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## U N I O N

### Some New Plans For 1917

Last year the message for the mission fields and for our young people and for the educational institutions, where our young people can be trained for the finishing of the work, was carried out to local churches by the writer. It was a very interesting campaign and the hearty response of all the believers everywhere so that \$36,000 and more was subscribed for our schools, is evidence that the campaign was inspired by the Holy Spirit. We are reaching the time of the final conflict when all the believers are uniting to push this Cause to a speedy triumph.

But last year was the year for sacrifice and pledges by our own people. This year is the year for searching out the cash necessary to finish up our fund. In planning for aggressive work along these lines, the writer has read and re-read the statements by Sister White in Volumes 6 and 9 of the Testimonies concerning Christ's Object Lessons. I hope each one reading these lines will take down these volumes, look in the index, and read these statements.

Several things must be apparent from such a reading. First, the Lord's plan is that this book shall not only be used for the payments of debts, but also both to supply new buildings and equipment, and also scholarships for worthy students.

Second, that the inauguration of a campaign for the sale of these books will both find favor for our work with the outside people, and unify the believers.

Third, that to succeed in such a campaign, we must have well planned effort.

After much thought, and prayer, the writer suggested to the Union Conference Committee that we select 16 cities in this Union Conference, where we should rally all the membership for a week's campaign for the sale of this splendid book.

It is planned to precede such a week by three weeks of special seeking of the Lord, and special instruction. Then when we are all united and have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit for service, we will center the publicity of our week's

campaign around my lecture on India and The Orient, to be given in some leading theater of the city on Sunday night. At this time the book will be introduced, and announcement made both at the theater and through the newspapers, that is campaign week and that we are expecting everybody to buy at least one book to help the campaign along.

We propose to sell 1000 copies of the book in each of these 16 cities. This should provide us with several thousand dollars in cash to complete our fund. I earnestly request the special prayers and hearty co-operation of all that this campaign may succeed. In the meantime, let every one pledging last year make every effort to pay up every dollar of their pledge as soon as possible.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Great Victory Won for the Truth

"It is as true now as when Christ was upon the earth, that every inroad made by the gospel upon the enemy's dominion is met by fierce opposition from his vast armies. The conflict that is right upon us will be the most terrible ever witnessed." Vol. 6, page 407, par. 4.

During the storm of opposition to the truth in Westfield, one of the opposing ministers said: "Adventists have dug their own pit in which they will be buried. I have a good pick and shovel and I will help to do it. After they are buried we will place a big slab over the hole with this inscription- 'Born in error, died in error; buried without hope of a resurrection.' After multiplied misrepresentations of the truth, he would pause and cry, 'Adventists, prove it if you can. You better keep quiet and if you do not, I will bring on my big guns concerning which you know nothing about. I have been in the enemy's camp and have stolen some of their ammunition.'"

It was hard for me to listen to nine of these sermons against God's people and truth. I then rented the largest public building in Westfield, the Opera House, and carefully advertised in the whole community that I would answer by

public Review the opposing sermons on Sunday night, February 11. A great burden for that service rested upon me when the day came, and a few hours before the service, my knees began trembling. The mercury in the thermometer having dropped below zero, I feared only a few might attend, but to our glad surprise the house was filled with the most influential people of Westfield. Before opening the service, small slips of paper on which to write questions were passed to every one in the congregation. While brother F. E. Phelps led in earnest prayer, I besought the Lord most anxiously for liberty in presenting to the people the blessed Sabbath Truth. I truly realized the Divine presence of the Lord and during the one hour and thirty minute review not one adult left the building. A free will offering met the entire expense of the service. Two questions were asked. One asked for an explanation of Col. 2:16 and the other was as follows: "How do you account for the successful work of Billy Sunday if it is such a terrible sin to work on Saturday?"

The sentiment of all present as far as we know was changed, and for many days, people not of our faith stood in defence of the Sabbath as given in the commandment. One precious soul tarried last Sunday evening after the service, desiring to speak with me. He said that since listening to the sermon in the Opera House, he was deeply convicted that he ought to obey God in keeping His Sabbath. He has surrendered and is now planning to walk in the light.

Brother and Sister Watkins, who heard the truth thirty-eight years ago through Elders M. C. Wilcox and Lane, have taken their stand firmly with God's people as a result of our effort here. Brother Phelps wrote this good news to Elder Wilcox and the interesting answer received concerning the work here about forty years ago I quote in conclusion. "My Dear Brother Phelps,

I wish to thank you very heartily for writing me under date of February 14, telling me the little incident of Brother and Sister Watkins. We held meetings that first season in Sabinsville, four miles from Westfield, where nine were baptized, and went from there to Westfield. West-

field I think was one of the hardest towns I ever pitched tent in. I do not recall that we had any fruit there at all. We endeavored to do the best we could and leave the results with God. But I am glad it did find lodging in other hearts, like Brother Watkins and wife, and that it has not left them through all these years. I am glad that he has at last yielded to the longsuffering of God and given himself to the Master. May God bless them and make their last days bright, hopeful and cheerful. Yours in the blessed work." M. C. Wilcox.

