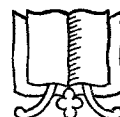


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Advance Moves

The year of 1915 has been a great year for the advance of the Third Angel's Message. Probably ten thousand will have accepted the truth throughout the different states and conferences of the United States, this year. Our tithes show a correspondingly great gain as also do our foreign mission offerings. Surely somebody believes this message.

In the Columbia Union also we have great cause for encouragement and rejoicing. During the first nine months of this year, about eleven hundred precious souls accepted the truth. We have already an increase in foreign missions of about \$5,000. All the different conferences within the Columbia Union note the same advance and the blessings of God are upon them. As we now come up to the last part of the year, it is a time for deep searching of heart. We need to look toward our heavenly Father to see if we are or are not walking in the light. "He that believeth on me," saith the Saviour, "out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters." Not one stream, but many streams,—bright, sparkling, clear waters of refreshing and of strength. Is this promise being fulfilled to us in the year 1915? We close the last years of this decade with deeper determinations and resolutions than ever before to be wholly surrendered into the hands of the Eternal.

The Autumn Council which was just held at Loma Linda was a great meeting. It was an unusually important meeting because it was the first meeting held since the death of Sister White. Some men of thought and reputation have confidently asserted that with the death of Sister White Adventists would lose their experience and the denomination would soon

be shattered into fragments. No such thing marked the great gathering at Loma Linda.

Probably this denomination never held a meeting where everybody worked so harmoniously as at this council. And they really worked. Everybody was contributing. There were no complainers nor those who talked nonbelief. Everyone had something to say to give an uplift and all seemed satisfied and contented to accept the post to which the Lord had assigned them and to labor with all their hearts at the post.

We were favored at this council with the presence of Elder Porter, president of the Asiatic Division. He came back, his heart swelling with the tidings of the great advance in the fields. We were also favored with the presence of Elder Cottrell from China. He gave us a stirring and uplifting account of the advance of God's work in Inland China. Furthermore Professor Salisbury came from that dark land of India, which constitutes probably one of the hardest fields in the world. If such was the character of the field, we did not see any hardness on the face of our brother. His words were of cheer and hope and encouragement. He felt that God was working with him and that angels were all co-operating together to hasten on the glorious end.

It gave us great joy to welcome into our midst Elders Conradi and Fitzgerald, the former from the European Division and the latter from the British Union. Though coming from lands of bitter opposition in the war, they came to us as brothers in arms. They could tell us that never had there been such a turning to God on the part of His dear people as during these months of internecine strife. Though Europe might be drenched with fraternal blood, the people of God had their hearts warmed more than ever in the bonds of Christian unity. They were giving of their boys and girls to the work and they are also giving of their means.

Everything looked favorable, in the midst of turmoil, to the strengthening and advancing of God's cause. Elder Conradi said that when the war broke out he was glad to say it found all the institutions of the denomination in Europe in good financial condition.

Thus from every land comes the tidings that the day of the Lord is near and hasteneth greatly. How shall it be with us in that great day? The closing days of 1915 is the time to erect an altar. It is our privilege to go to it and lay upon it all that God has given us. How many of those to whom these lines will come will feel the privilege of the hour? Let us never forget the old adage that "the mill will never grind with the water that is past." Let us all pray that the Lord may open our eyes to see. B. G. WILKINSON.

Autumn Council

*Loma Linda, Cal.,
November 22, 1915.*

TO OUR DEVOTED AND BELOVED PEOPLE IN NORTH AMERICA: GREETING.

The General and North American Division Conference Committees, with representatives of the cause from this and other countries, numbering more than one hundred and fifty, greatly desire that the inspiration and spiritual uplift of the world's council held at Loma Linda, Cal., might reach all our people.

Isaiah 54: 2, 3 is certain by now being fulfilled, especially in foreign mission fields where hundreds, yea, thousands from the midnight of heathenism are rejoicing in the saving power of the Third Angel's Message, some of whom have been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, and nearly one thousand of whom are workers in this cause in various lines. Surely we can now say in the words of the Psalmist: "God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth." Ps. 74: 12.

A new time has come. A new thing

is taking place. The hour has struck which calls upon us to "enlarge the place of thy tent . . . stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes."

The work in the far East has outgrown all plans that have heretofore been laid. A measure has just passed the council forming the Orient, Australasia, and the Pacific Island world into a great division of this cause.

This council was profoundly impressed that, as stated in Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 117, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished, until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

We therefore make this appeal to you to arise, and with us rally to meet the demands of the great opportunity which the opening providence of God has placed before us.

We appeal to you personally, individually, to push the Harvest Ingathering Campaign right up to the end of the year. The Lord has promised that the "wealth of the Gentiles" shall come to us. The far Eastern world is calling loudly for means. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." Vol. 9, page 61.

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos." Vol. 9, page 62.

Surely here is a great opportunity for every member of the church to engage in this blessed ministry, by placing the message-filled Harvest Ingathering *Signs* in the hands of the people, and soliciting from them donations for our mission work.

"The battle-cry is sounding along the line. Let every soldier of the cross push to the front." "A work similar to that which the Lord did through his delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost he is waiting to do today." Vol. 7, pages 17, 33.

