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

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U N I O N

To The Brethren in The East Pennsylvania Conference

We regret deeply that circumstances have compelled Elder H. M. J. Richards to resign his position as president of the East Pennsylvania Conference in favor of work out West.

He and his committee in consultation together arranged for his release. He feels an obligation towards aged parents living out West, which has repeatedly led him to enter into negotiations for a transfer of his field. We regret that he could not continue with us, especially now that the effort is on in Philadelphia.

The brethren of the East Pennsylvania Conference have asked me in the interim to take charge of affairs in this conference. Any correspondence concerning matters which would pertain to the direction of the field, can be addressed to me at 4910 Arch Street.

We all join in wishing Brother and Sister Richards the blessings of the Lord upon them in their future labors. Many in this conference have become very well acquainted with them, and will follow their future work with earnest prayers and deep interest. B. G. WILKINSON.

Qualifications of

A Successful Canvasser

Extracts of Talk Given by Dr. D. H. Kress
at the Canvassers' Institute Pittsburgh

Many a one would engage in the work of selling books if they possessed confidence. Confidence is an essential qualification for the canvasser, it may however, be a hindrance. Self-confidence is necessary for business men to have in order to make a success of business, but it is a hindrance in God's work. It was "when Ephraim spake trembling, God exalted him in Israel." The confidence of the canvasser must be in God and not in his ability to sell.

Because men and women have no confidence in their ability to sell they refuse to take up this work, and yet, this is one of the essential qualifications for it. If they

do enter the work, often they compromise with the flesh by selecting a book that they consider an easy and ready seller, or else they will select the easiest field, instead of selecting the book which they consider would do the most good and which the people most need, and canvassing in the field where the need is the greatest.

By undertaking hard tasks for God strength is developed. It leads to communion with God. When Moses came down from the Mount "he wist not that his face shone." The people recognized it. The man who would be God's salesman must carry forward his work by prayer. Lack of confidence in the ability to sell will lead to communion with God, the only source of strength and confidence. Then in the mingling with the people the impression will not be made by the canvasser, but by unseen agencies that accompany him.

Self-righteousness is a hindrance. Peter was a good fisherman, but a poor soul winner until he said "I am a sinful man," then Jesus said to him, "from henceforth thou shalt catch men." It takes sinners to win sinners. It was not until Isaiah said, "Woe is me, I am undone," that God could say to him, "Go tell this people," etc. Isa. 6. Paul said, "To me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Paul was fearless, but had no confidence in his flesh. Sinners are never reached by men who walk on stilts. He that humbles himself shall be exalted among the people.

It is not merely the printed page God desires to have scattered. He wants the printed page carried by sanctified hands and hearts to the people. He wishes to introduce to the people of the world the subjects of His grace.

The good the book accomplishes may be largely determined by the spirit of the one who sells it. The impression made by the canvasser determines largely the impression made by the reading of the book. Between the book and the one who reads, stands always the canvasser. How important it is, therefore, for the canvasser to carry with him the fragrance of the life of Christ. It is not the one who sells the most books that will necessarily

receive the "well done." It will be the one who went forth to the work, stripped of self, conscious of his inability, in a prayerful frame of mind, depending wholly upon God for success as a soul-winner. Let no one, because he speaks trembling, refuse to take up this work, and let none compromise with the flesh by taking something that is easy to sell. Select the book which you think the people need most, the book which you think will be the greatest blessing to them. Undertake hard things for God and great blessings will be yours. The men and women, who grow, are they who by faith select the hardest fields because they are the most needy. "All who will go to work, trusting not in what they themselves can do, but in what God can do for them and through them, will certainly realize the fulfillment of the promise, 'Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go unto the Father.'"

The Chief Qualifications as a Worker

The medical missionary work, we are told, "is the gospel in practice." It is not necessary to take years of training in order to do it. The chief qualification is a heart filled with sympathy and love, and a desire to be a blessing to the needy. Any training obtained will add to the usefulness of the one who has this qualification. Every church member should become intelligent in the employment of simple remedies in treating disease. Each one should have sufficient knowledge in regard to healthful living, so as to be a benediction to the world. "Christ stands before us as a pattern man, the great Medical Missionary, an example for all who should follow after. He came as an expression of the perfect love of God, not to crush, not to judge or condemn, but to heal every weak and defective character. He was kind to all; easily approached by the most lowly. He went from house to house healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the mourners, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the distressed. To be a Christian is to be Christlike." D. H. KRESS.

"The crown and glory of man is his character."

OHIO

The Work at Newark

Our people in general and those who attended the last Ohio camp-meeting at Newark in particular, will no doubt be glad to read a brief report as to how the work has developed in this city since the camp-meeting closed.

