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Elder Canright Exposed

The latest book by D. M. Canright—who formerly was counted a Seventh-day Adventist minister but later went back to Sunday keeping—has had its boastings silenced. Full of mistakes of all kinds, quotations which authors never wrote, and figures which never were, Elder Canright has issued it as the supreme Goliath, sure to splinter Seventh-day Adventists. As a book I would back up these mistakes against any other book.

The Seventh-day Adventists numbered about 20,000 when Elder Canright left them. He claims God raised him up and gave him a special experience to expose the people of this faith. Today they number nearly 140,000. You may judge how well the Lord raised him up.

The book has been answered and the daring of the adversary quelled. Elder J. H. Morrison, of College View, for ten years a member of the General Conference Committee, and for years one of the leading advocates of present truth, has just published a reply which scuttles this bold attack and makes its thin veneer stand out as plain as a pike staff.

The title of Elder Morrison's book is "Some Correspondence with Elder Canright Concerning His Late Book." It has 125 pages of interesting matter. No Seventh-day Adventist could read it without having his soul quickened and his faith in the truth confirmed. Elder Parsons, president of the West Virginia Conference, and Elder Hirlinger, Home Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union, who have read it, speak of it in the highest terms. As the author got it out on his own expense, it sells for 40 cents. It has paper covers. Postage extra for less than five copies; and postage for five copies or more to one address is free. Address Elder J. H. Morrison, College View, Nebraska.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Patience.—That moral quality which most everybody desires, but very few people possess.

Virginia's Colporteurs' Institute

The third day of the new year we closed the first Institute of the season in the "Old Dominion." Fourteen colporteurs in all were in attendance—five being students from New Market Academy.

Elder W. W. Eastman, secretary of the Publishing Department of the North American Division, was with us the first four days. His timely instruction was much appreciated.

The devotional meetings held each morning will not soon be forgotten. At these meetings there was an earnest seeking and reaching out after God. All felt that the time to move forward had come and that we should "Expect great things of God, attempt great things for God." There was on the part of all present a deep consecration to service. Some of the more experienced felt that the complete consecration of their lives and time would mean at least 2000 hours' work, which they set as their goals for 1917.

Brother F. E. Hankins had been released by the Chesapeake Conference to fill the vacancy made by the call of Brother W. H. George, to the Field Missionary Secretaryship of the Greater New York Conference, and was with us throughout the Institute.

The prospects for the work in Virginia are very bright. All are determined, with the blessing of the Lord, that this shall be the best year in the history of the work in this state.

We were entertained by the Stanley Church. You would have to stay in the homes of these kind people and sit with your feet under their tables to appreciate the "welcome" they give you and their almost boundless hospitality. All of the colporteurs agreed that Stanley is the place for the institute next year!

And last but not least, we mention the splendid Sabbath School offering received the last Sabbath of the old year, amounting to \$54.00. All indications are that the Stanley Church is moving forward and that when Israel goes up to possess the land, this church will be well represented.

C. V. LEACH.

Before we can get "translation" we must get "transformation."

OHIO

Results in Ohio for 1916

Through letters that have been sent from the office, our people in Ohio are quite well acquainted with the general results of the various funds and lines of work for the past year. The fact that our tithes have increased from \$44,000 to \$53,000 in the past year is cause for great encouragement. That we have succeeded in bringing up our Harvest Ingathering fund from \$1,400 last year to \$5,000 this year is most gratifying. That in the face of the hearty response of our people to the Washington and Mount Vernon College fund, we have been able to hold our own on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, and pass the splendid record of last year to the amount of a little over \$3,000, indicates loyalty and faithfulness. We are pleased, too, that we can report the splendid advancement that has been made in Tract and Home Missionary work in our churches, and especially in our colporteur work. The Tract Society business for the past year has amounted to nearly fifty thousand dollars. This is far in excess of the preceding year, or of any other year in the past.

Then, too, in the soul-winning work, we have reasons to be grateful to God that such a large number has been added to our churches, and that we can report a most encouraging increase in our church membership. Surely the Lord has been favorable to us and has richly blessed us in our conference work, and I wish to express my appreciation to my co-workers and to our church officers and the members of our churches everywhere for the loyal and liberal way in which all have taken a part in the work during the past year.

I might mention the encouraging features seen in the growth of our Sabbath School work and our Missionary Volunteer work and other branches. In all departments, we have seen evidence of advancement and of deeper interest on the part of the church membership. Shall we not be determined that the year 1917 shall be another year of loyal, faithful work for helping to hasten on this great work which is more important to us than

anything else in the world today? Soon the Saviour will come and these opportunities will be forever past. This is the time of all importance in relation to the work committed to our hands. I trust that our church officers and our workers throughout the conference may, with greater earnestness if possible, and implicit trust in God, make this present year a still more successful one in the work of God in Ohio. E. K. SLADE.

