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### An Appeal in Behalf

#### of Our Sick Poor

To Be Read in Our Churches April 21

The great sins which stand charged against the professed people of God on the books of heaven are not sins of commission, they are sins of omission. "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not." These are the charges that stand recorded on the books. "Inasmuch as ye did it not," is that which decided their eternal doom. They may claim to have done "many wonderful works," but this does not answer as a passport to heaven.

Heaven is for those who manifest compassion towards the suffering and needy, as did the Samaritan. "Some make large donations to the cause of God, while their brother who is poor may be suffering close by them, and they do nothing to relieve him." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 1, page 194. To those who "relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widows," God says: "Come now, let us reason together: 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. The same tender regard should be shown toward the sick in the church that we manifest toward the sick in our own homes. To those who said to Jesus, "Behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee" he said: "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?" And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said: "Behold my mother and my brethren." Matt. 12:48,49. To his disciples he said: "When ye pray, say, Our Father." Luke 11:2. As members of the church, we are members of God's family, so intimate is the relation sustained to each other that if one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it.

The sick among us should not be compelled to go to worldly hospitals. In the providence of God we have institutions where our own sick poor can be cared for. Years ago Sister White said: "Our people should have an institution of their own, under their control, for the diseased and

suffering among us;" and again: "I was shown that Sabbath-keepers should open a way for those of like precious faith to be benefitted, without their being under the necessity of expending their means at institutions where their faith and religious principles are endangered, and where they can find no sympathy or union in religious matters.

Provision was to be made for the sick poor, but the financial burden should rest upon the Samaritan and not upon the Sanitarium. We are told that "some would wonder why the poor could not be treated for nothing, and would be tempted to think that it was a money-making enterprise after all." Sanitariums should not be expected to take care of the sick poor free of charge. Friends of the diseased should do all they can to aid them. The church should assist when necessary. In addition to this, a fund should be created in each conference to aid those who otherwise would be deprived of the benefit of these institutions. We are told that "those to whom God has entrusted means should provide a fund to be used for the benefit of the worthy poor who are sick and not able to defray the expenses of receiving treatment at the institution. A fund should be raised to be used for the express purpose of treating such of the poor as the church where they reside shall decide are worthy to be benefitted." "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 1, page 494.

The Mission Hospital of the Washington Sanitarium has arranged a rate of \$1.00 per day, and only the actual cost will be required of those needing surgical care. Where special treatment is needed which can be given only in the main Sanitarium, special rates will be granted when the conferences or local churches through their conferences make the necessary arrangements.

The Sanitarium stands ready to co-operate. The inn is here. The wounded are lying by the wayside. As good Samaritans let us do our part, not merely by taking them to the inn, but let provision be made for their stay while there. To enable the conferences to care for their sick poor, a fund must be created. Only one day in the year is set apart for this special work. Sabbath, April 21, is the day appointed for the purpose. Let everyone give something. A liberal offer-

ing will be necessary to place these conferences in a position where they can give assistance to needy cases.

"G O D LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER." D. H. KRESS, M. D.

## VIRGINIA

### The Macedonian Cry

"I am the vine, ye are the branches," said Jesus. Here Jesus uses the vine with its clinging tendrils to represent Himself. The palm tree, the cedar, and the oak stand alone. They require no support. But the vine entwines about the trellis, and thus climbs heavenward. So Christ in His humanity was dependent upon Divine power." "I can of myself do nothing," He declared. Again He says—John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." Jesus was a surrendered man. He came to earth to do Somebody's else will. With all His giant powers He was utterly absorbed in doing what someone else wished done. And now He says, You do as I have done. Learn of Me; I am wholly given up to do my Father's will. You be wholly surrendered to Me, and so together we will carry out the will of the Father.

And His will is to "Have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2:4. And now the task of bringing this truth to the attention of the people of this world has been entrusted to human beings. In these closing days of earth's history this work has been entrusted to YOU, and me, (Seventh-day Adventists) for we read in Vol. 9, p. 19, "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import,—the proclamation of the First, Second, and Third Angels Messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention. The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be

warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them."

