

# Columbia Union Visitor

"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### The Pittsburgh Work

In the conflict between good and evil there is a notable contrast in God's work and that of Satan's. The terrible among the nations of Europe for supremacy and worldly power manifests to what extent Satan has implanted in the hearts of men the spirit of evil. His operations are not confined alone to war, but permeate every avenue of life. It would seem, from the mighty array of evil against God, that His work would almost stop, but the battle of the Lord against sin goes steadily on. The gospel is being heralded in the cities, villages, country places, and is penetrating the dark corners of the earth in heathen lands.

Inquiry has been made concerning the work done in Pittsburgh during 1916. The Pittsburgh English Church number one was without a regular pastor two years. At the Loma Linda council a transfer was arranged for Elder D. A. Parsons of Los Angeles, California, to come to Pittsburgh and take charge of the city work. Elder Parsons and family arrived here the latter part of December, 1915, and he had begun his work in good earnest by January, 1916.

The Columbia Union Conference convened in Pittsburgh, in March, at which time it was decided to rent the large Pitt Theater for the purpose of holding Sunday night meetings. The first meeting was held March 12 with a good attendance. The series consisted of thirteen Sunday nights. Contemporaneous with the theater meetings, Sabbath services were held in a large auditorium in the heart of the city, and were well attended by those not of our faith.

Elder A. G. Daniells spoke three Sunday nights at the theater, presenting his themes in a clear and convincing manner. Elder B. G. Wilkinson continued the lectures in the theater to the close of the series, and the work was greatly strengthened by his efficient services. Elder Parsons and others conducted the Sabbath services.

Dr. D. H. Kress, associated with others, spent three weeks visiting many of the interested business men who attended

the theater meetings. About three thousand names were handed in by persons who desired literature on the themes which were presented at the theater. Much publicity was given our work through the daily press. Elder Parsons lent valuable assistance in advertising the meetings, and contributing articles for the newspapers. About five thousand dollars worth of literature was sold in the city during the summer by a band of student colporteurs and others, about twenty in all. This line of work was under the supervision of Brother H. K. Christman.

Two tent meetings were held, one for the white people by Elder Parsons and the writer, and the other by Elder A. N. Durrant for the colored people. These meetings with the faithful work of our eight Bible workers, and the earnest prayers of our people throughout the conference, were important instrumentalities in binding off the Pitt Theater effort. Elder J. P. Gaede, who has charge of the German work in the city, and is pastor of the Allegheny English Church, held cottage meetings and did Bible work during the summer.

The meetings made a favorable impression on the people throughout the entire city. Those who have accepted the Third Angel's Message express much appreciation for the truth. They are people of sterling integrity and moral worth and will be a real help in the upbuilding of the Lord's cause.

Last March we set our goal to win one hundred souls for Christ in the city of Pittsburgh by the close of 1916. To date the Lord has given us eighty-six baptized, four taken into the church on profession of faith, twenty who are keeping the Sabbath but have not as yet united with the church, and many more who are studying the message. Of this number twenty-eight are colored, and came into the truth through Elder Durrant's tent effort.

Elder D. A. Parsons has accepted the presidency of the West Virginia Conference. We are sorry to see him leave, but are thankful that God has given us another good man. Elder F. A. Harter of the East Pennsylvania Conference will take Elder Parsons' place in Pittsburgh.

In all our work, we endeavored to have good organization. We thank God that

He has heard our prayers and blessed our humble efforts. We trust that this is only the beginning and foundation of a strong work in Pittsburgh. We solicit an interest in the prayers of our people that the work begun may grow and be crowned with success.

F. H. ROBBINS.

### A Call to Service

When the great European war broke out millions of men rushed to the front. They believed their national existence was at stake, so they jeopardized their lives for their country.

Each nation called for the services of every able bodied man. The great industries of the nations were turned to promote the war and on every battle front misery, death and destruction has followed.

Another call has reached the ears of many in all lands. It came from a still small voice and the destiny of multitudes depends upon how that call is answered. It is not a call to destroy others in battle, but to carry to all a message of glad tidings.

In our conference several gave their lives to the proclamation of the last message to a dying world and as a result a great number of people have the truth in their homes. These noble colporteurs who have been the means in God's hands of doing this work, have gained an experience which money could not buy. It warms one's heart to hear them tell of how doors have been opened to them.

Several others heard the call but did not respond. They are not satisfied with their work and have a deep desire to be where God can use them.

We are planning to have a colporteurs' institute to help train our soul-burdened brothers and sisters to work for souls as never before.

If the call to service has come to you, do not delay but correspond with E. A. Manry, 7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh.

"But strew his ashes to the wind  
Whose sword or voice has served mankind  
And is he dead, whose glorious mind  
Lifts thine on High?  
To live in hearts we leave behind  
Is not to die."

## News Notes

At the close of the month of November reports from all the churches gave the encouraging total for the Harvest Ingathering amounting to almost \$1700. We feel confident that by the time all the reports are in from all parts of the field about the first of the New Year we will be able to sing the jubilee. Some rapid strides have been made in the various churches during the past month.

