opportunity, he does good. Everywhere, at all times, and in all places, he finds opportunity to work for God. He carries fragrance with him wherever he goes. A wholesome atmosphere surrounds his soul. The beauty of his well ordered life, and consecration inspires in others, faith, and hope and courage." *Vol. 9, pp. 45.* This is in harmony with Paul's counsel to the church at Galatia. "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all." Gal. 6:10.

We have these opportunities with us all the time. We shall not see them nor appreciate them unless our hearts are in tune with the Infinite. The thing that God would have us do is not always couched in the most pleasing setting; but if we will take hold, if we will go to work whether we feel like it or not, we shall see blessed results. Take up the work; the simplest that lies nearest. This faithfully done will lead you into broader fields.

The year 1915 holds many surprises in store for the earnest, unselfish Christian worker. We are to present the truth in such a way that it will be seen in all its beauty. "If this work were faithfully done; if father and mother would work for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands of souls would be saved. When God's people are fully converted, when they realize the obligation resting on them to work for those within their reach, when they leave no means untried to rescue sinners from the power of the enemy, the reproach will be removed from our church." *Vol. 7, pp. 11.*

All around us are precious souls who long for something better; who would fully appreciate an exhibition of Christlikeness. Shall we not give it to them? In a thousand ways we can show that we love them; that we carry a burden on our hearts for their salvation. "As Christians we are to be moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ. If we have nothing of this desire, we must pray for the spirit of service." "As we have, or since we have opportunity, let us do good unto all." Gal. 6:10.

May 1915 find us all improving our opportunity; making the very best of them, that we may at least hear the gracious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." F. W. PAAP.

"If you wish to be wise and good  
Three things observe with care.  
Of whom you speak, to whom, and  
How and when and where."

"A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, Week Ending January 8, 1915</b>									
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		DR	5	1	4	13 00	5 00	18 00	4 00
C. E. Reichenbach, Shelby Co.					15	56 00	1 80	57 80	3 70
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.					29	50 50	1 50	52 00	2 75
D. J. Royer, Geauga Co.					33	7 00	4 50	11 50	1 50
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.		Mag.	3	24		36 00	6 50	42 50	
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	4	21	2	7 00	2 75	9 75	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	4	18	6	21 00	5 95	26 95	26 95
Mrs. W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	2	17	7	21 00	3 75	24 75	
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	2	16	2	6 00	1 25	7 25	
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		RR	3	12	1	3 00	20 45	23 45	6 15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$220 50</b>	<b>\$53 45</b>	<b>\$273 95</b>	<b>\$45 05</b>

<b>District of Columbia, Week Ending January 8, 1915</b>									
T. P. Cook,		BR	9	9		29 00	12 25	41 25	
Edw. Mitchell		SP	27	26		32 50	15 75	48 25	1 25
Wm. Schmidt		GC	1	1		4 00	1 00	5 00	5 00
Mr. Aitken		GC	1	1				3 00	3 00
Hattie Purce		Misc.	8					8 00	8 00
Miscellaneous									14 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>								

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Eva Chandler								13 30	
Miss Peacock								5 00	
Mrs. H. Miller								1 20	
G. Augustine								5 30	
Mrs. Cleveland								6 00	

### Virginia, Week Ending January 8, 1915

Raymond H. Young, Matthews Co.		GC	5	32	7	18 00	2 15	20 15	
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.		CK	5	35	6	9 00	9 65	18 65	
Mrs. L. M. Pollard									28 90
Mrs. Bertha Hamilton, Norfolk		HW							3 05
Mrs. J. W. Hirlinger, Port Norfolk		WC					50 00	50 00	
J. B. Beckner, Matthews Co.							25 00	25 00	
P. H. Robinson, Henrico Co.		Misc.					12 00	12 00	
T. J. Chambers, Beach Co.		NTP					6 30	6 30	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$120 30</b>	<b>\$11 80</b>	<b>\$132 10</b>	<b>\$31 95</b>

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Louise Henley		Signs and Watchman				110		11 00	
Carl F. Parsons		Signs, Watchman				94		9 40	
Carl F. Parsons		"				69		6 90	
<b>Totals</b>									<b>27 30</b>

