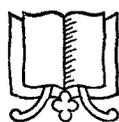
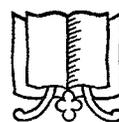


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### Mount Vernon Academy Debt

The atmosphere is surcharged by his lower,  
The worn officials vain combat his power.  
We bow before the tyrant; give him room,  
And Debt the mighty Sphinx proclaims our doom.

But hark! though thunderings of his crashing heel  
Would drown the notes portending all our weal,  
Yet faintly do I hear the rhythmic strain  
Of something sweet, the price of worlds to gain.

A score of years has come and gone away  
Since blest this note, our struggling hearts  
of clay,  
But now with bated breath and ear to ground,  
Again the cheering overtones resound.

Canst hear it friend? Yet far adown the vale,  
It thrills my soul as though some maddened gale.

Were showering all my spirit, as so free  
Resound the gladning notes of "Jubilee".

Not yet has died away the heavy tread  
Of Tyrant Debt. But soon the slightest dread.

Will vanish, for so plain that all may see,  
'Tis pleasanter to chant our glorious "Jubilee".

Then tune your unused harp my friend today,

The swelling chorus can not long delay.  
From hill to hill, from rock and flower and tree

The myriad voices join our "Jubilee".

C. L. STONE.

### The Educational Fund

#### Sabbath Collection of April 10

On February 17 of this year, the Executive Committee of the Columbia Union Conference in session at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, took the following vote:

VOTED, That we appropriate to the Mt. Vernon Academy the full amount (\$16,844.83) of the refund by the General Conference on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for 1914, the same to apply on the liquidation of the Academy debt.

As a result of this vote, together with the earnest work done in behalf of reducing the debt on Mt. Vernon Academy, we take pleasure in announcing to all the brethren throughout the Columbia Union that the debt of some \$33,000.00 which we have been struggling for four or five years to lift is now entirely gone. The brethren have voted that during the closing exercises at the end of this school year a Jubilee program shall be arranged in which this Union can sing the Jubilee song of freeing Mt. Vernon Academy from debt.

I am sure the readers of the VISITOR will rejoice in the splendid work that has been done the past four or five years in Mt. Vernon Academy. We have only to look around the different conferences of the Columbia Union, to say nothing of the distant foreign mission fields, to easily count those who have gone out from Mt. Vernon to proclaim the sweet tidings of the soon-coming Saviour. We have Brother Eusey who is engaged in ministerial work and also Brother V. O. Panches, a Mt. Vernon student, who is at the head of the canvassing work in the state of Ohio. Going south to West Virginia we have Elders Redfield and Gibson, grad-

uates from Mt. Vernon. Over in East Pennsylvania we have as recent students from Mt. Vernon College, Brother Leach, at the head of the canvassing work, and Brother Detwiler who is in the ministerial work. Brother Moffett, who is president of the Virginia Conference, is also a recent graduate from Mt. Vernon College. And what shall we say with reference to Brother Shultz in China and Brother Benson in Japan, recent graduates from Mt. Vernon College, to say nothing of Brother Doolittle in China and a large number of others throughout the mission fields.

By this our brethren can see the wonderful place in our work which is held by a good school. Now here in this Union we have our splendid College at Washington and our most excellent Academy at Mt. Vernon. The Union Committee intends that there shall be no relaxation of their determined efforts to enroll a large number of students in both these institutions to train them and send them forth as productive workers in the great harvest field. What has been accomplished, however, has been brought about by the liberalities of those who read these words. It is you, my brother, my sister, who gave the money to help some of the funds for these institutions which enabled us in turn to help through the school some student, either by furnishing him work or lending him money. Are you willing that this good work shall stop or are you still determined that it shall continue? Let us hear from you on this matter.

A good time to hear in a very substantial way is for a good participation in the donation that is to be given Sabbath, April 10. All the proceeds from this unusual opportunity to give in a profitable line will be used to help students in obtaining an education to go forth and preach the message. Do you wish, brother, sister, to have a part in this splendid work? If so, do not forget the special donation which is to be taken up in all of our churches on Sabbath, April 10.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## Stirring Events in the East

The surrender of Constantinople is expected by the 20th of March. So say some of those who are engaged in the work of directing the war in Europe. Reports are current and it is quite strongly believed that the Sultan has fled from Constantinople to his possessions in Asia Minor, probably to Brusa.

A few years ago God's people walked by faith, while today we run by sight. To keep apace with the rapid developments in the fulfillment of certain Bible prophecies, means very much to every one of us. Truly it is "high time that we awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

For years we have been looking forward to the time when the Turk would be driven out of Constantinople. Many have looked upon that time as a time when they would become very active in giving the message to others. Some are awaking, yet many are still indifferent.

If there ever was a time when the trumpet should be given a certain sound, that time is now. Every believer in present truth should be actively engaged somehow in giving God's last warning message to the world.

