

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## UNION

### Our Colporteur Institute

The annual colporteurs' institute of the Ohio Conference convened at Cleveland, January 4-14. This meeting was one of the best in the history of the publishing work in the "Buckeye" state, there being in attendance thirty-five workers. One significant remark frequently heard, was, "There are so many of the same faces here this year that were here last year."

The Cleveland Church, one of the few churches in the North American Division Conference which has raised \$1,000 on the Harvest Ingathering, again this year received with out stretched arms the proposition of having the institute in their midst. It was the writer's privilege to be with the church when this question was presented. Rooms were offered for the accommodation of sixty workers. This kind spirit toward our work has been appreciated and we believe that in the judgment we shall see that those who have sacrificed with our colporteurs will enter with them into the results of their labors.

We were pleased to have with us at the beginning of the institute Elder Slade, the president of the conference. We were sorry he could not be with us the entire time. The pastor of the church, Elder Ross Lindsay, conducted night meetings. We enjoyed these stirring sermons. Brother J. I. Cassell of the tract society, and J. W. Mace of the western Branch of the Review and Herald, were also with us a few days. We appreciated their timely and interesting talks on the relationship of the colporteur to the tract society. All agreed we should be faithful in our dealings with our "business partner" down at Mt. Vernon.

"This is the meeting I have been looking for," was a statement made many times at the devotional hour. These meetings were the best meetings of the day, the spirit of the Lord coming into our hearts, preparing us for the general instruction and drill periods. Practically every one expressed themselves as being of the conviction that in order

to meet the great demands that should be made upon us in the closing of the work, we should have to drink deeply "of the fountain of the water of life." Rev. 21:6. Every worker sought that close relationship with God which is necessary to success in His vineyard.

Brother Carl Fairchild, Field Missionary Secretary, and his assistant Brother P. A. Franks, were pledged the hearty support of all workers. These brethren need the hearty support and daily prayers of every member of the Ohio Conference, that the blessing of heaven may rest upon their every effort to advance the sale of the message-filled literature God has given us.

The last meeting was a very interesting one. Nearly all felt free in setting a goal for the new year which they planned, with the blessing of the Lord, to reach. The pledges amounted to 32,600 hours and as many dollars! We hope that everyone may reach their goal, which will contribute to making 1917 the best year in the history of the work in Ohio.

C. V. LEACH, *Field Missionary Sec'y C.U.C.*

## OHIO

### Church Elders of the Ohio Conference Please Take Notice

Sabbath, February 24, is Religious Liberty Day. A splendid program has been arranged for the day, a copy of which has been mailed to you. Kindly give more than passing heed to the item, "Instructions to Leaders." We can have Religious Liberty Day, and nothing come of it; and we can have a tremendously interesting exercise if we will. If we will all put our hearts into the task, we can have a splendid offering, and besides this we can very materially increase the subscription list of our good magazine *Liberty*.

Let every soul, leader and people take hold to make the day February 24 the best we ever had, and let each one of us determine that the offering this year will break all records.

And let none of us forget that these principles of Religious Liberty are not any too well known by any of us; and let us resolve that progress shall mark our

steps in this matter, and carrying the resolution into effect, become subscribers to, and studious readers of our splendid magazine *Liberty*.

And please do not forget the men in public life who need to be educated in this matter of liberty of conscience, and who, many of them, through our sending *Liberty* to them will take their stand upon the side of right and truth. These men will not only defend our people when oppressed, but they will throw in their lot with us, and be saved in the kingdom of God. Let all the machinery of the church be put to work to make the service, and the outcome of it a most successful record breaker.

Let a stirring appeal be made on Sabbath, February 17. Write to all the out of town members, and urge everybody to be present, and may the Lord guide and bless. A. R. BELL, Sec'y. Religious Liberty Department.

### German Work in Cleveland

"Thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." 2 Cor. 2:14.

Since quite a number of our American brethren have asked me about the German work, I will give a brief report through the Visitor. The year 1916 has been the best since its beginning. We added by baptism 19 new members to the church, our tithe amounted to \$1620.92, our Sabbath School Offerings \$204.69, Harvest Ingathering fund \$236.41. In our twenty-cent-a-week fund we averaged 26 cents and the German Church has liberally contributed to the various funds like Religious Liberty, Washington Missionary College Building, Mrs. White Memorial Hospital, Colored Work, Conference Tent and Campmeeting fund, Press fund and we have besides paid \$250 for improvements in our own church building. We have a nice church building, large enough to seat 300 people, which we bought soon after my coming to Cleveland for \$3000. We since have equipped it with pews, an organ for \$250, new furnace, electric lights, and several other necessities. The building is located on one of the best streets of Cleveland, west side, with a lot of 72 feet front and 150 feet deep, worth \$7000. On this lot

we would have room for a church school building.