### Chesapeake, Week Ending January 8, 1915

M. S. Pettibone, Carrell Co.		BR	5	39	11	\$37 00	\$21 90	\$59 90	\$15 5
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.		BR	5	34	16	52 00	3 05	55 05	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.		BR	8	52	8	24 00	5 75	29 75	
N. O. Shaffer, Anne Arundele Co.		CK	5	34	22	43 00		43 00	
John J. Martin, Kent Co.		PPF	5	33	31	62 50	1 40	63 90	
D. W. Percy, Kent Co.		PPF	5	30		11 50	9 35	20 85	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.		PPF	4	29	5	11 00	12 90	23 90	
G. W. Lawrence, Kent Co.		PPF	5	36	12	24 00	2 85	26 85	
W. J. Van Zant, Somerset Co.		PPF	2	15	7	14 00		14 40	
C. Downey, Somerset Co.		PPF	2	15	8	18 00	1 70	19 70	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$97 00</b>	<b>\$59 10</b>	<b>\$356 10</b>	<b>\$15 95</b>

Robert G. Wynn, Baltimore

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East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 8, 1915

W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5	39	16	33 00	70	51 00	
S. Booth, Wyoming Co.	DR	5	35	25	78 00	4 50	82 50	6 00
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale	DR	4	20	26	37 25	50	37 75	10 25
Totals	5 Agents:				\$148 25	\$5 70	\$153 95	\$16 25

West Virginia, Week Ending January 8, 1915

A. M. Dorman, Monongalia Co.	BR	5	22	24	82 00	75	82 75		
T. M. Butler, Dodridge Co.	BF	5	42	15	22 50	4 00	26 50		
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell		5	37	10	31 00	7 35	38 35		
John McHenry, Wood Co.		5	33	25	38 50	20 20	53 70		
W. A. McElphatrick, Randolph Co.	BR	4	29	16	49 00	21 30	70 30	1 90	
Totals	5 Agents		24	183	90	\$223 00	\$53 60	\$276 60	\$1 90

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 8, 1915

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	19	4	19 00	4 90	23 90	19 55	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	32	10	34 00		34 00	4 00	
W. C. Fleisher	BR							92 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	3	20	6	20 00		20 00		
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	BR	2	20			11 25	11 25	17 00	
Garnelle Rager, Cambria Co.						3 75	3 75		
Harry E. Schaek, Allegheny Co.	PPF	5	42	15	31 00		31 00	3 00	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CS	15		2	3 00	14 10	17 10		
Totals	8 Agents		35	133	37	\$107 00	\$34 00	\$141 00	\$135 55

Grand Totals: 52 Agents Value of Orders, \$1116 05 Deliveries, \$521 35

Something With Which to Fish for Souls

Tracts are a valuable medium for spreading a knowledge of the truth, but they are not the only class of literature we have to use. We are called, as Peter was, to be fishers of men. All fish can not be caught with the same bait, and all people cannot be reached with one kind of literature. Periodicals have an important place in our work.

"Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented. This paper has been made a blessing to very many souls.

In the Christian world there are many starving for the bread of life. The *Signs of the Times*, laden with rich food, is a feast to many who are not of our faith. Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to circulate it everywhere.

If all would realize the necessity of doing to the utmost of their ability in the work of God, having a deep love for souls, feeling the burden of the work upon them, we should see hundreds engaged as active workers who have hitherto been dull and uninterested, accomplishing nothing. They have felt that there was nothing of importance in this tract and missionary work,—nothing worthy of their special interest. Yet it is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living

preacher can do. All can do something. Some can do more than others, but all should become intelligent as to how they can work most successfully and methodically in spreading the light of truth, by scattering our publications."—*Missionary Work by Correspondence*, pp- 1,2,3.

The work in many foreign countries was started by some members sending copies of the *Signs of the Times* to addresses obtained in various ways. Whole churches have been raised up in this and other countries through the circulation of periodicals. What is said in the above quotation from Mrs. E. G. White is equally true of other periodicals containing the truths of this message.

HOW TO USE PERIODICALS

One excellent way to use the *Signs of the Times*, weekly, and other periodicals, is in a systematic house to house sale of them. The worker should first read the paper carefully, so as to get a knowledge of what it contains, and to pick out the selling points. The ability to do this will increase with practice. Before going out he should pray earnestly that the Lord will send his angels before him, to open the hearts of the people to receive the paper. Work alone will not accomplish a great deal, neither will prayer do anything, but prayer and work combined will perform wonders.

Prepared in this way the worker should go to his territory and start with the first house, small and large. He should carry a note book with him, in order to keep a record of his work. A good way

to do this, before starting out, to head a page in it with the name of the street where he intends to start work, and to put down at the left hand side of the page the numbers, one on each line; if he knows how they run. This will leave the line for notes. If no one is at home, the word "out" may be put against that number. Empty houses should be noted. Where a paper is sold should be noted, and where one is refused. A moment or two between each call is sufficient to keep this record.