"The harvest is great and the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his vineyard", and answer your own prayer by saying "Here am I, Lord send me."

I. D. RICHARDSON.

*General Agent, Columbia Union Conference.*

## Church Schools

This is the time of year that our advance schools are settling their policies and faculties for the coming school year. It is true that many of our church-schools try to lay definite plans as early as this that they may not be disappointed when it is time to begin school in the fall.

It frequently happens that for one reason or another it seems best to let matters rest till some time in the summer, but the truly wide awake school board will have plans well matured before the close of school this year.

Sometimes it is the lack on the part of the supporters of the school to come up to their pledges, and this makes it hard to plan for the future. Sometimes it is weakness in the teacher that brings discouragement to the management of the school. Rather than say anything discouraging to the teacher or to the church, nothing at all is said.

The writer has had the privilege of visiting schools in every part of the Union, and almost without exception there is a growing confidence and a greater willingness to foster the primary

educational work among us. Several schools have opened this year, and the last one has been organized within the past few weeks. In two or three places there are "booster clubs" working with enthusiasm to be ready for next fall. Some good teachers in other fields have their eyes turned this way and the outlook for schools and for teachers is most encouraging.

If there are school boards who desire definite information concerning prospective teachers, I should be glad to receive and consider your inquiries. Surely the time is here when teachers should be recognized by bearing Union Conference Papers and thus avoid the discouragements that have come in the past by having teachers entirely unqualified. The minds of our "lambs of the flock" are too valuable to suffer much experimenting.

Plans are being laid to strengthen our summer normals and at present matters are shaping up satisfactorily.

It is hoped that every teacher in the Union will understand the importance of attending the summer school and be prompt in response to the plans laid by the Union Committee.

C. L. STONE.

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## A Great Revival

The Spirit of God is doing a great work in the hearts of God's people in the New Jersey Conference. We are now in the closing days of the Colporteurs' Institute. Sixteen are in attendance. This is the largest attendance I have ever seen in a New Jersey Colporteurs' Institute. The class throughout is also the best. The spirit of consecration is unusual.

Certainly the Holy Spirit is doing his mighty work in the heart of all those who will listen to the still small voice saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." If the spirit is speaking to you, do not turn the deaf ear. Truly the Lord is speaking to all his people that they go forward.

The world is all astir and the last great prophecies are in rapid process of fulfillment. May the Lord greatly help everyone to find his place in the fast closing work.

Those in attendance at the Institute are: T. H. Barritt, field agent; Geo. W. Blinn; G. G. Taylor; Herman Lauter-

bach; G. E. Fredenburgh; Andrew Hansen; John I. Applegate; Henry Gaskill; Samuel Law; Harry Law; William H. Ward; L. S. Crate; Mrs. L. S. Crate; Francis P. Sher; W. H. Orr; Arthur H. Vorce and Allen Boynton.

Brother George W. Blinn who attended the first institute I ever conducted in this conference eight years ago and who has been faithful all these years, is with us fully recovered from his recent operation and ready for work again. Brother Blinn tells us that while in the hospital he lost some time from the regular field canvassing, yet he improved his opportunity in the hospital to sell some books and teach the truth to his fellow patients.

By the blessings of the Lord, we expect to see a great work done in New Jersey from this time forward.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *General Agent.*

"We are valuable only as we make ourselves valuable."

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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## News Notes

The Home Department of the Allentown Sabbath-school has grown in a very short time from one member to nineteen. This will prove a great blessing to the isolated members as well as to the Sabbath-school.

Through the persistent effort of one of our isolated sisters, an interest has been aroused at Gouldsboro. Brother Schwedrat has been there to follow it up and the prospects are very bright for a little company of believers there. We will quote a few lines from letters to Brother Schwedrat which will be of interest. "I have more good news for you. Miss Mable H— is keeping the Sabbath and her mother has taken her stand for the truth. Mrs. H—, the first to take her stand for the truth in this place, is more and more in earnest and her husband says the Bible has become the most interesting book he has. He says he sees things in a different light and is wondering how he can arrange to keep the Sabbath . . . Altogether this Sabbath question is causing a great stir in Gouldsboro." This town is between Scranton and Stroudsburg.

Splendid reports are coming from Brother Detwiler who is now at Williamsport where there is a revived interest.

Good word comes from Reading that a large class is preparing to take the spring standard of attainment test. It is to be hoped that the influence of their example may be an encouragement to others.

Have you a dollar ready for the thirteenth Sabbath donation for needy Malaysia? Our goals are the same as last year. Daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson. Personal work for every pupil. A million dollars to missions as soon as possible. Each of these goals is of prime importance—each worthy of your best endeavor.

### Notice

Missionary Volunteers please read the article "The Trouble and the Remedy" by Professor Kern in the *Instructor* for March 9.

