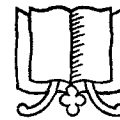
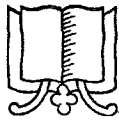


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Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

The following report shows the amount of money received on mission offerings from the conferences throughout the Columbia Union during the year 1915, and the report also shows the standing of each conference.

In some of the conferences our brethren and sisters have met with hardships in earning money for the support of their families and to enable them to donate to God's cause, but notwithstanding this, 1915 has been the best year the Columbia Union Conference has seen as yet. It shows that our dear people throughout the union are more than willing to sacrifice to see God's work advance. We are sure heaven's blessings will be forthcoming to all those who have shared in the above report.

We have not only been able to forward to the General Conference our full twenty cents a week per member, but the union has contributed \$1,090.23 in excess of this amount, or a total of \$73,573.03.

The officers of the Columbia Union Conference wish to take this opportunity of most heartily thanking the brethren and sisters throughout the Union for their co-operation and their liberality in supporting the cause of God. We also desire to thank the officers of the local conferences, and the conference laborers in these conferences, for their earnest efforts in bringing in means and souls to help finish

Twenty Cent A Week Fund For The Year Ending December 31, 1915

Conference	Mem. of Conference	Amount at \$10 40	Amount Received	Amount Short	Amount Over	Weekly Average per Member 1915
Chesapeake	690	7176 00	6175 95	1000 05		.17
District of Columbia	825	8580 00	8685 89		105 89	.20
East Pennsylvania	1168	12147 20	12211 37		64 17	.20
New Jersey	810	8424 00	9076 28		652 28	.215
Ohio	2007	20872 80	23993 97		3121 17	.225
Virginia (Colored)	138	1076 40				
(White)	445	4628 00	3249 05	2455 35		.105
West Pennsylvania	721	7498 40	7518 40		20 00	.20
West Virginia	200	2080 00	2662 12		582 12	.255
Columbia Union	7004	\$72482 80	\$73573 03	\$3455 45	\$4545 63	.20

Total amount received during 1915, \$73,573 03

Total amount received during 1914, \$70,085 25

Gain of 1915 over 1914, \$3487 78

Surplus on Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for year 1916, \$1,090 23

Mission receipts for 1912 \$51,648 22

Mission receipts for 1913 \$57,297 18

Mission receipts for 1914 \$70,085 25

Mission receipts for 1915 \$73,573 03

the closing work. 1916 is before us, and with renewed courage and added responsibilities we must do even better, if possible, than the preceding year. We shall earnestly pray God to greatly bless one and all, that each individual may be enabled to respond to the call of the hour.

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Sabbath School Convention

On January 1 and 2 the Clarksburg church together with several visitors, which were members of the Conference Home Department Sabbath-school, met together in a Sabbath-school convention.

Sabbath morning was the regular Sabbath-school, after which we all enjoyed the blessings of the Lord's Supper together, at which time the Lord seemed preciously near to all present, and consecration to his great cause of finishing the work quickly, was made by nearly all present.

After lunch the convention was opened with appropriate exercises. Papers, which had been carefully prepared, were read and freely discussed. They dealt with the particular needs of our school,

methods of teaching, music, etc., and all present felt that they had received many helpful suggestions. All the children had a part, either in singing, recitations, or compositions.

As the program was only partially rendered Sabbath afternoon, we met in the morning at the hospitable home of Brethren Butler and Snyder, with a good number present, and spent several hours very profitably. After the discussion of the last paper was closed, the superintendent of the Sabbath-school presented the need of our officers and teachers taking the training course in the *Worker* as a means of greater efficiency in Sabbath-school work. As a result there were ten that decided to take the course for the coming year, which is, indeed, a good indication of renewed interest in this important branch of the Lord's work.

We were glad to have with us, the conference president, and Brother T. W. Thirwell, who rendered valuable assistance throughout the whole program.

Within the next few months we hope that every Sabbath-school of West Virginia may have the privilege and benefits of a convention in their own vicinity, and experience the inspiration that we have experienced in the Clarksburg church.

CARENE B. HIRLINGER, *Sabbath-school Secretary*.

Note

There will be a Sabbath-school Convention in the Parkersburg church Sabbath, February 12, at 10 o'clock, and a most hearty invitation is extended to all who can attend.

