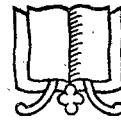


# Columbia Union

## Visitor



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

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### Consecration

I am willing to take what thou sendest,  
For I know that my Father knows best;  
And so, whether shadow or shining,  
My heart shall be never repining,  
And in thy strong arms I shall rest.

I am willing to go where thou sayest,  
And to start on the journey to-day.  
The path that I take of thy choosing,  
'Tis safe; there's no danger of losing,  
In the darksome earth-shadows, my way.

I am willing to stay if thou thinkest  
It best for my poor, tired feet;  
And in quiet contentment be learning  
The lessons of love, still discerning  
The touch of the Father, so sweet.

I am willing to be what thou seest  
Would honor and praise bring to thee;  
The plans of my life all surrendering,  
Thy choice for thy child comprehending  
Brings peace and contentment to me.

—Clifford A. Russell.

### VIRGINIA

#### The Virginia Institute

The Virginia Colporteur's Institute was held at Richmond, December 26 to January 4. The attendance was the largest and best I have ever seen in the Old Dominion. All of those in attendance seemed to have a deep conviction from the Lord that they were called to the colporteur work. We were pleased to see several enrolled whom we have been laboring for, for several years.

Besides Brother George, field missionary secretary, and the writer, we had with us Elder and Sister Haskell, Dr. Kress, Elder Moffett and Brother F. N. Johnson. The studies by each of these workers were greatly appreciated.

The colporteurs have gone out from this institute greatly encouraged and

determined by the blessing of the Lord to give the message to those in the high ways, by ways and hedges. The prospects are good for a big work in Virginia in 1916.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

### Yale

I have just returned from a visit to the Yale church, during which the ordinances were celebrated and officers elected for the coming year. Our Russian brothers are of good courage and growing in faith continually. The substantial evidence of their faith in the message is revealed by the report of the treasurer, showing that the church paid during 1915, tithe to the amount of \$432.29 and for missions \$146.92. They are also carrying on a church school, taught by Sister Roberta Ellis, with a present attendance of twenty-two and several of the older young people are in the school at New Market.

We never visit Yale without receiving a special blessing and always return refreshed and encouraged to see what the Lord is doing for his people.

W. C. MOFFETT.

### OHIO

#### Auto Intoxication—Physical and Spiritual

##### —SPIRITUAL—

In last week's article we found that physical auto-intoxication arises from errors, somebody's errors, in feeding. The cause of "spiritual auto-intoxication" is not at all dissimilar. Both conditions follow serious errors in diet, the physical diet. Or possibly we should say that the spiritual malady comes as a sequel to the physical. The one fosters the other.

When the body is drunken from eating out of due season or from gluttony the mind is not actively pious. "Riotous eaters of flesh" are not apt to be longing for the "regions beyond." When in the days

of the exodus every man stood "weeping in the door of his tent" for the "flesh pots of Egypt" he was not greatly concerned about the salvation of the heathen tribes about him. When "the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play" in worship of the golden calf they had forgotten the God who had thundered his law from Sinai only a few weeks before. The man "whose god is his belly" is not commended for his Christian activity. "Take heed to yourselves" says Christ, for if "your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (which is overeating) and drunkenness that day will come upon you unawares." (Luke 21:34.) In the days of Noah it is said the people were "eating and drinking" to that extent that they "knew not till the flood came and took them all away." Likewise in the time of Lot "they did eat, they drank" and believed not the "preacher of righteousness" but the same day he went out of Sodom "it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all." "This was the sin of thy sister Sodom: Pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness," declared the ancient prophet to the people of Jerusalem. Ezek. 16:49. "Feed me with food convenient for me;" "lest I be full and deny thee, and say, 'Who is the Lord?'" Prov. 20:8.

Thus we see that adverse spiritual symptoms follow the causes for physical auto-intoxication; or rather comes as a direct result thereof. Only a casual analysis of the situation reveals the fact that the spiritual life is powerfully influenced by the physical condition. Hence he who would lead a sincere Christian life must look well to his state of health and to his physical habits.

##### SPIRITUAL BIRTH AND GROWTH

It was to Nicodemus alone at night that Christ made known the fact of the new birth. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," he said. As in physical life one must be born into the world and continue his growth and

development to full manhood, so from the time of the new birth there must be a growth and development to the "full stature of a man in Christ Jesus." To accomplish physical growth, food of the right sort in proper quantities and at stated times is absolutely necessary. Any serious departure from this rigid regime of the babe results in sickness and arrested development and possibly death. So in the spiritual life we as "new born babies desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." The Word of God is the pure food of the spiritual "new born babe" as well as for the "full stature" man. Any departure from this spiritual dietary results in spiritual sickness and arrested development more quickly and more seriously than in the physical realm.