If a paper is refused one week, call again the next week, unless the refusal has been given in such a manner as to make it a lack of courtesy for you to call again. A simple "No", "We do not want that paper" leaves the worker free to offer another paper. Workers have been refused as many as four times by one person and then have secured him as a regular buyer.

The worker should study ways of meeting the objections that may be made to buying the paper. He should prayerfully ponder over these objections, and think of ways in which they might have been met, so as to be ready for them next time they come up. If the worker is strongly tempted to miss a house, or some houses, for any reason, he may feel sure that those are the very places where it is likely there are some honest souls. The only safe way is to call everywhere in the territory being worked.

Much of the success of the work will depend upon the real burden for souls which he feels. If he is selling papers because he feels a deep burden, and intense longing to be the means of saving souls, those to whom he goes will feel the influence of this, because the Holy Spirit can work through such a person. The worker who goes forth with his heart filled with the Spirit of Christ will be an instrument in the Lord's hands for saving souls.

E. M. GRAHAM.

The *Liberty* magazine is bringing people into the truth, and is breaking down prejudice. While attending the recent Idaho camp meeting, I had a good visit with ex-Governor Steunenberg's wife, daughter, and son. I asked Sister Steunenberg how she received the truth. She said, "Your Religious Liberty Department used to send the religious liberty magazine to the Governor, and he always read it and then brought it home. Through it I got hold of the true Sabbath, and I and the children began to keep it. I am thankful to God that the Governor himself kept the last Sabbath of his life before Harry Orchard blew him up with the bomb." It certainly was refreshing to me to learn that this noble family came into the truth in this way.



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## Academy

He lives long that lives well; and time mispent is not lived but lost.—*Fuller.*

The Bible Worker's Band has been increasing. There are sixty young ladies enrolled.

"This message with all its faculties to carry it to the world is no more than Mohammedanism unless it sets me free from sin."

Several pupils have recently entered the church-school making an attendance of forty-nine. This is the largest it has ever been and the school-room is crowded to its utmost capacity.

Elder Ashton gave a talk on the Eastern Question last week at the chapel period. He gave as the three causes of the present European War, the treaty of Berlin, the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria and assassination of Archduke Ferdinand.

From the Asiatic Division Conference paper we learn that Brother Harry Doolittle and wife have gone to Nanking, the headquarters of the East China Mission, where they will make their home in the interests of East China.

Brother and Sister Doolittle went to China a little over a year ago, and since then have been hard at work on language study with the result that they can now go on to their field to preach and teach the gospel in the Chinese language.

They will have no association of like faith among foreigners, so let us not for-

get them when we pray; and a cheery letter now and then would help to brighten and shorten the days. They are counting it all joy to be thus ready to hold up the light of truth to the thousands of Nanking's residents. Thus Mount Vernon Academy has one more representative in the great mission field doing active work.

## OBITUARIES

STONEFIELD.-- Hanna Kepner was born in Clayton, Ohio, April 16, 1858, and died at her home in Piqua, Ohio, December 30, 1914 aged 56 years 8 months and 24 days. She was united in marriage to Abraham Stonefield August 23, 1887. Shortly before her marriage she accepted her Saviour uniting with the United Brethren church in the spring of 1911. After further study of the Scriptures she finally accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message under the labors of the writer, and connected with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Piqua, Ohio, July 4, 1914. Here she remained a faithful member until death.

Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thes. 4:13-18. Sister Stonefield leaves a husband, an adopted daughter, one sister, many relatives, and a host of friends to mourn. She rejoiced in the thought of a soon-coming Saviour, and we feel sure that she sleeps in Jesus waiting the call of the Life-giver on the morn of the resurrection.

RALEIGH FRENCH.

## 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.*

"The whole world needs power to pray, power to serve, power to sacrifice."

## Why the World Did Not End in 1914

A well-known preacher, who by his methods and startling utterances has attracted considerable attention, declared early in the year that the world would end in 1914. Thousands of people believed him. Possibly some of them live in your neighborhood. They, and every one for that matter, should read the reason why it did not end. It appears in the *Signs Magazine* for February.

A reader will also find interesting and profitable reading in the following articles: The Coming Famine; Turkey and the War; Satan has Been Truly Converted (?); Why A Devil?; Christianity Needs No Defense; Attacking Christianity; Prophecy Smooth Things; The Knowledge of Good and Evil.

## Advertisements

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Address, T. C. Schaefer, Oley, Pa. R. 4.

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