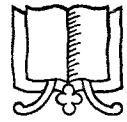


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"I WILL VISIT YOU, AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU"

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JUST TRY IT AND SEE

"Speak pleasantly always, and you will be blest.

Just try it and see.

Harsh words are a hindrance, and cause you unrest;

They stop your endeavor to do what is best.

Thus, thinking and speaking, if thoughtfully done,

Brings sunshine and gladness to every one.

Just try it and see.

"You can, if you're willing, help others along.

Just try it and see.

A smile often leads to a laugh or a song,
For joy is contagious and lasting and strong.

Think only of gladness, and then you will find

That you have a power to help all mankind.

Just try it and see."

—Selected.

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Among the Churches

On October 3 the Erie church met in quarterly meeting. Forty-nine persons were present, and two were added to the church. The Harvest Ingathering papers are being used by the church and a good

interest is being taken in all lines of work.

On October 8 I met with the Meadville Company. They have rented a hall for eighty dollars a year and their Sabbath gatherings have been enlarged, having 25 in attendance. The quarterly services were held and some of the new members took part. On Sunday we held a baptismal service in the Baptist Church at 4 p. m. and five persons were baptized. This brought new life and courage to the little company. They are also taking a live interest in the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and have doubled their number.

On October 12 I met with the isolated Sabbath keepers in the vicinity of Cambridge View. They all came together at Sister Reynolds' home. The preaching service and quarterly meeting seemed a feast to their souls. A very nice family owning a farm, has accepted the truth and one is waiting to be baptized. The next meeting was held at North Warren where I had the privilege of speaking in the Russell church; also held quarterly meeting. It did our hearts good to see those present from Warren, Irwin, Youngville, Sheffield, Glade and Russell. God is surely drawing his people together. All in this company took a live interest in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. From this place I went to the Corry church. We were all surprised at meeting with brethren and sisters from Waterford, Union City, Bear Lake, Cambridge Springs, Westburg, Spring Creek, and Battle Creek, and Detroit, Michigan, also Lowville and Clymer, N. Y.

We held five preaching services and quarterly meeting. All seemed happy in the Third Angel's Message. They are doing well in the Harvest Ingathering work. We also see the spirit of Christ manifested by the tithe and donations that are coming in. In all these gatherings we were reminded of the words of Jesus, "The Harvest is great but the

laborers are few." May the dear Lord help us all to be faithful to our trust.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Suggestions for the New Year

Ere long the year of 1915 will have gone into history. It certainly has been a year of great trouble in Europe, and unrest in the nations not at war. Soon, perhaps, we will take time for serious reflection, contemplating new resolutions for the year not born.

In our reflections, what conclusions have we come to? Has it been a year of retrogression? Are we found on higher ground or have our feet slipped? Have our feet taken us to places where we should not have been, and the last place we would want to be found when King Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven? Have we failed? Why do we not succeed spiritually?

Out of 100 cases 99 are due to the lack of prayer and watchfulness. That which gives strength to the spiritual man, its food and drink, is the faithful study of the Word of God and secret prayer. No wonder there are so many spiritually emaciated professors in the church who are offended at every turn and the least trial or temptation, which will strengthen the Christian, only cause them to stumble and fall prostrate.

"Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence." That being true man has, at his command, all heaven to aid in the fight over principalities and powers in wicked places and over every besetting sin. There is, therefore no excuse for a single individual to lose his foothold, for heaven is at his command! Can it be true that unfaithfulness and carelessness is written over against our name? Those that came out of great tribulation were found on the sea of glass.

What shall our next year's resolutions be? Shall they belike the last? What progress are we contemplating to make? Unless we get hold of greater power than we have in the past I fear that we will fail as we did in the past. Have we developed towards reaching the high standard that God has set before us in proportion as the prophecy in the political, religious, social, and industrial world? If so we are about prepared for Jesus to come. This is cause for serious reflection! The end is at hand. Are you ready?

May I suggest a help for the year 1916 so we may attain to the high and exalted standard of the 144,000 that the well done might be spoken to us? The enemy is after our souls to destroy, unless we are vigilant we will fall into his snares. The suggestion is this. Get the Morning Watch Calendar for 1916 so you will have it to begin with the first of the year and begin the new year right with God. Texts to memorize for the year are all on Christian experience. Just the help that we need so much. If you will do this, 1917 will find us having attained new heights and a faith strong enough to remove mountains.

"Take time to be holy,
Speak oft' with thy Lord;
Abide in him always,
And feed on his word;
By looking to Jesus,
Like Him thou shalt be,
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness to sec."

CHARLES F. ULRICH.

