

Columbia Union

Visitor



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

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U N I O N

The Union Again Decreases Debt

The brethren of the Columbia Union will be glad to know that the Union Conference, at its coming biennial session, will be able to sing the Jubilee song for the last biennial period on three institutions within its border. It has become a well-known fact that one year ago the last of the \$33,000 debt on Mount Vernon Academy was liquidated. Over and above a gift of about \$45,000.00 this year for foreign missions, the Columbia Union raised for application upon debts very nearly \$20,000.00. As a result we have been able to pay off the last remaining portion of debt on the old Pennsylvania Sanitarium. And another institution, the Washington Sanitarium, within the borders of the union, also liquidated its large indebtedness.

I know it will be pleasing to our brethren throughout the Columbia Union to learn that in addition to paying off the last remaining portion of the old Pennsylvania Sanitarium indebtedness, the Columbia Union this year gave to Washington College a splendid gift of \$10,000, to reduce its present indebtedness of \$57,000 to \$47,000. There is another institution, also located within the union, namely, the Review and Herald, which paid off this year \$55,000 of its indebtedness. Three unions, —the Lake, Columbia, and Atlantic, are the territory which provide the business for the Review and Herald. In 1915 both the Lake and Columbia Unions sold a little over \$99,000 worth of books each. The Atlantic Union sold about \$65,000 worth of books. These splendid sales for 1915 netted to the Review and Herald a profit of about \$30,000. The Review and Herald Board, taking from their surplus of stock and surplus of cash in the bank, added

enough to the \$30,000 to reduce their indebtedness \$55,000, which leaves the Review and Herald in splendid financial condition.

Thus the prospering hand of God is with his institutions. We are glad of this, for if any great war should strike us like it struck Europe, we want to be able to say, as Elder Conradi said a few weeks ago, that when the great war struck the European Division it found all the Seventh-day Adventist institutions in good financial condition. Let us all pray, dear brethren and sisters, and labor to this end.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President Columbia Union Conference.*

The Fifth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference

It will be pleasing to all our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference to learn that the fifth biennial session of the union will be held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, corner Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Monday, March 13, 1916.

Arrangements were previously made, looking forward to holding our Columbia Union Conference session at Baltimore, but at the last Columbia Union Conference committee meeting it was decided to take it to Pittsburgh. Elder F. H. Robbins, president of that conference, writes me that he has secured the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, as mentioned above, in which the meetings will be held.

The basis of the election of delegates to this meeting is as follows, as printed in the Columbia Union Conference Constitution:—

ARTICLE VI.

Section 2. The voters of this conference shall consist of the following duly accredited delegates.

(a) In addition to its president, one representative from each local conference for every one hundred and fifty church members therein; chosen by the vote of the conference or appointment of the Conference Committee.

(b) Such representatives from the mission fields as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Union Conference in council with the members of the mission fields.

(c) Two representatives from each organized denominational institution located in the territory, chosen by the managing boards of said institutions, in addition to the regular conference delegation.

(d) The officers of the Columbia Union Conference, and such others as may be granted delegates' credentials by vote of the Union Conference at any duly convened session.

(e) Such members of the General Conference Committee as may be present at any duly convened regular or special session of the conference.

There will be more definite notice sent a little later with reference to program, how to reach the place, what you should bring, and who are expected to attend. The question of those who should attend will be taken up definitely and in detail by each local conference committee and proper instructions in consequence upon those decisions will be sent out.

B. G. WILKINSON, *Chairman.*

India And The Magnitude of The Work

In order that we may get in a concrete way the idea of the magnitude of the work, let us think for a little while about India.

320,000,000 people live in India. It is difficult for us to grasp these figures. That is, there are more than twice as many people in India alone than in North and South America combined. If these peo-

ples should pass by us, one each three seconds, 20 each minute, it would take more than 28 years before the last one should pass by. And these must all hear the message.

But even that does not convey to our mind the vastness of the task. These people are not of one race or one language. There are many different races speaking 90 different languages. These are not dialects one of another but different languages, some of them differing as widely from each other as the poles. And these languages are complex and difficult, among the most difficult in the world. It is no child's play to attempt to master one of them. At the present time we are carrying forward work in 10 language areas, just one ninth of the task awaiting us in India has ever been begun.

But still we have not a sufficient grasp of the perplexing problems before us. We have 9 distinct and prominent religions facing us. Not a few different denominations, believing much alike in the fundamentals, as in America, but religions differing in the fundamental conceptions of religious belief, and many of them so foreign from the genius of the Christian religion that it seems an overwhelming task ever to emancipate the devotees of these various religions.

In fact India is the Gibraltar of the false religions of the world. The mental and spiritual atmosphere of this land is such that those who have never been there can form no adequate idea of it. And yet our God is greater than all else, and the task that seems so impossible to us is possible with him.

But he purposes to use us in the finishing of the work and we must intelligently consider the length and breadth and height of the task, and compass it about trusting in his power to make the walls fall.