The visible results have not been large, but they are nevertheless gratifying. One soul would be worth rejoicing over, if brought to Christ through the effort. But to date we can report 7 who have been baptized and have united with the church. Three of these are persons who had been pre-disposed toward the teaching of Russellism. It has required earnest labor, prayer and tactful methods to bring these souls into straight lines of truth.

Elder W. W. Miller joined me in the meetings which were conducted, following the camp-meeting. The large pavilion was erected on the west side not far from the camp grounds and meetings commenced immediately. From the start, we labored under the handicap of cold weather, and were finally compelled to bring our meetings to an untimely close in the midst of a splendid interest. It was next to impossible again to assemble this interest. We have kept in touch with most of the interested ones through Bible studies and expect soon to hear a number of others ready for baptism. Mrs. Weaver has been doing faithful Bible work among the people and is sharing the labor and the reward of seeing the people develop into good Sabbath keepers.

During our meetings here we have made good use of the newspaper columns, through the courtesy of the editors. Altogether we had printed more than 45 columns, 20 inches each in length, or a total of 912 inches of solid reading on the truths of the message we bear to the world. The value of this can be realized when it is figured that the newspapers here charge at the rate of 25 cents an inch for just such space when used for advertising. This would amount to \$228. But this is not the best way to estimate the value of such publicity. The Lord Himself alone knows how properly to appraise such advertising of His truth, and the books of record only will be able adequately to tell how many souls have been influenced for good through what they have read of God's truth in the lines of the daily newspaper.

Besides those above mentioned, who have been baptized, there are several other interested ones keeping the Sabbath and who come quite regularly to church.

H. A. WEAVER.

Akron

The work in Akron is progressing very favorably. The contract has been let for the new church building which is to be a very commodious and attractive place of worship, and will no doubt wholly meet the demands of that important and growing city.

Elder Henderson has his hands full in responding to the calls that are made and holding studies with the interested families brought to his attention.

Elder Slade met with the Akron Church Sabbath, February 10, where he went to counsel with Brother John Klepe and Brother and Sister N. Oancea in the interest of the foreign work. Brother Klepe hopes soon to be able to carry on public meetings in the interest of the Roumanians and Hungarians in that city. We have strong hopes that a church of these peoples may be organized later.

News Notes

We are glad to report the good work done by Brother Hannah in selling "Bible Readings" in Belmont County, and to say that through his faithful efforts a number are inquiring for more light.

The colporteur family, as well as his many friends, will be sorry to learn of the illness of Brother Chas. Carter, one of our successful book evangelists, who has been compelled to take his bed because of a very severe cold, however, he is much better at the present time and hopes soon to take up his work again. Let us pray that these faithful soldiers may not be hindered in their good work during these solemn times.

Brother Ingersoll is doing excellent work in Norwalk, placing many books in the homes of the people of the church to which he once belonged, thus following the example of the disciples who commenced their work in Jerusalem. We pray God's blessing upon his efforts that he may continue to have success.

I am very much pleased with the outlook for the colporteur work this year. There is manifested a spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of those now in the field, more than I have ever witnessed before. Besides a number of good, substantial people are seeking to know whether or not they should take up this line of work, and have asked for territory. Surely this gives evidence that God is working with, and for His people. Some have accepted the truth already this year through the books placed in their homes, and the "Follow up

work" of the colporteurs. This will be good news to all the workers and readers of this paper.

C. R. FAIRCHILD.

We are also glad to report the good success God is giving Brother P. A. Franks, our new assistant field secretary, while working with and for those in the field. He has been working the last few days with Brother W. H. Stafford in Columbus, and Brother H. C. Nelson in Springfield, and we feel sure these two brethren are much encouraged because of the substantial help Brother Franks has been able to give them.

Brother C. R. Fairchild just returned from a visit with the workers at Springfield, and Wilmington. At the latter place, he spent some time in the field with Brother Geo. Carter. Some good experiences were his while there. We trust that all readers of the VISITOR will join us in prayer for this branch of the work.

Elder E. K. Slade spent the Sabbath with the churches in Columbus.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Financial Statement of the East Pennsylvania Conference

JANUARY 1, 1917

RESOURCES

Cash	\$3348 44
Accounts Receivable	12 50
Mileage	188 07
Property	1541 04
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	\$5090 05

LIABILITIES

Conference Poor	160 03
African Church	16 00
African Tent	6 15
Religious Liberty	66 32
Tent and Emergency	350 39
Present Worth	4491 16
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	5090 05

LOSS & GAIN

Loss: Property	330 23
Bible Workers' Inst.	28 75
Camp Meeting Expense	315 56
C. U. C. Tithe	2859 46
Expense	1184 92
Hall Rent	31 00
Italian Work	1 50
Labor	14171 56
S. J. Mack	25-00
Per Cent. to Missions	5147 09
Sustentation Fund	1715 66
Traveling Expense	2937 20
Tent	1150 24
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GAIN

