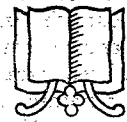


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"I WILL VISIT YOU, AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU"

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UNION

The New Effort of the Columbia Union for Washington Missionary College

No doubt our brethren throughout the Columbia Union have heard of the enrolment that has come to Washington Missionary College. Since the institution at Washington has been changed into a college the increase of attendance has steadily run upward until the dormitories are filled to overflowing. There are not enough seats in the chapel to provide seating room, but the students have the aisles and space around the rostrum packed with chairs and overflow out into the hall where they have to sit, unable to see the speaker.

The great increase of our work demanding as it does more and more trained men and women is taxing the producing capacity of the college. I have before me now a report of the last committee meeting of the North American Division Committee, in which they voted six of the college students for immediate service to China, India and the eastern mission fields. Is not this splendid! Well the attendance is increasing and coming on with greater prospects. But what shall we do for them? Last year the College Board was compelled to rent from the Sanitarium its garage, turn the automobiles out; and make partitions enough to provide over a dozen rooms in this garage as an annex to the boys' dormitory. The girls' dormitory is altogether too small and the class rooms are like the chapel,—absolutely unable to accommodate the large classes which are forming.

Thus we see that our present sized class rooms will never accommodate increased attendance, for increased attendance will not mean multiplying all classes, but it will mean an increase in the classes

already formed, for classes have been formed covering practically all the subjects which are given in the college curriculum. So there is an imperative and immediate demand for a new College building and for new dormitories.

Now the Atlantic, Southern and East Canadian Unions have kindly come forward and offered this year to raise the money to provide the necessary dormitory room. But the new College building will need at least \$25,000 for its erection. So the Columbia Union Conference committee has voted to at once begin a campaign to secure \$25,000 to erect a new chapel and class room building.

To this end we are fortunate in having secured the services of Brother George F. Enoch. Brother Enoch has for eight years labored in India. He has had an inspiring and fruitful term of service there. The health of his wife demanded that he return to this country on a furlough of at least one year. His great interest in foreign missions and as he sees it, the absolute and immediate demands for more recruits in the field, has led him to take hold of the proposition to raise the money for this new College building with devotion and earnestness. He has begun already to solicit the funds.

It may be cheering news to the brethren throughout the field to learn that the first subscribers to this fund were the students of Washington College. They formed a Students' Association and volunteered to raise \$5,000 of the \$25,000. Already Brother Enoch, in addition to this \$5,000 has secured in cash and pledges from the brethren in the District of Columbia Conference alone about \$2,000. These two amounts already make about \$7,000. We have also heard of other brethren in different parts of the union who, after hearing of the project, in their consecration and desire to help this splendid enterprise, have already sent in their word telling of liberal gifts towards this new building.

We pray that those to whom these lines may come will make this matter one of prayerful consideration as to what their attitude in this respect will be.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Some Facts About Educational Institutions

We sometimes find our people wondering why it is so difficult for our schools to keep from running behind. From some quarters there seems to be a feeling of criticism because we have not been able to build, equip and successfully operate in the beginnings of our work free from debt, a large number of schools, with but little resources aside from tuition and room rent. I am sure that there are those among us who will be interested in a comparison of our schools with some of the other educational institutions in the world.

I will first mention a few of the universities. We notice at the outset that these institutions have a very large income from endowments. In fact their income from tuition is but a fraction of their income from endowment, and that their tuition is far above that of our schools. Yale has an endowment of \$14,000,000, and an annual tuition of \$150; Oberlin an endowment of \$2,000,000, and an annual tuition of \$100; Bryn Mawr an endowment of \$2,000,000, and an annual tuition of \$200, and so the story goes.

If we turn to denominational institutions the story is similar. Des Moines, Baptists, has an endowment of \$150,000 and an annual tuition of \$60; Goucher, Methodist, an endowment of \$204,000 and a tuition of \$150; the Moravian College, Pennsylvania an endowment of \$125,000 and tuition of \$75; the Quaker College at Earlham, Ind., endowment of \$400,000 and tuition \$75; and even the Seventh-Day Baptist College at Milton, Wis., an endowment of \$136,000.

Now if we take our College at Wash-

ington we find that it not only has no endowment but the tuition is but \$50 each year. Is it reasonable then for us to expect that our schools can possibly pay all operating expenses and also at the same time meet the initial expenses of building up the plant and adding to it the facilities needed as the work develops?

But the Lord has done a wonderful work through our schools. Since 1901, 1243 missionaries have been sent to the foreign fields, the great majority of whom have been trained in our schools. There are more than 8000 loyal workers of this denomination now scattered in all the world doing faithful service in building up the cause of God in the earth. To our schools belong a large share of the credit in training and equipping this splendid force of workers. It is marvelous to think what a wonderful work our schools have accomplished in all the earth in so short a time and with such meager resources. It is no wonder then that in quickly doing such a work as this, with no endowments to depend on, that in the early experience of our work debts were contracted. But these debts are not dead weights, and we are not paying for "dead horses" when we pay them off. The faithful service of thousands of men and women in all parts of the world has been made possible by this means and this service cannot be measured by money.

However we are glad that the hour has struck for jubilee from the debts necessarily accumulated in the initial stages of this great work. We must now look the situation in the face and so conduct our work that no further debts will be contracted. The above figures will show that the children of this world are wiser than the children of light, in that they have, even among the smallest denominations, provided an endowment fund so that they need not accumulate debt.

