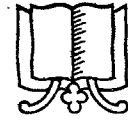


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Young People's Day

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Special attention is called to the program for the Missionary Volunteer Department, to be held May 1st. This is a special day for the young people of the church and it is sincerely hoped that all officers and young people's workers will use this opportunity to bring the greatest possible good to the dear youth of our various churches.

The readings for the program will be published in the *Review* of April 22 so that it will be in hand sufficiently early to lay plans for a good service. Would it not be possible at this time to give the morning service for this occasion and have the young people largely bear part in the program? These special Missionary Volunteer days do not come often and it is sincerely hoped by those who carry a heavy burden on their hearts for the young people, that these few occasions may be made to count for much.

Will all who are interested in the younger members of the church pray earnestly that this may be an occasion when the youth may catch new glimpses of their duties and responsibilities?

C. L. STONE.

Places of Worship

Many of our brethren and sisters who are visiting or traveling from place to place find it difficult at times to locate the churches in large cities and thus they are deprived of meeting with those of like precious faith on the Sabbath day. Thinking it would be of benefit to those and others who might wish the information, we have decided to publish from time to time a list of the locations of the various churches. In this issue we are giving a list of the churches in the Chesapeake Conference, and as we are able to

secure these lists we will furnish them for other states, in future issues.

Baltimore English—Ninth St. near North Ave., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md. (Northwestern Section)

Baltimore German—3700 Fait Ave., Highlandtown, Baltimore, Md.

Baltimore Colored—1901 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Wilmington English—1604 Howland St., Wilmington, Del. (Northwestern Section)

Wilmington Colored—1113 French St., Wilmington, Del.

Hagerstown—Cross St. & McComas Ave., Hagerstown, Md. (Northeastern Section)

Cumberland—(No Church Building) Odd Fellows Hall, South Cumberland, Md. (Sabbath Afternoon)

Cambridge—No. 3 Travers St., Cambridge, Md.

Frederick—19 Jefferson St., Frederick, Md. (Home of M. S. Pettibone)

R. T. DOWSETT.

A Jubilee Service

At the time of the annual Board Meeting of the Mount Vernon Academy held at Mount Vernon in February, we were confronted by a situation that brought more than usual pleasure and satisfaction to the members of the board. The institution at Mount Vernon, as the readers of the *Visitor* know, had been for many years that of embarrassing debt. Many plans had been laid and many calls had been made for reducing this indebtedness, but the reduction seemed to be a slow process. It was true, however, that by careful management and through the response of our people throughout the union a gradual lessening of the debt was accomplished. During the last two years we seemed to succeed in making better progress in dealing with the indebtedness.

As has already been announced, we were permitted to apply nearly \$17,000 on the indebtedness of the institution early this year, so that at the present time the

debt is wiped out. A few years ago there was an indebtedness of over \$30,000 on the institution; and for us to realize that we were dealing with an institution that had been thus encumbered, wholly freed from debt at the present time, was indeed a pleasant experience.

It was decided by the managing board of the academy that a fitting jubilee service should be held during commencement week of this spring. Definite plans have been laid for this service which is to take place Sabbath, May 22, at three o'clock P. M. We would be much pleased if there could be an attendance of many of our people from all the conferences of the union at this service, for the lifting of this large debt has been made possible through the loyal, faithful efforts of the believers in all our churches in the union.

It seems fitting that we should by an appropriate service recognize an event of so great importance. Our sense of gratitude should be expressed that through the Lord's blessing this accomplishment has been made possible; and while we enter into such a service here at the academy, doubtless many of our churches and the conferences throughout the union will want to recognize in some fitting way the victory that comes to one of our institutions through freedom from debt after these many years of bondage. Especially will those who have labored faithfully and untiringly and who have lifted heavily, rejoice in the freedom that has come through the wiping out of this large debt.

E. K. SLADE.

The Summer Normal

At a recent meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, it was voted to arrange for a summer school to be held for teachers at Washington D. C. Almost all the local conference presidents of the Union were present and each went home with the purpose to present it to his committee as soon as opportunity offered.

From the spirit of the vote, it seems

very evident that plans will mature to hold such a school for the teachers of the Union, and plans are rapidly maturing to secure a strong corps of teachers that this may be a summer school such as the East has never seen.

R. T. Dowsett, J. L. Shaw, and C. L. Stone constitute the committee on finance, and C. L. Stone, J. L. Shaw, and Bessie E. Acton constitute the committee on arrangements.

The usual classes in professional work will be organized, and special attention will be given to review. It is also planned to offer considerable latitude in getting advanced work for those who may have finished the professional work. Private teachers of repute are always available in Washington, so the needs of every one may be supplied.

Another omen of cheer is the hearty response received from the Atlantic Union that they would consider favorably the invitation to join the Columbia Union in their summer school at Washington. If this plan matures, it would be possible to offer greater latitude in the selection of studies for there would be a larger teaching force and greater probability of securing the required number of students for the classes.

The Washington College has stated officially, "Go ahead and plan for a rousing summer school and we will back you up to the hilt". Therefore when the local conferences of the Union have taken action, the way will be clear to perfect arrangements with teachers individually.