From Huntingdon comes the news of success. In this little town nestled in the foothills of the Alleghenys a company of fourteen are working industriously to reach their goal of \$50, and the distribution of about six hundred papers. The last report encouraged us to believe that the task is almost accomplished.

The church at Washington had almost reached their goal by the close of last week. This is the only church in the conference that set its goal on the basis of five dollars per member. All took hold of the work enthusiastically, and the rise in the thermometer from week to week gave ample proof of the success attending the efforts of the faithful members. We have every reason to believe that the missionary thermometer as well has mounted to a high degree.

In Meadville the work has been progressing nicely. While visiting there last week for a few days, several of the members succeeded in securing the amount of their individual goal. Their goal of \$75 is well in sight, and sufficient inspiration on hand to bring the work to a successful completion.

In spite of the fact that the campaign was a little late in the year, we feel encouraged with the results which have developed, as our faithful members everywhere have taken hold of the work. In practically every church where the work has been conducted enthusiastically we have seen a new missionary spirit growing in the hearts of the believers. Without a doubt this campaign has been but the beginning of greater things in the progress of the message in our little conference.

"Prayer and faith will do what no power on earth can accomplish," says "Ministry of Healing," and again, "Time must be redeemed from things temporal, for meditation upon things eternal." If we want power for service we must take time for prayer; and let us remember that there is no time like the morning hour in which to talk over our plans for the day with the Master.

## NEW JERSEY

## Paterson

That the enthusiasm in the Paterson Church is not confined to the older people alone, was demonstrated last Sabbath, when the Young People's Society, under the leadership of Mr. R. Bruce Martin, rendered a very interesting program, in which a demonstration was given of how the Young People conduct their meetings. After the regular opening exercises and reading of the minutes by the secretary, Miss May Greenhalgh, the Morning Watch texts were reviewed by Miss Mamie Hickling. A very pithy reading was given by Mrs. Carrie Dolan, entitled "Sabbath Sickness." Mr. Fred Herbst gave an interesting reading on the "Life of Joshua" an original compilation. A Bible study was then given by Miss Pauline Kinner, the texts being read by the young people as they were called for. A solo was rendered by Miss Melvina Horton, accompanied by Miss Gallant.

At this point an interesting sketch, adapted from Elder T. H. Jey's article on page 7 of the Review and Herald, December 7th, 1916, entitled, "An Arithmetic Lesson" was rendered by the following young people:—

Teacher - - Mr. R. Douglas Martin  
T. Payer - - - Miss Bertha Herbst  
T. Dodger - - - Mr. Fred Herbst  
I. N. Different - - Miss Della Herbst  
B. F. Aithful - - Miss Beth Herbst  
X. P. Ditious - Miss Edith Butterworth  
Q. U. Eary - - Miss Mamie Hickling

This lesson though given in an amusing way was very instructive and we hope it will be well learned by all.

A recitation was then given by Miss Della Herbst, who is quite proficient in this line, entitled "Seeing the Sprinkled Blood." An offering was taken amounting to \$5.45 which we believe our young people will use to good advantage in their home missionary work. Recently they voted \$8.00 of their funds to the church poor fund, which needed replenishing. A very enjoyable hour came to a close by the society singing, "We would be like Jesus," and benediction by Miss Pauline Kinner. Pray for our young people.

R. H. MARTIN.

## Church School Program

On the night of December 21, the scholars of the Cape May Court House church school rendered a program, consisting of songs, recitations, readings, etc., treating upon education, temperance and religion. The excellence of our church school principles were demonstrated throughout the program, which was in charge of the teacher, Miss Alice R. Gray, assisted by the writer.

Manual training exhibits, report cards examination papers, maps drawn by the children, etc., were displayed on the walls of the schoolroom for examination. All of these were much appreciated by those who examined them. An interesting closing feature was the distribution of gifts from the teacher to the scholars. This was followed by a liberal offering from those present for the manual training work of the school.

Many expressions of appreciation were heard of the excellent manner in which the various themes were presented, especially by some of the smaller scholars. Some who were present, not of our faith, commented most favorably upon the excellent work that is being done by this school.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

## Paterson

Sabbath, December 16, 1916, was another day of rejoicing for the Paterson Church. After the Sabbath School, which was held in the usual place of meeting, the W. C. T. U. Hall, 156 Broadway, all the members walked about six blocks to the Park Avenue Baptist Church, where a short discourse on the meaning of baptism, the sacredness and solemnity of the ordinance, was given by the writer, after which nine precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

It was indeed a goodly sight to see seven of one family take their stand for the truth. A mother, four grown daughters, a son, and a son-in-law, united with our church at this time. The other two were husband and wife. We are glad to welcome these strong, young recruits (who have already proven their earnestness and ability in the Harvest Ingathering work) to membership in the Paterson Church. We believe they will be a help and a blessing to the organization, especially to the Young People's Society.