Since my coming to Cleveland in 1913, we took in 55 members to our number. Our present membership is 76, while in 1913 we had 38 in all; 16 have since withdrawn their membership, some by removal to Seventh-day Adventist Churches elsewhere, and others, we are sorry to say, by apostasy. During most of my stay here, I have been without a Bibleworker, yet I have labored in several other places besides Cleveland, such as Sandusky, Millersburg, and elsewhere. I am caused to say: "Thanks be unto God for the prosperity of the German work, despite the opposing element of the enemy through his instrumentalities. Most of our American brethren will know, that the German people are more under the influence of their Priests and Pastors than are the Americans. The work in bringing them to accept the truth is more difficult and we do ask your earnest prayers for the upright in heart to be saved in due time.

And because we brethren of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination belong to a higher kingdom than either Germany or Great Britain, and our warfare is carried on for Prince Immanuel, we are not against each other, but are unitedly striving for victory, belonging to the kingdom of our God. We therefore admonish each other, bravely to go forward to the finishing of the last battle.

C. W. WEBER.

### Report of Present Truth Mission of Mount Vernon, Ohio

All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human instrumentality who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

Those who read our report last year will recall that we headed it with the same quotation that we are using this year. Nearly three years have elapsed since we established our mission, and we think more now than ever that "all heaven is in activity" and in anxiety over the fact that probation will soon close, the final edict will soon go forth and unless we continue to "devise plans whereby the souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation," the sad wail may go up from many a broken heart, "the harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved." So we are continuing our work at the mission in Mount Vernon. We have moved our quarters however, to a very pleasant place. We are now located at the G.A.R. Hall, corner High Street and the square, and we are having at the present time

three meetings weekly—Sunday night, Thursday night, and Sabbath afternoon.

We present here our financial report for the year ending December 31, 1916:

#### Financial Report

Receipts January to December inclusive, 1916:

Bal. from 1915	-	-	-	7 34
S. S. Donations	-	-	-	128 73
Sunday Nights	-	-	-	46 51
Special Collection	-	-	-	6 60
Individuals	-	-	-	22 65
For Chairs	-	-	-	102 25
Church Mis. Society	-	-	-	24 75
New Year Dinner	-	-	-	20 99
				359 82

Expenditures:				
Rent 1 year	-	-	-	154 36
Chairs	-	-	-	102 25
Song books and Little Friend	-	-	-	16 90
Gas	-	-	-	9 29
Electricity	-	-	-	14 79
Misc. Expenses	-	-	-	8 90
New Year Dinner	-	-	-	10 25
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	25 00
				341 74

Cash on hand - - - - 18 08

We also give a comparative report of our Sunday night and our Sabbath School collections and donations:

#### Comparative Report

1915	S. S. Donations	1916
4 23	Jan.	9 45
4 70	Feb.	9 55
8 89	March	10 41
5 10	Apr.	11 88
5 42	May	14 34
7 66	June	12 08
8 70	July	12 10
3 13	Aug.	3 83
5 55	Sept.	11 14
7 90	Oct.	9 93
8 61	Nov.	11 16
9 29	Dec.	12 87
79 18		128 74

#### Sunday Night

3 18	Jan.	5 94
2 13	Feb.	4 13
3 57	Mar.	6 14
2 48	Apr.	3 75
3 03	May	1 51
4 58	June	3 22
4 18	July	3 84
1 52	Aug.	2 27
3 41	Sept.	3 21
3 93	Oct.	5 27
3 24	Nov.	3 40
6 36	Dec.	3 40
41 61		46 51

#### Inventory

12 chairs	8 00
1 Blackboard	1 50
2 Round Tables	3 00
100 Folding Chairs	100 00
50 Song Books	10 00
	\$122 50

The above is the tangible part of our report; that which we can give in facts and figures, but what the angel has recorded we do not know, but we feel assured that some real good has been accomplished, for which we praise the Lord. An incident of a lady comes to mind, where she started to the picture show and just as she reached the place, she was convicted of her wrong and was impressed to come to the mission instead, and at the mission she related her experience, and the money she had intended to spend at the show she put in the mission fund. So we see the angels referred to in the quotation must have been working in her behalf and co-operating with us who devised the plan, namely, establishing a place of meeting to which she could come. So we praise the Lord; although we feel our weakness because of our lack of earnestness in serving our Lord and Master, in spite of this deficiency He has worked upon the hearts of people. This is one of many instances that might be mentioned, but we are willing to wait to see the angel's report.