#### SPIRITUAL SYMPTOMS

As impure physical food is absolutely certain to bring about serious body symptoms and result in grave physical complications, more sure will improper spiritual food set in motion a train of symptoms that will dwarf the growth of the new born babe in Christ and make ship-wreck of his future faith. Feed him upon the husks of the various and varying philosophies extant today and the symptoms of spiritual poison rapidly develop. Feed him upon false doctrines that deny the teachings of the Word of God and he is soon in the throes of a multitude of spiritual maladies. Feed him upon the chaff of "higher criticism," and he is quickly ready for the mad-house and does not recognize the spiritual voice of his Best Friend. Feed him upon the false hopes of a future probation and soon the Great Physician himself cannot find a remedy for his malignant spiritual indispositions.

Physically speaking one may passignificantly into habits that induce the symptoms of auto-intoxication; but wise advice and hearty co-operation may enable him to emerge into comparative health again. In fact he may require surgical interference to even partially restore his physical equilibrium. Spiritually one finds it absolutely impossible to emerge from spiritual hypochondria into which he has been plunged without divine interference; and then, as in the case of surgical interference, the patient must suffer the loss of some organ or tissue which he might have retained for use had he been able to avoid causative factors of his malady, whether spiritual or physical. "A bird with a broken pinion never soars so high again."

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

#### News Notes

This finds many new colporteurs entering the field as well as the older workers returning with renewed courage as a result of the good institute which has just

closed in Cleveland. These earnest workers need our prayers as they go from door to door these winter days.

The deliveries which were made at the close of the year were nearly all successful, and we are sure that with so many books in the homes of the people, there will be many who will receive a knowledge of this truth.

The colporteurs appreciated very much the instruction Brother I. D. Richardson gave at the institute.

Mrs. V. O. Panches has returned from a visit at her Sister's at Sandusky where she has been spending the holidays.

Brother and Sister E. C. Alexander spent some time in Academia on their return from the institute to their territory in Claremont County.

One new worker has been added to our colporteur's list at the home of Brother H. W. Barto in the form of a ten-pound boy. We welcome him to our field.

Brother V. O. Panches returned to the office from the institute full of courage, and reports that he and Brother Reichenbach will be kept very busy for some time in starting new men in the colporteur work. He says they are glad to be so busy, for it denotes progress.

Professor Stone and Sister Acton are visiting the Toledo and Lake View churches in the interest of their departmental work. Professor Stone also spent a little time at the church school in Columbus.

To-day is your day and mine;  
The only day we have;  
The only day in which we play our part.  
What our part may signify in the great world  
We may not understand,  
But we are here to play it, and now is our time.

#### OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS DECEMBER, 1915

Akron	\$154 10
Ashtabula	21 15
Alliance	48 39
†Barnesville	29 32
†Bellville	
†Bellfountain	
Bowling Green	315 27
†Broughton	12 81
†Bucyrus	22 28
Camden	46 60
Canaan	40 03

Canton	27 96
Chagrin Falls	53 43
Charloe	10 25
Chillicothe	
Cincinnati	173 24
Cincinnati (Colored)	27 80
Cleveland (English)	539 14
Cleveland (German)	140 58
Clyde	31 82
Columbus	362 35
Conneaut	
Corsica	33 22
Coshocton	17 84
Dayton	118 25
Defiance	
Delaware	2 00
Delta	151 33
Derwent	8 60
†Dowling	
†Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	168 11
Elyria	14 99
Elgin	
Findlay	44 19
†Gilboa	12 50
Hamler	51 38
Hamilton	53 74
Hicksville	48 73
†Jackson	
Jefferson	10 75
Killbuck	56 35
LaGrange	188 71
†Lakeville	43 85
Lake View	79 71
Liberty Center	53 69
Laura	1 18
Lima	29 70
Locust Point	15 00
Leesburg	55 72
Mansfield	36 62
Marion	15 17
†Marshfield	
Medina	
†Mendon	7 00
Mount Vernon	532 67
Newark	44 68
Norwalk	6 35
New Philadelphia	57 02
Nova	87 76
Ohio City	6 00
Piqua	20 07
Pleasant Hill	38 53
†Powell	
Ravenna	64 00
†Reedsville	
Rows	1 04
†Sandusky	13 00
Spencer	13 18
Springfield	126 18
Springfield (Colored)	55 24
Toledo	167 45
Van Wert	45 45
Walnut Grove	11 13
Washington C. H.	145 45
Waterford	87 61
†Wengerlaw	
†West Mansfield	16 60
Wheelersburg	110 40
Wilmington	103 09

Youngstown.....	208 81
Zanesville.....	95 37
Individuals.....	67 68

TOTAL \$5499 61  
†Companies

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

DECEMBER, 1915

Tithe.....	\$5499 61
Tent Fund.....	65 50
Roumanian Bible Offering.....	36 00
Worthy Students Fund.....	1 00
Industrial Fund M. V. A. ....	
Appropriation.....	1000 00
Colored Work.....	
Educational.....	25
Missions.....	1800 61
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1479 20
Weekly Offering.....	97 95
India.....	332 78
Emergency Fund.....	
Tent & Hall Collection.....	16 60
Midsummer Offering.....	1 85
Labor & Expense Refund.....	75 90
Orphan and Aged Fund.....	33 00
Birthday Offering.....	2 49
Harvest Ingathering.....	820 47
Talent Fund.....	
Annual Offering.....	1134 91
Religious Liberty.....	3 00
Donation Account ..	
Talents Returned.....	10 80

TOTAL \$12411 92  
H. D. HOLTOM, - Treas.