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News Notes

The first of the eight general meetings which are to be held in this conference has just closed. It has been a spiritual feast for all, the Lord came very near, and all left the meetings feeling much stronger spiritually, and better able to do more in the service of Jesus. Elder Sandborn, the conference president, was in charge, and he was assisted by Elder G. W. Spies, pastor of the Bridgeton church, Miss Ella Iden, Sabbath-school, Educational, Y. P. Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and T. H. Barritt.

We were glad to have with us Mr. and

Mrs. Williams and son, from Elmer, also Sister Mohr, of Fairton, who assisted in the music.

Brother E. J. Wood, has been very sick with la grippe, but is fully recovered and able to canvass again.

Brother T. H. Barritt has had a severe cold, but glad to say he has fully recovered.

General Meeting at Bridgeton, January 14-16

7:45 Friday — Present World War and Our Relation to it A. R. Sandborn.
9:30 Sabbath morning Sabbath-school.
11:00 " " The Gospel Call
..... A. R. Sandborn.
2-30 Sabbath afternoon Sabbath School Convention.

PROGRAM

Song.....Hasten on Glad Day.
Prayer.....Elder W. Spies.
Object of the Convention.....
.....Elder A. R. Sandborn.
Opening exercises in the Sabbath-school
.....10 minutes....Mrs. L. M. Calkins.
Music by Children from Rama
Duties of the Superintendent.....
.....10 minutes....Mrs. G. W. Spies.
General Discussion
The Secretary's Report Mrs. H. Wood.
Mission Offerings, and Definite Goals....
.....10 minutes.....Elder Sandborn.
DiscussionAnna E. Rambo.
How to conduct the Review.....
.....10 minutes.....Mrs. A. Clayton.
Intermission.....10 minutes
Song
How Parents May Co-operate with Teachers....10 minutes....Mrs. Rambo.
Daily Study for Teachers and Pupils
.....5 minutes.....Ella Iden.
Personal Work for every Pupil.....
.....T. H. Barritt.
Special music.....Vocal Duet.....
.....Mrs. Moore and T. H. Barritt.
General Discussion....Mrs. A. B. Sickler.
The Home Department
.....Mrs. L. M. Calkins.
The Sabbath School....A Poem.....
.....Miss E. Rambo.
Question Box
Closing Song.....Christ In Song 863
7:45 Saturday night.....Christ's Second Coming.....Elder A. R. Sandborn.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Program.....9:30
Home Missionary Program.....2:30
Closing Service 7:45....The Great World Wide MessageElder Sandborn.

To work on, to serve on, love on, unpraised and unnoticed is perhaps the finest heroism earth can show.

—G. H. Morrison.

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District Meetings

At the recent meeting of the conference committee held in Pittsburgh, Pa., action was taken to hold general meetings throughout the conference for the uplifting and spiritual benefit of our churches. The time has come when we should heed the instruction of the Lord more than ever, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . so much the more as we see the day approaching." I am sure these meetings will be seasons of great spiritual uplift and strength to those attending.

Dr. Kress and Elder Robbins will attend as many of these meetings as they can, and I am sure they will have much good and timely instructions to give our brethren.

Pray for the spiritual success of these meetings. The time has come brethren, when we should seek for great things from our Heavenly Father. Why not seek him earnestly for a special blessing at this time? The places of meeting are as follows:

Galeton, February 1, 1916; Raymond, February 2, 3; Coudersport, February 4-6; Dr. Kress and Elder Kneeland in charge.

Meadville, February 8-10; Erie, February 11-13; Corry, February 14, 15; Dr. Kress and Elder Schwartz in charge.

Allegheny churches, February 19, 20; Adah, February 25-27; Washington, February 10-12; Pittsburgh number 1, February 4-6; Pittsburgh number 2, March 3-5; Elders J. P. Gaede, D. A. Parsons, A. N. Durrant, in charge.

Clearfield, February 11-13; Huntingdon, February 14-18; Altoona, February 18-21; Johnstown, February 23-27; Dr. Kress, Elders West and Ulrich in charge.

C. F. ULRICH, *Secy. Conf. Committee*.

You are writing a Gospel.

A chapter each day,

By deeds that you do,

By words that you say.

Men read what you write,

Whether faultless or true.

Say! what is the Gospel

According to You?

