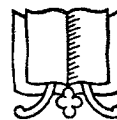


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The Dedication of the New Church Building at Pittsburgh, Pa.

It was my pleasure to be present Sunday, January 16, at the dedication of the beautiful church building, built for the services of No. 2 church at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our brethren in this locality have worked and labored now for a number of years without any suitable house of worship. We have always welcomed on the West Pennsylvania campground, with pleasure, our brethren from the church generally known as the Pittsburgh church number 2. We have always found them loyal, devoted and generous. For the past five years they have been favored with the presence and services of Elder A. N. Durrant, formerly from the West India Islands. During his years of service the church has grown in membership, in spirituality and offerings. So the brethren started this year to erect for themselves a new house of worship.

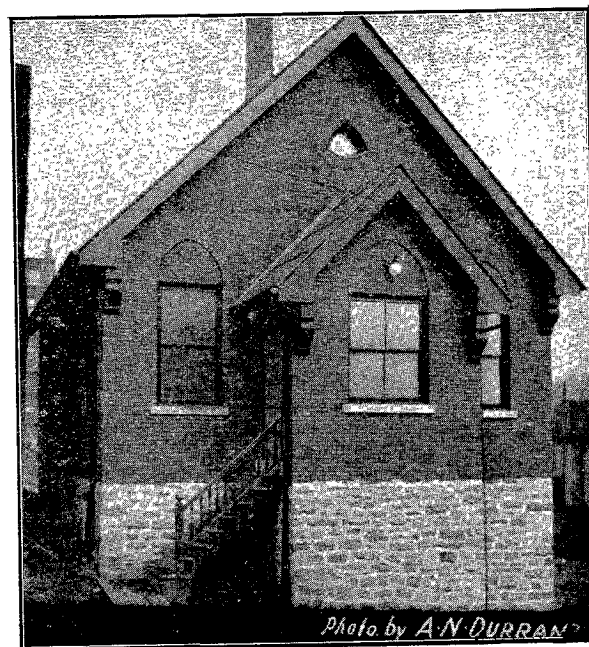
The new building is made of brick, being beautifully decorated and arranged on the inside. The building cost in the neighborhood of \$5,500. At the time of the dedication all money had been raised but a trifle around \$2,000 was still lacking. Elder Robbins with the executive committee of the West Pennsylvania Conference assisted the writer in conjunction with the pastor in conducting the dedication services. Elder D. Parsons from California was also present, who has arrived to take the pastorate of Pittsburgh No. 1 church. Doctor D. H. Kress offered the dedicatory prayer, the writer gave the sermon. The Spirit of God was present in the services in power to bless. The writer also made a call for subscriptions to meet the remaining indebtedness, but had hardly obtained

the first subscription of \$100 before a severe attack of the grippe already well advanced obliged him to turn the service over to the other brethren. The Lord greatly blessed in the raising of the money. Between eighteen and nineteen hundred dollars, all told, have been secured on the remaining indebtedness, so that the new church building starts out with practically no debt whatever upon it. If there is any debt, it is but a few dollars, practically speaking.

The brethren all felt the joy of giving. The erection of this new church building marks an advance step in the progress of the Third Angel's Message among the colored people of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."



S. D. A. Church No. 2 Pittsburgh, Pa.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

The conference committee met at the office January 16-18.

Four persons were baptized in the Pittsburgh No. 1 church January 15. A baptismal service was also held in the Pittsburgh No. 2 church on the evening of the 16.

Brother T. D. Gibson of Virginia called at the office this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buttermore have moved from Connellsville to Rices' Landing, Green County, where they will continue in the canvassing work.

We were glad to have Dr. D. H. Kress present during the institute. His valuable counsel was appreciated by all.

The new church building for the colored people was dedicated on Sunday, January 16. Professor B. G. Wilkinson preached the dedicatory sermon.

The brethren and sisters in West Pennsylvania Conference paid \$7518.40 during 1915 for the support of the work in foreign fields. Of this amount \$4443.35 was given through the Sabbath-schools.

The Colporteurs' Institute held in the Pittsburgh No. 1. church January 10-20 was well attended. The colporteurs have returned to their fields of labor full of courage, determined to do faithful work during 1916.

The young people of the Pittsburgh No. 1. church enjoyed a visit from Elders Kneeland, Ulrich, Richardson, and Parsons January 15. Elders Kneeland, Richardson, and Parsons each gave a short talk taking as their subject the motto for the day which was, "Consecration to God means service to man." Elder Ulrich spoke on the importance of observing the Morning Watch.

VIRGINIA

Found in "Burnt-over" Territory

A well dressed, intelligent looking stranger walked into the tract society office the other afternoon, produced some well worn tracts with our imprint and asked if he could secure packages of the same. Inquiring how he got the tracts, we found as usual that there was a canvasser in the case.

Some years ago while living several miles north of Richmond, a canvasser called upon the gentleman. He was not selling some story book for the money but had "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." When the canvasser started telling about the dark day and the falling stars he was informed that the gentleman would not have that kind of stuff in his home.

