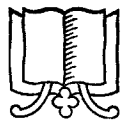
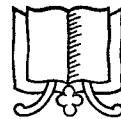


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Writing on the Sand

Alone I walked the ocean strand;
A pearly shell was in my hand;
I stooped and wrote upon the sand
My name, the year, the day.
As onward from the place I passed,
One lingering look behind I cast,
A wave came rolling high and fast,
And washed my lines away.
And so methought 'twill shortly be
With every trace on earth of me;
A wave from dark oblivion's sea
Will roll across the place
Where I have trod the sandy shore
Of time, and been to be no more;
Of me, my day, the name I bore,
To leave no track nor trace.
And yet with Him who counts the sands,
And holds the waters in his hands,
I know a lasting record stands,
Inscribed against my name,
Of all this mortal here hath wrought,
Of all this thinking soul hath thought
And from these fleeting moments caught,
For glory or for shame.

Our Offering for the Colored Work March 6

I know the brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference will take great joy in reading the article which I am sending in to the Columbia Union Visitor on the fact that Mount Vernon Academy is freed from debt. And also to learn that the Columbia Union Conference raised its full quota to take part in the great foreign mission work that is to be carried on throughout the world the coming year.

We are indeed very glad, dear brethren, that the great work of God is so near to our hearts and that we all can have a part in it. We have but a little time to work here and soon we will enter the end-

less roll of eternal years. We want to look forward to 1915 as being the grandest year yet in our work in this Union.

There lies right at our door another field to which we must give earnest attention. By this I refer to our colored work. Splendid gains have been made since the organization of our Colored Department in preaching the truth to those whose chances in life were less fortunate than ours. We are not to lay up for ourselves in order that we may have the finest things earth can afford, a pleasant and afford, a pleasant and easy time, nor are we to keep our means to ourselves in order that we might spend them upon relatives and those whom we consider somewhat. But the Saviour said; "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompence thee for thou shalt be recompenced at the resurrection of the just."

Sabbath, March 6, has been put aside as the time for the annual donation for the colored work. While we are giving to foreign missions, while we are giving to our young people to educate them in our schools, and we have this year some splendid results to report from the field as the outcome of these efforts, yet, let us not forget the colored people as they are near to us in their need and spiritual impoverishment. We whose tables are heaped high with blessings of God, let us give of our material offerings to help on the work among the colored people this coming year. Will you not all remember March 6, as the Sabbath to give a splendid offering for the colored work?

B. G. WILKINSON.

"The man who always does the little well, is ready to do the big thing better."

OHIO

Cash or Credit

The following article has just come to my attention, and in as much as it deals with this subject in a very clear, pointed, yet Christian way, I felt that I wanted to pass it on to the readers of the Visitor.

"So much has been said of late about doing business on the *cash basis* in our work, that it almost seems out of place to add anything further. However in visiting the various offices, one is brought face to face with the fact that all of our people have not yet been converted to the "*pay as-you-go*" policy. And still more to be regretted is the fact that there is still a large percentage of people among our number who never pay at all. "*Brethren, this ought not so to be*".

God has told us in his Word that we are to "owe no man anything," and without altering its intended meaning we could just as properly read, owe no tract society or institution anything. This is just as plain as the commandment which says, "Thou shalt not kill," and yet everywhere we go we find people who seemingly make no effort to pay their honest debts, or keep from contracting more.

With a certain class of people it seems to be the accepted rule to pay every other obligation before they do one to a tract society or one of our institutions. Since it is the "*cause*" they feel little or no responsibility as to the time of settlement. As the result, such people gradually acquire the name of being dishonest, and often our institutions are brought into disrepute and financial embarrassment. In consequence our tract societies are unable to meet their accounts with the publishers, schools cannot pay running expenses, etc.

Our tract societies are not organized on a money-making basis. They are given a small percentage of profit, simply to meet necessary running expenses, and no allowance has been made for accounts

that cannot be collected. They are required to pay cash every month, for the stock they handle, and it is not fair for our people to expect them to carry their accounts for an indefinite period; and perhaps after months of worry and fruitless efforts at making collections, transfer them to a place in the ledger named *Doubtful Accounts, Bad Accounts*, or possibly *Dead Accounts*, where they are a warning to future generations against extending further credit to the individuals named; and a target for remarks of every nature except complimentary. Any one who knows how their name looks in such a place, much prefer to have it written elsewhere.

Often large accounts are contracted by colporteurs and even conference field agents. Credit is necessarily extended for a time until books can be delivered, and then instead of paying their accounts, the money is used for other purposes.

The spirit of prophecy speaks very plainly on this point. *When men cannot by canvassing bring into the treasury every dollar that belongs to it rightly, let them stop just where they are.*"

Notwithstanding the fact that this statement is so explicit, this is a question which has given those in charge of our work perhaps more trouble and worry than any other feature. The man or woman, whether colporteur, conference employee, or lay-member, who receives literature from the tract society and does not pay for the same, is not honest, and under such conditions it is feared that a high profession will avail little in the sight of God.