Here we are in the eleventh hour of time, eternity's shore stretches just before us, our time to work is almost over. Dear reader, we wish to sound the Macedonian cry because there is such a great need of help before us here in this great state of Virginia. Here we have a state of over 100 counties and many of them have never had the minister, or the colporteur to enter them and try to rescue the thousands that are still in darkness. We have a few faithful ones that are doing all they can, but we need more workers. The Lord will not come until all have heard the call to repentance, so if you have been impressed that the Lord would have you help in placing in the homes of the people the truth contained in our books, and you are undecided as to the place where you should labor, remember the needs of the Virginia Conference, and drop us a line; we will be glad to correspond with you.

F. E. HANKINS, Field Sec'y, Gordonsville, Va., Box 173.

### Camp-meeting Notice, Virginia

At a recent meeting of the conference committee, it was voted to hold the camp-meeting at Gordonsville, beginning on Thursday night, May 24, and closing June 3. Arrangements are being made to secure a pleasant grove, well drained, in the heart of the town. Gordonsville has been selected because of its central location to all of our people. It was a question whether we should go to the expense of having a general camp-meeting as there will be no regular business session; but the feeling of the committee, and of our people generally was that in view of the shortness of time, and the rapidity with which momentous issues are developing, we cannot afford to drop out this annual convocation. The early date has been chosen because a midsummer camp-meeting always breaks off the first tent effort at the height of the interest, with disastrous results, and crowds the second tent effort of the summer into the presentation of the testing truths at the equinoctial season, so that the summer's work is largely wasted. It was felt by the committee that it would be better to suffer a little inconvenience in the matter of growing crops, rather than to lose a harvest of souls. With the signs in the earth indicating that we are nearing the close of human probation, surely we, as a people, can not afford to allow temporal affairs to deprive us of the help and encouragement to be obtained by meeting with others of like precious faith in this annual gathering. The value of the meetings will be increased by the absence of business sessions.

It is planned to furnish tents with

## Financial Statement of the Virginia Conference

First Two Months of 1917

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1916	Tithe 1917	15 cents a week	20 cents a week	Goal 7 mo.	Per Capita.
Bethel	15	6 00	3 00		36 74	26 00	.30
Norfolk No. 1	18		31 49		30 00	31 20	.20
Lynchburg	22	77 76	64 87		22 55	38 13	.12
New Market	42	150 75	133 11		36 67	72 73	.11
Newport News No. 1	18	35 60	89 89		15 44	31 20	.11
Richmond No. 1	108	419 24	407 04		82 99	187 20	.10
Roanoke	8	20 00	17 02		6 20	13 86	.10
Yale	34	1 42	158 92		27 85	58 93	.10
Conference No. 1	53	145 26	163 24		36 18	91 87	.09
Oak Ridge	21	167 90	161 60		13 38	36 30	.08
Portsmouth No. 1	18	53 45	54 92		7 85	31 20	.05
Stanley	88	36 67	89 51		24 60	152 53	.04
Charlottesville	10	14 31	11 80			17 33	
Guinea Mills	15	15 50	25 00			26 00	
Rileyville	17	7 00				29 46	
Norfolk No. 2	20	39 67	67 07	23 63		26 00	.15
Richmond No. 2	23	39 47	56 32	21 03		29 90	.11
Newport News No. 2	20	43 23	54 63	16 30		26 00	.10
Conference No. 2	8	37 45	14 36	3 88		10 40	.06
Portsmouth No. 2	20	42 80	22 43	9 11		26 00	.05
News Ferry	12	4 62	10 65	4 23		15 60	.04
Danville	7	12 90	10 00	2 02		9 10	.03
Spencer	6		4 30	1 22		7 80	.02
Thelma	8		7 75	40		10 30	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>\$1371 00</b>	<b>\$1658 92</b>	<b>\$81 82</b>	<b>\$340 43</b>	<b>\$1005 04</b>	
Per capita at 20 cents				.09	at 15 cents	.09	
F. N. JOHNSON, Treas.							

floors at the low rate of \$3 for ten days, or rooms can be secured furnished close to the grounds. Those occupying tents should state in ordering them whether cots are desired, or whether ticks will be brought to be filled with straw. Will those who plan to attend the meeting write at an early date, stating whether tents or rooms are desired? Address all communications concerning this to Elder W. C. Moffett, Box 76, Gordonsville, Va.