A year later along came another canvasser over the "burnt-over" territory with the same book. Deciding that the Lord must have light in the book for him the gentleman took one.

Removing to Newport News he came into a tent where Elder J. B. Mallory was delivering a lecture that sounded very much like the book. That night the "Bible Readings" came down off the shelf. Night after night it was studied

after the meeting. The man today is a Seventh-day Adventist and his name will appear in the canvassers' ranks.

It is not the kind of territory a man is canvassing in that counts so much as the kind of man that is canvassing in the territory.

W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

Elder Moffett reports finding live schools at Stanley and Rileyville. Sister W. H. George at the former has thirty pupils and Sister Alice Gray at Rileyville has thirty-two.

Brother W. E. Carter, although getting gray has sold his grocery store in Newport News and Brother George is helping him get started in the colporteur work in the eastern part of the state. Brother Carter could not stand it even with a growing business to stay in the store when the end of all things is at hand.

Brother John L. Goode sacrificed a formanship in a Richmond furniture factory at a good salary to enter the canvassing work. We are glad to see men who have made a success in other lines devoting their energies to this soul winning work.

Brother Luther Overstreet is looking for a trusty man to handle his broom shop so that he may enter the canvassing work. His address is 732 Seventh Street, S. E., Roanoke, Va.

Elder W. E. Bidwell, who is conducting an effort in Grottoes, in the Shenandoah Valley, writes that they have organized a Sabbath-school of seventeen members and elected a full corps of officers. This will be a good addition to our work, and brings courage to the laborers.

Brother and sister T. D. Gibson of Staunton have been called to Pittsburgh on account of the serious illness of Brother Gibson's mother. Brother Gibson will return for a large book delivery which he has on for February first.

Brother George spent last week with J. L. Goode in Campbell County and this week is with Brother W. E. Carter in Caroline County. The book men are all of good courage and meeting many good experiences in the field.

Elder W. C. Moffett was at the Union Conference Committee meeting at Takoma Park, January 26. He is very busy these days having been detained from his work on account of the serious operation upon his eye.

Mrs. Lottie B. Clarke, a member of the Richmond No. 1. church has the sympathy of friends in the loss of her daughter Mrs. Myrtle Austin, who recently died suddenly at her home in Oak, New Kent County.

The Lynchburg church has completely paid off the indebtedness on its church building and is planning a re-dedicatory service. The Newport News No. 2 church under the leadership of Elder Mallory expects in a few weeks to pay off its church building debt. Both of these debts were of long standing. Richmond, Guinea Mills, and Rileyville, have also recently reduced their indebtedness. We hope the day will soon come when Virginia can sing the jubilee song.

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports people taking their stand for the truth as a result of meetings which he is conducting in a new field near Port Republic. The school teacher there has just begun to keep the Sabbath.

Elder Moffett recently met with the Newport News church celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house. Officers were elected for the coming year. Brother L. O. Gordon is now in charge of the work at Newport News and Portsmouth. Elder Moffett also met with the churches at Newport News and Portsmouth.

The Negro Mission Committee met in the Portsmouth No. 2 church January 16, planning advance moves for the present year.

Sabbath, January 22, Elder Moffett met with the company at Charlottesville which is soon to be organized into a church. One year ago we had only one Sabbath keeper here. Elder W. H. Armstrong and Brother Richard Farley are looking after the work.

Brother J. E. Gardner, who for years has been the leader of the Newport News church, has been taken by his wife to the Orlando (Florida) Sanitarium. Brother and Sister Gardner are both in a critical state of health and the prayers of their friends follow them in this trying hour.

Sister Anna Rice is still confined to her room at Richmond not having fully recovered from her operation.

"It is easy enough to be pleasant

When everything goes like a song;

But the man worth while, is the man

who can smile

When everything goes dead wrong."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder R. T. Dowsett, Columbia Union Conference Auditor spent two days in the conference office recently auditing the books of the conference and tract society.

The auditing committee met at the home of Elder M. C. Kirkendall Monday, January 24 and audited the reports of the conference workers. There were present, besides the conference committee, R. M. Rosin of Wilmington, Del., F. E. Moore of Frederick, Md., Elder B. G. Wilkinson of Washington, D. C., C. M. Wagner and Elder G. P. Rodgers of Baltimore.

Miss Margaret J. Bilz of Michigan, National Lecturer and Organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union gave a very interesting address to the Baltimore No. 1. church Sabbath, January 22. The discourse was greatly appreciated by all who heard it.

Elder H. E. Robinson, pastor of the Baltimore No. 1. church, began a series of meetings Sunday evening in the church on Ninth Street and North Avenue to continue every Sunday evening during the winter. A large number of strangers were in attendance and listened with deepest interest to a stirring discourse on "The United States in Prophecy."

The Young People's Society of Baltimore is doing good work. They have been reorganized recently with Mrs. W. J. Tetz, leader, and Austin Babel, assistant leader. Miss Nettie Scott is secretary with Miss Thelma Keyser assistant secretary. Miss Buelah Wagner is organist and Miss Mary Gunther assistant. Mr. H. E. Wagner is chorister. The society has organized a Mission Sunday School at Locust Point in Baltimore. Austin Babel is superintendent and Miss Mildred Waters secretary. They have a good attendance of outside children, from thirty to forty being in attendance each week.