In a letter from Mrs. Luella Priddy of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she says:—

"We came here last June and since that time Mr. Priddy has sold several thousand Temperance *Instructors*, *Watchman*, *Signs* and some books. He re-canvasses his territory. The canvasser who fails to go over his field several times misses a large part of the joy of canvassing, for each time he finds more people interested in the truth.

"A Catholic lady who bought a book to send to some relatives for a gift said, 'I want two more copies of that book as my friends were so pleased with it.'

"We also hear good reports of the Temperance *Instructor*. A number of young men have quit smoking cigarettes as a result of reading it. A man who is a moderate drinker but who does not want his boys to follow his example, bought a copy of "The Man That Rum Made," for them to read. One day one of the boys came in and we asked him how he liked his book. He said, 'I can not get a chance to read it as father is reading it all the time.' A little later their little girl came over. She looked so happy when she told us that her father had said that he was not going to drink any more beer. She said that her mother was happy too.

"One day Mr. Priddy met a little lad carrying a copy of this same book to school. He said that his teacher was reading out of it every day to the children. There are people here in this city and in the surrounding towns who are interested in the truth, and they buy more literature every time they are visited. We trust there will be some precious souls saved as a result of the seed sown."

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### Institute

Arrangements have been completed for our Colporteurs' Institute which will convene at Johnstown, March 24 to April 4. It is centrally located in the conference, and offers excellent facilities for a meeting of this kind.

We are planning a most profitable and instructive meeting, and I hope all both prospective workers, and those already in the field, to attend. I would be glad to correspond with others who are burdened for the work, and desire to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity.

Our church building, where the Institute will convene, is located at 213 Hickory Street. We will commence our regular routine of Institute work Wednesday morning, March 24. It will be well for all who plan to attend to reach Johnstown on Tuesday, so as to enjoy the meetings from the beginning. We trust the readers of the *Visitor* will remember us as we meet together.

H. K. CHRISTMAN, 7155 Mt. Vernon Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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### News Notes

Elder R. T. Baer baptized three precious souls in the mountain region about four miles from Smithsburg last Sunday.

Some of the members in some of our churches are preparing to take the standard of attainment examination this month. We hope there may be a number of certificates to be called for.

Elder J. H. Wierts organized a Bible Class last Thursday night and there are quite a goodly number of interested people as members.

All Sabbath-schools take note: Let those who desire the Memory Verse Cards and the Review Rolls for the coming quarter order them at once.

Let all the Sabbath-schools remember the Thirteenth Sabbath offering for the needy Malaysian field.

Brother O. C. Weller, who is canvassing in Fredrick County, Md. sends his experience as follows:

"While canvassing for my last delivery I came to a farm house just at dinner time. I was invited to dinner, which invitation I accepted gratefully. A minister of the Reformed church was visiting in the home at the time. After dinner I gave them a canvass for my book, 'Bible Readings'. Everything went along well until I came to the chapter on 'The United States in Prophecy', when the minister began to object and said he could not agree with that; that he had never heard it interpreted in that way before. I replied that we are learning new things every day, and that I felt sure he would agree with this after giving it careful study. He seemed to grow very uneasy, and asked me if I knew the book 'Great Controversy between Christ and Satan,' and if this book was published by the same company that published that book. I answered in the affirmative to both questions and then went on with my canvass. But neither he nor the farmer could be induced to give me an order for the book. The minister knew I was an Adventist, as I learned afterward and the lady with whom he boarded had 'Great Controversy' and she told me he urged them not read it. He undoubtedly thought my work would cause a disturbance among his members. He went among the people from whom I had taken orders and talked against the book. One man said he was at his home for about three hours talking against Adventists. They had a controversy over the Sabbath in which the gentlemen told the minister he could not hide the Sabbath. He did all he could in that direction against my work, and on Sunday before my delivery he preached from the pulpit about the book and me. He referred to Matt. 24:24 and told them I was one of the false prophets spoken of there. He had the people stirred up considerably over the Sabbath question and when I went around to make my delivery they asked many questions. They seemed to have more confidence in me than they

had in him. I showed them how the book dealt with the subject, and the result was that I made a 100 per cent delivery. I delivered my books all in one day, and the delivery amounted to \$97.25. Truly the Lord helped me wonderfully, and I give him all the praise. I trust the Sabbath question may trouble these dear people until they will accept it."

The above is another proof of the text "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

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## News Notes

Since the report given in the last paper, twelve have taken their stand to obey the truth as a result of the meetings held by Elder Hirlinger in the Portsmouth No. 1 church.

Good reports come from all quarters of the conference and it is encouraging indeed to see the sweet spirit of the Lord at work among his people. Souls coming in and zeal and unity among all.

Brother Harry Wright and Brother Hugh Land returned to the office from making their delivery. Brother Wright has now returned for another delivery.