While the privileges of the city of Washington will not be ignored in the plans for this school, yet it will be borne in mind throughout that the prime object of the school is to fit teachers for the sacred work with our children of tender years, rather than to afford an outing for the summer.

C. L. STONE.

CHESAPEAKE

Worker's Meeting

The conference committee has voted to hold a meeting for conference workers at which time special instruction will be given to aid in unifying the work, also to study methods for advancing the message in this field.

As laborers together with God, we need that close walk with the infinite God, that will enable us to possess more power over the evil darts of the enemy, and to become more efficient soul winners.

This meeting will be held in the new Seventh-day Adventist church at Wilmington, Delaware, April 26 to May 3. The Wilmington church very kindly extend their invitation for this meeting to be held in their midst and I am sure that

our workers will enjoy meeting our splendid church at Wilmington.

In connection with the regular instruction, there will be daily sessions of the conference executive committee. The work for the summer will be carefully planned.

I hope the workers will have the prayers of the churches that as the Lord's servants they may always have coupled with their consecration, the necessary wisdom to properly fit them for the great work of saving the lost.

R. T. BAER, Pres.

News Notes

Brother G. P. Rodgers reports an addition of sixteen dear souls to the Baltimore No. 3 church last week.

Elder R. H. Martin reports a baptism of eight last Sabbath in Dr. Holloway's Baptist church, in Wilmington, Del.

Elder J. H. Wierts visited the church at Marydel, Md. He reports good meetings until the storm. As that was so very severe in that section the people could not leave their homes on Sabbath.

Elder R. T. Baer visited the church at Rock Hall last Sabbath and Sunday, and despite the storm, a goodly number of people were in attendance at the meetings. Several expressed themselves as being determined to obey the Lord.

A beautiful grove on Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, one of the beautiful suburbs north of the city of Baltimore, has been contracted for our camp meeting, June 24-July 4. The carfare is only five cents from any part of the city. Let every one begin now to plan to attend this meeting. Other places in the conference were held under consideration for some time, but in view of the central location of this beautiful spot, and the desire of many of the people in the conference for a central location, the conference committee voted to hold the meeting at this place.

Elder F. H. Seeney reports 148 families reading the *Signs of the Times* weekly, regularly in Wilmington. Among these are the very best families of colored people in the city. His courage in the work is good, and prospects bright.

Brother M. S. Pettibone says while canvassing last week he met a gentleman who attended meetings held by Elder Virborck Nutter while in this conference about six years ago. He says he is a teacher in a Methodist Sunday-school, but has been

talking the truth to his class. He received his order for a half-morocco "Bible Readings" and a "Best Stories." He met a lady who asked for the privilege of taking the prospectus in her hand. As she did so she turned to the "Game of Life" and said, "That is what converted my husband, and I would not take anything for my book."

Two new Sabbath-schools have sent in report this quarter. We are glad to see the number of schools increasing.

Brother N. O. Shaffer came to the office this evening. He reports having had a good delivery.

OHIO

Special Results of United Efforts

For some time we have heard much about the twenty-cent-a-week plan. Judging from some references to it through correspondence to the conference office, it is doubtful that everyone understands the plan is submitted as a resolution to financial needs rather than a scheme to urge our people to reach a higher notch in giving. In other words, the Mission Board or General Conference Committee finds that for our people to successfully operate this plan would but meet the needs of this work as seen from their broader viewpoint. Knowing the total amount required for the up-keep of the work on its present basis, they have asked that our people, grouped as conferences and churches, reach that average per capita and thus maintain the same progress. In this way we know what result on our part will supply the need.

This same definite standard and arrangement has been used in the Suggestive Outline and Card Plan, realizing the advantage gained by regular, systematic effort and having in mind the varying circumstances of our people. However, it is our aim to go farther by considering what our results here will accomplish in the mission field. To the Mission Board it is a problem to solve and to us it should be an incentive to greater endeavor.

You have been asked to study carefully the suggestive outline and having decided upon the schedules, mark the same on your card, sign and return to the conference office. To illustrate the relation of these cards to the support of mission work, we might use schedule No. 6, for a goal of \$52. Eighteen adopting this schedule for the year would insure the support of an ordained minister of any mission field. Three adopting it would pay two native evangelists in Africa. Fourteen would be supplying enough

funds for a licentiate foreign worker in Japan, or eight nearly enough for the best native evangelist; and one adopting this schedule would enable the Mission Board to train a student in the mission school at Tokyo over a year. Three would supply more than enough funds to employ the best native evangelist in India or two for the best in Burma.

Equally interesting groups might be used in connection with schedule No. 5, a goal of \$39. Twenty-four would by this schedule contribute enough for the Mission Board to pay an ordained minister for the year located in any mission field. Two would insure the support of a native evangelist in China or one for the best woman Bible worker there. To give a longer list here of what might be done for other fields through the use of these or others schedules might only confuse. However, I trust the above will so clearly illustrate the advantages gained by use of these schedules that our churches will supply such groups, who by their efforts throughout 1915 will have the assurance that their results have accomplished something definite. Thus Ohio may indeed feel that it has more at the front than we might otherwise claim. Will you begin now with definite plans to advance the Master's cause? H. D. HOLCOM.

