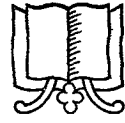


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## Visitor



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

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### Nearer Home

I am hastening to my mansion  
Just as fast as time can move,  
Every night I'm one day nearer  
To the object of my love.  
Christ my Saviour there will greet me  
Seated on his golden throne,  
Loved ones lost to earth will meet me  
And we'll know as we are known.  
O how vain! how weak, how worthless  
Are the transient things of earth  
When compared with heavenly treasures  
Israel's legacy by birth.  
Marvelous, divine adoption  
Dead to earth but born above;  
Heavenly heritage my portion  
By the merit of God's love.  
Do you think I sigh to linger  
'Mong earth's restless, Godless throng  
Do you think this strife and carnage  
I one moment would prolong  
For the pleasure of just living?  
All life's sweets are mixed with gall.  
I am longing for my Saviour  
To return and end it all.  
Gazing on the glorious sunset  
Gleaming in the golden West,  
How it speaks to me of heaven  
Where the weary shall find rest.  
As each night I seek my pillow  
'Neath God's sparkling starlit dome,  
Angels sweetly seem to whisper  
Nearer, one day nearer home.

M. A. Pulver.

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### An Interesting Institute

Sunday, January 31, marked the close of a very interesting institute at the Peoples' church, Washington, D. C. Some eighteen or more earnest, able, consecrated workers were present, the burden of each heart being for a definite equipment for service.

I. D. Richardson, the union agent, was present, and led out in the work of instruction.

The older members who receive the instruction seemed to vie with the younger one in an effort to make progress, and the last day of the institute, which was devoted exclusively to drill work, was one not soon to be forgotten. Never has the writer seen so great a display of earnestness as was manifested by all present—an earnestness that is sure to be productive of results.

Elder J. H. Campbell, pastor of the church, (himself being an oldtime bookman) was present a goodly portion of the time, and added much to the interest of the occasion. He is to be complimented because of the splendid working force he has to assist him in carrying forward this blessed message of truth. Several of the younger workers who have become enthused over the work of the colporteur, are devoting a portion or all of their time to that work, and are already looking forward to another fall when they hope to enter school and prepare more definitely for service.

Heaven's blessing upon the workers who are willing to make sacrifices in order that others may hear the warning message that is due the world at this time.

E. R. BURTON.

One of the editors of the "Evening Star," Washington D. C., was taken ill recently, and went to the Washington Sanitarium for treatment. On various occasions this editor had expressed himself through his newspaper as being very decidedly in favor of Sunday legislation for the District of Columbia. While at the Sanitarium, he picked up a recent issue of the *Liberty* magazine, and read it through. He was thoroughly convinced after reading it that Sunday legislation and Sunday laws are wrong, and he has promised to use his influence in the future against compulsory Sunday legislation.

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### Pittsburgh

The year 1914 brought many rich blessings to our work in behalf of the colored people here, and in our efforts to help the regions beyond. Because of the peculiar situation relative to a permanent place of worship, we were forced to worship in three different places during the year. This affects our growth in membership, as for nine years the same manner of procedure has been followed, thus causing many to lose confidence in our work.

But thank God, the clouds seem to be disappearing, and we hope before another year closes, to be permanently settled.

Eight members were added to the Pittsburgh No. 2 church while two others were added to the McDonald company, which can only meet once in three months.

The financial figures of the McDonald company are not yet to hand; but those of the Pittsburgh No. 2 are as follows as compared with the previous year:—

	Tithe	Offerings to Missions
1913	\$438.29	\$130.46
1914	556.12	336.61

And to the above, \$151.00 was paid out for rent, and other expenses, and local missionary work, while we were also able to strengthen our building fund some.

The members who actually sacrificed from scanty earnings, felt glad that the church raised \$336.61 instead of \$270.40 as was require of them, on the twenty-cent-per-week fund. Surely, God will reward the faithful in the day when he shall say, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

As past blessings, and good works will not suffice to fit us for the kingdom, we have determined to seek God for greater blessings for more efficient service during this year.

Our church building problem is a most trying one to us, because of the high cost of property in this industrial city. We solicit an interest in your prayers that God may specially help us to build him a memorial here so we can better reach souls.

A. N. DURRANT.

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## Akron

I found many earnest Christian people here who love the truth and who are making sacrifices to advance the work.

Our Sabbath services are well attended, every seat being filled. Many outsiders come regularly each week. Since the first of January we have been conducting meetings every Sunday evening. These meetings are well attended by those who have become interested through friends.

We have a large number of people both old and young who are being prepared to unite with us soon. We hope to have a new church building soon. We have advertised the old one for sale.

The work is onward in Akron and the Spirit of God is working in a most wonderful way in saving the lost. Remember the work here at the throne of grace that many may be saved.

F. H. HENDERSON.

## Ohio City and Elgin

We truly have been having a feast of good things since Elder Weaver has been with us. On Wednesday night January 27, our regular weekly prayer meeting night the church met at our home. Brother Weaver gave us a good talk on the "Millennium". Many precious thoughts were brought out on this subject. Then followed an earnest season of prayer. The dear Saviour came in by his sweet spirit and nearly every heart was melted to tears. We were forcibly reminded of Isaiah 57:15. "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." We certainly felt a few drops of the latter rain.