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The Akron Dedication

The city of Akron claims close to one hundred thousand inhabitants at this time. Owing to the large rubber industry there and the heavy pressure of work in that line, it is one of the most prosperous cities of the state.

Our work in Akron is now in a thriving condition. Elder F. H. Henderson has had charge of the work in that city for a little over a year, and the Lord has greatly blessed his labors. On coming to Akron, he found the building in which the church and school services were held altogether undesirable and too small. It was low down and poorly lighted and inconvenient in many ways. The additions made to the church made it evident to all that some other provision should be made, both for the church and school. With the leadership of their pastor, the membership of the church responded heartily to the proposition to build a new church building. After considering buying other properties or building on other lots, it was finally decided to sell the old church building and erect a new one on the same site. This was quite an undertaking for Akron, but all united faithfully in the enterprise. As a result, Akron has a very neat and commodious church building at the present time.

In the main auditorium and balcony, about three hundred can be seated. It is nicely arranged and has an inviting appearance. Both electrical and gas fixtures are installed for lighting. An excellent furnace is installed by which the church is well heated and ventilated. The structure is of brick and appears well from the outside. The acoustic properties are as good as in any church I have ever spoken in. The basement is more than one half above ground, proving for excellent light, and is well adapted to school work. A good sized school room is provided for in the basement, also a Sabbath-school room and a pastor's study, the furnace room, and two toilet rooms. All of these rooms, as well as the auditorium above, are nicely heated by the one heating plant, and the arrangement is ideal.

The building is all completed, and everything was in nice condition at the time of the dedication which took place

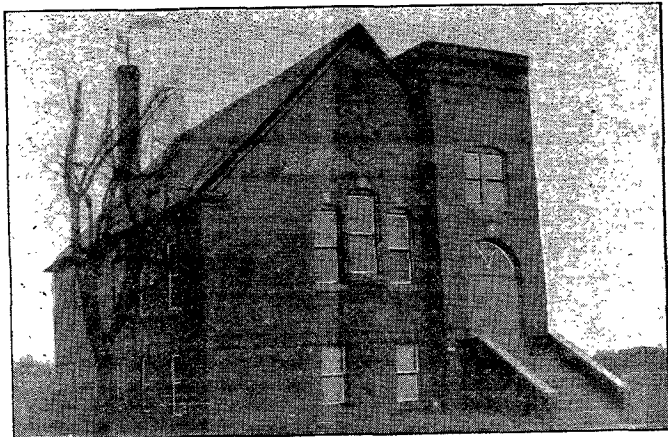
on Sunday, January 16. On Friday evening, Elder R. S. Lindsay spoke, and on Sabbath morning the meeting was conducted by the pastor of the church. Two meetings were conducted Sabbath afternoon by Elder Slade. The dedicatory services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Quite a number were in attendance from Cleveland, Ravenna, and Canton.

There was a nice sprinkling of outside attendance from the city of Akron, also.

The dedicatory sermon was given by

Elder Slade, using the text, Hagai 2:7, "This house shall be filled with My glory." The dedicatory prayer was offered by Brother G. C. Quillin. The closing meeting of this service was a sermon by Elder R. S. Lindsay on "Armageddon," which was held Sunday night at 7:30. We are glad indeed that Akron is so well provided for with a house of worship, and we look for a good work to be accomplished in that city in the coming months.

E. K. SLADE.



New S. D. A. Church, Akron, Ohio

Note

Word comes from Elder Henderson like this:

"Sabbath, January 8, I had the pleasure of burying four precious souls with their Lord in the watery grave. This makes 34 who have united with the church in the past year by baptism. The Lord has greatly blessed the work here, and to him be all the praise."

The following conferences failed to send in any reports this week. We would be glad to hear from every conference each week. This would help to make the Union paper a success.

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Believe and the feeling may come or may go;
 Believe in the word that was given to show
 God's way of salvation, and thus you may
 know,

Believe and keep on believing.

John N. Quinn.

Special

What is Worth While?

Only one life to live! We all want to do our best with it. How can we best get hold of it? How can we accomplish the most with the energies and powers at our command? What is worth while? We all ask ourselves this question when we leave our college halls. But the first years out of college are apt to be anxious, unsatisfactory, disappointing. Times slip away in further preparation, in experiment, in useless or misdirected efforts. The world does not prove to be the same that it seemed to be in the quiet college surroundings. Duty is not so clear as then, nor work so well-defined. Life is harder to handle than we thought. One finds that theories fail, and yet one has not had positive experience enough to know just where the difficulty lies. It is of a few simple things that "my own life has proved true" that I shall speak to-day.