Now the endowment fund that our colleges and academies has is in the hearts of the loyal believers in this cause. When we need to meet the burden incurred by the initial starting of the institution, or the adding of further facilities our loyal people everywhere must rally to the call that sounds when all the leading brethren agree that certain things are needed. We therefore feel that the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union are about to respond heartily and liberally as the Lord has given them of this world's goods that the needs of the present hour may be met for the Mt. Vernon Academy and the Washington Missionary College. GEO. F. ENOCH.

Be Sure to Read It

Don't fail to read the April *Watchman*. It has a message for you, your neighbors, and your friends. Try it in your missionary work and watch results.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Blossburg and Mansfield

Our work in this part of the Lord's great vineyard is very encouraging although we are meeting with opposition from both clergy and laity.

The truth is making rapid progress for only two years ago there was not a Sabbath-keeper in Blossburg and only one in Mansfield. We now have a new church at Blossburg. It is a neat concrete building which will accommodate about one hundred people. It is well lighted and pleasantly located.

In the two places we have about forty new believers who are earnest supporters of our great organized work.

We are now holding a series of meetings in our new church at Blossburg, with a good interest. One sister who was an active worker in another church has begun the observance of the Sabbath. Her pastor tried to discourage her but after finding his efforts futile he requested her not to work with the other members and thus break up his church.

Our work in Mansfield is also very encouraging. Our people there are good substantial members. They are working for others and as a result have six persons intensely interested.

The time has surely come when all our people should consecrate their all to the finishing of the work. One young man who is now keeping the Sabbath said to me a few weeks ago, "Brother Detwiler, why didn't you come long ago?"

Truly the harvest is great. Pray for us as we labor in this needy field.

HOWARD DETWILER.

News Notes

Four adults were baptized by Elder Washburn, last Sunday evening at the West Philadelphia church.

Brother Leach came to Philadelphia for a few days to help two colporteurs in their work. During his stay, he has visited the office and renewed his acquaintance with the folks here. Brother Leach is our "field" man and out in the field with the workers, is where he spends most of his time.

Brother Harry Rhan writes us as follows: "Our work in Blossburg is growing quite interesting. We had a fine attendance last night (Sunday). Brother Detwiler preached on "Who changed the Sabbath?" The head nurse with another nurse from the Blossburg Hospital was present, also, some of the most prominent church workers in Blossburg. We had a meeting Sunday afternoon and

quite a few were present. The ministers had gone from home to home and told the people to stay away from us. This had made them inquisitive and now they are coming. We expect quite a few to take their stand. We enjoy the work and are of good courage.

Evangelist Biederwolf, quite well known to some of our people, has been attacking the belief of Seventh-day Adventists during his series of meetings. When at Allentown not so long ago, Elders Richards and Bell went to hear him, took notes and reviewed him through the "Allentown Morning Call." This evangelist is to attack us, as a denomination, next Thursday at Norristown where he is now holding a series of meetings. One of our ministers, possibly two, will go there to again take notes and undoubtedly a report will appear in a Norristown newspaper.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

An Encouraging Report from Greensburg

There are some encouragements in the work here. We have regular Sabbath services in the hall which Elder Robbins secured at the close of the tent work last August. Our Sabbath school has a dozen members but during the cold weather some could not attend regularly. Several others who are interested attend sometimes, and also come to the Sunday night services.

There are a few in this place who accepted the truth when Brethren Lee S. Wheeler and C.S. Longacre were here nearly a score of years ago. In house to house work I have met a few others who attended those tent meetings and although they did not take a stand for the truth, they still say those were wonderful sermons, and are friendly to us. One of them is reading *Liberty and Life and Health* and may take Bible studies.

I have recently found a few more who were at the tent last summer to hear Brother Robbins a few times, and were pleased with the sermons, and two families of these are now taking studies. I now have eleven appointments for Bible readings each week. Most of the readers show a deep interest and are accepting the truth as they read.

Good news comes from a lady with whom I had readings last summer. She was at the tent three times but heard nothing on the Sabbath question, and had no definite idea about it, though a brother of hers, a Sabbath-keeper in a distant state, had written her, but she was not interested. Still God had answered his prayers in some things for she wanted to investigate concerning the Seventh-day Adventist teachings. She

was so candid I was led at our last reading to give her a thorough study on the prophecies of a Sabbath reform in the last days, when in the regular course it would have been several weeks before she would be prepared for this strong subject. But as she was to leave the next day for her home in the South the last hour for a study had come. All the way through the Lord specially blessed us. At the close, she said that she never saw the light and truth on this subject before, and she decided she would begin the very next Sabbath to honor the Lord by keeping his holy day. I gave her the date of the Florida camp-meeting which was soon to open in her home town, and wrote the conference president there about her. Soon after their camp-meeting closed he wrote me that he had the pleasure of baptizing this dear sister at the close of the meeting. Her husband has joined her in the truth, and she is happy.

We all rejoice over the addition of a brother to our small company here, and can see the special working of the Lord in his case. Over twenty years ago he heard this message preached by Elder J. G. Saunders and walked in the light for a time. Then, under special trials, he lost his hold on God. This last fall, while in another town he saw in a scrap of a Greensburg paper, an announcement of a Sunday evening sermon by evangelist F. H. Robbins at the Seventh-day Adventist hall, 425 Westminster Ave. This sermon was several weeks in the past when, after quite a search, the brother found us. He has now taken a firm stand for the truth, has been baptized and is rejoicing. He took training at our Pittsburgh Colporteurs' Institute in January, and now is earnestly working in that branch of God's work.

As he gave a touching testimony of his experience last Sabbath, I thought how happy Brother Saunders would be, were he living, to hear those words. I also thanked God for a small part in giving publicity to our work through the newspaper which in this case was a help in bringing back to the fold this brother who for years had been wandering away.