Institute

Arrangements have been completed recently for our Colporteurs' Institute to convene in our church at Pittsburgh, January 10-20. We feel fortunate in having chosen this date because the month of January usually being the most unpleasant of the winter months on the firing line; and too, it follows closely the strenuous labors of the holiday season.

We feel especially desirous that all who have a burden for souls take advantage of this ten days training for the work. It is designed not only as an aid in the development of greater efficiency in book salesmanship, but also as an inspirational gathering for more spiritual power and strength for the great work before us.

Strange, momentous events are transpiring every day, not only on the battlefields of Europe, but right before our eyes,—events that are fulfilling the very closing prophecies of God's Word. These things seem to stir our hearts for a time, but soon we become accustomed to passing horrors, and are apparently lulled to sleep by the arch-deceiver, not recognizing our opportunities. The question has been

asked, "Why are not the people of God more enthusiastic? They are striving for an immortal crown." How true this is! We are waging, not as Europe's monarchs, who are warring for temporal crowns, but as soldiers for Prince Immanuel, who are striving for immortal crowns.

Dear reader, there is a work for you to do while probation's hours still linger. Right here in our conference, perhaps in your locality, are hundreds of souls who know nothing of this truth that has grown so dear to us. Are you burdened for these souls? Do you hear the Master's pleading call to sound the warning cry? If you do, let me urge you to join the ranks of those on the firing line who are carrying the printed page to the homes of the people. This is the work in the closing message that the spirit of prophecy tells us will progress with increasing success until probation closes. It is the work that brings us in close touch with our fellow men, who are longing for some ray of light to lead them out of the terrible darkness that covers the earth. We can feel the heart-throbs of the Saviour's love. The Lord has blessed the colporteurs' work in a wonderful manner in this conference during the past year. Up to the close of last month the records show a gain over last year of \$850.00 in actual deliveries, and we have faith to believe that by the close of the year the gain will reach the \$1,000 mark. This is certainly an encouraging record, but what awaits us in the coming year? You can have a part in making the future records, not only in books placed in the homes of the people, but souls brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Our coming institute will be an important factor in the attainment of future records. We are planning for the best spiritual institute we have ever had in this conference. I would be glad to hear from anyone desiring to enter the work.

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To the Rock Hall Church

Dear Brethren and Sisters, Greetings:

Eleven weeks have passed since I left you and many changes have come. We

all have had many bitter trials since we last met, for the enemy of souls is working as never before to destroy those that are keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

I have had good experiences since coming here to Jersey City to unite with Elder Taylor in helping him build the first Seventh-day Adventist Church in this city. A great many people have come and asked me what church we were putting up, so it gives me a chance to drop some seeds of truth. Some want to know more about what we believe so I tell them something of the truths that we as a people love. Dear brethren and sisters pray for the work here in this large city. The Lord is with us here in the work of building as we have had but one day that we could not work in eight weeks.

W. J. VANZANT.

News Notes

Elder M. C. Kirkendall returned last week from the Fall Council at Loma Linda. He will spend Sabbath with the church at Wilmington, Delaware. He will visit some of the other churches during the week of prayer.

Elder M. C. Whitmarsh of Jersey City, N. J. is now located in Wilmington, Delaware at 1606 Howland St. He will take up work in this conference.

Elder G. P. Rodgers received into church membership in the last month eleven new members. Twenty others are awaiting baptism. He is conducting a large Bible class for the benefit of the new members and others who are interested.

Brother G. R. Apsley, one of our colporteurs, while in Baltimore last week, running to catch a street car, met with a very painful accident. He fell and disabled both knees, and is still unable to work.

Brother G. W. Lawrence was bitten in the back by a horse a short time ago. He has suffered quite a little from it.

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The Refuge Psalm

A song for the time of war and trouble illustrated by appropriate pictures of real

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"If ever there was a time when the souls of men should turn in devotional song, as well as prayer, to "our Refuge," "the Lord of hosts," "the God or Jacob," it is in these solemn hours of human history, when war and perplexity among the nations have caused the foundation pillars of civilization to tremble upon their base. The temple of human civilization may fall and the end may come, but the "Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge;" so proclaims this wonderful inspired psalm which J. S. Washburn has set to such beautiful music.

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South Jersey Schools

We are now operating three church schools in South Jersey, all of which are doing excellent work. These schools are located in Ramah, Cape May Court House, and Bridgeton. The last named two were organized in September, at the "eleventh hour", as it were, through the earnest efforts of Sister Ella A. Iden, our conference department secretary.

The oldest school in South Jersey is the one located at Ramah. It has a membership of eight students, and is taught by Sister Marion Whitcombe.