Loss and Gain	20 00
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Donations	783 49
Tithe Received	28584 97
Loss	499 73
	29898 19

L. P. EMERSON, *Treas.*

Financial Statement for the Pennsylvania Tract Society

JANUARY 1, 1917

RESOURCES	
Bills Receivable	\$ 50 00
Accounts Receivable	1619 78
Cash	2301 42
Inventories	
Expense	13 38
Mdse.	471 48
Office Furn.	366 04
Post. & Sta.	197 30
	5019 40

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	7 98
Present Worth	5011 42
	5019 40

LOSS & GAIN	
Church and Personal Accts.	53 65
Interest	91 54
Mdse.	819 26
Periodicals	681 32
	1645 77

LOSS	
Church and Personal	342 84
Rent	186 00
Sustentation	61 28
Expense	100 93
Post. and Sta.	454 70
Office Furn.	40 67
Gain	459 77
	1645 77

L. P. EMERSON, *Treas.*

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth began his fifth series of meetings for Baltimore City last Sunday night. He secured the Goldberg Theater in Walbrook, less than a block from the church. It seats about 500 people. But it was not nearly large enough to accommodate the large crowd that came to the first meeting. Every seat was taken, all standing room was crowded and many people were turned away who could not gain admittance at all. The subject was Armageddon. The people seemed to be very appreciative of the words spoken. With this situation it was thought too bad to have to turn away so many people, and for next Sunday night the Walbrook theater, corner, Ninth Street and North Avenue, has been secured. This will seat about 1500. Since Elder Booth came to Baltimore last June, he and his band of workers have

succeeded in winning quite a number of people to the truth. Elder Booth has baptized and received into church membership 50 dear souls.

Elder S. T. Shadel began a series of meetings in Hagerstown, Sunday night, in the church there. We trust he may have abundant success as he labors for the people in that thriving little city. Miss Anna M. Catley, who recently came to our conference, has gone to Hagerstown to connect with the effort there.

Elder J. H. Wierst will begin a short series of meetings in Martinsburg next Sunday night. Other churches are calling for workers and we wish we had them to send. Let us all pray that the Lord will raise up laborers for His harvest.

Elder J. O. Miller spent Sunday in Hagerstown helping Elder Shadel start his meeting.

Miss Norma Ackerman, who did Bible work in connection with Elder Booth's effort, resigned, and has gone to her home at Elmira, N. Y. Miss Ackerman has been in Baltimore since last June, having come here from the Washington Missionary College. Her faithful work here has been rewarded by a number of people taking their stand for the truth, and she will be missed from our midst.

Mr. Harold Smith and Miss Nettie Scott were united in marriage, February 16. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Baltimore No. 1 Church. She has been the Sabbath-school secretary for more than a year. She is also at present the organist in the Y. P. S. M. V.

A special program was rendered at the mission, conducted by the Y. P. S. M. V. of the Baltimore No. 1 Church, on Hull Street, in South Baltimore, last Sunday afternoon. It was the thirty-first anniversary of the mission. The building in which the meetings are held belongs to Brother James Quinlan, and was for a number of years under the control of the Dunkard Church. But the past few years the young people, under various leaders, have conducted a Sunday School there. Special music, recitations, and dialogues, with a speech by Brother Quinlan, made up the interesting program. Little Mildred Weiss, only four years old, rendered several beautiful German songs, which helped make the program doubly interesting to the children in the school. A closing feature was the annual treat given by the owner of the mission. It was very inspiring to hear these children, who a short time ago

knew nothing of the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, singing the songs so familiar to us in the book, "Christ in Song." The splendid order maintained, and the excellent way in which the various parts of the program were rendered, shows that the leaders, Mrs. W. J. Tetz, and Geo. C. Wagner, and their associate workers are doing faithful work, and we believe it is a work that will bring its reward in the day when rewards are given.

VIRGINIA

Financial Report 1916

We can hardly think what would bring more joy and courage to the believers in Virginia, than to review the work done by our churches as given in the financial report which is presented in another column. It has been a busy year, both anxious and active in the different parts of the work. It has been exceedingly interesting to watch the different societies grappling with their goals in mission offering, and it is a great source of satisfaction to know that Virginia has succeeded as a conference, though some societies have not quite covered the goal, but all show a good gain over the last year.

Our tithe receipts show a small gain over 1915.—For December 1916 our tithe was \$991.85, December 1915 it was \$704.63.