We have no desire to be harsh or unreasonable, but we do wish to impress our people everywhere with the fact that "honesty is the best policy," *even among believers*, and if a large number of those who read these lines are induced thereby to pay their accounts with the tract society or school, the object of this brief article will have been attained. *Now is the accepted time.*" —A. H. Brigham, in *Western Canadian Tidings*.

I trust that this article will bring about a better understanding of our relations and obligations to the tract society. Can we not all adopt this plan as our future policy and be strictly honest with ourselves in all our dealings with the tract society? Now is the time to begin.

J. I. CASSELL.

It is no man's business, whether he has genius or not; work he must, wherever he is, but quietly and steadily, and the natural and unforced results of such work will be always the things that God meant him to do, and will be his best. No agonies nor heartrendings will enable him to do any better.

—JOHN RUSKIN.

The Convention at East Liverpool

The Home Missionary Convention planned by Brother V. O. Punches and Sister Bessie Acton for this city on February 12-14 proved to be of great encouragement to the church in East Liverpool.

The meetings, six in all, from beginning to end were characterized by the presence of the Spirit of God in power. Each meeting was largely attended, especially by the young people. Sabbath afternoon seven persons, mostly young people, made a start toward the Kingdom. May they all prove faithful, is our prayer.

The talks by Sister Acton on how to win our young people from the world made a deep impression upon all. The instruction relative to active missionary work by church members, given by Brother Punches, was precise and practical. We feel confident that henceforth many here will be encouraged to engage in more aggressive work than ever before, as a result of the convention work, and thus the finishing of the work of the third angel hastened.

Elder H. A. Weaver of Columbus rendered able assistance throughout the convention. We are pleased to know that he can supplement the convention by some meetings for the public in this city of 25,000 people. A spirit of inquiry is abroad here, and we are hoping that some souls will be led to take their stand with us as a result of hearing the truth publicly presented at this time.

R. A. PATTERSON.

News Notes

"The interest and prosperity of Christ's kingdom should be paramount to every other consideration". What are your plans for 1915?

Elder R. T. Dowsett, of Washington, D. C., spent Sabbath, February 20, with the Cleveland church. Our people there were very much encouraged by the message he gave.

Sunday night, February 21, Elder Slade spoke on "The Two Laws" at our little mission in the city of Mount Vernon. The room was filled to its utmost capacity with interested listeners.

The Missionary Barrel intended to be placed in every home in the conference should materially increase the thirteenth Sabbath offering. If you have not received sufficient supply, we are now prepared to fill further orders.

Elder H. A. Weaver is beginning a series of meetings at East Liverpool. The use

of the best hall in the thriving city of 25,000 people has been secured, and the interest seems to be unusually good. We have strong hopes that very good results will be seen at the close of this effort.

At the recent Mount Vernon Academy Board Meeting, it was arranged that in the future the Board of Trustees shall be selected from the three western conferences comprising the territory of the Academy. Elder E. K. Slade was chosen as president of the Board of Trustees.

Elder E. K. Slade visited the Cleveland church Sabbath, February 27, and during a part of Sunday, going on to Akron Sunday afternoon.

Requests for talents to be increased are already being received from many children throughout the conference. Evidently they are determined to have a part in speeding the message in distant lands. Are you equally alert to the use of opportunities?

A recent letter from Sister Clara Reich- enbach tells of some good experiences, from which we quote the following: "Orders come hard in these small villages, but it is worth while. I have had some good experiences since coming back from the institute; and you know for a long time I had such a sad feeling as though I was displeasing the Lord in something. Well, I found out at the institute that it was because I had not been faithful in putting in my time, so after I got back I started in real earnest though the enemy tried his best to discourage me the very first morning, but with the Lord's help I got the victory.

"That first week I was canvassing where I had had such a discouraging experience before Thanksgiving. I felt inclined never to finish the place, as it seemed useless; but as I prayed about it, I felt those people were in my territory and that the Lord had intrusted me to bring the light to them, or at least the warning, so I went back.

"One day about noon I passed by a house where I had stopped before when I was working that street, but she was not at home. I walked on past the place but felt impressed to stop again as I saw she was at home. Before I knew it, I was in the house talking to a dignified elderly lady. She is the editor of the local paper and a very influential woman. She treated me very nicely yet I saw a shade of resentment in her manner as I showed her my book. When I came to the part about Catholics, I did not say anything unkind about them, only bringing out the thought of the chapter. She took that up and started to defend the Catholics.

I respectfully explained a few things which I knew to be facts, and I saw as she realized that I knew what I was talking about, that her respect was growing. When I got through with my canvass, she said she did not want the book, but asked if it was not an Adventist book. I told her it was, and then she asked me if I could conscientiously say that I was in this work for the good that I could do or just for the money that was in it. O, how glad I was that I could look her squarely in the face and honestly tell her it was for the good that I could do.

"She then began asking questions; and as it was during the dinner hour I felt it would not be time lost even if I did miss my dinner so I answered them. We did not touch on anything doctrinal, but she told me she had a longing for something better, for a hold on God that she had never had before. While she was very reserved at first later she melted and wept as she unburdened her heart to me. I was there quite a while, and before leave we knelt in prayer. . . . I started to leave when she paced the floor back and forth. Suddenly stopping before me, she said, "I have just been thinking that best binding is only five dollars, so I want one and I shall read it carefully and prayerfully, and somehow I feel it will help me." How my heart rejoiced as I took her order and promised to bring the book as soon as I could. . . . She then told me she felt the Lord had been working as this was the first Thursday morning in years that she had been at home, as that was her busy day. . . . We both could see the Lord's hand in it all.