There is a strong effort in this town to exalt Sunday and several pastors have been warning their flocks against Seventh-day Adventists. There is strong prejudice to meet and it is increasing since the revivals of this winter. We need to hasten for difficulties will increase rather than decrease.

My greatest joy is to see the honest hearted believe and obey as the light of this last warning message is made plain to them. I thank God for the health and strength and love for souls he gives also courage and hope to work in his cause.

ADDIE S. BOWEN.

WEST VIRGINIA

A Good Experience

The colporteurs who attended the institute at Parkersburg, have returned to their work and some of the new ones are entering the field. It is interesting to read the good reports which are coming in. Brother Seal writes as follows:

"On returning from Parkersburg, I had to wait about twenty minutes in the station at Charleston. Remembering that I had a goodly supply of *Signs of the Times*, back numbers, in my grip I distributed them upon the seats in the ladies' and gentlemen's waiting rooms. The station soon filled and my papers were being read freely. It was encouraging to see so many people reading and carrying the *Signs* after boarding the train. I gave out more on the train and soon an old gentleman engaged in conversation and I succeeded in taking his order for "Bible Readings" even though I did not have my prospectus with me.

"After reaching my territory I remembered a gentleman whom I had met some three weeks before in the mountains. He did not seem to be much interested at the time but said if I came to Hilton again to stop in and he would look at the book. I put my prospectus under my arm praying as I went to hunt him up and give my first canvass after the institute. The Lord heard and answered my prayer to overflowing, for shortly after I entered and engaged in conversation on the signs of the times two other gentlemen whom the Lord had started for the same house, entered. The Lord indeed was present for he gave me \$17.50 worth of orders in about an hour's time, and I delivered two "Bible Readings" for cash."

News Notes

Miss Tippet of Charleston, passed through Parkersburg, this week, where she was joined by Miss Roberts and the two have gone on to Wheeling where they will engage in the colporteur work.

The Charleston church is doing quite an aggressive work with the Temperance *Instructor*. To date they have ordered 850 copies, and we are sure they will use more.

Brother C. G. Mays has moved to Martinsburg to join Brother Wilcox in the canvassing work.

Mrs. G. E. Snyder, of Clarksburg, in relating her experience of one day last week says, "I took an order in every house I called save one, and that lady was too busy to admit me. In one home where I found three women visiting I

took three orders for "Christ's Object Lessons" on the strength of one canvass, then took two orders for "Best Stories". One of these ladies had seen a "Bible Readings" which Mr. Snyder had sold in the country and when she heard my name, asked if I was his wife and told me how much she enjoyed the instruction on "The Home" in it, and told me I must bring her one. I took \$10.75 worth in one hour and got the promise of a Bible reading."

Brother Kirk is spending a few days at Wheeling assisting Sisters Tippet and Roberts in their work. From there he will go to Pittsburgh to attend the Bookmen's Convention and Columbia Union Conference.

The series of meetings which has been conducted by Elder Hirlinger and others, in Parkersburg for the past three weeks, has been well attended and the interest is increasing. Several are keeping the Sabbath as a result.

CORRECTION: In the West Virginia colporteurs' report for February 11, Brother W. H. Wilcox's report should have read \$246.00 worth of "Bible Readings" delivered in Berkley County.

NEW JERSEY

Real Home Missionary Work

At our General Meeting in Paterson three weeks ago, after demonstrating the sale and free distribution of our literature, Brother John Fischer of Oakland, N. J. a member of the Paterson German church, became very much enthused, and he stated that if he and his wife could get a little assistance, they would take 200 of the Temperance *Instructors*, and dispose of them among their neighbors.

I arranged to spend a little time with them, and last Monday evening found me at their home. However before leaving home, the thought came to me, "take a 'Bible Readings' prospectus along and place some in the homes of the people along with the Temperance *Instructors*."

This I did, and Tuesday morning after seeking the Lord for special help, Brother Fischer and I started out in the snow, and in three days visiting, besides getting acquainted with the people, and praying with them, \$70 worth of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" were sold.

Orders were secured from the best class of people in the locality, retired farmers, real-estate agents and public school teachers.

I was introduced to the principal of the school, and although I did not secure his order, he gave me permission to see the teachers. Three of them were in-

roduced, and a \$4.00 order secured from each, and also a \$3.00 order from the janitor.

Brother Fischer took me to the ex-mayor's home, and there, two \$4.00 orders were secured, and a "Shadow of the Bottle" and Temperance *Instructor* sold.

Homes all through this neighborhood are open for Bible studies and a strong appeal was put forth from every quarter to come and hold meetings. One man has offered to bear the expense of hiring the Town Hall and is willing to do anything to have the message proclaimed in this town. I might mention here, that 25 years ago a colporteur called at his home and asked his wife for a bowl of bread and milk. She gladly supplied him, and he being thankful for her kindness, asked her to accept a small book, which she did. Ten years later her husband was looking through the cupboard for something to read, and came across this book, "Lectures" by Elder's White, U. Smith and Canwrite. He said, "My, that is religion for you," and he read it, and re-read it, and has loaned it out to many of his neighbors. He thinks the world of it, and this was the starting point of his interest in present truth. He now has "Great Controversy" and is taking the weekly and monthly *Signs of the Times*. His parting words to me were, "I can be nothing but an Adventist".

It was my privilege to give Bible studies in two homes, and the Lord willing we expect to go right in and hold a short series of meetings, and with God's help raise up a company.