News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath, April 10, with the Mansfield church.

Brother V. O. Panches met with the Leesburg church Sabbath, going on from there to visit the canvassers at Chillicothe. Brother W. S. Syphers, of that place, has finished canvassing his territory in that county and will move to Fayette County, locating at Washington Court House.

Orders for "The World's Crisis" continue to come in large numbers. All who have tried this book say it sells very easily. Let all who have not sent in their orders do so at once to avoid any delay that may be occasioned by the rush which comes at the opening of the summer months.

In a recent letter to the conference secretary, Elder James Schultz, now editor of the Chinese *Signs of the Times* at Shanghai, writes on his return from a trip inland, "I feel more genuine sorrow for our workers who have to work under those conditions than I have ever felt before." Don't you think you would have a better hold on the ropes for those faithful laborers in the darkened heathen land by carefully planning for their support? Are you using the outline and goal card?

Brother Harry Barto is having excellent success selling "Practical Guide" in Piqua County. Brother Rees is assisting him for a few days this week.

Brother C. E. Reichenbach spent Sabbath with his family at Mount Vernon. He reports that he is of the best of courage and doing well in placing our books among the people of Shelby County. He expects soon to move his family to the territory he canvasses.

A good delivery has just been finished by Brother H. A. Rossin in Coshocton County. In order to do resident canvassing in Tuscarawas County, he will soon be located in New Philadelphia.

For several weeks Brother B. F. Carter has been unable to engage in the colporteur work because of illness, but he writes that he is feeling much better now and expects to soon be in the field again.

By the number of missionary reports which are coming in, we see that there has been no slackening of the home missionary work because of the spring months, but our people are still working to give the message to those around them, and we trust that this will be kept up throughout the summer.

Statement of the result of the Twenty-cent-a-week Plan for the first quarter of 1915 has just been forwarded to the church leaders and treasurers. One encouraging item is 53 cents, the highest average, compared with 32 cents for the same period last year; another is that eleven churches have passed the twenty cent average compared with four last year. Don't you think a more extensive use of the outline and goal card would put your church in that top notch class? Or if already in, keep it there? Try it. More cards and outlines for the asking.

VIRGINIA

Stanley

Following the School-board and Conference Committee meetings at New Market, it was the writer's privilege to spend a few days at Stanley in connection with the institute which was held there. Eight canvassers were in attendance. Brethren I. D. Richardson and W. H. George gave the instruction. In the evenings services were held for the general public. These lasted for over two weeks.

Elder Kime brought the students from the academy over for a couple of days and their presence added greatly to the

interest. Several of the students are planning to canvass for scholarships for Washington College.

At the close of the meetings a lady of high standing in the community was baptized by Elder Bidwell, making nineteen persons baptized since the mid-winter effort. This brings the membership of the Stanley church up to 102.

The cards were presented in behalf of the twenty-cent-a-week fund for missions, and the response would indicate that Stanley would double last year's offering. Steps were also taken to prosecute vigorously the erection of a church-school building for the coming year.

The outlook is good at Stanley and the church was never of better courage.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Portsmouth Norfolk and Gilmerton

The work at the above named places is developing nicely. God has blessed our efforts and to him we give all the glory for he is worthy. The members at Portsmouth are busily engaged in distributing the printed page from house to house and at the jail. The prisoners are using the Bibles which were donated to them by the Church Missionary Societies.

At Norfolk we are greatly in need of a church as well as at Portsmouth. The members here are also busily engaged distributing the printed page. A sister eighty-two years old who is new in the message being baptized last October, and although her eyesight is a little impaired, is selling the *Signs of the Times*. One week she sold twenty-three copies. This is her work every week. She is rejoicing in this good work.

Gilmerton is five or six miles from Portsmouth. A Sabbath-school was organized among the believers and their families about five months ago. Some of these attended our services regularly at Portsmouth. Our church-schools at each of these places with an attendance of about twenty-six are developing nicely. It would do you good to see the children at their work. They are now preparing for the "Educational Exercises" to take place this month.

Pray for the work in these places.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

News Notes

Miss Louise Henley, who is having good success in the magazine work, reports that since she took up the work the middle of last November she has sold a total of 2,535 magazines. She enjoys the work very much and is determined to press on. This week she is putting out five hundred in the city of Petersburg,

and following that has three hundred awaiting her at Port Norfolk.

L. O. Gordon is in Portsmouth this week shipping his goods and making preparations for the tent season. He expects to conduct an effort at Republican Grove.

Miss Anna C. Rice, our veteran Bible worker, is taking a much needed rest, and is spending some time with friends in Ohio. She hopes to be able to take up her work again at the opening of the tent season.

It is wonderful to see how the little book "World's Crisis" is being sold all through the country, and Virginia is not behind in her share of this good work. Our office has ordered nearly twelve hundred for different points in the state. We recently had a shipment of 300 come in by express and they are melting away fast, so that we have now a full case at hand numbering 676. This is right, but there are still several churches and companies not heard from, and this is a work that all can do, for the verdict is, "that the book sell themselves" and all that it is required is for willing hands to take them to the people. Let us work while the public mind is stirred upon these points. Send your orders to the office at Richmond.