## CHESAPEAKE

## News Notes

Elder Kirkendall spent Sabbath with the church at Smithsburg. Elder R. T. Dowsett spent Sabbath with the Baltimore No 3. church in this city. Elder R. H. Harter spent Sabbath with the church at Hagerstown. Splendid reports come from all these churches.

Brother G. R. Apsley called at the office one evening last week.

A few of our colporteurs are beginning the new year with splendid experiences. We trust these may continue and that others may join the ranks in circulating the truth filled literature among the people.

We are sure all who have seen the new *Temperance Annual* will be much pleased with it. We trust it may find a large sale in our conference. Why cannot we scatter this all over this field so that temperance principles may be better understood than ever before and thus help

drive the "monster" from Maryland and Delaware? Orders will receive prompt attention. The paper is ready for circulation.

Elder W. L. Adkins from North Carolina is visiting his parents in Cambridge, Md. The church at that place was glad to welcome him once more.

We want to thank our faithful brethren and sisters in the Chesapeake Conference through the columns of the *Visitor* for their faithfulness during the past year. So far as receipts in tithes and offerings are concerned this is the best year we have ever had. Our tithes have amounted to \$13,523.57 and our offerings to missions on the twenty-cent-a week fund, to \$6116.45. We should have raised on this fund \$7176, but when we consider that nearly all our workers have gone from our field, and we have not yet been able to supply the places of all these, and also that there has been a change in presidents, we feel deeply grateful that our dear brethren and sisters have not become discouraged, but have given, as unto the Lord and not unto men.

## Work Among the Colored People

Another year of activity and advance in the proclamation of the last message of mercy, closed with the determination of our members in the large city of Baltimore to do more for the Lord than ever in their lives, for the past has brought so many blessings that we are sure the future has an abundance of blessings. During the summer of 1915 assisted by Elder F. H. Seeney we held a successful tent effort. In the first baptism there were 30 precious souls buried with their Lord and since then we have baptized 21 more, really the result of the tent effort, making 51 in all.

From last January to the tent work 20 had united with the church making for the year a total of 71 additions to the truth and with the other baptisms 68 have obeyed this command. Our church is too small to accommodate all, though we have a comfortable gallery seating 100. During the month of November a successful school of health was held in the basement of the church and we believe that many were helped in the way of preparing food free from flesh meats. The nights of the school were devoted to distributing health dishes to at least 250 persons including some of the city physicians and dentists and heads of the city schools. Doctors Sisco and B. Sisco and Kress were the principal speakers and all wished that it could be repeated every week. We find that we can reach the professional men through services of this kind that could not be easily induced to attend other meetings. The members of the church are earnest

and zealously working that our church will always stand forth as a beacon light, and the prayers of the readers of the *Visitor* are asked that this might be. We wish that we could take space to tell of the many organizations and branches to these organizations that go to make a live working church. During the year 1915 the church raised \$1534.86 in tithe, \$632.19 for the mission work in foreign fields, while about \$1900 was raised to pay off the church debt leaving us at present \$3250.00 to make us free of debt. We have received about \$4000.00. We have much before us for this year and we hope to double all our past efforts in soul winning and debt cancelling, tithe paying and offerings to missions. We ask your prayers.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

## WEST VIRGINIA

## News Notes

A colporteurs' training school will be held in the Parkersburg church, from February 8 to 18. Some of the colporteurs recently spoke of how they were still receiving benefits from the one we held last year. The spirit of the Lord was present with us, and I am sure we can have a greater measure of the spirit now, for the work is much nearer closed, and we must of a necessity have more power. We felt this would be the most convenient place, and would be glad to have each of the colporteurs come and visit the office.

Some have left the field for different reasons, and I think this will be a splendid time to come and prepare to redeem the time. God is calling his servants back to their work.

Brother Richardson and Elder Hirlinger will be with us. They both attended the Fall Council, and I feel sure they will have many good things for each of us. We will have Miss Burdick with us from the tract society office. Each evening we will have preaching from our different laborers. All important features of the missionary colporteur work will be brought out and explained how to be carried on, such as delivering, reporting, how to meet the different classes of people, when to work, and when to stay at home. All questions about the work will be answered. Have your questions ready.

One night we plan to have a grand play "The colporteur, a missionary."

If you feel impressed to enter the book work, be sure and come. Write me so provisions can be made for you.

H. F. KIRK, 1618 E. 7th St. Parkersburg, W. Va.

"It is ever the singular glory of our Lord Jesus Christ that he continues to entreat, even when we continue to resist."