In Australia, South Africa, and some other countries there are already stringent laws, compelling every boy above the age of fourteen years to take military training. This takes the boys of our people away from their homes and their parents at that tender age, and throws them into wicked associations, which is a terrible trial to our people in those countries. The conditions foretold in Vol. 9, pages 43 and 44, are rapidly developing. We may be sure that similar experiences will be met in this country. Let us, in this time of peace, enter into a covenant with God, that his protection may be thrown around

us and our children when the time of test comes to us.

We do not know how to express in words the deep anxiety of our hearts that our people rally to the financial support of our missions, and that every church in this country fully meet its full apportionment of twenty cents per week per member for the year 1915. The needs of this ever-widening cause demand it. Surely it is worthy of it.

Well, dear brethren and sisters, will you not join with us, in seeking for a fuller consecration of our lives to the Master, and in a great soul-winning campaign that will end in the speedy finishing of this work? May God richly bless you in your response to this rallying call.

By unanimous vote of the council in regular session.

A. G. DANIELLS, *President General Conference*, W. A. SPICER, *Secretary*, I. H. EVANS, *President North American Division Conference*, G. B. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

Our New Columbia Union Office

No doubt the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union have heard of the new office building which our Union is putting up at Takoma Park. During the last six or seven years the Columbia Union has been very much put to it to find a home for itself. Local conferences had their buildings in which they could store their goods, keep their documents, have elbow room for the secretary and a place to write for the treasurer; the General Conference had a nice building of its own, and the North American Division was wisely housed, with space enough in which to conduct its large and growing business; reports from China told of accommodations for documents, reports, valuable papers and work room in the office building, as well as did reports from other mission fields. But during all this time the Columbia Union had no place where to lay its head. It has rented quarters hither and yon, while the work within the Union has been growing by steady advances.

However, after the Union Committee had wrestled with the problem for some time in different forms and under different resolutions, we finally decided to come down to terra firma. So in the spring of 1915 the Union Committee took decisive steps to buy a valuable and well located lot on the District side in Takoma Park. Vote was made also to erect upon it an excellent building, and as a result the Union offices are now nicely housed in the new home.

The lower part of the building on the left hand side is rented out to Dr. E. M. Woolgar, who is a dentist, from Clyde, Ohio. The lower part of the building on the right hand side is rented to the Sani-

itarium to conduct a doctor's office and take care of the large and growing Takoma Park medical practice. All of the second floor on the building, four rooms with three large closets and commodious bathroom, is given to the Columbia Union Conference; while the third story of the building has three large rooms which will be available for other calls which are in prospect of materializing.

The committee agrees that from every standpoint it is a profitable investment. It will easily result in the Union Conference being able to pay interest, taxes, insurance, etc., etc., from what it rents out to other parties and thus practically obtain its own office rent free.

We thought our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference would like to know about this move and so we are putting in this little article. The lot was secured for \$1500.00. We have not all the bills in but in all probability the building will run some above this figure. We shall be pleased to later give some more information and tell some more about our new home while being able to show some photographs or cuts of the new Union Conference building.

B. G. WILKINSON.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Mrs. W. H. George who is teaching the Stanley church school this winter is very busy with her little flock of thirty pupils. All are much interested in their work, made the more so by the added facilities which our educational department has for their use. The pupils are now organized into a Junior Society and are much interested in their different lines of missionary study.

Brother J. W. Parsons, who has been suffering for the past three and a half years, passed to his rest last Saturday night, and the funeral services were held Monday afternoon. Obituary notice will follow.

Elder W. E. Bidwell, who is holding a series of meetings in the vicinity of Harriston, writes that he has from twenty to twenty-five out each evening, over half of the people that are within reach are attending, and some are deeply interested. These are anxious times for the workers in presenting the testing truths of the Word, and our united prayers should attend these efforts.

Elder C. M. Kinny, who has labored so faithfully these many years in our conference is obliged, on account of the health of his wife, to return to his home in Ten-

nessee. This he is planning to do before the New Year. We know the best wishes and prayers of his many friends will follow them to their home.

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

Our colporteurs are quite busy now making their Christmas deliveries. Watch for their reports.

Brother John Keys, of Newark, called at the office December 14, and while here purchased a supply of literature for use in missionary work.

Brother Kirk has spent some time recently helping Brethren Wilcox, Snyder and Lawrence in the canvassing work. He is now assisting Brethren Cordero, Brando and Medlin.

There is a good attendance at the week of prayer meetings being held in the Parkersburg church. The members are planning to do some aggressive missionary work this winter. This week they ordered 550 *Review and Herald* extras for use in their missionary work and intend to use a liberal supply each month hereafter.

Elder Hirlinger stopped off at Parkersburg, on his return from California, spend some time in the office, holding meetings in the church and visiting the members in their homes. He is now spending the week of prayer with different churches and good meetings are reported by the members.

NEW JERSEY

Among the Churches

On Sabbath, November 27, it was my privilege to meet with the Danish company in Perth Amboy, in the morning, and the Swedish, in Jersey City in the afternoon. We had a blessed time together, and as I heard our good old hymns sung in these languages, I longed for that time to come, when we will all speak the one tongue.