"Success in any line demands a definite aim."

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Stroudsburg

Sunday, March 28, the new church at Stroudsburg was dedicated to the Lord. Elder H. M. J. Richards was in charge of the services, assisted by Elder O. F. Schwedrat, who has taken a very active part in the completion of the work, and Elder Charles Baierle, who gave a brief history of the church from the time the first tent was pitched there eight years ago, until the present. Brother Baierle, as many will recall, was closely associated with the work at Stroudsburg from its beginning until he accepted a call to a sister conference. A very pleasing program, with good music, was enjoyed by the many who attended the services. "Behold, He cometh," was the burden of Elder Richards' address. The church is a one-story frame structure, the interior being neatly frescoed in brown. The church, lot, and furnishings cost \$1600. \$1400 has been raised by the faithful members, and definite plans for the speedy payment of the remaining \$200 have been made.

NEW JERSEY

Experiences

In a letter received from Brother H. Lauterbach, one of our faithful colporteurs, he states; "This week has been the best week since I have been in the Lord's harvest field. I met a teacher of the Methodist church who asked me to talk to his people. They telephoned ten miles around for people to come to the meeting, and there were so many people in attendance, that I was obliged to stand in the door-way between two rooms, so that they could all hear, and the Lord surely did bless us with the presence of his Spirit.

"One wealthy farmer stated, 'I am going to look further into the Sabbath question and if convinced, I will keep the true Sabbath and be baptized.'"

In a previous letter from this brother a letter was enclosed from a party who purchased "Bible Footlights" from him, asking him to visit a friend whom they are anxious to see converted. They were so impressed with the earnestness of our brother, while canvassing in their territory, they thought that he was just the person to visit their friend, and with God's help turn him to Jesus.

We are glad that people are impressed with our colporteurs. This is as it should be, and we know that angels of God are with these brethren and go before them opening the way and touching the hearts of the people to enable them to receive the message.

This is missionary work of the highest order, and it is a privilege to be engaged in such a work, and to be conscious that the Lord and his angels are co-workers with you.

T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

Immediately following the institute, our field agent, Brother T. H. Barritt, started brethren Stagmeir and Ward in Monmouth County and the following week brethren Hansen and Taylor in Sussex County. He reports successful trips on each occasion, and he left each one of good courage in the Lord, and determined to press on.

This week Brother Barritt started Brother W. Harry Orr in Passaic County, who although suffering with a severe cold and obliged to return home for treatment after a day and half in the field, is of good courage, and expects to start in again on Monday. The latter part of the week he met with brethren Vorce and Crate in Hunterdon County.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Vorce (Arther's mother) of Annandale was ill. We trust that she may soon recover, and that her son will be enabled to commence work in his field of labor.

Brother and Sister Crate are of good courage and report some pleasant experiences from the field.

Eight precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, April 3, in the Newark church. Elder Miller reports a large interest in Newark and vicinity.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Sabbath School Convention

Sabbath, March 13, a very successful Sabbath-school convention was held at the First Seventh-day Adventist church in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harter, the Sabbath-school secretary of the District Conference, was unable to be present because of sickness. In her absence Mrs. J. F. Moser, the superintendent of the Memorial church Sabbath-school took charge. The choir and the special music was furnished by the People's church (colored), and was very much enjoyed by everyone present.

Elder Horton offered the opening prayer, and gave a few opening remarks. The first subject considered was "What is the Sabbath-school?" and was presented by the writer. The fact that it is a school was emphasized, and some of the elements composing a school were pointed out. The development of both Sunday-school and Sabbath-school work was briefly sketched; and it was shown that in this denomination, the Sabbath-school has come to be one of the very greatest factors in bringing spiritual strength into the lives of the members and in raising means to carry the truth to foreign fields.

As Mrs. Plummer had been suddenly called away by the illness of her mother, Miss Graham, of the Home Missionary Department, gave the talk on the "Responsibility of the Sabbath-school Teacher." She pointed out that the teacher's responsibility is to God. The teacher has a responsibility to take advantage of every possible means to make himself most effective in his work. These means include the teachers' meeting, the training course, as well as thorough study of the lesson. The teacher must maintain order, hold the pupil's attention, and see that the meaning of the lesson is clear; but the teacher's greatest responsibility is for the salvation of the souls of the students. Elder Thompson led out in an interesting discussion which followed this instructive talk.

After an hour's intermission for dinner, the convention re-assembled. Mrs. Chase presented a paper on the class in the Intermediate Department. Though work for pupils of this age is perhaps the most difficult; we should have the shop motto of a business man:—"Difficult tasks are our delight". The very best normal methods should be used and every available help. Yet the aim will not be entertainment, but the burning of the gospel truth into the souls of the pupils. A human soul is like the glass-incased violin, which was taken out and responded with beautiful music at the touch of a master musician.

Mrs. Bourdeau had a paper on the Sabbath-school kindergarten. The importance of early impression was illustrated by the bird who left his footprints in the soft clay, while later birds left no impression on the now hardened clay. The need of proper environment was emphasized. One of the best ways to get the children's attention was shown to be to get them to do something in concert. There is a danger that with the children the prayer becomes a form. The interest may be maintained by sometimes asking the children what they would like to have the teacher ask from Jesus. The illustration used in teaching little folks should not be so elaborate as to cause the point of the illustration to be lost. The paper was then itself illustrated by an excellent demonstration given by a class of children.