Life is large. We cannot possibly grasp the whole of it in the few years that we have to live. What is vital? What is essential? What may we profitably let go? Let us ask ourselves these questions to-day.

To begin with, What may we let go? Who shall say? By what standard shall we measure? By what authority decide? Each of us must answer that question for himself. In looking about for an answer, I find only one that satisfies me. It is this: We may let go all things which we cannot carry into the eternal life. To me this is a deep truth, and a positive one. Surely it is not worth while for us to cumber our lives with the things which we can grasp at best for but a little time, when we may lay hold of things that shall be ours for ten thousand times ten thousand years.

We may drop pretense. Eternity is not good for shams. In its clear light the false selves that we have wrought about us like a garment will shrivel and fall away. Whatever we really are, that let us be, in all fearlessness. Whatever we are not, that let us cease striving to seem to be. If we can rid ourselves of all untruth of word, manner, mode of life and thinking, we shall rid our lives of much rubbish, restlessness, and fear. Let us hide nothing, and we shall not be afraid of being found out. (Let us put on nothing, and we shall never cringe.) Let us assume nothing, and we shall not be mortified. Let us do and say nothing untrue, and we shall not fear to have the deepest springs of our lives sought out, nor our most secret motive analyzed.

(Nothing gives such upright dignity of mien as the consciousness, "I am what I

pretend to be. About me there is no make-believe.")

We may drop worry. The eternal life is serene. It is not careworn, nor knows it any foreboding of future ill. Can we not take to ourselves its large spirit of serenity and cheer? For only the serene soul is strong. Every moment of worry weakens the soul for its daily combat. Worry is an infirmity; there is no virtue in it. Worry is spiritual near-sightedness; a fumbling way of looking at little things, and of magnifying their value. True spiritual vision sweeps the universe and sees things in their right proportion. (The finest landscape of Corot viewed askint, or out of focus, would appear distorted and untrue.) Let us hang life on the line, as painters say, and look at it honestly.

(to be continued)

Winter Home Missionary Campaign

At the Fall Council, steps were taken to strengthen the organization of the home missionary department. We believe that this better organization will assure the soon coming of the reformatory movement which we have been told will come. "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." *"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, page 126.*

GOALS

1. One soul each for Christ in 1916.
2. An average of one tract a day circulated by each member.
3. One subscription to the weekly *Signs* obtained by each member, and a club for each church and company.
4. The *Review* in every Sabbath keeping family.
5. The systematic circulation of the Present-Truth-series in every large town and city.
6. A club of magazines in every church.
7. Systematic work for the foreigners

around any church.

8. The Testimonies of God's Spirit, especially Volumes 6 to 9, in the homes and read by all our people.

Already we have endeavored to get in touch with all our people, and have sent out our winter home missionary campaign program. We certainly trust that every effort possible will be made by each member to reach these several goals.

We trust that 1916 will be the year when all our people, young and old, will put on the armour and go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that his omnipotence will supply our every need.

"The gospel message must ring throughout our churches, summoning them to universal action." "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me." Isa. 6:8.

F. W. PAAP.

How to Keep from Falling

Thou standeth by faith. Rom. 11:20.

There is no other power so potent to hold us steady, in life's varied experiences, as to bring us off more than conquerors, as faith in God. Faith and love are the two greatest powers in the world.

In the very beginning of our experience, we are to believe that we shall reach the end of the journey in safety, that we shall conquer all obstacles, that we shall win the prize. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:16.

God does not hold out the hope of eternal life, and start men on the way to that goal, to mock them with false hopes. He has expressly said, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved." 1 Tim. 2:3, 4.

Christ spoke assuredly on this point: "This is the Father's will which have sent me, that of all which he hath given me I shall lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:39, 40.

God wishes men to live as long as he does. He offers to all "the life that measures with the life of God." "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life; Rom. 6:23.

In his love, and great desire to save us, and keep us from falling, God measures and weighs every trial and every temptation by our weakness or strength, inherited or cultivated. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the

temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. Wonderful vigilance! Incomprehensible watch-care! "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation." 2 Peter 2:9. And he will deliver out of temptation all who trust in him." Our part is to trust him; his to deliver.

