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

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Philadelphia Gospel Campaign

No doubt the readers of the VISITOR all read the little notice which I sent in concerning our first public meeting in the Garrick Theater, February 25, when we spoke to a crowded house and more than 1500 people were turned away.

Everybody said that the second Sunday night was more encouraging than the first. It was one of the worst nights Philadelphia ever saw, rain and slush and wet snow three or four inches deep. Cold winds had put some of our workers down for several days with the grip. The writer of the article was hardly able to get ready for the sermon Sunday night; but by the help of good, kind brotherly treatment, fomentations, etc., we managed to keep the appointment. The pipe organist said that he knew Philadelphia well, and went to the theater expecting to see six persons there. Instead there were 1500 people out. The interest seemed greater because whereas on the first Sunday night 150 names were handed in for literature, on the second Sunday night there were 230. The collection was very nearly the same. So this beautiful Tuesday morning the Bible workers are starting out with their names, ready to visit the people.

We know that prayers are being offered in all parts of the Union that God will give us success in this great effort. We feel thankful for this. Of course, we know that our dear laborers in the cities and other places are holding efforts just as important. So we feel that prayers should be offered for all our workers in the different lines throughout the field. But we wish by this note to express our gratitude to the readers of the VISITOR to whom these lines may come for your kind co-operation and your generous contributions and prayers and means to make all the evangelical work in the Union a success.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost;
When health is lost, something is lost;
When character is lost, everything is lost."
--German Proverb.

What Do These Things Mean?

That this question is rising from the hearts of millions in our country at the present time, was strikingly evidenced last night at the opening of the Garrick Theater, Philadelphia. The writer has never seen a more striking and significant demonstration.

At the time the doors were opened, hundreds were ready and rushed into the building. In less than a half hour the building was filled to its utmost capacity, and the authorities closed the doors. Thousands blocked the street and were so anxious to get in that it was necessary to call the police to disperse the crowd as all traffic was held up in the heart of the city of Philadelphia. It was a sad sight to see so many turn, reluctantly away without hearing the answer to the question that is now uppermost in every heart.

Now I believe that all over our conference there are thousands who are just as eager and anxious to know. We as Seventh-day Adventists are scattered over all this conference for such a time as this. If we are recreant to our trust now, we will be disloyal to our Master.

50,000 COPIES OF APRIL WATCHMAN

have been ordered for this Union Conference, for we believe that sufficient of our people will rally to the call and take this paper to the people who are so eagerly making the inquiry at the head of this article. The publishers are giving us one of the most striking front page pictures ever issued by us and all that will be necessary is to show the picture and say 10 cents, and the people will immediately buy.

Now will not your church take this matter up at once if you have not done so, and order at least half as many of this April Watchman as you used of the Harvest Ingathering Signs? The profits all go to our Educational Fund. If we sell 50,000 we will get \$3,333 for the Fund, and if we will sell 100,000 or a little more than half our work with the Harvest Ingathering Signs, we will get more than \$6,000 for the Educational Fund. Order of your tract societies who will charge your society with the full price of the paper. We have special rates from the

publishers and will make the division of the fund in the conference office. Let every believer adopt our slogan, "At least ten copies of the April Watchman per member."
GEO. F. ENOCH.

A Splendid Campaign

The last Harvest Ingathering Campaign was one of the most splendid ever conducted by this denomination. It was a record breaker in several ways.

In the first place we circulated more than one million copies of that splendid magazine, by far the largest number of any one magazine or publication ever circulated by this people. Several people must have read all or portions of each copy so that several million people had their attention called at one time to the work we are doing in the world.

In the second place, we raised by far the largest amount of money for missions, and that from the outside public, that we have ever raised at one time.

And in the third place, we cannot measure the value of the work accomplished in the salvation of souls both at home and abroad.

It was a great campaign, and it was glorious to have a part in it. Not one of us has any regret for our little share, and it gives us a striking object lesson on the value of united effort concentrated on one point.

When the returns are all in from all the conferences, we will find that the records will show at least \$20,000 collected by the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union. As far as I know, Sister Edith M. Butts of East Pennsylvania, holds the record. She collected more than \$381, and that largely in small sums. She gave much time and prayer, and effort to this, and the Lord will give the reward in abundance of joy in the harvest home.

Our Union Conference used the most papers of any Union in the world, and was but \$1000 behind the Lake Union in the amount of money turned in. On the other hand they have 12,000 members where we have but 8,000. I am sure that each one is profoundly impressed with the solemnity of the present hour and also grateful for their share in telling the people the meaning of these things.