To think that from 38 to 60 years ago this community was blessed with the earnest labors of Elders Loughborough, Wilcox and Lane is a solemn testimony indeed, and today as a result of our last summer's effort carefully followed up, we have a company of sixteen earnest adult Sabbath keepers. We pray earnestly for all honest hearts and hope for a company of twenty-five. My sister, Sadie and I are of good courage. Pray for us in this needy field, a portion of the Master's vineyard. HOWARD J. DETWILER.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Progress in Pittsburgh Churches

Sunday, February 24, ten people were baptized into the Allegheny Churches, located in greater Pittsburgh. Five into the Allegheny English and five into the Allegheny German Church. This makes thirty additions to these churches since last summer. Thus we can report progress in this part of God's vineyard. The interest in the message of the coming kingdom is increasing in every direction, so that our workers are not able to fill all the calls. We are sorry to lose Sister Helen Morris, who has been doing Bible work here. She has answered a call to a foreign mission field.

In finances these churches have done very well too, this year. Both churches have given in tithes and free-will offerings \$4240 57

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| Of this the English Church,  |           |
| membership 67, has given   | 1772 73   |
| Tithes   | 1083 98   |
| Sabbath School donations   | 199 37    |
| Harvest Ingathering  | 144 07    |
| To missions and miscellaneous  | 244 01    |
| The German Church with a membership of forty-four has done exceptionally well. The total is: | \$2467 86 |
| Tithes   | 1708 06   |
| Harvest Ingathering  | 248 94    |
| Week of Prayer   | 131 14    |
| Missions   | 61 58     |
| Sabbath School donations   | 229 94    |
| Expenses   | 88 15     |

This is better than these churches have done at any time yet. We feel to praise

God that He has prospered and blessed us so much. These have been signal years of prosperity throughout the land. How long this prosperity will last no one will dare to predict. It looks as though we have had our fat years and the lean ones may follow in quick succession. Let us be prepared if the worst should come and let us not rely on the past.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

## News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins and his brother, Will Robbins, are holding a series of meetings at Mt. Braddock, Penn.

Brother E. A. Manry spent a few days last week with his family in Tunesassa, N. Y.

Brother Hooper of Boston is in Pittsburgh, organizing the churches here for the coming Christ's Object Lessons campaign in the interest of Washington Missionary College. We hope to sell two thousand copies of Christ's Object Lessons in this city during the first week in April.

Elder G. F. Enoch will lecture on the Orient in the Pitt Theater, Sunday evening April 1.

Campaigns in the interest of the Washington Missionary College will be carried on in Pittsburgh, Bradford, Erie, and Johnstown during the month of April.

Brother J. J. Vance, Home Missionary Secretary, is visiting the churches throughout the conference, and reports that the brethren and sisters are responding to the call to engage in more active Home Missionary work.

Elder J. P. Gaede baptized ten persons in Pittsburgh recently.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Sunday night between three and four hundred people packed Memorial Hall at Gordonsville, where Brethren Moffett and Farley are conducting an effort. This is the first opportunity these people have ever had to hear the message. Pray for the success of the effort.

Brother F. E. Hankins has been spending a few days with Brethren Harry Wright and Eddie White in the south-west.

Brother Wilmer is locating at Gordonsville and is canvassing Louisa County for "Bible Readings."

At a recent meeting of the conference committee at Richmond, it was voted to hold the camp-meeting at Gordonsville, May 24 to June 3. Further information will appear later.

## VIRGINIA

### Houses of Worship

"The need for a meeting-house where there is a newly formed company of believers, has been presented before me in a panoramic view. I saw workmen building humble houses of worship. Those newly come to the faith were helping with willing hands, and those who had means were assisting with their means. In the basement of the church, above the ground, a school room was prepared for the children, and a teacher was sent there to take charge. The numbers in the school were not large, but it was a happy beginning. I heard the songs of children and of parents: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." "Praise ye the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord. I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

"The establishment of churches, the erection of meeting-houses and school buildings, was extended from city to city, and the tithe was increasing to carry forward the work. Plans were made not only in one place, but in many places, and the Lord was working to increase His forces." G. W. p. 435 (New Edition).

"I saw jets of light shining from cities and villages, and from the high places and the low places of the earth. God's word was obeyed, and as a result there were memorials for Him in every city and village." Vol. 9, pp. 28, 29.

### GO FORWARD

"It was the Lord's purpose that the Loma Linda Sanitarium should become the property of our people, and He brought it about when the rivers of difficulty were full and overflowing their banks." "When He designates that a certain property should be secured for the advancement of His cause and the building up of His work, whether it be for sanitarium or school work, or for any other branch, He will make the doing of that work possible, if those who have experience will show their faith and trust in His purposes, and will move forward promptly to secure the advantages He points out." When advantages are offered we

should be wide awake to see the advantage, that we may make plans for the up-building of the work. And when we have done this, we should exert every energy to secure the free will offerings of God's people for the support of these new plants."

"God's work is now to advance rapidly and if His people will respond to His call, He will make the possessors of property willing to donate of their means, and thus make it possible for His work to be accomplished in the earth." Vol. 9, p. 272.

"Faith in the word of God will place His people in the possession of property which will enable them to work the large cities that are waiting for the message of truth." Id. 273.