## East Pennsylvania

### When Jesus Sings

Does Jesus sing? Think you that he through whom God created angels, principalities, and powers, all things visible and invisible, and who holds together all things in harmony where sin is not; think you that he who inspired and filled the lark with music, and made the many song birds to soar into the heaven, while earth and sky throb with their sweetest melody; think you that He who tunes the voice of the untaught innocent child; who gave the music of peace and rest to the still waters of the quiet streams; who speaks in awful majesty in the terrific bass of the thunder cloud, and in the deep wondrous voice of the sea; think you there is in His heart no music, in His voice no melody of song?

When He was born in Bethlehem angels whose harps and whose voices had been tuned by Him, sang their joy. "The whole plain was lighted up with the bright shining of the hosts of God. Earth was hushed and heaven stooped to listen to their song." "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Oh tender, helpless babe in Bethlehem's manger, thou wert the Creator of that heavenly choir, the author of the words, the composer of the music, thus divinely sung! As all good gifts came through Christ from the Father to man so came music through Jesus from God to us.

Cheerfully, joyfully in boyhood and and young manhood, he bore the loneliness, the homesickness of His separation from His heavenly home. "This is where Christ was a helper. He was never so full of worldly cares as to have no time or thought for heavenly songs. Often He expressed the gladness of His heart by singing psalms and heavenly songs. Often the dwellers in Nazareth heard His voice raised in praise and thanksgiving to God. He held communion with heaven in song, and as His companions complained of weariness from labor, they were cheered by the sweet melody from his lips. His praise seemed to banish the evil angels, and like incense fill the air with fragrance. The minds of his hearers were carried away from their earthly exile to the heavenly home." And as a child "no other voice was like His, so serious and earnest, yet so full of melody." *Desire of Ages*. Oh! wondrous boy of Nazareth singing in the darkness of our sad world, so far from home, singing of the heavenly home and of the heavenly Father! Help us Saviour to sing like thee from the heart even though our hearts and our voices be not like thine.

Just before the horror of Gethsemane under the awful shadow of Calvary,

Jesus spake to the disciples of the peace that the world can never give nor take away, of the Father's house of many mansions, of God's unfailing love, and "before leaving the upper chamber the Saviour led His disciples in a song of praise. His voice was heard not in the strains of some mournful lament, but in the joyful song: "O praise the Lord all ye nations; praise Him all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

After the hymn he went out to the agony of Gethsemane, the false disciple, the mockery of the night trial, and the horror of Calvary. And after the tomb, after the resurrection he sings his triumph over death,—"Saying I will declare thy name unto my brethren. In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." And after the awful battle had been fought and won, He is welcomed home with glorious music.

With a multitude of captives set free at his resurrection, and a host of escorting angels with shouts and acclamations of praise and celestial song they draw near the city of God. In answer to the challenge of the waiting sentinels, "Who is this king of glory?" the mighty choir who are with Jesus chant this answer in harmonious song that rings through heaven: "The Lord strong and mighty; the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up ye everlasting doors and the king of glory shall come in." Then the portals of the city of God are opened wide, and the angel throng sweeps through the gates amid a burst of rapturous music.

In holy vision John writes of Jesus in his glory that his voice is as the sound of many waters. He who has stood gazing out upon the sea has heard its soft yet mighty voice, so mysterious, so wonderful, so deep. He who as a child, as a man amid hate and sorrow, and sin and death sang with wondrous voice. Oh thou glorious, divine musician, thou sweetest singer earth ever heard, soon shall we join the angelic chorus and our songs of triumph mingle with the music from angel harps, till heaven seems to overflow with joy and praise.

Love has conquered, the lost is found. Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing." J. S. WASHBURN.

"God understands. He knows, he feels, he cares. He knows when the heart is aching; he feels when the burdens are heavy; he cares when all others forget. He comforts, he cheers, he encourages. He continually whispers, 'Lo, I am with you alway.'"

## Of Interest to Music Lovers

Grand Organ Booth,  
Wanamaker's Philadelphia,  
October 29, 1915.

J. S. Washburn,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Washburn;

"Next week I shall play some selections from your 'Refuge Psalm' in one of my concerts here in Wanamaker's on the Grand Court organ (which is the largest organ in the world). The Psalm is very melodious. You have studied to suit the text to the music in a simple manner, making it available for choirs and choral societies. The seventh section—"God shall help her," and the thirteenth section—"Be still and know that I am God," are very effective, and should be productive of interest in the singer and listener alike."

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DR. IRVIN J. MORGAN.

Official Organist and Director of Music for John Wanamaker, Philadelphia and New York.

From President Wilson and Ex-Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, the men who more than any others in this country have been face to face with the terrible war situation, I have received most kindly and appreciative letters acknowledging the receipt of copies of "The Refuge Psalm, A Song for the Time of War and of Trouble."

Introductory prices: Paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

Address J. S. Washburn, 5318 Chancellor St., Philadelphia, Pa.

## Death And The Grave

"I am hungry," said the Grave, "give me food."

Death answered: "I will send forth a minister of awful destruction, and you shall be satisfied."