I trust that we have gotten muscle up so that we will be ready to do twice as much in the next campaign.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

Advanced Teachers and the Fireside Correspondence School

Probably our advanced teachers generally do not understand the benefits they might receive from the Fireside Correspondence School. They suppose the school to have been established solely for elementary students or younger teachers. To aid these classes was doubtless its chief purpose; but it also offers considerable advanced work, and will have more in the future. A few advanced teachers have found this out, and have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Fireside Correspondence School. And they have consented to allow us to refer to their experience.

Professor M. S. Reppe, of the Danish Norwegian Seminary, Hutchinson, Minnesota, writes as follows:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the F. C. S. course in New Testament Greek I. But while I have enjoyed it, the enjoyment did not come because the course was so easy that it required little work. The lessons are well planned and fully illustrated, and the course is up to the standard required by colleges for New Testament Greek. Students having the prerequisite knowledge of English Grammar make no mistake in taking this course in Greek. I have got so much good out of it that I have deemed it wise to begin the study of Greek II in the Fireside Correspondence School.

"My eyes have been opened to the great value of this school to our people. There is certainly no excuse for anyone to complain because he does not have the opportunity of getting an education. The school is within reach of all. The tuition is reasonable, and one may study at home or while on a journey."

Similar to this is the experience of Professor R. B. Thurber. Professor Thurber has been principal of the Holly Academy, Michigan, and of Elk Point Academy, South Dakota. For several years he was principal of the Meiktila Technical School, Burma. He is now on the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Writing from Rangoon, Burma, he says:—

"I am fully satisfied with the good I have received from the study of Church History. I want to emphasize my appreciation of the strength of the courses, and the good judgment shown in the selection of text-books which put the powers of the student to the stretch. You may quote me as a missionary as

Report of the Fireside Correspondence School

For the Year, 1916

Year	New Students Enrolled	Subjects Completed	Lessons Corrected	Cash Receipts	Cash Expenditures	Gain
1910	175	3	no record	\$1860 10	\$2124 76	
1911	162	24	no record	2149 29	2688 79	
1912	125	34	no record	1668 27	1852 86	
1913	229	46	no record	1896 80	2141 18	
1914	214	52	3475	1380 54	2476 98	\$628 53
1915	308	66	4207	2057 45	2030 82	26 63
1916	318	86	5381	3784 19	3022 46	761 73
Totals	1431	311	13063	\$14796 64	\$16337 85	\$1416 86

saying that I believe the establishment and successful work of the Fireside Correspondence School is the most important advancement our denominational educational system has made in recent years.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed these Psychology lessons. I have studied them at spare moments during busy days and exacting labor, on the trains and in public places, and under the cool and restful shade of the pine trees of the Shan Hills. I bid goodbye to these lessons with regret."

Since the foregoing was written, he has completed our course of study in Logic.

Those who are interested in the plans of the Fireside Correspondence School for advanced study are invited to write to

C. C. LEWIS, *Principal*,
Takoma Park, D. C.

Notes of Explanation to the Report of the Fireside Correspondence School

1. The item \$628.53 in the Gains Column is the total gain for the first five years, taking into consideration the inventory of lessons and other stock on hand. The gain of \$26.63 is also based on receipts, expenses, and inventory. But the last item in the Gains Column, \$761.73, is simply the excess of receipts over expenditures for the year 1916, the auditor's report embracing inventories, not having been given when the above report was prepared. Judging from the figures for the other years, the gain for 1916 ought to be the greatest of any year. The other items, also, show 1916 to have been the banner year in the history of the school, having an increase of fully one-third on all the items over any other year.

2. Some of the subjects in which the largest number of lessons have been corrected in 1916 are Bible Doctrines 977, Old Testament History 518, Academic Rhetoric 480, Literature 351, English Grammar 239, Algebra 233, Church History 200, New Testament History 216, and New Testament Greek 212. The total number of subjects now offered is 47.

For descriptive booklet write to the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

West Pennsylvania Conference

This report is for the year ending December 31, 1916, and covers briefly the most important line of work.

Baptisms for the year were one hundred and fifty, and a number were added to the church by vote, and some by letter, thus raising the membership from eight hundred and ten to one thousand and two.

The tithe was twenty-three thousand, seven hundred dollars, which was seven thousand, sixty dollars more than the year before. The book sales were approximately twenty-three thousand dollars which was a gain of about ten thousand dollars more than the preceding year. Five thousand, fifteen dollars came in through the Sabbath Schools. There was a nice increase in this line. The Harvest Ingathering offering amounted to two thousand, four hundred and eighty dollars. The year before, it was about eight hundred dollars. Our goal for missions was reached with a surplus of about eleven hundred dollars more than necessary to make up twenty cents a week per member for the conference.

The increase is not large in any one line, but the gain along each branch shows a healthy growth. The year brought its cheer and blessings.

An excellent camp-meeting was held at Homestead Park. The attendance was good, and the people were much encouraged. Good results came from the tent efforts which were held during the summer. The Pitt Theater meetings and the successful work which was done in Pittsburg have been a source of encouragement to workers and people throughout the conference.