We have been told many times that the work cannot be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work. My brother, my sister, the Home Missionary work is taking rapid strides. I am glad to report a marked improvement in New Jersey, and just such experiences as Brother and Sister Fischer have had, you all can have. The \$70 worth of orders were taken within the radius of a mile from the Fischer home. All their neighbors were glad to see us, and it proves to us, that if we will live the true Christian life, that when we come to do some missionary work, our neighbors and friends will be willing to listen to us, and as a result will be won for the Lord.

Let all in New Jersey, young and old, become "Home Missionaries". Now is your golden opportunity. Be like Moody, don't let a day go by but what you speak to someone, somehow, somehow, about their soul's salvation.

Take out the "Present Truth Series"; start in with number 1, and visit the same people and take them the successive numbers week by week. In this way, you will be presenting to them the message in a beautiful way.

If you get openings for Bible studies, order a set of the "Family Bible Teacher" for ten cents and there you have the very thing to help you to become a Bible worker.

Others can go out with the Temperance *Instructor*, *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, and all can give away a tract; that is the least that any of us can do. How glad you would be, dear reader, should the news reach you that someone had accepted the truth through the little tract that you handed to them, or sent to them, through the mail.

We will be glad to supply you with tracts. Send for a catalogue, and see to it that you always have a supply on hand in your home, so that you can supply your callers with one.

Do something for your neighbors; endeavor by your prayers and actions to win them to Christ, and by so doing you will help to hasten the glad day when we may all see Jesus.

I want to see Jesus, don't you?
My Saviour so faithful and true;
When I reach the strand of that
love-bright land,
O, I want to see Jesus, don't you?

T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

We are glad to report a good interest in Fairton, South Jersey. Sister Rambo is giving Bible studies each week in the home of Sister Collier, and from 9 to 11 people attend regularly.

Now is the time for all, especially those who have been long in the truth, to become Bible workers, and utilize the spare time in giving studies to neighbors and friends.

Miss Linnie Baumgartner, the school teacher, recently visited Miss Elsie Achenbach the Cape May C. H. church school teacher.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Ingles of Bridgeton is better, and is able to be about again.

Trenton church was glad to have Elder Sandborn with them yesterday, and the Lord blessed greatly in the meeting.

Elder Sandborn is not able to be out very much yet; it is feared that it will be sometime before he will be able to dispose of his crutches.

The Y.P.M.V. of Trenton rendered a good temperance program at the church yesterday afternoon, and much credit is due to Sister W.B. Mohr in the untiring efforts that she put forth to make the program so successful.

The following letter was received from Brother Adolfo Perez of Atlantic City and will be of interest:

"I want to tell you just a little about the splendid meetings we had Sabbath and Sunday with Professor Stone, Elder Sandborn, Brother Barritt and Sister Iden. They arrived in Atlantic City Friday afternoon and came to my house, and we had a very interesting meeting that evening.

"Sabbath morning we had Sabbath school and services in the Grand Army Hall. Elder Sandborn preached a very touching sermon, taking for his theme, "Christ's Sufferings." All present were deeply moved, and it was a real spiritual feast. In the afternoon we received a great deal of instruction along the lines of Sabbath-school work as presented by Sister Iden, and I am sure that this instruction was timely and will be of great benefit to our school.

"On Sunday the meetings were held at Pleasantville. I was not present at the morning services, but was there in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Brother Barritt, assisted by Elder Sandborn, Professor Stone and Sister Iden gave valuable instruction in how to enter homes and how to give Bible readings, etc. This work was very much appreciated by all.

"In the evening Elder Sandborn preached on the subject, "The World-wide Message" and he surely did tell it to the people in strong terms. There was a large crowd in attendance, for Pleasantville. Our people here are aroused to the true missionary spirit, as the result of the general meetings. For this we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father, and trust that some souls will be saved as a result."

OHIO

What Is Ohio's Part in the Finishing of the Work?

This is a question of utmost importance to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in Ohio. As you are each members of this conference, and the conference is made up of its several members, this question resolves itself into this, "What is my part in the finishing of the work." As each believer solemnly and seriously faces this question and settles it right by doing that portion which is his, power descends from on high and the Lord will cut his work in righteousness.

There is danger that some one will look at this question in too general a way, congratulating himself on the fact that our denomination has entered more fields, or is giving more per capita than any other denomination, while at the same time he is not doing his part individually.

But as yet we have only made a very

small beginning. It is not yet time for us to rejoice as though we have finished the task. The wise man says, "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof." We must not forget that the sending of a few missionaries into a country is not the finishing of the work in that country. Let us also remember that our far-flung line of missionaries is but a skirmishing line, and that where we have sent hundreds into all the world to feel out the way and find the strong and weak points of the enemy, we must now follow up their work and make it effective by sending forward the thousands of the main army.

The brethren in positions of authority are surely perplexed and their souls are weighed down with heavy burdens—not burdens of debt or discouragement, but those that come through the rapid progress of the work and because of the success God is giving us. There is a veritable landslide of opportunities pressing in upon us caused by the opening providences of God. Let us not murmur but thank God for the privilege of getting under them and lifting.

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. God is the great Master Worker, and by his providences he prepares the way for his work to be accomplished. If his people are watching the indications of his providence, and stand ready to co-operate with him, they will see a great work accomplished." *Vol. 6, page 24.*

Then let each member of the church in Ohio respond to the rallying cry by doing the right thing at the right time. We are sure that Ohio will heartily respond and set the pace, giving a splendid example of liberality to all the believers everywhere.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

News Notes

This has been delivery week for our colporteurs, and from the reports that are coming to the office, they have been exceptionally successful. Four have already reported one hundred percent deliveries. We are glad to see many of our large books going into the homes of the people.