Ere this reaches its readers the Canvassers' Institute will be in session at Stanley. Brethren I. D. Richardson of Takoma Park, and W. H. George our own field agent, will be in attendance during the whole session. Elder Moffett expects to spend a portion of the time with them and a good class of workers have expressed their intention to be at the Institute. A full report will follow about the Institute and a location of the workers in the field.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, the Union Conference Auditor, has been at the office during the past few days making the annual audit. We greatly appreciated Brother Dowsett's visit and help in suggestions for the work and as he was here over Sabbath, he spoke to the Richmond church Sabbath morning and the colored church Sunday evening. Both congregations much appreciated the message which he delivered to them.

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## Have You?

Have you ever arranged to buy a home or even a piece of furniture, paying a little at a time at certain intervals and all plans based on your present prospects? Those plans required scrimping, saving, and cutting out many needless things that would have been enjoyed at the time, but you thought it worth the sacrifice if you could meet those payments regularly, enjoying the prospect of that time when the title would be yours. Friends and neighbors thought well of your thrifty ways and good judgment. In fact there was much satisfaction and good progress made as the business-like plans enabled you to realize upon your ambition.

Those ambitions were of much profit in a more lasting way, but I wonder if you have ever applied them to some extent to your ambition to own that other Home and to add to the facilities by which you could the more quickly and completely enjoy it? Please do not get suspicious when I refer to that outline and card recently sent you, for I am anxious that you understand the essential feature of it. Did you notice that it is a *suggestive* outline to help in your planning and by signing the card, you simply commit yourself to that systematic, regular giving with a definite aim, mindful of what it will gain for you.

Has it occurred to you what a close relation there is between your attitude to the Eastern Question, the Sabbath, etc., and your advancing the interests of this work in a business-like way? That is what we would like to see practiced by all,—that definite planning for systematic giving even to self-denial and sacrifice, for little interest is long manifested in that which costs little in efforts and means. Then shall it be the surplus after our indulgences or investment, according to our hope for lasting treasures? Stewardship? Only according to our ability, but *all* of that.

But why not give as I have it then from time to time? Why plan so definitely? What about the faithful workers in the distant lands who are depending upon us? They are on the firing line in your stead. What if you were there?

Read the mission folder to learn their needs.

Will your interest and faith prompt you to plan for as much as last year or a little more? Anyway, why send the card if I adopt the plan? It will help you carry out your decision better and encourage others by general use of results.

Not as a camp-meeting pledge, over and above all offerings at the close of the year, but a resolution that including all mission offerings throughout the year your aim shall be a certain total, met gradually by week and month. Help hold the ropes for the Ohio folks and others who have gone into heathen darkness to share that blessed hope with those in waiting. Begin now in March. Mark, sign, and return your card. Make 1915 the best year in the Master's service.

H. D. HOLTOM.

## Among the Churches

Our people in Findlay are rejoicing in the message and are pressing forward.

The church at Lima is growing. They are having fine meetings each Sabbath, also a weekly prayer-meeting which is well attended. The spirit of earnestness is taking hold of our dear brethren here and they are doing active missionary work.

I found the church at Lake View in a prosperous condition. They have been encouraged by the help of Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh and Sister Clara Reichenbaugh who are both canvassing in that section. The church is now busy planning for a new church building.

Dr. Howard Jump recently closed an interesting series of meetings at Bowling Green. The church was greatly encouraged and many others were deeply interested and we hope some will soon accept the truth.

The people at Bellefontaine although scattered are still holding on to the arm of the Lord.

I found one new Sabbath-keeper at Broughton who was rejoicing in the message.

Our people a Charloe, who have been under quarantine on account of an epidemic of smallpox, are of good courage as the result of a short series of meetings held with them. Many are interested at this place. We hope to spend more time with this church in the future.

We are of good courage in the master's word and look for its speedy triumph.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

## News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade made a trip to Bowling Green Thursday, March 11.

Sister Acton is spending this week among the church schools, Grafton and Wakeman being among the places visited.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waltner, of Leipsic, Ohio, are spending a few days at the home of Brother C. H. Panches.

Elder F. M. Fairchild and Brother Merritt Eusey are to hold a series of meetings at the Walnut Grove church, beginning March 15.

Lorain County is now being worked by Brother Ira M. Rickett. We are glad to see him back in the work once more and trust that he will be able to give the message to many of the people in that county.

Brother H. C. Oberholtzer, who was in the work years ago, has once more joined the ranks of our faithful colporteurs, and we trust that he will again be the means of placing this truth before many people through the printed page.

Our secretary and treasurer, Brother H. D. Holtom, has been walking around rather proudly for the past few days. Perhaps it is on account of a little girl, Grace Lucile, who came to their home March 10. We extend congratulation to the happy parents.

We are glad to see our colporteur work growing. The workers have been taking advantage of the fine weather in placing many books in the homes of the people. All write encouraging letters and say that in spite of the war conditions, the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease, and in many places money panic, they are meeting with success; for they realize that none of these things can stop God's work.