Elder Lund had advertised a meeting to be held on Sunday night in the Peoples Palace, and nearly one hundred persons were present. The stereopticon was used and views on the European war were thrown on the screen, and also illustrated songs such as the "Ninety and Nine" and "Where Is My Wandering Boy," which were greatly appreciated by the audience.

Sabbath, December 4, I met with the Bohemian company in Newark. These brethren and sisters are blessed with a beautiful church building, and I enjoyed my first visit with these dear people.

After singing that beautiful song "I Want to See Jesus! Don't You?" all testified that they were very anxious to meet Jesus. While some testified in English many testified in their own tongue and I could not understand what they were saying, but I could say "Amen" as I knew by the expression and the tears that were flowing, that they were giving their hearts to Jesus, and were determined to do more for him.

More papers were ordered, and it was very encouraging to see the young people take hold of this campaign. One little girl of this company had already gathered in over \$6.00 and she took fifteen more papers. Truly the young people are setting the older members a splendid example.

One more week and this campaign will be finished, dear brother and sister. Can it be said of you that you have done your best? Remember, the reward of eternal life is only going to be given to the worker.

If you feel that you have not done your duty, take advantage of the few days that still remain. The holiday season you will find to be a splendid time to solicit for the foreign fields.

I hope that God will richly bless you, and that you will not let the year 1915 pass without doing something to help spread the good tidings that Jesus, the Saviour of the world is soon coming.

T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

Last Wednesday Brother Barritt met Brother Wood in Camden, and they went to Brother and Sister Pyle's who are living in Atco, Camden County. They canvassed in this neighborhood for "Bible Readings" and in two days the Lord blessed them with \$30.00 worth of orders. Brother Wood is of good courage and happy in the Lord, and we wish this dear brother much success and joy in laboring for the Master.

Brother Barritt spent a week with Brethren Stagmier and Plant in the northern part of the state and reports a good time with them.

These brethren have a big delivery for Christmas. Let us pray for their success.

"God is not only a present help in the time of trouble, but a great help in keeping out of trouble."

"Courtesy is a paying investment."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder M. C. Kirkendall spent Sabbath with the church at Wilmington, Delaware. He will visit Whittlesburg and Cambridge before his return to Baltimore.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson of Washington, D. C., spent Sabbath and Sunday in Baltimore, Md. He spoke to the church on Sabbath morning and again on Sunday evening. His discourses were much appreciated.

Elder G. P. Rodgers spent Sabbath with the People's church in the city of Washington, and Elder Wilkinson spoke to the young people in the Baltimore No 3. church on Sabbath afternoon.

Brother G. R. Apsley, whose accident was reported to the *Visitor* last week, is again able to be about his work. We are glad there were no more serious results.

Brother F. E. Hankins, accompanied by Brother I. D. Richardson of Washington D. C., visited the churches at Smithsburg and Ponds ville last Sabbath and report excellent meetings at both places.

The Young People's work in the Baltimore No 1. church is being revived under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Tetz. Fuller reports will appear later.

Miss Barrett spent a few days in the home of Elder M. C. Kirkendall during the past week.

OHIO

Hunter

By request of and in company with Brother C. F. Wilcox of Canton, Ohio. I went to Hunter, Belmont County and held a short series of meetings.

We had a fair attendance and good attention was paid to the words spoken.

Brother Wilcox was born and raised near this place and a great many of his friends and relatives reside in this vicinity, and while there was no especial interest there yet he was very anxious that his friends should hear the message. We believe that one of his brothers will obey. A leading man of the community told me that he was thoroughly convinced and I trust he will soon take his stand.

C. C. WEBSTER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Important Notice

The thorough organization and broad plans which were effected at the last general conference council means much for the advancement and finishing of the work in this generation. Many of our brethren and sisters are willing to carry the Third Angel's Message amidst war and peril to the millions who know not the gospel. This they feel their duty to do. We who live at the basis of supplies and in a land of peace are under heavy responsibility to send means to those who are in the mission fields.

The end of another year is almost here, and this conference must raise \$1700 this month in order to make up its quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. To do this it will be necessary for those who have promised to pay to missions to send it in soon. We shall appreciate anything that you may do in the payment of pledges or donation in order that the needy mission fields may receive the money. Kindly send all funds in not later than December 31.

Trusting to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, brethren and sisters, let us be faithful to duty and press forward to victory.

F. H. ROBBINS.

Special

Bible Qualifications of a Bible Worker

As I have thought of the responsible work which a Bible worker must do; of the test that the Bible worker's work must stand; and of the Saviour whom the Bible worker must always represent—the qualifications necessary for such a work, my dear young friends have loomed up large; and I feel that these words from the Lord should ever burn into our hearts and flash before our eyes:—"Be sure to maintain the dignity of the work by a well ordered life and Godly conversation. Never be afraid of raising your standard too high."

