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## U N I O N

### Books and the Final Warning

"For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28. We are living in the time when the short work here referred to is being done. No agency the Lord has given His people for the accomplishment of this purpose is proving or will prove to be more effective than that of the printed page. These good books "once started off call for no salary; cost nothing to feed or clothe; never change their voice; last forever.

There are those rejoicing in the truth, who have first seen the light through literature that has found its resting place in an old attic for many years; through literature that has for twenty years remained in an old trunk and others have reached into their bookcases to pull out a message filled volume, which, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, speaks silently but none the less effectively to the troubled heart of the love of Jesus and reveals the plans of the Infinite One concerning the past, present and future of our race and our little planet.

The twenty-five million dollars worth of literature that has been scattered throughout the world as well as the millions of pages that are now being placed in the homes, are destined to play an important part in giving to the world the final warning. "The message will be carried not so much by argument as by deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The argument has been presented. The seed has been sown and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere; the truth is seen in its clearness and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them." G. C. page 612.

Note that in the time of the final warning, the message is not given so much by arguments as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. That the arguments have been given through the publications

and that at this time God causes a flood of light to sweep into the souls of men, they are convinced of the truth and cast their lot with the people of God. With the homes of the world filled with our literature how long will it take the Lord to finish the work? It is probable that only a few months would suffice. So let us hasten on with the silent messengers placing them in the homes that the Spirit of God may speak through them at the opportune time, remembering that "The Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as he impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth, as attends the work of the minister." Manual for canvassers page 9.

C. V. LEACH.

### Missionary Volunteer Reports

The following is a letter received from one of our Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries:—

"Enclosed you will find my report for the second quarter. The report was held as late as possible in the hope of receiving reports from all of our societies."

Another secretary writes, "I have not heard from all and do not have time to write them."

Another one says, "I am quite proud of my newly organized conference society. Only one society reported, as the others are not doing anything these hot days. The report I am submitting is almost entirely from the conference society of isolated young people. It is receiving additions from time to time."

From these letters of the conference secretaries, it will be clear that many of our young people in their local societies are not living up to their privileges in making reports. It sometimes is very hard to have individuals make out the report after they have done the work. But this is a very important part of the missionary work and ought to be as conscientiously attended to as doing the work. It is impossible to have accurate statistics unless all report the work. Some have a feeling that if they work away and reach the goal in mission funds they have done about all they need to do. There are many different lines of work for young people and there are several goals, and it

is important that the conversion of young people, of reading the Bible and sending out our good literature and taking the Reading Course, should be attended to as well as raising some money for missions.

The Columbia Union enjoyed one distinction in the first quarter's report of 1916 and that distinction was this: it had one conference which made no report whatever; the only conference in the whole North American Division which failed in making some kind of report. This is not a distinction to be especially proud of and yet it is likely to happen again unless the individuals report their work. There is considerable inspiration in looking over a good, missionary report. And whether it be in the local society, in the conference, in the Union or in the North American Division, we like to see every part of the work represented. Will not our young people endeavor to be faithful in making reports in the local society, then the secretaries of the local societies exercise faithfulness in making report to the conference secretary, and thus it will pass on in good time to the Union and the North American Division.

C. L. STONE, *Union Y. P. M. V. Sec'y.*

### Educational Work

It is gratifying to know that almost all the teachers in the Columbia Union have had either a Normal course or training in our summer school. This will count much for the strengthening of the Educational work. Only a few are going forth without experience and it is always gratifying and gives confidence when a teacher has been successful in some other place and can be secured for service.

No doubt there are churches and individuals who are yet hoping to organize a school this fall. This should be done at the earliest possible opportunity and application be made for a teacher. There is no question but that many of our children will be lost unless we can secure for them a Christian education. The danger is so great that we cannot afford to delay until the enemy has done his work. Let parents or the chairman of the school Board, or any one who is interested in the lambs of the flock, get in touch with the conference superintendent or with the Union secretary as early as you have anything that looks favorable.

C. L. STONE, *Educational Sec'y C. U. C.*

## OHIO

## A Word from the Camp-ground

Everything indicates a most interesting and prosperous meeting. Nearly all of the conference workers are on the ground, and a good number of others have come in to assist in preparing the camp. The weather has been decidedly favorable. The tents are pitched and demands are made for more tents than we have, so special provision will have to be made to house all of the people.

The workers who are on the grounds here are united in the feeling that we are entering upon a meeting of vast importance to the cause in Ohio. It is keenly felt that we cannot rely upon past blessings or trust to the fact that some prosperity has been given to the work and that it is well organized and seems to be in good progress, but that our only safety and hope of meeting the coming issue is for us to enjoy a richer blessing and a closer walk with God that is possible for each one to experience in this work.

We like to feel that those who are not permitted to attend the good meeting may be with us in spirit, in purpose, and in praying that this may be a time for a richer out-pouring of heaven's blessings upon every home and every church in the conference.

The Newark grounds are very pleasant, and furnish a desirable place for our meeting. The present indications are that there will be a good attendance from the outside. We are seeking to lay plans by which to make the afternoon and evening meetings especially adapted to the outside attendance. The readers of the VISITOR who are not permitted to attend will, of course, receive reports later on of our good meetings here.