The western part of Medina County is suffering a scourge of the foot and mouth disease, but this does not hinder the spreading of the message. Brother John Holder is working in that section, and says that he is pressing right on and placing the book in the homes of the people.

Brother H. A. Rossin writes: "I went to my field last Monday morning. I came to a large house near the road. The man was at the stable, so I approached him, telling of my work. We went to the house and there I showed my book. While I was doing this, the lady interrupted me saying, 'I have dreamed of you or else some one has told me of you, and just such a man I expected to see, telling me just the things I wanted to know.' Needless to

say I got their order. I spent two nights there with a standing invitation to return whenever in the neighborhood. I trust the book will mean the salvation of those dear souls for whom Christ died."

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## Some More Experiences

Even though the work here in the District of Columbia Conference is yet in its infancy, the tendency is ever onward, and all the workers are of good courage in the Lord. A goodly number of regular canvassers are now getting ready for effective service as soon as "the green gets back," at which time the book work is expected to move forward as never before. Those who are now doing the bulk of the work are students or others whose studies or business permits them only to put in a few hours per week. I am very thankful to God for the few hours, however, and know that these who thus devote their spare time to this work will receive real spiritual uplift, which is of more value than all else.

From some of the reports sent in I am able to glean a few facts, which I want to pass on to others:

F. P. Cook. "I was recently called to South Carolina to the bedside of my father who was sick, hence I had a good opportunity of doing some missionary work while enroute. I took with me "World's Crisis," *Protestant Magazine*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and also some of the last issue of the *Temperance Instructor*. These I sold and gave away on the train. By thus coming in contact with the passengers, I had splendid opportunity of talking with them, and I am not boasting when I say that never before have I found people so eager to listen to what I had to say regarding the stirring times in which we are now living. They all wanted to know what this awful devastation of war means, and the literature I carried with me answered their questions to the entire satisfaction of all. For nearly two hundred miles I studied my Bible with the people, the Lord helping me in a marvelous way. For this blessed experience I am profoundly grateful."

Brother Cook is an employee in the

Government Printing Office, and as his shift comes on late in the afternoon, he has a few hours of each day in which to work with "Bible Readings," and the few hours he is able to put in have been blessed of the Lord in a real gratifying manner.

Mrs. M. E. DAVIS: "I have had some good experiences this week, and the Lord made it possible for me to enter many a home that otherwise would have been difficult to have entered. During the week I succeeded in selling twenty-seven books, six of which were to one man, an optician, he buying them for his friends and neighbors. His own book he has read through several times, and sees great light in it. I also had a pleasant conversation with his wife, who is ill. She believes in the power of God to heal. The Lord met us very graciously in a season of prayer."

Mrs. R. H. QUICKLEY: "The past week has been laden with many home duties, but the Lord has given me orders for which I am thankful. Many like the book and what it teaches very much. I am trusting that I may grow in grace daily, and thus be better able to warn the people of the judgments of God that are soon to be poured out upon the earth."

Mrs. ALICE BLACKSTONE: "The past week I have felt my unworthiness as never before. Because of this I am constantly praying for more of the power of God, as I realize that this is my only help as I go from home to home with the printed page. I mean to be faithful till the work of God in the earth is finished."

Brother John B. Aitket, a student at the College, is able to put in some time canvassing, and his report for this week amounts to \$62.25. He is working in the outskirts of the District, and is doing valiant service.

Josephine Brown, one of the new workers, has her first report in this week. She has been confined to her home with a very bad cold, but succeeded in five hours in taking three orders for "Bible Readings," the value being \$13.

Brother E. Mitchell, who has been canvassing for five or six weeks, and has been doing a splendid business, is now mourning the loss of an infant babe. We all sympathize with him and his good wife in this their deep affliction, and commend them alone to him who can comfort every heartache.

God's people everywhere should deem it a real privilege to have a part in this closing work, and should arise and go about it in a way that would mean a speedy finishing. E. R. BUTTON.

"I picked up your issue of the *Signs of the Times*, and although of the Jewish faith, find it extremely interesting. In-

closed find fifty cents in stamps for a half years subscription including October, November and December issues of 1914, and commencing with the February issue of 1915, as I have the January issue."

**SPECIAL**

**News from "Elmshaven"**

This morning March 3, I found mother sitting up in her big arm chair in the large bay window, which is flooded with sunshine. After asking about my family, she inquired about what is going on these days. I told her of a young man in whom she took great interest years ago, who, with his wife, has been aroused by the evident fulfilment of prophecy, and has renewed his allegiance to God. She said:

"It is best to be on the right side; then we shall see a decided work accomplished. We must have true religion. We want the Spirit of the One who died for us. Then our influence will be felt."