Missionary Volunteer Goal

1916 closed upon several active societies of Missionary Volunteers in Ohio. Carelessness in reporting has caused us to appear too low in some of the steps of the goal for the past year. The financial part was splendid, however, as the offerings came in for missions in South India. We have over-reached our pledge by nearly \$300.

With the New Year's resolutions, strength and courage are breathed in the messages sent into the office concerning the new goal. With a determination to win, the different societies are setting individual goals equalling or over-reaching their share of the goal given to the conference which is as follows:

1. 82 young people converted and added to the church.
2. 33 Standard of Attainment certificates.
3. 66 to read the Bible through.
4. 99 Reading Course certificates.
5. \$1232 for Southern India.

We hope to receive the names of all who are taking the Reading Course, or who are reading the Bible through during 1917, so we may place them upon our list.

BESSIE ACTON.

News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath with the Wilmington Church. At this time Brother M. E. Walker was ordained elder of the church in this place. The outlook for the work in Wilmington is encouraging.

The company at Bucyrus did so well in the Harvest Ingathering campaign that they feel that they want to keep on with the good work and have organized a home missionary society to do aggressive service during 1917.

Ohio has demonstrated what can be done when her forces are organized for service during the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This year the entire conference was united as one body under the direction of the home missionary department, and we succeeded in raising over five thousand dollars in comparison with the fourteen hundred dollars raised last year.

While Brother V. O. Punches was assisting at the Colporteurs' Institute in Cleveland, he held several studies with the Cleveland German Church on "How to Do Practical Home Missionary Work." The members responded heartily and decided to do more efficient service in the future.

Elder F. M. Fairchild, in company with the Home Missionary Secretary, spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Camden Church. The members appreciated the services that were held and voted to again hold the weekly missionary and prayer meetings.

At the close of a home missionary service last Sabbath in the Cleveland Church, the members subscribed for over one hundred and twenty-five copies of the Signs Weekly.

Brother C. R. Fairchild left for Cumberland, Md., to visit his brother, Elder Fred Fairchild, a few days before going on to Washington to attend the Bookmen's Convention.

Brother V. O. Punches leaves Sunday morning for Pittsburgh, where he will visit Dr. H. S. Brown and family. He will then go on to Washington to attend the Home Missionary Convention.

Brother J. I. Cassell is spending some time in Washington this week at the Bookmen's Convention. He will also have opportunity to visit his daughter, Mabel, who is attending the Washington Missionary College.

Owing to the crowded condition of the church school at Mount Vernon, it was found best to employ another teacher for the lower grades. Mrs. G. M. Scott has taken up this work.

The quarterly meeting service with the Hicksville company was especially impressive and solemn at the close of the old year, as nearly all of the children and youth connected with the company had united with the church during the fall months. Six new members celebrated the ordinances for the first time.

The Zanesville Junior Missionary Volunteers are active, wide awake, and starting the new year with a splendid goal before them. Those who increased dimes for missions during 1916 were so enthusiastic that double the number were ordered for the new year.

"In the very near future, many children will be endued with the spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, which at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church.

The Lord would use the church school as an aid to the parents in educating and preparing their children for this time before us. Then let the church take hold of the school work in earnest, and make it what the Lord desires it to be."—Counsels to Teachers, p. 167.

VIRGINIA

A Goal Reached

Our treasurer's figures indicate that Virginia has reached her twenty-cent-a-week missions goal of over \$5000 for 1916 and we desire to thank our people and workers for the spirit of loyalty and sacrifice which has, under God, brought success. Last year (which was until then our best in Virginia for missions) saw one church, New Market, reach its goal, while the conference barely passed the half-way mark. This year all but three of the white English speaking churches made their goal, and the Richmond colored went well beyond its quota, besides paying \$500 on their new church building.

Giving to missions has not injured the home work. During 1916, one new church has been bought, two new field tent tops 50x80 feet, were paid for, \$500 in cash and pledges was raised for Washington College and \$250 in cash and pledges was given to the Shenandoah Valley Academy. Fifteen workers, the largest regular force in our history, have been carried on our pay roll, and six good sized church schools, besides the academy are in operation. In addition to the new members added to our churches, the prospects are good for the organization of several new churches. Our goal for 1917 for missions is close to \$1000 higher than for last year. We can make it. With the end rushing on, we cannot afford to do otherwise. When the plagues are falling and probation has closed; our money and our property will be valueless. Now is the time to place our treasure in the bank of heaven.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Failure marked the attempts of great men, Napoleon pre-eminently among them, to break the power of these seven short words found in Daniel 2: 43,—“they shall not cleave one to another.” Carlyle B. Haynes, in the February *Signs Magazine* wants to tell your neighbors why it could not be done. “The World's Waterloo” is the title of this superlatively good article.