God has not left us without definite instruction as to those things that will qualify us for his work and we shall endeavor to group and arrange some of this instruction into such form that our minds may grasp and retain his expressed desire for us in this respect. I am at a loss just where to begin, but these words from the pen of Sister White, seem to me to voice a primary pre-requisite;—"Well may every one feel an individual responsibility in this work. Well may he consider how he may best arrest the attention; for his

manner of presenting the truth may decide the destiny of a soul. Therefore, it is dangerous to do careless work in dealing with minds." *G. W. p. 251.*

"When the theory of the truth is repeated without the sacred influence being felt upon the soul of the speaker, it has no force upon the hearers, but is rejected as error, the speaker making himself responsible for the loss of souls." *Vol. 4 p. 441.* I wonder if we fully sensed these words? It reveals to us our first qualification. (1.) A personal knowledge of Christ. The second is sure to follow in the life of one who has personally become acquainted with Jesus the lover of men. (2.) The tenderness of Christ must be in the heart. "Jesus never suppressed one word of truth; but he uttered it always in love. He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul.

A necessary qualification for the Bible worker, it seems to me is; (3.) The ability not to yield to discouragement. "There is to be no despondency in God's service." "Will it make you sad to be buffeted, despised, derided, maligned by the world? It ought not; for Jesus told us how it would be. If the world hate you, he says, ye know it hated me before it hated you." "Those who are tempted to think that their labor is not appreciated, and are inclined to be discouraged, should remember that Jesus, the Majesty of heaven, had just as hard hearts to deal with, and he had a more trying experience than we have had or ever can have." "We must not expect all peace and joy. There will be sadness; but if we sow in tears, we shall reap in joy." (4.) Much time must be given to prayer. In 1 Tim. 4:12-16, we find some advice given especially for the younger members of the Lord's family of workers. Young you are; that is no draw-back; if you remember to let your youth command respect, do not be frivolous—neither in word nor in deportment. Our instruction from the Lord is:—"Not only by their character and dress, all are to have a winning influence." It seems to me that the four adjectives used in the Testimonies contain all the information we need to direct us in the question of our dress. (5.) It is to be neat, plain, simple, modest, without reference to the fashions.

(6.) The Bible must be diligently studied; no superficial reading will do; no random studying.

In Jas. 1:19 we find two very necessary qualifications. (7.) Swift to hear. Let us notice them—swift, to hear, not only the audible sounds of the world about us, but the "still, small voice" as well. (8.) Slow to speak. Patience. Slow to speak: Oh! how much you will need to heed that injunction! When you find persons who do not want the truth, and who are rude

and unkind; some who try to combat the Bible truths, and whose arguments are so flimsy; yet you must never yield to harshness nor sarcasm; but remember the words of 2 Tim. 2: 24-26. It should awaken only pity in our hearts; but unless Christ abides there, we are in danger of being not "slow to speak," but swift. "Hold your mouth as with a bridle when the wicked are before you. When tempted to say sarcastic things, refrain. Censure no one; condemn no one. Let the life argue for Jesus, and the lips be opened with wisdom to defend the truth. We are often brought into positions that are trying where human nature longs to break forth, but in such cases, be still, do not retaliate." *G. W. p. 467.*

A qualification which I think we should not over-look is that of (9.) being cheerful. Let your very presence suggest joy, true joy that comforts and blesses. Let your cheerfulness bring you open doors for ministry. You know it is said:—"Laugh and the world laughs with you." While the Bible worker must not yield to lightness nor trifling in conversation, still she must suggest joy; the joy that must follow where the peace of Christ abides.

We read, "All who are truly engaged in the work of the Lord for these last days will have a decided message to bear." This suggests another qualification. (10.) Be sound in the faith. But right here there is a caution we need to heed well. "All points of our faith are not to be introduced indiscriminately. We should be careful not to arouse a combative spirit. There is enough to talk about that will not excite opposition, and that will open the heart to desire a deeper knowledge of God's Word."

A qualification which is much emphasized in the instruction the Lord has sent us is; (11.) Cultivate tact and courtesy. "With the wisdom and tact born of divine love, with the refinement and courtesy that result alone from the presence of Christ in the soul" we are admonished to enter our work. Study the face of your listener very closely that you may learn the best way of access to each heart.

(12.) Learn to meet the people where they are. "Learn of Jesus. He was the greatest teacher the world ever knew; yet he spoke in the language of common life. He met the necessities of all. He adapted his instruction to all times and places, to both the rich and the poor, the educated and the ignorant. . . . the feeblest minds could grasp his meaning, while the most intelligent were attracted and instructed."

Adaptability is a necessary characteristic of those who would win the attention and interest of the people, as he must have it who presents the Gospel Message. "In all that you say, know that you have something that is worthy of the

time you take to say it, and of the time of the hearers to hear." *Vol. 6 p. 58.* Do not apologize to the high nor neglect the low. Encourage questions. A most beautiful qualification and one that does not come naturally to many of us is; (13.) Humbleness. "To live and labor almost unknown, to toil and sacrifice for Jesus in obscurity, receiving no special praise from men,—this requires a soundness of principle and a steadfastness of purpose that but few possess. Were there a greater effort to walk humbly with God, looking away from men, and laboring only for Christ's sake, far more would be accomplished." *Test. 31. p. 129.*

Old fisherman's three rules:

"Keep out of sight.

Keep farther out of sight.

Keep entirely out of sight."

In fishing for souls these rules apply as well. Perhaps we will get the thought more clearly if we insert the word "Self." And when you feel, as you surely will many times, that you do not know what to do and that your own wisdom will not suffice, then claim the promise in Jas. 1:5; but be sure that you comply with the condition in verse 6, for receiving the answer.