"It is needless to say I am of good courage, for I know the Lord is good and helps us in every time of need. I hope to work faithfully, for surely the time is short."

How shall my mission offerings be raised? Have you tried the mission acre, or garden, sale of literature etc.?

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

Miss Margaret J. Barnes of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who has been visiting Brother and Sister Barrows for the past few weeks has returned to her home.

Elder C. T. Redfield reports very encouraging prospects at Huntington, West Virginia, where he is building up a strong church. The missionary society is doing exceptionally good work in the distribution of literature and in the sale of magazines, and small books.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, of Takoma Park, D. C. spent two days at the office last week auditing the books for the year 1914. We were glad to have Elder Dowsett with us during this time.

Brother Dan Halderman who has been spending some time at Monticello, Wisconsin, called at the office recently on his way to Silicia, West Virginia.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell, of Clarksburg, reports one new Sabbath-keeper, and two others about to take their stand. Brother Thirlwell is receiving calls for more work than he is able to attend to. The prospects are bright for a good strong church at this place.

On the evening of February 20 the Conference Committee met at Parkersburg, to audit the conference laborers' accounts for the year 1914. Elder B. G. Wilkinson of Takoma Park, D C. met with us at this time. All the members of the Parkersburg church enjoyed the talks given by Elder Wilkinson while he was with them over Sabbath and Sunday.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1915

Berea	\$ 1 10
Clarksburg	11 90
Charleston	69 24
Chester	6 02
Fairmont	28 20
Huntington	52 35
Kanawha	
Morgantown	
Moundsville	20 95
Parkersburg	106 37
Walker	
Martinsburg Co.	
Individual	17 67
Total	\$ 313 80

GENERAL TRUST FUNDS

Sabbath-school Donations	\$ 46 47
Missions	30 47
Harvest Ingathering	25 04
Annual Offerings	6 49
Total	\$ 108 47

J. S. BARROWS, Treasurer.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Missionary Report

The following is a report of missionary work done by fifteen churches in the west Pennsylvania Conference during the past nine months.

Letters written	722
Letters received	277

Missionary visits	2,501
Bible readings or cottage meetings	909
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	139
Papers sold	5,668
Papers mailed lent or given away	13,056
Books sold	394
Books lent or given away	705
Tracts sold	563
Tracts lent or given away	41,226
Hours of Christian Help work	3,842
Articles of clothing given away	1,425
Number of meals provided	1,095
Treatments given	190
Signatures temperance pledge	88
Number of conversions	19
Offerings home missionary work	\$218.01

Eleven churches in our conference failed to send in a report. Perhaps they are among the number who say it is not right to report the missionary work they do. This is a mistaken idea, and not in harmony with the Bible, or with the Testimonies. Much of the Bible consists of reports of work. The first chapter of the first book is God's report of his work of creation. Here we have our first example of missionary work given for the encouragement and enlightenment of human beings. Moses recorded his life work in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Daniel gave a report of his life work in the book of Daniel. Ezra and Nehemiah reported their work.

The book of Acts is very largely made up of reports, as its name indicates. If these reports were removed from the Bible, we would sustain a great loss.

"Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experiences. The meeting will be as meat in due season, bringing to all present, new life and fresh vigor." *Test. Vol. 7 pp. 19.*

Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged. . . . These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savor of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with these who cooperate with him." *Id. Vol. 6 pp. 236.*

These instructions are definite and show very plainly that the Lord desires his people to report the work they do, both orally in their churches, and in writing, that such reports may appear in the papers. I pray that God may make us all faithful in his work.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

It is a grand thing to find joy in one's work. If you have found that, you have found the heart of life. Glad service is better than great service, unless that be glad, too. --James Buckham.

Annual Report of District of Columbia, Year Ending December, 1914

Name of Church	Total Rem	Tithes	All other Offerings including 20c-a-week
Conference Church.....	527.37	341.25	186.12
Alexandria No. 1.....	168.89	126.75	42.11
Alexandria No. 2.....	25.62	19.60	6.02
Arlington Church.....	541.70	231.02	310.68
Chilton's Church.....	155.26	120.44	34.82
Colonial Beach.....	33.63	57.75	35.88
First Church.....	4,936.41	4,644.44	291.97
Kilmarnock Church.....	714.33	503.32	211.01
Memorial Church.....	4,614.97	3,071.67	1,543.30
Mt. Rainier Church.....	566.00	416.21	149.79
People's Church.....	1,726.01	1,329.13	396.88
Seminary—San Church.....	5,562.81	3,792.48	1,770.33
Takoma Park Church.....	13,006.19	9,002.00	4,004.19
Belmont Company.....	10.38	1.79	8.59
Clifton Station Company.....	26.28	19.73	6.55
Miscellaneous Tithes.....	203.58	203.58	
	\$32,879.40	\$23,881.16	\$8,998.24

R. J. BROWN, *Sec'y and Treas.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

News Notes

Elder R. E. Harter left Washington Sunday night for Mount Vernon Ohio, to attend a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee.