WEST VIRGINIA

An Interesting Experience

Sunday morning, while getting ready to take the train for my territory, it seemed that the enemy was doing all in his power to make things look discouraging as he usually does on a Monday morning; but at this time the Lord graciously fulfilled His promise in Isa. 59:19, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Some of the promises of the Lord to the canvasser, through the Spirit of Prophecy, came very forcibly to my mind. Remembering the promise that angels would accompany the consecrated canvasser as he visits the people in their homes with our books that contain the great truths of the Third Angel's Message; and that they would make impressions on the minds of those with whom we talked, I felt a very great desire to have this promise fulfilled to me as I started to work. I wondered if my experience with the Lord was such that I could expect this. Fearing that it was not, I began by making confessions and seeking the Lord that He might give me a deeper experience with Him. I praise God for the answer to this prayer.

I had a week of good experiences, one of which I will relate. Tuesday, while canvassing a lady in her home, I was speaking to her of the leopard of Rev. 13, and the warning against the worship of it and the reception of its mark. I spoke also of the importance of us knowing what power was represented by that beast and what constituted its mark. At this point she interrupted me by asking what the mark of the beast was. Usually I reply to such questions "the book explains all of that." However, I did not feel led to do so in this case. I was very much impressed with the interest she manifested in the subjects already presented. I hesitated for a moment desiring that the Lord would lead me to say the right thing, realizing to answer her question would involve a discussion of the Sabbath question.

To make a long story short; I spent quite a little time at her home that day telling her of the Lord's Sabbath, and other subjects upon which she was seeking light. As a result I sold her two books, also took an order from a neighbor who came in before I left.

But that was not all that was accomplished, for the lady in whose home I was visiting, voluntarily promised to keep the Sabbath and said she would begin by keeping the next one. On the following afternoon, I called at her home while on my way to the railway station, and found her busily engaged in cleaning her home

and preparing food for the Sabbath. It was indeed encouraging to hear her tell how the Lord had blessed her since she had promised to keep His Sabbath.

I heard that she was a very active and influential member of the Methodist Church and the neighbors seem to hold her in very high esteem. She is very anxious that Bible Readings be held in her home and she said she would have her house filled with people. Her husband is perfectly willing that she should keep the Sabbath, and said he believed she was right. I earnestly solicit the prayers of all for this sister, that she may remain faithful and that her example may bring others into the truth.

I will add that I was very much encouraged by the number of orders taken which amounted to \$170.20 for the week.

JOHN MCHENRY.

Extract From A Colporteur's Letter

"I started my delivery Monday and I must say this was the most spiritual delivery I have ever had, the fellowship of God in spirit, and the angels of heaven pressing in the humble homes with me. I had some wonderful experiences and God worked mightily. I read the Bible and had prayer in fourteen families, and left all but one in tears, God melting their hearts by the sweet, tender influence of His spirit.

One man to whom I delivered a \$4.00 binding Christmas, thought so well of his book he went among his neighbors showing them what a wonderful book he had. This man was at another home when I called Monday to deliver their book, and the woman said she had anxiously waited for her book. We talked on the *Signs of the Times*, and I realized a divine presence, so I asked if we could have a good season of prayer, for which they were very glad. God came preciously near as I offered prayer, and they prayed with me until they both broke down and wept. They shook my hand heartily as I left them in tears.

I met some bitter opposition in places and the devil fought me step by step. In one section I only delivered one "Bible Readings" out of eight copies, yet I prayed, and only lost \$40.00 from a \$210 delivery.

I praise the Lord that He has used me instrumentally in bringing many to godly sorrow, which worketh repentance unto salvation."

J. S. SEAL.

Duty is the body to which love is the soul.

Colporteurs' Experiences

It was with some reluctance that we removed from Huntington, to Clarksburg, but a number of gratifying experiences soon proved to us, that this change had been made in the providence of God.

I have been working in the city with small books. Often I would find interested souls with whom I could place "Bible Readings". Having gained their confidence, this valuable work was easily placed into their homes. By revisiting these parties, the homes are opening, one by one for studies.

Although Mr. Snyder reaches home late of evenings, we avail ourselves of the opportunity of giving the readings.

Last Spring I took an order for an "Object Lessons" of a Mrs. C. When I delivered her book, she requested me to call on her often. In the course of our conversation, she asked to what church I belonged, told me that she believed Christ was soon coming, that she longed for more than the churches were affording and that she had a "Daniel and the Revelation" in her home. I kept these things in my heart, feeling sure I had found an honest soul. Mr. Snyder and I called upon her some time later, but did not find her at home. Some months following this I was in her neighborhood with "Bible Readings" and so stepped in to see her. I felt impressed to show her this book, but was sorry to talk the sale of a book again, without having had any visits between the sale of "Object Lessons," but I did and easily procured an order. This is her testimony:

"My desires in early life were to study theology. I have always wanted a set of theological books. This book answers for the set." These words made me resolve, upon delivering the book, to ask if she desired Bible studies, but this was not the Lord's way. She continued "How I would enjoy studying with some one that I might understand the book of Revelation." I promised her that as soon as our minister could find time, he would, but he left Clarksburg after camp-meeting, so that promise could not be fulfilled.