Much interest was manifested by the Ramah students in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and a good amount of cash for this fund was solicited by them.

Our school at Cape May Court House has a membership of sixteen, all children of Seventh-day Adventists, and is taught by Sister Elsie Achenbach, of Reading, Pa. A small number of these students are baptized members of the Cape May Court House church. The teacher of this school solicited nearly ten dollars for missions. Some of the children also solicited successfully. This school was visited recently by two members of the local department of education, who investigated our methods and the scope of the instruction given. They appeared to be entirely satisfied with the results of their investigation.

The school at Bridgeton is taught by Sister Linnie Baumgartner, of Vera Cruz, Pa. Nine pupils are in attendance. Five of these are children of Seventh-day Adventist parents, four of whom are baptized members of the Bridgeton church.

Three of these students were baptized on November 20. Much interest in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is manifested by this school. One pupil has already solicited more than \$5.00 toward this fund. The children rejoice in the prosperity of this school, and the neighbors, who are not Adventists, hope that the school may continue for many years to come.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

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News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffett is detained in Ohio several days on his return from the Autumn Council at Loma Linda, on account of an operation upon his eye. He hopes to be at his work again soon. This necessitates the postponement of the church dedication at Republican Grove. Due notice, however, will be given of the date when it is decided upon.

The bookworkers have been putting in some good deliveries and the Lord has certainly blessed in the good work. Brother Maloney has just finished delivering in Madison County, which will enable him to continue through school for the year. Also Brother Wilmer in Appomattox County has had excellent success in

this his first delivery. May the good work go on.

This week we are sending out a letter to all our people containing encouragement from the Loma Linda Council, just closed, and we have also added a sheet giving the standing of each church in its mission goal for the year. While we have done well, and much improved over last year, yet we are coming in very much short of our goal for the year. There is yet time to help some, and may we each improve the opportunity.

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The Loma Linda Council

After an absence of five weeks, I am permitted to return to Ohio again, where I find a great deal of work piled up and many encouraging reports and items from our workers and churches in Ohio. To be away from the office and the field five weeks in such an important time seemed unfortunate. It would have been my choice to be among the churches in Ohio, helping on the various funds and giving assistance in the churches in case of need in this important time near the close of the year.

The Council of the General Conference Committee at Loma Linda was one of the most important meetings ever held by the denomination. It would be superfluous for me to give a very extended report, as this meeting will be quite fully reported in the *Review*. I believe that all who attended received a larger vision of the great work committed to our hands, and felt a keener sense than ever before of the obligations resting upon us in the work we have to finish of preaching the gospel in all nations in this generation.

The messages given by those who have been laboring and traveling in distant lands were of a most inspiring nature, and served to move upon our hearts as never before. The rapid growth of the work made the organization of the Asiatic Division Conference and the South American Division Conference seem imperative. The organization of these new fields naturally calls for a large number of workers of experience from the homeland. To supply these, many calls have been made, and many of our strongest men, who can and will respond, are to go to these fields. In all the proceedings of the council, we

were convinced more than ever before that the onebusiness of this denomination is to be earnestly devoted to the task of finishing the work, and planning and shaping all of our affairs accordingly.

The cheering message sounded in the sermons preached by Elders Haskell, Butler, and Loughborough were most inspiring. Though having passed the age of eighty years, these men are filled with fire and zeal, and they preach the message with the same feeling of confidence that they have ever had. They made especially prominent the importance of our knowing and appreciating the spirit of prophecy as a guide to this people in these last days. While this meeting was attended with considerable expense and time of the laborers, there can be no question in the mind of anyone as to its importance and absolute necessity. When the plans that were adopted and the new order of things established are fully in operation, there is no question but that we will see a great onward impetus added to the work.

I trust that in our work in Ohio we may be able to keep pace with the rapid onward progress of the work in every department in every church. May the Lord's blessing be enjoyed in fullness by all of our workers in the field and in the churches.

E. K. SLADE.

The Proposed Change For Ohio

Since it has been announced that the president of the Ohio Conference has been called to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union Conference, it may be well that a brief word of explanation be given.

There were many calls made at the Council that would have affected Ohio had the plans worked out. On the acceptance of a call to the South American Division Conference by Elder Montgomery, it was voted by the Southeastern Union Committee and by the North American Division Committee that I be asked to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union. It was understood that this action was only tentative and subject to the approval of the Ohio brethren and the possibility and advisability of our making the change owing to the condition of Mrs. Slade's health.

We were perfectly willing to enter into that important and difficult field, and desire to be only where the Lord's providence would indicate and permit. On most careful and prayerful study of the situation, and on having received medical counsel in the matter, we were compelled to decline to accept this call, though it seemed hard for us to disappoint that needy field.