Now if our vision enlarges and we pass on to China, Korea, Japan and the islands of the East Indies and the Pacific, does not a little glimpse of the enormous task awaiting us burst on your vision, and do you not see the need of seriously addressing yourselves to the ways and means of accomplishing this great task? I believe that the dear brethren and sisters throughout this Union Conference will gladly welcome the efforts of the various conferences to bring this home to your hearts in a concrete way, and the writer will do all in his power to assist by telling of the experiences through which he has passed in the mission field and the things he has learned by observation and study. I trust that at those places I shall visit we shall have as full a turnout of those interested as is possible.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

"He finds no blessing who bears no burden."

East Pennsylvania

The Messenger of Light

We have noticed it to be the rule that those believers who take and read the *Review and Herald* every week are strong and faithful and can be depended on to hold up the light of Present Truth under all circumstances. There is in our church paper just the spiritual food from week to week that the remnant people need. In it are found those things that keep the people of God intelligent concerning the advancing work of the message at home and abroad, and also constantly warns against the devices of the enemy. Those who read the *Review* are forewarned and forearmed for all attacks from the forces of evil and therefore come out of these battles uninjured and move on with the army of the Lord towards the final victory now so near at hand. Their peace is like a river and their faith and joy grows as they read of the wonderful fulfillment of prophecy in the progress of the message in every land and tongue and as they benefit every week from the warnings and counsels found in this, our church paper, which exists for the very purpose of bringing spiritual food and counsel every week to the "Little Flock" which is looking for the Kingdom. Every Seventh-day Adventist needs and should have the *Review and Herald*.

The following from the Spirit of Prophecy in Testimonies Vol. 4, page 598-599 is to the point and may result in the eternal salvation of some who read this and shall decide to read every week, first of all papers, the *Review and Herald*.

The *Review* is a valuable paper: it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. If any are too poor to take it, the church should, by subscription, raise the amount of the full price of the paper, and supply the destitute.

Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have the paper. And if they would deny themselves their darling luxuries, tea and coffee, many who do not now have its weekly visits might pay for the messenger of light to come into their household. Almost every family takes one or more secular papers, and these frequently contain love stories and exciting tales of villainy and murder which injure the minds of all who read them. Those who consent to do without the *Review and Herald* lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in

warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the bread of life."

I appeal to the brethren and sisters in East Pennsylvania, arrange without delay to have this "messenger of light" make its weekly visits to your home!

Another thing in which we desire to ask co-operation is the circulation among the officers of the church of the *Church Officer's Gazette*. Our church officers need instructions as to how to conduct the services in an interesting manner and to bring forward on special Sabbaths the same great subjects that our churches throughout the world are considering on that same day a whole people studying and praying to heaven concerning the same mighty problems of the church of God in these solemn times while probation is closing! What a pleasing sight to heavenly beings this must be! When a whole people seek God together, he hears and answers. See 2. Chron. 20:1-30; Acts 12:1-17.

The *Gazette* instructs officers in their duties and teaches how to build up the Home Missionary work and how to conduct the Missionary Volunteer meetings and work. In fact every officer needs the *Gazette* in order to make a success of the work to which he is called. Then of course you all want the *Visitor* to know of the Union progress. So it is, first of all the *Review and Herald*, then the *Gazette*, then the *Visitor*. H. M. J. RICHARDS.

A Canvasser's Experience

I stepped into a lawyer's office a few days ago and there were three men sitting around a table talking.

The lawyer asked what he could do for me. I had the February *Signs of the Times* and I explained the "Eastern Question" briefly. He asked me one question after another concerning this subject. I answered without hesitation. I told him that the great Euphrates River represented Turkey and the water represented peoples, nations and tongues and that it was recorded in the book of Revelation. Said he, "I have never seen that in the Bible and if you will prove to me that it is in the Bible I will buy all the books you have with you. I asked him to hand me his Bible and I would show it to him. He said, "It is beyond my comprehension to believe that water means people, tongues and nations. I would like to read it but I have no Bible here with me." I told him I would send a man to him who could explain it much better than I. He said, "I have heard from you things that I never knew before."

The other man who was an evangelist said, "Before you go any farther sell me a copy of that magazine you have. I desire to read about Armageddon and the East-

ern Question. I certainly have profited by the conversation between you and the lawyer." The lawyer asked me what church I belonged to. I informed him that I was a Seventh-day Adventist. Two ladies came in during the conversation but the lawyer kept on talking and asking questions. He certainly did ask some hard ones, but the Lord helped me to answer them. The lawyer finally said "I believe the Lord can take a person and talk through them."

Time was passing and I told him that I must go. The evangelistic man followed me out of the office into the hall and asked me if I would send him some more of our literature at his expense as he was interested and believed the Seventh-day Sabbath to be right. He said that he belonged to the Christian Church. He asked for my name also the tract society's address.

"Never hesitate to talk like you did this afternoon. Be sure and send the lawyer the desired information on the Eastern Question. May God bless you sister for you are doing a good work," were his parting words.