### Financial Report, Virginia

The interest in our goal work for Foreign Missions for the year 1917 is beginning to assert itself. It seems as though the churches and companies are starting the year with much more zeal than one year ago. We are giving the standing of each company for the first two months with their proportionate goal for the time, which will let us get our bearings and help us to calculate for the amounts necessary to come out ahead later in the year. It is an excellent plan to get the matter well in hand and know about what we will have to do each week, and then we will easily carry our goal in the finish. We are rated this year for a membership of 611 which is an increase of 97 over last year's number. Some of this number can give much more than the twenty-cent-a-week, while there are others who will be unable to do this, and yet others of the aged and children who may not be able to help but little. But we know that our help is inexhaustible and a good supply of faith with works,

which is also supplied from the same inexhaustible source, will win the victory for 1917. Let us all do our best.

F. N. JOHNSON.

### News Notes

Elder B. F. Purdham took \$30 worth of orders one day last week in Albemarle County. The Lord has greatly blessed Brother Purdham from the day he took up work in this field.

The Young People's Society at Richmond has been rejuvenated under new leadership. We are looking for great things from Richmond!

Brother I. D. Richardson, with the assistance of the Newport News No. 1 Church, is remodeling the church building. The greater space has been provided by adding a pulpit recess. The ceiled walls have been replaced by beautifully frescoed walls. Electric light chandeliers have been put in, and the church is being freshly painted. There is a growing interest in Newport News and a tent effort will doubtless be held there this summer. Many years have passed since the last effort was held in this city.

Young People, come to camp-meeting. If you have any small musical instrument that you play, either wind or string, be sure to bring it with you.

The opposition to the preaching of the message in Gordonsville has begun to develop, but the interest keeps good.

Elder L. O. Gordon reports excellent meetings at Yale. During his visit there, officers were elected for the year, W. John Y'Shanko being elected elder. Brother Y'Shanko was pastor of the flock before becoming an Adventist, and we rejoice to see him growing in this truth. The former elder, Brother John Olenic, will act as deacon and Sabbath School superintendent. Yale has sent in more tithe in the first two months of 1917 than during all of last year.

Virginia's M. V. Goal for the year is,—  
 Young people reporting - - - - 167  
 Conversions - - - - - 35  
 Standard of Attainment certificates issued - - - - - 14  
 Reading Course certificates - - - 42  
 Bible Year - - - - - 28  
 Offerings to Missions - - - - - \$423  
 (To South India)

What are you doing to reach this goal?

Brother Harry Wright has just located his family at Basic and will canvass Augusta and Albemarle Counties.

Your duty to God is more important than anything else. Step forward by faith, and He can take care of the consequences. In other words, postpone your planting for a week, and come to camp-meeting,—May 25 to June 3.

Brother Bennett Hamm passed the Standard of Attainment examination in Bible Doctrines with an average of 100 per cent.

The Richmond No. 1 Church is being likewise touched up. The ladies are taking care of the interior of the building. Brethren Serns and Jones are painting the exterior.

The Missionary Volunteer Department reports a very substantial increase in membership recently.

The Colored Mission Committee held a meeting at Portsmouth last week to plan for the work of that department.

Watch the "Gazette" for the program for Young People's Day, May 5.

Numbers of our Young People are faithful in reporting their work. Are YOU?

Sister Lizzie Hegward of Portsmouth finished the M. V. Reading Course.

Don't forget to come to camp-meeting at Gordonsville. May 25 to June 3.

## NEW JERSEY

### In South Jersey

Friday, March 16, Elder A. R. Sandborn delivered a lecture in the Spectatorium, a moving picture theater, at Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The members of the church at that place suggested this lecture as a means of reaching many persons who could not be brought to the church on Sunday evening, and Elder Sandborn presented the topic of "After the War, What?"

There were about three hundred people in attendance, and these seemed to appreciate the lecture, as the lecturer was cordially greeted and invited to return again.

Sabbath and Sunday were spent with the Cape May Court House Church, and a very enjoyable time had by all the members, and those not members who came to the meetings. Instruction was given on departmental work of the church, the home missionary feature taking precedence, and the preaching and praise services were a help and blessing. An endeavor was made to organize the church for work, and it is believed that the missionary spirit already in evidence in this church will be caused to expand and to be enlarged until its influence will be felt in the community surrounding the church.