In connection with these words from the Lord through His servant; read Hag-gai, chapter 1.

Last summer in the city of Richmond, God miraculously secured a valuable property for our people for \$2000. It was not a hard matter to sell the same soon after the purchase, if we wanted to get rid of it. But God would not suffer us to sell, after He had bought it for us. To Him be the glory.

Satan worked with great power to keep us from remodeling the building. From about November 1, until the 30th of January, 1917, we were kept waiting for our permit, etc., but we kept petitioning the Throne of grace. Our Father touched all the leading authorities' hearts and granted us the permit. Now the building is ready for the carpenters.

The Virginia Conference moved with the direct orders from Prince Emmanuel and closed the deal. Now, we are undertaking to repay the conference for what they have done in our behalf. With God's help and your aid, we desire to see the debt of \$1500 cancelled soon. The Lord has raised up friends for us to aid free of charge. Why should we not rejoice?

This building has a basement beneath for school purposes. This was prophecy fulfilled. Look at it! "The servant of the Lord heard the children and parents singing." We hope to carry this out. For we have children in Richmond that should be under the care of a God-fearing teacher. May God stir up the teacher for the church school very soon. Remembering "She heard the children and parents singing." Would you like to be there on the morning of its opening?

May God help us to have the dedication before the spring is over. Let all rally and God will rally the people to help us. Elder Mallory is in charge of the work there. God helped us to pay the indebtedness on the Newport News No. 1 Church; He is able to help us pay off the \$1500 at Richmond. Now this church can send their free will offerings to Rich-

mond; showing their gratitude to their heavenly Father for what He has done for them. "Go, do thou likewise. Every penny will help." "The imaginary wants," restrict. Children, restrict yourselves from the chewing of gum and the poorly mixed candies. Place these pennies in a box; remember the Richmond Church and your own church building fund.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

## NEW JERSEY

### Promotion Work

Elder A. R. Sandborn and the writer went to Jericho last Thursday night. We did not fall among thieves, but we did meet a very interesting company of colored people, who had arranged for the meeting that was held with them. This company of believers has been gathered together by Sister Holeyton, (of Wenonah, a nearby town,) who is very earnest in her desire to help these people to a better knowledge of the truths of the message, and is faithful in her attendance at the meetings appointed. Sister Holeyton is assisted in this work by her daughter Marie, and it is believed that with further effort a company of believers may be organized among the people of Jericho.

Commencing Friday evening, March 9, a home missionary convention was held at Pleasantville, Elder Sandborn and the writer attending as instructors. A very interesting time was had and much information given on practical lines of church missionary work, such as work with literature, personal work, Christian help work, distribution of tracts, the sale of small books and pamphlets, the "Temperance Instructor," etc. The program seemed to be appreciated by those who attended, and it is believed this convention has been a means of bringing new life into the church, and that much additional work will be done in the town of Pleasantville and Atlantic City. The members of the company at Atlantic City met with the Pleasantville Church on Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder Sandborn gave an interesting discourse Friday night, another on Sabbath morning, and conducted a very helpful missionary testimony meeting Sabbath afternoon.

The convention closed Sunday night with a discourse on present conditions and what is believed will follow these conditions in the political world. The meetings were much enjoyed, and the people encouraged for better efforts in the cause of the great message.

T. D. GIBSON.

"He is armed without who is innocent within."

## News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle B. Haynes, of the Southeastern Union Conference, are spending a two months' vacation at the home of Mrs. Webber in Trenton N. J. Their many friends are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Haynes back to their native city. Their little son, Donald, will attend the church school in Trenton.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, our Trenton Bible worker, spent last Sabbath and Sunday with friends in Newark, N.J., and also took a short trip to Middletown, N.Y.

Sister J. W. MacNeil, who for some time has been ill, is now much improved in health and is able to be about again.

Brother N. L. Everett, of Edgewater Park, N. J., was a recent visitor at the office; also Brother H. J. Adams.

Elders A. R. Sandborn and J. W. MacNeil made a business trip to Jersey City, on Tuesday last. The work in Jersey City is onward.

Sister J. M. Gaff and family have gone to York, Pa., where they will make their home with her father-in-law. We are very sorry to have them leave our conference.

Elder George F. Enoch dropped in at the conference office a few days ago and pleasantly surprised us. He was here in the interest of the college fund and the April Watchman.

How are your plans for the thirteenth Sabbath progressing? Some of the schools are reporting very interesting programs week by week. Remember! Africa needs YOUR help on March 31.

## OHIO

### The Colored Work in Ohio

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our work in this state since 1913. On November 7, that same year, we organized a church of thirteen members in Cincinnati. The church record will show at least fifty names enrolled. In 1915 we held a tent effort in Springfield, Ohio, and the Lord blessed us in organizing a church of 17 members. Now it has a membership of about 40. In 1916 we held a tent effort in the city of Columbus, Ohio. Notwithstanding the fact that Sheaf had been in the city a few years previous, and poisoned the minds of about all of the colored believers in the message against

organized work, the Lord blessed us to organize a church of 13 members. Some have left us, and some moved away, but others have joined us, so we have about 14 members yet.

Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered at the Columbus Church. Most of the church was out, and Brother Charles Ford gave one of his beautiful studies on the Sabbath School lessons, and illustrated it by a map on the travels of Paul. Brother Ford is a grand teacher; all enjoyed his talk.

We are now in Newark, Ohio, working in the interest of the colored people. Our attendance has not been large, but some show a great interest in the studies taken up. Last night (Monday, March 12), there were 25 out with us. We gave a stereopticon lecture on Religious Liberty. When I was finished speaking, I asked the audience if we should continue our meetings or not. All voted for us to stay and continue the lectures. I hope the readers of the VISITOR will remember us in their prayers at the throne of grace.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

### Married

Married at the home of Elder F. H. Henderson at Akron, Ohio, March 14, 1917, Mr. Austin W. Stitzel of Lakeville, Ohio, to Miss Wilma Stockwell, of Canton, Ohio. May the blessing of God rest upon them in the short journey of life.

F. H. HENDERSON.

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

Brother C. C. Raymond Hare has gone to Worcester County to canvass. He had planned to go into the Virginia Conference, but upon further consideration, decided to remain with us a while longer. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of the colporteurs. Their work is difficult, and they need the Spirit of God with them, especially now, when on every hand we hear the cry of "hard times" due to the advanced cost of living.

Brother O. C. Weller made quite a good delivery last week. He did it under difficulties, however. He said the roads were so bad he had to get out and walk as his horse could not get through. He says it was the hardest week's work he ever did in his life, but the Lord rewarded his faithfulness. We trust that at least some of the souls with whom he left the books may be found in the kingdom of God.

The meetings in Walbrook continue with interest.

Elder Wierts returned from Martinsburg last week. The weather was so very disagreeable during his stay there that a great deal could not be accomplished, as the people could not get out to the meetings.

Brother M. S. Pettibone is having a successful campaign as he is visiting among the churches. A number of missionary societies have been organized and quite a number of the April Watchman are being ordered.

Mr. J. O. Miller and grandson, Esta, have been spending the week in Washington visiting relatives.

Brother C. V. Leach and Brother C. C. R. Hare spent the Sabbath with the Cambridge Church recently.

### Special

## The Great Prophet Showed His Weakness

As Ahab told the queen of the slaying of the idolatrous prophets, Jezebel, hardened and impenitent, became infuriated. She refused to recognize in the events on Carmel the overruling providence of God, and, still defiant, she boldly declared that Elijah should die.

That night a messenger aroused the weary prophet, and delivered to him the word of Jezebel: "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

It would seem that after showing courage so undaunted, after triumphing so completely over kings and priests and people, Elijah could never afterward have given away to despondency, nor been awed into timidity. But he who had been blessed with so many evidences of God's loving care, was not above the frailties of mankind; and in this dark hour, his faith and courage forsook him.

Bewildered, he started from his slumber. The rain was pouring from the heavens, and darkness was on every side. Forgetting that three years before, God had directed his course to a place of refuge from the hatred of Jezebel and the search of Ahab, the prophet now fled for his life. Reaching Beersheba, he "left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness."

HE SHOULD NOT HAVE FLED

Elijah should not have fled from his post of duty. He should have met the threat of Jezebel with an appeal for protection to the One who had commissioned him to vindicate the honor of Jehovah.

He should have told the messenger that the God in whom he trusted would protect him against the hatred of the queen.

Only a few hours had passed since he had witnessed a wonderful manifestation of divine power, and this should have given him assurance that he would not now be forsaken. Had he remained where he was, had he made God his refuge and strength, standing steadfast for the truth, he would have been shielded from harm. The Lord would have given him another signal victory by sending His judgments on Jezebel; and the impression made on the king and the people would have wrought a great reformation.

Elijah had expected much from the miracle wrought on Carmel. He had hoped that after this display of God's power, Jezebel would no longer have influence over the mind of Ahab, and that there would be a speedy reform throughout Israel. All day on Carmel's height he had toiled without food. Yet when he guided the chariot of Ahab to the gate of Jezreel, his courage was strong, despite the physical strain under which he had labored. But a reaction such as frequently follows high faith and glorious success was pressing upon Elijah. He feared that the reformation begun on Carmel might not be lasting; and depression seized him. He had been exalted to Pisgah's top; now he was in the valley. While under the inspiration of the Almighty, he had stood the severest trial of faith; but in this time of discouragement, with Jezebel's threats sounding in his ears, and Satan still apparently prevailing through the plotting of this wicked woman, he lost his hold on God. He had been exalted above measure, and the reaction was tremendous.

Forgetting God, Elijah fled on and on, until he found himself in a dreary waste, alone. Utterly wearied, he sat down to rest under a juniper tree. And sitting there, he requested for himself that he might die. "It is enough; now, O Lord," he said, "take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." A fugitive, far from the dwelling places of men, his spirit crushed by bitter disappointment, he desired never again to look upon the face of man. At last, utterly exhausted, he fell asleep.

COULD WE BUT SEE

Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter discouragement,—days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earthborn children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life. It is then that many lose their hope on God, and are brought into the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief. Could we at such times dis-

cern with spiritual insight the meaning of God's providences, we should see angels seeking to save us from ourselves, striving to plant our feet upon a foundation more firm than the everlasting hills; and new faith, new life, would spring into being.