While our preference had been to labor

in the local conference, we were willing to do whatever it was possible wherever we could feel clear that the Lord was leading. This explanation seemed due owing to the many letters and inquiries that we have had.

E. K. SLADE.

Toledo

I take pleasure in reporting that the Toledo church is growing both spiritually and financially. Every year for four years the tithes and offerings have increased. This is our third year in having our twenty-cents-a-week fund offerings amount to more than our quota. And the offerings this year are greater than ever before. The Bible studies held by our pastor, Dr. Jump, have been the means of bringing into church nearly all of the new members who have united with our church in the last three years.

The faithful work of our Young People's Society leader, Sister Welter, has resulted in an organization of thirty young people who have the message at heart and are doing good work for the Master.

After hearing the qualifications of each the following persons were unanimously elected to fill their offices for the coming year: Elder, L. S. Whitney; Mrs. C. C. Clark, Clerk; Brother Phillips, Treasurer; Eugene Parker, Sabbath-school Superintendent; Mrs. Falker, Sabbath-school Secretary; Sister Phillips, Missionary Leader; and Young People's Society Leader, Sister Welter.

It is due the newly elected officers that I say that none of them desired their offices and some of them, strongly urged that their names be not considered.

We had a consecration meeting last Sabbath and nearly every person in the congregation rose to his feet promising God to live better and more faithful lives. Not only old members but new ones and some who are not in the truth joined in this consecration.

Our pastor has promised us that every meeting till the end of the year will be a consecration meeting. We want the outpouring of God's Spirit and will try to make next year even more profitable than this one.

MRS. C. C. CLARK, *Church Clerk.*

Akron

We are happy to announce that our new church is finished and last Sabbath we held our first public service. We have planned to dedicate it, January 1, 1916.

We are of good courage in the Lord. The work of the master is onward, although the enemy has worked very hard at times to bring in division, yet we can say we are a united church.

We are having a most excellent church

school taught by Sister Wagner.

The youth, or I may say the children, are leading out in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and are having some rich experiences.

We are sure to raise our quota for Foreign Missions and the present outlook is good for much more.

I am giving Bible instruction on Sunday evenings to about 25 of our people who in turn are to give the same to others.

Several new Sabbath keepers are coming regularly to church and will go forward in baptism soon.

General interest is being seen here and especially among the better class of people. Pray for the work that the honest souls may be soon gathered out.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Institute

"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehended the greatness of the work, and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The times demand greater efficiency and deeper consecration." *Vol. 9 p. 27.*

Do you feel the call to be a laborer of this kind in God's vineyard? God has given us the most solemn message to carry to the world that was ever given. Our books are filled with it. Prophecy is fast fulfilling, and we do not have much longer time to work. Every day that passes brings us nearer the end. Are you having a part in the warning to help perishing souls? We should be watching unto prayer. During the year many have heard the call and answered by going. As a result many precious souls are rejoicing in the truth. We now feel that many more should be doing the same thing and leaving their worldly pursuits and give this message to the world. We are planning to train a strong force of laborers to work for God. This past year we had a strong force, but we feel that this should be doubled in 1916.

The object of our Colporteurs' Institute which will be held in the Cleveland church, corner 55th and Hough Ave., is to train a company of strong consecrated workers for God. This meeting will be held December 29 to January 9. Efficient help will be had, and there is every indication that this will be the largest and strongest institute ever held in the conference. Our old workers will be there to give of their experiences and to tell how God has been leading in the cause this past year. Any who are planning to sell our literature should plan to be there. The Cleveland brethren have kindly

opened their doors, and rooms will be furnished free to all those who plan to be a colporteur. If you hear the call and decide to answer let us hear from you at once.