Surely the Lord is good and I am always happy when giving the message.

EVA CHANDLER.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

Under the direction of Brother Barritt the church in Trenton has begun a systematic missionary campaign, following up the interest created by Evangelist Sunday who has just concluded a seven-weeks meeting in this city. 2000 Present Truth Series and an equal number of bills announcing our Sunday evening meetings were distributed, and a number of calls have come in for Bible readings, some of which are being filled. Now while the hearts of the people are stirred, is the time to step in and improve the opportunities presented. A similar effort is to be made by our people in Atlantic City, where revival meetings have been conducted on a large scale. May the Lord richly bless in this important work.

Sister L. B. Haynes has been visiting friends in Trenton during the past two weeks. She has the distinction of having been the first Adventist in this city. Today we have a thriving church of 117 members and hope for more shortly. Surely the Lord has blessed in the work.

Professor C. L. Stone was a caller at the office last week. Three of our church-schools had the pleasure of a visit from him during the week and he reports favorably on the work as he observed it.

New Jersey, Tithe and Offerings

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

Church	Total	Tithe	Local	Miscellaneous	Missions	Membership	Average per Week
Annanale	373 43	237 45			135 98		
Bayonne	354 70	289 94	60	35	63 81		
Bridgeton	821 01	568 73	8 00	1 49	242 79	38	.12
Burlington	951 99	472 15	27 00		452 84	17	.51
Camden	2136 82	1420 44	5 85	36 22	674 31	63	.205
C. M. C. House	272 02	142 79	1 00		128 23	21	.115
Elizabeth	35 18	25 73			9 45	16	
Hackensack	1578 57	382 33	100 00	25	1095 99	18	1.17
Jersey City 1	1694 61	1194 60	25 00		475 01	41	.22
Jersey City 2	1159 84	899 35	4 00	2 00	254 49	53	.09
Jersey City Ger.	1744 53	939 60	10 00	30 72	764 21	32	.459
Jersey City Sw.	993 43	731 18		2 00	260 26	32	.155
Newark	2829 03	1852 42	30 62	18 16	927 83	112	.159
Newark B. S.	1189 91	1018 09	10 20	10	161 52	37	.065
Newark Ger.	364 85	258 55	4 45		101 85		
Paterson	1265 59	631 54	140 75	4 51	488 79	47	.20
Paterson Ger.	653 37	440 27	10	3 85	209 15	24	.165
Palsboro	57 37	36 27			21 10	7	.055
Perth Amboy	235 51	135 84	30 00		69 67	16	.08
Plainfield	830 83	592 38			238 45	25	.18
Pleasantville	776 06	582 55	5 00	1 20	187 31	21	.17
Ramah	336 08	169 81			166 27	28	.115
Rockaway	419 04	305 02		95	113 07	22	.098
Salem	618 63	545 52			73 11	10	.14
Swedsboro	257 20	109 69			147 51		
Trenton	3195 37	2364 81	12 05	65	817 86	94	.165
Vineland	727 25	459 06	50 00	8 00	210 19	23	.175
Woodbury	378 20	256 06			122 14	18	.13
Individual	4138 75	2891 04	742 84		504 87		
Total	\$30389 17	\$19953 21	1207 46	\$110 45	\$9118 05	810	.215

CLARENCE LAWRY, Treasurer.

Financial Report

In this issue of the VISITOR you will find a statement of the amount of tithe and offerings received for the year 1915, also the membership of each church together with the amount from each member for missions per week. I am sure that you will find this statement quite interesting, as it was to me when making it up. Some of the churches had a large increase in membership since the figures used were in force and as a result it makes a splendid showing per member, others were not so fortunate.

We certainly feel to praise the Lord for his goodness to us during the year 1915. The increase in tithes over 1914 was \$395.40, and the increase in offerings for missions was \$1144.77. During the year 1914 there were some special tithe payments which did not come in during 1915, and so this increase shows a healthy growth.

The prospects are that the year 1916 will be even better than 1915. With a net increase in membership over 1914 of 130 we ought to do better. The calls are many and perplexing, and we need strength from our Heavenly Father that we may do well the work that he has given us to do. Brethren and sisters; pray for the

We learn that the Burlington church and the one in Jersey City will be ready for dedication in a few weeks now.

The Atlantic City meeting, including Pleasantville, was a most excellent one. This is the last general meeting that will be held until after the Union Conference.

Brother Lawry was in Newark last week to audit the books of the Newark German and Bohemian churches.

A new Sabbath school has been organized in New Brunswick. Though there are but few of our people here, we are glad that they are a faithful few. Our Sabbath school sisterhood now numbers forty schools.

Elder Sandborn met with the Annandale church members last Sabbath, February 26, and in the afternoon he and Brother Gaff held services with the little company at Philipsburg. Not being able to secure a hall in Annandale it was not possible to hold a general meeting here, as had been previously announced; but though this was a disappointment, a blessing was received by the special Sabbath meetings.

work in this conference, and especially for the tent seasons, that those who hear the truth may accept it and that it will be presented in power through Jesus Christ.