Paul could confidently write, after long experience, "That we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: who delivereth us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us." 2 Cor. 1:9, 10. Of course He does and will deliver all who trust Him. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 Chron. 16:9.

Our perfect safety is in keeping our eyes fixed upon God, in trusting him fully, confidently, all the time.

Our danger is in doubting his love and care under all circumstances, and his overruling providence even though appearances seem to contradict it. Read the experience of Jacob, of Joseph, and other Bible characters. These biographies were written for our hope and salvation. Rom. 15:4.

Peter's ladder is a safe one to keep all who climb it from falling out by the way, and to insure an abundant entrance "into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:1-11. This scripture should be read often until indelibly impressed upon the memory.

Our confidence in God's leadings and dealings with us is to remain unshaken amidst and under all circumstances. "He knoweth the way I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10. "Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?" Job 31:4. This is close vigilance—counting our steps—more than earthly friend can exercise; and all in love, for our salvation.

"We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast until the end," (Heb. 3:14)—confidence that he leads only in the way best for us, in the very way we would choose could we, like him, see the end from the beginning. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 24, 25.

GEORGE B. STARR.

My message shall be an appeal to enthusiasm in things of life, a call to do things because we love them, to keep the eyes open, the heart warm the pulse swift as we move across the field of life.

—David Starr Jordan.

What Is the Matter with the United States?

The above query is the title of an article recently written by a man in London.

He asks why there is not an army of American salesmen in England right now trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria. He asks why we are not extending our railroad lines and opening up new territories for the millions of immigrants that will be hastening to this country as soon as the war is over. Instead of doing that, we are talking about trouble and hard times, when the fact is we do not know what hard times mean. He closes by saying, "Now go and appreciate the United States; realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have not been hit. Don't be blind to the most glorious chance of your life."

If the people of this country are blame-worthy for their failure to appreciate the wonderful commercial advantages opened to them at the present time, what may justly be said of the failure of Seventh-day Adventists to improve the marvelous opportunities now opened to us through the widespread interest in the great world events now taking place, and the desire of the people to know what they mean?

The eyes of many people are turned towards us as the only people who can throw any real light on this terrible situation. This has created an unparalleled opening for us to press in with our literature. God has made the opportunity for us. What possible excuse can we plead, if we fail to improve it, and put it off until it is too late?

I am sure that all will be grateful to note the increase in the number of colporteurs who are entering the field; but there is still room for many more. This is the first experience with most canvassers, yet they are already learning how to secure results; and I am sure that their efforts will be crowned with greater success as their experience grows. I trust that there are many others who will follow their example, and that soon we will have a larger army of noble, earnest, truth-loving men and women hastening forward the closing work of God.—*Pacific Union Recorder*.

"The mind takes the level of the things with which it becomes familiar."

It is defeat that turns bone to flint and gristle to muscle, and makes a man invincible, and forms those heroic natures that are now in ascendancy in the world. Do not then be afraid of defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Look up what the Bible says of "Believe on the Lord":

Accept the Lord.

Believe on the Lord.

Come to the Lord.

Delight in the Lord.

Entertain the Lord.

Feast on the Lord.

Glory in the Lord.

Honor the Lord.

Imitate the Lord.

Joy in the Lord.

Kiss the Lord.

Love the Lord.
 Married to the Lord.
 Named after the Lord.
 Obey the Lord.
 Please the Lord.
 Quiet in the Lord.
 Rest in the Lord.
 Satisfied with the Lord.
 Trust in the Lord.
 United to the Lord.
 Vigilant for the Lord.
 Wise in the Lord.
 Xcell in the Lord.
 Yield to the Lord.
 Zealous for the Lord.

A—Z. Don't begin at the zeal; commence with accepting. Salvation comes before service. KATTIE CLARK.

"A Christian sees farther on his knees than a philosopher on his tip toes."

Mount Vernon Academy

The Mount Vernon Academy Annual Board Meeting

On January 11 and 12, the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon Academy was held with nearly all members of the board present. Professor Frederick Griggs, of the North American Division Conference, and Professor C. L. Stone, of the Columbia Union Conference, were present by invitation.