Added interest was lent to this occasion, because of the beauty of the realistic scenery around the glass fronted baptistry, in the cozy Park Avenue Church. The audience could see the candidates go below the surface of the water. For this accommodation we are indebted to the Rev. A. J. Parkin and the trustees of the church, who certainly did all they could to make us welcome and comfortable, for which kindness we are all indeed grateful.

R. H. MARTIN.

How often Christian people of other denominations get the idea that we preach only the law and doctrine, and care little for the devotional side of Christian life. The Morning Watch Calendar will help them to see differently. Would it not be a good plan to give five copies to your Christian friends? The price is 5 cents.

## OHIO

## News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade spent some time at the Cleveland Colporteur's Institute this week.

Thousand dollar Harvest Ingathering goals are of much value to the work, especially when reached as successfully as Cleveland has done. This, with other mission fund credits, has swung this church clear on twenty-cent-a-week plan, a splendid increase over the result of any previous year.

Brother V. O. PUNCHES left the office Wednesday for Bucyrus in the interest of the home missionary work.

Many have availed themselves of the opportunity to still secure the Review at the same old price. The clubbing price continues this offer for a short time.

Results thus far indicate that Ohio's goal on both tithe and mission funds has been passed by a good margin. You will want to learn more definitely of the success of these plans which have echoed through the year, so watch for the letter that will reach you soon.

On the night of December 25, 1916, Mr. Eber E. Opdyke of Cleveland, and Miss Louise Glaunsinger of Newark, Ohio, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glaunsinger, Newark.

About sixty invited guests were present and the occasion was a pleasant one. A dainty and wholesome supper was served following the wedding ceremony. Mr. Lon C. Metcalf of Mt. Vernon, sang "O Promise Me," by De Koven. A large assortment of beautiful and useful presents were received by the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Opdyke will be at home after Jan. 15, at 1900 E. 57th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

H. A. WEAVER.

Some have secured the vest pocket edition of the Psalms to use in connection with the Morning Watch this year. The American Bible Society manufacture a leather cover that will slip over the Psalms or any of the other Bible parts which they publish in this size. Some may wish this cover. It costs 10 cents. Order of your tract society (or the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York).

## VIRGINIA

## Stanley Church School

We thought perhaps the readers of the VISITOR would like to have a report of our church school at this place. We have a good school with an enrollment of 35 pupils and an average attendance of 30. The school is being conducted this year on the tuition basis, which ranges from 50 cents to \$1.00 according to grades, and we are glad the plan is about paying the current expenses.

We are very fortunate to have again as our teacher this season Mrs. M. H. George, who is doing a splendid work with the children and is giving excellent satisfaction to the patrons.

On the evening of December 21, the children had, in connection with their songs and recitations, a missionary Christmas tree, on which they placed their offerings for their little brothers and sisters across the seas. The offering amounted to \$9.00. We are praising God for the progress of our school this session and ask that the brethren remember our school and especially our teacher in their prayers.

T. E. PHILLIPS.

## Special

## Revival of the Health and Temperance Work

Every true revival is reformatory in its nature. A revival that does not save men from their wrong habits is of little value. It in fact may do harm by confirming men in sin instead of saving them from it. The evidence of a true revival is found in its fruits.

"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, and think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham for our father." Matt. 3:8, 9; were the words addressed to those who were fleeing from the wrath to come, and who placed reliance upon their connection with the church as a means of salvation.

Reforms are not made in order to become God's sons, they are made because we are His sons and that as sons we may be better able to represent, and serve, Him.

At all of our camp-meetings this year our people in general felt the need of greater carefulness in the future in their habits of eating, drinking, etc., that they might be better able to glorify God. Recognizing this awakening among our people, the Columbia Union Conference Committee at a meeting held at Takoma Park, September 27, adopted the following recommendations, which were brought before it by a special committee.

In view of the following forceful statements from the Spirit of Prophecy "health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. It is as closely connected with the Third Angel's Message as the hand is with the body."—Vol. 3, p. 161, and

"As we near the close of time, we must rise higher and still higher upon the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner. We must strive continually to educate the people, not only by our words, but by our practice." Vol. 6, p. 112, and further.

"Our ministers should become intelligent upon this question" and should "teach its principles, both by precept and by quiet, consistent example." Bible Hygiene, p. 117.

"The selfish, health-destroying indulgences of men and women have counteracted the influence of the message that is to prepare a people for the great day of God. If the churches expect strength, they must live the truth which God has given them. If the members of our churches disregard the light on this subject, they will reap the sure result in both spiritual and physical degeneracy, and the influence of these older church members will leaven those newly coming to the faith." Vol. 6, p. 370.