Elder G. A. Stevens visited the new company at Clifton Station, Va. Sabbath, and Sunday. He goes to Foneswood, Va. the last of the week to remain with the company of believers for a while.

Professor S. M. Butler spoke at the Memorial church Sunday night to a very attentive audience; his subject being "The Eastern Question".

Elder S. B. Horton was called to Ohio last week to attend a hearing. A report of this meeting will probably appear later.

Elder R. E. Harter spoke at the Memorial church Sabbath on the "Seven Churches". Following the discourse the ordinance of baptism was celebrated.

Sabbath afternoon twelve or thirteen souls were baptized at the Takoma Park church by Professor J. N. Anderson. The most of these were students of the Washington College. Before the baptism, Professor Butler made some remarks, stating that before such a step was taken it was necessary for an individual to die to sin daily, experience the new birth, and know that he is received of God; further, that true baptism follows absolute surrender to God.

We ask all to read each month the tithe report that appears in the *Visitor*. It is gratifying to see the steady increase in

tithe and offerings made by our different churches.

We call your special attention to the "Comparative report" in this issue of the paper; also the "Annual Report of the churches. Much could be said of them, but they speak for themselves. Please study them.

Forty-Hour Aristocracy Club

Now I get me up to work,
I pray the Lord I may not shirk;
If I should die before the night,
I pray that all my work be right.

The above is perhaps a little crude, so far at least as real poetical effort is concerned, but will no doubt serve as a reminder to colporteurs that all their time belongs to God, and for every moment they will have to give a strict account. There are to be none in our ranks who, barring unavoidable circumstances, do not put in at least forty hours per week. This, of course, does not apply to those who have duties that prevent them from devoting only a portion of their time to the work.

By putting in this amount of time, you will not only be entitled to membership in the "Forty-Hour Aristocracy Club," but will be entitled to all the benefits and privileges that will thus accrue. By benefits, I mean that your weekly or monthly pay-roll will be quite substantially increased by reason of the full-time reported; by privileges, I mean that there is no greater privilege in the world than the faithful, God-fearing colporteur has of being a co-laborer with all the heavenly intelligences.

Let every colporteur in the Ohio Conference, East and West Pennsylvania Conferences, Chesapeake Conference, Virginia Conference, New Jersey Conference, and District of Columbia Conference see to it that they qualify for membership in

this club, and then roll up their sleeves and place the greatest amount of literature in the homes of the people during the year 1915 that has yet been recorded.

E. R. BUTTON.

FRANK COSTLEY, a young colored brother who has just started in the work, is meeting with some blessed experiences. A few days since as he stepped from the car to take up his work, he saw two women having a hard time trying to get some groceries home. One was wheeling a wheelbarrow, the other was pulling a small wagon, on which they were carrying their groceries. Of course he not only saw a real good opportunity to do something worth while, but did it. He kindly offered to give assistance, which was graciously accepted. After wheeling the wheelbarrow to the home of the women, which was a half mile, he went back and got the small wagon. When both of the women were landed safely at their home, with their loads, and as they sat down to rest, he took the occasion to canvass them for "Bible Readings", receiving an order from each. This is real missionary work, even if he did have to wade through the mud for half a mile for the privilege of doing it.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

L. L. French and family have left Rileyville for Dakota, their former home.

Miss Swan spent a few days in Lynchburg last week. Miss Rice returned with her and will stay a while in Richmond.

Elder Moffett is detained in Mount Vernon, Ohio by the serious illness of his mother.

CHESAPEAKE

We are pleased to state that a number of our colporteurs report 100 per cent deliveries this month. This is encouraging in the midst of the trying times in the field.

Elder S. T. Shadel and family arrived at the conference office this evening on their way to Rock Hall where they will locate, Elder Shadel taking the pastorate of the church there.

We feel sure the friends of Elder C. B. Haynes in this conference will be glad to know he reports the best interest the has

Summary of Sabbath School Work

School	Membership	Offerings 4th Quarter	Total for Year	Average Per wk. per member
Baltimore No. 1	135	205 82	760 36	.12
Baltimore No. 2	24	57 69	152 61	.10
Baltimore No. 3	87	93 44	265 54	.16
Blythedale	26	72 18	165 65	.45
Cambridge	32	37 36	125 88	.19
Cheswold	30	28 87	123 35	.16
Church Hill	6	27 00	75 25	.28
Cumberland	15	12 27	62 37	.05
Frederick	16	44 67	83 27	.12
Ford's Store	75	30 87	62 22	.03
Glenburnie	34	16 03	59 44	.09
Hagerstown	40	50 22	135 48	.12
Marydel (colored)	15	7 22	11 81	
Marydel (German)	17	20 35	20 35	
Middletown	10	16 86	52 26	.25
Millington	15	11 76	41 02	.06
Pondsville	23	16 77	60 77	.08
Rock Hall	79	90 08	312 95	.08
Smithsburg	18	18 11	84 27	.07
Whiteleysbnrg	26	43 16	145 58	.25
Wilmington No. 1	83	97 34	342 40	.07
Wilmington No. 2	24	39 02	180 97	.23
Conference S. S.	6	12 67	24 27	.08
Total		1049 76	3348 07	

MRS. R. T. BAER, Secretary.

ever had. He is laboring in Tampa, Florida.