A trip was made to the northern part of the state last week, one meeting being held in Newark on Wednesday night. On Thursday an appointed meeting was held with the members of the Rockaway Church at Dover. A number of matters pertaining to the work of the church were considered, and arrangements were made to transfer the church meetings to Dover, as better arrangements could be made at that place than were to be found at the old location at Rockaway.

Elder Sandborn went from Dover to Lafayette, where he conducted meetings over the Sabbath, the writer spending Sabbath morning with the members of the Oakland Church and the afternoon with the Paterson German Church. Sunday morning we attended a Bible class conducted by Elder Martin and found a number of bright, interested young men eager to study the precious truths of the message. On Sunday evening Elder Sandborn addressed an interested audience of about three hundred people in Smith's Hall, on Market Street, Paterson, where Elder R. H. Martin has been conducting Sunday night meetings for a number of weeks. The discourse was much appreciated, many of the audience expressing themselves as having been

given much information concerning the stirring events transpiring in the world. It was demonstrated to the satisfaction of all that these events just preceded the great consummation and the revelation of the Saviour.  
 T. D. GIBSON.

## News Notes

Brother Clarence Lawry, the conference treasurer, visited the members of the church at Perth Amboy on Sabbath.

Elder Sandborn visited Sister Crane, at Branchville, last Friday. Sister Crane is 84 years old, but keen and earnest in her devotion to the message, and faithful in contributing to the support of the conference work.

The Conference Committee met at Jersey City, Monday, to arrange for the camp-meeting and to consider a number of other important matters. The camp-meeting will be held at Trenton, June 28 to July 8. The workers' meeting will precede the camp-meeting, being called for June 19.

Brother L. W. Wilson visited his daughter Elizabeth, Tuesday last, at Trenton, where she is engaged as a Bible worker. Brother Wilson also called at the conference office.

The little tract, "When Satan Called A Committee Meeting," is having a wide circulation and is being appreciated by those who have read it. It is the plan to place a copy of this tract in every Adventist home, and those who have not received a copy of this should write to the office for it.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins has returned from Mt. Braddock where he and his brother William Robbins held a series of meetings. Sixteen have taken their stand for the truth at that place during the last two months. Eleven promised to keep the Sabbath just before the meetings began, as a result of the work done by Brother William Robbins, and five more signified by standing when the call was made at the last meeting, that they would walk in the way of God's commandments.

Dr. D. H. Kress is spending a few weeks in Pittsburgh. Besides assisting in the Washington College campaign, he has appointments to lecture in several of the high schools here.

Brother Morely, who has been handling "Bible Readings" at Franklin, has moved his family to Gold on account of his wife's health.

Last week our colporteurs sold \$600 worth of literature. One worker took \$98.00 worth of orders.

With the end so close and people so anxious to get our books, it seems that the time is upon us when the call of the hour will be answered by the coming of the man.

When men realize the times in which we live, men will work as in the sight of heaven. These words were spoken several years ago.

Is it not time that we begin to scatter literature as the leaves of autumn?

One of the most interesting meetings of the year was held on the Sabbath in the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Churches. Elder Enoch read statements from the Testimonies concerning "Christ's Object Lessons." Two weeks' preliminary work had been done, preparing for the campaign. Brother C. E. Hooper of Boston, and Dr. D. H. Kress of Washington, D.C., had been here working with the conference workers local brethren for the success of the campaign.

Elder Geo. F. Enoch, of Washington, D. C., gave two most interesting and instructive lectures Sunday, April 1, in the Pitt Theater in Pittsburgh, on "India and the War" to large and appreciative audiences. This lecture was the prelude to a vigorous campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons."

Elder C. F. Ulrich and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are in Pittsburgh, assisting in the special campaign in the interest of the Washington Missionary College.

Thirty-two cottage prayer meetings are being held in the homes of the brethren in Pittsburgh in the interest of the home missionary work, and is proving a great blessing to all.

Elder F. H. Robbins is spending a few days at Mt. Vernon Academy, making arrangements for students to enter this conference to do colporteur work this summer.

Brother J. J. Vance spent a few days in Pittsburgh this week. He left on Thursday for Bradford where he will assist in the Washington College campaign.