At this meeting reports were rendered by Elder N. S. Ashton, the principal of the academy, and by A. E. King, the business manager, indicating a very prosperous state of things in the work of the school at the present time. It was found by the members of the board, by their own observation as well as from the reports given, that the school is in a very prosperous condition, and that a splendid spirit prevails throughout. The dormitories are well filled, and the students seem to be happy and contented, and a desire to make advancement is manifested by all.

The council of Professor Griggs was very much appreciated from his having a general knowledge of our school work and coming to us with suggestions and plans of a helpful nature.

The members of the board present were as follows: from West Pennsylvania, Elders F. H. Robbins, W. F. Schwartz, and C. F. Ulrich; from West Virginia, Elders Hirlinger and Redfield; from Ohio, E. K. Slade, W. J. Venen, C. E. Welch, V. H. Cook, I. J. Gault, G. C. Quillen, J. J. Marietta, Alonzo Kline, J. F. Olmstead; from the academy, Elder N. S. Ashton and A. E. King; from the Columbia Union, Elder B. G. Wilkinson.

Considerable time was spent in studying the interests of the school and in try-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
District of Columbia, Week Ending January 14, 1916									
S. N. Brown, Prince George Co.		BR	5	39	38	116 00	5 95	121 95	5 80
Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.		BR	5	38	31	100 00	27 00	127 00	60 00
M. W. Buell, Fairfax Co.		BR	2	12	12	37 00		37 00	
F. A. Holland, Alexandria Co.		BR	3	19	9	29 00		29 00	
Vera Carrigan, Washington D. C.		C K	3	15	14	20 00		20 00	
A. W. Bennett, Fauquire Co.		BR	1	6	2	6 00	1 35	7 35	35
Miscellaneous,		Misc				60 75		60 75	60 75
Totals	15 Agents		19	129	106	\$368 75	\$34 30	\$403 05	\$126 99

MAGAZINES									
Mrs. H. M. Cleveland		5 00	B. Hohensee					20 00	
Takoma Park Church		7 50	Sadie Detwiler					5 00	
Irma Gerhart		5 00	M. H. Lawson					1 00	
Total								\$43 50	

Ohio, Week Ending January 14, 1916

*Thomas Talioferre, Cincinnati	BF	10	59	42	66 00		66 00		
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	BR	4	35	5	17 00	2 35	19 35	1 85	
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati	BF	4	31	6	10 00		10 00		
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth	CK	3	24	20	31 00	1 10	32 15	50	
Mrs. M. Miller, Portsmouth	CK	3	24	15	22 50	1 75	24 25	25	
A. Gackenhimer, Warren Co.	BR	4	24	4	13 00	3 00	16 00	3 00	
Emaline Kolb, West Park	GC	4	19	6	19 00		19 00		
Geo. Cottman, Warren Co.	BR	3	19	5	18 00	75	18 75	7 75	
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati	BF	3	10	3	5 50		5 50		
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.	BR	4	23		8 00		8 00	8 00	
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.	BR							3 00	
Totals	11 Agents		42	268	106	\$210 00	\$8 95	\$218 95	\$24 35

West Virginia, Week Ending January 14, 1916

J. S. Seal, Hinton	BR	5	25	9	30 00	4 60	34 60	2 10	
G. Earl Snyder, Grafton Co.	BFL	5	38	11	19 50	11 95	31 45	6 00	
T. M. Butler, Grafton Co.	BFL	5	40	22	36 00	5 50	41 50	2 00	
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown	COL	5	22	7	10 50	15 25	25 75	15 00	
Miscellaneous					80 00		80 00		
Totals	4 Agents				\$176 00	\$37 30	\$213 30	\$25 10	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 14, 1919

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	42	9	20 00	30 10	50 10	46 45	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	2	17	4	12 00	75	12 75	7 25	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	BF	2	12	11	17 50	2 25	19 75	1 00	
Geo. Buttermore, Green Co.	BR	3	18					80 50	
Totals	4 Agents		13	89	24	\$49 50	\$33 10	\$82 60	\$135 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 14, 1916

W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	43	20	42 00	1 50	43 50	6 75	
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	4	22	6	12 00	1 50	13 50	1 50	
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	30	17	13	50		13 50	1 00	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	3	13	1	3 00	25	3 25	25	
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	4	9		1 00		1 00	4 75	
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				5 00		5 00	5 00	
Totals	6 Agents				\$76 50	\$3 25	\$79 25	\$19 25	