February has been an unusually good month in which to sell our books. Our colporteurs this month sold \$3,300.00 worth, making a gain over February 1915 of over \$1300.00.

Brother Searles, of Bucyrus, is with us again and is one of our regular colporteurs. He says that he is meeting with success in selling "Bible Readings" in that city.

Last week, Brother J. I. Midkiff left for Harrison County where he will sell "Bible Readings." He writes that in the few

days he has been able to work, \$48.00 worth of orders have been taken. He will be joined by Brother G. W. Yingling this week, of Creston.

Regular reports are coming from the brethren who are working in Logan County. We are glad to see Brother Fairchild and Brother Simpson working steadily and faithfully in that county.

A very successful work is being done at the present time in Madison County by Brother W. S. Syphers. He has recently moved there from Fayette County. His reports show that his efforts are bringing success.

Brother J. I. Cassell, who attended the Lake Union Bookmen's and Tract Society Convention at Battle Creek, Michigan, has returned, and reports that they had a very interesting meeting.

It is rather quiet around the office these days, for Elder Slade, Brother Holtom, Sister Acton, Brother Panches and Brother Cassell and Brother Waller have gone to Pittsburgh to attend the Bookman's and Tract Society Secretaries' Convention and the Columbia Union Conference.

We are glad to see Brother Reichenbach who has been ill for two weeks able to be back in the work again. He has been working in the southern part of the state with our colporteurs and reports that they are of good courage and are meeting with excellent success in their work. He is now starting Brother Midkiff in Harrison County. From there, he will go to attend the convention in Pittsburgh.

Our growing tract society business has made it necessary to enlarge our stock room. This work is now completed, and we are able to carry a larger stock and handle the mail and express orders even more prompt and satisfactorily than in the past.

Brother Harry Barto writes this week. "On Wednesday afternoon as I was coming home from the station, a man I had sold a \$5 "Bible Readings" to met me and asked me to ride. He said, "What about that Sabbath your book teaches?" I told him I believed according to the Bible and that we must admit it enforces Saturday as the Sabbath. He invited me to his home and this afternoon we started late, and he sent a boy after us, urging us to come back. We had a rich time together. He expressed his intention to keep the Sabbath as soon as he could ar-

range matters to do so. I explained the "Nature of Man," "State of the Dead," and "Punishment of the Wicked." He seemed so eager to catch it all. At the close, he said he believed it just as I had proved it from the Scriptures.

"Praise God for this wonderful truth and the joy it brings to its receiver."

VIRGINIA

In Hard Times Territory

In a section of Virginia where it is generally claimed that the people are too poor to buy books owing to the low prices of tobacco, the writer had occasion to stop off for about seven hours while waiting for the next train on which Elder Moffett was coming enroute to visit the new company at Republican Grove, Halifax County. I felt that I could not afford to lose the time, and remembering that I had a prospectus for "Bible Readings" in my grip, I started in to take orders. When dinner time came I had \$41.00 worth of orders, and while eating my dinner I told about the book to another party, and he also said he wanted one of the books, making \$44.00 before finishing my dinner. Having still a little time before the train came I placed \$52.00 worth of books or orders in about three-fourths of a day. I took orders for three full morrocos, four half morrocos and seven marbles. One party asked me to take \$2.00 in advance on his book and I did not ask him for it. This amount came in handy as I was a little short of funds in my pocket. I thanked the dear Lord for this, to him be the praise. He knows when his people have need of anything. I was told that a canvasser could do nothing in that territory. We should be awake and use all the disadvantages as arguments to sell our books, turn every hindrance into gold. Now is our opportunity. At Republican Grove church we found five or six brethren who are now getting ready to enter the book work.

The prospects are very encouraging for 1916. Last year we placed \$17,338.00 worth of literature in the field. Now we raise the mark higher and set our goal at \$25,000 for 1913. We are making nearly 100 per cent deliveries in the winter time. We thank God that the books are going into the homes.

W. H. GEORGE.

OBITUARIES

RICE.—Anna M. Rice was born January 6, 1827, and died at Alliance, Ohio, February 17, 1916. Mrs. Rice was a member of an old and respected family. She was a woman of strong personality and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Her activities in the Christian life date

back for many years. Her early affiliations were with the Methodist church, later on she connected with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she remained a faithful and consistent member until the infirmities of age drew life's forces to its close. Of her marriage union nine children were born, eight of whom are living, as follows: Charles A. Rice, a minister of Pittsfield, Ill., Theodore Rice, Center Point, Ia., S. R. Rice, Schenectady, N. Y., Arthur Rice and Mrs. Etta Faubel, Alliance, Ohio, Mrs. Mae Coff and Mrs. Cora Starkey, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Mrs. Della Conn, Akron, Ohio.

W. J. VENEN.

OTT.—Miss Diantha Barner was born in the village of Black, Bedford County, Pa., October 11, 1844. She was married near the close of the war in 1865 to George Ott. Six children were born to them, three of whom are still living, as follow: Mrs. Geo. Wurtenburg of Wysock, Pa., Daisy Bell Ott and Sarah Jane Ott, both of Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Ott accepted the Adventist faith 25 years ago under the labors of Elder J. W. Raymond, and united as a charter member with the Orville church of which she remained a faithful and consistent member until the time of her death. She died Tuesday morning, February 1, at 1 o'clock after a brief illness with la grippe. The funeral services were conducted at the home Friday, at 2 P. M. by the writer, attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, testifying to the high esteem in which she was held in the neighborhood where she had lived so long. She sleeps in the quaint little village church yard of Wysock, to wait the call of the Life-giver.