In September I called upon Mrs. C's, neighbor with all my books, as I had been requested. As I was showing them, Mrs. C. came in; I felt sorry, for I thought a third party would distract and not help the sale of them, but her splendid testimony upon "Bible Readings" put it into that home with several other books.

Again she asked for a study in Revelation. I promised, although Mr. Snyder was very busy, we would come and take up a study with her. Although she

knew we kept the Sabbath, yet we did not wish to approach that, in our first study, but the Lord over-ruled. Upon entering the home, we found her sick in bed with a headache. We meant to have prayer and call again, but asked whether there was a special subject she would like to have. "I have read to the Sabbath question in 'Bible Readings'," she said, "and if you could show me that there is no scriptural authority for keeping Sunday, it wouldn't take me long to make the change."

We study with her as often as we can and were indeed happy to have her keep her first Sabbath with us a week ago.

I am glad to relate another instance of opening providence. Early in December I sought admission at a home and a middle aged gentleman responded. I asked for the lady of the home, but he replied, "The lady of the house is 90 years old and would not be interested, but you may step in and see her." I replied, "I should like to shake hands with a lady 90 years old," so I stepped in, feeling God had opened the way. After greeting "grandmother" the conversation turned to Bible subjects, and I found this man a close student of the scriptures; he had gained true knowledge of God's word; that he held to all the points of faith as we do, save in regard to the Spirit of Prophecy. "Bible Readings" had satisfied his mind on the Sabbath completely. I said, Mr. R., you are a Seventh-day Adventist." "I don't know what I am, but my desire is to know God's word as it is" he replied. He belongs to no church. We will study further with him as soon as we find the time. MR. AND MRS. G. E. SNYDER.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Mrs. F. E. Hankins, who has been visiting in Washington for a week, returned home today.

Elder J. O. Miller visited the church at Whiteysburg Sabbath and Sunday. He returned with an encouraging report.

We have some very interesting information in regard to the Harvest Ingathering work. One of our brethren set his goal at \$5.00, but he did it in fear and trembling. Before the campaign closed he had made the five dollars seven times. This was our brother Jenkins, one of our colporteurs at Hagerstown. Other experiences will be sent later.

Mrs. Sarah Burroway, mother of Miss Della Burroway, recently received a letter from her daughter, Miss Della Burroway in India. She says she and Sister Leach went out among the colliers in India to solicit for the Harvest Ingathering papers. In eleven days they had secured \$333. She said they worked hard, but the Lord surely blessed them. The money secured there for these papers is to go for the erection of a hospital in Karmatar. Such a report makes us feel that we have done nothing in Harvest Ingathering work. While many of our churches did splendidly, they cannot equal this in results.

Brother O. C. Weller says, "The Lord has taken all the discouragement away from me now. I have been feeling a little blue ever since I heard the price of the books was going up. I was afraid the people would 'squeal' on the price, but I did not say anything. But the Lord has blessed me so richly the last two weeks, (\$61.25 for the first, \$93.50 for the last) that I am convinced now that these good books, containing the Third Angel's Message, will be placed in the homes of the people regardless of the high prices. I have asked the Lord to help me do a greater work this year than I did last year, and I believe He is going to do it. I have set my goal for 1800 hours this year. Have never tried it before, but I shall try it this year."

Brother C. W. Jenkins says, "I did not go in the way I intended to go last week. The Lord led in another direction and had it not been for the severe change in the weather, which compelled me to return home, I am confident I should have had \$100 worth of orders. I would like to give you some of the good experiences I had, in getting the \$80.25 but cannot do so at this time."

The meetings conducted by Elder Booth in the Moore Institute, West Baltimore Street, continue with interest.

Elder S. T. Shadel was in Baltimore for a short visit and for counseling with Elder Miller. He brings a splendid report from the Hagerstown Church.

The tithe of the Baltimore No. 1. Church for the past month of December has amounted to \$574, and the total of all funds received for the same time has been \$1090.

"The vultures of sensationalism scent the carcass of immorality afar off."

Special

Efficient Service

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccl. 11:2, 3.

Our efforts are largely spasmodic, our service rather intermittent. By such efforts we can never hope to effect any very decided reformatory. Morning, noon, and night, we must be on our guard. We must watch for souls as they that must give an account.

We are never to become weary in well doing. We must never think that we have done all that God requires of us. We must never feel that we have reached a stopping place. "Give a portion to seven [seven represents completeness] and also to eight." Always go on to do better. This is to constitute the basis of our activities.

Give a portion: It might be very profitable to study just what this means. Whatever our occupation, whatever line of work we are engaged in, whatever we may be, we can and we must give sympathy, show kindness, extend courtesy, to every soul with whom we come in contact. We are to let them see and feel the grace of Christ in action. This is a ministry within the reach of all and it must be made of paramount importance.