I am so thankful for the willing service that has been rendered by those who have volunteered to help us in this work. For we have held during the year practically 160 meetings and someone had to be faithful in order to carry these meetings on.

We closed our year's work with a New Year's Dinner, to which we made it a point to invite children who do not usually get such treats, and as a result we have a number of children attending our Sabbath School who did not attend before. These dear little souls are hearing the truth which they take home to their parents and we are praying that it may result in bringing them to Jesus. We have also been helping needy families with clothing and provisions. We are taking a club of 10 *Signs* weekly and 25 *Little Friends*. We are also distributing literature. We purpose making this our slogan this year—the distribution of message filled literature.

We would most earnestly crave the prayers of those who pray, for our effort in this place that we may be kept humble in our endeavor to reach the souls for whom Christ died with His saving message.

The world is on fire and wicked men are also afire to do the work of the evil one, so let us also be afire with holy zeal to finish this work while probation lingers. And instead of spending our time in seeking pleasure and amusement and the satisfying of our appetites, let us spend these fleeting, probationary moments in pulling souls out of the fire.

HARRY S. WEAVER.

## News Notes

"In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school, and should endeavor to send them to schools where they will obtain an education based on a scriptural foundation. Upon every Christian parent there rests the solemn obligation of giving to his children an education that will lead them to gain a knowledge of the Lord, and to become partakers of the divine nature through obedience to God's will and way."

—Counsels to Teachers p. 205.

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath with the Akron Church and its pastor, Elder F. H. Henderson.

At a recent meeting in Washington, D. C., it was decided to extend a call to Brother V. O. Punches, our Home Missionary Secretary, to accept that position in the Atlantic Union Conference. Brother Punches has accepted the call. While we regret the necessity of letting this worker go from us, yet we wish him success in his new field of larger responsibility and opportunity. Brother H. K. Christman, of the West Pa. Conference, is to take up Brother Punches' work in our field. We feel that we are fortunate in securing Brother Christman to take charge of this particular branch of our work, and we extend to him a warm welcome.

Brother J. I. Cassell has returned from Washington and is again at his post of duty in the office.

Miss Acton has been spending this week among the young people and church schools of the conference.

## VIRGINIA

### Stanley

A successful Colporteurs' Institute was held at Stanley, Va., during Christmas week. The brethren there very hospitably opened their doors to entertain the visitors. Brethren W. W. Eastman, C. V. Leach, and Virginia's new field secretary, Brother Hawkins, were present. Besides the regular colporteurs, a number of the students of the Shenandoah Valley Academy attended. All agreed that the Institute had been a real inspiration as well as a definite help in learning better how to place the message of Present Truth in the homes of the people.

Every night a public service was held

for the people of the community. These services were so largely attended that it was decided to have the writer remain and continue them. In accordance with this decision, the meetings were conducted for almost four weeks longer. Six were buried with their Lord in baptism on the last Sunday afternoon, and one more will go forward in this important ceremony at the earliest opportunity. She was at the time just recovering from grippe. All of those baptized are promising young people.

The work of our church school teacher, Mrs. W. H. George, deserves mention. Following out the suggestion of the Missionary Volunteer Department, she organized a Junior Missionary Volunteer Society in the school. Much of the credit for the successful effort is due to this work in the church school, as well as to the labor of the local church elder, Brother A. J. Painter.

The meetings were the means likewise of helping the church to realize more fully its obligation to act its part in the closing work of salvation.

R. F. FARLEY.

## God's Promises and Results are the Same

After the Saviour's ascension, the record says: "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following, Amen. Mark 16:19,20. And in Matthew 28:19,20. "Go ye therefore, and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

These promises include the united effort of every member of the church in the circulation of publications.

We are told (instructed) in the "Testimonies," that on "Sunday" we will find the best time to do missionary work in all lines. This has been demonstrated. On this day the people are idle; (not at work) on the streets, cars and on their door steps. They are anxiously waiting for our papers. They can not receive them until we "Go." "Lo, I am with you" says Jesus.

As we go out filled, the people will observe that we are full; and they will desire to be filled too. They are waiting on every member of the church on Sunday. Yes waiting on our children as well. Take the "worldly papers" out of their hands, and put ours there. When twelve years old, Jesus said:—"I must be about My Father's business." Luke 2:49. Jesus foresaw the people sitting on their door steps: said He, "Behold I say unto you." Put your name here on this blank—members and children. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Soon the way will be closed and you cannot work. Go now. Receive a rich blessing; and then, return and relate your experiences. Give God all the glory. Revelation 4:11.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

## NEW JERSEY

### News Notes

February 6, the sad news reached us of the death of Elder J. M. Gaff at his home in Paterson. January 29, he was taken sick with pleuro-pneumonia and on the following Monday night we learned that he had passed away. Though it is difficult for us to understand why these faithful soldiers of the cross must lay down their lives when they are so much needed, yet we know that "He doeth all things well."