E. K. SLADE.

## Columbus

It affords me great pleasure to report that the church in Columbus was blessed with the privilege of seeing eight more souls baptized into this blessed message, Sabbath Aug. 12. All of the candidates were adults; three were men. It was very gratifying to baptize man and his wife and daughter—a whole family. Frequently we see only one member of a family come in at a time and it is certainly refreshing when all the members of a household are united in their allegiance to the Master.

We expect to have another baptismal service in a short time. There will be about ten candidates we think. There are several others who are interested and we hope that some of these will yet walk in the light of Present Truth.

H. H. VOTAW.

## The Harvest Ingathering.

It is of vital importance that our church officers lay early plans for a vigorous and united effort in the Ingathering work in October. We have not met as high a standard in this work in Ohio as we should. Many have done faithful work, but in some churches it has been quite largely neglected. Every possible assistance will be given to the church officers in the way of submitting plans and providing the necessary helps, and I am putting out this general call to our people, urging every one to plan to have a part in this important effort. There is no one who cannot do something.

A year ago, the North American Division Conference set a goal of one hundred thousand dollars. We did not reach that goal, but we did raise the large sum of eighty thousand dollars, which was a great improvement upon past years. The goal has again been set at one hundred thousand dollars. It is urged that individuals set a goal, and that it is set no lower than five dollars, and many will want to set a much larger goal than this.

The last Sabbath in September is set aside as the special day for the churches to carry out the program that has been provided in the interest of this Ingathering effort. I wish that the church membership would take an active part in aiding the church officers to make this a day of real interest and helpfulness. A splendidly prepared program will be found in the September *Church Officer's Gazette*.

We are intending to give some very thorough attention to this phase of our work here on the camp-ground at Newark. It is felt that Ohio should come up to the high standard in this as in all other lines of our work. Let us unite in making the Ingathering effort for Ohio show a great improvement over our efforts of the past.

E. K. SLADE.

## Mount Vernon Academy

Dr. Kress, of Washington, D. C. arrived in Mt. Vernon last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Smith and his son of Tunesassa, N. Y., are spending some time at the academy. They will locate here shortly and one son will attend the academy and the other, church school.

Mr. G. Scott of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here last Tuesday to make arrangements for school.

The Doctors Hilburne and the Misses Ruth Atwell, Marie Greunke and Bertha Heller stopped at the academy Wednesday night on their way to Newark.

Professor A. C. Robbins and wife of Melrose, Mass., arrived last Wednesday.

Only three weeks until school opens, after you receive this paper. September 13 is the date.

Mr. Kenneth Blaylock of Cleveland, Ohio, stopped at the academy on his way to Newark.

A new bath room was built in the academy.

Mr. Lawrence Kinker of Toledo, Ohio, came to Mt. Vernon last week.

Brother C. V. Leach stopped at Mt. Vernon over Sabbath and spoke to the congregation. We were glad to have him with us and take charge of the service, as most every one was away to the camp-meeting.

Mr. Matthew Shonk and Miss Wolf of the Hospital, were united in marriage on Saturday night, Aug. 12.

The academy purchased a Ford motor truck last week.

The Ohio camp-meeting is being well attended by both old and young.

Last Sabbath many of the young people were present at the early morning meeting, at which time Professor M. E. Kern spoke. He endeavored to impress upon the minds of the young people the need of having a definite purpose in life.

Christ was possessed of one purpose from His earliest years and that was that He might live to bless others. May each individual adopt this purpose in his life.

The Sabbath school was divided into three departments: the adults, the youth and the kindergarten.

Elder R. Lindsay had charge of the adults' department, while Doctor Kress conducted the review and Professor Creager the regular lesson.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke at the morning service, and many hearts were stirred by the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God upon His people was manifest by many taking their stand for the truth.

A terrible storm swept over the city in the afternoon and a number of tents were blown over, the large tent was rent and trees were broken, however, the angel of the Lord encamped around about us and no one was hurt.

May each one get the vision of God's plan for him and be made willing that that plan may be worked out in his life.

## Let the Church get on Full Time

In Titus 2: 9, 10 we read, "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." Paul sets forth the same principle in Eph. 6: 5-7, and in Col. 3: 22-25. Read these references also.

Here we see Paul's instruction to the followers of Christ is to be faithful to their "masters according to the flesh," "not with eyeservice, as menpleasers," not "answering again," not "purloining," "that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

If this was fully carried out in our institutions — Sanitariums, Schools, etc., what a power would come to this cause, to hold our young people and to keep them from drifting into the world and after having received a training in our institutions, from going into the world for employment. And when young people come to us from families who are not in the truth, what an influence we would have to convert them to God's message for these times.

If the principles set forth in the above passages were lived out among us, we would not need the many forms of amusements we see, creeping in stealthily, stealing away our spirituality and unfitting us for the great and grand work that God has so mercifully committed to our hands. If we all get on "full time," we would not have so much time for social gatherings, games, and amusements that rob God as verily as if we should withhold His tithe.

"Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers." We all like to be thought well of, but often we are not willing to pay the price. When the manager is around we are very, very busy, but what about it when he is not around? Paul is endeavoring to impress the believers to be faithful in this, "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not unto men." What a low range it is of our duty as followers of Christ in these things to be faithful only when watched.