Hope and courage are essential to perfect service for God. These are the fruit of faith. Despondency is sinful and unreasonable. God is able and willing "more abundantly" to bestow upon His servants the strength they need for test and trial. The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be well laid and firmly established; but God can overthrow the strongest of these. And this He does in His own time and way, when He sees that the faith of His servants has been sufficiently tested.

#### FOR THE DISHEARTENED

For the disheartened there is a sure remedy,—faith, prayer, work. Faith and activity will impart assurance and satisfaction that will increase day by day. Are you tempted to give way to feelings of anxious foreboding or utter despondency? In the darkest days, when appearances seem most forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He knows your needs. He has all power. His infinite love and compassion never weary. Fear not that He will fail of fulfilling His promise. He is eternal truth. Never will He change the covenant He has made with those who love Him. And He will bestow upon His faithful servants the measure of efficiency that their need demands.

The apostle Paul has testified: "He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. . . . Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Did God forsake Elijah in his hour of trial?—Oh, no! He loved His servant no less when Elijah felt himself forsaken of God and man, than when, in answer to his prayer, fire flashed from heaven and illuminated the mountain top. And now, as Elijah slept, a soft touch and a pleasant voice awoke him. He started up in terror, as if to flee, fearing that the enemy had discovered him. But the pitying face bending over him was not the face of an enemy, but of a friend. God had sent an angel from heaven with food for His servant. "Arise and eat," the angel said. "And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head." After Elijah had partaken of the refreshment prepared for him, he slept again. A second time the angel came. Touching the exhausted man, he said

with pitying tenderness, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." "And he arose, and did eat and drink;" and in the strength of that food, he was able to journey "forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God," where he found refuge in a cave.

MRS. E. G. WHITE—(*Taken from "The Signs of the Times", March 13, 1917.*)

### David's Righteousness

The righteousness of David is the imputed righteousness of Christ. The righteousness of Christ was manifested in David's life and also in the life of every other person who will be saved in the kingdom of God. This righteousness not only covers the sins committed in life, but is also the mould given by the mother to her child before the birth of the child.

When Jacob wrestled and prevailed with the angel, quicker than a flash of lightning, Esau was visited by an angel and was converted (Gen. 32); and the old feud, originating with their mother before the children's birth, was covered. Hosea 12: 6. This demonstrates the prophet's testimony that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1: 18. This was the basis of David's hope, after he had sinned: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Ps. 51: 5. But when clothed with the righteousness of Christ, he could say, "But thou art He that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts." Ps. 22: 9.

Psalms 51 and 22 are worthy of careful study upon this particular point; so are also Psalms 116 and 86, in which David pleads with God, "O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thy handmaid." Such is the righteousness of Christ that is imputed to the one who believes in Him. Rom. 4: 11, 22-25; James 2: 23. But what are the works that reveal this important transition? They stand prominent in the life of David.

David was a humble man, even before he was anointed by the Lord: and this humility and the sense of his entire unworthiness of the least of God's favors were the prominent characteristics of his life. Of himself he says, "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the Lord from henceforth and forever." Psalm 131.

For years he was hunted by Saul, as

a partridge on the mountain, as a training in the providence of the Lord to fit him to reign as king; but never in all these years did he utter one word of complaint of his bitterest foe or speak to or of him reproachfully. In the cave of Engedi, David cut off Saul's skirt, and could have slain him; but David's heart smote him, because he had even cut off Saul's skirt. And he said unto his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." 1 Sam. 24.

If the reader will carefully study the twenty-fourth chapter of the first book of Samuel, he will notice that the Lord delivered Saul into the hands of David. David's men understood by this that the Lord designed he should kill Saul; but because he even cut off the skirt of Saul's robe, David's conscience smote him, and he made an apology to Saul. This act of David touched Saul's heart, and he confessed that God had delivered him into the hand of David, and David had spared his life.

This chapter also is an illustration of David's attitude toward everyone of his personal enemies. This attitude was the rule of judgment David rendered toward himself and so was it regarded by the Lord. Abigail understood this when she said, "But the soul of my lord (David) shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling." 1 Sam. 25: 29.

David's attitude toward his enemies came the nearest representing the prayer of Christ on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," of the attitude of any king in Israel. David understood this when he prayed, "The Lord render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the Lord delivered me into thy hand today, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed. And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the Lord, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation."

In every instance where the Lord placed Saul in the complete control of David, his men would have slain him, had David permitted it; but the magnanimous spirit of David forbade it. This is one of the most prominent characteristics of David's life. S. N. HASKELL.—*The Bible Training School.*

"Paul had assets of stocks and bonds—in prison."

"Self-help has accomplished about all the great things of the world. Success is the child of drudgery and perseverance."

## Mount Vernon Academy

### Gleanings from the Friday Evening Prayer-meeting

The lesson for the service was chosen by Elder Ashton from Israel's experience at Kadesh-barnea, when the spies were sent into the land of milk and honey only to return with their courage all gone. With every assurance of victory they turned away to aimless wanderings and death. The decision of the day made all their history different.

Nations are but as individuals. Every one has his Kadesh-barnea. There is a place of decision in the life of each that may lead either into the promised land or into the wilderness. The fact that the scribe was not far from the kingdom did not save him.