"There are many ways in which church-members may give the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be refreshed and strengthened by little attentions which cost nothing. Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions, simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christ-like sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the spirit of Christ."—Testimonies for the Church, Vol. IX, page 30.

If one has given himself to Christ for service, and dedicates every entrusted talent anew each morning to this blessed ministry, he will find opportunities on every hand to witness for Christ. We must constantly remember that the right attitude maintained while performing the more menial tasks will open the way for work in advanced lines of Christian service. It is results that we are seeking, and we know that right causes produce right results.

F. W. PAAP.

Mission Board Items

All will be interested in the minutes of a recent session of the Asiatic Division Committee. After carefully considering the needs of their field, the following appointments were made:—

Voted: That C. E. Weaks be Secretary of the Publishing Department.

Voted: That S. L. Frost act as Secretary of the Educational and Young People's Departments.

Voted: That we concur in the appointment of W. W. Fletcher of Australia, as President of the India Union Mission.

Voted: That Dr. J. N. Andrews and C. E. Blandford labor in West China, and that they proceed to their field for the study of the language.

Voted: That I. A. Steinel and O. F. Sevrens labor in the Philippines.

Voted: That S. G. Jacques labor in Japan.

Voted: That C. Morris and H. B. Parker be assigned to South China, Brother Parker to act as treasurer of Kwangsi Province.

Voted: That Nathan Brewer be assigned to East China as field Missionary Secretary.

Voted: That M. G. Conger and R. D. Loveland be asked to connect with the work in North China.

Voted: That C. N. Woodward be recommended to the Philippines to take the work of Secretary and Treasurer of that Mission.

Voted: That in harmony with the expressed wish of W. E. Gillis, former manager of the Shanghai Press, on his return from his furlough we advise that he take up work in the field rather than in the Press. That he be invited to act as Secretary and Treasurer of Central China.

Voted: That S. G. White of Hunan be recommended to take up work in Gospel Village, Shensi.

Voted: That F. A. Allum be asked to take the position of principal of the Chinese Training School.

Voted: That R. J. Brown be asked to take the position in Hunan made vacant by the removal of S. G. White.

Voted: J. G. White be recommended to Hunan as superintendent.

Voted: That R. J. Brines take up work in East China, and that H. O. Swartout be recommended to Central China.

Voted: That W. J. Hilliard be recommended to East China.

Voted: That E. J. Urquhart labor in Southern Korea.

Voted: That C. E. Weaks, in addition to his other duties, carry the Missionary, and Home Missionary Departments.

Voted: That M. C. Warren act as superintendent of West China.

Voted that C. E. Blandford act as Secretary and Treasurer of the West China Mission.

Voted: That Dr. J. N. Andrews be Medical Secretary of the West China Mission.

Voted: That Mrs. J. N. Andrews be Secretary of the Young People's Department of the West China Mission.

Voted: That S. L. Frost be appointed as chairman of the text book Committee, made vacant by the resignation of J. E. Shultz.

Voted: That W. P. Barto take charge of the work in Battakland.

Voted: That M. G. Conger be Secretary and Treasurer for the North China Mission.

Voted: That Lyman Bowers be Treasurer of the Shanghai Press.

Voted: That Dr. O. B. Koon be asked to take the directorship of Kiangsi after the usual term in the language school.

In a recent letter from Brother J. T. Thompson, laboring in Uruguay, he tells of having found two families becoming interested in the truth, the fathers of whom spent their childhood in the Waldensian Valleys. The true missionary spirit still predominates their lives. One of these men heard Sister White speak in that land thirty-one years ago, and as a boy was greatly impressed with the truth. Now the seed bears fruitage, and with his family, he is rejoicing in the Third Angel's Message.

Trouble has been on for some time in the Shantung Province, East China, between the revolutionists and the government. Two of our native brethren from Anhui Province, lying to the south, were sent over in Shantung to canvass. Being from the south they were taken for spies by the government. One escaped with his life. He was robbed of his money, his things broken, his Chinese passport torn up as well as his canvasser's credentials, and then he was thrown into prison. The place was taken by Revolutionists three weeks later, and our brother was released. His companion, however, was not so fortunate. He was at a certain town when fighting commenced. He was shot dead at the inn where he was staying, by whom it is not certain. He received a burial, however, instead of being thrown out to the dogs, as most usually is the case. He died a martyr to the book work.