Good word is received concerning the reorganizing of the Young People's and the Church Missionary work at Rock Hall, Md. We look for good results from these two places.

Mrs. S. T. Shadel, of Rock Hall, Md. is visiting friends in Baltimore. Miss Mabel Davies of Fords Store, is visiting at the home of Brother F. E. Hankins.

The conference committee met at the home of Elder Kirkendall and some im-

portant matters were considered. Plans are being laid for the coming Union Conference to be held in Baltimore, March 13-20. Definite plans are also being laid for the Colporteurs' Institute to be held in Baltimore a few days preceding the Union Conference.

WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington and Charleston

The work at Huntington is onward. It was my privilege last Sabbath to spend the day with Brother and Sister Rulkoetter. Although it was a very rough, bad day there was nearly a full attendance of the members to all the services and about as many more present who are interested, a part of whom are already keeping the Sabbath and ready for baptism.

Brother and Sister Rulkoetter are doing faithful service and the Lord is blessing their efforts. After the Sabbath school, in the morning service, the nominating committee, which had previously been chosen and had finished their work, made their report which was voted with out a dissenting voice. After the report, I took a part of the time speaking upon the subject of "The great blessings which come to us through the acceptance of the message." The church was then given time for testimonies, not alone from the members, but also from those who have recently stepped out to keep the Sabbath.

In the afternoon we held the regular quarterly meeting services in the home of Brother and Sister C. E. Mansell, and we were made to rejoice by having at this meeting nearly all who are new keeping the Sabbath and are ready for baptism. The Lord blessed in the service and while the ordinances of the Lord's house as observed by us were new to the new Sabbath-keepers, the Spirit of God came with such power that all were deeply and most favorably impressed.

The work at Charleston, looks promising. Although the church has been greatly discouraged in the past by their heavy load of debt, they are taking hold with renewed courage to face the work. God is greatly blessing the efforts of Sister Ruth Fahrner, our church school teacher. We are glad to have with us, and to act as our church elder, our faithful brother, Elder W. A. McElphatrick. Brother Seal, with several others has recently united with the church by letter. A splendid spirit is enjoyed by the members as a result of faithful missionary work they are doing. And best of all, God's blessings is manifest in the awakening in the hearts of several a desire to hear the message. Last Sunday evening the weather was the worst we have had this

winter, but our attendance at the meetings was the largest since the Sunday night meetings were started. A number of homes are now open for Bible studies. Two are now keeping the Sabbath and it is hoped that others will soon be ready for baptism. Pray for the work.

C. T. REDFIELD.

News Notes

We are sorry to report that three of our colporteurs are sick, and one moving, which will lower our report for some time. Please remember the afflicted colporteurs in your prayers for it means much to the judgment-bound souls, for a colporteur to lose any time.

A few days ago the office enjoyed a visit from our Sabbath School secretary, Mrs. J. W. Hirlinger. While in Parkersburg she made arrangements with the Parkersburg church to hold a Sabbath School Convention during the Colporteurs' Institute which will be held in Parkersburg, February 8 to 18. We are sure this institute will be a profitable occasion to not only the Parkersburg church, but to others who may attend. Remember the date if you feel called to the book work, come and get a proper start.

CORRECTION: In the VISITOR of January 6, the item in regard to Brother McElphatrick's work with the Harvest Ingathering papers should have read he received \$15.10 instead of \$5.10.

The auditing committee of the West Virginia Conference met at the office in Parkersburg, January 18. While we were sorry that Elder Wilkinson could not be with us on account of sickness, we were glad to have Dr. D. H. Kress with us. While here he delivered two strong health lectures in the Parkersburg church which were much appreciated not only by the members, but by visitors who came to hear the lectures. The executive committee of the conference met the following day and laid plans for future work.

Professor C. L. Stone, of Washington, D. C. visited the office of the West Virginia Conference Sunday, January 23, and that evening held services in the Parkersburg church.

Among the recent visitors at the office were Brother W. H. Snider and, Sister McGlain, of Kanawha, and Brother Lawrence and family, who are locating at Charleston. Brother Lawrence intends to canvass in and near Charleston.

NEW JERSEY

Our Sabbath Schools

Number of Sabbath schools	39
Membership	1118
Missions offering	\$1323 50
Number baptized during quarter	29

HONOR ROLL

Schools giving 15 cents or more per member to missions weekly.

Jersey City (German)	per mem.	23 cents
Montclair	" "	19 "
Vineland	" "	18 "
Washington	" "	15 "

Schools giving 10 cents or more per member weekly.

Ramah	per mem.	12 cents
Jersey City No. 1	" "	11 cents
Camden	" "	11 "
Burlington	" "	10 "
Englewood	" "	10 "
Paterson (German)	" "	10 "

A Backward Glance

Our Missionary Volunteers doubtless remember that little verse of poetry which we quoted to ourselves so often during the closing months of 1915:

"It takes a little courage,
And a little self control,
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach the goal."