(14.) Learn to lean upon God. Or let us read it as the wise man puts it in Prov. 3:5,6. Sister White has expressed the same thought. "While education, training and the counsel of those of experience are all essential, the workers should be taught that they are not to rely wholly upon any man's judgment. As God's free agents, all should ask wisdom of him. He will work by his spirit through the mind he has put in man, if only man will give him a chance to work." We are admonished to constantly improve in mind, manners, and speech.

The last requirement I have noted is; (15.) A clear melodious voice. *Vol. 6 p. 380, 381, 383.* "He who is seeking to qualify himself for the sacred work of God should be careful not to place himself on the enemy's ground, but should choose the society of those who will help him to obtain divine knowledge."

In closing let me read your Heavenly Father's message to you:—"Bring into the work an earnest desire to learn how to bear responsibilities. With strong arms and brave hearts go forth into the conflict which all must enter, a conflict that will grow more and more severe as we approach the closing struggle." Remember that your works must stand the test of the judgment. Let the eye be single to the glory of God, the heart pure, the thoughts brought into obedience to the will of God. Do something every day to improve, beautify, and ennoble the life that Christ has purchased with his own blood." *Mrs. N. S. Ashton.*

The eight references in the new Testament to the first day of the week are explained in a January *Signs* magazine article. This is but one reason why our neighbors should see this excellent number.

With You Always

"When David Livingstone returned to Scotland, after an absence of sixteen years in Africa, the University of Glasgow desired to honor him by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Laws. On such occasions, candidates for honorary degrees usually expected an embarrassing reception at the hands of the young collegians, who were present in full force, bubbling over with boyish fun. But when Mr. Livingstone appeared on the platform, they received him with silent respect and reverence. He was gaunt and weary from exposure to sixteen years of African sun and twenty-seven attacks of African fever; one arm, having been injured by the bite of a lion, hung useless by his side.

There stood a real hero, who had fought many a battle for humanity, and whose presence inspired a feeling of awe in the minds of all present.

He told them he was going back to Africa, partly to open new fields for British commerce, partly to suppress the African slave trade, and partly to open the way for the preaching of the gospel. But the sentiments that stirred all hearts most was this: "Shall I tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and hostile? It was this, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

"Conversion profiteth, truly if thou keep the commandments; but if thou breakest the least of them and teachest men that thou hast the right to do so, thy conversion is null and void. The conversion is become unconversion. He is not a Christian which is one in appearance and by profession; but he is a Christian which is inwardly. He is a Christian who has a new heart; who has been born from above, and who serves God in spirit and truth.

Our own young people often look with wonder and mistrust upon some of the things that are done by us older ones, in authority. Brethren, and beloved, we cannot be too careful in our lives and examples, for we are watched.

We are liable to feel that when we are once out among strangers that we are not known; but be not deceived, there is some one that knows you."

"The circulation of the health journal will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that

are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of man."

The Influence of a Cheerful Face

There are some people who take life so seriously as to carry a constant look of gloom in their faces. Their very appearance almost seems to say, I would rather you would not speak to me, for I am now carrying in mind all that I can well bear. Few care to approach them socially, and children go out of the way to avoid them. Such people, though church adherents, are not really an asset to the church which is set for the uplift of the community in which it is located, because their constant habit of looking at the dark side of life's issues unfit them for encouraging interviews. Besides their state of mind so beclouds their view of divine utterances as to benumb the power of faith in them.

This is a most unfortunate condition in which to find oneself, because when once alive to his needs, he is liable to sink deeper in gloom, because he does not see how to better his state of being. What is needed in such cases is a transformation which can be had only by the renewal of the mind. The apostle exhorts: "Be ye transformed (or as the original permits, *transfigured*) by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:2. It is a fact that the condition of mind does regulate the figure of an individual. If his mind contemplates something humorous, it is discovered in a cheerful look. If he hears reproof of his course, the countenance indicates it by a rigid look, or by an unnatural transfusion of blood, which reddens the cheek.

The renewal of mind bestowed by the Spirit of God will give an abiding look of peace that is sure to invite quiet commendation and draw toward it the needy solicitor. And though it seems strange how readily one will pick such out of a crowd, yet it is readily done. The Earl of Shaftsbury relates how that once when standing on a busy corner of a crowded London street, awaiting an opportunity to cross, he saw a little child on the same corner awaiting the same privilege. When the passage was cleared by the street police, the child appeared afraid to venture across, and halted a moment, looking into the faces of the moving mass.

Then coming to the great earl, she put her hand trustingly in his, saying: "Will you take me across the street, please?" Of course she was piloted safely across the street, and with a warm "thank you, sir," and a pleasant smile, was soon out of sight.

The earl in relating the incident declared it was the greatest compliment he ever had, that the little child after looking into the faces of such a crowd should

pick him out as one who could safely lead her through a difficult place in her life.

This but illustrates how it may be with us all when the peace of Christ is in our heart, and displayed in our countenance. May each one soon reach that happy condition in his life.—*Exchange*.

What Some People Have Done

"Your letter of some time ago asking us to try to double our subscription to the *Signs* weekly was taken up in our missionary meeting last Sabbath afternoon.

