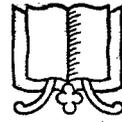


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OHIO

A New Organization at Elyria

Elyria is a very nice progressive city of about 25,000 inhabitants. It is a place where but little has been done in the presentation of the Third Angel's Message. For some time in the past a few faithful believers have lived there and a few months ago Elder H. A. Weaver secured a hall and began a series of meetings in that place. Very thorough work was done by him in the way of advertizing. While the attendance at his meetings was not especially large, yet there was a fairly good interest manifested by quite a number. In harmony with his usual practice, Brother Weaver succeeded in having almost the full text of his sermons printed in the papers by which means splendid publicity was given to the truths presented.

As a result of this effort, a few faithful souls have been fully established in the truth, and they greatly rejoice in the light that has come to them. Ten have been baptized and with those who were formerly in the faith, it was possible to organize a church of twelve members with others to join later. This organization was effected Sabbath, January 29. A full corps of officers was elected and these new members all seem to rejoice in uniting in a little band in this way, and there was manifested a fixed purpose on the part of those new members to be active in missionary efforts to let the light shine on to others.

We are glad to announce the organization of this new church and we ask that our sister churches throughout the conference remember this new body of believers and pray for them and their work in Elyria.

E. K. SLADE.

VIRGINIA

Financial Report for 1915

In another column we are passing on the figures for the past year. It has been a year of progress for the work in Virginia, and I know each one as they study the report will lift their heart to the Father for his attending blessing, and add the resolve to place all on the altar that the same good progress may continue through the present year. In these solemn days, filled with intensity as the gospel work draws to a close, we will do well to come aside and make sure that we are where the Lord would have us, and that we are not drawn into the whirl of this world's fascinations which will only bring disappointment in the end.

Our receipts have shown a steady increase. December comes with \$704.63, one year ago for December it was \$528.51. The entire tithe for this year 1915 is \$8477.42; for 1914 it was \$5841.23 and for 1913, \$6409.53. I am sure that it will be a source of gratification to see this splendid growth.

Our mission offerings or twenty-cent-a-week fund also will go ahead of the previous year. While we have come in much short of our appointed goal, yet we can show a gain in our total for the year. In 1914 our total offering was \$3103.19, while for 1915 we have been able to send on \$3267.07. One church, New Market has been able to pass the goal of 20 cents for each of their members. This is excellent, and we all are glad with our New Market brethren, but we shall trust that as 1916 closes that we can rejoice with them in a more substantial way in looking at our own church report. We can, however, take courage for our 1916 mission work as our membership will be only holden for 514 which will place our mission goal at a trifle over \$5000.00, so we have adopted the slogan "\$5000.00 for Virginia to mis-

sions in 1916." We can do it, and the Lord will be with us as we buckle in for success, but it will mean united effort for us all together. Should we ask the members of the New Market church if they felt the poorer, or if they minded their effort for missions last year? I am sure they would reply that they did not. So it would be with us all for with the Lord's help, we can go up and take the city.

The blessing of the Lord has especially attended those churches who have been struggling with church debts. Lynchburg has entirely met its obligation, and will now be free to help in other ways. Substantial payments have also come in from Richmond No. 1, Rileyville, Guinea Mills and Newport News No. 2, while Portsmouth No. 1 have been paying their monthly stipend upon their building, and Richmond No. 2 are putting away a nice little sum for a future church home which they have in mind. So it is that as we push forward in the Lord's great work abroad, it always brings our home work upon a higher level.

It might also be of interest in this connection to tell what the Lord has done with the bookmen in Virginia during the past year. From our Richmond office we have put out \$11,473.40, retail price, of subscription books; \$478.92 in home worker's books; 455.93 in Bibles; \$229.97 in trade books and \$113.05 in tracts. Also \$4,552.60 in our periodicals. The outlook is bright indeed for 1916, and we are expecting great things from the Lord.

F. N. JOHNSON.

News Notes

Paul Hottel, so well and favorably known in Virginia, has contracted as nurse for the remainder of the season with the Florida Sanitarium, at Orlando.

Brethren Goode and Wilmer are detained from their field work with books this week on account of sickness. It is

to be regretted and we trust health will soon be restored to these workers. Brother Wilmer writes that, "It seems like every one wants a book", and he is very busy taking orders.

T. D. Gibson who was called to Pittsburgh, Penn. by the illness of relatives, has now returned and has a heavy book delivery this week. He also called on friends at Takoma Park on his return trip.

Brother Richard Farley spent last Sabbath with the church at Richmond, helping in the Sabbath-School Convention. This was much enjoyed by the local church. The papers were well prepared, and the discussions were lively and interesting. After the morning service Sabbath, Elder Moffett conducted a baptismal service, when two willing souls followed their Lord in this solemn rite.