Herod made the fatal decision one day as he listened to John preaching that the kingdom of heaven was at hand; Pilate turned from the hope of glory when he turned from Jesus to the mob; Felix and Agrippa were almost persuaded, but decided to wait for a more convenient season that never came.

The following thoughts were selected from the many testimonies of those present:

I want to come up on higher ground.

The way of the transgressor is hard.

We have help to make the decision rightly.

We should prepare for our climax daily.

I reconsecrate my life to be a soul winner.

God not only helps across the line, but continues to sustain us.

My only desire is to press on and gain eternal life.

I do not want to let the obstacles be magnified, but accept God's promise to fight my battles.

We have been camping around this mountain long enough. It is now time to go up to a higher experience.

I sometimes feel that I would be in the penitentiary if it had not been for the love of God.

I would not take a million worlds for the decision made twenty-five years ago to serve God.

PROFESSOR W. H. TEESDALE.

Mr. Marcellus Andre and his daughter Mabel of Mansfield, Ohio, spent the week end at the academy, visiting Miss Ethel Andre.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shaw of Coudersport, Pa., visited their son Rathbun, and Mrs. Shaw's sister, Miss Pearl Cook.

## Canvassers' Reports

| Name                                     | Place    | Book | Days | Hrs | Orders | Value    | Helps   | Total    | Del      |
|--|----------|------|------|-----|--------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| West Virginia, Week Ending March 2, 1917 |          |      |      |     |        |          |         |          |          |
| G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.               | BR       | 4    | 25   | 1   |        | 3 50     | 7 17    | 10 67    | 47 00    |
| T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.               | BR       | 5    | 36   | 6   |        | 24 50    | 6 50    | 31 00    | 125 00   |
| J. S. Seal, Charleston                   | BR       | 2    | 11   | 8   |        | 28 00    |         | 28 00    |          |
| John Fahrner, Charleston                 | BR       | 5    | 35   | 13  |        | 45 50    | 7 75    | 53 25    | 50 00    |
| Norman Haye, Charleston                  | BR       | 2    |      |     |        | 8 50     | 4 50    | 13 00    |          |
| C. G. Mays, Wetzel Co.                   | BR       | 5    | 30   | 3   |        | 14 50    | 35      | 14 85    |          |
| W. A. McElphatrick, Wetzel Co.           | BR       | 5    | 21   | 4   |        | 14 00    | 3 15    | 17 15    | 11 35    |
| Miscellaneous                            |          |      |      |     |        | 481 92   |         | 481 92   | 481 92   |
| John McHenry McDowell Co.                | BF       | 5    | 43   | 53  |        | 110 50   | 17 25   | 127 75   | 152 40   |
| W. E. West, McDowell Co.                 | BF       | 5    | 33   | 16  |        | 32 00    |         | 32 00    |          |
| Totals                                   | 9 Agents |      |      |     |        | \$762 92 | \$46 67 | \$809 59 | \$867 67 |

|  |           |    |    |    |  |        |          |          |                   |
|--|-----------|----|----|----|--|--------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 9, 1917 |           |    |    |    |  |        |          |          |                   |
| A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.                   | PPF       | 5  | 44 |    |  | 15 00  | 39 00    | 54 00    | 90 35             |
| Geo. Buttermore, Washington Co.              | BR        | 5  | 46 | 16 |  | 61 00  | 13 85    | 74 85    | 4 85              |
| Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.              | HM        | 5  | 25 | 15 |  | 38 00  | 4 40     | 42 40    | 4 40              |
| Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.                   | SP        | 3  | 24 | 7  |  | 10 00  | 7 00     | 17 00    |                   |
| A. Holst, Indiana Co.                        | BR        | 5  | 32 | 5  |  | 18 50  | 4 25     | 22 75    | 4 25              |
| J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.                        | BR        | 3  |    | 3  |  | 10 50  | 4 70     | 15 20    | 11 95             |
| W. H. House, Elk Co.                         | BF        | 8  | 66 | 3  |  | 6 00   | 13 50    | 24 50    | 73 57             |
| D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.                    | BR        | 4  | 18 | 7  |  | 23 50  |          | 28 50    |                   |
| W. H. Jack, Warren Co.                       | DR        | 10 | 38 | 6  |  | 20 50  | 8 30     | 28 80    | 5 80              |
| John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.                    | Misc      | 5  | 29 | 6  |  | 23 30  |          | 23 30    | 23 30             |
| L. C. Mitchell, Allegheny Co.                | HM        | 4  | 27 | 3  |  | 8 50   | 6 45     | 14 95    | 4 45              |
| Ray L. Powelson, Allegheny Co.               | BR        | 4  | 23 | 12 |  | 46 00  | 1 50     | 47 50    | 20 25             |
| John Morley, Venango                         | BR        | 5  | 31 | 14 |  | 57 00  | 2 50     | 59 50    |                   |
| Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.                  | Mag       | 1  | 3  |    |  |        | 1 55     | 1 55     | 1 55              |
| Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.                  | Mag       | 1  | 3  |    |  |        | 3 20     | 3 20     | 3 20              |
| C. E. Will, Washington Co.                   | PPF       | 3  | 26 | 11 |  | 33 50  | 12 90    | 46 40    | 12 25             |
| Totals                                       | 16 Agents |    |    |    |  | 71 416 | \$376 30 | \$128 10 | \$504 40 \$240 17 |