"Not answering again." How we do hate to be told of our faults along these lines. We cannot bear to have anyone even mention them to us. Even the children become very much irritated if spoken to about some act of theirs that all know is out of order, and forthwith they answer back, and if we are not very careful, ever afterwards we have a wretched feeling in our hearts against the one who speaks to us, however, much it is his place to do so by virtue of his position and responsibility. That makes no difference; he has had the audacity (?) to speak to me about this thing, (he has

wounded my pride) and I won't stand it. Is this Christianity, where is our faith in God? How much better it would be to humbly take these reproofs and profit by them.

"Not purloining." One of the synonyms for this word is "pilfer," and according to the "Standard Home and School" dictionary the definition of this word is "to steal in small quantities; to practice petty theft; to steal or gain by petty theft."

The aged apostle's instruction to Titus is, Exhort servants to be obedient . . . not purloining." In other words, in working in the Lord's cause, give a sixty minute hour for a hundred cent dollar, or in any other cause for that matter, that the cause of God may be "adorned" by your correct life and deportment. So many moments are wasted, and worse than wasted, to this cause in many ways. For instance I am employed in a department of one of our institutions; I am being paid for my time. I place down the hour I begin work then through the day I engage, say five of my working companions in conversation; it may be a story I wish to tell, a joke or foolish talk of some character, say, five minutes—six workers spending five minutes means a loss of thirty minutes to the cause. Then suppose this is repeated four times a day—six workers spending twenty minutes means a loss to the cause of two hours a day. This would then mean, counting six working days to the week, a loss of twelve hours a week, forty-eight hours a month, and five hundred and seventy-six hours a year, or twenty-four days, to the cause. Could we call this "pilfering?" See the definition of this word again.

Now this could be carried into every department of every institution of this great cause, and I suppose that in every institution and in every department of every institution there would be found, more or less of this "pilfering." Oh, fellow workers, there is One keeping even a more correct account than this. Does any one think God is not so particular? His word declares that every idle word must be accounted for and who dares think idle moments shall not be as strictly accounted of? The Lord's servant has said this, "Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time." C. O. L. p. 342.

Nor is this all that this "pilfering," "purloining" principle is damaging this cause. Can we think for a moment that this principle can only be applied to the institutional workers? Not at all, but it may be carried into every ramification of this cause from the humblest worker to the highest, all may be tinctured more or less with this gangrene.

Especially do we need to be careful in

such an age like this when commercialism is rampant, amusements and entertainments and games of every possible invention that the master mind of the enemy of our souls can bring forward, are running at high speed; I repeat, we need to be careful that this enemy will not suit one of these forms of amusements to our case that with it we will spend some of this precious probationary time.

Then, let the church (the whole church) get on full time for the four angels are about to let go, the plagues are about to fall, and Jesus is about to cease His merciful pleading for the souls of men. When this takes place shall we say, "The harvest is past the summer is ended, and we are not saved, or shall we say, 'Lo, this is our God and He shall save us?'" "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch."

H. S. WEAVER.

## NEW JERSEY

### News Notes

Camp-meeting is now over and we are getting settled down for business. The force is on hand erecting the new conference storage building in which to store our camp equipment, which has increased very materially of late.

Two tent efforts commenced their work last Sunday night; one in Trenton and the other in Jersey City. The one in Trenton, conducted by Elder MacNeil, started out with an attendance between three and four hundred. The one in Jersey City, conducted by Elder Taylor, had about the same number out. The prospects are good in both of these places. Elder Gaff commences his effort in Franklin Furnace next Sunday evening.

Brother T. D. Gibson of Virginia, has taken the work of Field Missionary Secretary in this conference, thus relieving Brother Barritt, who is giving his entire time to Home Missionary work. Brother Barritt is now in the field in the interest of the Home Missionary work and also working up the Harvest Ingathering. In a meeting last Sabbath, of the Paterson Church, the members pledged to raise \$400 with the Harvest Ingathering. This goal exceeds the conference individual goal of \$5.00 for each member.

Sister Iden has begun to visit the interested churches in behalf of the church school work. Last week plans were definitely laid for a new school in Jersey City No. 1. While the establishing of a school means much sacrifice and prayer, it also means the salvation of our children and their proper training for the work of

God. When God says, "Go forward," there is only one thing for us to do, and that is to obey.

It might be of interest to you to know who compose the two tent companies just beginning work. In Trenton, Elder MacNeil has charge of the effort, assisted by Brethren Medairy, Hugh Williams, and Miss Elizabeth Wilson.

The Jersey City effort consists of Elder H. F. Taylor as leader, with Brethren C. E. Gulick, Albert Munson, Harold Gulick, and Miss Viola Severs assisting.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Elder Stevens reports three more new Sabbath-keepers at Morgantown.

Brother C. V. Leach called at the conference office Wednesday, Aug. 16, enroute to the Ohio camp-meeting. We were glad to have a visit with him.

In a letter received from one of our colporteurs this week, he asked us to excuse him for writing on both sides of the paper, because paper has again raised in price. He added that newspapers for which they paid one cent a few weeks ago were now two cents. Should this not encourage us to place our truth-filled literature in the hands of all possible while the prices are so reasonable?