But our mission offerings bring joy indeed. Last year, New Market was the only church which passed the 20 cent goal.—Portsmouth No. 1 came next at 16 cents. Lynchburg barely covering 15 cents, but this year nine of our active churches carried their goal above 20 cents. New Market still leads at 30 cents and seems to have done it as easily as 21 cents for 1915. The Richmond No. 2 Church deserves special mention in making 19 cents, carrying 4 cents over their goal. Altogether it is a cheering report and will help us in getting to work on our 1917 quota. A few years ago we hardly thought we could ever fulfill our quota at 20 cents, but under the blessing of the Lord it is accomplished and we are sure the same help is available for this year. The outlook is bright for the work for 1917. Let us all push ahead and do our best.

F. N. JOHNSON.

News Notes

Sabbath, February 17, Elder Moffett assisted Brethren Gordon and Richardson in organizing a church of thirteen members at Norfolk.

Brother F. E. Hankins, our field agent, is moving his family from Baltimore to Gordonsville.

Brethren Harry Wright and Edward White have begun to canvass Russell County in the far southwest.

Elder Purdham reports taking an order for "Bible Readings" in every house but two during two weeks' canvassing in Albemarle County. He averaged \$22.50 a day.

Stanley leads in the number enrolled to take the Sabbath School Worker's training course with a membership of eleven in the class. Superintendents who have not yet started a training class should do so now, as the new course is just beginning. The text book lessons from the "Master Teacher" can be obtained from the tract society for only 45 cents.

The members of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Churches No. 2 were pleased to have with them Brother W. H. Jones, our present home missionary secretary, on Sunday, February 18. Every one present enjoyed the timely instruction. All expressed themselves to enter more heartily into the finishing of this message. Pray that we all may approve ourselves unto God, (by active work, too, with our study), a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Special

Dress

One of the surest evidences of the times in which we are living is to be seen in the prevailing fashions of the day. The dress question is indeed one of the most serious problems. This statement may seem a little strong, but I am sure you will agree with me when you think of the thousands of young men, yes, and older ones too, that are engulfed in the evil influence of immodest and immoral apparel worn by women, not only at private functions but also in public and on the streets.

Scarcely can a young man stand on the street corner for five or ten minutes without a procession of girls sweeping past in dress so vulgar, that from all outward appearances, liberties and insult are invited. Previous to this the young man may have had no such thought, but her dress casts upon him thoughts that are far from gentlemanly. It may be that on her part there was no such desire to arouse such an interest, for sad to say, the so called "respectable women and girls" are following modes of fashion that are immodest and altogether immoral.

Women are crying out because of the liberties taken by men. These cries

reach heaven, but God can do nothing until woman has done her part, for these prevailing styles of dress are loosening the morals of thousands of young men, who are having a severe battle against the lust of the flesh.

Some of the prevailing styles, such as the peek-a-boo waists, low neck and short sleeves, the offensively short skirt, bright and flashy hosiery, and recently, the new style shoe with the high french heel and gaudy colors, and we ask the question, what next? Satan and his imps are kept busy inventing fashions to be worn by women that he might be the destroyer of mankind.

Women who give their time to following fashion have no time for things worth while. Hours are wasted, yes, precious hours are spent upon needless and fussy garments to deck these poor mortal bodies. It has been said that fashion kills more women than toil or sorrow.

The question with most girls of today is, "What shall we wear, what shall we put on?" This is contrary to the teachings of Christ. He gives us the example of the pure white lily and advises us to take no anxious thought about these things, but to be more simple and pure, not only in looks but also in thought.

When will we understand that we are our brother's keeper? and with this our dress plays an important part. The way we dress is either an influence for right or wrong, tearing down or building up. What a solemn duty we have to perform. Let us hold up the standard of purity, modesty, and neatness in dress so that no one will have occasion to point the finger at us and say, "If it were not for the immodest dress you wore I might have been saved in the kingdom of God." On the other hand, woman with her personal charms of purity, neatness, and modesty may be the means of saving some soul from eternal ruin.

An experience of a school girl will help us to see the danger in immodest dress and the safety and protection in neat and modest apparel.

Bell Munson, an attractive but modest young girl, had entered one of the large boarding schools in an eastern state to prepare for her life's work, bringing with her the fond memories of a devout Christian mother, who had early taught her daughter to be noble and pure, which was a priceless possession to any young woman. Bell learned to appreciate and thank her mother for the good sound counsel, even though as a young girl she was tempted many times in wearing the low neck and short sleeves. Of all the temptations that came to her, none seemed so hard as at present, being in a worldly school and without the good advice and counsel from a Christian mother.

One experience stands out prominently. It was in the early spring when all nature seemed to be teeming with new life, an entertainment, one of the last of the season, was to be given, and, as is natural in a place where several hundred girls and boys were, there could be seen here and there groups of girls standing in the halls, discussing the question of material and style of the gowns for the occasion.