Virginia, Week Ending January 14, 1916

John L. Goode, Bedford Co.	DR	2	11	9	29 00	2 25	31 25		
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	5	28	8	24 00	25	24 25		
S. N. Wilmer, Amherst Co.	BFL	5	35	37	58 50	6 25	64 75		
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	30	11	17 50	5 85	23 35		
Totals	4 Agents		17	104	65	\$129 00	\$14 60	\$143 60	

New Jersey, Week Ending January 7, 1916

*E. J. Wood, Camden Co.	BR	8	31	13	45	00	2	00	47	00
*G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co.	DR	5	16	1	3	00	4	00	7	00
Geo. Blinn, Mercere Co.	HM	5	42	16	32	00			32	00
Totals	3 Agents	18	89	30	\$80	00	\$6	00	\$86	00
Grand Totals: 47 Agents Value of Orders \$1089 75 Deliveries, \$374 69										

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

ing to devise means by which we might incorporate industrial lines of work in order to bring in a more symmetrical development in our educational system, and also that work might be provided for students who need to earn a part or all of their way. It is hoped that when school opens another year, it will be possible to offer industrial work of such a character. It was decided to appeal to the three conferences comprising the territory of the school for a small fund for such industries. It was felt by all the members of the board that this was the most urgent need of the school, and that it was so imperative that we might begin the next school year with something to offer in this line.

Without doubt, nearly all of the present members of our faculty will be retained for the coming year. Each instructor seems to be doing excellent work, and it was felt that the good work that is being done now should continue in the year to come. It was commonly expressed by members of the board who have been connected with the work for some time, that the school is in the most prosperous condition in which they have ever known it to be. It was agreed by all that very decided efforts should be made to have the school filled to its utmost capacity the coming year, and we would appeal to our people everywhere to work to this end.

There are many young people who could earn a scholarship, and let those who desire to do so, take the matter up with their local tract society. The young people, with their parents, should take into consideration early in the season the matter of attending school next year, and plan a long time ahead. As a board, we desire to have the most earnest and hearty cooperation of the patrons of the school throughout the churches.

E. K. SLADE, *President.*

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Eugene Smith of Mt. Vernon on January 19. Mr. Smith was a former student of the academy.

A party of ladies surprised Miss Minnie O. Hart upon her birthday anniversary last Thursday, January 20, at the home of Mrs. C. E. Welch.

Mr. H.E. Pengelly, of Philadelphia Pa., a student of 1906-07 visited the academy last week.

Elder N. S. Ashton has recovered from an attack of la grippe and is again able to be about.

Several of the students have been very sick this past week with la grippe.

Miss Elizabeth Rhine was called to her home in Pittsburgh on account of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Rhine. She was a charter member of the Pittsburgh church and has been a faithful member for more than thirty years.

Elder E. K. Slade, president of the Ohio Conference, spoke to the students at the chapel hour Thursday morning. He suggested that the students organize to raise a fund for the proposed industries.

Dr. H. W. Kelly and his daughter, Henrietta, were visitors at the academy last week.

Proper Association With the World

Christ said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." To preach the gospel is the only reason He has granted us permission to mingle with the world. In another place Christ says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." In first John we read, "Love not the world; neither the things that are in the world." In Paul's epistle to the Romans, he beseeches them by the mercy of God, that they present their body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is their reasonable service. "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God." James declares: "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" Whosoever therefore will be a

friend of the world is the enemy of God." Vol. 2, page 492.

Why should we wish to keep the friendship of our Lord's enemies, or be influenced by their opinions? "If the heart were right there would be a more decided separation from the world." Vol. 2, p. 168. Love those best who love Christ most. Sever the links which have bound you to those who love not God and the truth. What communion hath light with darkness? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" Vol. 2, p. 48. "Keep your garments unspotted from the world. Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. Temptations may be all around you, but you are not compelled to enter into them. You may obtain strength from Christ to stand unsullied amid the pollutions of this corrupt age.