V. O. PUNCHES.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER, 1915

Akron	.....	\$231 92
Ashtabula	.....	1 25
Alliance	.....
†Barnesville	.....
†Bellville	.....
†Bellfountain	.....
Bowling Green	.....	226 91
†Broughton	.....
†Bucyrus	.....	12 62
Camden	.....	28 61
Canaan	.....	25 03
Canton	.....
Chagrin Falls	.....	25 64
Charloe	.....
Chillicothe	.....
Cincinnati	.....	211 50
Cincinnati (Colored)	.....	30 81
Cleveland (English)	.....	1164 71
Cleveland (German)	.....	83 43
Clyde	.....	29 28
Columbus	.....	355 10
Conneaut	.....
Corsica	.....
Coshocton	.....	11 24
Dayton	.....	142 06
Defiance	.....	12 00
Delaware	.....
Delta	.....
Derwent	.....
†Dowling	.....
†Dunkirk	.....
East Liverpool	.....	3 00
Elgin	.....	6 00
Findlay	.....	25 40
†Gilboa	.....
Hamler	.....
Hamilton	.....	66 60
Hicksville	.....	25 76
†Jackson	.....
Jefferson	.....
Killbuck	.....	45 24
LaGrange	.....	4 00
†Lakeville	.....
Lake View	.....	42 19
Liberty Center	.....
Laura	.....	1 40
Lima	.....	16 50
Locust Point	.....
Leesburg	.....	3 25
Mansfield	.....	14 95
Marion	.....	25 39
†Marshfield	.....
Medina	.....
†Mendon	.....	2 00
Mount Vernon	.....	252 47
Newark	.....	51 40
Norwalk	.....
New Philadelphia	.....
Nova	.....	14 56
Ohio City	.....

Piqua	.....	16 00
Pleasant Hill	.....	34 93
†Powell	.....
Ravenna	.....	50 93
†Reedsville	.....
Rows	.....
†Sandusky	.....	22 15
Spencer	.....
Springfield	.....	73 45
Springfield (Colored)	.....	22 30
Toledo	.....	335 11
Van Wert	.....	42 98
Walnut Grove	.....	69 80
Washington C. H.	.....
Waterford	.....
†Wengerlawn	.....
†West Mansfield	.....	20 00
Wheelersburg	.....
Wilmington	.....	109 76
Youngstown	.....
Zanesville	.....	45 88
Individuals	.....	82 72
TOTAL		\$4118 23
†Companies		

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

NOVEMBER, 1915

Tithe	.....	\$4118 23
Industrial Fund M. V. A.	.....
Colored Work	.....
Educational	.....	35
Missions	.....	1149 56
Sabbath-school Donations	.....	616 93
Weekly Offering	.....	25 18
India	.....	73 94
Emergency Fund	.....
Tent & Hall Collection	.....
Midsummer Offering	.....
Labor & Expense Refund	.....	5 50
Orphan and Aged Fund	.....	25
Birthday Offering	.....
Harvest Ingathering	.....	335 22
Talent Fund	.....	2 10
Annual Offering	
Religious Liberty	89
Donation Account	
Talents Returned	
TOTAL		\$ 6328 15
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Special

Questions of the Hour

"Questions of the Hour" is the name of a tract written by William Gill, a former student of Mt. Vernon Academy. He was preparing for the ministry when he was taken sick from which sickness he never recovered. While on his death bed he wrote this tract and before the first edition was printed while the copy was in the hands of the printers Brother Gill died. The first edition was a small one and was quickly exhausted, but even so, it was the means of bringing three souls into the truth. Now brother Gill's father was desirous of getting out another edition which has been done by the College Press and it is now ready for distribution.

This little 16 page tract treats on the Sabbath question in a very clear manner, also touching on the subject of religious liberty. All who desire to disseminate the truth broadcast will do well to supply themselves with a good stock of this tract.

Price 2 cents up to 50, 50 and over 1 cent. Send orders to The College Press, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. By distributing this tract you help and encourage Brother Gill, you give some soul the opportunity of seeing the light of the truth, and you water your own soul.

Where one of my faithful magazine workers has been selling the Signs monthly during the past few months, a copy of the magazine was purchased by a barber who became much interested in the principles set forth in the paper. He

at once ordered some of the tracts and books advertised in the *Signs* and after studying them faithfully for a while, took his stand for the truth, sold his barber shop, and is now doing all he can to interest his friends in the truth.

Important Notice

The following special club prices on our periodicals will be made this year from December 1 to February 1.

Review	\$1 80
Instructor	1 00
Sabbath School Worker	35
Christian Educator	80
Life and Health	80
Liberty	25
Signs (Weekly)	1 50
Signs (Monthly)	80
Little Friend	65
Watchman	80
Atlantic Union Gleaner	25
Southern Union Worker	25
Columbia Union Visitor	25
Lake Union Herald	25
Northern Union Reaper	40
Northern Pacific Union Gleaner	25

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OBITUARIES

DUDLEY. — Florence Elizabeth, only child of Ben. H. and Hettie D. Dudley, was born near Marengo, October 23, 1911 and died December 1, 1915, aged four years, one month, and eight days.