Bell had been well pleased the day she left home with a neat evening gown of white lawn. How carefully she folded and packed it away in her trunk, thinking it the daintiest and prettiest gown she had ever owned! But alas, this modest dress had lost its charm, and she like others began to give her thought to what she should wear.

The eventful day arrived, Bell went to her room just before supper and upon entering, found a box addressed to her, sent by a worldly aunt who had three society daughters of her own. Upon opening the box she found a dainty, exquisite waist, low in the neck and short sleeves. Bell thought she had never seen anything so beautiful, and more than ever did her white lawn seem plain and unbecoming.

With crimson cheeks and pounding heart she donned the new waist, first locking the door lest some one intrude. Then waged a battle between Christ and Satan. Satan whispered, "Wear it, don't seem so different than all the rest." The Saviour said, "Whose adorning, let it not be the outward adorning, but a meek and quiet spirit which is of great price." And then, too, she thought of her mother's influence and the waist with its worldly attractiveness was lost sight of.

Was the battle won? No, she left the temptation there, went down to the dining-room and ate her supper. She returned to her room and again Satan seemed to advise her as before. As she dressed for the occasion; she held the waist in her hand about to put it on, when Conscience spoke, and seeing her danger, she threw the waist at her feet and falling on her knees, prayed as she had never prayed before. She arose to her feet, dressing herself in her modest apparel, the dress that now seemed beautiful, and went to the room of gayety. Had she known how much was at stake that night she would have seized the box before opening it and committed it to the flames.

A life was at stake that night, a life of noble integrity, a life of unspotted manhood, but she knew it not.

Soon after that evening, Bell was taken seriously ill, and when able to move, the doctor advised that she be taken to her home. Her schoolmates came to bid her good-bye perhaps for the last time. Among them was a boy of her childhood

Mr. Raymond Kraft spent the week end at Parkersburg, W. Va.

On Monday night, February 19, the third meeting of the young ladies' Self-improvement Society was held. The subjects presented were ably handled by the following: Miss Anna Schmidt, "Modesty and Health;" Miss Zoella Kelly, "Fashion and Colors;" Miss Hilda Rocky, "Is it right to wear feathers and jewelry."

Brother C. R. Fairchild, field missionary secretary for the state, spoke to the canvassers' band last Sunday.

100,000—A NEW GOAL—100,000

We talk in terms of hundreds of thousands and millions nowadays. We give nearly a million a year to missions, we just circulated over 1,000,000 copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, sales of our literature amounted to more than \$2,000,000 a year. And it is well. We will be doing things on a far greater scale before we get the whole world to talking about the message.

Is it not reasonable to expect that our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*, with the splendid soul-winning record, will have a large part in this closing work?



Think what a stir we might make in the United States and Canada if 1,000,000 copies of the *Signs* found their way into as many homes

every week! Even this might be realized if we set ourselves to the task. But for the present let us talk and pray and work for a circulation of 100,000 for the *Signs* by July 1. What do you say?

It has been suggested that an individual goal of five be adopted. At first thought this may seem too high, but consider the low cost under the new rates. Five copies to one person cost but \$4.00 a year, or \$1.00 a quarter, or 8 cents a week. "Sacrifice" is hardly the word to use in this connection, is it?

WAYS OF USING

The following result-producing ways of circulating the *Signs* are recommended: Personal delivery to friends and neighbors; Reading racks; Mail delivery; Furnishing names to publishers (five or more, 85 cents each); Clubs to tent companies; Taking subscriptions.

It is hoped that every conference worker, church officer and individual member, will take hold of this commendable effort in a big, strong way. Come on friends, let's get behind it.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 16, 1917									
Geo. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	5	46	24	99 50	7 75	107 25	2 25
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	46	12	43 00	17 00	60 00	7 25
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	5	39	18	65 00	3 25	68 25	
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.		BR	5	34	11	46 50	1 75	48 25	9 75
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.		BR	4	31	6	25 00	6 00	31 00	19 25
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	4	30	5	18 50	1 50	20 00	75
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	30	8	30 00		30 00	
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	29	9	34 50		34 50	
W. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		BR	4	26	7	28 50		28 50	4 50
Glenn Pinnichs, Wayne Co.		HM	3	18	3	6 00	3 00	9 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Ironton		BR	4	18		2 75		2 75	14 25
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	3	17	2	7 00	2 60	9 60	10 75
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	2	16					32 50
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	15	1	3 50	10 15	13 65	3 25
G. Yingling, Niles		BR	4	14	9	37 50	1 50	39 00	9 00
Mrs. G. W. Yingling, Niles		BR	3	11	7	27 50	2 25	29 75	
E. E. Shaw, Toledo	Foreign Books						20 00	20 00	
Miscellaneous							23 95	23 95	
Totals	18 Agents		64	420	122	\$474 75	\$100 70	\$575 45	\$113 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 17, 1917									
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	7	32	5	6 75	9 30	16 05	
C. G. Guenter, Mercer Co.		BR	5	29		55 75		55 75	25
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	5		5	17 50	9 70	27 20	31 95
W. H. House, Elk Co.		BF	9	67	10	20 00	56 60	76 60	42 75
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	3	16	3	10 50		10 50	28 50
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BF	2	12	10	21 50	1 00	22 50	1 00
W. H. Jack, Warren Co.		DR	8	44	9	34 50		34 50	9 00
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	2	7	13	45 00		45 00	
Ray Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	7	31	22	80 00	2 00	82 00	1 00
F. Shaw, Mercer Co.		BR	4	24		72 50		72 50	54 50
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	5	39	8	9 00	30 50	39 80	29 65
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.		PPF	10	84	20	63 00	52 00	115 00	172 30
Totals	11 Agents		57	385	105	\$436 00	\$161 40	\$597 40	\$371 90

West Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 9, 1917									
J. S. Seal, Ward		BR	3	21					106 85
John Fahrner, Mammoth Co.		BR	4	22	2	8 00	3 75	11 75	46 50
C. G. Mays, Moundsville		BR	4	14		13 50		13 50	
W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville		BR	5	25		38 50	6 75	45 25	2 25
T. M. Butler, Salem		BR	4	29	9	35 50	1 50	37 00	1 00
G. E. Snyder, Salem		BF	5	33	5	15 50	2 25	17 75	75
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	45		36 00	9 95	45 95	182 95
Totals	7 Agents		30	189	16	\$147 00	\$24 20	\$171 20	\$340 30

District of Columbia Month Ending Jan. 31, 1917									
S. N. Brown, Washington		BFL	4	24	20	60 00	3 50	63 50	
C. A. Carter, Washington		BR	5	28	21	65 00	25	65 25	75 00
E. R. Corder, Washington		BR	8	40	8	31 00	20 00	51 00	24 00
Chas. Dunham, Washington		GC	11	68	29	114 25	2 55	116 80	15 50
F. T. Feutz, Washington		BR	29	188	69	241 50	12 00	253 50	40 08
W. C. Welch, Prince Geo. Co.		BR	8	65	20	72 00	4 00	76 00	3 00
Otto Westerhoff, Prince Geo. Co.		BR	17	119	36	127 00	9 85	136 85	25
Miscellaneous		Misc				120 00	6 69	126 69	126 69
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Mrs. H. M. Cleveland		58 00	Mrs. Westerhoff						30 00
Miscellaneous		52 50	Total						140 50

days. As he bid her good-bye, he said, "I cannot let you go home, perhaps to die, without first making a confession to you." As she listened to his story, her heart almost stood still. This was his story. The boys had persistently placed temptations before him, urging that he join them in their "good times." His mother's life and Bell's life of integrity had proved an inspiration to him and he answered them emphatically "No." A day came that found him weak with the awful struggles. The boys implored him to join in their "good time" in the stolen hours of the night. Faintly he echoed "No." They jeered, laughed and ridiculed. His answer was, "As long as there is one girl in this school who is true to Christian principles and who dresses modestly, I will be worthy of the term manhood."

The boys answered, "You will soon find out that one girl cannot stand alone in such an assembly. We dare say that tonight she will wear an evening gown with its alluring low neck and fascinating short sleeves." He turned his head, and with the terrible thought, what if she fails me? then turning to the boys he said, "Boys, if Bell comes into the assembly tonight dressed in the prevailing custom of the evening, if she lays aside her modesty tonight, I will go where you want me to go and do what you want me to do." It would take volumes to tell the intensity of the battle that raged within self. The mere thought, will she fail me? almost drove him mad, yet he meant what he said.

Haggard looking, he descended the steps that night and slowly entered the assembly hall. As he raised his eyes to see the display of fashion, he well-nigh despaired. Watching eagerly to see Bell, yet trembling lest beholding her his doom be settled, he waited.

Someone has asked the question, "What is the most wonderful, the most beautiful thing in all the world? Is it the stars in all their matchless splendor, the glory of the setting sun, the majestic oaks, the snowcapped mountains, the sweet song of the birds, or the delicate odors of flowers? The answer was, no, none of these; the most beautiful of God's creation, the most beautiful thing in all the world, is a womanly woman."

As Bell entered the assembly hall that night she could well be called a womanly woman.

The young man turned to the boys at his side and with a voice vibrating with his decision said, "Thank God; you have my answer for now and eternity." With this he turned and left them.

Ah, girls, there is nothing more true than that we are our brother's keeper. There are struggles about us that we little realize.