Last Sabbath was another good day. The church at Ohio City met with the Elgin church, and Elder Weaver preached two good sermons. We all felt as did Peter on the mount of transfiguration, that it was good to be there." We are hoping that we may have the meetings continued in the near future. Yours in the Blessed Hope of the Masters soon coming.

MRS. S. A. VANEMAN.

## News Notes

Brother G. C. Quillin is planning to hold a series of meetings in the Killbuck church in the near future.

Sister Acton left Tuesday afternoon for Alliance and East Liverpool. She with Brother V. O. Punches will conduct a Missionary Convention at East Liverpool February 11-13, a full report of which will appear in a later issue.

Brother J. H. Stafford writes;—"One day as I was delivering my books, "Daniel and Revelation", I came to one home but they did not have the money for their book. She said that she would have to wait until she could sell some beans. I said I would take some beans in payment for the book if she cared to do so. She finally said she would do that and I was glad to place the truth in another home. Not long afterward I learned that this woman's home had burned and that everything was lost. I was sorry that nothing was saved and I decided to send for another book and give it to her. I called on

her and told her that I was sorry that she had lost her good book. She smilingly told that me an old man had asked her for the book just a few days before and although her daughter did not want her to loan it she let the man take it as he seemed anxious to read it. I told them I had come to bring them one and they thanked me for my kindness. The next place I canvassed the people would not take a book but later they telephoned that they would take one."

A Sunday bill has been introduced into the Ohio legislature. A hearing was granted us before the committee having it in charge. Elder S. B. Horton, of Washington, D. C., and Elder H. A. Weaver, of Columbus, presented our reasons for opposing the measure. The proponents of the bill were present in full force. A further report will shortly appear in the VISITOR.

In a letter from Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh he tells of some interesting experiences which he has been having in the canvassing work. He says, "I started out one day feeling as good as usual but before I reached my territory I became very sick. I stayed in the station for about four hours. As I began to feel better by that time I started to work."

"Not long after I started to canvass I learned that there was a public sale and also a funeral in the neighborhood where I had intended to work.

"The next day I began to take orders and I passed the place where the man lived who buried his wife the day before. I did not feel impressed to stop as I heard that he was left with four small children.

"That evening I tried at six different places to find lodging for the night but it seemed impossible to find a place. As I had come back to the road that led directly by this man's house I decided to ask there. I stopped but was told that he could not keep me but that there was a man in the house that he thought would keep me. It happened to be a man to whom I had sold a "Great Controversy" that day and he said that he would take me home with him.

"He asked me to show my work to this man and his callers and by the Lord's help I was able to take orders for three Bibles and three "Great Controversies" in less than an hour, which amounted to \$18.00. The man with whom I stayed all night gave me an order for a Bible in addition to his other order. That day I had taken orders for eight large books, five Bibles and three helps, amounting to \$42.65. I give the Lord all the praise for his wonderful leading."

## That Important Book

The book referred to is the one written by Elder J. H. Morrison, on church organization or "Plain Talks to Old Brethren" which has been so highly recommended by Elder R. A. Underwood. I have just finished reading it and consider it fine; consequently join my testimony with Elder Underwood's in recommending it. The spirit in which the review is given is a spirit of Christ.

Elder Morrison has excelled himself at his age. We should hold a higher regard for truth than for any man, consequently not allow our sympathy for our dearest friends to lead us away from the truth of God's Word as it is revealed in the Third Angel's Message. God's order is just and right, consequently our first duty is to love the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Christ is the way, the truth and the life, so we are always safe when we are following him. Elder Morrison's review of Elder Ballenger is quite full and fair. Be sure to read this book.

E. J. VANHORN.

The Free Press Extra of the *Protestant Magazine* just off the press a few days ago is devoted to the subject of the recent bills introduced in Congress to give the Postmaster General power to exclude anti-Catholic publications from the U. S. Mails. This extra should have a very wide circulation. The price is \$1.00 per hundred or \$8.00 per thousand. Our church missionary societies who have not already done so should take this matter up at once.

Orders for the new book, "World's Crisis in the Light of Prophecy" have been coming to the tract society in large numbers during the past week. The book is nicely put up and sells for \$.25. Have you seen a copy? We shall be glad to receive your order in the near future. This book affords an excellent opportunity for doing missionary work among our neighbors. Price to agents 12½ cents plus the mail or express. 200 will be sent freight prepaid for \$25.00.

## Our Attitude

What ought to be our attitude toward a paper and its circulation of which thousands say: "It's the best I ever saw". "It contains just what the people ought to know, and presents it in a way anyone can understand it." "It revolutionizes communities, changes homes of strife and poverty into homes of peace and prosperity, and reforms individuals"? That paper is the *Instructor Temperance Annual*. It is the most popular paper among all classes of any of our publications.

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## The Colporteur's Work Important

In 1910 Kasper Oertly canvassed in Wythe County, Virginia. He placed some of our good books in Wytheville and eleven precious souls have decided to obey all the commandments as a result of his work. The writer sold one "Great Controversy" and eight persons are rejoicing in the truth, the result of one book being placed in the home of an honest soul. Does it pay? Yes it does pay. And the time will come and that right soon, when thousands will take their stand in a day, as we read in the Spirit of Prophecy.