F. A. HARTER.

HITE.—Ernest Hite, aged 26 years, was laid away to await the call of the Life-giver after vainly struggling to fight off that awful disease tuberculosis for over two years. After the tent effort of the summer of 1914 Brother Hite united with the Baltimore No. 3 church remaining a faithful member to the end. He felt all along that he could not get well but repeatedly thanked the Lord for the message of healthful living that did much to prolong his life. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the city of Baltimore where the deceased lived the greater part of his life.

G. P. RODGERS.

MCCOY.—Albert McCoy was born in Homersville, Ohio, February 12, 1859, and died in Lafayette, Ohio, January 30, 1916.

Brother McCoy joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Spencer, Ohio, when it was first organized in May 1882, and was ever loyal to the truth. Five sisters are left to mourn.

Funeral services were conducted by the Lutheran minister at Homersville and he was laid to rest we trust soon to be awakened in the first resurrection.

M. A. POHLHAM.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending March 3, 1916									
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	50	7	10 50	9 75	20 25	12 00
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	5	41	11	43 00		43 00	
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		CK	5	41	15	27 50	7 75	35 25	3 25
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	40	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	4 50
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	4	38	5	16 00		75 16 75	75
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	38	15	47 00	1 50	48 50	22 75
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	5	35	5	20 00	4 25	24 50	24 25
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	4	32	10	39 00	2 25	41 25	9 25
J. I. Midkiff, Knox Co.		BR	4	31	13	39 00	9 00	48 00	8 25
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	8	60	13	41 00	3 25	44 25	
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	4	30	8	26 00		26 00	
H. Langdon, Morrow Co.		BR	4	28	9	31 00	3 75	34 75	6 00
Beulah Morgan, Columbiana Co.		PPF	5	27	12	25 00	8 30	33 30	3 80
David Graham, Cleveland		BR	4	26	10	35 00		35 00	
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	26	12	36 00	3 00	39 00	3 00
F. L. Rogers, Champaign Co.		BR	4	26	7	24 00		75 24 75	4 75
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	5	25	8	29 00	5 25	34 25	10 25
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati		BF	5	25	3	4 50	6 75	11 25	
E. S. Gifford, Clark Co.		BF	4	24	16	24 00		24 00	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	3	23	5	16 00	1 50	17 50	1 50
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	4	23	9	15 50	19 50	35 00	11 90
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	4	23	7	10 50	1 50	12 00	6 25
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	4	17					36 55
Miscellaneous						23 50	4 75	28 25	
C. G. Douglass, Akron		BR	4	23	6	22 50	5 50	28 00	34 75
Totals	24 Agents			109 737 214		\$629 50	\$100 55	\$730 05	\$179 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending March 3.

M. W. Buell, Fairfax Co.		BR	9	76	55	170 00		170 00	
Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.		BR	4	25	25	80 00		80 00	
D. P. Corbett, Loudown Co.		PG	5	25	12	36 00		36 00	3 00
Vera Carrigan, Washington D. C.		CK	4	15	14	22 50		22 50	7 50
J. S. Spraggs, Lancaster Co.		BR	4	15	7	21 60		21 60	
Samuel Law, Montgomery Co.		BR	1	6	5	17 00	50	17 50	
H. L. Butler, Washington D. C.		GC	1	4	3	13 00	50	13 50	
M. J. Williams, Lancaster Co.		BR	2	12	2	6 00		6 00	27 50
F. A. Holland, Washington D. C.		BR	1	6	2	6 00	75	6 75	12 75
Miscellaneous		Misc				11 95		11 95	11 95
Totals	9 Agents			30 185 129		\$384 05	1 75	\$385 80	\$62 70

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B. Hohensee,		10 00	Miss Peacock		5 00
Sadie Detwiler		5 00	Mrs. Cross		2 50
Total					\$22 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 3, 1916

J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.		BF	9	58	83	56 50	13 50	70 00	42 50
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.		BR	5	40	13	45 00	5 75	50 75	47 25
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.		GC	3	20	11	47 00		47 00	12 50
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.		BR	5	46	9	31 00	1 00	32 00	1 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	10	51	27	90 00	1 55	91 55	46 00
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.		DR	4	30	5	15 00	7 75	22 75	6 50
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.		BR	4	15	8	25 00		25 00	
John Morley, McKean Co.		BF	2	8	4	13 00	50	13 50	50
C. E. Will, Westmoreland Co.		CK	4	36	5	16 00	6 50	22 50	48 00
Totals	9 Agents			46 298 115		\$338 50	\$36 55	\$375 05	\$204 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 3, 1915

M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.		BR	5	33	8	24 00	14 75	38 75	11 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.		BR	4	26	19	28 00	6 00	34 00	10 50
G. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.		BR	4	35	3	10 00	50	10 50	104 00
E. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.		BR	6	41	14	42 00	3 25	45 25	184 00
D. W. Percy, Dorchester Co.		DA	4	31	3	9 00	5 00	14 00	34 50
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.		PPF	4	28	8	19 00	8 50	27 50	47 50
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.		DB	2						57 50
Totals	7 Agents			29 194 45		\$132 00	\$38 00	\$170 00	\$449 00