She possessed a wonderful memory and at the tender age of four could recite a number of poems, give the days of the week and the months in their order, and with a little help could name the presidents of the United States. She was able to spell words

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 3, 1915									
Wm. Bryson, Allegheny Co.		BR	2	10					36 00
*Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	10	55	19	65 00	9 70	74 70	
Mrs. G. Buttermore Fayette Co.		BF	4	31	18	29 00	2 75	31 75	15 25
C. Dumham, Allegheny Co.		GC	5	34	12	43 00		43 00	11 00
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	2		2	6 60	1 60	7 60	85
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.		BR	4	20		16 00		16 00	26 75
*D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	9	49	16	57 00	4 50	61 50	92 00
*W. H. House, Potter Co.		DR	9	56	4	17 80	24 00	41 80	44 75
John Morley, Potter Co.		BF	5	24	27	48 50	4 25	52 75	4 20
C. E. Will, Washington Co		CK	4	32	5	7 50	13 20	20 70	13 10
Miscellaneous						110 00	68 50	178 50	214 50
Totals	10 Agents		54	311	103	\$399 80	\$128 50	\$528 30	\$525 45
Ohio, Week Ending December 3, 1915									
Geo. Cottman, Brown Co.		BR	5	46	7	23 00	4 00	27 00	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	46	9	31 00	8 55	39 55	39 55
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	42			18 00	18 00	
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	41	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	3 00
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	40	10	32 00	3 00	35 00	5 00
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati.		BR	5	36			19 40	19 40	
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	4	32	13	42 00	16 00	58 00	
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	5	32	6	18 00	5 35	23 35	
Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.		BR	5	31	9	29 00	1 50	30 50	6 75
G. W. Yingling, Huron Co.		BF	5	31	4	6 00	1 50	7 50	
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	4	31					142 25
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	3	28	22	33 00	3 75	36 75	9 15
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	3	25	2	7 00	8 85	8 85	4 00
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	3	24	6	19 00	4 50	23 50	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	3	21	17	26 50	1 25	27 75	4 50
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		CK	5	21	13	20 50	8 45	28 95	20 00
*C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	3	33	4	14 00	6 00	20 00	88 50
Mrs. Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.		ES	3	11	2	8 00	1 15	9 15	2 15
Miscellaneous							11 85	11 85	7 85
Totals	18 Agents		77	509	132	\$333 00	\$124 60	\$457 60	\$312 90
West Virginia, Week Ending December 3, 1915									
W. A. McElphatrick, Randolph Co.		BR	5	38	12	37 00	29 65	66 65	1 40
G. Earl Snyder, Quadrangle Co.		BR	4	24					74 00
W. H. Wilcox,		BR	5	38		119 00	3 55	122 55	
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.		BR	4	33	7	11 50	50	12 00	65 50
J. S. Seal, Summers Co.		BR	6	46	20	62 00	8 50	70 50	
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.		BR	5	41	10	32 00	1 50	33 50	15 50
C. G. Mays, Romney Co.		BR	4	27					176 75
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		COL	5	7	1	1 25	6 45	7 70	30 05
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown		COL	5	30	15	22 50	24 75	47 25	4 25
R. E. Beckwith, Quadrangle Co.		BFL	5	36	22	33 00	1 00	34 00	
Miscellaneous,				9	6	18 00			18 00
Totals	10 Agents		48	327	93	\$336 25	\$75 90	\$412 15	\$369 45
Virginia, Week Ending December 3, 1915									
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.		BR	5	41	14	46 00	75	46 75	
S. N. Wilmer, Appomattox Co.		BFL	3	19	5	11 50	1 40	12 90	42 40
Bennette Hamm, Green Co.		BFL	2	14	9	11 50		11 50	
David Orr, Highland Co.		CK	5	33	10	16 00	8 45	24 45	
A. L. Gary, Highland Co.		CK	4	27	7	10 50	1 90	12 40	1 90
J. L. Goode, Hanover Co.		DR	3	20	1	3 00	35	3 35	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.		DR	3	20	4	16 05		16 05	
M. A. Maloney, Madison Co.		DR							140 50
Totals	8 Agents		25	174	50	\$114 55	\$12 75	\$127 40	\$184 00
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Frank Parsons,								\$14 40	
Total								\$10 40	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 3, 1915

Mrs. E. M. Evans, Dickson	Misc	4	24	34	12 50		12 50	2 25
Q. Donachy, Northumberland Co.	PPF	4	20	1	3 00	4 50	7 50	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	3	19	6	20 00	1 50	21 50	
Wm. P. Hess, Northampton Co.	GC	5	40	7	27 00	10 00	37 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	DR	3	22	5	15 00	2 50	17 50	
F. Washburn, Northampton Co.	GC	5	26	1	3 00	10 75	13 75	
F. S. Bangert, Snyder Co.	PPF	4	20	2	4 00	25	4 25	25
Ella Asper, Perry Co.	HH	5	23	1	2 50	3 75	6 25	2 50
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	5	40	22	11 00		11 00	30 00
Totals		9 Agents			\$98 00	\$33 25	\$131 25	\$35 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 3, 1915