F. C. Varney, who recently went out to Lima, Peru, to carry on the office work of the Inca Union Mission, sends an excerpt from a letter just received from Brother J. M. Howell, of the Titicaca Mission. He said:

"The Cura [priest] Aragon, who is also the alcalde [governor, or mayor] of that

part, closed our school at Ccolloni, but the alcalde of Puno sent a telegram immediately telling him to give order for the opening of that school, and from now onward keep his hands entirely off. That was pretty straight talk, and it made the old priest a bit warm under the collar, but of course, there is nothing for him to do but to do as he is told by his superiors. The alcalde of Puno has done much good for the Mission in his term of office. He likes our school very much. The time he was out here he had the director of all the Puno schools with him. The director was completely taken to see how many there were in the school, and the discipline maintained. He said in town afterward that in all Peru he had not seen a school so well disciplined as was the one in La Plateria. Our pupils realize now that it is detrimental to study aloud. They also realize that they are not sure of coming to school another year, and so they are putting forth their best efforts to gain all possible. These two things contribute largely to the discipline."

T. E. BOWEN.

Among Our Missionaries

Brother W. W. Fletcher, connected with the Australasian Union Conference, has accepted the invitation of the General Conference Committee to take the superintendency of India, and left Sydney September 14, to spend a little time in Melbourne and West Australia on his way to his new field of labor. Brother Fletcher will be welcomed by the workers in India, who have patiently waited for the vacancy, caused by the sudden death of Brother Salisbury, to be filled.

Sam Konigmacher, whom some will remember having visited through the States here while on furlough last General Conference time, has pushed on up into northern Rhodesia, South America, opening a new mission one hundred miles or so beyond the Barotseland Mission. The first of September Brother and Sister Konigmacher, with their little boy, were temporarily camping in native huts while he was prospecting for a desirable site and waiting permission from the government to locate. They were experiencing plenty of hardships, but cheerful and happy in doing so because of their love for the Master and perishing souls in such need of the light. Pray for them.

September 15, 1874, forty-two years ago, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, Elder J. N. Andrews, left Boston for Switzerland.

In the *True Missionary*, a periodical published by our people at that time, this was said regarding the leaving of Brother Andrews for foreign field work:

"This is a day significant in the historic annals of the Seventh-day Adventists. It was signalized by no flourish of trumpets or martial parade, ushered in with no loud acclamations, and passed away without any public demonstrations. It witnessed what is to a casual observer only a spectacle of daily occurrence, only a ship freighted with its wealth of merchandise and human life, to set out on its voyage across the ocean.

"There were parting salutations and good-bye blessings. But to some there was more. How much more, who can tell? Among the throng, towering above the rest, stood a noble Harvester going into the white fields of the Master, from home and friends, from familiar scenes, to labor in the cause he had served long and faithfully in this western world, away to far-off Switzerland. This was our dear Brother J. N. Andrews, accompanied by his son and daughter, and gathered about him to bid a last fond adieu were his friends.

"His farewell words were as hopeful as ever. But why linger? The hour had come, the noble vessel plumed itself for ocean flight, the signal was given, and hurrying feet bespoke the parting moments. Calm and collected, with tenderest words of comfort and condolence, he blessed the friends he left behind. Who can paint that parting scene?

"To the Boston Seventh-day Adventist Church, the day will be a calendar day not to be forgotten. Many heartfelt prayers for Brother Andrews' safe passage across the Atlantic ascended to Him who hears the thoughts even when no word is spoken."

This year, forty-two years later, on August 1, the largest party of missionaries ever leaving on one boat, over forty bid tender farewell audieus as they started in the other direction for the Orient, among whom was the grandson of our first missionary, Dr. J. N. Andrews, with his wife, Dorthy Spicer Andrews daughter of our Mission Board Secretary, going out as a missionary to western China. These sailings between grandfather and grandson represent a great expansion in foreign missionary work, with many farewells by departing missionaries, and still the waiting fields beckon us on. Our pioneer missionary sleeps, but a band of recruits are following in his footsteps by leaving their homes and going out to the ends of the earth in search of the lost.

For several years our missionaries on reaching China have put in their first year at language study at the Nanking language school, a school where missionaries of all denominations prepare for work. This year a question arose as to our attitude respecting territorial lines in

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1917									
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	37	13	53 10	23 50	76 50	2 00
C. G. Mays, Moundsville		BR	5	26	14	49 00	75	49 75	50
W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville		BR	5	27	12	42 00	5 20	47 20	
John Fahrner, Cedar Grove		BR	5	28	15	53 50	7 50	61 00	2 25
J. S. Seal, Cedar Grove		BR	4	21	15	54 50	6 10	60 60	3 30
J. W. Arando, Pocahontas Co.		BR	4	33	8	25 00	8 15	33 15	1 85
G. E. Snyder, Harrison, Co.		BF	4	40	9	22 00	5 25	27 25	5 10
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	5	37	39	78 00	85	78 85	
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	34	76	156 50	13 50	170 00	11 20
Totals	9 Agents		42	282	201	\$533 60	\$70 80	\$604 40	\$26 20