"The finishing of the work," and "Preparedness" for the kingdom of God interests the Christian more than anything else at this age of the world. While the angry nations are rushing on to Armaged-

don, as it were, on wings of the wind; God's people are drawing near their home; but we must toil a little longer, and give the message to the unwarned millions, as many of them will join us in the finishing of the harvest, and the garnering in of the sheaves. F. H. BOBBINS.

OHIO

Cincinnati

On my return from visiting the churches and our workers in Cincinnati, I am dictating these few lines, as I am sure that our believers throughout the state are interested in the progress of the cause in this great city.

Cincinnati is one of the very difficult cities to work. The people seem to be more conservative there than in other cities, and less inclined to have an interest in spiritual things. The tent efforts held in that city last summer were carried on in a thoroughgoing manner with the best means of publicity that we could use. It seemed almost impossible to secure a large interest and attendance.

A great tabernacle has been erected by the leading denominations of the city on the same site occupied by our last spring's tent effort, and meetings were conducted by one of the leading evangelists of the day. While such efforts are being pronounced a success and large audiences are being secured in other cities, this one was pronounced a failure.

In spite of this condition, our work is making some advancement in the city. From time to time, new believers are added to the church. While not large, the increase in membership during the past year is encouraging, twenty having been added. The increase in tithes over the preceding year is \$2,285. The increase in offerings to missions over the preceding year is equally encouraging. While the work is carried on under great difficulties, our workers in the city feel of good courage, and they are endeavoring to meet the difficulties and go forward with the work. Elder J. H. Behrens has charge of the work in connection with the English church, assisted by one Bible worker, Miss Leila I. Whitlaw.

It was my privilege to have two meetings with the colored church of which Brother H. A. Rossin is the pastor. They have secured a very convenient place for their meetings, and Brother Rossin is looking forward to more extensive public efforts in the interest of his people. A commendable activity is manifested on the part of this church in endeavoring to give the message to their people in that city.

Through the leadership of Elder Behrens, the Cincinnati Church is looking for-

ward to and planning for securing in some way a more favorable place for worship. This is a difficult problem to solve, but the brethren in Cincinnati are taking steps to solve it. They have already proceeded to form and organize a Board of Trustees, and funds are being accumulated. The believers in Ohio will be made acquainted with these plans more fully later on, and no doubt there are many who will wish to give some assistance to this difficult and needy field which I am sure should have our help and sympathy. E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

Brother C. C. Webster is teaching Bible at Fisher's Medical Sanitarium.

Elder T. B. Westbrook has arrived in Dayton from Denver, Colorado, his former field of labor, and is making preparation for his work in Ohio.

We were pleased to have Elder and Mrs. H. A. Weaver make a call at the office this week. They are visiting their son Eugene, who is a student here.

The Conference Executive Committee spent a very busy two days in meetings at the office this week.

Elder Slade plans to hold a meeting with the workers in the city of Dayton during the coming week in the interest of a larger work in this place in the near future. We expect to have interesting reports of the result of our labors in this city for the readers of the Visitor a little later.

J. I. Cassell, our Tract Society Secretary, is spending a few days at Laura with relatives and friends.

Elder R. T. Dowsett recently spent some time with us in auditing the conference and tract society books.

Dr. R. R. Hilborn of Akron was accompanied by Dr. Caroline Hilborn, who spent the time with friends here, while her husband attended the Conference Executive Committee Meeting.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Patterson of Damascus, when their daughter, Mabelle Gertrude, was united in marriage to Mr. Okey Oliver Metcalf of Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf's many friends wish them much of God's blessing through their journey of life.

F. H. HENDERSON.

NEW JERSEY

Camden

February 15-18 a home missionary convention was held at the Camden Church, and a splendid time was enjoyed. According to appointment, Elders Sandborn and MacNeill and Brother T. D. Gibson were in attendance to give instruction.

The meetings commenced with a discourse on Thursday evening by Elder J. W. MacNeill, and after a day of visiting, another sermon was given Friday evening. The regular services were held on Sabbath morning, and the afternoon was devoted to an interesting and helpful experience meeting.

The convention work proper was taken up Sunday morning, and the topics were considered in half hour periods. Especial interest was given to the discussion of individual responsibility, our missionary organization, sale of small books, the use of tracts, magazines, etc., the Harvest In-gathering, and colporteur work.

Special instruction was given on personal and church finances, this being considered one of the essentials to the work of the successful home missionary society.

The purpose of the convention was the perfection of the missionary organization of the church, and it is believed the work done at this convention will mean a higher standard of missionary endeavor, under competent leadership, for the members of the church at Camden.