CLARENCE LAWRY.

A Gold Watch

Some time ago, the church in Annandale, N. J., laid plans towards the putting up a humble place of worship. Towards this object, one of our brethren who had given up his position on the railroad, donated a gold watch which has been placed in the hands of Brother William Merrill, of Washington, N. J., for disposal.

Brother Merrill, who is watch inspector for the D. L. and W. R. R., offers the following advertisement of the same:

"To someone who desires a reliable watch, this one is as good as new. First class time-keeper and cost \$37.50. It is a B. W. Raymond, 19 jewel, non-magnetic, 20 year gold filled, open-face case, 18 size. Who will give \$22.00 for it?"

If desirous of same please write to William Merrill, Washington, N. J.

CHESAPEAKE

Colporteurs' Institute and Training School

Today we look across the sea and see the nations of earth arrayed in mortal combat. These great armies have been thoroughly organized and trained so they can carry on this warfare to the very best advantage. We are as truly in a warfare as any opposing forces. At this time in the fight it seems very important to us that we should come together, every one that can carry any responsibility in the work, to study the best methods of carrying on this warfare.

There is need of organization and order in the work of God. "Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need." *Vol. 6.* In harmony with this instruction we are planning for a Colporteurs' Institute and Training School, March 5-12. This will be held in the First S. D. A. Church, North Avenue and 9th. Street Baltimore.

If ever there was a people commissioned to a great work it is those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. "The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of the Lord is near at hand." Probation hours are fast drawing near, and I trust that you and I may be found laboring for Jesus when that time comes. There are many honest souls hungering for the truth of God, and shall these perish because there is no one to carry it to them? "With almost impatient eager-

ness the angels wait for our co-operation." They are waiting for you.

We invite you to give the question of attending this institute your prayerful and most careful consideration, and if you then feel convicted that you should attend, kindly write for further particulars.

F. E. HANKINS,

Missionary Secretary, 1611, Tenth St., Baltimore, Md.

WEST VIRGINIA

Box

The following good report from the Sabbath school at Box, West Virginia no doubt will be read with interest. In a recent letter to Brother Thirlwell who held a series of meetings there, and organized the Sabbath school Brother Landis says, "It seems that by the help of the good Lord you have started a hot-bed for Seventh-day Adventists here. We have now twenty-nine names on our Sabbath school register, representatives of nine different families, with others interested. I am also informed that the friends of the Sunday school superintendent at Riverton, (a short series of meetings was held here also) are un-easy about him fearing that he is losing his mind because he continually, when not at work, reads his Bible, and says that he believes that Saturday is the Sabbath. You of course understand the trouble."

The ground has been broken, and the seed sown for a permanent work there. Brother and Sister Landis are planning to do all that they can to establish the work. Brother Landis has promised the the land, and Sister Landis the timber, carpet, bell and organ for a new church building. The plan of starting a church school is also being considered as a help, and strength to the work.

T. W. THIRLWELL.

OHIO

News Notes

We are glad to see our colporteurs doing such excellent work at this time of the year when many feel that the weather is too disagreeable for work. Our average per hour has been higher the past few weeks than any other time throughout the past year.

Brother Richard DeGarmo is once more selling our books. He is selling "Heralds of the Morning" with excellent success around his home in Summit County.

Our books are being sold today in territory where we thought nothing could be done. Brother W. H. Smith is working among the Omish and is meeting with excellent success, and Brother Harold Lang-

don and Brother E. B. Melendy are working in a county where many thought it impossible to sell our books, and the Lord is giving them many victories in the field.

Our mid-winter deliveries have been most successful. Several of them report 100 per cent deliveries.

"The Review in every Sabbath-keeping family." Are you helping to make that slogan true? Will you join in the movement by planning to pass your copy on, or if not a subscriber, by planning to secure it by borrowing or subscribing if only three months at a time for fifty cents?

Elder George F. Enoch and Elder B. G. Wilkinson were with us for a time this week while in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting.

We are sorry to report that Brother Reichenbaugh, our assistant field agent, has been unable to carry on his work for a few days on account of sickness.

The book, "Practical Lessons From the Experience of Israel," by F. C. Gilbert, can now be obtained for fifty cents. Send for one of these very helpful books now, for the supply is limited. Order of the Ohio Tract Society, Box 8, Mt. Vernon, O.

Brother W. E. Price and Christie J. Fritz are now in the colporteur work. They have gone to Perry County and are selling "Bible Readings." Brother Price in the first two weeks in the field has sold \$141.25 of our books. Brother Fritz is also meeting with success, and has had experience in this work in the past. We welcome these two brethren to our force of workers.

Keeping pace with the work of this last message without the Review? How? It's worth some sacrifice.