It did take all three of these qualities to reach our 1915 Missionary Volunteer Goal; yet what a satisfaction now that the task is accomplished and the end attained! Are any of you sorry that you took the reading course or read your Bibles through, or worked with the Harvest Ingathering? Not one is, I am sure.

"The sun fires no cannon to announce his rising, and blows no trumpet as he melts the winter snows," and of course our Volunteers are not the kind to say, "Just see what I did," neither, but the Bible tells us that "a good report maketh the bones fat," and you will all be glad to know what the sum total of your efforts was for the past year. Here is the goal set for the New Jersey Young People and the results obtained:

GOAL

- 12 young people converted.
- 12 to read the Bible through.
- 18 reading course certificates.
- 6 Standard of Attainment certificates.
- \$210 to missions.

RESULTS

- 25 young people converted.
- 15 read the Bible through.
- 28 reading course certificates.
- 9 Standard of Attainment certificates.
- \$450 to missions.
- The first item, of course, was not

reached by our young people alone. Only our Heavenly Father knows just how each young heart was led to accept the Saviour. Perhaps one sowed the seed, and another watered it; but it was God who gave the harvest. We should indeed be grateful for his prospering hand.

We now have 19 societies in this conference, with a membership of 230. Let us everyone resolve to work more earnestly this year than we have ever done before; to read God's Word daily; to try to win someone to the Saviour; to spend a little time each day in reading or study for self-improvement. And with all, let us not forget to be helpful, cheery Christians.

ELLA A. IDEN.

News Notes

The second of the series of general meetings being held in the conference, closed Sunday evening, January 23. Swedesboro was the scene of much activity among the little company there on Sabbath and Sunday. Brethren and sisters from Woodbury and Salem came to attend the meetings, and were hospitably entertained by the church members. Elder Baierle from Camden assisted Elder Sandborn in the services while those representing the various lines of work in the conference also had a place on the program. The blessing of the Lord was felt in the meetings, and the sentiment of many hearts was, "It is good for us to be here."

OHIO

Ohio 1915 Results

I feel to heartily commend the Ohio churches for the results on the twenty-cent-a-week fund in 1915. Our quota for the year was \$20,872.80. We raised \$23,993.97, which is \$3,121.17 above the required goal.

Usually it has been harder for the large conferences to come out on this fund than for the smaller, newer ones. When I look over the list of churches and see how well Ohio has done, it makes me realize that there has come in a good spirit of earnestness and determination in our churches to enter into the work with greater zeal.

Had it not been for the large surplus on this fund in Ohio, the Union would have come short of reaching the goal a little over two thousand dollars. By our large surplus of \$3,121.17, it was made possible for the Union to reach the goal and have a little over one thousand dollars to the good.

The highest amount per week of any church in our conference was 61 cents, and there were twenty-nine churches that

raised twenty cents a week or more. Of course, there is still a large number who have come short of the twenty cents, but our average in the conference is 22½ cents a week per member for the year. It is encouraging to know that our average is better than a year ago, and a large number of churches have come up to the twenty-cent mark.

While this arrangement cannot be counted as a tax levied upon churches, and I believe that no one feels that way about it, it is to serve as an incentive to lead our Sabbath-schools and churches to aim at the goal and give careful, earnest attention to having funds flow in more freely. What enterprise is there that should invite our interest and earnest effort more than this? We have committed to us the great task of giving this message in the few remaining years that the world has to stand. I believe that we will not be satisfied to be limited by any goal which may be set, but that a spirit of liberality and earnestness is to come in and lead us as a people to do more than we have ever done to hasten on the work.

We are entering upon another year, and I believe the results of our efforts will be even more encouraging than the one that is past. May the Lord's richest blessing attend our faithful, workers, church officers, and members throughout the conference in their labors of the coming year.

The good results in tithe receipts, in our book work, and in the number who have been baptized into our churches is equally encouraging. We will be able to give some facts concerning these lines of work later.

E. K. SLADE.

God Answers the Colporteur's Prayer

The following letter is one that has come to us from one of our faithful colporteurs. We feel that it is such a good experience that we take the liberty to publish it. This is a personal letter, but we know it will be of interest to all.

"I have finished another week's work, and the Lord has given me many blessings. I will have to tell you what prayer did for me one day this week. I started down a long lane to a little house, and thought it almost useless, but as I miss no houses I kept on going. I rapped on the door and a little old woman opened it and said 'Come in.' I was glad she did so; for it was very cold. After getting inside, of course, I showed her the book, but she did not care for the work, and also said her son was not at home, and she never ordered anything unless he saw it, but right there was where I began to pray that they might have the work in the home. I arose and started to go

out, but somehow I was impressed to ask her if she would care if I had a word of prayer with her. She consented and after praying she thanked me and ordered the book before I left. I surely saw my prayer answered at that place."