An interesting feature of the convention was the missionary spirit of the testimonies at the congregational meeting on Sabbath afternoon, and it was hereshown that much missionary work was being done which was not being reported.

The meeting closed Sunday evening with a very interesting discourse by Elder Sandborn on "After the War, What?" A number of visitors from nearby churches were in attendance, and the meetings were believed to have been of much benefit to the members of the churches, and it is hoped the instruction given and the organization of the church will tend to larger efforts of missionary endeavor.

T. D. GIBSON.

News Notes

An all day meeting of Jersey City Churches Nos. 1 and 2, and the German Church of that city, was held Sabbath, February 24. A very helpful period was enjoyed by those in attendance. Elder Sandborn and Brother Gibson were the visitors, besides the pastors of the churches.

A rearrangement of a part of the working force of the conference was made necessary consequent on the death of Elder Gaff, and Elder Spies was transferred from the southern part of the state to Franklin, and Brother Holman was sent to Bridgeton to take the place of Elder Spies.

A home missionary convention will be held at Pleasantville, Sabbath and Sunday, March 10-11, and another one at Cape May Court House, March 17-18.

Elder G. E. Langdon is having a fair degree of success with the meetings being held in the hall in East Orange.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

The many friends of Elder and Mrs. C. B. Haynes and their son Donald were very pleased to meet them again in the city of Baltimore, as they stopped over to visit on their way north, where they will spend their vacation. Elder Haynes spoke to the church on Sabbath, and to the Y. P. S. M. V. in the afternoon of the same day. At night a reception was held in their honor in order that all might have the privilege of having a word with them. Elder Haynes left Baltimore five years ago to take up work in the South Eastern Union Conference.

Elder Miller, Professor Sorenson, and Brother James Richardson spent Sabbath with the church in Wilmington, Del.

A rousing teacher's institute was held, beginning Thursday of last week, in the church in Walbrook. The teachers from the various church schools in the conference were present. Professor Stone, the Union Educational Secretary, and Miss Phoebe Ellwanger, Conference Educational Secretary, were present also. The teachers seem to be encouraged to take up their work with renewed zeal and earnestness.

The inclement weather has affected the attendance of the meetings being held by Elder Shadel in Hagerstown, and also those of Elder Booth, in Baltimore. We trust we may have more favorable weather soon. There is good interest, however, in both meetings.

"Character is your only sure defence when in trouble."

VIRGINIA

Guinea Mills and Ford

It was the pleasure of the writer recently to visit the brethren at Guinea Mills and Ford. The soil of the former place is worn out, thus making it rather difficult for our brethren there to make a comfortable living. In spite of this difficulty they are operating a church school. One of the buildings left by a lumber camp was purchased, moved and remodeled to be used as the school room. In this small room, Sr. Ruth Fahrner is doing excellent work in teaching the children. After all, the success of a school does not depend primarily on its facilities and equipment, but on the devotion and skill of the teacher! Besides doing the regular school work, the teacher makes herself a blessing to the community by doing practical missionary work. Who could ask for a higher form of service for the Master? True, it means almost unlimited self-sacrifice, and its necessary prerequisite, whole hearted devotion to Jesus, but it is a work, which when finished, will mean bright stars in the crown.

About a week's meeting was held at this place during which time three of the older children asked for baptism. It is a pleasure to see their young, inexperienced feet being turned into the path that leads to the New Jerusalem.

The brethren at Ford were of good courage, and are pressing toward the mark. As a result of these visits, quite a number were enrolled as members of the Conference Missionary Volunteer Society. The activities of the society were sent forth to interest them in their own development, and the helping of others.

R. F. FARLEY.

Special

Among Our Filipino Brethren

It is a great privilege—one to be coveted by any gospel worker—to be back in our Philippine Mission field. The pleasure is not to be found in the physical conditions, such as the climate, the foliage, and the peoples, but in the association with our devoted missionaries and our native believers, and in the whirl of our work in its various phases. Despite broken family ties, heat, ignorance, superstition, and filth, there is real joy and inspiration in service here.

I had but one short week in the Philippines at the time of my previous visit, but it was a week never to be forgotten. On my arrival this time, I found that the program provided for a stay of four weeks;

and without loss of time we entered upon the work to be done.

Our first effort was to visit as many of our churches and companies of believers as possible. I wanted to visit every one, but we found that the sailing dates to some of the islands were such that we could not get to them before the conference was to convene.

We have eleven organized churches in the Philippines. The total membership of these churches is eight hundred and forty-six. I was able to visit seven of the churches and a number of companies. In three places, Manila, Calumpit, and Baliwag, we have chapels. In the other places our services are held in rented rooms or private houses.