"We had indeed a very enthusiastic meeting. I read portions of your letter and asked them if we could not give you a little surprise and multiply it by four instead of two, making a club of twenty. They all fell into line and instead of twenty I am sending to the tract society for a club of twenty-two. Besides this I took names for seven *Reviews* and five *Watchman*."

This is evidently an active little church. I like the words "they fell into line," for they make me think of a well organized army of workers, all working together in a strong way. Would that in all our churches, the members would all fall into line. We could then soon finish the work.

"I am taking advantage of your offer as mentioned in the last *Signs* to renew my subscription. Times are terrible, work scarce and money more so, but my papers are read by several people so I do not like to stop them."

Here is one who realizes the value of the *Signs* enough to make sacrifices in order that others may read it.

"Having received your letter and leaflet, 'The *Signs* on Trial', the Cherry Grove church has decided to take a club of twenty-two copies for six months and pay for them in monthly instalments."

This is a good response which shows this church has a mind to work.

"A friend who receives the *Signs of the Times*, presented me with a copy, with which I was well pleased as it contained much information. You know the truth in regard to what immortality means and to whom it will be given.

"I am a 'Disciple of Christ' and believe that under the new dispensation all days are alike. Does Christ or the Apostles command the disciples to keep any particular day of the week to worship God? The Israelites were commanded by Moses to keep the seventh day. 'Truth never changes.'"

This individual is evidently a sincere seeker after truth and the *Signs* is being used by the Lord to lead him into the light.

"A friend of mine handed me a copy of the *Signs* for December, 1913. Now I

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
W. H. Wilcox, Birkley Co.		BR	5	37	12	41 00	2 45	43 45	19 25
G. Earl Snyder, Weston		BR	5	41	3	4 50	23 50	28 00	11 65
W. A. McElphatrick, Randolph Co.		BR	5		10	32 00	16 50	48 50	5 50
J. W. Brando, Marion Co.		BR	5	34	8	26 00	6 25	32 25	
J. S. Seal, Hinton		BR	5	36		53 00	1 85	54 85	
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.		BR	5	33	7	11 50	50	12 00	85 50
Ivor Lawrence, Hardy Co.		BR	4	28	13	45 00	3 20	48 20	9 10
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.		BFL	5	42	26	42 50	4 50	47 00	1 50
R. E. Beckwith, Arnoldsburg		BFL	5	37		22 00	10 20	32 20	
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		COL	5	17	6	7 50	23 70	31 20	7 10
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown		COL	5	26	6	9 00	18 90	27 90	6 50
Miscellaneous,						24 00	75 50	99 50	81 50
Magazines							1 80	1 80	
Totals	11 Agents					\$318 00	\$188 85	\$506 85	\$227 15

Ohio, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	43	7	30 00	7 40	37 40	31 15
Geo. Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	43	10	34 00	2 25	36 25	2 25
*R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	9	82	15	49 00	6 25	55 25	16 75
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	38	4	12 00	5 45	17 45	3 35
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	4	33	12	36 00	13 00	49 00	2 50
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	4	30	9	27 00	4 50	31 50	75
Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.		BR	4	29	1	3 00	1 50	4 50	13 50
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	5	29	12	24 00	4 45	28 45	1 10
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	4	28	4	13 00	2 25	15 25	25 50
H. O. Kohr, Mansfield		WC	3	25		34 00		34 00	34 00
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		CK	4	25	18	18 00	5 60	23 60	
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	3	22			50	50	6 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	3	15	6	22 00		22 00	
Miscellaneous			1	5					8 75
Totals	13 Agents			59	369	92 \$302 00	\$53 15	\$355 15	\$145 60

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.		BR	4	32	9	27 00	8 50	35 50	8 50
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.		DR	2	19					117 00
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.		PPF	5	38	12	24 00	13 50	47 50	
*D. W. Percy, Caroline Co.		PPF	9	53	29	62 00	13 70	75 70	
Totals	5 Agents			20	142	50 \$113 70	35 70	\$158 70	\$125 50

New Jersey, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
Geo. Lloyd, Burlington Co.		PPF	1	3			8 55	8 55	8 60
Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co.		BS	4	30	27	20 25		20 25	
E. J. Wood, Camden Co.		BR	4	13	8	28 00	9 70	37 70	
A. M. Barkman, Sussex Co.			1				10 50	10 50	
Totals	4 Agents			10	54	35 48 25	28 75	77 00	8 60

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		DR	5	35	13	43 00	1 00	44 00	
Q. Donachy, Northumberland Co.		PPF	5	31			3 25	3 25	
F. S. Bangert, Snyder Co.		PPF	5	33	7	14 00	1 00	15 00	1 00
F. Washburn, Lehigh Co.		GC	4	11			75	75	
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.		PPF	2	3	6	6 00	4 00	10 00	6 00
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.		SB	4	34	33	16 50		16 50	
Totals	6 Agents					\$79 50	\$10 00	\$89 50	7 00