The good books will help to prepare the people for that decision. What part will you, reader, have in that? The opportunities are great. Will you enter the colporteur work at this time? The writer would like to hear from any one who has a burden for this work. Office address, 2705 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

The Colporters' Institute will be at Stanley, March 13 to 25. We expect this to be the best institute of the kind Virginia has ever had.

W. H. GEORGE, *Field Agent*.

## News Notes

The Yale Russian church building will soon be ready for dedication. Seven young men of this church have volunteered for the canvassing work.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is conducting an effort at Buena Vista and Elder Hirlinger has just begun a series of meetings at Portsmouth.

Sister Anna Rice has been compelled to discontinue active labor on account of her condition of health. Let us unite in praying that she may speedily be restored to the work.

Elder J. B. Mallory reports two new converts added to the Richmond No. 2 church. Elder Hirlinger reports two added at Portsmouth No. 1. Two were recently baptized at Rileyville as a result of a short effort conducted by Elders Bidwell and Kime. Including the eigh-

teen baptized during the effort held by Elders Kime and Bidwell at Stanley, twenty-four new converts were added to our churches during the first month of 1915.

## Our Dime Band

Our "Dime Band" at Stanley was first started in 1909. Our total investment was \$75 and the amount returned was \$8.89. In 1910 we gave out \$1.10 and at the end of the year it had increased to \$11.02. The third year we invested \$1.20 and had \$21.06 returned. In 1912 the amount invested was \$1.60 with \$17.98 returns. The next year we received \$47.18 from \$2.50 invested. Last year we gave out \$1.60 and received \$28.26. The total amount invested for the six years was \$8.70 and from that \$134.29 was returned. This is to show what can be done by some effort when it is dedicated to the Lord and his work. We will continue this good work here again this year and we wish that others might join us. We ask you to pray that our work may accomplish much good. A. W. PAINTER.

## SPECIAL

### Principles of Health Reform No II

#### THE USE OF DRUGS

Shall we take drugs or not? This is the question that besets the mind of every Seventh-day Adventist. They notice that drug taking is a sort of obsession with too many in the world today. They feel that they really should trust in God rather than in medicines, yet there comes the thought that God helps those who help themselves, and if we do all we can then we can expect something of God. This is true. If we do all we can then we may confidently expect God to do the rest. "All we can do," however, might consist in more than swallowing some unknown drug, offered by some unconverted physician, to remedy some unnamed trouble, caused by some uncovered cause. When we do all we can we do as God tells us to do and no less. If he tells us to take drugs at the suggestion of some one who does not understand our truth then do so. I do not think He tells us to do that. Perhaps you have not read of Asa, the king of Israel, who, when he was afflicted turned away from the Lord to the physicians, and, "was buried with his fathers." Perhaps you have not read "In vain shalt thou take many medicines; thou shalt not be cured." Jer. 48: 11. Perhaps you have not read; "By the use of poisonous drugs, many bring upon themselves lifelong illness, and many lives are lost, that might have been saved by the use of natural methods