Brother G. P. Rodgers reports nearly forty additions to the Baltimore No. 3 church since the conference meeting held in October. They are good staunch Seventh-day Adventists, too, and very active in their work for souls. Their tithe for last month was \$120, and their Sabbath-school offering last Sabbath was \$10, and this without special urging.

Some of the Home Workers in our field are doing splendid work in circulating the War Extra and the Present Truth Series. Many others should be devoting their time to this work. It will mean the salvation of souls.

SPECIAL

A Sad Accident

A serious accident befell mother Sabbath noon, February 13. As she was passing through the door into her large writing-room, she tripped and fell. May Walling, her nurse, was near, and endeavored to help mother to her feet, but found that her left leg was injured. An X-ray examination at the Sanitarium revealed a fracture of the femur.

During the last year, mother's general health has been as good as could be expected of one eighty-six years of age. She has often said that at no other time in her life has she been so free from physical suffering, as during the last two or three years. While gradually showing more and more the feebleness of old age,

she has freely walked up and down stairs without assistance, and has enjoyed her customary carriage ride every pleasant day.

It was about five years ago that she discontinued her constant writing of letters and articles for the papers. The last camp-meeting she attended was the one held in Oakland July 6-16, 1911. Since then she has spoken a few times at the St. Helena Sanitarium chapel and at Pacific Union College, also a few times at Loma Linda and at the St. Helena church. As she gave up public speaking, her mind was more wholly directed to the work in her office, where her writings of former years were being gathered into form for publication.

Until July, 1914, she spent much time reading the *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times*, and in studying her manuscripts and planning for their publication. Then, as a result of a complication of difficulties, she gave up steady reading, and has preferred much of the time since to have us read to her.

When I went to the General Conference Council last October, I thought to return home quickly, but was detained till my absence covered sixteen weeks. During those weeks, I received many cheering messages from Brother C. C. Crisler about Mother's health and courage. December 2, 1914, he writes:

"Today Sister White became reminiscent, which of late is rather out of the ordinary. She tried to recall the name of some brother of long ago who expressed discouragement over the prospect of the very large work that would need to be done before the world had been warned; and she said that another brother, one of large faith, turned to him, his face

white with strong emotion, and said: 'My brother, would you permit such a prospect to bring discouragement? Do you not know that God would have us press the battle to the gate? Do you not know he would have us labor on, and on, and on, knowing that victory lies ahead?'

"Sister White says she feels continually the uplifting presence of the Spirit of God. She says she would not speak discouragingly, and yet she would not wish to convey the impression that no disappointments come to her. The enemy will bring us disappointments, but these need never bring discouragement. When disappointed, we are to labor on until triumph comes; and this is working up faith."

His next letter contained the following:

"Sister White says that during the night season she hears voices, saying 'Advance! Advance! Advance! Press the battle to the gate!'

She seems to apply this to the completion of the work of the Lord in all parts of the earth; also to the completion of important book work. She rejoices that you are able to make real progress in your efforts to advance the book work in the South, by perfecting that which has been nearly ready for some time.

"I believe the Lord would have us all take courage, and press forward steadily."

Since the accident, mother's bed has been placed in her writing-room, where she is surrounded by her familiar furniture and books.

Sara McEnterfer, who most of the time for thirty years was her traveling companion and secretary, is with her; and so is May Walling, who was brought up in her home, and who has been her faithful nurse for about two years. Mrs. Hungerford, a trained nurse from the Sanitarium, is also with her.

Twenty-four hours after the accident, Dr. Klingerman said: "We find Sister White's condition very satisfactory this morning. The usual symptoms of shock are entirely absent, and we feel that no complications will intervene to retard progress." Thursday afternoon, he said: "Sister White's condition continues to be satisfactory in every respect."

Mother often expresses thankfulness that her sufferings are no greater. And this morning, in speaking with Sister Minnie Hawkins Crisler regarding the goodness of the Lord, she said: "I see light in His light. I have joy in His joy, and peace in His peace. I see mercy in His mercy, and love in His love."

W. C. WHITE.

"I have become so much impressed with the exceeding value of 'The Protestant Magazine' that I have obtained a complete bound set from the beginning. It is so fair, so just, so courteous, so able, so

eminently scholarly, and so thoroughly reliable, that it carries its own commendation to all who are fair-minded and want to know the truth. It affords also a splendid arsenal from which to draw ammunition in the present conflict with the encroachments of Papalism. It ought to be in the hands of every Protestant minister in the country, and in the hands of every Catholic cleric, too." *Rev. William P. Bates, Washington, D. C.*

The Papacy

(Continued)