Your committee appointed for the purpose of outlining plans to carry forward a progressive educational effort along medical and health lines, throughout the Union in connection with other phases of the message to be given the world at this time, would

Recommend, That the outline of the principles of reform recently adopted by the Medical department of the North American Division Conference, be adopted by this Union Conference Committee as a basis for this educational effort. Among the applications of these principles which need special emphasis, we might enumerate the following:—

1. The control of appetites and passions; self-control instead of self-indulgence.

2. The use of wholesome and nourishing foods, containing the necessary food elements in proper proportion.

3. Abstinence from the use of alcohol and tobacco, tea and coffee, flesh meats, rich and highly seasoned foods, irritating spices and condiments.

4. The limited use of sugar and pastry foods.

5. Simplicity in variety and amount, and in the scientific combination and preparation of foods.

6. Proper clothing of the body as relates to warmth, protection, simplicity and modesty, avoiding constriction and improperly adjusted weights.

6. Sufficient and appropriate exercises, especially for those whose work is sedentary.

8. Abstinence from the use of poisonous drugs, above all avoiding the patent medicine habit; and an intelligent application of the principles of rational treatment, as represented in the proper use of water, air, food, electricity, massage, and other natural physiological stimuli and therapeutics.

9. Strict cleanliness of person and premises.

10. Proper and sufficient hours of sleep and relaxation.

11. Proper and sufficient ventilation of churches, schools, dwelling houses, and especially sleeping rooms.

12. Activity in the warfare against flies, mosquitoes, and all other disease-producing and disease-carrying insects.

Believing that from an economic as well as from a health viewpoint these principles should be taught to our people throughout the various conferences, and especially in our schools where young men and women are receiving a training for foreign and home missionary work

We Recommend, That this outline be adopted as a guide by our local conference committees and school boards; that a copy of the outline adopted by the Columbia Union Conference Committee be forwarded to all the church, elders, ministers, Bible workers and nurses throughout the Union, with a view of securing their co-operation in carrying forward this educational campaign in connection with other phases of the message, as a means of preparing a people spiritually for the second coming of Christ.

We Recommend, That every endeavor be put forth on the part of the ministry and laborers of the Union to foster the interest of the Union Sanitarium by commending it to our youth desiring training, and by correcting false reports intended to injure the work of the institution.

We Recommend, That the Union Sanitarium work in unison and co-operation with the various treatment rooms, and small hospitals conducted by our brethren, and that the establishment of such enterprises be encouraged in many centers, and further, that we encourage such enterprises to faithfully advocate by precept and example the principles of true health reform.

In view of the growing need of institutional care for the increasing number of our indigent sick, and since the Washington Sanitarium has made special provision for the medical and surgical care of these at a normal cost at their mission hospital,

We Recommend, That the Union have

two endowed beds in the hospital, and that such conference maintain an endowed bed, either at the Washington Sanitarium or Hospital.

We Further Recommend, That a special effort be put forth on Health and Temperance Day for a large collection in all our churches, the amount of this offering to be used in the establishment of these endowed beds, and that the Union treasurer and medical secretaries plan with the North American Medical Department for this collection.

It will be observed that provision is to be made for our sick poor by providing endowed beds at the hospital, conducted by the Washington Sanitarium in the city. This is something that is very much needed and will be hailed with joy by all our people. Health and Temperance day is several months in the future, but we can bear this matter in mind and when the time comes be prepared with a liberal offering to help this class and thus become partakers of the blessings promised in Isa. 58:8.

D. H. KRESS, M. D. *Med. Sec'y. Columbia Union Conference.*

### A Trip in the Bay Islands

We had wanted to take a trip to Bonacca for some time and, as a sail boat with pretty good conveniences was to leave Coxen Hole for that place on the evening of October 11, we prepared ourselves for the voyage. When I say "pretty good," I do not mean anything like the parlors, etc., on the big steamers. I simply mean that it is not filled up with roaches and all sorts of dirt, as many other boats are.

We went aboard about eight o'clock and had to wait the captain's good time for starting, which was almost an hour later. The sails were finally hoisted, the anchor drawn up, and we slowly left harbor, slowly, for the breeze was not very strong. After getting outside the harbor, we sailed almost due east for some distance. But we had not gone far when the breeze entirely died out, and had it not been the current helped us along, we would not have moved much, except up and down, and from side to side. You who have never sailed cannot understand how very pleasant (?) it is to be on a sail boat with no wind in the sails.

However, the children slept as well as if they were home in bed and we slept, too, until they called out "squall coming." That meant to go below into the cabin and by the time about sixteen of us got into that small place there was not much sleeping or breathing space for each one.

By morning the weather had cleared up pretty well and about the middle of the afternoon our boat stopped at a small

place near the end of Roatan. After leaving here, the breeze blew a little stronger enabling us to make more rapid progress. We soon passed the two small islands lying between Roatan and Bonacca, called Barbaret and Morat. Of all the Bay Islands, I think Barbaret is the prettiest although very few people live there. This island furnishes good grazing for cattle.