The last topic was that of Mrs. Moser's on the power of illustration. A good illustration casts a shadow of heavenly things on the earth. Illustrations are like salt, which makes food appetizing, but too much may be used; and some things like strawberries do not need any salt. An illustration is like a funnel and is intended to be used to pour something through it. Also the funnel must be the right size for the bottle. The Sabbath-school lesson for the day was then taught by a very impressive story of how a Sabbath school teacher taught the real meaning of the Lord's Prayer to the members of his class.

All felt that the convention was a great success. The same program was repeated the following Sabbath, March 20, in the chapel of the Washington Missionary College. The room was filled to overflowing, many walking the mile from the Park to attend. We trust that some of the many good things presented in these programs may serve to increase the interest in the work of the Sabbath-schools in this vicinity; and that they may be rendered more effective for good.

L. L. CAVINESS.

Kilmarnock

On Sabbath, March 27, it was the writer's privilege to meet with the brethren at Kilmarnock, Virginia, the occasion being quarterly meeting. It was a day not soon to be forgotten, as the utmost interest prevailed not only during the Sabbath-school hour and the period devoted to the ordinance of humility and the administration of the sacrament, but during the few moments that followed, in which every adult member bore willing and cheerful testimony to the goodness of God, and expressed a firm determination in the hope that the journey is nearly ended, and that the home-going is just at hand. And there was a firm hope expressed that each will gain a complete victory over every besetment, and thus hail the coming of Jesus with joy.

Two of the members of the church, Brethren Kenneth and Harry Gould, in company with Brother Wright, are now out in the canvassing work and thus fulfilling that blessed admonition that says, "Go ye into all the world." They are traveling by boat, and the Lord has and is blessing their labors abundantly. I am sure they would go at their work with even greater determination if they knew every member of the church was praying for their success.

Brother Harry Gould expects a company of four or five to soon join him, and thus it is expected the message will go in the southern part of the District of Columbia Conference as never before, as the great majority of the people live along the water front, thus being easy of access by boat.

The boat already launched has been christened "The Messenger", and is very neat in appearance. Gasolene is the power used for navigation. Its speed is about five miles per hour. The brethren eat and sleep on the boat, thus reducing their expenses to the minimum.

May many souls find their way into the kingdom as a result of the faithfulness of these workers, is the wish of all.

E. R. BUTTON.

Recipe for Success

It is only natural that every colporteur in the District of Columbia Conference expects to be successful. And they should be successful, for who is there that is more self-sacrificing than the man who paces the streets of a city, walks the long, hot, dusty roads through the country, and is subjected to fare of such various kinds as the faithful colporteur?

In this connection I want to give a recipe to the workers that is a sure guarantee against defeat,—a recipe that will mean success to every one who will closely abide by it:

Rise at an early hour each morning, and spend the first thirty or sixty minutes in private Bible study and devotion. Tell the Lord that you can do nothing only as he gives you help. Ask earnestly for the companionship of the unseen helpers for the day. Ask that you may be guided to the very homes where the people may be helped by the message you bring. Knock expectantly at the door, and as you step back, pray that the Lord will give you just the words he would have you speak. Ask for the Holy Spirit to be present to influence the heart of the one who responds to your knock. When you finish your work at this home and pass on to the next, thank the Lord for the order, in the event that you secured it; in the event that you did not, thank him anyway for the privilege of going to that home as a "witness." Continue thus throughout the entire day, and you will find that when the shades of night overtake you, and you make an entry of the day's work in your record book, the Lord has blessed you with orders that will be ample compensation for your long walks, your long talks, and the fatigue you have felt because of your incessant toil.

In other words, make sure that you meet the conditions upon which success is promised, and success will be yours.

E. R. BUTTON.

News Notes

Elder Harter closed a series of evangelistic meetings at Arlington, Va., last week. He reports an encouraging interest awakened and prospects for several souls saved in the kingdom. Your prayers in their behalf will avail much.

Elder G. A. Stevens left April 1 to take up work in his new location in the West Virginia Conference.

Elder F. E. Gibson and wife are getting acquainted with conditions at Colonial Beach and vicinity, preparatory to entering upon an energetic revival and campaign for souls for the Master during the coming season.

From the advance information just received we can say that the May issues of the *Watchman* and *Signs of the Times* magazines are both the best that we have yet seen. These magazines are among the best weapons that we have for the breaking down of prejudice and should be circulated by every missionary society. The prices from your tract society is five cents per copy in lots of five to forty copies, and four cents per copy in lots larger than fifty copies. Both magazines have startling and attractive cover pages

"Joy is not in things, it is in us."

with a real meaning, and really sell themselves at ten cents per single copy. Some are paying their way through school by handling these good magazines and doing much to spread the truth meanwhile. It is well worth trying. Send for a few copies and try it.