We will not attempt to follow the manner in which Western Europe was won for the papacy. It began about 496 when Chlodwig, the Frank, accepted Christianity, and was accomplished to a great extent through the French nation. Wherever an Arian or Barbaric nation was conquered, the Roman missionary was sure to follow with telling results. It is because of the work of some of these, that the papacy today bases her claim to certain countries. England today is experiencing the very same wave of Catholicism that is sweeping the United States, and much stress is placed on the fact that St. Augustine was sent there by Gregory the Great, in 596. But Augustine deserves no credit and any such claim is false as "Britain does not owe its conversion to the Pope. In truth, the churches of Britain are more ancient than the Papal church. In A. D. 190, Tertullian speaks of 'divers peoples of Gaul, and those parts of Britain which were inaccessible by the Romans, having been subdued by Christs.' In Diocletian's persecutions Britain had its martyrs. In 313 it sent bishops to the Council of Arles. In A. D. 431 Palladius was sent from Rome 'to the Scots believing on Christ.' The first professors of Christianity in Britain were the Culdees, the most probable origin of whom, is that they were refugees from the pagan persecution. They settled in Scotland beyond the limits of the Roman Empire, and thence propagated Christianity among the Celts of Ireland and the Saxons of England. The object of Augustine and his brigade of forty monks, which Gregory the Great sent into England in the seventh century, was not to plant Christianity, but to drive it back into those remote and inaccessible parts of Scotland where it had first found refuge, and to replace it with the papacy." — *The Papacy, J. A. Wylie, p. 28, note.*

It was the policy of the Popes to keep any nation divided. The reason why we call this period of history the Dark Ages, is because of the gross superstition prevalent. The noon-hour of the papacy was the midnight of the world. Its acme was to the world the blackness of night.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending February 19, 1915									
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DA	5	45	16	48 00	28 95	76 95	7 95
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		BR	5	44	8	25 00		25 00	
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.		BR	5	42	15	51 00	4 50	55 50	6 25
B. F. Carter, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	42	4	12 00	4 95	16 95	4 45
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	3	41	11	27 00	1 50	28 50	
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		BR	5	40	14	45 00	1 50	46 50	22 50
Fred Hannah, Holmes Co.		BR	5	39	5	27 00	4 25	31 25	75
H. A. Rossin, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	5	37	10	33 00	1 50	34 50	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	36	14	43 00	7 10	50 10	
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	36	26	43 50		43 50	1 50
Carl Krause, Ross Co.		BR	5	35	6	18 00	3 75	21 75	3 00
C. E. Reichenbach, Shelby Co.		GC	5	34	12	44 00	1 50	45 50	3 75
W. S. Scott, Jefferson Co.		HM	7	52	9	18 00	6 00	24 00	
Beulah Morgan, Columblana Co.		PPF	7	44	17	34 00	6 55	40 55	19 75
C. R. Fairechild, Hardin Co.		BR	5	26	7	28 00	4 85	32 85	3 35
Clara Reichenbach, Logan Co.		GC	3	20	6	20 00		20 00	
Mrs. W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		BR	3	12	1	3 00	2 25	5 25	2 25
L. J. Jackson, Butler Co.		HM	3	15	4	8 00	1 75	9 75	1 75
Mrs. L. J. Jackson, Hamilton		HM	4	15	2	4 00	1 10	5 10	60
H. O. Kohr, Mt. Vernon		DR	3	18	8	24 00	25	24 25	1 60
Ed. Searles, Cnyahoga Co.		BR	3	14	11	33 00	1 00	34 00	1 00
Totals	21 Agents		98	691	209	\$588 50	\$83 25	\$671 75	\$80 45
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 19, 1915									
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		PPF	2	14	6	13 00	1 50	14 50	
W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.		PPF	3	26	1	2 00			152 10
S. H. Swingle, Carbondale		SP	3						4 85
E. S. Tolliver, Wilkes-Barre		BF	3	14					51 75
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale		SP		6		9 00	1 50	10 50	27 05
Totals	5 Agents					\$24 01	\$3 00	\$25 00	\$235 75
West Virginia, Week Ending February 19, 1915									
W. A. McElpatrick, Tucker Co.		BR	5	38	11	42 00	21 20	63 20	1 95
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell			5	34	2	6 00		6 00	3 00
T. M. Butler, Doddridge Co.		BF	4	31	15	47 00	2 25	49 25	1 25
Henry Waggoner, Taylor Co.			3	30	7	21 00	8 05	29 05	
John McHenry, Wood		BF	3	30					130 00
Totals	5 Agents		20	163	35	\$116 00	\$31 50	\$147 50	\$136 20
Virginia, Week Ending February 19, 1915									
Harry Wright, Urbana		BR	4	21	8	23 00	5 60	28 60	
Isaiah Y'Shanko, Petersburg		BR	2	3	2	4 00			
Aubrey L. Gary, Danville		PPF	2	12	2	4 00			16 10
Hugh G. Land, Middlesex Co.		PPF	4	20	8	16 00	1 05	17 05	
Totals	4 Agents		12	56	20	\$47 00	\$6 65	\$45 65	\$16 10
MAGAZINES									
Louise Henley...			9	50					7 50
Hazel Hamilton...									17 00
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 19, 1915									
M. S. Pettibone, Carrol Co.		BR	3	28	11	35 00	6 85	41 85	4 75
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.		BR	3	25	9	31 00	2 25	33 25	3 00
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.		BR	4	24	3	12 00	2 55	14 55	26 00
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.		PPF	5	36	30	61 00	20 25	81 25	3 60
Clifton Downey, Rock Hall		PPF	3	24	7	18 00	7 00	25 00	
W. J. Vanzant, Rock Hall		PPF	4	27	6	12 00	12 35	24 35	
W. O. Shaffer, Annapolis			3	24					81 00
Totals	7 Agents		25	188	66	\$169 00	\$51 25	\$220 25	\$118 35