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	35	9	28 00	2 00	30 00	2 75	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co. Md.	BR	5	35	6	24 00	8 75	32 75	6 50	
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	4	24	6	20 00	6 50	26 50	6 50	
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	2	17	2	7 00	4 30	11 30		
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	5	36	19	38 00	9 10	47 10		
Totals		5 Agents			20 147	42 \$117 00	\$30 65	\$147 65	\$15 75

District of Columbia, Week Ending December 3, 1915

C. L. Ross, Washington, D. C.	BR	1	6		19 50		19 50	
F. H. Holland, Alexandria Co.	BR	3	18	6	18 00	50	18 50	
W. B. Cook	SE			70	17 50		17 50	17 50
Mr. Schilling	BR	2		4	12 00		12 00	
E. R. Corder, Washington D. C.	BR	1	5		7 50		7 50	
A. W. Rowe	Misc				4 60		4 60	4 60
Sadie Detwiler	WG	1	15		3 75		3 75	3 75
J. I. Butcher, Washington, D. C.	WC			13	3 25		3 25	6 00
Miscellaneous					19 45		19 45	19 45
Totals		8 Agents		8	29 108 \$105 05	50	\$105 55	\$52 30

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Mrs. Swank	8 50	Irma Gerhart	5 00
Memorial Church	5 00	Miss Chandler	3 00
Mrs. Cross	2 50	Takoma Park Church	13 50
Total			\$37 50

New Jersey, Week Ending December 3, 1915

*Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co.	HH	3	25	6	12 00		12 00	
*Geo. Lloyd, Burlington Co.	PPF	2	6			6 10	6 10	20 00
Herbert Reimann, Atlantic Co.	GC	6	41	9	31 00	3 00	34 00	
W. H. Stagmier, Morris Co.	BR	10	59	9	31 00	7 15	38 15	
*E. J. Wood, Camden Co.	PPF	5	10	10	23 00		23 00	22 00
Totals		4 Agents		28	161 34 \$97 00	\$16 25	\$115 25	\$42 00

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Grand Totals: 66 Agents	Value of Orders \$1600 65	Deliveries, \$1536 85
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* Two weeks, † Three weeks, § Four weeks.

of four and five syllables that would baffle children of more mature years.

She found some matches, and during the few moments her mother was in the store, struck a number before her clothing took fire. Her cries for help soon brought her mother and near neighbors, but they were horrified to find her wrapped in flames. Everything known to medical science was done, but to no avail, and after nine hours of suffering she passed away. We are unable to understand why this accident should overtake us, but we trust that her life and tragic death will bring us nearer our heav-

enly home where such scenes and sorrows can not mar the bliss of that better land.

The Presbyterian Church at East Liberty was filled with sympathizing friends and neighbors, and Rev. H. H. Crimm, of Delaware, spoke tenderly and forcibly of the possibilities of the eternal future. We laid little Florence to rest in Bloomfield to await the Life-giver.

J. F. OLMSTED.

WHITE. — Martha Ann Dickerson was born near White Cottage, Ohio, October 6, 1851, and died November 30, 1915, aged 64

years, 1 month, and 25 days. She was united in marriage to John White, August 12, 1869. To this union were born nine children, four boys and five girls eight of whom are left to mourn the loss of a faithful mother.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour in the days of her youth, but later in life she united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Zanesville, Ohio, of which she was a member when called from this life.

Besides her children, she leaves an aged husband, four brothers, one sister, and seven grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Words of comfort were spoken from Job 19:25 by the writer. R. FRENCH.

Academy

The Formation of Habits

Webster says a habit is an inclination for some action, acquired by frequent repetition and showing itself in increased facility of performance or in decreased power of resistance.

Does a habit commence with a big thing? It comes upon us slowly. The drunkard only takes a sip the first time he tastes liquor then after while he can drink a small glass only on rare occasions and finally he becomes what we term a moderate drinker. Then it is not long until it has him fully in its grasp and what a bitter struggle he has to free himself.

This is only a fit illustration of the formation of a habit. We do some little act, let us say an act of kindness and the pleasure derived from that act is so great that we repeat it when the opportunity comes and soon we are helping all around us unconsciously. This is the habit of helpfulness, of good cheer, a genuine desire to help others find Christ, — these are the habits that make up an ideal life.