I told her that a letter from Elder J. S. Washburn brought word about a family who left Ireland fourteen years ago to get away from the Sabbath doctrine and who had recently attended meetings in Philadelphia, and are now rejoicing in fellowship of obedience. I also told her of an experience in which a faithful worker had been severely beset by Satan, and released in answer to prayer; and her testimony, after being healed from a marked case of hysteria, had led several to give their hearts' allegiance to God. In this good news mother greatly rejoiced.

Day before yesterday, when I repeated to her some of the messages of sympathy from old friends in Mountain View, Los Angeles, and Washington, and mentioned Elder Corliss, Adelia Van Horn, Brother and Sister J. J. Wessels, and Elders Butler and Haskell, she said: "Tell my old friends that I do not forget them."

Then, speaking of the goodness of God, she said: "I have hope and faith and courage in the Lord."

The physicians continue to say that her condition is unusually favorable.

W. C. WHITE.

**The Standard of Attainment**

When God wanted a deliverer for the slave Israelites in Egypt, he sought a man who was acquainted with God, a man who had studied God and his work. When the Israelites were to be delivered from the sword of Haman, the wicked Agagite, the Jewish maiden, Esther, was selected because she was acquainted with God and was able to get an audience with him every day. When a representa-

**Canvassers' Reports**

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Vaine	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, Week Ending March 5, 1915</b>									
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.	DA	6	43	8	25	50	3 85	29 35	42 90
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.	BR	5	42	11	34	00		34 00	
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.	BR	5	37	8	25	00	2 45	27 45	3 20
C. E. Reichenbach, Shelby Co.	GC	5	35	5	20	00	4 50	24 50	163 10
Clara Reichenbach, Logan Co.	GC	5	34	22	72	00		72 00	
B. F. Carter, Guernsey Co.	BR	5	33	2	6	00	9 25	15 25	3 00
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.	BR	4	33	4	14	00	4 35	18 35	6 10
Fred Hannah, Holmes Co.	BR	4	32	7	21	00	2 00	23 00	1 00
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.	BR	5	32	13	39	00	3 35	42 35	
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.	PPF	4	30	9	53	00	75	53 75	75
Carl Krause, Ross Co.	BR	4	30	9	30	00	3 00	33 00	4 75
H. O. Kohr, Mt. Vernon	DR	4	29	10	31	00	5 25	36 25	25 50
C. R. Fairchild, Hardin Co.	BR	4	29	7	25	00	1 50	26 50	
J. L. Holder, Wayne Co.	BR	4	28	3	10	00	3 25	13 25	1 00
W. S. Scott, Jefferson Co.	HM	5	27	3	6	00	75	6 75	50
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.	BR	3	21	3	9	00	3 45	12 45	10 50
H. C. Oberholtzer	BR			6	20	00		20 00	
Mrs. W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.	BR	3	13	2	6	00	75	6 75	1 15
Mrs L. J. Jackson, Hamilton	HM	3	11				2 75	2 75	
Mrs. Daisy Crist, Columbus	BR	2	7	3	6	00		6 00	3 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20 Agents</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>\$452 50</b>	<b>\$51 20</b>	<b>\$503 70</b>	<b>\$267 20</b>

<b>District of Columbia, Week Ending March 5, 1915</b>									
E. Mitchell	GC	2	10	8	13	25	1 50	14 75	1 00
Mrs. Alice Blackson	Misc	1	2	4	1	75		1 75	1 75
Mrs. H. R. Quickly	Misc	1	3	8	2	00		2 00	2 00
R. W. Williamson	BR	1	3	2	6	00	2 75	8 75	6 05
W. H. Howard	Misc	1	2	3	1	25		1 25	1 25
John B. Aitkin	BR	5	40	18	57	00	5 25	62 25	
C. S. Warren	BR	5	26	6	19	00	7 25	26 25	4 00
Josephine Brown	BR	1	5	3	13	00		13 00	
Max Trummer	BR	1	1	1	3	00		3 00	3 00
Mrs. Cross	Misc	1	4	10	2	50		2 50	2 50
Miscellaneous									3 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$118 75</b>	<b>\$16 75</b>	<b>\$135 50</b>	<b>\$24 55</b>

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Miss Peacock	2 50	Miss Chandler	5 40
Mrs. Cross	2 50	Mrs. E. R. McKean	2 50
Mary Whilden	2 50	Gertrude Walker	2 50
Miss E. Sperry	1 00	Arthur Schultz	60
Mary L. Senator	1 20	Mr. Coombs	2 30
Eliza Ross	50	Sadie Detwiler	2 50
Rose Max	2 50	Verna Stowe	2 50
Anna Williams	2 50	Mildred Stewart	1 50
F. E. Wilson	5 00	<b>Total</b>	<b>40 00</b>