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 19, 1915

E. Mitchell.....	GC	3	20	4	12	25	2	25	14	50	1	25
Edw. Mitchell, Jr.....	PPF	1	3	1	2	00	2	50	4	50	2	50
Mrs. J. L. Schloeset.....	BR	1	1	1	3	00			3	00	3	00
Rebekah Dooley.....	PPF	1	2	1	2	00	1	40	3	40	3	00
Mrs. Alice Blackson.....	Misc	1	2	9	2	25			2	25	2	25
Mrs. H. R. Quickly.....	Misc	1	1	5	1	25			1	25	1	25
W. P. Barto.....	Misc	1	6	26	6	50			6	50	6	50
Mrs. Welsh.....	Misc	1	1	2		50				50		50
Mrs. Cook.....	Misc	1	1	2		50				50		50
Mrs. E. V. Carr.....	Misc	1	2	5	1	25			1	24	1	25
Carrie Smith.....	BR	1	4	5	15	00			15	00	15	00
Mrs. M. E. Davis.....	Misc	1	6	24	6	00			6	00	6	00
Mrs. E. S. Barbour.....	Misc	1	5	20	5	00			5	00	5	00
Mrs. J. N. Manning.....	Misc	1	3	5	3	75			3	75	3	75
Mrs. R. C. Conaway.....	Misc	1	1	2		50				50		50
Frank Costley.....	Misc	1	1	3		75				75		75
Totals			18	59	115	\$62 50		\$6 15	\$68 65		\$53 00	

MAGAZINES

Eliza Ross.....	1	00	F. E. Wilson.....	20	00
Miss Peacock.....	7	50	Thos. Brown.....		50
M. M. Sterner.....	10	00	Miss E. Sperry.....	2	50
Miss Woolgar.....		70	Alice Moore.....		99
Miss E. Sperry.....		50	Miss Ruth Sterner.....	1	70
E. Towles.....		50	Mrs. Cross.....	2	50
Mrs. Hutchinson.....	2	50	Miss Chandler.....	3	50
Miss Coker.....	1	00	Wesley Sampson.....	1	00
					\$56 30

TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTOR

G. Augustine.....	2	50	Mrs. E. N. Carr.....	1	50
Paul Davis.....	2	50	Howard Seipp.....	2	50
					\$9 00

Grand Totals: 42 Agents Value of Orders \$1004 01 Deliveries, \$639 85

About the close of the eight century there appeared from the leaders in the papal system ancient writings, forged by monks. Decrees of councils, before unheard of, were put forth as proof of the supremacy of the pope from earliest time. That the system was weak and in a state of decay is self evident, because had not the church been in need of these false decretals she would never have advanced them. "No weapon was too base for the use of Rome. Her hand grasped with equal avidity the forged document and the hired dagger. Both were sanctified in her service."—*The Papacy, -Wylie, p. 62.* Rome infallibly decreed as truth what is now universally acknowledged to be false. The best known of these forgeries are the Pseudo-Isadorean Decretals and the Donation of Constantine. The former contain much authentic material and many forgeries. Among these forgeries are sixty spurious decrees of the bishop of Rome from Clement of Gregory II. Their aim was to exalt the clergy far above the layman. Gibbon calls them the two magic pillars of the spiritual and temporal monarchy of the popes. Even Catholic writers of today do not accept these absurd doctrines. "They crept to light near the eighth century. The false decretals were looked upon as authentic for the space of eight hundred years. It is true that at present there are hardly

any though meanly instructed in these matters who do not acknowledge that these decretals are false." Yet papal assumption had it that they were authentic and by the doctrine of infallibility she could not err. M. V. EUSEY

A Marine's Story

A young man recently came direct to the *Signs* office from a United States naval prison. Here is his story: Becoming dissatisfied with the moral influence of naval life he deserted, was captured, court-martialed, and sentenced to one year in prison. Credits were received for good behavior, and he was released after serving ten months of his time.

While incarcerated he made the acquaintance of another young man, to whom the *Signs of the Times* was being sent. Together they read the paper and studied the Bible. After reading one paper it was difficult to wait with patience for the next. Although formerly a Catholic this young marine now understood and believed the message, and determined to walk in the light after obtaining his freedom. And so he is with us today. His prison companion is looking forward to the day when the doors will swing open to him also, so he may enjoy his two-fold liberty—in Jesus and from prison.

Surely the *Signs* does bring people into the truth.