May it never be said of us that we make the way hard.

We are to be a peculiar treasure unto the Lord, not walking hand in hand with the world and at the same time professing to belong to the church of Christ. The story is told of a young woman professing godliness which emphasizes this point.

A young woman was on her way to Kansas. One day the conductor of the train took a seat opposite her, and politely asked the question, why she dressed so plainly. She enquired what his motive was in asking. He replied that his wife talked much about the necessity of women dressing plainly, while he could see no reason for so doing. The young woman looked at him and said, "Why do you wear the special uniform you now have on?" He replied, "Because I serve the Rock Island Company and comply with its orders in wearing it." My reasons are similar to yours," was the quiet reply. "I have joined the church of Christ and am in the service of my Master, whose orders I obey in dress according to 1 Tim. 2:9, where it is stated that women adorn themselves in modest apparel." The conductor acknowledged the force of her answer.

What a blessing it would be if all our young people, especially those in our schools, would adopt a neat and becoming uniform.

School girls in Russia, especially among the better class, wear the neat sailor suit for school purposes. If some school had the courage to launch out on this question, I dare say that ere long others would follow.

May God help us to carry out the good instruction in 1 Tim. 2:9. MRS. A. E. KING, Matron and Preceptress of Mount Vernon Academy.

Let Us Be Consistent Brethren

"Those who have received instruction regarding the evil of the use of flesh foods tea, coffee, and rich and unhealthful preparations, and who are determined to make a covenant with God by sacrifice, will not continue to indulge their appetite for food they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetite be cleansed, and that self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfect people." Vol. 9, pp. 153, 154.

Reader—Elder, deacon or lay member, is it consistent to profess to be looking for our Lord's soon return, to believe in the Spirit of Prophecy and disregard the above quotation?

"I have been instructed that the students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods, or food preparations

that are known to be unhealthful. Nothing that will serve to encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the table. I appeal to old and young, and to middle-aged: Deny your appetite of those things that are doing you injury. Serve the Lord by sacrifice." Id., p. 157.

In the words of another, "It is a fact that in the dining halls of our schools, our camp-meetings, our local conferences, and our general conference, meals are served without meat." Could we speak more emphatically through this denomination and make more clear to all, our position on this question, saying that we believe in a fleshless diet—that we have discarded flesh foods? How then can we continue to eat it in our homes or traveling? Has not the denomination spoken in the ways above mentioned on this question? Then if we indulge, is it not a fact that we say by that act we are not in harmony with the denomination on the subject of diet? It is an undeniable fact that we are not in harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy on the subject if we indulge. And then, brethren, will our course help others to accept the Spirit of Prophecy when they see us disregard its plain teaching? Brethren, let us be consistent and not bring this precious cause into disrepute by our unfaithfulness.

And what will more effectually weaken the authority of our schools over students than for a child to attend them for three or four years, being taught by precept and example to be vegetarians, then go home and find father and mother eating flesh foods?

Let us be consistent brethren.

H. S. WEAVER.

Mount Vernon Academy

Elder H. A. Weaver spent the week end at the academy visiting his son Eugene. He spoke at the students' prayer meeting on Friday night, also at the church service on Sabbath morning. He portrayed the love of God from a different viewpoint than is usually given, showing that our salvation does not depend on our love for God.

On Saturday evening Professor H. A. Miller and Elder H. A. Weaver rendered a musical program, vocal and instrumental.

Mr. Earl Hackman spent a week at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., having his eyes attended to.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Tebbe made a visit at the home of Mr. Tebbe's parents, in Toledo, Ohio.

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 9, 1917

S. Booth, Franklin Co	GC	1	6	2	7 00	90	7 90
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E. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BF	5	14	10	20 00	50	20 50
Totals	5 Agents	19	114	84	\$81 50	\$38 15	\$119 65
Grand Totals: 48 Agents of Orders		Value \$1970 00				Deliveries, \$1110 49	