Are you a church officer, and do you feel the lack of knowledge of what is expected of you and of how to carry on the work of your office? The *Church Officers, Gazette* is published to give the needed information in just such cases. It should be in the hands of every church officer. The subscription price is only 50 cents per year, or two copies to one address at 35 cents per copy. Every church should have at least two copies at the disposal of its officers. Each church elder should see that his church is supplied with this important guide and instructor for the use of all members and officers. You need it and the price is so small.

Brother E. R. Button returned last week from a ten days trip in the interests of the book work in certain parts of the conference that have been neglected on account of their being so much water there. The Lord is turning this difficulty to account this season through the use of several boats in charge of Brethren Kenneth and Harry Gould, accompanied by several other colporteurs, who plan to travel up and down the streams working the territory thoroughly on both sides as they go. The missionary boat "Messenger" shows a very encouraging report for the first week's work.

Brother R. C. Taylor visited the Clifton Company last Sabbath, and notwithstanding the inclement weather which hindered the holding of services at the church, visited several of the members there and found all of good courage and expressing their desire to press forward in the work by distributing literature or by any other means possible.

Brother Brown, formerly secretary-treasurer of the District Conference, writes from Keene, Texas, where he is spending a few days with relatives, before leaving for his new work in China, that everything is in bloom there and he is enjoying fresh vegetables. He and his family will doubtless be on their way across the Pacific ere this item reaches you.

Preparations are under way for another big tent effort to be held in Washington by Elder Harter during the summer months.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 2, 1915									
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		BR	5	54	16	59 00	13 35	72 35	
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	44	27	44 50	75	45 25	2 25
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		BR	5	39	17	57 00	3 00	60 00	20 50
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		PG	5	39	13	46 50	7 50	54 00	3 00
C. E. Reichenbach, Shelby Co.		GC	5	36	11	35 00	6 10	41 10	1 50
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		BR	4	35	9	29 00	2 25	31 25	6 25
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.		BR	3	35					80 85
J. L. Holder, Medina Co.		BR	4	35	7	21 00	2 10	23 10	42 65
Fred Hannah, Holmes Co.		BR	4	33			5 75	5 75	55 00
A. Knierim, Madison Co.		GC	4	30	8	25 00	2 25	27 25	75
Carl Krause, Ross Co.		BR	3	17	2	21 00	2 25	23 25	7 50
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DA	5	26	5	16 50	10 35	26 85	2 35
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	3	21	7	24 00	8 50	32 50	6 75
H. A. Rossin, Tusc. Co.		BR	2	19					123 00
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.		GC	2	11	7	22 00	25	22 25	9 00
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		HM	2	8	3	6 00		6 00	
Totals	16 Agents		65	512	137	\$406 50	\$64 40	\$470 90	\$363 35

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 26, 1915

Messenger Boat	BR	5	42	20	60 00	56 00	116 00	14 65	
H. L. Gould	Misc	1	5	4	12 00	3 60	15 60	50	
Frank Costley	BR	2	6					6 00	
C. S. Warren	BR	2	14	2	50	2 25	2 75	2 75	
Mrs. Mae D. Adams	Misc	1	2	6	1 50		1 50	1 50	
Mrs. M. E. Davis	Misc	1	3	12	3 00		3 00	3 00	
G. Augerstein	Misc	1	2	2	1 00		1 00	1 00	
Mrs. Cross	Misc	1	2	6	1 50		1 50	1 50	
Miss Peacock	Misc	1	2	10	2 50		2 50	2 50	
Miscellaneous								4 00	
Totals	14 Agents		14	78	62	\$82 00	\$61 85	\$143 85	\$37 40

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Irma Gearhart	3 60	Mrs. Cross	5 00
Miss Peacock	10 00	Sadie Detwiler	2 50
F. E. Wilson	20 10	J. M. Harris	2 00
Carrie Smith	2 50	M. M. Sterner	1 10
C. H. Patterson	2 50	M. Sperry	3 50
Miss Chandler	12 00	A. M. Dorman	2 00
H. R. Miller	2 00	Total	72 80
Wesley Sampson	4 00		

New Jersey, Week Ending April 2, 1915

A. Hansen, Cape May Co.	BR	4	33	7	25 00	3 60	28 60		
W. H. Stagmeier, Monmouth Co.	BR	5	33	9	27 00	1 00	28 00		
G. W. Blinn, Mercer Co.	DR	5	43	7	21 00		21 00		
G. G. Taylor, Sussex Co.	BR	4	35	6	20 00	5 50	25 50		
J. I. Applegate, Cape May Co.	BR	5	36	5	20 00	2 10	22 10		
Mrs. L. Crates, Hunterdon Co.	BFL	3	14	6	12 00	75	12 75		
H. Lauterbach, Warren Co.	BFL	3	11	6	9 00	60	9 60		
A. H. Vorce, Hunterdon Co.	PPF	3	18	2	4 00	75	4 75		
H. Gaskill, Burlington Co.	BR	1	6	1	3 00	1 00	4 00		
Totals	9 Agents		32	229	49	\$141 00	\$15 30	\$156 30	3 10

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Chesapeake, Week Ending April 2, 1915