Several of our regular colporteurs have been unable to work during the past week because of sickness. This winter has been a trying one for our colporteurs, but we are thankful to the Lord that with the large number we have in the field none have been seriously sick.

Every mail is bringing in many goal cards indicating how various members are planning to speed the message onward by their support through 1916. Please do not lay that card aside but sign and check your decision, whatever that is. Remember it is already stamped. Do it now.

Brother V. O. Patches has been in the western part of the state visiting the colporteurs, and the church at Hamler over Sabbath. While in that section, he arranged for Brother and Sister Carter to

take up the work in Fairchild County. Brother Carter and Brother Barto will canvass this county this year.

Sister E. Y. Smith, who has been working in Portsmouth, and took a few weeks rest at her home in Oak Harbor, is now back in her field. We are glad to see her reports coming in once more.

Have you read in the *Review* of February 24 of the sacrifice a Samoan chief made to accept the truth? Do your plans for 1916 indicate you value a close relation to the truth as highly?

Did you understand that the goal you check on the card includes all you give throughout the year through any fund for foreign mission work? Many have in past years paid as much as some of the goals suggest. Do at least as much in 1916. Write it on that card and mail it. Then encourage another member to do likewise. Systematic efforts and support give us more opportunities to rejoice in reports of progress of the work.

Brother W. S. Syphers has finished his work in Fayette County and has now moved to London, Madison Co., and will canvass this territory.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Columbia Union Conference Meeting

The next session of the Columbia Union Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, Penn., March 13-20, 1916. The Carnegie Library which was used four years ago for the Union Conference has again been secured for the same purpose. This auditorium will seat about six hundred people, and is an excellent place for a meeting of this kind.

The most difficult problem that confronted us in making arrangements for the conference was to find a building large enough for a dining room, but the Lord has wonderfully helped us, and we have secured a suitable place in which we can serve meals.

BOARDING

We will begin to serve meals on the cafeteria plan March 10. This is being done to accommodate the tract society secretaries, and the bookmen who plan to hold some meetings before the union session opens.

ROOMS

In securing rooms for the delegation, we have been very fortunate, and do not anticipate any hardship along this line. However, we kindly ask each conference president to send at once a list of the names of those who will attend. By do-

ing this, arrangements will be made for your rooms, and thus avoid disappointment when you arrive.

HOW TO FIND THE PLACE

The Carnegie Library is located on the corner of Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Homewood. The dining pavilion is also on Lang and Hamilton Avenue about four squares north of the library. When you arrive in the city take either a Frankstown Avenue or a Hamilton Avenue electric car.

If you take a Frankstown Avenue car, get off at Lang Avenue, and walk about one square north to the dining pavilion. If you take a Hamilton Avenue car, get off at the Carnegie Library and walk about four squares north to the dining pavilion. Bring all suit cases and baggage to the dining pavilion, and you will be taken to your room from there.

Please address all communications to the West Pennsylvania Conference office, 7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Penn.

F. H. ROBBINS.

Meadville, Erie and Corry

The general meetings that were held at Meadville, Erie and Corry, added the right arm to the body, which is health reform. The condition of the world and our need of being prepared to stand in the trying hour is evidence that this line of truth is much needed.

For nine days I had the privilege of associating with Dr. D. H. Kress. Our meetings began February 8, at Meadville, where we held five meetings, also received six persons into church fellowship.

On February 9 Dr. Kress spoke to two hundred ladies in the First Presbyterian Church and on February 11, he lectured to five hundred students at the high school. These messages of health reform for this time and age of the world were highly appreciated by those who heard them. After spending three days at Meadville, we went to Erie, where on Sabbath evening the church gathered to hear Brother Kress. On Sabbath we had a full house, and at the close of a fine address by Dr. Kress, two deacons were ordained. On Sunday two meetings were held which were enjoyed by all present. On Monday, February 14, Dr. Kress gave a most interesting and instructive lecture at the morning and afternoon sessions of the Erie high school. 1700 young men and women were present at these lectures and showed their appreciation by hearty applause.

This message is now opening the doors of our high schools and if some of our up-to-date doctors would engage in this line of work, much good might be accomplished.

After leaving Erie we went to Corry and held three meetings with the church there.

Many could not attend because of sickness; it was also very cold, the thermometer being 20 below zero, but those who were present showed a deep interest in all lines of truth. On February 15 Dr. Kress spoke to the high school at this place. The "Corry Journal" said in part,—"The address was one of the most able which has ever been delivered to the students."

In all these meetings we could see the Spirit of God working. All have been blessed, helped and encouraged, not only by the meetings, but by the medical assistance which was rendered by Dr. Kress.

Surely the hour is come when we must be awake to all lines of truth for this time. May God help us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

VIRGINIA

Lynchburg Church Dedication

On the second Sabbath and Sunday in February it was my privilege to join with the Lynchburg church in a re-dedicatory service. This little company of twenty-eight members have put forth diligent effort to pay off the debt on their church—a legacy of twenty years standing. They now own completely a fine frame structure in one of the best sections of the city facing the beautiful city park.