This shows how our colporteurs are working with the people. Brother Franks who had this experience is comparatively new in the work, and has been in the truth but a very short time. We see by this what a consecrated worker can do to help in giving the message.

Our aim is that just such a class of workers as this should be in the field. The days of the book agent are in the past. Today we have in the field men and women who are doing just such work as this. That is why we are meeting with success. However there is great need of more such laborers. We want to see the work quickly finished. Our people can help these workers by praying for them, so we ask that as you come to the throne of grace from time to time, that you remember the faithful colporteurs.

V. O. PUNCHES.

News Notes

Mrs. M. V. Eusey, of Columbus, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. PUNCHES and other relatives and friends in Academia for a few days.

Brother Warren S. Huffaker, of Wellington, was a caller at the office while in Academia this week. He came to make arrangements to place his son in the church school.

Sister Acton has been making a tour of the church schools this week, Columbus, Dayton, Springfield and Dresden being among the number.

For longer than a year Dr. Jump has been afflicted with a disease of the heart. During last summer his health improved some but this winter it has been failing again, and he has not been able to carry on full work.

Our canvassing force continues to grow. This time the new worker is with Brother and Sister Syphers. On January 15 they welcomed a seven-pound girl to their home.

Brother V. O. PUNCHES spent several days in the southwest part of the state with the colporteurs. While out with Brother Gackenhimer, they met a person who had an old edition of "Bible Readings." The lady showed it to them and it appeared much used. These people liked the book so well that they wanted

the new edition in the full morroco binding. Arrangements were made to come back and stay all night with these people. In the evening, the lady asked Brother Gackenhimer what church he belonged to, and when he told her he was a Seventh-day Adventist, she said, "That must be what we are, for we keep Saturday." It did us good to find this family out there all alone keeping the Sabbath and we trust they will soon accept all the truth.

Elder E. K. Slade is spending a few days in Washington in attendance at the Union Committee meeting.

While in Cincinnati, Brother PUNCHES called on the members of the colored church and found many of them actively engaged in selling our literature. He spent the time in giving them practical instruction as to how to do efficient colporteur work.

We are glad to see so many good reports coming from our new workers who have entered the field since the institute. We trust that the Lord may continue to give them success in their labors.

Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh, our assistant field agent, is very busy these days starting the new workers. Last week he was out with Brother E. K. Reynolds and in nine hours sold \$17.50 worth of books. This week he is working with Brother B. H. Jeffreys, in Columbiana County.

Our colporteurs are taking advantage of these fine spring days that have come to us in the midst of winter by putting in full time and working to get our books in the homes of the people. The reports show that God is blessing their work.

Brother C. G. Douglas sends us an excellent report of his work in the city of Akron. His sales for the first week after the institute were \$85.45.

Good reports are coming from Sister Miller and Sister Kelley who are working in Portsmouth, Sister Kelly having sold during the past week \$63.10 worth of literature.

The Present Truth Mission Mt. Vernon, Ohio

"All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human instrumentality who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation." "Home Missionary Work."

—Mrs. E. G. White.

The above text from the writings of

Sister White has been the guiding star of a mission that was opened over a year ago in Mt. Vernon and has been operated by a few desiring to carry out the suggestion found therein to "devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation." We thought in opening a mission in the city where we could have regular meetings we would devise a plan whereby we could present the truth to many who otherwise may not have this opportunity. The Lord has recognized this little plan of ours and blessed us in our effort.

We give this report that others may be encouraged to take up this same kind of work in other cities, who perhaps are not doing all that they might be doing to hasten this work to its completion.

We rented a little hall for \$10.00 a month, bought a dozen little red chairs, made two round tables, a blackboard, and the Ohio Conference kindly loaned us chairs sufficient to seat our hall and we went to work for both old and young.

We have been conducting Sunday night meetings, when some point of our message is presented; and Tuesday night, we have a regular prayer and social meeting, when not only our own people, but many outsiders have been to our meetings and have taken part; Sabbath we have a morning meeting, and at 3:00 o'clock p. m. we have regular Sabbath school made up of six classes as follows: two senior, one young peoples, one intermediate, and two kindergarten classes.

We have had an average attendance in our Sabbath school of about forty, with an average collection of \$1.55 per Sabbath. Thinking an itemized financial report would be of interest by those concerned in home mission work, we give it below:

Financial report from January 1, to December 31, 1915.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1914,	\$ 3 68
Total Sabbath school donations	79 18
Total Sunday night collections	41 61
From church missionary society	24 00
Individual donations	69 54
Special collections	2 85
Total receipts	220 86

EXPENDITURES

Rent (13 months)	\$130 00
Stoves, signs and electricity	21 56
Janitor	16 50
Song books, papers etc.,	21 31
Gas for heating	3 06
Electricity for lights	3 08
Benevolence	2 06
Foreign Missions	15 95
Total expenditures	213 52
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1916,	\$7 34

INVENTORY

15 little red chairs	\$ 5 00
2 round tables	3 00

1 blackboard	1 50
35 song books	3 50
2 stoves	5 00
Total	18 00

To this we might add that we have a full corps of ten officers and 7 teachers to press the battle another year in a new and better location (18 N. Main Street).