NEW JERSEY

Evidences of God's Leadership in The Colporteur Work

Last week it was my privilege to spend three days in the field with Brother Geo. Blinn and God certainly did bless us. The first night we began to seek for a place to stay for the night just as it began to get dusk, but everywhere seemed closed against us. In three homes there was sickness and in another they had company, and the man said, "It is useless for you to go to the next house," pointing to a large home a quarter of a mile away, "they have had a funeral there to-day, and naturally too much upset to entertain anyone." It was dark and the roads were several inches thick with mud and we were both very tired, having canvassed since early morning. I said, "Well Brother Blinn the Lord has somewhere for us, he has never failed me yet. I believe he wants us in this home where they had the funeral: it might be that we can be a source of comfort to them; I am going to see." I went to the door and rang the bell and the lady, who had buried her husband that day, (a young man only 30 years of age) came to the door. I introduced myself to her and told her of my work and that I had a friend with me and we wondered if it would be convenient for us to stay overnight with them. At this point her mother came to the door, and then the father came, and they told me of the sad experience of burying their son-in-law that afternoon. I sympathized with them and told them that I thought that the Lord had directed me there and possibly we could be a source of comfort to them. They said, "You and your friend may both stay."

Virginia Financial Report

Church	Mem.	Dec. Tithe	1915 Tithe	Fifteen-cent-a-wk.	Twenty-cent-a-week	1915 Goal	Per-capita
Conference	16	98 17	414 47		456 36	166 40	.55
New Market	40	60 62	567 81		446 24	416 00	.21
Portsmouth No. 1	29	39 63	432 90		243 80	301 60	.16
Lynchburg	38	47 98	1036 76		299 57	395 20	.15
Bethel	17	4 60	74 76		120 09	176 80	.14
Newport News No. 1	20	13 00	776 66		139 99	208 00	.13
Hamburg	2		35 00		13 25	20 80	.13
Danville	5	2 40	64 37	35 40		39 00	.13
Richmond No. 2	23	13 64	242 60	140 70		179 40	.12
Newport News No. 2	20	21 08	149 52	100 26		156 00	.10
Richmond No. 1	94	140 44	2977 64		460 79	977 60	.09
Roanoke	14	5 60	119 98		58 63	145 60	.09
Yale	50	117 80	439 94		219 21	520 00	.08
Portsmouth No. 2	26	22 44	326 69	97 08		202 80	.07
Rileyville	13	2 08	2 48		36 65	135 20	.06
Norfolk	26	12 58	201 74	69 01		202 80	.06
Stanley	81	59 35	371 33		160 44	842 40	.04
Buena Vista	4		3 00		8 64	41 60	.04
Guinea Mills	19		60 30		30 41	197 60	.03
Spencer	13	2 75	19 50	20 15		101 40	.03
Thelma	12	5 80	34 60	16 75		93 60	.03
News Ferry	13	6 08	36 70	14 30		101 40	.02
Mt. Williams	8		26 00		6 60	83 20	.02
Republican Grove		23 60	60 42		72 65		
Totals	583	\$704 63	\$8475 17	\$493 65	\$2773 42	\$5704 40	.11

Total tithe for 1914	\$5841.23
Total tithe for 1915	\$8475.17
Mission offerings Twenty-cent-a-week Fund 1914	\$3103.19
Mission offerings Twenty-cent-a-week Fund 1915	\$3267.07

F. N. JOHNSON, Secretary.

After supper the little girl six years of age who was now without a father, came to us both and was very anxious to show us some photographs that her papa had taken. Every little while she would say, "There is my papa." O, how our hearts went out for this little one and her mother, who had lost a dear companion and father. After awhile I was asked to sing, and I sent a silent prayer at once to the only one who can send comfort, that he would use my voice to bring comfort to these dear souls. As I sang "Don't Forget Jesus," I could see that hearts were being touched and the one who had been bereaved just buried her head in her hands and sobbed. The words are so comforting, I could not think of anything better to sing.

"Don't forget Jesus when long is the way,
 Don't forget Jesus when dark is the day,
 Don't forget Jesus, He'll hear when you pray,
 O, don't, don't forget Jesus."

We read a scripture and prayed with them before retiring for the night and we knew that the angels were present. And dear brother and sister, don't you think they love to administer in such experiences? Surely they do! We have the promise that as we go out in faith the angels of God will accompany us. After breakfast the next morning we showed them three prospectuses, "Bible Readings"

"Past Present and Future," and "Heralds of the Morning" and secured an order for each.

Surely the Lord is good and greatly to be praised. He knows how to do things right and for the best, and we were convinced that the other homes were closed to us so that we might stay with these dear people who at that time needed comforting.

See how Satan tried to sidetrack us by telling us it was of no use going there owing to the funeral, but those who have had experience in the canvassing work know that when someone tells you not to go to a certain place, that is the place to go. Satan does not want you to go, but God does. We had worship with them and told the one who had been bereaved to trust in Jesus and she said she would.

This experience made us both feel happy, and dear reader these are the kind of experiences that one gets in doing the Master's service.

Are there not others who feel the burden for this work, and would like to taste of some of the good things that the Lord has for you? Remember Jesus is surely coming soon. What are you doing to let your neighbors and friends know about this happy event? I shall be glad to hear from any who are desirous of taking up this work.

T. H. BARRITT.

Burlington

It gives me pleasure to rehearse the blessings of the Lord as realized by the workings of his spirit here in Burlington from the tent effort to now.

As a result of the tent effort conducted here by Elder Sandborn twenty-two souls followed their Lord in baptism; in December four more were added by letter to our membership, and now, four more are keeping the Sabbath and a number are interested and investigating the truths.

Brother Beverly W. Lear has donated a plot of land for a church site on West Conover Street, near Ellis, and a new church building is being erected 30 by 60 feet, with a 10 foot square tower on one corner and is of Gothic style of architecture. Provision is made in the building for a church school, and a baptistry is also located under the rostrum.