The conference committee met in Newark last Tuesday to consider some important matters in regard to the work. It was with deep sorrow that the members opened their meeting with one vacant place, which, but a short time ago Brother Gaff so ably occupied as a member of the committee. His counsel will be greatly missed.

Last Sunday evening, February 4, Elder Langdon opened a hall effort in the city of Newark, which we expect will be attended with much success through the blessing of God.

Copies of the red leather binding of Sister White's new book, "Captivity and Restoration of Israel" are on hand at the office, and are ready for sale. You can obtain a copy by ordering at once.

By the time you receive this issue of the VISITOR we will be in the midst of our Teachers' Institute, which we are anticipating with much interest. East Pennsylvania will be represented by two teachers, and Sister Richards, the educational secretary of the conference. We also expect Professor Stone to be with us all through.

A little prospective colporteur came to the home of Brother George Blinn last Sabbath morning, and though he is only a few days old now, we expect that he will, in the future, follow in the footsteps of his father, who is the oldest colporteur in the state.

Paterson Sabbath School sends in sixteen Training Course enrollment slips filled out. A splendid record. Newark

reports nine taking the course. Let others join this excellent improvement circle. It isn't too late.

Last thirteenth Sabbath there was an interesting little scene in the Camden Sabbath School. One little fellow, who, with others had been given a nickel to invest for the thirteenth Sabbath offering, brought in 400 bright new pennies, just from the mint. He filled a jar full, which held \$2.75 and the balance flowed over on the collection plate. The secretary wrote, "I tell you it was a beautiful sight to see, and the look on his face. I shall never forget. It was as bright and beautiful as his offering."

Miss Erva Taylor of Cape May Court House earned five reading course certificates during 1916, besides taking the Standard of Attainment. William Thornburn of Trenton and Andrew Hansen of Lafayette also did unusually well in earning certificates. We all like to read. Then why not read the best? for life is too short to read everything.

Newark Sabbath School ordered 75 birthday envelopes today. Have you received a supply yet? They come free upon request to the tract society office.

Our new Missionary Volunteer Goal for New Jersey for the year 1917 is as follows:

#### 1917 GOAL

46 young people converted  
18 attainment certificates  
54 reading course certificates  
36 to complete reading the Bible through  
\$615 for missions  
229 members reporting

Can we double it again this year?  
What do you say to our trying!

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

In spite of the fact that we have no field secretary, our colporteur work moves on quite nicely. Brother O. C. Weller sends us a very good report for last week. He says he will have a delivery of over \$300 for March 5. These orders have been taken since the first of the year.

Brother C. W. Jenkins was sick for a few days and unable to work, but he had some very encouraging experiences and a good report for the time he was able to work.

Brother C. B. Tracy is continuing his work with the Present Truth. These little papers are finding their way into the

hearts and homes of many of the people in this city. Only recently Sister Wagner of this city was canvassing in her section of the city with some of our little extras. She met a lady more than seventy-five years of age, who was so pleased to know of Sister Wagner keeping the Sabbath. She said she had been keeping the Sabbath for years, but did not know of any one else in the city who did. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She began to study other points of our faith, and one week ago last Sabbath she was baptized and has united with our church. House-to-house work will bring results.

The meetings on Baltimore Street, conducted by Elder A. S. Booth, continue with interest. The hall seats four hundred people and it was nearly filled on Sunday evening with a very interested audience. The subject was, "Can the Dead Communicate with the Living?" The offering was more than \$11. Brother G. Medairy is planning a special musical program for next Sunday night in connection with the closing service in this hall.

A meeting of the conference committee is called for Wednesday morning, Feb. 7.

Brother G. W. Lawrence called at the office last week on his way to Rock Hall to visit friends. Brother C. C. R. Hare is in the city, at the present time.

We just received a letter a short time ago from Mrs. R. T. Baer and Lilah. They are enjoying their work in Argentine and are all well. They send their love and best wishes to all their friends in the Chesapeake Conference.

Inasmuch as our conference came short on its twenty-cent-a-week fund for last year, we hope every church and every individual will feel the responsibility this year to begin early to plan to pay his share of this amount, and while there are those who cannot meet it, because of physical weaknesses, there are others who are able either in a physical or a financial way to do more than their regular share on this, and thus bring our mission funds up to the standard. We are sorry we did not reach our goal, but we did better than we did the year before and this is encouraging.