Thus ends the financial report, but there is still something better to be reported. From week to week, on Sunday nights, we have had different ones of the ministering brethren to present the truth, among whom we might name are: Elder Slade, president of the Ohio Conference; Elder Ashton, principal of Mt. Vernon Academy, Professors Swartout, Kelly and Teesdale, of the academy, Elder Robbins, president of the West Pa. Conference; Elder Hirlinger, president of the W. Va., Conference; I. D. Richardson, Field Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, and others. And I desire to especially mention a course of twelve lectures on health that Professor Swartout delivered for us at the mission which was certainly enjoyed by all. This we feel is a very important part of our message, indeed it is of so much importance that Sister White in the Testimonies has declared it to be to the message, as the right arm to the body.

To give an idea of the spiritual benefit our mission has been the past year we give a few testimonies such as may be heard in the mission at many of our Tuesday night prayer and social meetings.

"This mission has waked me up and put a desire in my heart to go into the work again."

"This looks like old times to me. It looks like when we first started the work here in Mt. Vernon."

"If it had not been for this mission I would not be in the truth tonight."

"I think we can all say, the mission has helped us wonderfully."

"This mission has given me an experience I could not have gotten anywhere else."

"Thank God for what the mission has done for me."

"I thank God for this dear people."

"This mission seems like home to me."

"I am glad for the truth I have learned at the mission."

"Praise God for the truth I have learned here in this mission."

"I have taken my stand to hold fast to the end. Praise God my tobacco is all gone."

"I have learned more about the Bible here in the last few months than I learned in all my life before."

These few thoughts which we have presented in this report will give the reader an idea of the work we are doing. We have now purchased 100 chairs to seat

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending January 21, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	BR	5	45	4	12 00	6 25	18 25	1 50	
Thomas Taliferre, Cincinnati	BF	5	40	3	4 50		4 50	6 00	
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.	BR	5	40	19	60 00	5 10	65 10	4 00	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.	ES	5	38	8	28 00	7 50	35 50	21 50	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.	BR	5	38	6	19 00	6 25	25 25		
Will Price, Knox Co.	BR	5	37	5	16 00	4 25	20 25	2 75	
Geo. Cottman, Warren Co.	BR	5	36	15	53 00	3 50	56 50	3 00	
David Graham, Cleveland	BR	5	35	10	36 00		36 00		
C. G. Douglass, Akron	BR	5	35	24	75 00	10 45	85 45		
A. Gackenhimer, Warren Co.	BR	5	32	5	19 00		19 00		
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth	CK	4	31	37	56 50	6 60	63 10	4 90	
Mrs. M. Miller, Portsmouth	CK	4	30	16	24 00	2 80	26 80		
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati	BF	4	30	9	14 50		14 50		
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati	BF	4	27	5	7 50		7 50		
B. H. Jefferies, East Liverpool	BR	4	22	8	33 00		33 00		
H. W. Barto, Circleville	BR	5	21	2	7 00	3 25	10 25		
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.	BR	2	14	2	7 00	1 50	8 50	5 50	
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.	BR	2	15					27 50	
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati	BF	3	15	9	15 50	60	16 10	1 50	
Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.	BR	1	11					25 75	
\$Miscellaneous		3	14		22 00	2 00	24 00	2 75	
Totals	20 Agents		86	606	187	\$509 50	\$60 05	\$569 55	\$106 65

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 21, 1915									
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co. Md.	BR	4	32	14	46 00	13 65	59 65	9 40	
G. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	4	30	13	44 00	4 60	48 60	10 60	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	10	61	30	99 00	6 40	105 40	12 15	
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.	BB	8	46	28	86 00	8 75	94 75	6 00	
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	6	46	30	60 00	9 75	69 75	1 25	
Geo. Lawrence, Hartford Co. Md.	DR	5	30	25	75 00	2 00	77 00		
Totals	6 Agents		37	245	140	\$407 00	\$45 15	\$452 15	\$39 40

West Virginia, Week Ending January 21, 1916									
W. H. Wilcox, Berkley Co.	BR	2	12	5	11 00	50	11 50	50	
G. Earl Snyder, Grafton Co.	BFL	5	42	14	23 00	11 25	34 25	6 25	
C. G. Mays, Chester	BR	4	24	15	34 00	7 30	41 30	5 00	
T. M. Butler, Grafton Co.	BFL	5	39		40 00	6 50	46 50	1 00	
*J. W. Brando, Rivesville	BR	9	33	11	34 00	75	34 75		
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown	COL	4	16	2	3 00	13 70	16 70	10 25	
Totals	6 Agents				\$145 00	\$40 00	\$185 00	\$20 00	