The first Sabbath was spent with the Manila church, which has a membership of three hundred and eighteen. The program of the day was just about what it is in any of our large churches or important centers on the Sabbath, in the States. The Sabbath School convened at 9:30 A. M., the preaching service began at 11, and the young people's meeting was held in the afternoon.

The Filipino Sabbath School of three hundred members was a truly inspiring sight. The adults, the young people, and the children were separated into the senior, intermediate, and primary divisions. These, in turn, were divided into classes of from six to ten. The teachers were earnest in leading the classes in the study of a lesson in the regular series of Sabbath School lessons. The usual review was given, and when all was finished, the records were taken, and the little envelopes were passed for the Sabbath School offering.

And this is the Sabbath School program in every church in the Philippine Islands. It is truly wonderful to travel the wide world over, and find one orderly efficient program being carried out, one great objective in the thoughts of all, one glorious truth being studied, and one earnest purpose in the offering that is made, namely, to support and advance the cause of foreign missions.

On the second Sabbath we visited two churches and one company of believers. The first was the company of fifteen at Bocaue, about twenty miles north of Manila. The Sabbath keepers in this place have been brought in mainly through the labors of Brother Rojas, a school-teacher in Manila. After embracing the message, he had a great desire to make it known to others. To do this most effectually, he settled his family in this small place. At the close of the school week, he leaves Manila and joins his family Friday evening, remaining with them until Monday morning. This enables him to spend Sabbath and Sunday in home missionary work among his neigh-

bors. He distributes reading matter, and conducts Bible studies with those whom he can interest.

For two years or more Brother Rojas has been carrying on this kind of work. It is a blessing to himself and family, as well as to those for whom he labors. This is surely a good example of home missionary zeal for all our school-teachers and the professional class throughout the world. Brother Rojas has translated many of our hymns from English into Tagalog.

Leaving Bocaue, we went to Malolos, ten miles farther north. This is one of our earliest, and for a time was one of our largest, churches in this field; but during the past year or so larger churches have been raised up. While the workers have been in new places giving the message, the church at Malolos has been left alone much of the time. As a result, it has lost some of its first love and zeal. Our Filipino churches need more good leadership, for a time at least, that we find it necessary to bestow on our new churches in the States; but owing to our small staff of workers, and the aggressive work to be done, some of them get less. The Filipino people have never known anything about religious life and church affairs except what they have seen in the Roman Catholic Church. Everything in our work is new to them. They need careful shepherding until they become strong and efficient.

We spent a pleasant afternoon with the brethren and sisters of Malolos. The meetings here are held in the home of Brother Manalaysay, the father of our young minister by that name, who accompanied us as translator. The brethren here built a nice nipa chapel when they first embraced the truth, but it was soon destroyed by a great fire that swept over the part of the town in which it was located. It is possible that a tent effort may be made in Malolos the coming summer for the purpose of encouraging and strengthening the church, and of proclaiming the message more fully in this large important center.

Thirty miles northwest of Manila, on a beautiful stream of water, is the village of Calumpit. This place is a rich farming section, and is four or five miles distant from the nearest railway station. The people of the community are agriculturists, and the main products are rice, potatoes, beans, and various fruits, including bananas, oranges, and mandarins. The land is unusually productive, and the landscape very attractive.

During the year 1916 Brother Guillermo Dionisio, assisted by Sister Victoria Javier, raised up a church of eighteen members at Calumpit. Nearly as many more are keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. These believers are rejoic-

ing in their new-found faith, and are very zealous. They have already erected neat nipa chapel for their services.

In this church we found three remarkable old men. One of these, Brother Carlos Nabong, is one hundred and ten years of age, and received the message with an open and glad heart. He was baptized by Brother L. V. Finster. Although at such an advanced age, he is quite active, and is able to walk nearly a mile to church services. During his lifetime he has been a great reader, and is still able to read considerably without the aid of glasses. He remembers poems that he learned in younger days, and is very fond of repeating them. I think I never saw a Seventh-day Adventist manifest more joy in the message than does old Brother Nabong. He has a brother, Valentine Nabong, ninety years of age, who also is rejoicing in the message. This brother is robust, and in the best of health, and is very spry. According to Filipino custom, he waited on us at table, and moved about as briskly as a young man of twenty.

There is still another old brother in this church, Hilario Tolentino by name, one hundred and five years of age. The change of views and conversion and consistent Christian lives of these very old men, are a wonderful testimony to the transforming power of the message we are proclaiming.

The query naturally arises, What is the probable cause of the longevity of these men? I have studied their habits and their environment, and I am led to conclude that these have had much to do with their longevity. They have always lived a quiet country life, and have subsisted on a simple diet. They have been free from the busy whirl and the pressure to which so many are constantly subjected by modern conditions, in these days of stress and sharp competition. They know nothing of telephones and telegraph lines, of elevators and street railways and speeding automobiles. Theirs has been a tranquil, unruffled, care-free life. Their physical powers have not been drawn upon heavily and exhaustively, and they have given nature abundant opportunity to recuperate energy day by day, through simple, regular, temperate habits of eating and sleeping and working and resting. And nature is kind to those who live in harmony with her laws.