## District of Columbia

Every Monday afternoon we have a meeting of all the workers in the city to report work done and confer in regard to future plans. The workers thus engaged at present are as follows:

President R. E. Harter, also pastor of Capital Hill Church; A. I. Bristol, Mt. Rainier; F. E. Gibson, Alexandria; J. M. Rees, Arlington; Allen Moon, Takoma Park; U. S. Willis, Ephesus (colored); F. H. Seeny, First Church (colored); N. W. Philips, Memorial Church. R. C. Taylor Dist. Sec. and Treas. and Brother Nelson. Bible workers are Miss Janet Morris, Miss Bryan, and Mrs. Howard. These meetings serve to unify our work and furnish occasions for exhorting one another to faithfulness.

A comparative report of Alexandria Church shows a membership of 8 in 1915 and 23 at close of 1916; nine baptisms during the year. Receipts during 1915 were \$128 and in 1916 there was received \$1200.

Elder G. B. Thompson preached at Takoma Park, March 24, on the "Call to Watchfulness," which deeply impressed the congregation with its appropriateness for the time now present. Numerous replies to letters and literature mailed have greatly encouraged the missionary society and reveals the fact that many people are being interested in the Present Truth Series.

Sunday night meetings are being conducted at Capital Hill, Ephesus and First Church with good interest. Seven converts were baptized March 24, and others are "not far from the Kingdom."

The Bible Workers band at Memorial Church, led by Miss Janet Morris, is accomplishing much good in preparing men and women to be able to give Bible Readings. This class, numbering about 25, meets for study and practice after the Sabbath morning service. We are expecting some large results from their labors this year.

Plans are under way for conducting three simultaneous tent efforts in the Capital City this summer, beginning about June 1.

We are urging all our people to put away sin and consecrate themselves to the holy cause as they have never done before. Surely the "end of all things is at hand," and the time has arrived when every servant of the King should report for duty and say in strong tones, "Lord, here am I send me."

Brother Robert Wedding fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday, March 22, at Garfield Memorial Hospital. He was laid away in the old Oxen Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

Sister Masters of Memorial Church has been passing through deep waters recently in the prolonged illness and sudden death of her beloved daughter. The Lord has heard our prayers in her behalf and has made His grace sufficient for her.

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

The April Watchman campaign is on in the Chesapeake Conference. Brother M. S. Pettibone has been visiting the churches on the Eastern Shore in the interest of this work, and has secured thus far orders for the Washington Missionary College Fund Campaign to the number of 1062. Let other orders come along. It is desired that the conference shall use as many of this particular paper as we used in the Harvest Ingathering work. The magazine is an excellent one and should be in the hands of the people in our territory. Many people are anxiously inquiring the meaning of this present day condition, and this magazine will make it clear to their minds.

Elder J. O. Miller visited the church at Hagerstown for a day, recently. The work is onward there under the labors of Elder Shadel and Miss Cately.

Professor C. L. Stone, Miss Phoebe Ellwanger, Elder J. O. Miller, and M. S. Pettibone spent Sabbath with the church at Wilmington, Del., in the interest of the young people's work. A Missionary Volunteer Convention was held and an interesting program rendered.

The work in Baltimore is still onward. Since about the first of June 1916, 101 persons have accepted this truth in the city of Baltimore, or 101 for ten month's time. This includes eight for the German Church, 33 for the colored, and 60 for the white, English. The Lord is going before His workers and is preparing their hearts for this truth. We feel to praise His name for it all. Elder Booth baptized seven last Sabbath, and about ten more are ready for baptism. Elder Rodgers reports six persons ready for baptism. These latter, that have not yet been baptized, are not included in the 101.

Brother J. E. Cox reports 'splendid progress in the work in Wilmington, Del., among the colored people. Their Sunday night attendance is getting too large for their place of meeting.

Mrs. M. S. Pettibone is compelled to give up her work for a time, because of being on the verge of a nervous breakdown. They will locate in Rock Hall, Md., for the summer. Any one wishing to write to the Conference Home Missionary Secretary will therefore write to M. S. Pettibone, Rock Hall, Md. His former address was 1516 Poplar Grove St., Baltimore, Md.