M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	4	38	9	28 00	18 50	46 50	5 50	
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	9	70	13	39 00	8 00	47 00		
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	CK	4	32	18	61 00	2 50	63 50	1 00	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	23	11	23 00	4 40	27 40		
C. Downey, Somerset Co.	PPF	4	37	28	62 00	7 35	69 35	21 25	
Totals	5 Agents		25	200	79	\$213 00	\$40 75	\$253 75	\$27 25

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M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	Temperance Instructor	16	1 60
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Virginia, Week Ending April 2, 1915

Raymond H. Young, Accomac Co.	GC	2	17	7	23	00	2	80	25	80	250	40
Bennett Ham, Greene Co.	GC	5	30	2	6	00	20	35	26	35		60
B. R. Jenkins, Rock Co.	BR	4	31	18	56	00	5	35	61	35	3	80
Isaiah Y' Shanko, Rock Co.	BR	3	19	4	12	00	1	40	13	40	1	40
M. A. Maloney, Essex Co.	CK	3					1	20	1	20	20	80
C. L. Hundley, Portsmouth Co.	WC				20	50			20	50	20	50
Mrs. A. C. Neff, Quicksburg	WC				8	00			8	00	8	00
Totals	7 Agents		17	97	31	\$125 50	\$31 10	\$156 60			80	50

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Louise Henley	30	00	Lizzie Hegward	1	25
Mable Watkins	39	00		70	35

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 2, 1915

W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5	41	13	26	00		26	00	
Sherman Booth, Wyoming Co.	DR	3	20	5	15	00	75	15	75	
G. R. Hawthorn, Chester Co.	BF	5	24	2	3	00		3	00	
Wm. Frizzell, Lancaster Co.	BR	3	22	2	6	00		6	00	
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	3	12	4	7	50	3	00	10	50
Totals	5 Agents				\$57 50	\$3 75		\$61 25		

West Pennsylvania, March 26, Week Ending 1915

Archie Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	41	8	16	00	13	50	29	50	15	75
Chas. Dunham, Westmoreland Co.		8	55	13	46	00			46	00	25	20
O. G. Guenter, McKean Co.		3	24	7	26	00			26	00	4	00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	4	32								35	75
Totals	4 Agents		20	152	28	\$88 00	\$13 50	\$101 50			\$80	70

West Virginia, Week Ending April 2, 1915

T. M. Butler, Doddridge Co.	BF	5	40	13	43	00	2	00	45	00	5	00
W. A. McElphatrick, Tucker Co.	BR	5	38	7	24	00	6	50	30	50	79	45
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell		4	35	2	7	00	16	35	23	35	11	40
Totals	3 Agents		14	113	22	\$74 00	\$24 85	\$98 85			\$95	85

Grand Totals: 63 Agents Value of Orders \$1187 50 Deliveries, \$688 15

The Science of Salvation No. 2

THE COUNCIL OF ETERNITY

The eternal determination of God to save the world by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ was strengthened and encouraged in the councils of eternity when Michael the archangel, the Son of Jehovah, volunteered to leave his command of the heavenly hosts, his Fathers home and companionship and come down to the fallen earth and make atonement for the sons of men! What this Son of God was in heaven is set forth as follows: "The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal self-existence one encircled both. . . . Before the assembled inhabitation of heaven, the King declared that none but Christ, the only begotten of God, could fully enter into his purpose, and to him it was committed to execute the mighty counsels of his will." *P. P. p. 36.*

THE REASON FOR THE SACRIFICES

The reason the Son of God came to this fallen world and left his glories in the great beyond is because "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting

life". This is the secret of the atonement, God so loved the world! Jehovah, the mighty God, the creator of all, the ruler of the universe, receiving the adoration of millions of angels and untold numbers of unfallen intelligences of other worlds than ours, so loved the straying sheep that he consented to yield up his only Son to redeem those of earth who would believe on him!

THE GIFT

Think you that this did not cause the Father a struggle? The Son pleaded before the Father in the sinners behalf. "Long continued was that mysterious communing,—'the counsel of peace' for the fallen sons of men. . . it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up his Son to die for the guilty race." But God so loved the world that he yielded up his Son for their redemption. He gave his Son. It was a gift, and not merely loaned for the few years sojourn here in the flesh, then to take him back as before. No, no, God gave his Son and will never withdraw that gift! His only Son, the One meant to execute the mighty will of Jehovah, is now the representative of humanity and ever shall be. He now

and shall ever bear the mark of his humiliation while here on earth. Never again will he be the same Son of his Father's bosom as before; because he has been given to us. Do we appreciate the gifts?

The first man Adam failed to correctly represent us and sold out, all too cheaply. He lost his dominion and leadership. We look to him no more to represent us in the councils of eternity. We now look to One to be our representative who, in right, should preside at the gatherings of the heads of the worlds before their ruler. Jesus Christ, who once was so powerful in the universe that his place was "in the chair" as it were, is now the representative of the church in the earth and reports our progress. What can he say for us in such mighty gatherings? Can he report us faithful? Can he give an enthusiastic report of our progress, or must he be humiliated and saddened before that majestic conclave by rendering a report of failure and indifference on the part of the church he represents? It is largely our faithfulness that makes his work hard or pleasant. The attitude of the church here either exalt the Son of God or crucifies him afresh and puts him to open shame in the presence of that mighty company! Think it over. Think over your part in the matter.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

Faithfulness in little things fits us for heroism when greater trials come.