These new believers at Calumpit are bright, earnest, active Christians. Everything seems favorable for the development of a strong church in this place.

A. G. DANIELLS.

—R. & H. March 8.

"Character is power."

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 mile 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 the 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 grated pecans, rapidly coming into bearing. Pecans are fully as valuable per acre as orange groves.

"Upward 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, cleaned, and cultivated, very valuable for gardening and truck land, requiring far less fertilizing than ordinary pine land. It can be easily drained.

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

"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.

"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, George J. Butler, at once, at Twin Magnolias, Bowling Green Fla." —From *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

A Handy Help

Have you one of those little five cent maps showing the route of Paul's three missionary journeys, and his trip to Rome? It is only six by four inches in size, but it is plain. You can carry it in your Bible, open the Book to the verse you are studying, and consult your map without losing the place. Every teacher and every pupil needs one. Suppose you order for yourself and your pupils. Hundreds have done so; why not you?

Courage

It requires power to meet danger and difficulties without fear. Courage will enable one to die, if need be, in the performance of duty. It takes courage to be what we really are, and not pretend to be what we are not; it takes courage to be honest; courage to resist temptation; courage to speak the truth. It is the courageous men who lead and guide the world; whereas the timid leave few if any traces behind them. Who has a word to say in praise of cowardice—of one who has not the courage to stand by his convictions? Men may know what is right, and yet fail to exercise the courage to do it; they may know what is their duty, and not have the courage to perform it. Such a person is at the mercy of every temptation.

There is scarcely a great discovery in astronomy or in science, but what the men who led out were ridiculed or persecuted. Bruno was burned alive at Rome for exposing the false philosophy of his time. Kepler was persecuted because he led out in the discovery in astronomy. The man who advanced the idea that the blood was pumped out of the heart to all parts of the body, was thought to have gone crazy. Columbus sacrificed his life to the discovery of the New World. Many other instances might be given showing that it takes courage to go in advance of others in any line. We now have the benefits of the discoveries of the men who had the courage to go ahead in spite of the ridicule of their companions. The failure of the great masses to accomplish anything worth while, is because they become discouraged; and when they see others of less ability succeed, they in sad regret are forced to say, "It might have been, but we became discouraged."

In all ages the people of God have been ridiculed and persecuted, and it has taken a great deal of moral courage for them to stand firm to their convictions—to go into the dungeon, into prison, into the lion's den, into the fiery furnace, to mount the scaffold, to face death at the stake, without a murmur or complaint. Luther was a man of dauntless courage. When his friends tried to keep him from going to Worms, he said, "I will repair thither though I should find there thrice as many devils as there are tiles on the house top!" And when warned against the bitter enemy of Duke George, he said, "I will go there though for nine whole days running it rains Duke Georges." John Eliot bravely met his death, saying, "Ten thousand deaths rather than defile my conscience." We see similar courage manifested in the lives and actions of all those who have suffered for the right in all ages.