The members of the Parkersburg Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society prepared an excellent program and rendered it in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Kanawha, Friday evening, August 12. The church was well filled, many not of our faith being present. Had it not been for the rain many more would have been there. The program was much appreciated, not only by the members of the Kanawha Church, but by all present. It was said to be the best program ever rendered in Kanawha. Elder Hirlinger was present and held services the next day. The afternoon service was devoted to the home missionary work and many related their recent experiences in this phase of the work.

Remember the West Virginia camp-meeting will be held at Weston, August 31 to Sept. 8. Plan to be present the first day and stay until the close of the meeting. Sister Cumpston, who is at present out of the state taking treatments, writes that she can not afford to miss the West Virginia camp-meeting and that

she plans to be there. One of our colporteurs, who is now in Michigan, writes of his desire to attend camp-meeting in his home conference and says he will do all in his power to be present. Letters are being received daily from different members telling of their intention to attend. We anticipate a large attendance and the best camp-meeting ever held in West Virginia. You can not afford to miss it.

Elder Hirlinger went to Clarksburg, Sunday. He plans to visit Box, Elkins, and other places before camp-meeting.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Church Dedication

On Sunday, July 23, 1916, the neat little chapel at Mount Braddock, Pennsylvania was dedicated. Elder G. L. West preached the message there about three years ago and a company was organized. There are a number of Sabbath keepers scattered throughout the Connellsville district. The writer, assisted by Brother William Robbins, held a series of meetings a little more than a year ago in a lodge hall at Wooddale, resulting in about a dozen taking their stand for the Sabbath. It was thought best to gather these believers into one organization known as the Connellsville Church. They have two meeting places, one at Mount Braddock and the other at Wooddale.

After Elder West's removal from Connellsville to Dubois, Brother William Robbins was asked by the committee to look after the work in that field.

#### DEDICATORY SERVICES

Professor B. G. Wilkinson preached the dedicatory sermon, and Elder D. A. Parsons offered prayer. Elder West and the writer assisted in the meeting. The Connellsville Imperial Quartett, consisting of William Robbins, Harry Lewellen, Strawn Robbins and Walter Huey sang several selections which added to the interest of the services.

There were quite a number present not of our faith, who, as well as our own people, greatly enjoyed Elder Wilkinson's sermon, and as he drew his remarks to a close, tears were in their eyes.

About five hundred dollars were needed to liquidate the indebtedness on the building. Brother Wilkinson presented the call, and the amount was raised in cash and pledges in a few minutes.

After the meeting, the members served a picnic dinner on a long table which had been prepared for the occasion in a nearby building.

This little memorial for God, the Mt. Braddock Church, will give strength and character to the work in that locality.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## Special

### How One Woman Works to Gather Money for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital

A letter recently received from a good sister in one of our Eastern Conferences, tells the following interesting story of how she is obtaining money for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital:

"Perhaps it would be interesting to you and others to know how I am going to raise the amount of money which I pledged to the Hospital. I am selling 'Practical Guide,' also sewing, and save my income which is given me daily for running my home expenses, so that I have a few dollars left from that each week. Where there is a will there is always a way, and especially when we are working for the Lord. God blesses every effort which we put forth. I am so glad for the privilege of being able to give a helping hand in His cause. May God bless you in all your work for Him. Enclosed you will find a check for \$25, and just as fast as I can make the rest, you shall receive it."

This letter breathes a splendid spirit of faith and sacrifice and we trust will stimulate others to work.

PERCY T. MAGAN, M. D.

### How To Work Among the Hebrew People with the Harvest Ingathering

As the Jewish people learn of our work, they become more interested in us and in our cause. We are glad that the people of God are taking more and more interest in these lost sheep of Israel; and we know that as our brethren and sisters learn of ways and means whereby they may reach the Jews, they are hopeful and courageous.

While in the city of Portland, Maine, a short time ago, in company with one of our brethren, I visited a Jewish store. It was shortly after the Sabbath; and I remarked to the storekeeper that we were both Christian Sabbath-keepers. He became interested at once. I told him that we observed the Sabbath from sunset to sunset, and he told us that he did likewise. A very interesting conversation followed, and the man would have talked longer on the subject of the truth, were it not that he had customers.

I was telling this brother, who is much interested in the Jewish people and who has had much experience in working with the Harvest Ingathering papers, how it is possible to gain access to a Jew, but by a mistake, how easy it is to embitter a Jew

against you. I remarked that one should never say the word, missionary, or the words, Christian missionary work. To the Jew the missionary is a monster, a cruel, hateful Jew hater. The Jew believes that all the cruelties which have come to his people have been through missionaries. Hence, to the Jew the word Missionary, or any word akin to it, will immediately arouse his ire and resentfulness. The brother then told me that he could now see what was perplexing to him on one occasion.

It seems that he had met a learned Jew and entered into conversation with him on the subject of the Bible. He was getting considerable information from the Jew, who seemed very friendly. Rather unexpectedly he told his Jewish friend that he was engaged in missionary work. At once the Jew became less conversant, and soon manifested a spirit of indifference and estrangement. The brother wondered why this should be. When I told him the feelings of the Jews towards the missionary, then he understood that experience.