"What minister will you send?"

"I will send Alcohol. He shall go in the guise of food and medicine, pleasure and hospitality. The people shall drink and die."

And the grave answered: "I am content."

And now the church bells began to toll and the mournful procession to advance.

"Who are they bringing now?" said the Grave.

"Ah," said Death, "they are bringing a household. The drunken father aimed a blow at his wife. He killed the mother and her child together, and then dashed out his own life."

"And who," said the grave, "comes next, followed by a train of weeping children?"

"This is a broken-hearted woman, who has pined away in want, while her husband has wasted his substance at the tavern. And he is borne behind, killed

by the hand of violence."

"And who next?"

"A young man of generous impulses, who, step by step, became dissipated, and squandered his all. My agent turned him out to be frozen in the street."

"Hush," said the Grave, "now I hear a wail of anguish that will not be silenced."

"Yes, it is the widow's cry. It is the only son of his mother. He spurned her love, reviled her warning, and a bloated form he comes. And thus they come—further than the eye can reach, the procession crowds to thy abodes. And still lured by the enchanting cup which I have mingled, the sons of men crowd the paths of dissipation. Vainly they dream of escape, but I shut behind them the invisible door of destiny. They know it not, and with song, and dance, and riot, they hasten to thee, O Grave! Then I throw my fatal spell upon the new throngs of youth, and soon, they too, will be with thee."

"Worship is not acceptable if it is devoid of humility."

"What solace would God's sorrowing saints pluck from the very boughs of trial, could they but feel that he is purifying and perfecting them by the discipline of sorrow."

## Special

### Courage

God's servants are not to be easily discouraged by difficulties or opposition. Those who proclaim the Third Angel's Message must stand bravely at their post, in the face of detraction and falsehood, fighting the good fight of faith, and resisting the enemy with the weapon that Christ used, "It is written." In the great crisis through which they are soon to pass, the servants of God will encounter the hardness of heart, the same cruel determination, the same unyielding hatred encountered by Christ and the apostles.

All who in that evil day would faithfully serve God according to the dictates of conscience, will need courage, firmness, and a knowledge of God and his Word; for those who are true to God will be persecuted, their motives will be impugned, their best efforts misinterpreted, and their names cast out as evil.

Satan will work with his deceptive power to influence the heart and becloud the understanding, to make evil appear good, and good evil.

The stronger and the purer the faith of God's people, and the firmer their de-

termination to obey him, the more fiercely will Satan strive to stir up against them the rage of those who, while claiming to be righteous, trample on the law of God. It will require the firmest trust, the most heroic purpose, to hold fast the faith once delivered to the saints.

The messengers of the cross must arm themselves with watchfulness and prayer, and move forward in faith and courage, working always in the name of Jesus. They must have confidence in their Leader; for troublous times are before us. The judgments of God are abroad in the land. Calamities follow one another in rapid succession. Soon God is to rise out of his place to shake terribly the earth, and to punish the wicked for their iniquity. Then he will stand up in behalf of his people, and will give them his protecting care. He will throw his everlasting arms around them, to shield them from all harm. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"Faults are always thick where love is thin."

God thinks no better of a tree for being burdened with rotten fruit, nor of a church for being swollen in numbers with base pretenders. —Spurgeon.

### A LESSON FROM THE CAMEL

"The camel at the close of day  
Kneels down upon the sandy plain  
To have his burden lifted off  
And rest to gain.

"My soul, thou too shouldst to thy  
keees,

When daylight draweth to a close,  
And let thy Master lift the load  
And grant repose.

"Else how couldst thou tomorrow  
meet,  
With all tomorrow's work to do,  
If thou thy burden all the night  
Didst carry through?"

"The camel kneels at break of day  
To have his guide replace his load;  
Then rises up anew to take  
The desert road.

"So thou shouldst kneel at morning's  
dawn,  
That God may give thee daily care,  
Assured that He no load to great  
Will make thee bear."

"Usefulness is as possible in obscurity  
as in publicity."

### Foreign Literature

The foreign press and advertisers of this country recognize that since the war began our foreign-Americans are reading their own literature more thoroughly

than ever before. Leaders in our foreign department tell us that an increased interest in our religious magazines as well is very noticeable. This should encourage all to work earnestly to interest the Germans, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, and those of other nationalities in the special literature presenting the truth in their own languages. While it is true that many carry on their business in English, yet the large proportion depend upon the mother tongue in their worship and in their study of religious subjects.

The quarterly magazines for the first quarter of 1916 in the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish, now ready, are beautiful in appearance, well illustrated, and filled with articles on the signs of our times, points of prophecy, Christian living, and other general subjects of vital interest. Will you not use some of these in reaching those within your reach who read these languages? Call for *Zeichen Der Zeit* (German Signs), *Lys Over Landet* (Danish-Norwegian), and *Tidens Tecken* (Swedish). They cost the same as the English magazines—5 cents each up to 50 copies; more than that to one person, 4 cents each. Your tract society will get them quickly for you.