Brother H. E. Wagner, Brother M. S. Pettibone and the conference secretary bring back splendid reports from the Bookmen's and Home Missionary Convention, held in Washington the latter part of January.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Morgantown

To all who are interested in the onward move of this message, the Morgantown Church would send through the Visitor the following words of encouragement:

God has richly blessed in the raising of means for the Harvest Ingathering Fund and many good experiences have been gained in this way, besides funds for the cause, and openings for Bible studies.

This church determined, with God's help, to double its quota of \$100.00. This determination has been realized, for we can now report a total of 204.00.

One sister, who is very young in the message, obtained more than her quota of \$5.00. Another sister who was not able to get out, wrote letters, and received \$10.00 from an ex-senator's wife. Two other sisters, Sister Scandland and Sister Bartges, have gone out repeatedly and, canvassed their own town and then neighboring towns and have raised between them about \$60.00. Elder Stevens set his goal for \$100.00, but exceeded his expectation by obtaining \$130.00 (\$103.00 of this applied on Morgantown Harvest Ingathering Fund, and the rest was raised while helping other churches to get started in the good work.)

Elder Stevens has had blessed experiences, especially with Jewish merchants who have given liberally to this fund and as a result, he has formed a Bible Class of prominent Jewish merchants and their wives. He held the third study with them last night. The subject was "The Twenty-three Hundred Days" in which he proved to them that their Messiah had come. When he finished the ejaculation, "He has surely proved it" came from more than one person. One bright young merchant asked the price of a Bible. He kept examining Elder Stevens' Bible, writing down texts and asking how to find places. The interest is increasing, and more and more of these merchants expect to join the class next week.

Pray that the message will reach the hearts as well as the heads. ELDER and MRS. G. A. STEVENS.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### News Notes

A telegram was received at the office today stating that the house of our field missionary secretary, Brother E. A. Manry, was burned to the ground, February 5, at Tunesassa, N. Y. When Brother Manry took up work in this con-

ference, his family remained in Tunesassa as three of his children are in Fernwood School there. The telegram states that the family is safe. Let us remember Brother and Sister Manry at the throne of grace in this hour of trial.

H. K. Christman left February 6, for Ohio, where he will enter upon his new work as Home Missionary Secretary of the Ohio Conference.

Elder J. W. Watt is holding a series of meetings in Callery, Penn.

Elder F. A. Harter recently came to this conference to act as pastor of the Pittsburgh, No. 1 Church. A hearty welcome was given him. The outlook for the future for the work in Pittsburgh is encouraging.

Our colporteurs are meeting with success. The increased prices of books is not hindering the work. Recently Brother C. E. Will took over ninety dollars worth of orders in one week. In writing to the office he said, "It seems that the more our books cost, the more the people appreciate them." Most of our canvassers are doing faithful work, and eternity alone will reveal the actual results of their labors.

Brother Fred Shaw and Brother Guenter of Coudersport are canvassing in Sharon, Pa.

A colporteurs' institute will be held in Pittsburgh, February 15 to February 25.

Miss Sophie Gools, our German Bible worker, is spending a few weeks at her old home in the state of New York.

## Special

### Use the Mails

Christ began His work in A. D. 27. This was the beginning of the preaching of the gospel of the present dispensation, the gospel of Jesus Christ. The disciples continued it after Christ's death, and about A. D. 64, when the epistle to the Colossians is supposed to have been written, Paul was able to say, "The hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven." Col. 1: 23.

How did these few people manage to make the gospel known to all the then known world? The world was not as big then as it is now, but it was big enough for a problem of that sort. The important thing is that they did it.

Once again there is a world to warn, much bigger in territory, but infinitely easier to reach, because of the wonderful facilities of the last days. So let us make more use of them.

Why not use the mails more? We have two of the finest possible papers for this purpose. There is the *Signs* weekly in its new form, now so much more within the reach of our people by reason of its lower price. Save a dollar, subscribe for a year, and send the paper away every week after you have read it. Watch for opportunities to save another dollar, and have another paper to send out after another soul. Perhaps you can spare several dollars for this work. Write a letter full of Christlove to send with the papers, and pray for God's blessing on them. You will surely see results some day.

The other paper is the *Present Truth*. For twenty-five cents you can have this sent every two weeks for a year to any name and address in the North American Division territory. Why not use the mails, and send in a long list of names, writing a letter to each one yourself to introduce the paper. God's chief purpose in these wonderful mail facilities has been to enable His people to give this last message quickly. Let us be God's fellow-laborers in using the facilities He provides to good effect.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

### Yiddish Magazine Ready

The "World on Fire" number of the Yiddish magazine is ready. Although delayed because of our being dependent upon an outside house for the composition, the magazine now comes forth with a strong message for the Jews, profusely illustrated and attractive. One page lists in English all of the leading articles thus making it easy for anyone to handle it. The last edition of the magazine was exhausted long before the end of the quarter, and some of our larger churches in eastern cities where there are thousands of Jewish people were unable to get any. A number of these have now worked up large orders to begin with this first quarter's number. In view of the increasing interest in the magazine and its work we shall print larger editions, and make efforts to bring out succeeding numbers without delays. Our churches and magazine workers everywhere will want to have a part in the circulation of this "World on Fire" number of the Jewish "Gospel Messenger." Orders should be sent at once to your tract society. 5 to 50 copies 5 cents each; 50 or more, 4 cents each. Retail for 10 cents. Quantity rates 1 cent higher in Canada. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Ill.