|                                 |           |   |    |    |  |            |          |         |                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|----|----|--|------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Ohio, Week Ending March 9, 1917 |           |   |    |    |  |            |          |         |                   |
| Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.        | BR        | 4 | 40 | 7  |  | 26 00      | 3 00     | 29 00   | 68 00             |
| J. H. Stafford, Columbus        | BR        | 5 | 36 | 5  |  | 20 50      | 6 00     | 26 50   |                   |
| M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.       | BR        | 4 | 34 | 9  |  | 37 50      | 1 00     | 38 50   | 5 00              |
| E. E. Shaw, Lucas Co.           | Foreign   | 5 | 30 | 30 |  | 11 65      | 6 50     | 18 15   | 18 15             |
| Frank Fultz, Miami Co.          | BR        | 5 | 29 | 8  |  | 31 00      | 7 75     | 41 70   | 16 95             |
| D. McCarthy, Youngstown         | BR        | 4 | 26 | 19 |  | 77 50      | 1 50     | 79 00   |                   |
| Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton        | BR        | 4 | 25 | 7  |  | 20 00      | 4 50     | 24 50   | 1 50              |
| G. Carter, Clinton Co.          | BR        | 4 | 24 | 2  |  | 7 00       | 3 75     | 10 75   | 3 75              |
| J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.    | BR        | 4 | 24 | 9  |  | 36 50      |          | 36 50   |                   |
| Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.       | BR        | 4 | 22 | 1  |  | 3 50       | 7 50     | 11 00   | 7 50              |
| Mrs. G. M. Yingling, Niles      | BR        | 5 | 20 | 5  |  | 20 50      | 5 50     | 26 00   | 3 50              |
| Clara Weber, Dayton             | CK        | 4 | 20 | 6  |  | 6 00       | 2 00     | 8 00    | 50                |
| Mrs. Kelley, Dayton             | CK        | 4 | 19 | 5  |  | 10 00      | 3 25     | 13 25   | 1 25              |
| R. H. Patterson, Springfield    | BR        | 4 | 17 |    |  |            |          |         | 49 00             |
| G. Yingling, Niles              | BR        | 4 | 12 | 4  |  | 14 00      | 6 00     | 20 00   |                   |
| Totals                          | 15 Agents |   |    |    |  | 64 378 117 | \$321 65 | \$58 25 | \$382 85 \$175 10 |

|                                     |          |   |    |     |  |            |          |         |                   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---|----|-----|--|------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| Virginia, Week Ending March 9, 1917 |          |   |    |     |  |            |          |         |                   |
| Harry Wright, Russell Co.           | BR       | 4 | 27 | 17  |  | 59 50      | 3 75     | 63 25   |                   |
| Edward White, Russell Co.           | BR       | 5 | 39 | 7   |  | 24 50      |          | 24 50   |                   |
| B. F. Purdham, Albemarle Co.        | BR       | 1 | 10 |     |  |            | 6 05     | 6 05    | 58 50             |
| S. N. Wilmer, Amherst Co.           | BR       | 5 | 44 | 3   |  | 10 50      | 70       | 11 20   | 127 70            |
| Geo. W. Lawrence, Warwick Co.       | WC       | 5 | 21 | 174 |  | 53 00      |          | 53 00   |                   |
| Totals                              | 5 Agents |   |    |     |  | 20 141 201 | \$147 50 | \$10 50 | \$158 00 \$186 20 |



## Chesapeake, Week Ending March 9, 1917

|                                 |          |   |    |  |  |  |  |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|---|----|--|--|--|--|----------|
| O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md. | BR       | 4 | 43 |  |  |  |  | 249 75   |
| Totals                          | 1 Agents | 4 | 43 |  |  |  |  | \$249 75 |

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 2, 1917

|                           |          |    |    |    |         |        |         |              |
|---------------------------|----------|----|----|----|---------|--------|---------|--------------|
| W. P. Hess, Laucaster Co. | BF       | 5  | 52 | 15 | 30      | 00     |         | 30 00        |
| C. Booth, Chamkrsburg     | GC       | 4  | 28 | 4  | 14      | 00     | 1 75    | 15 75        |
| S. Booth, Chamkrsburg     | GC       | 3  | 17 | 3  | 10      | 50     | 25      | 11 25 120 50 |
| Totals                    | 3 Agents | 12 | 97 | 22 | \$54 50 | \$2 50 | \$57 00 | \$120 50     |