"The Lord rejoices to blot out the transgressions of repenting sinners, for he delighteth in mercy."

"If you are not saved it is not because God will not or cannot save you; it is because you refuse to accept his mercy in Christ."

### Years of Service Lost

On one of the Clyde River steamers, a Christian man on his holidays was giving away tracts. Among others who received one was a gentleman belonging to Glasgow, who remarked, as he received it, that he feared such efforts did little permanent good. "I am not opposed to such work," he said. "In my younger days I did a good deal of it myself, but I cannot say that I ever saw any fruit from it."

The tract distributor was somewhat "damped" by that remark, coming from one who evidently was a Christian of many years' standing. But he instantly remembered that his own conversion was brought about by means of a tract which he received when a lad of twelve, as he walked along the street one wintery night.

As he passed the door of a mission hall, a young man, standing evidently for the purpose of getting passersby to go in, handed him a tract and asked him to go inside and hear the gospel. He did go in and heard words there that awakened him to think of eternity and his state before God, and he went home in deep soul trouble. In his anxiety he turned to the

tract he had received, read it, and gave his heart to the Lord. The tract distributor told this story to the gentleman, who listened with evident interest, and when it was finished he said, "May I ask where this most interesting event took place?" The man named the street, the hall, and the very night he had been given the tract and invited inside.

The gentleman's eyes filled with tears. He grasped the distributor's hand, and said with great emotion: "It was my work for many a night, when a young man newly converted, to stand at the door of that hall, giving away tracts and inviting in passersby, and I well remember inviting in the bright-eyed lad that wintery night. But I lost heart soon after that, and gave it up, thinking such work was almost useless. Now after twenty years God has let me know that it was not in vain, and if he spares me to return to the city, I shall, by his grace, return to the service he gave me long ago, confessing my faithlessness in leaving it." But the twenty intervening years were lost. How many more golden sheaves might have appeared to that man's account in the day of God had he continued in the service that the Lord gave him to do.

"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6: 9. —*Field Tidings.*

## Washington Missionary College

Professor C. C. Lewis, who has been ill for a number of weeks, is again able to meet his classes. The students are glad to have him with them once more.

Nearly all the students who were away for the Christmas vacation have now returned. Several new faces are also added to our number, and school-work is again in full swing.

Mrs. E. R. Johnson, who has been visiting her father, Professor Lewis, expects to sail for Mexico the twentieth of this month.

Several students have been victims of La Grippe, which is passing through the community. We are thankful that no cases have been very severe.

On his return after vacation, Mr. Hoseness brought his sister with him. She spent a few days visiting at the college.

Mrs. G. W. Caviness has recently joined her husband at this place. They now have charge of the Spanish paper, which is being published here for the present.

The chapel hour on Thursday, January 6, was occupied by Elder B. G. Wilkinson. He carried greetings from our student body to South Lancaster, where he has gone to attend the Atlantic Union Conference which is now in session.

The Bible room has been nicely finished during the holidays. Two attractive and appropriate pictures now adorn its walls.

The Thirteenth Sabbath offering received by the college Sabbath-school was very gratifying to all. Although many of the students were away, several had left their offering, and over ninety dollars were given. The goal set for the quarter was three hundred dollars, and this was exceeded by nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

The sermon on Sabbath, January 8, was delivered by Elder R. C. Porter, who told of our work in the various parts of Eastern Asia. The actual conditions presented were in themselves a strong appeal for more laborers. This was Elder Porter's second visit to the college, the first one having been made during the holidays while the majority of our students were away.

The Young People's Society enjoyed a talk by Elder W. A. Spicer as a part of the program of the meeting Sabbath afternoon. Mr. Roth, a grandson of one of our first converts in Switzerland, gave an outline of the Latin Union Conference. Elder Spicer then told many interesting experiences in the development of our work in that difficult field.

## Mount Vernon Academy

"Unless our profession is a lie we love each other, and we must therefore show that love by our prayers for one another."

Several new students have entered school since the holidays, they are: Pearl Taylor, Margaret Durwin, Edward Westerman, Laverne Sims, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. James. We are glad to welcome them.

Elder Chas. Ulrich from West Pennsylvania spoke to the students several times during the week.

The Academy Board met here this week for the purpose of electing the faculty for the coming year and for laying plans for the advancement of the school. The matter of providing for some industries for the school was considered and it was voted to have and

equip a carpentry shop to train the boys in the use of tools.

It was also voted to put in a hennery of about 200 hens and a small cannery. This will be a great advantage to the school.

Professor Frederick Griggs, Professor B. G. Wilkinson and Professor C. L. Stone were visitors here this week.

Mr. Clayton Kelly from Pennsylvania will enter school soon.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger spoke to the students Thursday night at their vesper hour.

Misses Anna and Margaret Schmidt have been on the sick list. They are able to take up their duties again.

The chapel hour on Thursday was occupied by Professor B. G. Wilkinson.