West Virginia, Week Ending March 3, 1916

T. M. Butler, Grafton	BR	5	41	11	35 00	7 50	42 50	121 00
C. G. Mays Chester	BR	3	15	7	21 00		21 00	
W. H. Wilcox, Berkeley	BR	9	59	20	67 00		67 00	
J. S. Monroe, Whetsel Co.	BR	4	36	14	47 00	12 50	59 50	2 25
Henry Waggoner, Tunnelton	BR	3	56	13	39 00	8 90	47 90	50 25
G. E. Snyder, Grafton	BR	4	26	6	14 00	5 75	16 75	88 50
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown,	COL	9	41	6	10 50	22 05	38 55	32 10
Mrs. G. Earl Snyder, Clarksburg	COL	4	13	12	15 00	48 90	33 90	22 20
Miscellaneous					20 00	23 30	43 30	93 30
Totals	8 Agents		46	387	89 \$268 50	\$104 90	\$373 40	\$409 60

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Maach 3, 1916

F. A. Brownell, Mantaur Co.	BR	4	33	19	68 00	2 00	70 00	2 00
S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	4	37	20	60 00	75	60 00	6 75
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	4	27	16	33 00	75	33 75	75
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	4	40	21	33 50	5 25	38 75	
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	43	13	27 00	5 25	32 25	7 75
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	40	10	17 00	2 90	19 90	
V. Brownell, Mantaur Co.	BF	1	7	1	3 00	1 75	4 75	1 75
E. E. Gloor, Philadelphia	SC	5	25	23	11 25	50	11 75	1 75
Mrs. P. Drake, Penn Argyl		2	9	14	9 85		9 85	
Eva Chandler Philadelphia	Mag.				6 85		6 85	6 85
E. S. Tolliver, Philadelphia	SB	2	9	9	4 50		4 50	5 00
Totals	11 Agents				\$273 95	\$19 15	\$292 35	\$32 60

Virginia, Week Ending March 3, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	5	35	21	70 00	75	70 75	9 00
S. N. Wilmer, Campbell Co.	BFL	3	16	11	31 50		31 50	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	DR	3	17	7	11 00	4 75	15 75	
W. H. George, Halifax Co.	BR	7	14	52	52 00		52 00	10 55
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	4	32	6	18 00	4 75	22 75	2 05
J. L. Goode, Chesterfield Co.	BFL	2	16	12	18 00	70	18 70	
B. A. Ellis, Elizabeth	BFL	5	27	17	26 70	2 45	28 95	
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	5	22	8	12 70		12 70	28 95
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	29	3	4 50	1 90	6 40	70
W. D. Butler, Dinwiddie Co.	CK	3	19	10	18 00	1 85	19 85	
Totals	10 Agents		35	220	109 \$262 20	\$17 25	\$279 45	\$51 15

New Jersey, Week Ending February 25, 1916

G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co.	BFL	3	14	3	5 00	85	5 85	
Totals	1 Agents		1	14	3 \$5 00	85	\$5 85	
Grand Totals: 79 Agents	Value of Orders		\$2244 30	Deliveries,	\$1394 65			

SCOTT. — James Austin Scott was born in New Haven, Ohio February 10, 1848, and died January 27, 1916. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Jane Atherton, who with a son and daughter, brothers and sisters mourn their loss. Brother Scott accepted present truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Hamilton Ohio in 1910 and lived a consistent Christian life. A short time before he died he said to me, "I am so glad that the end of life finds me entrenched in the Sabbath truth." Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Snyder, at the New Haven, O, United Brethern Church. J. J. MARIETTA.

MURRAY.—Julia H. Murray, the infant daughter of John and Fannie Murray, died February 18, 1916, at the age of four months and fourteen days. The mother, a member of the No. 3, church, of Baltimore, felt keenly the parting of her only daughter but bowed to the will of the Lord. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. G. P. RODGERS.

HELLRIEGEL.—Louise Hellriegel died in Jesus at her home in Pittsburgh, on February 10 at the age of 79 years. Sister Hellriegel accepted the truth about twelve years ago under the labors of Elder C. A. Schell and united with the German Seventh-day Adventist Church of Pittsburgh.

The writer had the privilege of visiting and praying with her just a few hours before she lapsed into unconsciousness. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to the bereaved from 2 Cor. 5:1. She was laid to rest in the Troy Hill Cemetery to wait till Jesus comes. JOHN P. GAEDE.

MARTIN.—Thoburn Thomas Martin a young man 23 years of age and a former student of Mount Vernon College, lost his life in an accident on February 21, at Canton, Ohio, by being completely buried by a landslide. At the time of the accident, all possible assistance was given him, but to no avail.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of his father Wm. H. Martin, who lives about two miles from Canton. As a young man Thoburn had

sterling qualities and exceptionally good habits. His acquaintance was an extensive one and the relatives and friends came in such numbers that they could not all be accommodated and the overflow extended both to the front and side porches. Possibly there were present between 150 and 175 people. Three sisters of the Canton church and a friend rendered appropriate music for the occasion. Respectful attention was given by all present to the discourse that followed. Out in the cemetery, under the spreading arms of a tree, while the words of an appropriate song came softly to our ears, he was quietly laid to rest. W. J. VENEN.

BROWNLEE.—Eliza Brownlee died Thursday, February, 24, at the home of her son, Marshall Brownlee, Washington, Pennsylvania. Sister Brownlee lived to the good ripe age of 84 years. She was a consistent Christian and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Washington. She is survived by five sons and three daughters, forty-three grand and forty-six great grand children.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Brother C. E. Will. The text used was 2 Cor. 4:18. Sister Brownlee is now resting to be raised at the first resurrection when Jesus comes.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Mount Vernon Academy

Roatan, Honduras

Roatan is one of six islands known as the Bay Islands, which lie in the Bay of Honduras, an arm of the Caribbean Sea. It is about forty miles long and three miles wide and belongs to the Republic of Honduras. Many small harbors indent the coast of this island, which afford shelter for many sailing vessels when overtaken by a heavy storm. There is no railroad on Roatan, and not even a wagon road. The only way of going on the land is by narrow paths, and they are so poorly kept that even walking is quite difficult. However, hundreds of dollars are paid by the people each year to keep up these paths. The scenery of the island is quite beautiful but cannot be enjoyed; for as soon as one touches a bush or some grass he is covered with ticks.