From the time we left the end of Roatan our course changed to the southeast. We soon reached the eighteen-mile channel between Barbaret and Bonacca and this was the roughest part of the trip. It is a place where two seas meet, and for this reason the waves seem to roll in every direction. The hills are so high on Bonacca that we could see them long before we reached the channel.

I will pass over the rest of the trip, to tell more of the appearance of the place where we landed. It was not on the island itself, for not many people live there. There are two very small cays (keys) located about one-half mile off the south west side of the island. These the people have united by a foot bridge and they have built many houses out over the water as well as on the cays until it is now a village of about five hundred people. This was our destination and we surely enjoyed our stay there, as well as our sea trip.

MRS. JOSEPHINE PADEN.

### General Meetings in the Argentine Conference

Since my last report, we have held general meetings in all of our churches in the Province of Entre Rios. This province lies between the Parana and Uruguay rivers and is one of the most productive of the Argentine Provinces. I left Buenos Aires August 8, in company with Brethren Montgomery, Williams and Hartman to attend the regular board meetings of our Sanitarium and School at Puiggari. We traveled by boat on the beautiful river Parana and the trip was made in 27 hours. Elder Westphal, the chairman of the South American Union Conference, was present and called the meeting to order August 10. It was planned from the very beginning that Elder Montgomery and the writer hold a series of revival meetings for the students and church in Puiggari. The Lord greatly blessed the board meetings and very definite plans were laid for the Sanitarium and School. The revival meetings were attended with much of God's spirit and from the first hearts were made tender by the call of God. Special calls were made for the unconverted, and those who had left their first love. Many of the young men who made no profession, came forward and

gave themselves to Christ. It was a scene very impressive to see them start for the kingdom. Scores and scores came and filled up all the space around the platform to seek the face of a loving Saviour who was willing to forgive them and accept them as His. This work for the youth, touched our brethren and sisters living around these institutions and at the last meeting, when the invitation was extended to the church, to come a little nearer to the Lord, there was a quick and willing response and such a precious season I have not seen for some time. I believe the whole community was shaken with God's wonderful power. Several manifested a desire for baptism at the close of the meetings. Professor Stevens and Elder Wheeler took hold with us and their help was much appreciated. The faculties of the School and Sanitarium were called to meet with the Union Conference Committee and plans were laid to follow up the work that was begun. I was cheered to see the teachers rally to this work of leading the youth on and upward to a more successful Christian experience.

Following this meeting, August 18, Elder Westphal, Brethren Neumann, Block and I, began general meetings for our church at Crespo. This church has a membership of 130. They have a church school building which is also used for church service, but this was inadequate for a general gathering so we were obliged to pitch a tent. The Lord blessed this meeting and every member renewed his covenant with the Lord and began to live a new life. We have in this church a large number of young people and some of these were in need of spiritual help. The Lord came very near to them and when a call was made for all who would give themselves to Christ and actually volunteer for service, those in the background responded. The business meeting was held and we were pleased to hear the good reports of the Treasurer, Clerk, and Missionary Secretary, also the leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society. The Crespo Church paid into the conference over 6,000.00 (pesos) in tithes besides Sabbath School offerings. All the reports showed progress in the work and we are sure that even better reports will be rendered next year. Officers were elected for the church and plans laid for a strong work to be carried on by the members of the church. We gave one day to Home Missionary work and this proved to be one of the best meetings we had. Large orders for literature were taken and a strong missionary leader for the church was selected so that the work could be carried on according to our home missionary plan.

August 22, we left Crespo for a general meeting at Segui. We stopped on our way to Segui and held two meetings at

the home of Brother Foggie. This brother lived in a Catholic community and he invited some of his neighbors to the meetings. The Lord blessed us and some interest was aroused so that one family invited us to their home and there, they told us how they had received light in just two meetings. These people were open for the truth. On the 23 we held meetings with the company at Segui. A few years ago there were nearly one hundred members living at Segui, but of late the majority of these have moved to Viale. At Segui we have a church school with Brother Schubert as teacher. We were glad to see our brethren at this place holding on and doing what they could for those around them.

August 24, we went to Viale where we found the brethren making preparations for the meetings. Here we have 100 members and a nice large church school building and a fine school being taught by one of our sisters who received her training in our college in Puiggari. We found that so many of the brethren had gathered for the meeting that we were obliged to pitch a tent at this place in order to accommodate the people. The weather was ideal and on Sabbath we had a real revival. Some who were scattered out over the country and who had grown cold and indifferent gave themselves to the Lord. Many who had been unfaithful in the tithe, confessed their sin and promised to return to the Lord His own. We followed the same plan here and held a business meeting for the church and heard the reports for the year. The tithe fund for this church seemed small in proportion to the membership and this gave us opportunity to speak on the question which seemed to bring a response. Some arose and confessed they had not paid tithe for one, two and three years. These all promised, with tears, that they will be faithful. Officers were chosen for the year and the work placed upon a more substantial basis. A missionary convention was held and our people were taught how to work for the surrounding country. They took hold and tracts and small books were ordered and a good strong work begun for winning souls. On Sunday there were forty wagons in the church lot and these wagons were loaded with anxious people who had come to hear the word of God. The meetings closed with the brethren and sisters rejoicing in the Lord.