## West Virginia, Week Ending March 9, 1917

|                                 |          |    |     |     |          |         |          |             |
|---------------------------------|----------|----|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| J. S. Seal, Cedar Grove         | BR       | 3  | 40  |     |          |         |          | 131 85      |
| John Fahrner, Charleston        | BR       | 5  | 30  | 4   | 14       | 00      | 3 75     | 17 75 56 50 |
| Norman Haye, Charleston         | BR       | 5  | 28  | 14  | 49       | 00      | 6 95     | 55 95       |
| John McHenry, McDowell Co.      | BF       | 5  | 33  | 70  | 141      | 50      | 45 50    | 187 00 3 55 |
| W. E. West, McDowell Co.        | BF       | 5  | 37  | 45  | 86       | 00      |          | 86 00       |
| C. G. Mays, Marshall Co.        | BR       | 5  | 36  | 16  | 68       | 00      | 2 00     | 70 00 33 50 |
| W. A. McElpatrick, Marshall Co. | BR       | 5  | 29  | 8   | 30       | 00      | 26 50    | 56 50 6 75  |
| T. M. Butler,                   |          | 5  | 37  | 8   | 24       | 00      | 50       | 24 50 10 50 |
| Totals                          | 8 Agents | 38 | 270 | 163 | \$417 50 | \$85 20 | \$502 70 | \$252 65    |

Grand Totals: 57 Agents of Orders Value \$2080 37 Deliveries, \$2092 04

Elder E. K. Slade occupied the chapel hour on Wednesday, emphasizing the value of prayer.

Sunday night, March 11, the young men of the home entertained the young ladies in the dining hall. An interesting program was carried out. This was followed by an inspection of the young men's rooms. All returned to the dining hall where refreshments were served. The dining hall was beautifully decorated and the young ladies expressed themselves as well pleased with the reception.

## Washington Missionary College

Kenneth Richards, of Philadelphia, visited the college recently.

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Olsen, Thursday, March 8.

The only musical number of the Lecture Course, was given Thursday evening, March 8, under the direction of Professor Hamer. Besides the musical numbers, the program contained several readings by Mrs. Agnes Lewis Caviness. This program, given entirely by home talent, was one of the most interesting numbers of the Lecture Course.

The eleven o'clock service, last Sabbath, was conducted by three members of the Advanced Bible Doctrines class. The subject, Armageddon, was divided into three parts. Mr. Patterson gave the introduction; Mr. Hottell reviewed the his-

tory of the Turkish Empire, and Mr. Richards spoke of the Present War and its Relation to the Battle of Armageddon.

In the "Review" of February 15 the first announcement of the Present Truth War Special was made. By March 9, the Special had been prepared, printed, and 200,000 copies had been ordered and mailed—22 day's work, 9,000 copies per day including three Sabbath days. The orders are still coming in large numbers.

This War Special strikes the key note of the present world crisis in such a concise, forceful way, it is not only read, but judging from many reports, it leaves a deep impression, and besides, it is so cheap in price, all can afford to use it in large numbers.

As the Present Truth War Special was printed as No. 5 of the Series for this year, and as it will not be a standard topic of the regular series after this year, and as other changes in the series will probably be made during the year to meet emergencies, thereby still confusing the numbering of the series, it will be best for all to order hereafter by the subject rather than by the number only. It will be but little more trouble, and will insure against disappointments in having orders filled with numbers not desired.

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## Your Mission

If you cannot on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows,  
Laughing at the storms you meet,  
You can stand among the sailors,  
Anchor'd yet within the bay,  
You can lend a hand to help them,  
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountains steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley,  
While the multitudes go by.  
You can chant in happy measure,  
As they slowly pass along;  
Though they may forget the singer,  
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver  
Ever ready to command,  
If you cannot toward the needy  
Reach an ever open hand,  
You can visit the afflicted,  
O'er the erring you can weep,  
You can be a true disciple,  
Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

If you cannot in the conflict,  
Prove yourself a soldier true,  
If where fire and smoke are thickest,  
There's no work for you to do,  
When the battle-field is silent,  
You can go with careful tread,  
You can bear away the wounded,  
You can cover up the dead.

Do not then stand idly waiting  
For some greater work to do,  
Fortune is a lazy goddess,  
She will never come to you.  
Go and toil in any vineyard,  
Do not fear to do or dare,  
If you want a field of labor,  
You can find it anywhere.

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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?



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## Educational Sabbath--April 7

The first Educational Sabbath in 1917 is set for April 7. It is highly fitting that a work of such vital importance and far-reaching influence as that of our schools should be specially considered in all our churches twice a year. For this reason the North American Division Conference Committee, through the Department of Education, has set apart two Sabbaths for studying the principles of Christian education and praying for the prosperity of our schools. The first one, April 7, is devoted to the following four topics:

1. Questions and answers on why we conduct denominational schools, with emphasis on the elementary schools.
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Let every church member and every Sabbath-keeper rally to the services of this day, and pray for still greater progress in our educational work.

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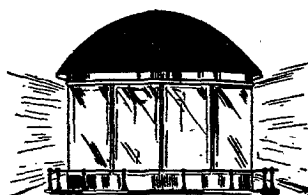
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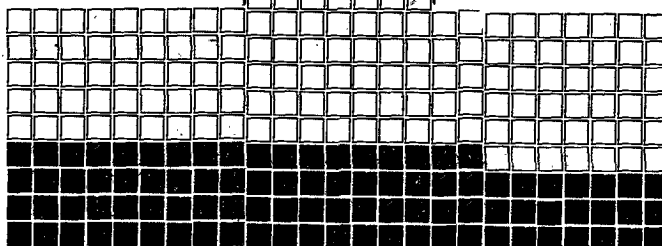
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