On Sunday one candidate was baptized into Christ, the result of personal labor by a sister. Lynchburg with a population of 40,000, Roanoke with 60,000, and Danville with 25,000 and the score of southwestern counties are without a laborer. Through the faithfulness of our people in tithes and offerings we hope to be able to open up a strong work in this section. During our trip we visited scattered believers at Bedford and Roanoke. These serve as jets of light in the dense moral darkness.

W. C. MOFFETT.

The Colporteur Work in Winter

Last week I had the pleasure of helping Brother Carter, who has recently sold out his grocery business, to enter the colporteur work. While it rained and snowed we found the people home, and placed \$78.55 in orders.

The following report shows pretty good for the winter time delivery. Brother Gibson delivered out of seventy orders for "Bible Readings" sixty-eight books, \$211.00.

February is usually one of the worse months we have in Virginia. If such records can be made in February we can count on large things for the balance of the year. Now is the time to start in for a good year's work. Do not wait

longer but let me hear as to what county you would desire to work.

The colporteurs now in the field are doing well, but there is great need for more workers. Souls are perishing in these unworked countries, and who will be held accountable? You who read these lines ask yourself the question, am I doing the work the Saviour wants me to do, or will the curse of Meroz rest upon me "for not coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23.

Every force that can be used is used to hinder the work and we who love the truth should be doing what we can to advance this truth, and I know of no better way than the colporteur work.

W. H. GEORGE.

News Notes

A Sabbath School Convention will be held at the Stanley church, April 21 to 23 and a cordial invitation is extended to our brethren and sisters in the Valley section to be present for the whole time. Several workers from a distance will be present and we expect the meeting to be a profitable gathering.

Elders F. W. Paap, R. D. Hottel and W. C. Moffett spent the third Sabbath and Sunday in the month with the Stanley church assisting the local brethren there in dealing with some cases of vital importance to the future welfare of the church. They report special blessings of the Lord in the meeting with brighter prospects for the future work at Stanley.

OBITUARIES

GRUBE. — Mary Grube was born September 4, 1828, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died February 14, 1916, aged 87 years, five months and 10 days. She was united in marriage with Tobias Grube, May 7, 1850, who preceded her in death January 27, 1881. To this union were born eight children, four sons and four daughters of whom two daughters, Mrs. Lydia Telschow and Miss Bell Grube, preceded her in death. Those living to mourn her loss are Henry Grube, of Payne, Ohio; Elias Grube, of Saginaw, Michigan; Edward Grube, Tobias Grube, Mrs. Huldah Burkholder, and Mrs. Elizabeth Deckrosh, all of whom reside in Defiance. She also leaves twenty-three grand children, twenty-eight great grandchildren, one great great grand child, and a large number of friends to mourn her loss. She was for several years a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Defiance.

E. K. SLADE.

DEWSBURY. — Robert Dewsbury was born at York, England, September, 21, 1839 and fell asleep in Jesus January, 27, 1916,

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending February 18, 1916									
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	6	49	10	18 00	20 75	38 75	8 50
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	45	4	15 00	5 50	20 50	4 00
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	45	5	18 00	75	18 75	57 25
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	41	13	40 00	6 25	46 25	5 00
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	40	7	21 00	4 80	25 80	13 80
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	5	40	19	64 00	7 00	67 00	7 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	40	12	38 00	75	38 75	
Will Price, Perry Co.		BR	5	38	21	65 00	9 75	74 75	15 50
C. R. Faurehild, Logan Co.		BR	5	37	14	51 00	3 25	54 25	
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	5	37	7	25 00	2 50	27 50	5 00
N. Oancea, Youngstown, Foreign Books			8	43			18 75	18 75	
J. I. Midkiff, Knox Co.							18 35	18 35	18 35
H. O. Kohr, Mansfield		WC	4	35			40 00	40 00	40 00
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati		BF	5	35	11	16 50	1 50	18 00	3 00
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		BR	4	33	16	50 00	3 25	53 25	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	30	16	53 00	19 75	72 75	4 75
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	5	30	18	44 00	6 00	50 00	16 50
B. H. Jeffreys, Columbiana Co.		BR	5	30	9	38 00		38 00	
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	5	28	9	13 50	7 00	20 50	15 00
H. Langdon, Morrow Co.		BR	4	26	14	45 00	3 75	48 75	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	5	26	33	49 50	2 30	51 80	16 85
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	3	20	9	33 00	3 75	36 75	17 50
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	3	20	4	14 00	90	14 90	
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		CK	4	17	8	13 00	75	13 75	7 00
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	4	17	9	16 50	6 00	22 50	
Miscellaneous						57 00	13 60	70 60	12 25
Totals	25 Agents		114	828	269	\$794 00	\$206 95	\$1000 95	\$267 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 18, 1919