August 28, we started for Galarza where we have a church of forty members. This church was much larger years ago, but on account of apostasy the membership was cut in two. The Lord was with us here and the loyal brethren were revived and expressed a strong desire to triumph with this message. Sabbath was marked by special revival service and

many hearts responded to the call for consecration. In the afternoon a very interesting social meeting was conducted. I think it was one of the best social meetings I have ever attended. Surely the Lord was in the meeting with great power. The next church was Urdinarrain where we have a membership of nearly 100. We drove all day to reach this place and when the sun was setting, we drove up to the home of Brother Schimp, who is elder of the church. We held several meetings here with splendid results. The reports were well rendered and everything indicated that the Lord was at work. We have a very good church school in operation at this place with an enrollment of forty pupils. Brother Block, one of our young men, is in charge of this school. He has a diploma from the government and is therefore a recognized teacher. This school closed half of each day during the week for the meetings. On Tuesday, September 4, I was invited to speak in a small village where our Missionary Volunteer Society had been doing missionary work. I was surprised to find a congregation of 300 people waiting for the meeting. About thirty were our own people. I spoke to them on the Second Coming of Christ and such an interest was manifested that we made definite arrangements for meetings to be continued. It appeared to me as I gave close study to the various needs, that the time has now come for us to move quickly and finish the work in this field. Argentine is ready for the message. We have over eight millions of people who must hear this last message. There are many openings here for new work to be started but the laborers are few. I am greatly encouraged over the prospects for a progressive move for the work in the Province of Entre Rios.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

### A True Test

When in doubt to the profitableness of a pleasure or pursuit, why not apply the test given by the Swedish Nightingale, Jenny Lind? Once an English friend found her sitting by the seashore with her Bible on her knees looking out upon the glory of the sunset. The two talked together for a time, and then came the oft-repeated question, "O Madam Goldschmidt, how is it you abandoned the stage at the very height of your success?"

The sweet singer quietly answered, "When every day it made me think less of this (laying a finger on the Bible), and nothing at all of that (pointing to the sunset), what else could I do?"

—*Youth's Instructor*, Dec. 12, 1916.

Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty.

—C. Simmons.

## Washington Missionary College

Some of the students were entertained at the home of Miss Esther Knudson last Thursday night.

Wednesday night a literary program was given in the dining room under the supervision of Doctor Olsen.

A large number of students have been indulging in skating during the past few days.

Sunday night the students participated in a genuine taffy pull in the dining room.

The kindergarten children were recently entertained at the home of Elder and Mrs. Butler.

School opened Wednesday, January 3. The students have already begun to return from their vacations.

Last Tuesday Professor Albertsworth took a company of students sightseeing, and Thursday Professor Sorenson chaplined a large crowd. Many places of interest were visited on these trips.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Masters of Doylestown, Pa., and Miss Gee of San Francisco, have been visiting Miss Idamae Masters. Miss Gee recently returned from Berlin where she has been nursing for four years, and is spending some time in the East before going to her home.

William Hottel is the guest of his brother, John Hottel.

## Mount Vernon Academy

### News Notes

Most of the students went to their homes for the holiday vacation. Those who remained had an enjoyable time, as skating and sleigh riding were good.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Waller entertained the students of the academy who were here on Sunday night, December 31.

We are pleased to welcome to the academy as new students, Mr. Paul Johnson of Elkins, W. Va., Miss Pearl Cook of Coudersport, Pa., and Mr. R. C. Miller, of Batavia, N. Y.

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 29, 1916									
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	39	4	15 00	15 25	30 25	18 75
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.		BR		6	1	3 00		3 00	12 00
J. S. Seal, Ward		BR	7	48	38	143 00	23 60	166 60	24 60
John Fahrner, Mammoth		GC	10	57	26	95 00	14 80	109 80	3 75
C. G. Mays, Marshall Co.			2	14	1	3 50	1 50	5 00	
G. E. Snyder, Marion, Co.		BR	2	18	1	2 00	3 00	5 00	2 00
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	4	27	24	48 00		48 00	
John McHenry, Mc Dowell Co.		BF	4	27	60	123 00	7 70	130 70	7 70
Totals	8 Agents					\$432 50	\$65 85	\$498 35	\$68 70

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 29, 1916									
A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.		PPF	10	92	22	50 75	70 45	121 20	127 50
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		BF	4	20	11	17 50		17 50	48 00
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.		BR	10	87	27	95 50	12 50	108 00	119 95
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		CK	8	70	20				66 75
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	2		3	9 00	1 25	10 25	56 50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	4	20	6	18 00		18 00	62 30
W. H. House, Elk Co.		BF	10	65	27	42 00	2 50	44 50	40 50
Ivor Lawrence, Blair Co.		BS	2	14		11 00		11 00	10 25
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		HW	5	40		3 40		3 40	
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	5	20	16	60 00	2 00	62 00	50
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		OSD			1	50	2 40	2 90	2 40
A. Thurmin, Allegheny Co.		OSD	3	11		4 25	2 25	6 50	6 50
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	10	95	5	11 00	25 50	36 50	65 55
Totals	13 Agents		73	534	138	\$322 90	\$118 85	\$441 75	\$607 20