It is a wonderful thing to the Jew to learn that there is a people who claim to be Christians yet keep the Sabbath, believe in the Old Testament, and accept the teachings of all the prophets. It is still more wonderful to tell the Jew that we do not eat swine flesh, but observe the laws of health as recognized and taught in the Bible. He can not understand how a Gentile people can observe the ten commandments and recognize the teachings of the Bible which God gave to Israel. The most wonderful thing of all is, that such a people are actually undertaking to tell all nations of earth that they are under obligation to God and to the Messiah to observe all these things.

It seems perplexing to the Jew to learn that we are teaching the Chinese, Japanese, Fijians, Africans, and the rest of the heathen world that all are to observe the Sabbath of the Lord and all the commandments of God. When the son of Abraham learns that Seventh-day Adventists are actually doing this work, he feels that our people are doing that which the Jew ought to do. It appeals to him, and he feels that our cause is one worthy of his help. Many of our brethren have found that by telling the Jew we are carrying a message of law and grace, including the Sabbath and the teachings of Moses and the prophets, to all the nations of earth, it not only makes the Israelites friendly to us, but it also impresses them with the fact that there is a people who are doing the work which God desires to have accomplished.

But, beloved brethren and sisters, as you go to the Jew, do not talk to him about missionaries and missionary work.

You may tell him about our work of Sabbath reform and other reforms which are being taught by Christian Sabbath-keepers in all parts of the world; and if you approach him in this spirit with the prayer in your heart that the Holy Spirit will impress his soul, he will be glad to meet you, he will hear what you have to say, and many will be glad to contribute to this great work which the Lord has given us to do.

The writer will be glad to hear from any of our people who have interesting experiences with the Jews as they come in contact with them in connection with this work. Let us pray that God will help us to reach the lost sheep of Israel, and may this Harvest Ingathering work prove a blessing to these people.

F. C. GILBERT, South Lancaster, Mass.

### Copy of a Telegram

Mountain View, Cal.,  
August 10, 1916.

Editor Review and Herald, Takoma Park, D. C.

A mail car loaded with Harvest Ingathering *Signs* for Atlantic States left our siding today. It will be attached to the Atlantic Express leaving San Francisco at 7:00 P. M., due to arrive in Chicago Monday morning, the 14th.

JAMES COCHRAN.

### Notice

If you are not a Member of Attainment, why not take the Standard of Attainment examination in September? If you can not take it in both Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, can you not take it in one of them? The subjects of which Attainment Membership demands a knowledge are two with which all should be familiar. Then why not try to pass the next test? In one conference every officer is a Member of Attainment. Would it not be well if you could say that every officer in your church is a Member of Attainment? Why not make it so? The examination questions are obtained from the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Remember there is a Junior Standard of Attainment plan now. How many of the boys and girls in this Union will try to take the examination in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History in September?

Have you seen the Missionary Volunteer Emblem? It is a neat little pin of oxidized silver. Over the relief map of portions of the eastern and western hemispheres are the letters "M. V." in red fired enamel. The emblem can be obtained with either a button or safety pin

back. Missionary Volunteers who desire emblems can obtain them from their Tract Society for fifteen cents each.

"Cumulative Evidence of Christ's Second Coming" is the title of a splendid article in the September *Signs Magazine*.

"When the proof of a fact rests upon a single item of evidence, that item must be a strong one indeed if it produces conviction. But when we have line upon line of evidence to prove any fact or event, doubt is smothered beneath the array of proofs." So writes A. O. Tait in the opening paragraph. He then produces an abundance of that evidence from the great prophecies of Daniel, Matthew, and Revelation.

### Infantile Paralysis

Because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, which amounts to a plague nearly, the interest of the whole country has been aroused as to the cause and prevention of this disease.

When infantile paralysis makes its appearance in a city, seemingly no section is immune from attack. The homes of the wealthy are stricken as well as those dwelling in congested or slum sections of the city.

So dreadful is this disease that a number of cities and states have placed a strict quarantine against children coming from places where the disease is known to exist. Some cities have placed a quarantine against children either entering or leaving their borders. In order to help investigate the cause and cure of this infantile paralysis, the government has appropriated large sums of money and delegated some of the best physicians in their employ to help municipalities study this question.

Since the last great epidemic of infantile paralysis, in 1907, medical science has made great progress in the study of this disease. In the October issue the readers of *Life and Health* are given the benefit from this research, of discoveries made, and the best means of prevention and cure known.

In addition to the article on Infantile Paralysis, the October *Life and Health* is full of other practical, helpful matter. For the benefit of the public this number should have a broad circulation. Single copy 10 cents; five to forty copies, five cents each; fifty or more copies, four cents each. Annual subscription \$1.00. Send all orders to your conference tract society.

"Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital Day, Sabbath, October 14, 1916."

## The Ideal Worker

(These quotations are taken from Review and Herald articles).

Never venture to enter the desk until you have wrestled with God in prayer, and come forth as seeing Him who is invisible, with your faces lighted up with the beams from the Sun of Righteousness. You will then have no tame words to offer. The divine truths which glow in your own breast will kindle the hearts of others. July 22, 1884.

The people must be taught to labor in the vineyard of the Lord, and this is the minister's great work. July 18, 1884.

A faithful performance of the duties assigned to His servants would drive every worker in the vineyard of the Lord to his closet in earnest intercession for divine aid. June 17, 1884.