### A Home in Sunny Florida

"Desiring to be more free to do gospel work, I am offering for sale at a sacrifice my beautiful country home and valuable farm of 115 acres, two and one-fourth miles northwest of Bowling Green, on the Atlantic Coast line Railroad.

"The dwelling is a ten-room house—bathroom, four bedrooms, sitting rooms, etc. A few rods from this house, there is a second house, with eight rooms; very comfortable and suitable for help or renters. Two large barns, small packing house, excellent for storing, etc. Near large dwelling is one of the finest wells in Florida, of pure soft water.

"Very valuable orange and grapefruit grove of 12 acres, planted twenty years ago, and now in full bearing. Ten acres of excellent grove land could be easily planted to increase the grove.

"Also about 5 acres of the very best kind and quality of grafted pecans, rapidly coming into bearing. Pecans are fully as valuable per acre as orange groves.

"Upwards of 50 acres are fenced and in cultivation. Soil, much better than the average Florida soil. There are 20 acres of muck land, muck,—from one to eight feet deep. When drained, cleared, and cultivated, very valuable for gardening and truck land, requiring far less fertilizing than ordinary pine land. It can be easily drained.

"A nice spring pond near the barns, for watering stock. A fine stream of water flows across part of the place, affording facility for irrigation if desired. An excellent quality of hay readily grows on the place, sufficient to fill the barns.

"The place is excellent for raising horses and other stock. Ideal for poultry and bees.

"Two immense magnolia trees in front yard (I have never seen finer), with other ornamental trees, oak, chestnut, camphor, etc.

"The orange and pecan groves of 17 acres alone are cheap at \$10,000; but that we may be free to do ministerial work we are offering the entire place for the sum of \$10,000 cash.

"We heartily invite visits and personal inspection. Write to the owner at once, at Twin Magnolias, Bowling Green, Fla."  
--From *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

Of Unselfishness, three drachms;  
Of the tincture of Good Cheer, one ounce;  
Of Essence of Heart's-Ease, three drachms;  
Of the Extract of the Rose of Sharon, four ounces;  
Of the Oil of Charity, three drachms, and no scruples;  
Of the Infusion of Common Sense and Tact, one ounce;  
Of the Spirit of Love, two ounces.  
The Mixture to be taken whenever there is the slightest symptom of selfishness, exclusiveness, meanness, or I-am-better-than-youness.

## Mount Vernon Academy

## A Living Testimony

While you read the following testimony of a son, fathers and mothers, the story of a brother, young people, ponder the question, "What am I doing for the Master?"

A year ago this month I first entered the doors of one of God's training schools and do not regret the occasion. I knew practically no one and had only a few dollars besides a determined ambition to obtain a Christian education. The first week was agony. I soon decided that I could get along easily without an education as many others have done, to their detriment. I longed for the moment when I might feel justified in leaving. That moment never came and I thank God for it now.

Gradually as the divine plan of redemption opened before me and the beauties of this blessed truth grew upon me, it seemed like a mighty coffer filled with precious stones. Oh, how I longed to be one of those jewels working for the Master. But they seemed so clear and smooth, while I was just a rough boy. The clarifying process began. Those morning periods of worship; those chapel hours; those Bible classes; worship in the chapel in the evening, and best of all, the Friday evening prayer meeting and the Sabbath services; all these were God's clarifying and smoothing instruments!

I declared over and over again that I could not canvass. The Lord showed me different. With no experience, but with His help I started. Many blessings were mine during the summer. Since coming back to school last September, the grinding and smoothing process has continued. Some day I hope, with the Master's help, to occupy some place in His service.

"God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause." Gospel Workers p. 67. Are you one of them? Dear brothers and sisters, are you striving your best to come to Mount Vernon Academy next September, to gain a better training for the Master's service? BEGIN NOW. W. A. RALLS.

## News Notes

Dr. W. A. Kelly of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent the week end visiting his son and daughter, Mr. Clayton and Miss Zoella Kelly. Clayton accompanied his father on his return home.