S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	5	34	18	54 00	1 75	55 75	67 50	
J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.	BF	4	24	11	16 50		16 50		
A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.	PPF	5	40	7	21 00	9 70	30 70	13 10	
Geo. Buttermore, Jefferson Co.	BR	5	47	8	29 00	5 00	34 00	82 00	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	8	53	6	19 00		19 00	20 25	
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	4	30	8	24 00	50	24 50	50	
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.	BR	4	20	18	56 00	1 00	57 00	50	
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.	GC	5	19	8	27 00	10 30	37 30	3 00	
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	10	57	32	111 00	11 75	122 75		
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.	BR	3	16	6	18 00	5 00	23 00		
G. Rager, Westmoreland Co.	RF	3	20	22	35 00	1 50	36 50		
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CK	7	63	14	30 00	8 50	38 50	44 25	
Totals	12 Agents		64	403	158	\$440 50	\$55 00	\$495 50	\$231 10

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 18, 1915

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	37	18	64 00	3 00	67 00	6 25	
G. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	7	57	11	38 00	3 00	41 00	3 00	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	1	7			2 50	2 50	72 50	
D. W. Percy, Dorchester Co.	DA	5	36	11	33 00	4 25	37 25		
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	2	37	21	43 00	14 10	57 10	2 75	
Totals	5 Agents		22	174	61	\$178 00	\$26 85	\$204 85	\$84 50

Virginia, Week Ending February 18, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	4	25	14	45 00	75	45 75		
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	6	33	10	15 00	6 30	21 30	60	
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	5	38	11	34 00	7 40	41 40	2 65	
W. E. Carter, Middlesex Co.	BFL	5	32	12	18 00	2 50	20 50		
W. D. Butler, Middlesex Co.	CK	7	37	16	25 00	8 40	33 40		
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	5	33	12	18 00	3 65	21 65	3 65	
Totals	6 Agents		33	198	75	\$155 00	\$29 00	\$184 98	\$6 90

New Jersey, Week Ending February 18, 1916

Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co	BR	4	30	12	38 00	1 00	39 00		
G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co.	BFL	2	11	3	6 00	1 80	7 80		
Totals	2 Agents		6	41	15	\$44 00	\$2 80	\$46 00	

East Pennsylvania; Week Ending February 18, 1916

M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	5	40	25	53	00	2	00	55	00	2	00
S. J. Mack, Mانتاير Co.	DR	5	34	15	47	00	75	47	75	4	75	
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	40	6	12	00	1	50	13	50	211	50
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC				45	00			45	00	46	70
F. A. Brownell, Mانتاير Co.	BR	4	32	13	39	00	1	75	40	75	1	75
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF		34	6	9	00	7	85	16	85	1	50
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF		27	5	7	50	4	40	11	90	11	45
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	5	40	26	13	00			13	00	18	00
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				8	10			8	10	8	10
Totals	8 Agents				\$233	60	\$18	25	\$251	85	\$305	75
Grand Totals: 58 Agents	Value of Orders	\$1845	10	Deliveries,	\$941	50						

aged 77 years, 4 months, and 5 days.

When a boy of 12 years he moved with his parents from his birth place to Canada. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Brown and then moved to Michigan. In 1886 they came to Virginia and settled on the home farm near Church Road and remained there for the past 30 years.

To this union were born 10 children, 5 sons and 5 daughters, all living and present at the funeral except one son, Fredrick, who died in 1895. The wife also is left to mourn this loss, and it is sad to see after 52 years of married life this devoted couple separated; yet we rejoice to see them filled with hope of that eternal union.

Brother Dewsbury lived a consecrated Christian life and the large attendance at the funeral testified to the many friends this life had won for him.

Brother Dewsbury was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Ford, Va. The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Mr. Smith the pastor of the neighboring Methodist Church.

L. O. GORDON.

Mount Vernon Academy

Self Possession

(Concluded)

"Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea upon the houses of joy in the joyous city. Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest." Verses 13-15.

There are many things we will have to stop because we are drawing near the end. We must not feel sad about it, but lift up our heads and rejoice that the Lord is coming. We should be glad to do this, because our King is coming soon. The day of atonement is soon to close, and we are to put off the sackcloth and ashes, and put on the beautiful robes.

We have before us the greatest pros-

pect in the world. We are the daughters of the King, and he is coming for us soon and is telling us how we must act. We must bring forth fruit or be burned. The world will be a wilderness, "but the work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." Verse 17.

When we get to this place, we will begin to shine. Then the character will be showing itself in our faces, and our eyes, and there will be quietness in our nature. American girls are a little loud, for the class we belong to. We want to learn that quietness, not that we are to make sober faces, but there is to be self-possession. We are to be able to be masters over ourselves, we are to have that quietness that means gentility.

Haven't you seen people who are perfectly self-possessed? There was nothing ever loud about them. The lady that I mentioned in the beginning is an invalid, but she has that verse in her, and she is always making everybody feel good.