In history we find the oft repeated

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending March 2, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	44	8	28 00	2 00	30 00	8 50
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.		BR	5	43	6	24 00	9 50	33 50	3 50
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	41	7	26 50		26 50	7 00
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	5	40	4	15 00	3 25	18 25	
Geo. Harvey, Wayne Co.		BR	5	36	5	18 50	2 25	20 75	
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	35	9	35 50	1 75	37 25	1 00
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	34	11	38 50	4 90	43 40	4 90
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	5	33	31	122 50	75	123 25	75
Glenn Pinnicks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	28	8	24 50	75	25 25	9 50
Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	3	27	12	46 00		46 00	
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		BR	4	24	12	42 00		42 00	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	4	23					41 50
W. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		BR	3	20	1	4 50		4 50	
Mrs. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	3	15	3	11 50		11 50	
G. Yingling, Niles		BR	4	15	8	29 00	5 00	34 00	16 00
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.		BR	2	15					34 50
Clara Weber, Springfield		CK	3	10					15 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Ironton		CK	2	9					12 50
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield		CK	1	7					22 10
Totals	19 Agents			73	499	125 \$466 00	\$30 15	\$496 15	\$176 75
Virginia, Week Ending March 2, 1917									
Harry Wright, Bedford Co.		BR	4	32	8	28 00		28 00	115 00
B. F. Purdham, Albemarle Co.		BR	2	11	7	25 50		25 75	
S. N. Wilmer, Amhurst Co.		BR	8	51	30	112 00	2 80	114 80	
Madge Miller, Shenandoah Co.		GC	4	26	12	42 00	6 75	48 75	
Mrs. Fussell, Henrico Co.		OSD	10	60	340	85 00		85 00	85 00
Totals	5 Agents			28	180	397 \$292 50	\$9 80	\$302 30	\$200 00
West Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 23, 1917									
J. S. Seal, Charleston		BR	2	11	6	22 00	3 75	25 75	75
John Fahrner, Charleston		BR	5	29	7	26 50	9 50	36 00	42 00
Norman Haye, Charleston		BR	5	24	13	51 50	3 00	54 50	1 50
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.		BR	5	28	7	29 00	4 00	33 00	65 20
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	38	6	23 00	21 00	44 00	50
C. G. Mays, Marshall Co.		BR	5	25	11	45 50		45 50	
G. E. Snyder, Wilsenburg		BR	4	30	9	29 50	6 25	35 75	
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	45	54	109 00	17 75	126 75	122 50
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	5	39	6	12 00		12 00	74 25
Miscellaneous						21 50		21 50	
Totals	9 Agents					\$369 50	\$65 25	\$434 75	\$268 90
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 2, 1917									
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	10	36	18	64 00	13 30	77 30	129 70
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		BF	3	19	9	18 00	8 30	26 30	8 30
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		BR	4				1 50	1 50	15 75
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	4		4	14 00	5 30	19 30	12 55
C. G. Guenter, Mercer Co.		BR	3	20	13	49 50	2 50	52 00	2 50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	4	19	11	38 50	50	39 00	7 00
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BF			11	22 00	9 00	31 00	2 00
L. C. Mitchell, Allegheny Co.		HM	5	40	9	25 50	6 75	32 25	1 75
F. Shaw, Mercer Co.		BR	3	15	13	48 00	2 75	50 75	2 75
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		PPF	4	35		2 50	7 00	9 50	60 00
Totals	10 Agents			40	184	88 \$282 00	\$56 90	\$338 90	\$242 30
Chesapeake, Week Ending March 2, 1917									
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.		BR	3	18	6	21 00	50	21 50	1 00
Totals	1 Agents			3	18	6 \$21 00	\$ 50	\$21 50	\$1 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 23, 1917

L. W. Mase, Lycoming Co.	GC	4	23					77 00
S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	37	7	25	50	2 25	27 75
C. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	38		21	00	3 75	24 75
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	5	35				25 50	25 50
Miscellaneous							45 00	45 00

Totals	4 Agents	20	133	7	\$46 50	\$76 50	\$123 00	\$77 00
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Grand Totals: 48 Agents of Orders	Value \$1477 50	Deliveries, \$965 95
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story of how generals and their armies with courage overcame and subdued much stronger forces and nations; but the greater part of the courage that is needed in the world is not of a heroic kind. Courage may be displayed in every-day life as well as in historic fields of action. We are in the Lord's army, and we have a Leader that has never lost a battle, who offers to do all our fighting for us while we march around walled cities and see them fall. There is no such thing as failure if we follow and obey his command. A great deal is said in the Bible with reference to courage.

It is manly to be courageous. 2 Sam-10:12.

The spies were told to be of good courage. Num. 13:20.

Moses told Joshua to be of good courage. Deut. 31:6, 7.

Joshua repeated the same to the people. Joshua 10:25.

We are to tell one another to be of good courage. Jas. 41:6.

The Lord strengthens those of good courage. Ps. 31:24.

It is prophesied of Christ that "he shall not fail nor be discouraged." Isa. 42:4.

How foolish is the man who becomes discouraged, for courage is most needed when he confronts the difficulty that generally causes him to wilt as the flower before the sun. Test your power of courage. When you confront the next difficulty see if your back-bone becomes stronger or weaker; if your will becomes more firm or yielding; if you plan another attack or decide to go home for a rest. Men who have faith in God have courage, and those in the Lord's work who become discouraged lack confidence in God. David could confidently say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil," because he recognized that the Lord was with him.

The person that has a periodic attack of the blues is of all persons to be pitied. The troubles that come to you can be prevented or cannot be; the difficulties that confront you can be surmounted or cannot be; the perplexity can be solved or cannot be. Come now and let us reason together. When you get to the place where you have made a habit of becom-

ing discouraged, calmly ask yourself "Can this circumstance be changed, or this difficulty be overcome, or the trouble be prevented?" If they can, how silly you would be to sit down and repine or become blue or despondent. Be up and doing. Solve the problem, surmount the difficulty, overcome the temptation, get the order, deliver the book. But, if after repeated trials and praying over the matter, you decide that the thing be impossible, then there is no excuse for becoming discouraged; for it is then you need courage to endure what cannot be prevented.