Work on the new church is progressing rapidly and the Lord willing it will be completed ready to dedicate in April.

We have a good live Sabbath-school and Young Peoples Missionary Society. The Christian Help Band is doing good work, calling on the sick, lending a helping hand, and distributing truth-filled literature. Great interest is taken by the young people of the Bible Band in the study of the "Bible Doctrines."

The church membership on January 1, 1915, was twenty-four. On January 1, 1916, it was fifty-eight.

Truly we are thankful for the blessings of the Lord in the past for we can see that his guiding hand is in the work here.

C. E. GULICK.

News Notes

Sister Helda Webber has just arrived from the South where she has been enjoying a month's visit with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle B. Haynes, at Greenville, South Carolina.

Elder Chas. Baierle, formerly pastor of the Jersey City No. 2 church and who is now pastor of the Camden church, has invited the public "To Take a Trip Through Egypt and Palestine" by means of powerful stereopticon pictures. Giving the "Wonders of Egypt and its Lessons, 'through Palestine with Christ and His Apostles', 'Scenes making the spot where the last great war will be fought in Palestine, Armageddon and Jehoshaphat', and 'The return of Church to Palestine and the everlasting reign of peace. Elder Baierle reports very good progress in the work and much of the blessing of the Lord.

"When the devil's work seems good, it is at its worst."

West Pennsylvania Sabbath School Report

Quarter Ending December 31, 1915

Name of Church	Av. Membership	Offerings	Weekly Av. per Member
Ridgway	9	40 77	.34
Pt. Allegheny	4	10 18	.19
*Somerset	10	25 14	.19
Greensburg	10	23 40	.18
Adah	17	40 86	.18
*Coleville	5	10 55	.16
Corry No. 1	10	21 77	.16
Pittsburgh No. 2	32	64 59	.15
No. Warren	20	40 00	.15
Coudersport	37	71 91	.14
Bulger	7	12 83	.14
Johnstown	29	52 22	.13
*Stahlstown	8	13 92	.13
Allegheny No. 1	29	48 87	.12
Conference	40	65 93	.12
Meadville	24	38 50	.12
Allegheny No. 2	30	41 38	.10
Albion	12	17 07	.10
Clearfield	11	15 17	.10
*Oil City	6	8 40	.10
Pittsburgh No. 1	119	161 01	.10
Raymond	20	28 07	.10
Bradford	23	28 70	.09
*Waterford	3	3 65	.09
Connellsville	14	15 90	.08
Erie	67	77 15	.08
Galeton	24	25 14	.08
Altoona	37	33 67	.07
*Carter Camp	6	5 52	.07
Mt. Braddock	20	18 86	.07
Eldred	5	3 90	.06
Shingle House	20	17 71	.06
Titusville	6	5 30	.06
Corydon	11	8 10	.05
Washington	26	18 72	.05
*Hackneys	5	2 92	.04
Hemingers Mill	25	9 50	.03
Indiana	23	19 92	.03
Jimtown	15	6 18	.03
Corry No. 2	19	6 62	.02
Huntingdon	20	6 44	.02
McDonald	17	5 00	.02
Union City	6	65	.01
Totals	881	\$1163 09	.10

* Home School

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE, Secretary.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Sabbath School Notes

During the year 1915 the Sabbath-school offerings amounted to \$4443.35, a gain of \$564.56 over the previous year. The marked increase in the Sabbath-school offerings from year to year is no doubt due to the conviction in the hearts of the people that this work is to be speedily finished. They know it takes money to do it, and they are giving liberally.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering during the year amounted to \$1449.87.

The following schools appear on the Honor Roll, having reached the goal of fifteen cents per week per member last

quarter: Ridgway, Port Allegheny, Somerset, Greensburg, Adah, Coleville, Corry No. 1, Pittsburgh No. 2, and North Warren.

Twelve of our schools had perfect attendance last quarter.

The Ridgway school heads the list with an average of thirty-four cents. Which one will have first place at the close of the present quarter?

Three new schools were added to our number last quarter,—Coleville, Galeton, and Stahlstown.

"The successful Sabbath-school teacher is the one who is successful in bringing his pupils to Christ. Personal contact is the key to the pupil's heart."

The Coleville Sabbath-school is made up of children not of our faith. Sister S. H. Elder is superintendent, and reports that the little ones study their lessons each week, and are taking an active part in earning money for missions.

A number of the teachers of the Pittsburgh No. 1 Sabbath-school are enjoying the Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course. They meet on Monday evenings at the home of one of the teachers.

We should now begin to prepare for the thirteenth Sabbath offering, March 25. The Philippine Islands is the field to be helped on that day.

"If you your lips
Would save from slips
Five things observe with care;
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Although the place for the Union Conference meeting has been changed by vote of the Union Committee, from Baltimore, Md. to Pittsburgh, Pa., the colporteur's training school will be held in Baltimore, as before planned, March 5-8.

Elder J. H. Wierts baptized four precious souls in the baptistry of the Baltimore No. 1 church, Sabbath, January 29. This makes four additions to the Baltimore German church. Their work is growing.

Elder S. T. Shadel called at the office on Monday of this week and reports good work being done by the church at Rock Hall.

A telephone message was received yesterday from Dover, Delaware, announcing the death of Sister Lonion, a member of the church there. No particulars were given.