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1917									
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Somerset Co.		BF	2	11	7	14 00	8 80	22 80	
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co		BR	5	40	14	51 00	5 10	56 10	12 50
A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.		PPF	5	45	13	30 75	27 35	58 10	20 45
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	5	34	27	93 00		93 00	
W. H. House, Elk Co.		BF	5	38	17	40 00	15 00	55 00	4 75
Olive Powelson, Allegheny Co.		SB	1	4	3	4 50	4 00	8 50	75
Ray Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	4	23	8	25 00	13 75	38 75	8 75
Mrs. R. Powelson, Allegheny Co.		HW	5	28	47	28 75		28 75	13 00
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	4	34	8	15 75	8 05	23 80	12 00
Totals	9 Agents		36	257	144	\$302 25	\$82 05	\$384 80	\$72 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1917									
Lee Mase, Lycoming Co.		GC	5	39	7	24 50	9 00	33 50	
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		BF	5	36	8	37 00		37 00	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	5	42	13	45 50	3 00	48 50	
E. O. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BF	4	15	9	18 00	50	18 50	
C. F. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	5	45	6	24 00	8 25	32 23	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		Misc	10	74	143	71 50		71 50	
Totals	6 Agents					\$220 50	\$20 75	\$241 25	

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.		BR	5	35	22	82 00	6 50	88 50	5 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.		BR	5	40	19	73 50	6 75	80 25	9 25
C. C. R. Hare, Cecil Co. W. Va.		PPF	8	45	10	25 00		25 00	
Totals	3 Agents		18	120	51	\$180 50	\$13 25	\$193 75	\$14 25

Grand Totals: 27 Agents of Orders Value \$1236 85 Deliveries, \$112 65

mission work, and our new band of missionaries were not received into the language school as heretofore. Brother Porter, writing September 28, says: "We have not yet received word that they will admit our students, and since they have held us up so long, we have decided that it is best for us to go forward with our own plans, rather than to wait and be disappointed at last."

Professor Frederick Griggs mailed a letter at Suva, Fiji, September 14, in which he told of a profitable visit at Honolulu, where he met with the brethren while the boat lingered in port. They

had had a pleasant voyage so far, neither of them suffering seasickness. Professor Griggs, accompanied by his wife, is on a tour to Australia, India, China and other Eastern lands, in the interests of our educational work. T. E. BOWEN.

This "Cry for Bread" number of the February *Signs* has a particularly striking cover that shows a loaf of bread just beyond the finger tips of a number of outstretched hands. Two splendid articles on this important topic are among the features. They are "The Lengthening Bread Line," and "Cornering the Earth." Nor are these all.

Mount Vernon Academy

It may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR to know what is being done by the Ministerial Band of M. V. A.

Our band has a membership of thirty-eight at the present time. These are all young men preparing for the Master's work. We realize that now is the time to get a practical, as well as a theoretical training. In view of this, our leader, Brother John Brownlee, found many openings for our band. Some of these are prayer meetings and Bible readings in the city, services at the Ohio State Sanitorium and meetings with the prisoners.

Our work in these places has been very interesting and valuable. The people, old and young, listen with eagerness. They desire to know more of this truth and of the soon coming of Jesus.

The young men in this band are here to serve, and also to obtain a better training so they can do a better work. "The workers die, but the work goes on." We are here so that we may prepare to fill our place, or fill the vacancy left by another. We realize that the heavy burdens in this work will fall on the young in the finishing of this gospel.

We need your prayers that not only those here, but that many may take our places and also prepare for God's service. I can say to all our young people in this truth, that it pays to go to our schools. You will get a training and view of our work like you never had. Come and see and you will stay. **RAYMOND KRAFT.**

News Notes

The Misses Madalene and Anna Stein of Pittsburgh, Pa., have joined our family recently. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

The second meeting of the Self-improvement Society was held Monday evening, January 15, at which time Miss Margaret Schmidt read a paper on "Our Association," and Miss Ethel Bell read a paper on "Our association with the world and with the opposite sex."

The Bible Workers' Band had a very interesting meeting last Sabbath. The Testimonies are being studied and at our last meeting, the Misses Florence Ashley and Pearl Taylor talked on the work in its earliest stage and Miss Katharine Keisker told about Sister White's first vision. The Band has been divided into small bands, making each member an active member.

We were pleased to have with us at chapel service on Monday, Brother C. V. Leach, and on Tuesday, in company with Brother Leach, Brother C. R. Fairchild, Field Agent for Ohio. These brethren were here for the purpose of organizing the Canvassers' Band.

Our anticipations were realized last Thursday, when Elder F. C. Gilbert arrived at the academy. We had been waiting for this visit for several years and he came to us with the bread of eternal life. On Thursday evening Elder Gilbert spoke to the students and the congregation of Mount Vernon on "Faith and Patience." At the chapel hour, Friday, he exhorted the students to be faithful, especially in the little things. He again addressed the congregation and the students at the Friday night prayer meeting, and on Sabbath morning at the regular service he spoke concerning the "Eastern Question."