Mr. Joe Craig has just returned to school much improved in health. We are glad he is able to attend again.

Professor Griggs spoke to the students at chapel hour Wednesday morning. His talk and his song was greatly enjoyed by the students.

## OBITUARIES

STEPHENS. — Mrs. Henrietta Stephens died December 28, 1915 near Belvue, Ohio. Sister Stephens was a woman of noble character. The funeral was largely attended and words of comfort and instruction were spoken by the writer. D. E. LINDSEY.

JACKSON. — Flora G. Kenner was born in Morrow County, Ohio, May 12, 1862, and died at her home near Hicksville, Ohio, December 31, 1915, aged 53 years, 7 months, and 19 days.

She was united in marriage with Mr. Theodore Jackson on March 20, 1885. To this union seven children were born, one son and six daughters. She heard and accepted the Truth during the meetings held in Hicksville by Elders Boardman and Burkholder in 1893. The Third Angel's Message has been very dear to her, and the hope of soon meeting her Saviour cheered her to the end. Words of comfort, based upon 1 Thess. 4:13, were spoken to the assembled friends and relatives by Elder H. H. Burkholder. B. E. ACTON.

COLEMAN. — Martha R. Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Coleman of Rock Hall, Maryland, was born June 13, 1896 and died in Baltimore at the home of her sister, Mrs. Julia Stevens, Jan-

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending January 7, 1916									
W. H. Wilcox, Berkley Co.		BR	5	59	22	83 00		83 00	137 50
T. M. Butler, Grafton Co.		BFL	5	41	20	33 00	13 50	46 50	2 50
G. Earl Snyder, Grafton		BFL	5	39	11	22 50	19 50	42 09	2 25
J. W. Brando, Marion Co.		BR	16	52	9	31 00	7 95	38 95	3 25
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown		COL	5	18	2	3 00	3 50	6 50	5 25
R. E. Beckwith, Arnoldsburg		BFL	5	38	20	31 00	3 20	34 20	
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.		BR	5	33	13	40 00	12 50	52 25	
Magazines									20
Totals	7 Agents					\$243 50	\$59 90	\$303 40	\$148 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 7, 1919									
*A. Brownlee, Washington Co.		PPF	10	76	51	113 72	24 70	138 42	25 80
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	3	11	9	27 00		27 00	6 00
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.		GC	5	33	7	31 00		31 00	25 75
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	5	29	6	21 00		21 00	25 50
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.		BF	3	20	13	19 50	5 50	25 00	
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.		BR	4	24		25 00	1 00	26 00	10 00
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		CK	5	35	16	24 00	15 15	39 15	7 50
Totals	7 Agents		35	229	101	\$261 22	\$46 35	\$307 57	\$101 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 7, 1915									
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.		BB	4	27	44	35 00	9 75	44 75	4 75
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co. Md.		BR	4	28	2	6 00	10 30	16 30	6 80
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.		PPF	5	36	29	59 00	11 75	70 75	
D. W. Percy, Caroline Co.		PPF	4	28	14	31 00	5 25	36 25	
Geo. Lawrence, Hartford Co. Md.		DR	3	18	14	43 00	1 00	44 00	
Totals	5 Agents		20	137	103	\$174 00	\$38 05	\$212 05	\$11 55

Ohio, Week Ending December 24, 1915									
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	5	50					155 00
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	47	3	9 00	7 30	16 30	56 70
Geo. Cottman, Brown Co.		BR	6	43	5	18 00	3 00	21 00	
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	42	4	12 00	5 50	17 50	
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	41	10	16 00		16 00	
*J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	7	55	7	25 00	4 70	29 70	29 70
*Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	7	69					178 25
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	33	8	25 00	1 50	26 50	
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	5	24	9	14 50		14 50	18 00
*W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	8	60					146 35
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	3	19					43 75
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	5	15	8	12 50		12 50	
J. L. Holder, Medina Co.		BR	5	14					46 00
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		CK	3	11					22 25
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	1	10					30 25
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	1	8					73 00
Totals	16 Agents		72	542	54	\$132 00	\$22 00	\$154 00	\$799 25

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 7, 1915									
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.		PPF	5	40	20	42 00	75	42 75	2 75
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		DR	4	22	10	31 00	75	31 75	75
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		GC	5	40	7	26 00	10 75	36 75	
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.		SB		20	14	7 00		7 00	3 00
M. M. Sterner, Snyder Co.		PPF	4	16	1	3 00	1 00	4 00	1 00
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia		Mag.				9 50		9 50	
Totals	6 Agents					\$118 50	\$13 25	\$131 75	7 50

Grand Totals: 41 Agents Value of Orders \$ 929 22 Deliveries, \$1068 80

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

uary 1, 1916, aged 19 years 6 months and 18 days.

Martha was a good Christian and loved to attend Sabbath-school and the Young Peoples meetings of which she was a member.

She fell asleep at the close of the Sabbath thus continuing to rest until the coming of the Life-giver to call her forth to enter into the great Sabbatic rest. A father, mother, two sisters and one brother remain to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Mark 5:35,36.