Miss Lura Phillips, who had been at her home suffering from a heavy cold, has returned to her school work in Baltimore. Her place was supplied during her absence by Mrs. W. H. Loose of Baltimore. Sister Loose was formerly a teacher in the public schools.

Let all who desire to attend the colporteur's training school in March write at once to Mr. F. E. Hankins, our field

agent, at 1611-10th St., Baltimore, Md. in order that proper arrangements may be made for entertainment.

Special

REST

Upon the market place there stood
An apple woman, bent and old;
An honored judge passed by that way
And this their dialogue, I am told.

"Are you not tired this cold damp day
Of sitting in this self-same place?"

"O I shall soon find rest," said she,
And joy and peace lit up her face.

"But summer's heat and smothering dust
Must try you sorely I am sure."

"O, I shall rest, it won't be long
A little while I can endure."

"But when the skies are dark with clouds
And rain and storm obstruct your day?"

"It won't be long", again she said,
"Earth's darkest storms shall pass
away."

"But when the long rheumatic days
Bring pain and sadness to your heart?"

"It won't be long," again she said,
"Till I from pain and sickness part."

"What buoys you up and gives you peace
Amidst earth's trials and its woe,
What the assurance of your rest;
My kind friend, I should like to
know?"

"O there remains a heavenly rest
For earthly pilgrims, some sweet day,
A rest by God himself prepared
When earthly trials shall pass away."

"What makes you be so very sure?
These things to me seem vague and
dim."

"O I am sure as sure can be;
Christ lives in me and I in him."

"I only trust his blessed Word
That teaches soon my Lord shall come;
Then faith shall be exchanged for sight
Within my father's heavenly home."

"O auntie, would the law had taught
Me wisdom such as you unfold."

"The gospel is my guide," she said,
"Its heavenly precepts ne'er grow old."

"I must investigate these things,"
The judge replied with thoughtful
brow.

"Redeem the time for time is short
The day to seek the Lord is now."

Lillian E. Peters.

Written from an incident related in the
Youth's Instructor of January 31, 1912.

A Worthy Example

Elder S. A. Oberg, the leader of a little company of Sabbath keepers in Caracas, Venezuela, writes of their great appreciation of the Spanish Morning Watch Cal-

endar. He speaks especially of the benefit of "My New Year's Resolve" which the Calendar contains.

He says: "All are enjoying the splendid texts, and the Resolution has simply captivated us. Our leader said by way of explanation of thoughts in it last Sabbath, that as a temptation came to him during the week, he said to himself, 'No that is not what I resolved to do. I have resolved not to do that any more.' His argument so impressed us that we all have decided to commit to memory the Resolution, taking a part every week, to be recited with the Memory Verses each week until it has become a part of our natures."

How many of our more favored English speaking Sabbath keepers are making that resolution a part of their lives? These new Sabbath keepers—the first fruits from Venezuela—have set us a worthy example. The results to one's life and experience from the keeping of that resolution can scarcely be estimated.

You do not know what it is? By all means get the Morning Watch Calendar at once. One of our secretaries writes: "I find that our people like to have these little booklets, but unless we practically place them in their hands, they do not attend to getting them."

I fear that this is true. But I think it would not be true if we estimated the value of the Morning Watch as Jesus did.

Will you not take this matter up in your church or society at once, and order the Morning Watch Calendar for all who will take it? It only costs five cents. Aside from this resolution, it has a devotional memory text for each day of 1916, suggested subjects for prayer for each month, a daily blank for reporting missionary work, some very fine quotations, a 1916 calendar, and a sunset table for each Sabbath of the year. Order from your tract society. M. E. KERN.

Religious Liberty Day

A very stirring program has been prepared by the Religious Liberty Department for Religious Liberty Day on the fourth Sabbath in February. In volume five of the *Testimonies* we are told to make the religious liberty principles a "daily" study, because "the most momentous struggle of all ages is just before us." We certainly are not giving too much time to the consideration of the soul-stirring issues which are right upon us by asking our churches to carry out the Religious Liberty program on one day of the year. Every one ought to know the dangers which are confronting us as a people today.

We hope that each church elder will give prayerful consideration to the program for the fourth Sabbath in February

as set forth in the February number of *The Church Officers' Gazette*. It is difficult to imagine how anything more important could supplant the special program for that day. It is high time that our people arouse themselves to meet the great crisis which is soon to test the loyalty of every soul. If the things set forth in the articles in the program fail to stir us to greater activity and deeper consecration, it is imperative that we examine our position to ascertain how far we have drifted from our moorings.

Remember the fourth Sabbath offering taken on this day is retained by the local conference treasurer to meet the needs of the Religious Liberty work, and to disseminate Religious Liberty literature. In conferences where we are having court trials at present for Sunday law violations we are greatly in need of funds.

We hope that all our churches will take a club of the *Liberty Magazine* for the purpose of doing missionary work. A yearly subscription of the *Liberty Magazine* may be secured at 25 cents when an order is sent in for four or more subscriptions at one time. When the liberty of the press is attacked and Sunday bills are pending before Congress, we ought to scatter religious liberty literature "like the leaves of autumn." C. S. LONGACRE, *National Religious Liberty Secretary*.