## Financial Statement of Churches and Companies in East Pennsylvania for the Year 1914

Churches	Title	Annual Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Mid-Summer Off.	Missions	Sabbath-school	Weekly Off.	Emergency	\$100,000.00 Fund	Miscellaneous	Total
Allentown	1799 72	21 35	60 21	5 06	161 76	167 11				16 81	2232 02
Ariel	293 99	9 00	13 39	2 35	38 83	62 34		21 35		8 08	449 33
Bloomsburg	129 23	25	4 55		1 00	13 93	3 00	5 00		10 85	167 81
Carbondale	102 84	12 70	6 95	7 50	19 80	83 71				9 40	242 90
Berwick	7 71				3 00	76 27		12 00		2 90	101 88
Blossburg	6 00					6 62		33 90			46 52
Carlisle	335 98	59 35	7 55		12 87	48 59	2 80	12 00		12 76	491 90
Chambers	34 46				3 40	2 45	2 60				42 91
Cherry Flats	218 89	26 50	5 00		36 50	29 68		55 00		32 00	403 57
Covington	458 59	4 85	24 88	8 25	100 10	148 15		52 80		41 00	838 62
Fairhill	828 51	15 06	126 27	6 60	86 87	173 26	2 00	32 75		14 98	1286 30
Fleetwood	274 63	41 00	13 18		222 00	64 57		3 25		12 16	630 79
First German	1260 76	156 20	88 00	4 00	194 00	234 85		77 12		61 25	2076 18
First African	254 15	4 09	17 07	80	27 78	68 81	5 85			5 32	383 87
Hanover	27 05	5 80	13 60			56 08		5 65		2 00	110 18
Harrisburg	794 70	25 75	75 93	10 06	112 28	118 34				23 32	1160 38
Hawley	312 70	6 67	34 86		30 00	97 82		10 00		3 20	495 26
Kulp	60 81	2 50	7 70		8 05	16 15	5 00	60		30	101 11
Lancaster	840 81	12 50	89 81	3 76	98 17	149 40	1 50	18 25		22 85	1237 06
Lebanon	319 67	13 82	21 95	3 77	54 29	80 86	5 70			10 13	510 19
Laventon	23 20					4 95		37 90			66 05
Mifflin	79 29	1 52	5 00	2 12	8 36	22 58				1 50	120 37
Lehighton						10 89					10 89
North Phila.	2397 48	111 60	148 76	4 05	454 57	156 77	4 38	53 83		26 57	3358 07
Northumberland	391 16	40	7 99		40 23	38 94	1 70	24 00		3 02	507 44
Orwell	535 64	17 15	3 15	12 00	87 15	70 31	14 47	8 25		6 85	754 97
Phoenixville	47 86				60 00	24 00		10 00			141 86
Reading	2434 31	125 73	131 66	13 20	236 83	447 47	81 94	48 50		24 35	3543 98
Roaring Branch	243 40	5 10	6 75	4 00	22 00	38 39				4 15	323 79
Sayre	462 99		2 75		62 30	94 87				1 81	624 72
Scranton	1092 65	40 60	3 50	50	387 60	146 63	26 92	3 75	10 00	14 49	1726 71
Shunk	60 11			1 25	48	19 16		8 50		3 90	93 40
Shimersville	369 90	2 91	5 25		92	121 41	12 03	12 91		5 44	601 51
So. Canaan	56 98			3 19	3 66	17 86					81 69
Stroudsburg	250 53	1 23	11 62	1 61	1 06	52 14	1 00	2 03		65	321 87
W. Phila.	4271 82	34 87	158 35	2 25	515 10	661 07	13 13			146 25	5802 84
Wade	676 75	5 00	30 90	5 00	322 20	171 88	7 00			26 67	1245 40
Wellsboro	85 00	10 00	208 50	10 00	155 50	49 34		124 00		13 00	655 34
Wilkes-Barre	810 71	11 31	146 93		361 68	138 75	45 57	28 05		4 11	1547 11
Williamsport	620 67	6 00	34 67	2 16	90 06	113 84		65 00		5 00	937 40
Towanda	34 75	1 00	4 10		2 00	22 95					64 80
Tunkhannock	14 45	5 70	3 50			12 37	4 59				40 61
York	98 28	6 83	7 60		36 65	3 65		1 25		1 30	155 56
Conference	257 45	7 00			51 97	209 19		4 25		4 30	534 16
Totals	\$23676 58	\$811 33	\$1531 88	\$114 40	\$4231 59	\$4297 73	\$241 18	\$771 89	\$10 00	\$582 68	\$36269 26

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Quota \$11,960.00 @ 20 cents per week.

Receipts \$12,010.00.

Surplus \$50.00.

of healing." *Ministry of Healing* pp. 126. Perhaps you have not noticed these things, or, perhaps they have not been emphasized in your case since you have not needed medicine or other remedies. Possibly you have been too sick to trust what the Spirit of Prophecy calls "natural methods of healing" and have put your trust in worldly methods. Is this true in your case? The writer knows it is true in many cases. He has heard those of the faith say in so many words that they or theirs were so sick that they did not dare trust the Lord's methods for their healing. He has heard many declare that natural methods made them worse, and that water treatments gave them a "cold" or made their rheumatism worse, or made them nervous, or anything to give them reason to avoid the

methods of the Lord and accept the stimulants of the world. Well it is discouraging sometimes, but we look forward to a time when all God's people will put their trust in him, to a time when the devil will find it very hard to obtain access into the hearts and lives and homes of the remnant people. Then we look forward a little farther into the great beyond where pain and sickness shall be no more, where the leaves of the tree of life are for the health of the nations. We look forward to that time.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

### Well Organized Plans

The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. This is a truth that is not as fully appreciated as it should be. When

the battle rages, when the contending armies are brought face to face in deadly conflict, then it is demonstrated beyond the question of a doubt that the trained man has an overtowering advantage.

All that can be said in behalf of preparation for successful carnal warfare can be said with double emphases in behalf of training for successful spiritual warfare. "In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct

the members how to labor for the up-building of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work."—*Test. Vol. 9, page 117.*

We have been particularly gratified to note in the quarterly missionary reports from the various conferences the great increase in all lines of missionary endeavor, and particularly the large increase of precious souls being won to the truth. This increase is the greatest where definite plans are laid and carried out. We trust our dear people everywhere will bear this in mind and study in this connection particularly the general report that will soon be published.

We feel that we cannot do better than call attention to the following counsel from our great Leader: "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this.

"The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Test. Vol. 9, pages 116, 117.*

Let this blessed soul-winning work go on and soon we shall reach the last honest soul and finish the work. Then we shall all go home. F. W. PAAP.

### Sowing and Reaping

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether will prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6. This command is clear and plain, but how many there are who say, "Well if I could only see some fruit for my labor." But that is not the question. We are to sow the seed, and it is God who will in his own good time and way give the increase. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Ps. 126:5. The blessed ministry is to be done in faith, yes, with an increased faith. We are not to become weary in well doing,

for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

We must not expect to see tomorrow the full fruition of our service rendered today. The man who plants his fields knows that it will take some time before the full development of the grain, and the harvest time. We are told that the harvest is the end of the world. Let us ever bear this in mind, and labor while it is day. There will be many and great surprises in that day, the day of final reward. Full credit will be given to every worker. Many of the little things of life, the simple ministries will then be seen to have been the most effective. We must sow with a liberal unstinted hand, for if we sow sparingly, we shall also reap sparingly. 2 Cor. 9:6.