On the other hand we form wrong habits. We say it is only a little thing, but remember, girls, "The little foxes spoil the vines." In another place the wise man says, "There are four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceedingly wise." Then he goes on to tell how the ant, conies, locusts and spiders work harm and how no one can stop them. So it is with the little things we indulge in. They grow strong and become mighty things before we realize they are in our lives.

So we see there are habits to cultivate and others to avoid. You may ask for some to be cultivated. I have already named good cheer, but there is one habit above all others to be cultivated most tenderly, that is the habit of daily prayer and reading of God's Word. This has been called the most wholesome habit and

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it is surely well named for what other can we indulge besides this one that will bring true happiness and all that is worth living for? If we acquire this one habit we have put up great barriers before the undesirable habits.

You ask how to overcome habits. Only by persistent efforts, every moment, every hour guarding against them. No spasmodic efforts can ever help you over. They are as bad as no efforts at all.

The youth is the time for formation of correct habits. It has been said, "Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state."

You will think of many other good habits and many bad ones too, but let us remember it was written that Jesus' custom was always to do right; may the same characteristic be found in our lives.

A little fault into a sin may grow:

A sin into a crime for all the world to know.
MARY A. WHEELER.

This paper was written for the Young Women's Self Improvement Society.

On account of the shortness of workers, the family expected from America to take charge of the China Missions Training School not having arrived it became necessary to call Brother and Sister H. J. Doolittle from their work in Nanking to direct the work of the school during the coming year. They are now located in Shanghai, and are entering upon vigorous plans to make the coming year a profitable one to the students. We trust that with the blessings of the Lord added to their earnest efforts, it may be the best year in the history of the school.

—Exchange.

Brother Harry Doolittle will be remembered by many in the Columbia Union Conference, also by many of the students from Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Ray Spencer was chosen as leader of the Young People's Society. Miss Ethel White, assistant; Zoella Kelly, secretary; Ray Vincent, assistant; Miss Mabel Robbins, pianist, Hazel Read, assistant.

The officers for the Sabbath school who were elected for the new term are: A. E. King, superintendent, Leslie Taylor and Anna Schmidt, assistants; Anna Saxton, secretary, Melvin Durland, assistant; Ivy Harkins, pianist, Wilma Walters assistant.

Mr. Ray Spencer who has been sick for a few days is able to attend school again.

Washington Missionary College

Miss Hazel Leach, a graduate of Mt. Vernon Academy, spent a day at the college during the past week.

Mrs. Mattie Hamilton Welsh is spending a few days at the college. Mrs. Welsh is engaged in missionary work among the mountaineers of Virginia.

New students are still coming to school. This past week has brought H. A. Niergarth, who has been in ministerial work in Alberta, Canada for several years.

The carpentry department is very large this year, and some excellent work is being done. Recently one of the classes assisted in the construction of a cabin in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Weber the head of the Normal department, has moved from the dormitory, and now has a room at the home of Elder Votaw in the Park.

We are indeed glad to have Professor Shaw with us again, after an absence of six weeks. He brings back a message that certainly sounds good to the students. While attending the Council the constituency of the college was able to hold several meetings. It was voted to raise \$40,000 with which to enlarge the dormitories, build a new chapel, and provide added facilities for the school. The Atlantic, Columbia, Southern, Southeastern and Eastern Canadian Conferences are to share in raising this sum.

The *Church Officers Gazette* has been added to the list of publications printed by the college press.

The students felt very much honored by having a visit from Professor H. R. Salisbury last Tuesday. He was principal of the school while it was a seminary, and is now returning to his work in India, having been in attendance at the Council at Loma Linda, California. He gave a stirring chapel talk, impressing upon us the great need of workers in the heathen lands right now while the doors are still open to the gospel.

The Bible workers' class is beginning active field work. Several appointments for Bible readings have been made in the vicinity of Takoma Park. Last Sabbath Mrs. Williams accompanied several of the young women to Mt. Rainier, where they succeeded in finding a number of persons who were ready for readings.

The Bible students have each donated twenty-five cents toward refinishing the Bible room. Enough has been received to put it in good condition, and the work has already begun.

A flag-staff has been erected on the college building, and the new flag was floating to greet Professor Shaw on his return.

A large number of new books have been added to the library for the History and Educational departments.

Thursday evening Dr. D. H. Kress gave a stereopticon lecture on the "Transmission of Disease by Milk". We appreciate such practical health lectures.

The College Press Mottoes

We have two sizes of the mottoes now. The large size is ten cents and small size is five cents. As we have explained before these mottoes are sold for the benefit of our "Academy Press Fund," a fund for a new press for our printing department, which we are very much in need of.

H. S. WEAVER.

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