What Is Worth While

(continued)

Seen in their true relations, there is no experience of life over which one has a right to worry. Ruskin says, "God gives us always strength enough, and sense enough for every thing he wants us to do." Sense enough: this thought comforts me. It is not the lack of ability that worries us; it is the lack of a little *savoir faire*. It is not our failures that distress us so much as our idiocies.

We may let go discontent. In all the eternal years there is no word of murmur from any restless heart. In its vast silences how trivial would sound the complainings of our harassed days! In its great songs of praise how our frettings would be overborne!

In life I find two things which make for discontent. One is lack of harmony with ones environment. The other is dissatisfaction with one's present opportunities. Of these, the first may be overcome; the second may be put out of one's life. A congenial environment is not one of the essentials of life: present opportunities, if rightly used, are as great as the soul need ask. Which of us can sit down at the close of a day and say, "Today I have done all that was in my power to do for humanity and righteousness?" Ah, no! We look for large things, and forget that which is close at hand! To take life "as

God gives it, not as we want it," and then make the best of it, is the hard lesson that life puts before the human soul to learn.

One's environments may be very disagreeable. It may bring constant hurts of heart, mortification, tears, angry rebellion, and wounded pride,—but there is a reason for that environment. To become strong, the soul must needs fight something, overcome something. It cannot gain muscle on a bed of eider-down. A great part of the strength of life consists in the degree with which we get into harmony with our appointed environment. So long as we are at war with our town, our relatives, our family, our station, and our surroundings, so long will much of the force of our lives be spent uselessly, aimlessly. A good way to get into harmony with one's environment is to try to understand it first, and then begin to adapt ourselves to it, so far as may be possible. We can never work well while there is friction in our lives, nor gain in our work that "beauty which is born of power, and the sympathy which is born of love" of which Ruskin speaks.

Let us say, "God put me among these scenes, these people, these opportunities, these duties. He is neither absent-minded nor incompetent. This is exactly the place I am capable of filling: there is no mistake. My life is in its proper setting."

But with this thought in mind, we need not sit down in idleness. There are things in the circumstances of our lives that we can change; there are opportunities that our own efforts may enlarge. We can conquer many of the difficulties that beset our career, and, so conquering, be strong! I believe more and more that there is no impediment that cannot be overcome, no hindrance to usefulness that cannot be removed. If we go through life timidly, weakly, ineffectively, the fault is neither with our endowment nor our environment. It is with ourselves. It is we that are not competent for life; we that are lazy, cowardly, idle. When one sets himself to live a grand life, man cannot interrupt him, God will not!

The Bible Year for Busy People

A minister in the *Review* refers to "the great Bible reading campaign" which is being carried forward. It is surely time for such a campaign. Its greatness will depend very largely on our conference and church leaders. Is there any reason why thousands of our people, young and old, should not read the Bible through during 1916?

A sister in New York City wrote the following about the Bible Year in Greater New York last year, and a means of help which was found for those who had to

spend time on the cars going to and from their work.

"A number of our members have supplied themselves with the Bible in book form, such as the little Matthew Gospel comes in. They can get each book in this form, with a little leather case in which the book may be easily placed. When one book is finished, it is taken out and the next one put in. This enables the reader always to have one book with him. Thus he is able to improve the time while riding on the subway or train by reading the assigned chapters each day. This is far better, we believe, than reading newspapers, etc., during these two or more hours each day. No doubt many of our young people do not know that the Bible can be purchased in this form, and would be glad to have it to read when on the cars or other places when they would not wish to carry the entire Bible. Even the children in our church have followed the course outlined in the *Instructor*. I am very enthusiastic in this matter, and really feel it would be helpful to keep it up."

It is to tell you about these Bible portions that I write. There are thirty-one of them. They are 2¼ x 4¼ inches, printed in brevier type, and bound in flexible cloth. They can be procured for five cents a portion, or \$1.00 for the entire set. Those who purchase the set will be given the leather case referred to. For ten cents extra the Review and Herald Publishing Association will stamp your name on this cover.

Order through your tract society.

M. E. KERN.

Fishers of Men

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1: 17.

The original word which is translated into fishers means one who is a fisherman by trade, whose regular daily business it is to catch fish. It does not mean one who fishes occasionally as a pastime or sport. This gives special significance to the words of Jesus, for they say to each of us, "Follow me, and I will bring about such a change in you that your chief business will be the winning of other souls for Christ." Jesus' promise to make us become fishers of men depends upon our following him. If we follow, he will do his part.

On the other hand, if those who profess to be followers of Christ find that they have no particular interest in seeking for souls to win to Christ, what then? Should it not be evident to them that they cannot be really following him? His word is sure, his promise cannot fail. The only possible failure is in those who claim to be his followers. If then, there is no

compelling power to drive us forth to do something to lead others to Christ, should not that cause us to seek earnestly to find out wherein we are failing to follow Christ?

There are some who have become fishers of men, they do have a strong desire to do something to lead souls to a knowledge of Christ, but they do not know just how to start fishing. All fish cannot be caught with the same bait. So souls cannot all be reached with the same method. For this reason the Lord has given us in our home missionary work, a number of different ways of presenting the message. Some people can use one of those to good advantage, and others accomplish more by some other method. But there is, among these various lines of work, something every one can do, and many can use several of those methods.