When the last great harvest is gathered in, the sheaves that we are enabled to bring to the Master will be the recompense of our unselfish ministry. A full account is kept by the heavenly watchers. Not even a cup of cold water, given in loving sympathy, will lose its reward.

"There are many to whom life is a painful struggle; they feel their deficiencies, and are miserable and unbelieving; they think they have nothing for which to be grateful. Kind words, looks of sympathy, expressions of appreciation, would be to many a struggling and lonely one as the cup of cold water to a thirsty soul. A word of sympathy, an act of kindness, would lift burdens that rest heavily upon weary shoulders. And every word or deed of unselfish kindness is an expression of the love of lost humanity." *The Mount of Blessings, pp. 40.*

The following words should encourage every believer in this great reformatory movement, this great awakening, that is already taking place. "Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The spirit and power of God will be poured out upon his children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and his work. Many both of ministers and people will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and the time before such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfit." *Great Controversy, pp. 464.*

Now is the time, with courage, with a living faith, with glorious anticipations, to give the definite message, the Third Angel's Message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We must put on the

whole armour that we may be able to stand. See Eph. 6:10-18. Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

"Help somebody today, somebody along life's way,  
Let sorrows be ended, the friendless befriended,  
Oh, help somebody, today."

F. W. PAAP.

### The Papacy

(Continued)

The church was unconsciously organizing itself after the fashion of the empire and logical thinking was enough to germinate the thought of having a head for the church as well as a head for the state. All roads led to Rome, and its bishop could keep in touch with the church more easily than could any other. There arose also disputes over doctrines and many times the eastern bishops might be found leading off on a tangent but the bishops of Rome stood firm to the Nicene Creed, and because of their orthodoxy, soon brought to themselves great honor and prestige. In their disputes the eastern bishops began to appeal to the bishops of Rome, each anxious to secure his favor. The Roman pontiff soon began to look upon this as his inherent right which was strengthened by the proposal of the Council of Sardica 343, to make him judge in all cases where condemned bishops wished to appeal to a higher court. And thus we see a monster taking its first stealthy stride that soon should lift its haughty head high above any earthly king and "wax great even to the host of heaven."

After the bishop of Rome had once gained the ascendancy in ecclesiastical circles he saw clearly that a dominion in temporal affairs was also necessary if he ever could hope to secure the coveted power. "When was it that the occupants of Peter's chair lacked either the capacity to comprehend, or the tact to improve, the advantages of their position?" In the year 378, came the law of Gratian and Valentinian II which placed superior power in the hands of the Roman bishop. Already the civil was supporting the religious. This was followed by a similar edict of Valentinian III and Theodosius II. By this edict the Pope was given ready access to the court and thus became, at times the promoter of the imperial policy. In 533 appeared the letter of Justinian which still farther enlarged the prerogatives which these previous edicts had given the bishop of Rome. "But upon the fall of the empire the Pope now boldly cast himself upon an element of much greater strength than that of which the political convulsions of the times had de-

prived him, namely, that the bishop of Rome is the successor of Peter, the Prince of Apostles, and in virtue of being so,—Is Christ's vicar on earth."—*The Papacy, J. A. Wylie*. This theory known as the Petrine theory was used by Leo the Great in disputing a decision of the Council of Chalcedon 451, and it was he who first gave a full and clear-cut expression to it, which since has been the basis of the primacy of the bishop of Rome. *Thatcher and Schwill, pp. 237*.

And it is on this Petrine theory that Roman Catholics attempt to make a great point; but a theory is not always a safe guide to follow for even many of the great leaders of the Papacy could not accept such an absurd doctrine. St. Augustine says: "We, therefore, who are and are called Christians, do not believe on Peter, but on him on whom Peter believed.

St. Augustine, "De Civitate Dei," XVIII, 54. From a speech of archbishop, Kenrick of St. Louis prepared for delivery at the Vatican council at Rome 1870 the following is an extract. The original was in Latin and can be found in "Documenta ad Illustrandum Concilium Vaticanum Anni 1870," compiled by Fredrick, pp 194-196. Translation is from the Vatican Council published by the American Tract Society. But that the primacy is vested in him (the Pope), as the successor of Peter, all tradition of the church testifies, from the beginning. And on the sole strength of this testimony I accept it as an absolutely certain principle and dogma of faith. By that it can be proved from the words of Holy Scripture, by any one who would be faithful to the rule of interpretations prescribed to us in that profession of faith which we have uttered at the beginning of this council, and so often on other occasions, *I deny* . . . The rule of Biblical interpretation imposed upon us is this:

That the Scriptures are not to be interpreted contrary to the unanimous consent of the Fathers. It is doubtful whether any instance of that unanimous consent is to be found. But this failing the rule seems to lay down for us the law of following in their interpretation of the Scriptures, the major number of the Fathers, that might seem to approach this unanimity. And then the Archbishop comments on Matthew 16:18, showing five different interpretations of the word *rock* by the Fathers. The first interpretation, the one prevalent among Catholics today, that Peter was the rock, was accepted by *seventeen* Fathers. Second, that all the apostles, were the foundation for the church, had eight *adherents*. The third interpretation has it, that by the rock is to be understood the faith which Peter professed. Archbishop Kendrick says of this: "This is the weightiest of all, since it is followed by *forty-four* Fathers and

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, Week Ending February 5, 1915</b>									
C. E. Reichenbach, Shelby Co.		GC	5	40	2	9 00	4 10	13 10	145 45
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DA	5	28	14	46 00	7 15	53 15	3 10
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	36	16	52 00		52 00	
Fred Hannah, Holmes Co.		BR	5	36	4	12 00	2 00	14 00	30 00
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	36	7	21 00	2 25	23 25	
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	4	36	8	25 00	3 85	28 85	6 25
John Lilley, Preble Co.		HM	4	32	2	4 00	2 10	6 10	75
H. A. Rossin, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	5	32	18	55 00	75	55 75	
Carl Krause, Ross Co.		BR	4	32	5	16 00	2 25	28 25	3 75
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	30	18	31 50		31 50	85 95
Clara Reichenbach, Logan Co.		GC	5	29	7	21 00		21 75	
Mrs. W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		BR	4	27	1	3 00	6 75	9 75	75
John Schmidt, Preble Co.		HM	4	25	9	18 00	1 50	19 50	75
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		BR	4	24	7	21 00		21 00	29 00
H. O. Kohr, Knox Co.		DR	2	10	3	9 00	75	9 75	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	1	1	1	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16 Agents</b>		<b>674</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>\$346 50</b>	<b>\$37 20</b>	<b>\$383 70</b>	<b>\$311 75</b>

<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 5, 1915</b>									
W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.		PPF	5	60	17	36 00	2 25	38 25	2 00
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		PPF	2	13	3	6 00	2 25	8 25	
G. R. Hawthorn, Chester Co.		DR	4	21	9	14 50		14 50	3 00
Wm. H. Frizzell, Hagerstown		PPF	4	20	5	17 00	1 50	18 50	1 50
E. S. Tolliver, Wilkes-Barre		BF	2	7	2	2 50	1 00	3 50	12 75
T. D. Swingle, Carbondale Co.		SP		2	8	11 75	15 45	27 20	4 50
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale Co.		DR		10	8	11 50	3 30	14 80	15 85
L. H. Chisholm, Tioga Co.		USP	1		1	2 00		2 00	
F. Washburn, Philada.		PPF		7					2 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>					<b>\$101 25</b>	<b>\$25 75</b>	<b>\$127 00</b>	<b>\$41 60</b>

<b>West Virginia, Week Ending January 29, 1915</b>									
A. M. Dorman, Mongalia Co.		BR	5	55	31	113 00	2 50	115 50	
W. A. McElphatrick, Tucker Co.		BR	5	41	23	76 00	24 65	99 65	1 25
T. M. Butler, Doddridge Co.		BF	5	40	10	16 00	8 70	25 70	
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell			5	30	6	19 00	1 50	20 50	7 00
Henry Waggoner, Taylor Co.			4	28	14	44 00	11 20	55 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>\$268 00</b>	<b>\$47 55</b>	<b>\$315 55</b>	<b>\$8 25</b>

<b>Virginia, Week Ending February 5, 1915</b>									
Aubrey L. Gary, Danville		PPF	5	34	10	22 00	8 25	30 25	3 05
Harry Wright, Urbana		BR	5	20	20	31 00	9 20	40 20	9 20
Hugh G. Land, Middlesex Co.		PPF	5	24	4	8 00	2 80		
John G. Y'Shanko, Petersburg		BR	3	17	10	13 50			
Isaiah Y'Shanko, Petersburg		BR	5	30	25	37 50			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$111 10</b>	<b>\$20 25</b>	<b>\$70 45</b>	<b>\$12 25</b>

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Mrs. Lizzie Hegward	Signs, Weekly and Monthly	9	2 50
<b>Grand Totals: 35 Agents</b>	<b>Value of Orders \$826 75</b>		<b>Deliveries, \$373 85</b>

Financial Statement of Chesapeake Conference

December 31, 1914

RESOURCES

Cash	\$ 284 44
Property Inventory	1900 00
Mileage Account	5 00
Baltimore Church Loan	34 13
Personal Accounts	48 38
Office Expense Inventory	388 50
	<b>\$2660 65</b>

LIABILITIES

Local Trust Funds.....	33 44	
Bills Payable.....	1650 00	
Emergency Fund.....	27 30	\$1710 71
Present Worth		949 94

LOSSES AND GAINS

GAINS

Tithe.....	\$12,464 64	
Tent and Hall Collections.....	337 70	
Appropriations.....	2,086 00	\$15,888 34

LOSSES

Property Deterioration.....	173 70	
Labor.....	9,462 53	
Traveling Expense.....	699 90	
Tent and Hall Expense.....	309 13	
Freight and Drayage.....	166 22	
Union Conference Tithe.....	1,247 19	
Sustentation.....	747 67	
Five Per cent. to Missions.....	623 57	
Washington Missionary College.....	70 96	
Mount Vernon College.....	104 04	
Conference Association.....	200 04	
J. Winemiller.....	1 00	
G. G. Coffin.....	15	
Interest Account.....	45 78	
Union Conference Meeting.....	190 65	
General Expense.....	891 53	
Office Expense.....	231 63	
15th Annual Session Conference.....	132 81	\$15,348 50
Net Gain		539 84
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1914		410 07
Net Present Worth December 31, 1914		\$949 91

W. T. DURST, Treasurer.

OBITUARIES

MEISTER.--Mrs. Ermina Meister died January 18, 1915 at her home in Ravenna, O.