Miss Ethel White has gone to her home in Clearfield, Pa., on a visit.

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 2, 1917									
H. O. Kohr, Cleveland	Arm	10	60			135 00		135 00	135 00
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	5	45	10		35 00	12 50	47 50	38 00
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	5	41	14		49 00	6 60	55 60	
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	5	36	7		25 50		25 25	8 00
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.	BR	4	36	4		16 00	75	16 75	6 00
M. B. Ingersol, Norwalk	BR	5	33	8		30 00	1 00	31 00	62 50
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.	BR	4	30	8		31 00		31 00	4 25
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.	BR	4	25	5		23 00	5 25	28 25	25 25
C. G. Douglass, Akron	BR	5	23	9		35 50	9 00	44 50	39 00
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.	BR	3	21	9		33 50		33 50	
Geo. Harvey, Wooster	DR	5	20	5		17 50	5 55	23 05	
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	2	15	7		27 50	1 50	29 00	
W. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	BR	3	15	2		9 00		9 00	8 00
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.	BR	2	13						62 00
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield	CK	2	12	2		3 00	1 25	4 25	9 25
Clara Weber, Springfield	CK	2	7				1 00	1 00	1 75
Totals	16 Agents		66	432	90	\$470 50	\$44 40	\$514 90	\$399 60

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 2, 1917									
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co	BR	5	44	4		14 00	7 10	21 10	65 60
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	5	35	4		5 25	3 00	8 25	14 25
C. G. Guenter, Mercer Co.	BR	4	25	16		59 00		59 00	
W. H. House, Elk Co.	BF	2	16	1		2 00	4 00	6 00	14 25
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	5	29	15		57 50		57 50	34 25
John Morley, Venango Co.	BR	5	29	22		84 50	1 00	85 50	12 00
G. Rager, Somerset Co.	BF	5	31	13		26 00		26 00	
F. Shaw, Mercer Co.	BR	4	24	21		74 50	2 35	76 85	7 00
Totals	8 Agents		35	233	96	\$322 75	\$17 45	\$340 20	\$147 35

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 26, 1917									
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	4	31	8		28 00	22 00	50 00	1 00
J. S. Seal, Cedar Grove	BR	4	17	12		42 00	18 50	60 50	4 75
W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville	BR	5	23	8		28 00	9 00	37 00	
C. G. Mays, Moundsville	BR	5	25	12		47 00	3 50	50 50	
G. E. Snyder, Harrison, Co.	BF	5	35			11 50	6 00	17 50	25 75
W. E. West, McDowell Co.	BF	5	32	24		49 50	70	50 20	70
John McHenry McDowell Co.	BF	3	21	46		96 50	3 85	100 35	3 85
Totals	7 Agents		31	184	110	\$302 50	\$63 55	\$366 05	\$36 05

Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 2, 1917									
Madge Miller, Rockingham Co.	GC	5	30	22		80 00	8 25	88 25	
B. F. Purdham, Albermarle Co.	BR	6	35	27		103 50	8 60	112 10	1 35
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.	BR	4	30	10		35 00	1 75	36 75	
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond	OSD	5	25	170		42 50		42 50	42 50
Totals	4 Agents		20	120	229	\$261 00	\$18 60	\$279 60	\$43 85

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 26, 1917									
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	42	8		16 50		16 50	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	42	12		43 00	7 85	50 85	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	36	7		25 50	7 00	32 50	
Lee Mase, Lycoming Co.	GC	5	36	14		52 00	5 50	57 50	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	5	37	80		40 00		40 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BF	5	19	14		28 00	2 50	30 50	
Totals	6 Agents		30	212	135	\$205 00	\$22 85	\$227 85	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 2, 1917									
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	41	11		22 00		22 00	
L. W. Mase, Lycoming Co.	GC	5	36	4		14 00	11 50	25 50	
C. F. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	39	18		70 00	4 25	74 25	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	34	7		26 50	1 25	27 75	
E. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BF	2	6	5		10 00		10 00	
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		5	38				27 00	27 00	
Miscellaneous							24 00	24 00	
Totals	6 Agents					\$142 25	\$68 00	\$210 50	



## Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 2, 1917

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	4	36	12	44	00	8	25	52	25	2	55
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.	BR	3	28	9	31	50	1	25	32	75	4	75
C. C. R. Hare, Carroll Co.	DR	5	28	1	3	50	1	00	4	50		
Totals		3	Agents	12	92	22	\$79	00	\$10	50	\$89	50
											\$7	50

## MAGAZINES

C. B. Tracy												\$26	70
Grand Totals: 50 Agents of Orders												Value \$1783	25
												Deliveries, \$634	35

Messrs. Bonar Bainbridge of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Kenneth Blaylock of Cleveland, Ohio, joined our number last week.