Virginia, Week Ending January 21, 1916									
S. N. Wilmer, Campbell Co.	BFL	4	30	27	40 50	12 90	53 40	1 40	
John L. Goode, Bedford Co.	DR	4	29	9	29 00	2 85	31 85		
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	5	38	10	30 00	8 25	38 25	1 85	
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	37	6	9 00	6 85	15 85		
Totals	4 Agents		18	134	52	\$108 50	\$30 85	\$139 35	3 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 21, 1919									
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	4	37	8	17 00	9 35	26 35	45 25	
Geo. Buttermore, Green Co.	BR	5	29	6	23 00	3 20	26 20	2 25	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	BF	4	30	20	33 00	10 30	43 30	7 05	
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.	BR	3	11	4	12 00	2 50	14 50		
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CK	4	32	8	19 50	9 25	28 75	22 15	
Totals	5 Agents		19	139	46	\$104 50	\$34 60	\$139 10	\$76 70

New Jersey, Week Ending January 21, 1916									
Geo. Blinn, Mercere Co	HM	10	81	15	33 50	9 00	42 50		
G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co.	DR	5	21	3	4 50	1 45	5 95		
Totals	2 Agents		18	102	19	\$38 00	10 45	48 45	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 21, 1916

W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	42		41 00	3 00	44 00	7 00
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	5	26	6	20 00		20 00	
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	30	28	14 00		14 00	7 50
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	4	24	3	9 00	8 95	17 95	
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	4	20	9	18 00	2 50	20 50	2 50
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				10 50		10 50	10 50
Totals	6 Agents				\$112 50	\$14 45	\$126 96	\$27 50

Grand Totals: 49 Agents Value of Orders \$1425 00 Deliveries, \$273 50

* Two weeks, † Three weeks, § Those working under ten hours per week.

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending December 31, 1915

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	1914
West Virginia	13	1485	420	1754 90	521 75
West Pennsylvania	12	1117	432	1480 35	611 70
Ohio	19	1720	305	1050 10	850 25
District of Columbia	6	138	407	588 95	276 31
East Pennsylvania	6	774	245	471 60	662 35
Chesapeake	7	544	122	439 50	842 35
Virginia	9	633	161	388 65	179 50
New Jersey	7	289	76	216 95	123 75
Totals	79	6700	2168	\$6391 00	\$4068 06

our place with and any one who feels sufficiently interested in our work to help us to pay for these chairs may forward their name and the price of one or more, which is \$1.00 each, to the name and address at the end of this article.

We have not said much about the faithful ones who have been standing by this work through thick and thin of the past year. We are truly glad that there are those who are willing to sacrifice for this truth when the call comes. Many times have they given up some pleasure, such as remaining home Sabbath afternoons with their families, and gone through heat and cold, night and day that this work might be carried on. In this we are not asking for sympathy, but we do crave the prayers of those who pray, that the Lord might keep us humble and give us clean hearts and renew day by day right spirits within us that sinners may be brought out of darkness into the light and liberty of this gospel truth.

HARRY S. WEAVER, Mt. Vernon, O.,
Route 1.

The Summary

We are pleased, by the rich blessing of the Lord, to be able to hand to our readers a report which shows a gain over December of 1914 in subscription book sales of \$2,322.94. November also showed a gain of over \$2,000. Thus we see the Lord wonderfully working upon the hearts of men and women everywhere to buy our books to ascertain what these calamities in the world mean. What a sad thing it is that there are not more of God's professing people who have a bur-

den to go out and carry the message to these hungry souls.

The Lord of the harvest is sending men out into the market places today to find workers for his vineyard. Has he spoken to you about it through some of these delegated servants? What did you tell the Lord? Did you begin to offer excuses or did you say, "Here am I send me?" Let us decide quickly and find our place in his great vineyard and be at our post of duty when he comes to our names in the judgment that he may say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

If the Lord has pointed out to you that you should be in the colporteur work then write to your field agent at once. Don't wait until tomorrow for tomorrow never comes. The devil has two children that he is very fond of, one is "By and by" and the other is "Tomorrow."

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Mount Vernon Academy

Self Possession

I want to call your attention to Isaiah 32: 17, "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever."

A sister in Russia, in writing to me, sent me that verse. It is a custom with the Christians of the old country to begin a letter with a Bible verse. The lady that wrote it is the one who sent the book, "Christ's Object Lessons" in white leather to the empress of Russia.

That lady is one of the most beautiful

characters I ever knew, and has a wide influence over all she knows, and especially over young ladies. She has been a blessing to my girl, and as I read that verse, it began to mean more and more to me. Perhaps from that verse she has gained the inspiration as to what it means—she has that peace and quietness. When she associates with the high class of people (and they know what a good Christian she is and what a devoted Adventist) they sometimes wonder about the doctrine she believes. They say she is the happiest woman they ever saw. People ask, "What is the secret of that woman's great happiness and quietness and gentleness of manner?"

There is a great deal in this thirty-second chapter of Isaiah to us as ladies and girls. It commences, "Behold a king shall reign in righteousness and princes shall rule in judgment." We know that refers to Christ. "And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Verse 2. Now we know that that means Christ, but we are sent as ambassadors for Christ. Is Christ here personally in this world now? Who are the people going to look at when they want to see Christ? His followers. We are to be a hiding place from the wind, then.