A Young People's convention was held at the Wilmington Church, March 23-25. The purpose of the convention was to help the young people of the church to realize their individual responsibility and the high standard of Missionary Volunteer endeavor. The practical instruction given on M. V. topics was helpful and inspiring to all who attended it.

Sometime ago Missionary Volunteer Information blanks were sent to all the churches to be filled out and returned to the conference M. V. secretary. It is very much desired that all, who have not yet done so, fill out the blanks and send them in at once.

Our new Missionary Volunteer Goal for Chesapeake for 1917 is as follows:

#### 1917 GOAL

164 members reporting  
33 young people converted  
13 attainment certificates  
26 to read the Bible through  
39 reading course certificates  
\$484 for foreign missions

Last year we failed to reach two points in the goal. Can we not reach every point this year? Let us try.

Baltimore No. 1 Sabbath School has sent in fourteen Training Course enrollment slips filled out, and Sabbath School No 3 sent in 16. This is a very good record. It is not too late for others to join this training course. Let us hear from you.

### Special

## Sabbath School Convention at Takoma Park Church

The hour of ten Sabbath morning March 3, found the Takoma Park Church crowded with those who had come to the Sabbath School Convention, held for the District of Columbia Conference. The morning session continued till almost one

o'clock with an afternoon session from 2:30 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. The convention was brought to a close by a Sunday afternoon session 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. The occasion proved very profitable to all present, and the papers presented brought forth much favorable comment. It is to be hoped at least some of the helpful suggestions presented may be put to practical use by the Sabbath Schools of the District Conference. We cannot in this report present more than, in a very brief way, some of the points brought out by the excellent papers read.

### The Purpose of a Sabbath School Convention

Elder G. B. Thompson said in part: "Good sense tells the workman that it is necessary to take time to whet his tools. This is the principal object of a Sabbath School convention. There is no line of Christian endeavor of greater importance than the work of our Sabbath Schools. It includes all from the little child to the old pilgrim made gray by the passing years. No botch work should be done. We should have Sabbath School experts who understand what the Sabbath School ought to be,—who can gather up the material available and create one; and when it is out of repair, can fix it and keep it in order and running smoothly.

"A Sabbath School Convention is to place before all, high ideals in this line of work; and to help bunglers to improve and do better work, instructing them what to do and how to do it. The purpose of such a convention is not only to point the way out of ruts, but to bring forward new ideas, better methods, and progressive, up-to-date, improved plans. In some schools the leaders have fallen into such a rut that the simplest change is opposed. One school which had fallen behind on its foreign mission goal, could not change the time of taking the donations in order to allow for a talk on foreign missions before the donation was taken up. When the change was made against protest, the resulting donation was over thirty dollars instead of the usual three dollars and a few cents. The school caught up with its goal."

### The Relation of the Mother to the Sabbath School

Mrs. L. L. Caviness pointed out that this is the age of the child. Conventions are held concerning all phases of child betterment, and it is certainly proper that in a Sabbath School convention the work which the mother should do for the child in Sabbath School should be considered. There are nine things which the mother can do. She can send the child to Sabbath School, 1st, regularly; 2nd, punctually; 3rd, with lesson learned; 4th, with donation; 5th, with desire to know; 6th, with reverence for God and divine worship;

7th, with a desire to help; 8th, with a wealth of Bible stories; 9th, with clear conception of God and the conflict in human souls.

In the discussion which followed, Mrs. Cool emphasized the mother's great responsibility in training her child for the kingdom of God. A mother does not understand her duty if she thinks she has greater responsibilities outside of the welfare of her child. Mrs. Moon said that the mother could make the Sabbath School lessons interesting for her children by studying the lesson at home with them, and by inventing various devices, such as Bible question games and conundrums for fixing in the child's memory the points of the lesson. The father also can help in the home training of the child for the Sabbath School.

### The Kindergarten School

Mrs. Alice Bourdeau had charge of this very interesting feature of the program. Realizing that what is seen makes a stronger impression than what is heard, and desiring to give some real help to teachers of this department, she presented two Sabbath School classes, the same children taking part in each.