OBITUARIES

WIGGINS. Caroline Elizabeth (nee Taylor) was born at Hayesville, Ohio, October 30, 1861, and died at her home in Springfield, Ohio, January 5, 1917, age 55 years, 2 months and 6 days.

In her early years she gave her heart to the Saviour, uniting with the Methodist Church of South Charleston while only a young girl, remaining a consistent member of that body until about fifteen years ago, when she embraced the truths held by the Seventh-day Adventists, to which faith she remained loyal until her death.

March 22, 1888, she was united in marriage with Newton J. Wiggins and to this union were born six children, three of whom preceded their mother in death. About two years ago she contracted an incurable malady from which she suffered until death, which was hastened by an attack of pneumonia developed about two weeks before her death. During all the long months of suffering which were her lot, she was patient, hopeful and cheerful, striving to glorify her Master in her afflictions. To those who visited her in her illness she would often say, "If you do not see me again, my last testimony is this, 'The eternal God is my refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.'"

The end came peacefully Friday morning, January 5, 1917, when she slept away with a calm assurance upon her face, which told of one who had fought a good fight and could lay down her armor and await the crown which shall be hers upon the resurrection morning. There are left to mourn the loss of a loving companion, a godly

mother and a sympathetic friend; a husband, two sons, one daughter and a host of other relatives and friends, but for them all she left a hope of a glad reunion in the day of restoration and triumphant victory over death.

Elder W. W. Miller preached the funeral to a crowded house.

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.

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The Signs in Public Libraries

The *Signs of the Times* weekly is now going to over 400 libraries and reading rooms in the United States. The publishers have recently had numerous letters from librarians expressing their appreciation of this paper. The following is one received under date of December 6:

"Your letter of a recent date indicates that the *Signs of the Times* which has been coming to our Reading Room the past year is about to expire. I wish to assure you that the *Signs of the Times* is a welcome visitor to our Reading Room, and highly appreciated by the men of the sea, and personally I wish to say that I enjoy greatly the prophetic truth which it brings so clearly to light. I sincerely hope you will see your way clear to continue the donation for another year."

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(Eccl. 11: 6.)

Sow thy seed in morning hours,
 While the dew is yet upon the flowers.
 Sow thy seed while noontide beams,
 Still sow thy seed while twilight gleams.

Sow, though tears bedim thine eyes,
 "Sow," saith the Master from the skies,
 Sow thy seed and weary not;
 None of thy labor shall be forgot.

In the gathering time the angels will come,
 And bear thee away to thy heavenly home;
 Where toil and sorrow will be o'er;
 Thou shalt be faint nor weary, never more.

Then sow thy seed with a faithful hand;
 Sow everywhere, is God's command.
 Though some may fall on stony ground,
 Precious fruit will yet be found.

Mrs. D. E. Walker.

**Gets up at 4:00 A. M. to read
 "The Christian Sabbath"**

The wife of a Michigan church elder in writing to a sister living in Nashville, has this to say regarding her husband's opinion of "The Christian Sabbath":

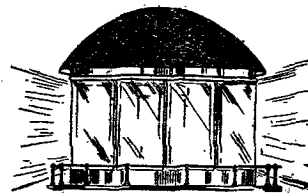
"The book is being wonderfully enjoyed by him. He was up at four o'clock reading it, and he could not be satisfied to enjoy it alone, but had to keep reading to me every few minutes when he came to something that he thought especially good.

As a result, I did not get any more sleep that morning. But I, too, greatly enjoyed

it, and think as W. expressed himself, 'It is the grandest thing I ever read on that subject.' The book was received in the mail on Friday while he was away at work. He began reading it Sabbath, even letting his good old *Review* go unread, as he became so absorbed in the book. As soon as he can spare the money, he intends to buy several copies to sell and give away to those who know not the precious truths which it teaches. It is the clearest and most convincing treatise on the Sabbath question that I have ever seen. Be sure to read it if you have not already done so. The subject is handled in a

masterly manner."

"The Christian Sabbath; Is It Saturday or Sunday?" is a new 128-page book by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. It is a companion volume to "The Other Side of Death," by the same author. The above is a fair sample of many letters already received regarding this new book. The prices are 50 cents for the cloth bound and 25 cents for the paper covers, postpaid. In lots of ten or more to one address, a discount of fifty per cent is allowed, transportation extra. Send all orders to your conference tract society.



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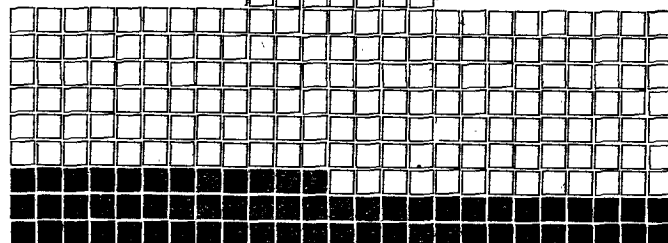
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