They do not know how to labor for souls and bring them to the foot of the cross; for they have never been there themselves. Oct. 21, 1908.

If the preaching is of an emotional character, it will effect the feelings but not the heart and conscience. Such preaching results in no lasting good; but it often wins the hearts of the people, and calls out their affections for the man who pleases them. April 7, 1885.

Act promptly. God would have you minute men, as were the men who composed Gideon's army. Many times ministers are too precise, too calculating. While they are getting ready to do a great work, the opportunity for doing a good work passes unimproved. The minister moves as though he whole burden rested on himself, a poor finite man, when Jesus is carrying him and his burden too. July 1, 1884.

It is not the greatness of the effort but the unconquerable persistence, that wins. Oct. 14, 1884.

Some who have learned to imitate Christ in meakness, have not learned His diligence in doing good. Jan. 6, 1885.

There are few who will venture to go out and labor unselfishly, trusting all to Jesus. They must have wages, and even then, if something is offered that promises greater financial success, many youth will choose the worldly employment. June 24, 1884.

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending Aug. 11, 1916									
S. J. Monroe, Wetzel Co.	BR	2	18						50 95
C. L. Ross, Tyler Co.	BR	4	43	7	57 00	5 95	62 95		
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	5	41	4	14 00	15 00	29 00	2 25	
E. R. Corder, Mingo Co.	BF	4	23	42	65 00	6 75	71 75	1 50	
H. L. Sheneman, Mingo Co.	BF	4	24	18	27 00	50	27 50		50
Guy Corder, Mingo Co.	BF	5	28	55	84 50	16 25	100 75		
John McHenry, McDowell Co.	BF	5	43	110	167 00	30 05	197 05	8 05	
John Brownlie, Fayette Co.	BF	4	22	35	54 50	1 50	56 00	1 50	
L. E. Christman, Montgomery Co.	BF	4	22	41	66 50	1 50	68 00	1 25	
T. M. Butler, McDowell Co.	BF	5	40	36	64 50	21 75	86 25	108 55	
W. A. McElphatrick, Charleston	COL	3	26	22	27 50	4 00	31 50		
Miscellaneous					19 90		19 90		
Totals	11 Agents				\$647 46	\$103 25	\$750 65	\$174 55	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Aug. 11, 1916									
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	5	40	6	19 00	14 35	33 35	78 10	
A. Brownlee, Center Co.	PPF	5	46	13	26 00	21 30	47 30	20 20	
Geo. A. Dunham, McKean Co.	BR	2	20	7	21 00		21 00	153 60	
Solomon Diehl, Center Co.	CK			33	100 00		100 00	100 00	
C. G. Guenter, Jefferson Co.	BR	4	43	21	67 00	2 50	69 50	2 50	
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	4	24	1	3 00	6 70	9 70	38 70	
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	PPF	10	53	23	112 00	1 00	113 00		
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.	BF	5	43	9	19 00		19 00	38 40	
John Keeler, McKean Co.	BR				19 00		19 00		
C. H. Kelly, Indiana Co.	BR	1	9	3	11 00	2 00	13 00	1 75	
James Lippart, Clearfield Co.	BR	3	28	3	10 00	3 25	13 25		
John Morley, Center Co.	BR	5	41	42	136 00	1 50	137 50	1 50	
Harold Stevens, Erie Co.	BR	4	40	23	70 00	8 00	78 00		
C. E. Will, Washington Co	GC	5	49	8	17 00	12 50	29 50	16 75	
Totals	14 Agents		53	436	186 \$630 00	\$73 10	\$703 10	\$451 50	

District of Columbia, 2 Weeks Ending August 4, 1916									
Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.	BR	8	40		185 00		185 00	125 00	
W. F. Schmidt, Fauquier Co.	BR	5	32		59 00	5 25	64 25	26 25	
Miss Salisbury, Washington D. C.	Mag	5			53 30		53 30	53 30	
S. P. Jones, Prince Williams Co.	BR	4	28		16 25		16 25		
H. L. Shull, Prince Williams Co.	BR	4	20		11 25		11 25		
Magazines, Washington	Mag				54 50		54 50	54 50	
Miscellaneous					69 66		69 66	69 66	
Totals	5 Agents		26	112	\$448 96	\$5 25	\$454 21	\$328 71	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Aug 11, 1916									
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	33	20	30 00	10 00	40 00		
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.	PPF	5	31	16	34 00	2 75	36 75		
F. Brownell, Lycoming Co.	BR	2	18	6	18 00	2 25	20 25		
C. Brownell, Lycoming Co.	BR	2	15	10	35 00	1 75	36 75		
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	1	3	5	8 00	5 26	13 26		
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	Mag				15 00		15 00		
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	4	40	20	35 00	6 90	41 90	49 10	
E. E. Gloor, Columbia Co.	DR	5	44	30	25 00	1 00	26 00		
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	32	24	12 00		12 00		
Totals	7 Agents		28	216	108 \$212 00	\$29 91	\$241 91	\$49 10	

New Jersey, Week Ending August 11, 1916									
H. Slaughter, Salem Co.	BR	15	90	46	126 00	7 40	133 40	78 00	
Geo. Blinn, Hunterdon Co.	BR	15	124	23	69 00		69 00	130 00	
N. E. Wilson, Salem Co.	BR	2	11	3	9 00	50	9 50		
Totals	3 Agents		32	225	72 \$204 00	7 90	\$211 90	\$208 00	