S. T. SHADEL.

DRAPER. — Unie Georgetta Laughery died at five o'clock Sabbath morning December, 18, 1915 at Wellington, Ohio.

She was born in New London, Huron County, Ohio, October 30, 1882. She was an earnest Christian and at the age of fifteen years was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Camden, Ohio, where she continued her membership until death.

She was united in marriage with Archie Draper, September 12, 1900. To this union were born two children, who with her husband, father, mother, and three sisters are left to mourn.

We laid our sister to rest in the Brighton Cemetery to await the call of the Saviour. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Cor. 15:51-52.

R. S. LINDSAY.

METCALF. — Harry A. Metcalf son of E. W. and Mahala Metcalf, was born at Kanawha Station, Wood County, West Va. August 10, 1879. He fell asleep in Jesus November 30, 1915.

About fifteen years ago he heard and accepted the Third Angel's Message, which was his hope and comfort during the years of his illness.

In 1907 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Williams, in Boulder Colorado. He leaves a wife, mother, five brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. These all live in the same blessed hope in which our brother fell asleep. J. W. HIRLINGER.

WALKER. — Harriet F. Walker was born at Kendall's Mills, Maine, February 10, 1833, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Sargent, near Charleston, W. Va., December 26, 1915, aged 82 years, 10 months, and 16 days. She was united in marriage to Augustus Walker and to them were born five children, three sons and two daughters. Two sons and her husband preceded her in death. At the age of eleven Sister Walker gave her heart to the Lord and twelve years ago embraced the Third Angel's Message and united with the Charleston Seventh-day Adventist Church as one of its charter members, and was a firm believer at death. The funeral services



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money orders payable to your tract society.*The check mark here indicates that  
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renew at once.*were conducted by the writer assisted by  
Rev. Johnson, Pastor of Virginia Street  
Baptist Church. Words of encouragement  
were spoken to the many relatives and  
friends present from Rev. 14:13.

C. T. REDFIELD.

Just where you stand in the conflict,  
There is your place;  
Just where you think you are useless,  
Hide not your face.God put you there for a purpose,  
Whate'er it may be;  
Think He has chosen you for it,  
Then walk loyally.

—Marie Brummette.

## Clubbing Offer

Attention is again called to the clubbing  
rates on the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR.  
Until February 1, the VISITOR is only 25  
cents when taken with either the *Review*,  
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or monthly), *Watchman*, *Liberty*, *Worker*,  
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did offer.

## Forgetting the Past

One of Paul's methods for getting on in  
the world, in the best sense, is given to  
us in his epistle to the Philippians: "This  
one thing I do, forgetting those things  
which are behind." At the opening of a  
new year, or as a maxim for guidance in  
certain perplexities recurring every day,  
this is a good policy for us. Let the past  
go. Reach forth for fresh victories and  
achievements. Drop the old feuds, the  
time worn bitternesses, the useless jeal-  
ousies, the vain regrets, the long-time  
grievances, the brooding habits, the use-  
less depressions—let them all go.

## Notice

In last week's VISITOR a mistake oc-  
curred in the notice on the special prices  
for the "Testimonies." Where it read  
leather bound volumes for \$7.00 it should  
have read cloth bound.The full set of the leather bound vol-  
umes which retail at \$12.75 are now only  
\$10.80.  
—Editor.

## David and the Lion Number

Of the 1916 Temperance *Instructor* cov-  
er illustrating what the contents of this  
issue will do with the liquor traffic, pro-  
viding there are enough "Davids" circu-  
lating it.No "Lions in the way" of Temperance  
*Instructor*: Davids this year.

## After Six Years

"Some six years ago, a friend gave me  
your little book, *Signs of the Times*. I  
have just read it after all that time and  
will you kindly mail me a copy?"This is an experience that is often seen  
with our good pioneer missionary paper.  
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the old copies we have and get them into  
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to us, are living, vital, current truth to  
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Invasion?"A most interesting and convincing ar-  
ticle in the February *Watchman* is an  
editorial entitled "Is America in Danger  
of Invasion." It is an interesting study  
of the situation in which our country has  
been placed relative to the warring  
nations of Europe.The Sabbath School Department has  
a limited supply left of the series of les-  
sons for children's meetings which were  
used during the camp-meeting season  
of 1915. The series is in typewritten  
manuscript form, neatly bound, and con-  
tains ten lessons with suggested illu-  
strations, suitable for children's meetings.The set would be of value to any  
teacher of children. Price, 10 cents.  
Order of the Sabbath School Department,  
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., send-  
ing money with the order, as we open no  
accounts.

## Another Turkey Artical

The *Watchman* magazine continues to  
publish some most excellent articles deal-  
ing with the war situation in Turkey.  
"Will Turkey be Revived?" is the title of  
an article in the February number which  
all our people should read. Your neigh-  
bors and friends should read this article  
also. Be sure that they are supplied  
with a copy of the February *Watchman*.

## Advertisements

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