We want to begin early to learn to have control of ourselves and the rest will all come in. We must dress properly; we must have proper control of ourselves in every way; and then suppose a fire did break out, or suppose a mouse should run across the room [and that is not the most terrible thing that can happen to a girl] I would like to see you get such control of yourselves, that if two or three mice should run around the room, you would not jump on top of the table and get all excited. The world is just full of nervous people. The very least thing that happens, away they go, and scream. The men consider us nothing more than babies when we cannot control ourselves better.

When somebody cuts a finger, we will not faint, but will get to that place where we can take hold of the finger and wrap it up. When there is danger, or anything is the matter, we want to be perfectly calm. Absolutely steel ourselves to that very thing and that will make character, but it will take character to do that thing. I want you to be young ladies that go out and have control of yourselves in every way, control of your appetite, dress, and everything you do, so you will learn to be thorough ladies, such as can be used in

this day and age of the world. Do not let us say anything about "nerves" and let's get cross if any one says anything about them.

When we attain to that quietness (reading verses 18, 19) "and my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; when it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place." This is referring to the last days.

I would suggest that you read the fifteenth chapter of Ezekiel quite often.

In Oriental countries a forest is planted around the vineyard as a protection; thus the wind is kept away, and the grapes are protected from the storm. We have our churches and schools; we have our governments, as protections to us now, but when the time of trouble begins, how much forest will there be around you girls? Where will our fathers and mothers be? We cannot tell. When the people flee, one here and one there, how much protection will there be for us?

All the protection will be gone. We will have to stand alone. Then is this promise to you, "My people shall dwell in peaceable habitations and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." Don't you think it will be worth something if we have the character women should have? If we can flee in a time like that with all protection gone, and still feel perfectly calm? When we know that Christ and the angels are there, when we have made everything sure, when we have done the best we could; we have developed character, and then we can be a help to others and be perfectly quiet.

I want that character so that I can be perfectly quiet, no matter what happens, and that I know I have His Word and Christ is with me, and I can be in peace. No matter where I am, if there is no earthly protection there, I know Christ is there.

We are all anxious to see you girls make good, and be a blessing in the world. Do not be idle. Take your life right in your hand; get up, as the Lord says, and be busy, be something worth being in the world, and the Lord will bless you.

We can associate with sinners to help them, but when we choose our friends, we are going to be like our friends.

MRS. J. T. BOETTCHER.

The young men of the school gave an entertainment in honor of the young women. After an interesting program, refreshments were served. The boys' rooms were then inspected by the entire company and were found in good condition. The young ladies said that they enjoyed the evening very much.

Elder E. K. Slade spoke to the young people Sabbath afternoon.

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Elders B.G. Wilkinson and G. F. Enoch called at the academy last week.

Elder W. W. Miller of Springfield O. talked to the students at chapel hour last Monday. His talk was much enjoyed by all.

Edgar Thatcher of Johnstown, Pa., is now attending the academy.

V. O. Punches spoke at the Mission last Sunday evening on "Prayer and Prophecy."

Mr. Herman Sheneman enjoyed a visit from his sister, Gatha, of Dresden, O. recently.

Mr. Sims of Cincinnati visited his daughter, Miss La Vergne, who is attending the academy.

Mr. Walter Ralls of Coshocton, O., has joined the printing office force.

Dr. Caroline Hilborn of Akron, O., visited the students last week. She gave some practical demonstrations of how to treat various diseases. She also spoke at the chapel hour and at students prayer meeting.

Elmer French conducted the prayer meeting for the Mt. Vernon church last Wednesday evening.

The College Press has received the contract from the State Sanatorium to publish the new 8 page paper, "The Optimist."

It is published monthly by the patients of the sanatorium.

Miss Ressa Terrell enjoyed a visit from her mother this week-end.

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Washington Missionary College

A very scholarly lecture was given at the college Thursday evening, February 17, by Dr. Mitchell Carroll, professor of Archeology at George Washington University and secretary of American Institute for Archeological Research. Doctor Carroll spoke on "Paul at Athens," emphasizing Paul as a Hellenist. The lecture was illustrated with many excellent stereopticon views of Greece and Athens in ruins and restoration.

Dr. H. W. Miller gave a practical chapel talk Sunday morning on the "Care of the Voice."

Mrs. S.A. Schenck of Washington D.C. spent a day with Professor C. P. Crager.

Sunday evening Mrs. Williams was given a little surprise by her class of Bible workers. The gathering was held at the home of Elder W. A. Spicer. Readings and music helped to make a pleasant evening, and refreshments were served.

An accident happened to the furnace at President Shaw's house last week, and he and his family are living in the Dining Hall dormitory until it is repaired.

Several of the girls' prayer bands met together Wednesday morning and enjoyed a talk by Miss Matilda Erickson on the "Supreme Things in Life."

Union services were held at the Takoma Park church, Sabbath, February 19, in the interest of the new building fund for the college.

A very interesting program was given at the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon by the Ministerial Band. This band has recently reorganized, and its definite object is to develop the talent of its members.

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