"The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the cruel said to be bountiful." Verse 5. There is so much in that verse. Nowadays when you go out in the world, there are some people with a lot of money. The same is true in the schools, some students have more money than others. "The vile person is called liberal." We must learn to judge people from their characters, not by the amount of things they have, and not by the amount of nice things they can do for us. That is the trouble with the Americans. Americans are noted because they love money. If a person has money he can do about anything he wants to. Their vileness is covered up because they are called "bountiful" according to our text. We do not want people because of their clothes, their houses, or automobiles. No matter how bountiful they are, we must pay no attention to that, for that does not make up the character.

"Rise up, ye woman, that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech," Verse 9. The greatest trouble is when we do not have anything to do. If we do not want this Scripture to apply to us, we do not want to be lazy. When do you get into mischief? When you are too much at ease. After you are tired, and have worked hard during the day, at night you are glad to get into bed, and you do not care about getting into mischief.

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Work is the greatest blessing in all this world. Work is what God gave us to make us happy and keep us from doing things we ought not to do. This chapter applies to us as well as back in Isaiah's time. Was there ever a time when girls and ladies do not want to work, as now? They do not want to bring up their families; they want to live in boarding houses. They do not want to make their own dresses, but want to have their work done. This may not apply to you but that is the case in the world. The ideal of some is that they might ride in an automobile, and put on one dress after another.

If you want to see misery, and folks that are dissatisfied with themselves and everybody else, you go to the homes of the wealthy.

Do not educate yourself that way, commence right at the start, so the Lord will not have to call to you to rise up and get to work.

"Many days and years shall be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. Tremble ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins." Verses 10, 11. This is just before the time of trouble. Do you think they had such a time of trouble back there as we are going to go through in the near future? Such a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation? In Europe that time of trouble is beginning now. In Europe the women are beginning to strip themselves of their jewels, etc. Suppose we are so softfooted that we cannot stand any hardships, what will we do when this time of trouble comes, and when he says to put on sackcloth and ashes?

On the day of atonement, the children of Israel did not put on the same kind of clothes as on other days. They put on sackcloth and ashes. We are living in the Day of Atonement, that is why we are to dress plain and not wear jewelry. It has not always been the case that we should dress as we do now, but we are living in the day of atonement. We are not to put on sackcloth and ashes in a literal sense. Things that would have been right some other time would not look right on us on the day of atonement. There is a point in that if you will just catch it. This is a solemn time and we must dress differently.

The Lord calls to us and tells us to tremble. We must get off these things, not stop looking nice and neat, but some things will not do in this time. It is going to be a dreadful time of trouble.

MRS. J. T. BOETTCHER.

(To be continued)

This talk was given to the girls in their Self Improvement Society.

Washington Missionary College

The semester examinations are now a thing of the past, and the students are entering earnestly into the work of the last half of the year. New students who have recently entered school are: Messers Mackenzie, Carter, Stillman, Wheeler, Wadsworth, and Misses Morey, Mitchell and Kime.

Miss Myrtle Kirkendall enjoyed a visit from her parents and younger sister and brother, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Kightlinger, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. Estep and Miss Margaret.

Mr. John Miller is very critically ill with typhoid fever.

At the church service Sabbath, Elder Spicer gave a most interesting report of his trip to South Africa last year. He took us through many scenes among our dark brothers, and showed God's wonderful care for the missionary.

The "Quadrangle" enjoyed a pleasant evening at the new home of Dr. M. E. Olson, January 22. A short program was given consisting of music and readings from the literature of India by Doctor Olsen.

A large number of students attended the Memorial service held for Professor H. R. Salisbury at the Takoma Park

church Sabbath afternoon. Several of our leading brethren who have been associated with Professor Salisbury at school, and in the work, took part in the impressive program.

Wednesday evening a large number of the students formed a skating party, and enjoyed some excellent outdoor exercise on one of the branches of the Potomac. It was the first opportunity this winter has afforded, and, as it may be the only one, was considered a great treat.

What a Picture of Cruelty

After reciting at some length the story of a young girl's downfall and death, the editor of a certain religious weekly recently said: "Only the wide gateway to hell was open before her, and very soon starvation and death hurled her through to the great gulf, to the bottomless pit, where the devil and his host of imps grinned hideously as her never-dying soul joined their ranks, there to dwell forever and ever."

Your neighbors should know the truth on this point. It appears in the *Signs Magazine* for March, under the title, "Will the Wicked Burn Eternally?"

Every difficult lesson mastered in school; every finished task or any thing else done as well as it can be done, gives so much added power for the next lesson, or task; likewise every slighted lesson, every half-finished task, every slipshod piece of work, weakens the power for the next undertaking.

Three Orphan Boys

Three good, bright, boys, ages 8, 12 and 13 would like a home among Adventists. The Catholics are trying to get these boys, but friends would be willing to place them in a public institution controlled by our people, if private homes cannot be secured. Will someone save these boys from falling into the clutches of the Roman power? Address all information to D. P. Patterson, 259 Connell Ave., Connellsville, Pa.

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