**West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 5, 1915**

Archie Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	10	88	28	54	00	19 60	73 60	47 43
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	32	10	37	00		37 00	13 25
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	BR	3	19	8	26	00		26 00	39 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	2	10	1	3	00		3 00	29 00
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	BR	3	22	8	24	00	4 00	28 00	7 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>144 00</b>	<b>23 60</b>	<b>167 60</b>	<b>135 68</b>

**Virginia, Week Ending March 5, 1915**

H. A. Wright, Urbanna	BR	3	17						82 88
Hugh Land, Urbanna	PPF	4	30						59 40
M. A. Maloney, Tappahannock	CK	4	26	5	8	50	9 90	18 40	
Bennett Ham, Ceer	BFL	4	22	5	5	00	3 35	8 35	
Aubrey L. Gary, Danville	PPF								48 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$13 50</b>	<b>\$13 25</b>	<b>\$26 75</b>	<b>\$190 28</b>

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Louise Henley	31 00	Mabel Watkins	40 00
		<b>\$71 00</b>	

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 5, 1915

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	3	29	5	15 00		15 00	97 25	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	3	25	1	4 00	2 80	6 80	101 90	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	28	18	36 00	16 00	52 00		
John J. Martin, Carolina Co.	PPF	2	21					76 85	
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	CK	3	24	17	30 00	4 30	34 30		
Totals	5 Agents		15	127	47	\$85 00	\$23 10	\$108 10	\$276 50

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Alma Hohensee, Wilmington	Watchman				150			15 00
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West Virginia, Week Ending March 5, 1915

W. A. McElphatrick, Tucker Co.	BR	5	54					198 70	
John McHenry, Wood	BF	5	44	24	78 00	24 00	102 00		
T. M. Butler, Dodridge Co.	BF	5	41	17	57 00	3 00	60 00	1 50	
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell		4	28	1	3 00		3 00	59 50	
Henry Waggoner, Taylor Co.	BR	2	28	3	9 00		9 00	120 70	
J. E. Meredith, Berea Co.	HW	5		60	15 00		15 00		
Totals	6 Agents		26	195	105	\$162 00	\$27 00	\$189 00	\$380 40

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 5, 1915

W. P. Hess, Lanc. Co.	PPF	3	24	4	8 00	3 75	11 75	
W. H. Frizzell, Lanc. Co.	DR	3	16	2	6 00	75	6 75	
G. R. Hawthorn, Chester Co.	BF	5	37	7	11 50		11 50	6 80
E. S. Tolliver, Wilkes-Barre	BF	3	5	2	2 75	2 00	4 75	
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	1	3					3 00
Totals	6 Agents				\$28 25	\$6 50	\$34 75	\$9 80

New Jersey, Week Ending February 20, 1915

A. Boynton, Cape May Co.	BR	6	35	15	48 00	20	48 20	15 00	
H. Lauterbach, Warren Co.	BFL	5	47	16	23 50		23 50	11 50	
H. Gaskill, Atlantic City	BR	5	34	3	9 00	9 34	18 34	5 80	
Totals	3 Agents		16	116	33	80 60	9 54	90 94	32 30

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tive was needed to represent Jehovah during the Babylonish-Medo-Persian captivity, beloved Daniel, who had grown up in his Judean home, studying God's word and his works, was selected.

"Many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's Word and his works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. . . . To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher, and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"—*Education, pages 262, 268.*

A crisis is on today. Every one is asking, "What do these things mean? Or will you be told, like Ahimaaz, "turn aside, and stand there." The man had seen a great tumult, but knew not what it was. Could you have done what Philip did, when at the direction of the Holy Spirit, he joined himself to the

African eunuch? The Ethiopian official asked, "Of whom speaketh the prophet this, of himself or some other man?" Philip "began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus." The man and the opportunity had met. The result was a soul born into the kingdom of Heaven.

Conscientiously observe the Morning Watch, faithfully read your Bible through this year, and study the Senior Missionary Volunteer lessons appearing in the *Church Officers' Gazette*.

C. L. BENSON.

The Papacy

(Continued)

For every great movement in the political world there has followed a notable reaction. This was also true concerning the dreadful work of persecution, that Rome indulged during the Dark Ages. It was the gross injustices that were being practiced on the people of Europe by her that led them to protest. She paved the way for Luther's work. But against no class of people has persecution raised its venomous head as it did against the

Waldenses, or the Vaudois mentioned before. These people stood foremost in resisting the encroachment of the Roman See. For centuries the churches of the Piedmont worshipped independently of the papal church. But about the thirteenth century, persecution became so strong that one must gaze in wonder that there remained a single believer in gospel truth in this region. It was due to the missionary efforts of these people, in a great measure, that we owe the Reformation. All Europe was traversed by these loyal men going from door to door, opening wherever they dared, the precious scrolls of Holy Writ. The founding of this religious body has been placed in the twelfth century by the majority of writers. All popish writers confess as much but no more. On the contrary they state positively that the Waldenses were backsliding Catholics who chose for their leader Peter Waldo and hence the name. But the records of their past history show how false this claim. They call their church the "Evangelical Church of the Valleys" and very properly reject the name of *Protestant*, saying that as they never belonged to the church of Rome, they cannot be said to have seceded from it.—*History of the Ancient Christians by Jean Paul Perrin, 16th century edited by Robert Baird 1847 ed. p. 470.*

OBITUARIES

HALE.—Mark Hale born at Mahanoy City Pa., September 25, 1888, died at Pottsville Pa., January 28, 1915, aged 26 years 4 months and 3 days. The cause of his death was peritonitis in connection with appendicitis and an operation for the latter.