To help those who do not know how to start their soul-winning work, some leaflets are being published. There are now ready for use the following: "The Best Method for Winning Souls," (Personal Work) price 1/2 cent; "The Use of Tracts," 1/2 cent; "How to Use Periodicals in the Soul-Winning Campaign," 1/2 cent; "Small Books as Soul-Winners," 1/2 cent; "Magazines, Their Place in God's work," 1/2 cent; and "Missionary Correspondence," 1/2 cent. Others will be issued shortly, dealing with other methods of work.

These leaflets contain directions for the use of some kinds of bait in soul winning. After studying these, the members who have a sincere love for souls, can set themselves to work. The Lord is blessing the efforts of those who are following these methods of fishing, but he needs more fishers.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The Willingness to Fail

Much of what is heartiest in a Christian life is lost out of it when it only wishes to touch undertakings that are assured of success from the very start. It is only with sorrow and regret that one looks back to earlier years to find that in them he was ready to try almost anything, to take risks, and venture upon experiments that were anything but promising. Those were the high-hearted days when one did not count his life quite so dear to himself, and did not feel it to be a tragedy if some of them apparently came to nothing. Even if many of them did "fail," many of them succeeded, and somehow we go back to them in memory as the days we should best like our life to be judged by.

A now well-known evangelist who had fallen into well-ordered lines in an influential pastorate began to realize that it was mostly in the early days of his ministry that he had had the courage and the hope to go to men very directly and present to them the claims of Christ. The refusals

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending January 28, 1916									
Thomas Taliferro, Cincinnati		BF	6	52	9	13 50		13 50	
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	48	21	40 50		40 50	1 50
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	5	47	18	63 00	1 00	64 00	8 00
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	5	47	14	54 00	3 75	57 75	8 60
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	45	10	30 00	10 00	40 00	25 50
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	45	8	26 00	8 75	34 75	2 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	42	12	42 00	1 50	43 50	
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	30	17	60 00	75	60 75	3 00
A. Gackenheimer, Warren Co.		BR	6	38	17	52 00	1 10	53 10	1 10
Ira Rickett, Adams Co.		CK	5	35	12	18 00	3 00	21 00	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	35	5	15 00	6 25	21 25	1 90
E. B. Melendy,		GC	5	35	9	28 00	1 25	29 25	1 25
Mrs. M. Miller, Scioto Co.		CK	5	34	20	30 00	1 20	31 20	9 75
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	5	34	32	48 00	2 60	50 60	22 85
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	5	34	14	49 00	3 00	52 00	4 75
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	4	32	8	24 00	6 00	30 00	
Will Price, Knox Co.		BR	5	30	10	30 00	7 50	37 50	
David Graham, Cleveland		BR	5	29	7	23 00		23 00	
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati		BF	4	29	9	14 50		14 50	
*B. H. Jefferies, East Liverpool		BR	9	48	22	77 00		77 00	
H. W. Barto, Circleville		BR	4	23	5	8 50	2 25	10 75	
Frank Fuitts, Adams Co.		CK	4	21	6	9 00	6 00	15 00	4 50
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	4	20	11	16 50		16 50	
*N. Oancea, Youngstown	Foreign		8	43			18 45	18 45	
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	16	2	7 00		7 00	
F. L. Rogers, Logan Co.		BR	2	15	2	6 00	50	6 50	
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	4	14	10	21 00		21 00	4 00
E. K. Reynolds, Logan Co.		BM	2	12	1	3 00	75	3 75	
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	3	11	5	10 00	1 25	11 25	5 25
\$Miscellaneous						89 00	14 80	103 80	30 00
Totals	29 Agents		140	951	316	\$907 50	\$101 65	\$1009 15	\$133 95

District of Columbia, Week Ending January 28, 1916

Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.	BR	8	50	73	243 00	27 00	270 00	
M. W. Buell, Fairfax Co.	BR	8	55	35	109 00		109 00	
Vera Carrigan, Washington D. C.	CK	9	34	37	68 50		68 50	
Wm. Schmidt, Washington D. C.	BR	10	50	14	48 00		48 00	25 25
F. A. Holland, Alexandria Co.	BR	8	40	14	50 00		50 00	12 00
S. N. Brown, Prince George Co.	BR	1	7	6	20 00		20 00	
L. J. Sanders, Montgomery Co.	BR	2	10	5	18 00		18 00	
E. R. Corder, Washington	WC	5	25	30	7 50		7 50	3 00
J. W. Hall, Alexandria Co.	Misc				24 50		24 50	24 50
Miscellaneous,	Misc				25 10		25 10	25 10
Totals	9 Agents		51	271	248 \$613 60	\$27 00	\$640 60	\$89 85

MAGAZINES

Memorial Church	5 00	Mrs. Cross			2 50
Miscellaneous	1 90	Total			9 40

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 28, 1915

N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	8	54	19	70 00	2 65	72 65	2 65
*M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co. Md.	BR	4	27	6	31 00	7 90	28 90	5 85
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.	BB	4	29	16	49 00	12 00	61 00	3 00
G. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	4	34	9	28 00	2 50	30 50	2 50
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	36	9	29 00	6 00	35 00	4 15
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	5	38	25	46 00	11 35	57 35	
D. W. Percy, Dorchester Co.	PPF	7	60	23	48 00	5 25	53 25	
Geo. Lawrence, Hartford Co. Md.	DR	3	22	8	21 00	2 50	23 50	
Totals	8 Agents		40	300	113 \$312 00	\$50 15	\$362 15	\$18 15