Virginia, Week Ending December 10, 1915									
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.		BR	5	38	20	60 00		60 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Appomattox Co.		BFL	4	31	14	21 00	4 20	25 20	
David Orr, Highland Co.		CK	6	30	10	15 00	3 00	18 00	
A. L. Gary, Highland Co.		CK	9	37	20	28 50	60	29 10	
Totals	4 Agents			24	136	64 \$124 50	7 80	\$132 30	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 10, 1915

Mrs. G. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BF	2	15	6	9 00	75	9 75	
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	5	36	12	38 00	5 75	43 75	1 25
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	42	27	56 00	25 25	81 25	19 75
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	34	14	48 00		48 00	4 50
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	2		4	12 00	2 55	14 55	70
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	5	21	18	57 00		57 00	2 50
*Garnell Rager, Cambria Co.	BF	7	45	20	30 00	1 75	31 75	50 50
C. E. Will, Washington Co	CK	5	35	14	21 00	30 65	51 65	11 30
Totals	10 Agents	36	228	115	\$271 00	\$66 70	\$337 70	\$90 50

Grand Totals: 51 Agents Value of Orders \$1256 95 Deliveries, \$736 65

* Two weeks, † Three weeks, § Four weeks.

want you to send me this magazine for one year and to my four friends listed below, if your clubbing offer still holds good. I am enclosing check for \$3.00."

In this case the good seed sown by some unknown worker multiplied sixty-fold, for it led to the sending in of five yearly subscriptions. I trust it may have further results in souls saved.

"We have had some good results from our club. Through having the paper sent to her brother, one sister is abundantly rewarded by seeing him living out and spreading a knowledge of the truths of this glorious message.

"Another had it sent to a relative in the old home town. As a result, a little company of believers has been raised up.

"One sister had it sent to a worldly sister in the East who at last became so much interested in the good paper that she lent it to all the neighbors who came into the home."

The *Signs* does save souls, does it not?

"I have often thought I would like to relate an experience we had at the time we were coming into the truth. I was a glass blower at that time. My mother, brother, and sister were Adventists and had become such after I was married and in a home of my own. During July and August we always made a visit home as the factory never ran in these two months. My mother always talked to me about the message, but for three or four years I did not become interested."

"Finally at one time I was there they asked if we would not like to have a Bible reading and asked in a brother living near. We enjoyed the reading very much, but returned home and almost forgot the experience. One day an old lady came to the door selling the *Signs*. She also gave an invitation to the meeting in their little church. Well, we went to church, although we had not been in the habit of going. After we had gone a few evenings we asked a brother-in-law and family to go, and before long we were all taken into the church. Now if it had not been for that old sister and the bundle of *Signs* she carried, perhaps I would never have been a Seventh-day Adventist."

This brother and his brother-in-law went into the colporteur work, and now the brother is a conference colporteur agent. The faithful sowing of the good seed without doubt brings results. How many intend to sow liberally during 1916 and reap a rich harvest? Send in your order for a good club of *Signs*.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Now is the time to plan your missionary work for another year. Make up your mind to do more missionary work this coming year than ever before and plan to start in early. Begin now with a club of January *Watchman*. The *Watchman* will accomplish definite results.

Washington Missionary College

Mr. Edward A. Palmer and Mr. Ellis Branson who entered school this past week bring the total enrollment up to two hundred and sixty-one.

A splendid tract rack has been placed in the hall, near the registrar's office. It is filled with tracts to be used in active missionary work.

The college is offering an excellent lecture course this winter, of ten numbers, several of which are on geographical and archeological subjects. The first lecture was given Monday evening, December 5 by Dr. James Howard Gore, on "Holland's Fight With the Sea", illustrated by stereopticon, and proved both interesting and educational.

The chorus, this year is working on the Cantata, Christ and His Soldiers, by John Farmer.

A very pleasant reception was held in the chapel by the young men of West Cottage, Thursday evening. A unique program was given consisting of instrumental and vocal solos, original speeches and poems, and familiar recitations. After the program all were invited to go over and visit the young men in their rooms.

Academy

Mr. Joe Craig, who has been sick for several weeks has recovered and has gone to Columbus, Ohio to visit his father. He will return to the academy and resume his school work after the holidays.

The students are looking eagerly forward to the holidays, as a large number are expecting to spend their vacation at home.

Two of the students, Mr. Jessie Smith, and Miss Avis Capener, are on the sick list. We hope they will soon recover.

Dr. Thomas Suleeba from Mesopotamia gave a lecture in the chapel Sunday evening. His subject was, "The Triumph of the Cross." It was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. He also gave a lecture Saturday evening December 18 on "Monumental Evidences of Christianity."

Elder B. G. Wilkinson arrived here Thursday evening and spent the rest of the week of prayer with the students.

The week of prayer, thus far at the academy has been a season of great blessing. Class work has been lightened considerably and much more time has been given to the chapel exercises, at which time the reading for each day is given, after which the time is spent in seeking God and in praise service.

There has been no wonderful outward demonstration, but the evidences of the deep moving of the Spirit of God has been greatly manifested in the desire on the part of the students to separate from sin and live a triumphant Christian life. Many have testified of victories gained, while others are rejoicing in a fuller, deeper consecration.

Professor Wilkinson has just arrived and will be with us the closing days. We are expecting greater blessings still and we have faith to believe that there will be showers of blessings. From the very beginning of the school year it has been manifest that God is in this place scattering his blessings "and of his fullness have we all received!"