Brother Mark Hale was a most faithful member of the Wade Seventh-day Adventist church. He was deacon and frequently took charge of the services of that church of which he was a charter member. It was organized in 1909. Not only does his wife, a faithful member of that church feel greatly this loss, as also do his father and mother and brothers and sisters, who are nearly all members of the same church, but the church as a whole feels it as a terrible blow. The East Pennsylvania Conference has in this unexpected death lost one of that worthy class to whom John addresses the words "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the Word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." 1 John 2: 14. Brother Hale appeared to be in the best of health, but was taken suddenly ill and medical advice was that an operation was the only hope. He was therefore hurried to the Pottsville Hospital that night and the operation performed, but he never recovered. He died within forty-four hours from the time of the operation. He was conscious most of the time

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and frequently expressed his full confidence in the Lord and that all was well with him whether he recovered or not. He fell asleep in Jesus so peacefully that the doctor and others about his bed did not know it until making examination to be sure.

The funeral was conducted by Elder A. R. Bell and the writer at the home at Wade on Sunday, January 31, and we laid him away to rest in the beautiful cemetery on the hill at Pottsville, there to await the coming of the Life-giver. Brother Mark worked in the Anthacite mines of that neighborhood and was highly respected by the miners who had known him from boyhood. Large numbers of these left work and attended the funeral, scores of whom stood in the yard and street in a steady rain because there was no more room in the house. There must have been nearly three hundred people in attendance. Elder Bell spoke of the enemy death and the plan of redemption. The writer spoke of the blessed hope of the Remnant people, taking as his text Rev. 14: 12-14. This blessing rests upon our brother for he died "in the Lord." If we are faithful we shall soon meet him again when Jesus comes to take his ransomed ones home to that city of immortal joy. H. M. J. RICHARDS.

### Academy

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke to the Mt. Vernon church, Sabbath morning, March, 6.

Brother Vernon Panches, the Ohio state agent, spoke to the students Wednesday morning during the chapel period.

Elder N. S. Ashton who made a trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., returned last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sevelon Rockwell, a son, Sevelon Secor, on February 27. Mr. Rockwell is teaching at Fresno, California.

### Washington Missionary College

On Monday night the Foreign Mission band was invited to the home of President and Mrs. Shaw to bid Mr. and Mrs. Kimble "God-Speed". Prof. Shaw and Miss Burroway made appropriate speeches, after which Professor Caviness, in behalf of the band, wished the young missionaries well on their long voyage. After refreshments had been served all stood as we sang, "God be with you till we meet again."

A missionary symposium was given at the First Adventist church, Baltimore, by several of the college students who are here for special work preparatory to returning to their several fields. Besides the many colored costumes and native songs with which the large audience was interested, a unique collection of Malay- sian views was thrown upon the canvass.

Last week we were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richards who have come from Graysville, Tennessee, to attend school at the college.

A fifteen thousand edition of "Outline of Mission Fields" is being gotten out by the college press. This is the third edition and it has been greatly enlarged and revised, and now contains 178 pages. On account of this extra large edition it has been necessary to add two helpers to the office force.

Mr. Ray LeRoy Kimble, and Miss Mae Estep, were married in the Takoma Park Adventist church last week; President Shaw officiating. These young people are both trained nurses, and are to leave in a few days for India.

The Bible Worker's class, under the instruction of Mrs. Williams, are having good success in their work among the people in the neighborhood. Thirty-two Bible readings are being given each week. Already two of the readers have begun to keep the Sabbath, and several others are deeply interested.

Brother Richardson, the general agent for the Columbia Union Conference, spoke recently in chapel on the privileges of the canvassing work. The following

Sunday a Canvassers' Band was organized with E. Maximo Trummer as leader. The membership is already about twenty and is still growing.

The first and second year Greek classes gave a program on New Testament Greek recently. The various papers dealt with the value of the Greek to the Bible student; and the different phases of the subject presented the salient points of one important feature of the minister's training.

A Temperance Rally with the Missionary Volunteers in charge was held last Sabbath, following which several hundred of the Temperance Annual of the *Youth's Instructor* were ordered, and are to be sold in Washington.

The college English classes have been given some practical work to do in preparing matter for a coming number of the *Signs of the Times* weekly, which they are to edit.

### Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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