The 1915 Year Book

The Year Book for 1915 is now ready for distribution. This issue contains a complete directory of all our conference missions, and institutions connected with the denomination. It gives the names and addresses of about five thousand persons connected with this cause in an official capacity, and states the class of work in which each is engaged. In addition to the information contained in former issues the current issue presents a survey of the field for 1914, prepared especially for this work by those in charge of each division or union. This survey outlines the plans and policies followed in the various fields for carrying forward the work; it designates the chief centers of our work, its present development, and the outlook for the future. Many interesting incidents are presented regarding the progress of this cause during the past year. This publication will prove very helpful to all classes of our workers, and is almost indispensable to all officials. Price, 50 cents, postpaid. Address your tract society.

OBITUARIES

ROCELL.—Matilda F. Rocell, was born on the eastern part of March 9, 1863 and died after five weeks of patient suffering February 18, 1915 at the age of 52 years. Sister Rocell was converted at the age of 19 and received the light on the Sabbath truth over seventeen years ago, and about three years ago united with the Third church of Baltimore city. She was loyal to all of the message and served faithfully as deaconess for part of two years and considered it her Christian duty to spend as much time as possible in distributing tracts and helping the needy. She was a kind mother to her children and a mother in the church. Funeral services were held in the church building Sunday afternoon February 21 conducted by the writer. She was laid away to await the call of the Life-giver, her life testifying that she was worthy of a part in the first resurrection. G. P. RODGERS.

CUFF.—Ella G. Cuff was born in the city of Baltimore, August 30, 1886, and departed this life February 20, 1915 at the age of 28 years 6 months. Sister Cuff embraced the Message of Revelation 14, through the patient teaching of members of the Third Baltimore church to which she was united at the time of her death. For nine months she had suffered with tuberculosis and while sick upon her bed found the Saviour and

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the message. She was earnest to obey the Lord in all that she could do. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, Monday February 22. A mother, half brother, husband and other relatives who are left behind are upon our hearts to win to the Lord.
 G. P. RODGERS.

Academy

Brother Merrit Eusey is assisting G. C. Quillin in a series of meetings which is being held at Killbuck, Ohio.

Misses Florence Kneeland and Mary Wheeler visited Miss Mabel Andre at Mansfield Ohio, last week.

Last Sabbath, February 20, Elder F. H. Robbins spoke to the Mount Vernon church at the morning service.

Elder W. C. Moffett gave a very interesting and inspiring talk to the students last Friday evening at their prayer meeting.

Misses Lena Lane and Ethel Howard visited relatives at the Newark Sanitarium over Sabbath and Sunday, February 20 and 21.

Professor Pulver made a business trip to Columbus, Ohio last Wednesday.

Mrs. A. C. Moffett has been very ill for the past week.

Word has just been received from Brother E. C. Waller, who has charge of a mountain school at Candler, North Carolina, that they are getting along nicely with their work. Miss Mary Rice is also connected with this school. Brother Waller says, "There are several grades represented in our school work. Seven students are taking ninth and tenth grade work, while the remainder are mostly in grades six to eight. We are located on a farm of 128 acres, and our work is strongly industrial. Students and teachers together do all the work on the place.

"Since most of our students have parents in limited circumstances, it is necessary to offer them very cheap rates in order that they may attend school. The expenses of the average student are about \$10. per month with the two hours work per day.

"In the line of missionary work our efforts have been confined largely to visiting homes in the neighborhood, and to Sunday-school work. In all three Sunday-schools in our neighborhood, our workers have enjoyed a cordial reception, and some have been asked to teach classes. From the first our neighbors have been friendly to our work.

"At the beginning of our second term, we gave a musical program as a means of introducing ourselves to the people of the surrounding country. They all seemed to be highly pleased with it.

"We have a doctor with us who is beginning to practice in the neighborhood, and the people seem glad to have a physician so near at hand. We believe the medical work will be one of the best avenues for reaching the people. Pray for our work here."

Washington Missionary College

Professor J. L. Shaw has returned from a week's visit at Mount Vernon. The whole class of Academic graduates hope to come to Washington to do further work next year.

The school has recently been favored with a series of four lectures delivered by Professor W. W. Prescott, on the subject of the Papacy. The fair but convincing way in which he dealt with the subject was an inspiration to our ministerial students.

We wish to express our united sympathy for the sad bereavement of Miss Ina, and Mr. Arthur Vorce in the loss of their father.

Miss Sadie Hook was suddenly called to her home in Iowa on account of the sickness of her mother.

An impressive baptism was conducted by Professor Anderson at the Takoma Park church recently. Ten of the candidates were from the College.

Under the careful tuition of Doctor Beekman, of Washington, the more advanced members of the Dentistry class are receiving instruction of a very practical and helpful character.

With the cooperation of several other musical spirits of the College, Mr. Irving Steinel has built up a very good orchestra and we are promised an interesting program in the near future.

In its latest meeting the College Quadrangle enjoyed an hour with the great Architects and their work. This feature in the program of the more advanced students is highly instructive and serves as wholesome Saturday night diversion.

The Cantata Bethlehem, by G. F. Root, was effectively rendered recently by the College Chorus to a full church at Takoma Park.

Mr. and Mrs. McKean who came here recently have had to leave on account of Mr. McKean's ill health. We hope he will have a rapid recovery.

The Journalism class are busily engaged in editing an issue of the *Youth's Instructor*. The work in both the articles and illustrations will be the work of Dr. Olsen's English class.