West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 22, 1916									
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	4	33					75 50
G. E. Snyder, Marion Co.		BR	4	40	3	8 00	11 25	19 25	20 60
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.		BR	5	31					169 65
John Fahrner, Mammoth Co.		BR	5	27	12	43 00	13 90	56 90	2 25
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	36	70	143 10	12 25	155 35	12 25
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	5	35	45	91 50	1 75	93 25	1 75
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Misl	5	19		7 00		7 00	121 10
Totals	7 Agents		33	221	130	\$292 60	\$39 15	\$331 75	\$403 10

District of Columbia, Week Ending Dec. 29, 1916									
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.		BR	5	23	9	31 00	3 75	34 75	55 50
Otto Westerhoff, Washington		BR	6	28	6	18 00	2 50	20 50	
Chas. Dunham, Washington		GC	4	22	14	45 00	50	45 50	
Mrs. Earl Wilcox, P. George Co.		BR	1	5	4	12 00		12 00	
F. T. Feutz, Washington		BR	10	62	24	72 00	5 05	77 05	10 00
Emma Read, Falls Church		GS	3	12	12	15 00		15 00	15 00
Miscellaneous		Misc				57 80		57 80	57 90
Totals	6 Agents		29	152	79	\$250 80	\$11 80	\$262 60	\$138 30

MAGAZINES									
H. L. Peden		42 50	Anne E. Pulis						5 00
Sadie Detwiler		5 00	Mrs. H. M. Cleveland						10 00
Mrs. Westerhoff		38 00							
Total									\$100 50

Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 29, 1916									
S. N. Wilmer, Bedford Co.		BR	1	9	2	6 00		6 00	56 00
Totals	1 Agents		1	9	2	\$6 00		\$6 00	\$56 00



Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 29, 1916

Mrs. Kelley, Springfield	CK	5	51						99	00		
W. H. Smith, Coshocton Co.	BR	5	50						140	55		
Clara Weber, Springfield	CK	5	44						83	25		
E. E. Shaw, Toledo	Foreign	4	37						38	85		
M. B. Ingersoll, Huron Co.	BR	4	25	6	21	00	1	00	22	00		
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.	BR	3	20	2	7	00	2	25	9	25		
J. Fellabaum, Springfield	BR	3	17	2	7	00			7	00		
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.	BR	4	17	8	25	00	9	25	34	25	24	00
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	2	17	2	7	00		75	7	75		
R.H. Patterson, Greene Co.	BR	3	16	2	7	00			7	00		
Totals	10 Agents	38	294	22	\$74	00	\$13	25	\$87	25	\$385	65
Grand Totals: 45 Agents of Orders		Value				\$1378	80	Deliveries,		\$1658	95	

Miss Grace Taylor spent a few days here during the holidays.

Mr. M. L. Kelly of Berrien Springs, former commercial teacher here, stopped at the academy on his way south.

An Addressograph has been purchased to address the VISITORS. This will greatly aid in the work and will eliminate errors and is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Charles Fults of Washington C.H., Ohio, a former student, spent some time at the academy during the holidays.

Mr. Lawrence Kinker of Toledo, Ohio, was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Tebbe and at the academy last week.

A New Year's dinner was given at the G. A. R. Hall under the auspices of the Present Truth Mission, which proved a grand success. About 75 children and 60 adults were provided for. A full report for the year's work will appear in a later issue.

Mr. Orville E. Yingling of Battle Creek Sanitarium visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weaver last week.

Elder F. E. Gibson of Alexandria, Va., was visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gibson. He spoke at the Sabbath service, December 30, on the Judgment Work.

Mr. Harold L. Graham, head of the commercial department, attended a convention for commercial teachers, at Chicago, during the holidays.

Professor W. H. Teesdale attended the National History Teacher's Convention at Cincinnati, from December 26 to 29.

## The Gazette

There is many a man who is shutting his windows and depriving himself of his share of fresh air. There are many people who know that grace abounds but who receive very little. There is also many a church officer who does not get his *Gazette*.

The apostrophe in the title indicates possession; that the publication is issued for the church officers. It is published at considerable expense and to fill a specific need. It necessarily has a limited circulation and is designed to help a particular class. To limit it to twenty-five per cent of those for whom it is prepared is to turn aside the three-fourths as wasted energy.

Officers include those of the Sabbath-school, the Home Missionary and the Missionary Volunteer Departments, and the church organization. At least the last three of these are in need of the *Gazette*.