Miss Thelma Barr of Pittsburgh, Pa., has undergone an operation for appendicitis at the Fisher Sanitarium. Her mother is visiting her.

Miss Iva Krome is teaching eighth grade Bible at the academy.

## Born

On February 10, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leland Shearn, former students of Mount Vernon Academy, a son, Earl Leland. Weight 9½ pounds.

## Washington Missionary College

The Constituency of Washington College met January 29, in the Takoma Park Church. The invitation to attend its morning session was accepted by the school, and the students attended in a body. The President's report by Professor Machlan, the discussion of a plan to increase the attendance at the school by Elder Quinn, and Dr. Olsen's talk on the advantages of a college training were of special interest to the students.

The following evening, a banquet was served in the college dining room, to the members of the Constituency.

Professor W. W. Prescott spoke at the morning service, Sabbath, February 3, on the subject of "The Sabbath in the Sanctuary."

Two of our teachers are ill with la grippe,—Mrs. Salisbury and Miss Sheilburg.

The sixth number of the lecture course was given by Elder Quinn, president of the Atlantic Union Conference. He told of his visit to Egypt and the Holy Land. The students greatly enjoyed this lecture.

Mr. Lanier, of Manila, spoke in the Young People's Society, Sabbath after-

noon. It is interesting to know that our work in the Philippine Islands is making rapid progress. They are one of the most fruitful, in proportion to the work expended, of all the mission fields.

Miss Welsh is ill at the Sanitarium.

Elder W. H. Anderson, of South Africa, has spoken, at the chapel exercises, several mornings recently. Thursday evening, February 1, he gave a lecture on the fauna of Africa.

Elder Anderson was one of our first company of missionaries to establish work among the heathen and his practical talks, on mission work, have been much appreciated by the students.

The unusually cold weather of the past week has furnished excellent skating, which has been enjoyed by students and others.

## OBITUARIES

**BOWERS.**—Sarah Snively Bowers was born January 2, 1832, at Snively's Mills, Clover Creek, Pa. She was married September 9, 1849, to Henry Hunt Bowers, who died a number of years ago. Her death occurred January 31, 1917, at Martinsburg, Pa., aged 85 years and 29 days. There is left to mourn their loss, one daughter and seven sons, and one sister. Deceased was a faithful member of the Altoona Seventh-day Adventist Church, and died in the hope of the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13, assisted by Rev. J. I. Hall, pastor of the Brethren Church at Martinsburg, Pa.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

**KAUFMAN.**—Margaret, was born in Middlebranch, Ohio, November 24, 1884, and died at the home of her parents, near the same place, January 6, 1917.

She was an earnest Christian, and had been in school for the purpose of entering the Bible work in Cleveland, Ohio.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from the text Rev. 14:13.

F. H. HENDERSON.

**VANCE.**—Esther Marie, died at the home of her son, E. J. Vance, Lodi, Ohio, aged 85 years, 1 month and 15 days.

She gave her heart to the Lord in her youth and remained faithful to the best light she had. During the summer of 1916, her son Edward and wife embraced the truth and were baptized by Elder R. S. Lindsay, at Celveland, Ohio, and soon after they took the aged mother into their home and instructed her on the Sabbath of the Lord and His second coming. Following this, she united with the Canaan Church, subject to baptism, October 7, 1916, anxiously awaiting opportunity to go forward in this ordinance, but feebleness of health prevented. During her illness and suffering she asked repeatedly to have the Word read to her, and this would cause her greatly to rejoice in the blessed hope and about the last day of her life she bore the brightest testimony of her hope of eternal life, and peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, who will call her at His appearing with all the rest of His sleeping saints unto eternal life.

Elder C. W. Weber spoke words of comfort from Rev. 14:13.

While we miss her in our meetings, yet we hope that we shall soon see her again in the Sabbath services to be held in the city of God.

FREDERIC HOLDER.

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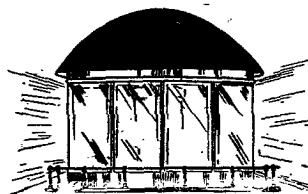
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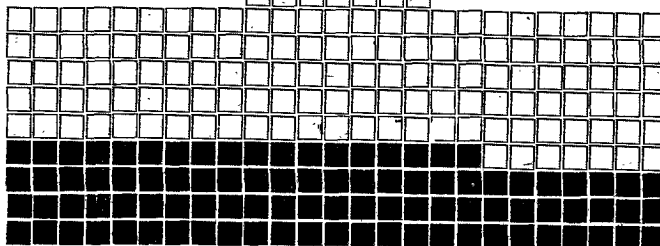
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