Financial Statement of the Virginia Conference

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1915	Tithe 1916	15 cents a week	20 cents a week	Goal 1916	Per Capita.
Hamburg	4	35 00	400 00		501 00	41 60	2.40
New Market	40	567 81	817 07		630 71	416 00	.30
Charlottesville	10		139 87		142 98	104 00	.27
Richmond No. 1	65	2977 64	2371 33		821 60	676 00	.24
Newp't News No. 1	16	776 66	381 27		204 39	166 40	.24
Bethel	13	74 76	160 99		166 69	135 20	.24
Oak Ridge	20	60 42	496 85		239 94	208 00	.23
Lynchburg	28	1036 76	528 02		316 22	291 20	.22
Portsmouth No. 1	25	432 90	476 80		273 91	260 00	.21
Rileyville	12	2 48	58 92		124 35	124 80	.20
Roanoke	9	119 98	153 71		68 37	93 60	.15
Conference No. 1	44	414 47	556 43		324 36	457 60	.14
Stanley	72	371 33	438 52		285 48	748 80	.08
Yale	36	439 94	179 20		145 42	374 40	.08
Guinea Mills	12	60 30	72 75		35 18	124 80	.06
Conference No. 2	4	29 00	90 68	145 54		31 20	.47
Richmond No. 2	18	242 60	433 37	178 39		140 40	.19
Newp't News No. 2	24	149 52	284 79	180 06		187 20	.14
Norfolk No. 2	16	201 74	209 60	107 08		124 80	.13
Portsmouth No. 2	21	326 69	196 45	105 05		163 80	.10
Danville	5	64 37	48 31	19 85		39 00	.07
Spencer	6	19 50	17 75	17 40		46 80	.06
Thelma	7	34 60	21 76	16 57		54 60	.05
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F. N. JOHNSON, Treas.

OBITUARIES

BROWN.—Ernie Roy Brown was born in Maple Grove, Michigan, June 28, 1880. His death occurred at his home in Mount Vernon, Ohio, February 15, 1917, at the age of 36 years, 7 months, and 18 days. In 1901, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. Furnival in Egremont, Mass. To them were given a daughter, Myrtle, aged 14, and a son, Jesse, aged 6.

Soon after their marriage, Brother Brown was elected auditor of the Atlantic Union S. D. A. Conference, where he served acceptably for two years. On being elected secretary-treasurer and auditor of the Columbia Union S. D. A. Conference, at the close of the term, he entered this new and responsible position, which imposed heavy burdens and perplexing problems. During the five years he served in this position, they resided in Cumberland, Md., and later in Washington, D. C., to which place the Union office was later moved. This was during the formative period in the Union,

when many of the conferences were new and dependent, and some of the institutions were greatly embarrassed by debt. Brother Brown, with the excellent qualifications that he possessed, united with his fellow workers in a most earnest and arduous manner to build up the work and meet and adjust the financial problems. In those times, the Philadelphia Sanitarium and the Mount Vernon College were in financial embarrassment, and our brother, through his earnest labors, contributed his part in dealing with those problems and paving the way for the adjustments and relief that came later.

His faithful labors in the Columbia Union Conference continued until 1912, at which time his health failed. He, with his family immediately went to California, where they lived a year and then they spent a few years in the Adirondacks and in Connecticut. About a year ago, they moved to this place. In spite of these climatic conditions and the best possible care, his physical strength gradually declined.

While Brother Brown very much desired to remain with his loved ones and continue his work during the last few weeks of his

life, he became reconciled to what seemed to be God's will concerning him, and he gave evidence of full and complete surrender of all into the hands of his Maker. Those who knew him well in these last weeks are comforted by the evidence of his strong hold upon God, his simple faith in His promises, his fixed purpose to perform every known duty and his anticipation in the glad reunion with his loved ones at the resurrection of the just. This was indeed comforting to him and to those who are dear to him. During his last week of illness, he had the comforting care of his faithful wife and mother and Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. Furnival.

Brother Brown is survived by his wife, his daughter, Myrtle, his little son, Jesse, his mother, two brothers and one sister, and many other relatives and friends.

E. K. SLADE.

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Error may linger with mortals awhile,
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But truth will sing on o'er his funeral pile,
When the bright blue heavens are passing
away.

Truth is majestic in movement and union.
Her garments are spotless, her pathway
light.
Love walks by her side in transparent shien,
While mercy keeps pace in winning the
right.

Truth may be crushed and lie bleeding,
blown
For a time 'neath the triumphs of wrong;
But at length she will mount the eternal
throne
And sing, all immortal the angelic song.

Then courage my child, in searching for
truth,
Nor slacken thy zeal in the tedious way,
For at the end dwells immortal youth,
And the glories of unending day.

—J. N. Watros.

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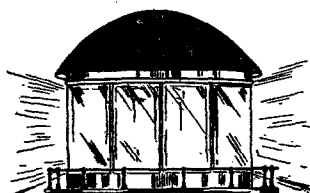
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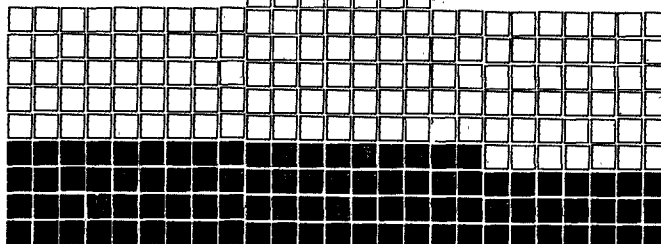
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