—Louise Alcott.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS. Enos Ellis Williams, aged 81 years, of Locust Point, Ohio, died March 27, 1915. He was a pioneer of Ottawa County, and had been a member of the U. B. church until a short time before his death. The Latter Day Saints house of worship was used, and there were more than one hundred people who could not find room during the service, so they tarried in a fruit-packing house. The deceased had erected his tombstone, and had chosen his favorite text and hymns for his funeral sermon. The text chosen was Job 14: 14. A wife and daughter, and a son who is a Congregational minister, are left of the family. He had been acquainted with the writer's father and had heard him preach more than sixty years ago.

D. E. LINDSEY.

ELLIOT.—Mattie Elliott was born in the city of Cambridge, Md., October 24, 1890, and died at Baltimore, March 27, 1915. She received the light of present truth during the tent effort held in the city of Baltimore during the summer of 1914, and was

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baptized and joined the No. 3 Seventh-day Adventist church in the fall of the same year. During her short association with our church work Sister Elliot proved herself to be a faithful member in every respect. She died after one week's illness. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and she was laid to rest until the Life-giver shall come to awaken all the dead in Christ. A husband, two small children, and mother, sister and other relatives are left who will greatly miss this cheerful yet quiet soldier of the cross.

G. P. RODGERS.

WONSER.—Margaretta Wonser, of Bellevue, Ohio, died April 1, 1915, aged 87 years, 5 months, and 12 days. For many years she had been a member of the Bowling Green church, and later of the Clyde church. For two years preceding her death she was blind, but continued patient, happy in hope, cheerfully awaiting the Master's call. She died triumphant, and we believe she will have part in the first resurrection. A faithful daughter with whom she lived, lovingly cared for her during the years of affliction. The memory of the mother's life will be a constant benediction in the daughter's home. A number of members of the Clyde church attended the funeral service. The deceased was a sister to the venerable father Mears, now deceased.

D. E. LINDSEY.

DECKER.—Nellie Christina Decker was born August 9, 1891, and died, March 16, 1915 at Huntingdon, Pa., of peritonitis. At the ago of twelve she accepted this message, and was baptized and united with the Huntingdon church. She leaves to mourn, a father, and sister. She will be greatly missed in the home and church. We believe she sleeps, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

Camp Meeting Dates

Columbia Union Conference

West Pennsylvania..... June 17-27
Eastern Pennsylvania..... June 17-27
Chesapeake, Baltimore Avenue
Grove, Baltimore, Md. June 24-July 4
New Jersey..... June 24-July 4
Ohio..... Aug. 19-29
Virginia..... Aug. 5-15
West Virginia..... Aug. 26-Sept 5

Academy

Court Week in Heaven

Here now we sit in quiet and in peace,
But do not fold thy lily hands
And think all strife and war to cease,
But look to those of other lands.

How could the mind of weak and mortal
man
The fulness of Christ's model stature now
attain?
For millions never knew the love-filled plan,
And 'tis our duty now to go in His dear
name.

When open wide those books of God are
flung,
Ah! there appears your ease and mine,—
Those records true, perhaps of virtue wrung,
Show all life's acts be they human or
divine.

For, by the height of Christ himself
Must I and thou each measured be,
And by his truth; not by thyself
Shall all our deeds then searched be.

The court for just appeals sits now above in
heaven,
And, as o'er your name and mine, the
Judge may scan,
O may he not with grief for us be riven,
But in his searching presence may we
ever stand.

Not as frail man,—earth's human judge
Who sendeth forth those measures dread,
For he knoweth every thought and grudge
From cradle on through life to each death-
bed.

O grand, momentous hour! The final day
has come!
And as we stand in wonder, fear, and awe,
Of life's foolish thoughts and deeds behold
the sum,
May we take heed and ponder in our
hearts His law.

O may we then each moment of this short
and fleeting life,
Live and work as then we each shall wish
we had!
And when the faithful few are freed from
strife
Our fate will not be found among the
mournful sad. *D. E. H. Lindsey.*

Earl and Norma Woodworth enjoyed a
visit from their mother over Sabbath.

Mr. Harry Dean made a short call at
the academy on business last week.

Misses Mable and Ethel Andre from
Mansfield, Ohio, were visitors at the
academy last week.

Mrs. Frank Wells, who underwent an
operation for appendicitis last week at
the Sanitarium, is recovering nicely.

We are sorry to report the sudden death
of Mr. Emmett Haughey which occurred
last Monday, April 5. We extend sym-
pathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. Keith Kaiser and Miss Blanche
Craft were united in marriage Tuesday,
March 30. Elder H. H. Votaw performed
the ceremony. Mr. Kaiser was a former
student at the academy, and his friends
extend congratulations.

We are glad to report that the VISITOR
is enjoying the largest circulation at pre-
sent that it has ever had. About a year
ago the mailing list was between eleven
and twelve hundred. It has now reached
the seventeen hundred mark. Although
this is not as much as it should be, yet it
is interesting to note this good increase.

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