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## Virginia, Week Ending Aug. 11, 1916

Frank R. Wood, Nelson Co.	GC	5	50	32	100 00	4 00	104 00	
Bennett Hamm, Nelson Co.	GC	5	50	15	45 00	5 50	50 50	1 75
A. H. Schultz, Caroline Co.	DR	3	20	5	15 00	1 50	16 50	72 25
Max Trummer & wife, Pulaski Co.	DR	5	61	29	96 00	23 00	119 00	150 50
S. N. Wilmer, Franklin Co.	BR	3	34			6 50	6 50	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	BR		26					140 00
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	37	6	9 00	1 20	10 20	2 85
Margaret Chambers, Dinwiddie Co.	HM	2	18	11	23 00	50	23 50	
Totals	8 Agents		28	296	98 \$288 00	\$42 20	\$330 20	\$367 35

## Chesapeake, Week Ending Aug. 11, 1916

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	9	83	18	49 00	4 75	53 75	57 55
F. E. Moore, Washington Co.	BR	6	52	23	70 00	11 25	81 25	
G. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	3	33	27	83 00	1 75	84 75	
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.	BR	2	20	6	19 00	1 00	20 00	50
C. C. R. Hare, Somerset Co. Md.	DR	6	48	14	45 00	4 50	49 50	
B. Hohensee, Somerset Co., Md.	DR	5	43	11	35 00	8 05	43 05	
E. H. Dye, Wicomico Co.	DR	4	28	4	12 00	7 50	19 50	
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co.	PPF	5	42	10	20 00	12 60	32 60	27 25
Totals	8 Agents		40	349	113 \$333 00	\$51 40	\$384 40	\$85 30

Grand Totals: 56 Agents Value of Orders \$2763 42 Deliveries, \$1664 51

## Virginia Financial Report

Church	Membership	July Tithe	Tithe 7 Months	Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund	Twenty-cent-a-week Fund	Goal 7 Months	Per-capita
Hamburg	4	400 00	400 00		501 00	24 26	4.17
Rileyville	12	6 80	27 54		95 24	72 80	.26
Charlottesville	10	5 76	77 97		60 88	60 66	.20
Richmond No. 1	65	75 99	1294 40		365 64	394 33	.19
Lynchburg	28	51 40	322 93		160 60	169 86	.19
New Market	40	83 70	593 39		217 28	242 66	.18
Bethel	13	8 00	26 01		59 03	78 86	.15
Conference No. 1	44	34 73	339 58		189 83	262 60	.15
Newport News No. 1	16	23 00	209 10		64 36	97 06	.13
Republican Grove	20	8 65	252 22		72 56	121 33	.12
Portsmouth No. 1	25	34 71	230 41		84 14	151 66	.11
Roanoke	9		33 80		24 43	54 60	.09
Stanley	72	44 71	234 08		123 34	436 80	.06
Yale	36	3 54	113 52		49 58	218 40	.05
Guinea Mills	12	6 31	38 59		13 94	72 80	.04
Richmond No. 2	18	30 19	181 41	83 41		81 90	.16
Newport News No. 2	24	18 87	158 42	97 26		109 20	.14
Norfolk	16	25 76	142 45	43 23		72 80	.09
Conference No. 2	4		62 32	9 74		18 20	.08
Danville	5		24 41	11 50		22 75	.08
Portsmouth No. 2	21	12 69	120 26	36 07		95 55	.06
News Ferry	7	2 45	22 91	9 50		81 85	.05
Spencer	6		7 90	5 02		27 30	.03
Thelma	7		6 00	3 56		31 85	.02
Total	514	\$877 26	\$4830 22	299 29	\$2081 85	2950 08	

Per capita at 20 cents .17: At 15 cents .09

F. N. JOHNSON, Treas.

If we pause to think that heaven  
Hears the secret thoughts we think,  
Would we not be very careful  
Of what spirit's fount we drink?

If we paused to think that angels  
Walk beside us in the way,  
Would we not be far more careful  
What we do and what we say?

"Take this motto for the bit terest cup  
There is no failure save in giving up;  
No real defeat so long as one still tries,  
For seeming setbacks make the strong  
man wise,  
There's no defeat, in truth, save from  
within,  
Unless you're beaten there, you're bound  
to win."

## The Power of Prayer

The request, "Will you pray for me," has become simply a form of speech: you should pray to God for yourself, believing that He listens to every word you utter. Aug. 20, 1890.

If you will find voice and time to pray, God will find time and voice to answer. April 1, 1890.

The life of the soul depends upon habitual communion with God. Secret prayer sustains this inner life. April 22, 1884.

We must be much in communion with God. Prayer in secret, prayer while the hands are engaged in labor, prayer while walking by the way, prayer in the night season, the heart's desires ever ascending to God—this is our only safety. In this manner Enoch walked with God. Nov. 8, 1887.

We should accustom ourselves to often lift the thoughts to God in prayer. If the mind wanders we must bring it back; by persevering effort habit will finally make it easy. Nov. 15, 1887.

From the light that God has given me, I know that there might have been twenty-fold more accomplished than has been accomplished, if the workers had sought for strength and support instead of depending so much upon man. June 18, 1889.