Virginia, Week Ending January 28, 1916

W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	5	38	11	35 00	1 20	36 20	
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	40	10	15 00	4 80	19 80	
W. E. Carter, Middlesex Co.	BFL	5	26	26	42 00	3 15	45 15	
S. N. Wilmer, Campbell Co.	BFL	4	30	18	30 00	2 10	32 10	
Totals	4 Agents		19	134	65 \$122 00	\$11 25	\$133 25	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 28, 1919

C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	30	4	17 00		17 00	30 00	
Geo. Buttermore, Green Co.	BR	5	39	17	57 00	3 25	60 25	1 75	
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.	BR	3	15	5	16 00	1 00	17 00	23 00	
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.	BR	6	39	18	58 00	14 88	72 88	6 50	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	BF*	4	28	9	13 50	7 30	20 80	5 50	
*E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	7	31	16	52 00	14 25	66 25		
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.	BR	5	27	19	38 00	4 95	42 95	13 00	
C. E. Will, Westmoreland Co.	CK	4	28	12	25 00	4 75	29 75	6 75	
Totals	8 Agents		39	237	77	\$276 50	\$50 38	\$326 88	\$86 50

West Virginia, Week Ending January 28, 1916

J. S. Seal, Hinton Co.	BR	4			35 00		35 00	
G. Earl Snyder, Grafton Co.	BFL	4	38	10	23 50	9 50	33 00	7 75
C. G. Mays, Chester	BR	5	32	49	33 00	3 50	36 50	
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.	BR	5	37	5	15 00	3 60	18 60	76 50
Ivor Lawrence, Marnet Co.	COL	1	12	9	14 75	3 50	18 25	1 25
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown	COL	5	17	4	6 00	20 60	26 60	15 50
T. M. Butler, Grafton Co.	BFL	5	33	16				
Magazines					50		50	
Totals	7 Agents				\$157 75	\$44 70	\$202 95	\$101 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 28, 1916

W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	44	20	44 00	75	44 75	3 00
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	5	40	50	25 00		25 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	5	40	3	10 00	13 30	23 30	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	3	15	4	12 00	75	12 75	75
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	DR	2	14		9 25		9 25	
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	1	2	1	2 00	1 00	3 00	50
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				8 10		8 10	
Totals	7 Agents				\$110 35	\$15 80	\$126 15	\$4 25

Grand Totals: 72 Agents Value of Orders \$2499 70 Deliveries, \$433 68

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

might have been many, but the high-heartedness was there ready to discount his failures and take them in good part if he might save some. As he realized how much he had fallen back into less adventurous methods his heart smote him. He longed to know whether it was in him still to make those ventures that had once been so hopeful and enthusiastic. And even though he might fail, he made the break and found that he could get back the old joyous power of appeal to men. It was a venture, but it renewed his life just when it had fallen into ruts, and when those ruts stretched out into the future with awful monotony as far as he could see.

"When does a doctor begin to decline and fall behind in his profession?" a famous professor was once asked. And his reply was: "Whenever he gets so that he fears to try a remedy or use a new method." Words like these come home to many workers of all kinds and startles us. We were priding ourselves on at last getting fairly broken in to steady toil and consistent ways, and we realize that it is just as necessary to get "broken out" of them also if we are to keep fresh and alive to the end. It may have cost us a great deal to learn those ways, and we think no more ought to be expected of us, but life that is good for anything must be costly always. We dread the new way because we are sure to be awkward and bungling.

We run the risk of not doing things with our unusual mastery. But the beauty of our early days as workers was that we had no dignity to keep up. Now our dignity is likely to be the death of us. We may fail. That is true, but our best days were those dear old days when we were quite willing to fail. And the stereotyped worker might endear himself very much if he would show himself to those who know how successful he has been as one knows how to fail.

The reason why it is so hard to find men and women to fill the thousands of places where help is needed in Christ's service is that most are not willing to attempt them unless they are going to succeed. But we don't want them to guarantee success; all we want is a great big, generous unwillingness to try it and run the risks of failure. The man or woman who cares enough for it to do that, cares a great deal for it, and brings to it a more promising and devoted spirit than the ones that never take a risk at all.

One of the best-known of our preachers accepted, months in advance, an invitation to preach the annual sermon before one of the most philanthropic congresses in the country. Many times he tried to discover a line of thought that was appropriate, but he could not find it. On the last week before the conference he bent every energy to the task, but it eluded him. At length he found himself in the

city where he was to preach next morning, and spent hours in his room seeking a message. After hours spent in further effort he confessed he had nothing, and said that he knelt down and told God that he had used every means that he knew and had not succeeded. He would go to his appointment the next morning, and prayed only that God would let him fail as gracefully as possible. Then he said that with a quiet heart and no worry he went to bed. As he lay there he caught a glimpse of the great truth that underlay all the work of that conference. It was no bigger than a man's hand to begin with, but it grew until the whole beautiful conception seemed given to him. But if need be he had been willing to fail. The Christ who "failed" so often is likely to ask that of his servants. John Wesley told of how he had gone out to ten thousand people waiting to hear him when he was quite empty and had nothing to give, and in that hour God had drawn from unknown resources all he needed.