Now it is high time we were forming the courage habit; for we will soon be face to face with conditions, persecutions, and troublous times that will sorely test our courage. In no line of our work is there more courage needed than in the canvassing field, and in no other line is the temptation stronger for a person to turn toward home when things do not go easily. One reason for this is that it is a difficult line of work, and another reason is that Satan knows the good that is being done by placing these books in the homes of the people. Knowing this, he is with eternal vigilance going to do all he can to discourage the colporteur; but what are hardships, ridicule, persecution, toil, sickness, to a colporteur whose heart throbbing with overmastering COURAGE. W. F. FIELD. —The S. P. A. Colporteur's News Letter.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. Floyd Klopfenstein of Washington, D. C., paid us a visit on his way from Bowling Green, Ohio.

On last Saturday night Miss Hart's class rendered a program on United States history, which proved very interesting. The chapel was very appropriately decorated.

Doctors R. R. and Caroline Hilborn of Akron, Ohio, spent several days at the academy. Dr. Caroline addressed the young ladies on Monday and Wednesday evenings and occupied the chapel hour

on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Dr. R. R. Hilborn conducted the students' prayer meeting on Tuesday evening and addressed the young men on Wednesday evening. Many helpful thoughts were presented.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Robert Diegel successfully passed his operation and is getting along very well.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

An informal reception was given by the young men of S. V. A., February 24, in the academy dining hall in honor of the young ladies. An interesting program was given after which refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The dining room was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flags. The young ladies were thoroughly convinced that the young men could carry out a program without their help.

Elder Moffet spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 24-25, at the academy. He spoke at the hall in the village on Sunday evening, where the Ministerial Band had been holding meetings.

It is customary to honor the birthdays of all great men, so the students of Shenandoah Valley Academy, who are always up to date, and having in their midst three young men of no little prominence, thought it well to celebrate their birthdays, in a simple, yet long to be remembered way. On the 20th day of February, teachers and students met in the dining room, where a delicious feast of cocoa and cakes were served in honor of Mr. Isaiah Shanko. The first of March being the birthday of one just as prominent, the same program was carried out in honor of Mr. Mark Shanko.

Mr. C. E. Overstreet, a student of the academy, recently made a trip to Washington in the interest of the "Students Union" of S. V. A. to see what could be done toward securing books for the Academy Library. A number of books were secured and more promised. The prospects are that the library will have reached the required standard before the close of the school year. Much enthusiasm is manifested among the students in bringing the library and laboratory up to the required standard. If you have any good books to spare, send them on and the same with your dollars.

Paul Hottel, a former student of the academy, and a graduate of the Hastings

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Sanitarium, Nebraska, has gone to Washington to work in the Sanitarium.

Miss Alice Miller accompanied her sister, Madge, to Washington where she spent a few days visiting friends.

Mrs. Edith Richman of Haddonfield, New Jersey, has been visiting her son, Morris Robinson, who has been ill.

The Rhetoric class are studying Argumentation. They gave one of their oral debates in chapel, which was enjoyed by the rest of the school.

Advertisements

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OBITUARIES

FERCIOT.—Fatima Fericot was born at Kents Corners, New York, July 17, 1861, and died February 26, 1917, aged 55 years, 7 months and 9 days. She was united in marriage to Dr. J. B. Fericot, at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 21, 1891. To this union were born two children, Herbert aged 21, and Frederick aged 11. She was converted to the Third Angel's Message in 1890.

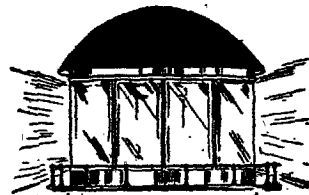
The funeral was conducted by the writer at the home, where a large number of friends and relatives had gathered to pay their respects to one that was dearly beloved by all who knew her.

F. H. HENDERSON.

BABCOCK.—Mrs. Rue Babcock was born near Jackson Center, Shelby County, Ohio, March 11, 1840, and died February 10, 1917. She embraced the Advent message fifty years ago. She bore her last sickness with patience, being conscious until the last moments of her life. Her last words were full of courage and hope. We believe she sleeps in Jesus.

She was the mother of eleven children. She has past through much sorrow and grief, since six of her children preceded her to their resting place. The rest of the family and many other relatives and friends were present to listen to words of comfort spoken by the writer from Ps. 17:15.

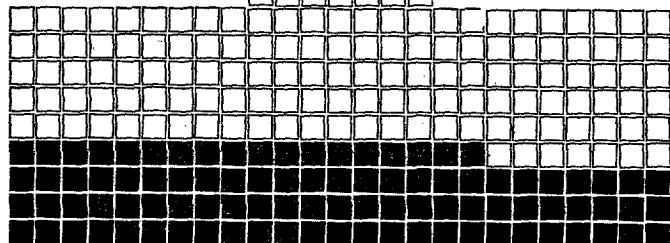
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