"Tis not for reward we labor,
'Tis not for success we toil,
Nor for joy, renown, or pleasure,
Nor to win the victor's spoil.
'Tis the love of Christ constrains us;
This motive leads us on.
Love for Him alone sustains us;
Let us labor and be strong."

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OBITUARIES

LATHAM.—Mrs. Sophronia Latham was born in Allegheny County, N. Y. and died at Coudersport, Pa. Sabbath, December 4, 1915. The funeral, held the following day was on her 70th birthday anniversary. She was a most faithful, devoted Christian, and died in full hope of a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken to the mourning relatives and friends from the text, "She hath done what she could." Burial was at Friendship, N. Y.

B. F. KNEELAND.

CARRIEL.—Mrs. Sarah Kilborn Carriel was born March 15, 1840 and died November 19, 1915 at Sunderlinville, Pa. Sister Carriel accepted present truth in 1887 and became one of the charter members of the Sunderlinville church, which later was merged in the Jimtown church. She died rejoicing in the hope of the Third Angel's Message. The text of the funeral sermon, John 14:3, was one of her choosing. She leaves an aged husband, three children and five grandchildren to mourn, but not without hope.

B. F. KNEELAND.

HUBBELL.—Benjamin Franklin, was born in Delaware County, Ohio near Delaware September 1, 1857; departed this life October 13, 1915, being at the time of his death aged 59 years, 1 month, 13 days. The greater part of Brother Hubbell's life was spent in Delaware County. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Church at that place but when he heard the Third Angel's Message, some twenty-four years ago, he accepted it as light and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Leonard. To them were born four children, all of whom survive and with their mother, mourn their loss. A few years ago

he with his family, came to Mount Vernon, Ohio at which place he has since resided. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father. He endeavored to serve God and to love his fellow men and although the family feel keenly their bereavement, yet they sorrow not as those that have no hope, but believe that if faithful, they will meet on the morn of resurrection. The funeral service was conducted by the writer who endeavored to inspire faith and comfort from the Christian's hope.

N. S. ASHTON.

Notice

The next issue of the VISITOR will be dated January 6.

People Will Talk

"You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow

If you listen to all that is said as you go.

You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew,

For meddlesome tongues must have something to do,

And people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed
 That your humble position is only assumed.
 You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else
 you're a fool;

But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool,
 For people will talk.

And then, if you show the least boldness of heart,

Or a slight inclination to take the right part,
 They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;

But keep straight ahead, don't stop or complain,

For people will talk.

If threadbare your dress, or old-fashioned
 your hat,

Some one will early take notice of that,
 And hint quite strong that you can't pay your way;

But don't get excited, whatever they say,
 For people will talk.

Now, the best way is to seek to please God,
 Be true to God and man, though it put you
 'neath the sod.

Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse,

But don't think to stop them, for there is no use,

As people will talk."

Olives and Honey

I am pleased to say to my patrons and others that I will personally direct the putting up of this season's pack. This I did not do the past two seasons and there have been some complaints about the flavor. I do not color my olives artifi-

ally, as I prefer to risk their appearance rather than use any coloring matter which usually affects the fine flavor of the olive. Let us remember, that all olives do not color a deep black even when juicy and ripe and that taste is as color.

There is no known article of food that can be eaten with all other foods (grains, fruits, or vegetables alike), equal to the olive, as it agrees with all. We quote also a paragraph from "Ministry of Healing," page 298, said to be the foremost publication of its class in the English language:

"When properly prepared, olives, like nuts, supply the place of butter and flesh meats. The oil as eaten in the olive, is far preferable to animal oil or fat. It serves as a laxative. Its use will be found beneficial to consumptives, and it is healing to an inflamed, irritated stomach."

Prices this season are 50, 70, and 90 cents per gallon, according to size. These are five-gallon packages. In one gallon cans 6 cents more.

Where any retailing is done or in schools, sanitariums or even in families, five gallon cans are the most economical, as the measure is better. Olives deteriorate very slowly, and may be freshened, if necessary, by reheating as wanted.

Our honey is pure and in 60-lb. cans. Price 6, and 7½ cents per lb. as to flavor and color.

W. S. RITCHIE,

Corona, California.

Some New and Beautiful Songs

Charles P. Whitford, who has for many years been connected with the Adventist people as a singing evangelist, has recently published three beautiful songs, entitled, "The Paradise Home," "A light in the Window Up There," and "When the Shades of Eve Are Falling." The melody is excellent, and the words, aside from their musical association, are rich in spiritual thought, and inspiring in true sentiment.

"The Paradise Home" and "A Light in the Window Up There" are companion songs. Price for the two, 25 cents; "When the Shades of Eve Are Falling," price 25 cents. Address Charles P. Whitford, Orlando, Fla.

Have you seen the attractive January number of the *Watchman*? It is now off the press and full of interesting articles dealing with the message. Why not start the new year with a club of *Watchman* and plan to do some aggressive missionary work with it every month? It will help to break down prejudice, will interest people in the truth, and the profits will enable you to buy cheaper literature for free distribution. Order a supply of the January *Watchman* now and watch the results as the months go by.