She was united in marriage in 1895 to Edward Meister, who is now comforted by the thought of a soon coming Saviour, who can and will then unite the faithful in Christ.

Sister Meister accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1907 and remained a faithful member until her death.

In the beautiful cemetery at Ravenna, amidst the snow flakes that gently fell upon the casket, she was slowly lowered to rest, there to await him whose voice will penetrate the silence of the tomb, and call forth his sleeping saints. W. J. VENEN.

ENCK.--Alice Enck, born December 3, 1869, fell asleep in Jesus, at Galion, Ohio, February 2, 1915. She was the oldest of five children born to E. T. and Amanda Enck. About twenty-two years ago while driving, she was thrown from the buggy and dragged for some distance, receiving spinal injuries from which she never fully recovered. Her last illness was of brief duration. On Monday evening she was taken to her bed, and on Tuesday evening she succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Not a murmur or complaint came from her lips. She was fully resigned to God's will. She lived a consistent Christian life, taking a faithful part around the family altar. She was baptized at one of the Mount Vernon camp-meetings and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Corsica, Ohio, where she remained a faithful member until death. She awaits the voice of her Master on the glorious morn of the first resurrection. The writer addressed the friends and relatives in the Brethren church at Johnsville, Ohio, from John 11: 21, interment being at that place. M. V. EUSEY.

MELFORD.--Mrs. Sophronia E. Melford fell asleep in Jesus, January 26, 1915, at her home in Pittsburgh, Pa., after several months of intense suffering, which was borne with much Christian fortitude. She was aged, 52 years, 4 months and 12 days.

She was born in Mughs township, Ohio, September 14, 1862. At ten years old she moved to Zanesville, Ohio with her parents. In 1882 she was married to Edward Melford, who survives to mourn his loss. In 1896 both came to Pittsburgh. Previous to this removal she accepted the Third Angel's Message through the efforts of a lay sister. She died in peace with her God, and assisted by one Presbyterian and two Methodist ministers, the writer spoke words of comfort and exhortation from Ps. 23: 4--the text of her selection. The remains were taken to Zanesville, Ohio where she will await the call of our soon coming Life-giver. A. N. DURRANT.

Chesapeake Conference Report

Name of Church	Total Receipts	Tithes	Total Offerings	20 Cent Quota
*Baltimore No. 1	\$4961 66	\$3547 93	\$1413 73	\$1404 00
Baltimore German	843 23	523 13	320 10	332 80
*Baltimore No. 3	994 13	644 20	349 93	312 00
Blythedale	480 36	309 21	171 15	72 80
*Cambridge	661 68	451 51	210 07	135 20
Cheswold	440 04	294 64	145 40	156 00
*Church Hill	214 32	124 12	90 20	52 00
Cumberland	485 26	398 18	87 08	228 30
*Dover	225 31	113 34	111 97	104 00
Fords Store	577 06	393 93	185 13	625 00
*Frederick	371 24	236 00	135 24	135 20
Hagerstown	614 38	387 37	227 01	228 80
Millington	303 45	225 47	77 98	104 00
Pondsville	217 94	128 84	89 10	145 60
Rock Hall	1794 41	1407 37	387 04	780 00
Smithsburg	559 93	420 92	139 01	218 00
*Whitleysburg	469 92	279 83	190 09	114 40
Wilmington No. 1	2799 61	1962 98	836 63	988 00
*Wilmington No. 2	582 71	426 61	156 10	156 00
Conference	407 04	278 07	128 97	223 20

\* Churches which raised 20 cents a week.

doctors, "including Gregory of Nyssa, Chrysostom of Theophaet, Leo the Great; and Augustine from Africa. The fourth has the rock as that rock which Peter confessed, i.e. Christ. This has the assent of sixteen Fathers. The fifth interpret the rock to be the faithful themselves, who believing Christ to be the son of God, are the living stones out of which the church is built. See also Protestant Magazine, second quarter, 1910, vol. II, pp 10-14. "I say nothing here of this monstrous claim, of this in-

genious falsehood, on which the monarchical power of the Papacy rests. It is the great fraud of the Middle Ages. And yet but for this theocratic idea, it is difficult to see how the external unity of the Church could have been preserved among the semi-barbarians of Europe. "Beacon Lights of History, vol. V, pp119, 120. Considering the use of such claims to maintain her power, we would naturally expect to see her prestige wane. And such was the case.