Let us urge our petitions as did Jacob; and we shall find that importunate prayer will bring us precious victories. May 27, 1884.

The hour of prayer should not be neglected for any consideration. Do not talk and amuse yourself till all are too weary to enjoy the season of devotion. To do this, is to present to God a lame offering. At an early hour of the evening, when we can pray unhurriedly and understandingly, we should present our supplications, and raise our voices in happy, grateful praise. Nov. 29, 1887.

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,  
Beneath His wings of love abide,  
Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail,  
When dangers fierce your pathway sail,  
All you may need He will provide,  
Nothing you ask will be denied,  
No matter what may be the test,  
Lean, weary one, upon His breast,  
God will take care of you,  
Thro' ev'ry day, O'er all the way;  
He will take care of you,  
God will take care of you.

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## OBITUARIES

RAHM.—The second time in three weeks death has entered the home of Brother and Sister Martin Rahm. Little Donnias, whose twin sister we laid to rest such a short time ago, died August 11, 1916, aged 5 months and 8 days. "There is a reaper whose name is death, and with his sickle keen, he reaps the bearded grain at a breath, and the flowers that grow between." We found comfort in the precious promises that this little flower will soon bloom again when our Great Life Giver comes. H. M. JUMP.

STILLWAGON.—Clayton Stillwagon of Adah, Pennsylvania, was born February 8, 1886 and died July 7, 1916. Before his death he bore a strong testimony for the truth to his neighbors. His wife, son, daughter, father, mother, two brothers and sister mourn. F. H. ROBBINS.

## Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

FOR SALE.—A 9 room house, barn, poultry house and 1½ acres of land, raspberries, blackberries, and strawberries bearing. One block from Washington Missionary College. Address all communications to I. A. Ford, Takoma Park, D. C.

FOR SALE.—Eight-room house with the best modern plumbing and conveniences, close to Mount Vernon Academy. Address, O. F. Butcher, South Lancaster, Mass., Lock Box 301.

WANTED.—To lease farm; moderate rent, fire-wood, good water and some fruit. Address with particulars Parker Atwood, care of Sanitarium, Attleboro, Mass.

## Notice

The next issue of the Columbia Union Visitor will be dated September 7.

Present Truth Series special list for our relatives and friends closes September 1. Let all remember, first of September.

## Camp-Meeting Dates

W. Virginia, Weston, Aug. 30 to Sept. 10.  
West Pennsylvania, Aug. 24 to Sept. 3.  
Ohio, Newark, August 17-27.

## Flowers

While we live, the flowers give,  
Don't wait until one's laid away,  
The sweetest and best in life  
Are the flowers we give each day,  
A kind word or deed are the flowers  
We can not buy, only give;  
They will cheer many lonely hours,  
Let's give and take while we live.  
For life at best is but a day,  
And oft times we are sad at heart,  
Cheering the traveler on his way,  
You and I can have a part.  
For life is sweeter by far,  
When we try to do our best,  
Jesus Christ, our Guiding Star,  
Scattered flowers and many found rest.  
Each kind word or deed we do,  
Comes only from above,  
Let's be like Him so true,  
Sow flowers of kindness and of love.  
—Mrs. E. L. Hayman.

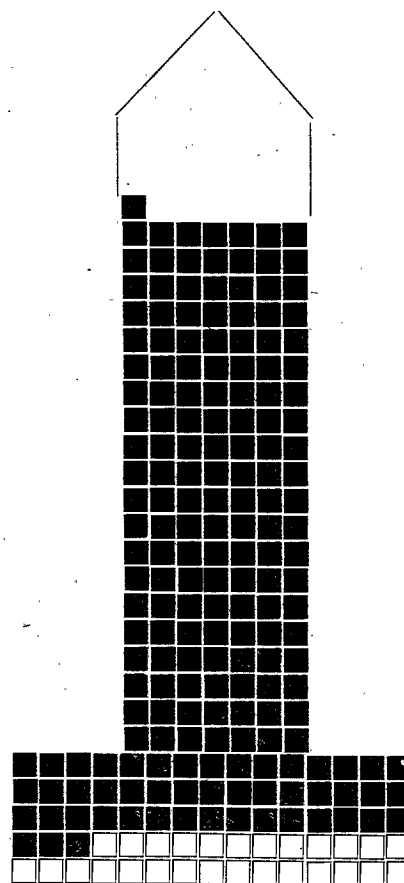
Thou art coming to a King.  
Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and power are such  
Thou coust never ask too much.

Before God's footstool to confess  
A poor soul knelt and bowed his head.  
"I failed!" he cried. The Master said,  
"Thou didst thy best—that is success."

"There is no material in this world that is unpromising."

## Look Pleasant

We cannot of course, all be handsome,  
And it's hard for us all to be good,  
We are sure now and then to be lonely,  
And we don't always do as we should.  
To be patient is not always easy,  
To be cheerful is much harder still,  
But at least we can always be pleasant,  
If we make up our minds that we will.  
And it pays every time to be kindly,  
Although we feel worried and blue;  
If you smile at the world and look cheerful,  
The world will soon smile back at you.  
So try to brace up and look pleasant,  
No matter how long you are down,  
Good humor is always contagious,  
You banish your friends when you frown.

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