Keep the eye steadily fixed upon Christ, upon the living image. Imitate his spotless life and you will be a partaker of his glory, and with him inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Vol. 2, p. 50. We cannot serve God and the world at the same time. We must not center our affections on worldly relatives, who have no desire to learn the truth. We may seek in every way while associated with them to let our light shine, but our words, our deportment, our customs and practices, should not in any sense be molded by their ideas and customs. We are to show forth the truth in all our intercourse with them. If we cannot do this, the less association we have with them, the better it will be for our spirituality. If we place ourselves among associates whose influence has a tendency to make us forgetful of the high claims the Lord has upon us, we invite temptation, and become too weak in moral power to resist it. We come to partake of the spirit and cherish the ideas of our associates, and to place sacred and eternal things lower than the ideas of our friends. We are, in short, leavened bread just as the enemy of all righteousness designed that we should be." Vol 5, page 543.

God has given us every instruction necessary for our physical, mental and moral well-being; and it is the duty of every one of us to bring our habits of life into conformity with the divine standard in every particular. "Will the Lord be pleased with anything less than the best we can offer." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart." "If you love him with all your heart, you will desire to give him the best service of your life, and you will seek to bring every power of your being into harmony with the laws that will promote your ability to do his will.

"He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them."

SARA K. RUDOLPH.

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 —Thomas Edison.

Washington Missionary College

Two important lectures were given at the college by Dr. M.G. Kyle, Thursday, January 13, one at five o'clock, and the other at eight. The subject was the Exodus in the light of the monuments, showing how the discoveries and investigations in the East confirm the Bible narrative. These were the third and fourth numbers on our regular lecture course. Doctor Kyle is lecturer on Biblical archaeology in Xenia Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

At the meeting of the Young People's Society held Friday evening a fine program was given. The class in Modern History presented the life and work of Martin Luther. Stereopticon pictures were shown illustrating the speeches, and songs were sung in German.

Mrs. W. E. Bidwell has returned to her home in Virginia, after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Schuster.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Pines spent a few days with Mrs. Stone during the past week. Doctor Pines expects to connect with the Melrose Sanitarium as an eye and throat specialist.

Brother and Sister W. E. Neff, from Kansas have been at the college this past week. Sabbath afternoon Brother Neff was ordained to the gospel ministry. They left Sunday for Venezuela.

The chapel time Tuesday and Wednesday was given to the students, and a very interesting mass meeting was held. A student's organization was formed, the object of which is to promote student activities and the general interests of the college. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers were elected: president, John Hottel; vice-president, Tom Little; secretary, Dorothy Spicer; treasurer, Florence Kneeland; faculty advisor, Professor Shaw. The organization voted to raise \$5000 toward the new building.

Elder W. T. Knox preached the sermon at the Sabbath service, taking as his text that much-prized verse, 1 John 3:1.

Elder A. G. Daniels occupied the chapel hour Monday morning. His inspiring and practical talks are always appreciated by the students.

OBITUARIES

HADDOCK.—Ruth Wells Haddock died of a tumor on the brain; January 3, 1916, at the home of her sister Mrs. Ella A. Eaton in Ridgewood N. J. She was 51 years old. Sister Haddock was born in Brooklyn N. Y. and accepted the truth of the Third Angel's Message about 12 years ago under the labors of Elder L. H. Proctor. A brother and a sister remain to mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the family plot at Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y. to await the call of the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

R. H. MARTIN.

"It Certainly Does Give the Message"

Brother C. E. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the Southwestern Union Conference, writes as follows of Dr. Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War"; "It certainly does give the message in a clear-cut and dignified manner, and yet no one can find fault with the arguments presented. I heard Dr. Magan lecture on the subject matter of the book at the Oklahoma City camp-meeting, and he held the audience of over 2,000 people spellbound for almost one hour and a half. I am glad that we have such an able writer and speaker among us, and I am sure the book will have a large circulation in this territory."

At the close of one of the services during the Oklahoma camp-meeting, 1,755 copies of the book were sold in a few minutes. At some of the other camp-meetings as many as 3,000 copies were sold. In lots of ten or more, the price is but 12½ cents for the paper cover, and 25 cents for the cloth, plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

"Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work, body and soul."

I AM

I am He.

I am the Door.

I am the true Vine.

I am the Bread of Life.

I am the Alpha and Omega.

I am the Good Shepherd.

I am the Light of the World.

I am the Resurrection and the Life.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold

I am alive for evermore; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Notice

We could use to great advantage second hand clothing and shoes for the poor.

Please send to W. H. Sabastian, 2411 Effingham Street, Portsmouth, Va. If possible help pay the freight.

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