M. V. EUSEY

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## Academy

Mrs. August Knierim enjoyed a visit  
from her father, Mr. Gill of Columbus,  
last week.We are sorry that on account of illness  
Miss. Ora Hutson was compelled to drop  
her school work.Misses Ruth and Mabel Robbins are  
enjoying a visit from their mother.Mrs. Green of Harrisburg, Pa., visited  
her niece, Miss. Kathryn Fickes, last week.Mr. Edward Lindsey has charge of the  
book-stand and mail now. He seems to  
be enjoying his work.Mrs. Homer Teesdale is spending a few  
days at Plain City and Columbus visiting  
friends.The music pupils of the Academy gave  
a recital Sunday evening, February 7.  
The program was well rendered.Mr. Leslie Taylor is now the bread  
baker at the Academy. He seems to be  
kept pretty busy.Miss. Ethel Avery, who recently under-  
went a slight operation at the Sanitarium,  
is again in school.Mrs. Frank Wells has been ill for some  
time. We hope that she will soon be in  
better health.Mr. Merritt Eusey gave a lecture on  
"Religious Liberty in America", last Sat-  
urday evening to the students and church  
in the chapel.

Sanitarium, Napa Co.

California, Feb. 2.

## To Our Far-away Friends:

By hard work we managed to catch the  
noon train from Jackson, Ohio, Tuesday,  
January 12, and we did not reach our des-  
tination until Wednesday, January 20.  
We changed cars at the following places;  
Hamden and Cincinnati, Ohio; Chicago,  
Ill.; Riceville, Iowa; St. Paul, Minn.;  
Spokane, Wash.; Portland, Oregon; Oak-  
land, Pier and Vallejo Junction, Cal. It  
was certainly a long, hard trip.We passed through the "Bad Lands"  
and the prairies of North Dakota. We  
saw the town near which Roosevelt used  
to live when he was a cowboy. We also  
passed through the town of Beech, North  
Dakota, near the Montana line, which is  
said to be the largest primary grain  
market in the world. There are nine  
elevators in the town.It took us about twenty-four hours to  
go through the state of Montana. It was  
while in that state that we passed over  
the "Continental Divide," which is about  
5,000 feet above sea level at that point.  
It made our heads feel rather queer to be  
up so high. At one place we passed over  
a trestle said to be 278 feet high,—and we  
do not doubt it, either.Monday morning, as we were nearing  
Portland, Oregon, we ran along by the  
side of the Columbia River for many miles.  
This river is one of the largest and most  
beautiful in the world. It is said to be  
200 feet deep in some places. There are  
many salmon and smelt fisheries along its  
banks.We had a twelve-hour wait in Portland,  
so took a car up to the City Park, where  
we spent some time watching the birds  
animals and looking at the great variety  
of trees and flowers. From the Park, we  
took the car on up to Council Crest, 1,200feet above the city, where the Indians  
used to hold their councils before the  
white men came and drove them away.  
From the observatory on top of this crest,  
we could see the following mountains:  
Mt. St. Helens, 54 miles away, 9,750 feet  
high; Mt. Hood, 63 miles away, 11,225  
feet high; Mt. Adams, 70 miles away,  
12,970 feet high; and Mt. Rainier, 110  
miles distant, and 14,530 feet high. Judg-  
ing from appearances, one would think he  
could walk over to any one of these mount-  
ains in a few hours, at most; but in this  
case, as in many others, appearances are  
very deceptive. Not much of the city  
of Portland was visible from the crest, as  
there was quite a fog down in the valley.  
However, while down in the city, we saw  
enough to convince us that it is one of  
the most beautiful cities in the world.  
We did not blame the people there for  
being so proud of it.From Portland down to Oakland, Cali-  
fornia, was a beautiful trip, what we could  
see of it, requiring two nights and one  
day. Twice during the day, we went up  
from beautiful valleys, where there were  
no signs of snow at all, to an altitude of  
three or four thousand feet, where the  
snow was several feet deep; and then down  
again where there was no snow. It took  
three engines to pull us up some of the  
steepest hills, and they worked hard, too.  
In the afternoon, we passed within twelve  
miles of the top of Mt. Shasta, in California.  
We were in sight of this mountain for  
several hours. At six o'clock we stopped  
at Shasta Springs long enough to get a  
drink of the water, which tastes exactly  
like unsweetened and unflavored soda  
water. Of course every one made a des-  
perate effort to drink at least a little of  
this famous water.Here at St. Helena there are many dif-  
ferent kinds of flowers in bloom now,—  
geraniums, chrysanthemums, violets, pan-  
sies, nasturtiums, and many others that I  
am not acquainted with. The orange  
trees are well loaded, but the fruit is not  
good here, we are told. Some of the gar-  
den truck is up two or three inches now.  
Many different kinds of trees are as green  
as the trees in the East would be in May  
or June. This is called the "rainy season"  
here. For several days after we arrived,  
we could not have hoped for better  
weather; but since that we have had rain  
about every day, sometimes nearly all  
day. The people have given us a royal  
welcome, and we are feeling quite at  
home. I am very busy but enjoy my  
work very much. I have quite a variety  
of work to do, and it is both interesting  
and educational.Hoping to hear from all of our friends  
soon, we remain

Sincerely yours,

B. P. Foote.