Our best comes not out of our caution, but out of our faith. As Bushnell said: "If we thought a great deal less about our success we should probably have a great deal more of it." The willingness to fail is one of the most generous gifts we make to any cause. It is the mark of the Christian soldier as of other soldiers. The great traditions that sustain us have been made by men who were willing to fail for them, and to become almost of no account through their service in forming them. It is enough for the servant that he be as his Lord, and content that many an effort should go for little in its visible results, and should simply serve to manifest his purpose and his spirit. —Sunday School Times.

Washington Missionary College

Miss Marie Holton of Wenonah, New Jersey, spent the week end visiting Mrs. E. F. Ogden at the college.

Elder E. R. Palmer spoke at the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon on the subject "Waste Material." Some very practical suggestions were given, and many have resolved to make all their spare moments accomplish something.

The constituency meetings of the sanitarium and the college were held January 25-27. The students were glad to greet these friends from their home conferences during their brief visit. At the chapel hour Wednesday we enjoyed talks by Elder A. R. Sandborn of New Jersey, Elder F. A. Robbins of Western Pennsylvania, and Professor N. S. Ashton of Mount Vernon Academy. On Thursday morning Professor B. F. Machlan of South Lancaster Academy gave us a short talk

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which was much appreciated. He told us the academy is being freed from debt. We are hoping our college may meet with a like experience in the near future, though at present we are devoting our energies to the raising of funds for our new building. We are glad to report that forty dollars has already been paid in on the amount the students plan to raise.

The Modern History class gave their program on "Luther" at the Park church on Friday night.

A tempting supper was served in the dining room Thursday evening to the members of the Constituency and a large number of friends of the college. After the supper a program was given in the chapel, and at its close all the buildings and departments were open for inspection.

President Shaw has been suffering from an attack of la grippe, but is now making a good recovery.

We were called to pass through a sad experience this past week in the death of Mr. John Miller on January 24, from typhoid pneumonia. The funeral was held in the church at Takoma Park, Thursday at 10:30 o'clock. The students attended in a body, marching from the college to the church. Mr. Miller was a highly respected, earnest student, who had planned to enter upon work in India after finishing his college course. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, and a sister, to whom his death came as a severe blow.

"A man who cannot push on against wind and weather stands a poor chance in this world."

The Value of Time

Is there anything so valuable in this world as time? When it is gone, we cannot redeem it, it is lost forever. Sister White said, "There is nothing that God will require a more strict account of than of our time." The value of it is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, should not we also regard it as such?

Our lives are so short that we should fill them with the best deeds and actions. Indulgence in selfish pleasure is sin, for we are not forming characters by so doing that will stand the test of the judgment, and the person old or young who fits himself for a mansion above, has lived a good life, and has spent his time to the honor and glory of God.

Upon the right improvement of our time depends our success in acquiring knowledge and mental culture.

Yes, every hour, every minute is precious. Every day there is something for us to do for Christ, it is our duty to point sinners to the Lamb of God. Do we realize that the moments left for us are few? We are standing now on the borders of the promised land, "Every moment is golden and too precious to be devoted to self-serving. All the time we have belongs to God."

There are so many uses of time; we may read away our time, sleep it away, conversation occupies much of it, and so we go on day after day. Are we careful to do each of these things to the glory and honor of God? Is our reading of the best quality? If not we are weakening our minds so that we cannot understand the deeper things that God desires and intends that we should study. So often the early mornings are spent in sleep, when we should be up enjoying the fresh air of the morning for our minds are fresh after a good night's rest and more able to comprehend the things that we study.

In our conversation we should be careful not to discuss the affairs of others which naturally leads into gossip, and then into bearing tales. We know what the Bible says about such so let us be careful of our words.

A great amount of time is spent in idleness and when we become idle it is only giving Satan a chance to enter our lives. If we would devote all our idle moments in fervent prayer to God we would be letting the spiritual inspire us more than the material, we would be living by faith, and always have a good reason for all that we might do, and always be doing with our might what our hands find to do.

We would go to the full length of our appointed time render a full measure of our appointed task, thus reaching the full stature of a man in Jesus Christ, that when he calls we will be ready and be

able to fill the place that he has for us.

VIOLETTE CRAIG.

OBITUARIES

MUNCEY.—Carrie A. Muncey, of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, died on December 21, 1915, of tuberculosis, at the age of 38 years. Sister Muncey was a firm believer in the the Third Angel's Message, and died in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour. She was buried in the Baptist cemetery in Cape May Court House. The funeral was in charge of the local Methodist clergyman, who spoke from Rev. 14: 14. The husband and five children are left to mourn their loss.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

PARSONS.—James W. Parsons was born in Ann Harbor, Mich., March 1, 1870 and died in Richmond, Va., December 11, 1915 after suffering nearly four years with tuberculosis. He had never professed Christ in early life but in 1912, under the labors of Elder J. H. N. Tindall he with his family accepted present truth, and it has been their joy to see several souls accept the message from their efforts. All through Brother Parson's long months of sickness it was his delight to read the Bible and books teaching the truth, and to study with his neighbors and friends who would drop in to see him. His earnestness and consistent Christian life was an influence felt by many. He bore his suffering with patience, and was resigned to the will of the Master. We believe he sleeps in Jesus and will come forth in the glad morning of the resurrection. He is survived by a wife and five children.

W. H. JONES.

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