In the *Gazette* are lessons for the two departments of the Missionary Volunteers, and it is safe to say that not one society in fifty will long continue successfully without the timely aid of these suggestions. If you as church officers of the organization do not feel the need of the *Gazette*, will you not help to place it in the hands of all young people's leaders and secretaries? It is planned that every society shall be benefitted by the *Gazette* during 1917.

C. L. STONE

## A "Sweet" New Song

We have been successful in securing copies of a new song not found in any book. The title is "Keep Sweet." It is a lovely song and easily sung. The third stanza runs like this: "When all around you things go wrong, Every-where seems defeat, You may be happy all day long If you just keep sweet." Chorus: "Keep sweet, keep sweet, This is the only way; This is the way to win the day, If you just keep sweet." I am sure you will want a copy. The price is 5 cents a copy, or 6 copies for 25 cents. Send all orders to F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## An Important Decision

The Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma recently handed down a decision in the case of J. G. Kreiger et al. vs. the State of Oklahoma. This was the case which our brethren, convicted in the lower courts of merchandising on Sunday, appealed.

This decision reversed the findings of the lower court, and grants religious liberty to our people. This is the first State Supreme Court decision favorable to Sabbatharians.

The decision of the Oklahoma Supreme Court with arguments of attorneys before the court is given in the first quarter issue of *Liberty* for 1917. Also in this number is a write-up of the campaign in Oregon in which the electorate of the State wiped the blue laws from the statute books.

This issue of *Liberty* is one of the best educational numbers ever issued. It would be well if it were placed in the hands of every leading man in any community that these men may know the principles involved in this kind of legislation and that there is a case on record granting religious freedom to our people.

Prices of *Liberty* remain unchanged. Quantity rates, 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each, 50 or more copies, 4 cents each. Copies will be mailed to lists of names, in single wrappers, for 5 cents each. All orders should be sent to your conference tract society. Now is the time to act. Never before have our people had the opportunity of circulating literature containing matter so favorable for religious liberty.

The following resolution was passed by the North American Division Conference Committee at its autumn session:—

Whereas, the Morning Watch has been greatly used of God to deepen the spiritual life of our people, young and old,

We Recommend, That all our workers observe the Morning Watch and encourage all our people to do the same; and that our ministers endeavor to see that new converts and all church members are supplied with the Morning Watch Calendar.

## The Cost of Living

Ten clear, snappy, right-to-the-point articles in the February number of *Life and Health* will help you solve the cost of living problem in your family. What will benefit you will benefit every home in the Columbia Union. Five to forty copies cost 5 cents each; fifty or more copies cost 4 cents each. Your conference tract society will be glad to handle your order.

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## OBITUARIES

**COOK.**—Mrs. Emma was born in Tioga Co., Pennsylvania, and died at Coudersport, Pa., Aug. 16, 1916, in her 59th year. We laid her away with the hope of meeting her again in the glorious morning of the resurrection. She leaves a husband and four children. Sister Cook joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church three years ago and died rejoicing in the hope of the advent message. B. F. KNEELAND.

**STEPHENS.**—Dorwin O., born January 30, 1836, at Skyler, New York, and died in Bellefountaine, Ohio, December 11, 1916, aged 80 years, 11 months and 10 days. He was married to Sarah Wiltse, January 1, 1861, and to this union one son was born who died at the age of 40 years. The only near relative being left is his wife. The testimony of his neighbors and friends was that he lived a godly life and was faithful to the cause he loved so dearly. He embraced Present Truth in Winnebago, Ill., and moved to Bellefountaine in 1882, where he was laid to rest a prisoner of hope.

W. W. MILLER.

A neat edition of the German Morning Watch Calendar has been published by the Pacific Press at Brookfield, Illinois. It is a translation of the English edition, containing the same scripture references, the individual report pages, the sunset features, etc. Let all our German people, old and young, secure it. The Morning Watch habit means success in Christian living. Doubtless many of our English people have German friends who are Christians who would appreciate a copy. This devotional booklet might prove to be an opening wedge for other literature.

## Notice to Sabbath School Workers

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of any part or all of the studies of the present series of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course are entitled to a Certificate. Only three requirements are necessary:—

1. Send your name and address to your Conference Sabbath School Secretary.

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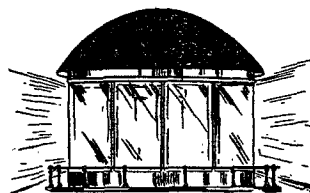
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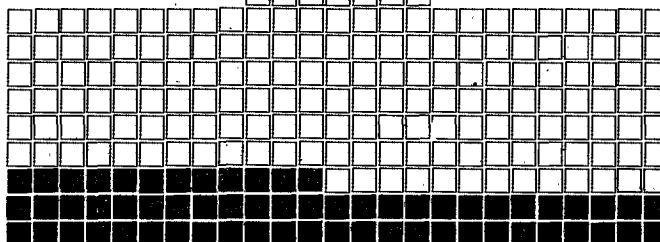
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