The cocoonut is about the only export from the island. There are some bananas and plantains grown, but only enough for home consumption. It may be interesting to some to know that a banana palm bears only one bunch of bananas, the tree being cut down in order to get the fruit. Plantains grow nearly the same as bananas with the exception that they are spread out a little on the bunch. They look very much like the banana, but have a taste all of their own, as do all the

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native foods. Plantain takes the place in the native home that the potato does in the American home.

Native products are very cheap, but anything that is imported is quite high in price. The high price is due chiefly to the enormous duties which have to be paid on all imported goods. A few prices will enable the reader to get some idea of the prices we have to pay for things here. Kerosene is forty five cents a gallon. Soda crackers thirty cents a pound. Small cans of corn, peas, or tomatoes are about twenty cents a can. Potatoes when we can get them are about four dollars and a half a bushel. The prices quoted are in American money. They would be about three times as much in native money.

The people on Roatan are of all shades and colors. There are a few Spanish people here, most of whom are the government officials. Some Americans and English live here also, but the majority of the population belong to the black race. Many of the natives speak both English and Spanish; but to one who is not used to their peculiar way of talking English, it is about as easily understood as Spanish. Even many of the children translate from one language to the other.

At some other time I shall tell about some of the other islands of this group and the pleasant times we have here in traveling from one island to the other.

CHAS. M. PADEN.

Last week Mrs. Kinker visited her two sons Lawrence and Clifford, who are attending the academy.

Elder Enoch gave a stereopticon lecture to the students and the members of the church on Thursday and Friday nights, March 2, and 3.

The announcements are in of the wedding of Mr. D. E. H. Lindsey and Miss Rose Beiderman and Berl Wagner and Jessie Snyder, who were united in marriage, February 29, 1916, at Nashville, Tennessee. They will make their home at Columbia, Tennessee. Their friends wish them much happiness and prosperity in their work together and for the Master.

Dr. W. A. Kelly of Pittsburgh made a short visit with his son and daughter, Mr. C. H. and Miss Zoella Kelly, at the academy, last week.

In a letter received from Mrs. L. R. Anderson of College View, Nebraska, she says: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells and Mrs. McEachren and son Kenneth were here for dinner today. The M. V. C. people still cling together you see. We always will be interested in Mt. Vernon and all that happens there."

Sad news was received from Miss Ethel Avery, who was a student here last year, that her home, and everything she had burned up. We extend to her our sincere sympathy.

Miss Mary Wheeler took a short vacation last week visiting her parents at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott, who are taking the nurses' course at the Hinsdale Sanitarium that they are enjoying their work. They report interesting experiences in their mission work which they do in the city of Chicago.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. E. K. Slade has been very ill with the grippe the past week. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spangler of Oshawa, Canada, are the proud parents of a little son, Charles Franklin, born March 3, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, *nee* Florence White, were both former students at the academy.

Elder Enoch gave a stereopticon lecture at the State Sanatorium, Wednesday evening, March 1.

A student's organization was formed last week for the promotion of the interests of the school. It was voted to raise \$2,500 for the installment of industrial at the academy and also for the building fund at Washington Missionary College. The officers elected were as follows: Otto Hershberger, president; Helen

Greunke, vice-president; Lloyd Christman, secretary; Mrs. Stipeck, treasurer; Elder N. S. Ashton, faculty advisor; Leslie Taylor, Ethel White and Elmer French, members of the executive committee.

Great interest and enthusiasm was manifested among the students and more than the \$2,500 was raised before the end of the week.

A new student was welcomed to the academy family last week, Mr. George Hermetat of Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother Fleisher of Pittsburgh, Pa. was a welcome visitor at the academy.

Elder Enoch, who was in the mission field for eighteen years, told of some of his experiences on Sabbath, March 4, to the Mount Vernon church. He also spoke to the young people in the afternoon.

Russellism, or the Coming of a False Christ

A New Tract

Since the articles on "Russellism" by Elder C. B. Haynes, appeared in *The Watchman*, a large number of requests have been received for these to be put in permanent form. It will therefore be gratifying to those who have made such requests, as well as many others, to learn that this matter has now been published as a 32-page tract. The price is two cents each or two dollars per hundred postpaid. However, on any orders for less than ten cents, add two cents for postage. This tract has been pronounced the best exposition of Russellism that has ever been written and it should have a large circulation. Send all orders to your conference tract society.

Advertisements

FOR SALE.—A good six room house, out kitchen, well and cistern. 65 fruit trees bearing, 1 ½ acres good land, located 4 miles from Madison school, 5 miles from Nashville and 5 minutes walk to inter-urban street car line. For terms write to F. E. Wagner, Madison, Tenn.

WANTED.—Ten capable Christian young ladies to begin a two year's nurses course on March 16. Good opportunities for fine practical experience in all kinds of nursing. Small pay during whole course. Write at once for particulars. Opportunity also for one or two to take a six month's course in vegetarian cooking. Address, Middletown Sanitarium, Middletown, N. Y.

WANTED.—A young couple who wish to rent small farm, already equipped. Please answer. Mary M. Thomas Earl, Shick-skipny, Luzern County, Pa. R. 4.