### The Importance of the Teachers' Training Course

Mrs. Carrie R. Moon presented a paper on this subject pointing out that there is no place nowadays in the world's work for mediocrity; thoroughly trained workers are demanded everywhere. This is even more true in our own denominational work. We would not be willing to have our eyes or teeth treated by a novice simply because he was known for his honesty and willingness to do his best; so also in Sabbath School work, honesty and willingness is not enough without training. The teachers' training course is intended to render an inexperienced teacher efficient through training. This course has now entered upon its seventh year, and splendid results are being seen on every hand.

### Primary and Intermediate Divisions

Mrs. Fannie D. Chase presented an excellent paper on this topic, of which we can only present a few thoughts. The primary and intermediate divisions of the Sabbath School cover the most important periods of life,—the time when the pupils are the most enthusiastically receptive of knowledge and the time when the largest proportion of conversions are made. Primary and intermediate teachers consider themselves privileged to work for pupils of this age. Neither age nor assumed scriptural knowledge has proved a satisfactory basis for classification of students of these divisions. Some schools find it most satisfactory to base grading upon the grades the pupils occupy in the day school, placing the third, fourth and

fifth grades in the primary division, and the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in the intermediate. Exceptions should, however, be made from this plan at the judgment of the officers. Pupils should be transferred from one division to another, not promoted. The Junior division is not necessarily superior to the intermediate in scholarship or general intelligence.

#### The Superintendent's and Secretary's Responsibilities

Dr. Haupt set a high standard for the qualifications of these workers. The superintendent should be without fault or even reproach. While not conspicuous, he should be everywhere present with his influence and helpful suggestions, and the secretary should be his righthand man.

#### The Value of Illustrations

Mrs. Jessie F. Mosher strongly showed by numerous illustrations the value illustrations have in Sabbath School work. She compared them to crutches to help the lame man; to tacks to hold papers in place; to a window in a house which lets light in. We are sorry that we cannot give in this report the practical presentation which was afforded of the value of illustrations by the very illustrations which were used. It was, however, pointed out that Christ, who is our example, used illustrations to a large extent; indeed, it is said that about one-third of Christ's recorded words consisted of parables. Let us hear Christ telling us in unmistakable terms, "Follow me," in the use of illustrations as well as in the surrender of our lives to Him.

#### How to Conduct a Teachers' Meeting

Miss Lewis urged that the weekly teachers' meetings should be of an informal nature, that a special effort be made to have present the teachers who are often absent and who most need the aid of the teachers' meeting. The spiritual and the social and the business matters of the Sabbath School should all receive attention at the teachers' meeting.

#### The Question Box

Numerous questions were found in the question box, and the answers which Mrs. Plummer gave to them formed one of the most practical, as well as interesting features of the program. The question "What are the qualifications of a model teacher?" elicited the answer which simplified those qualifications down to two; that he first be an earnest Christian, and second, and last, that he show a willingness to study and improve. Other questions brought out the points that children are never too old to require the attention of parents in the preparation of the Sabbath School lessons; that greater benefit is usually derived from considering in the review of the Sabbath School lesson for the previous week; that we

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 30, 1917									
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.	HM	5	30	17	44	50	20	00	64 50
Geo. Buttermore, Wash. Co.	BR	5	40	11	41	50	10	50	52 00
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	5	46	8	10	25	10	65	20 90
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	5		6	23	00	8	35	31 35
A. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	5	34	10	38	00	4	00	42 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	5	27	7	26	50	4	50	31 00
W. H. Jack, Warren, Co.	DR	5	33	18	61	50	4	35	65 85
A. Thurman, Allegheny Co.	Mag	2					4	05	4 05
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.	PPF	4	37	6	15	00	23	60	37 60
Totals	9 Agents		41	247	83	\$260 25	\$89 23	\$349 25	\$155 63

Ohio, Week Ending March 30, 1917									
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.	BR	5	45	5	19	50	2	00	21 50
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	4	42	11	38	50	1	50	40 00
J. H. Stafford, Columbus	BR	5	41	6	26	00			25 00
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.	BR	4	35	14	57	50	2	75	60 25
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	10	67	9	33	50			33 50
Mrs. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	4	28						129 25
D. McCarthy, Youngstown	BR	4	27	11	42	50	3	35	45 85
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	4	27	5	18	50	10	50	29 00
R. H. Patterson, Clark Co.	BR	4	27	6	22	00			22 75
H. O. Kohr, Columbus	Arm	3	27				55	00	55 00
C. F. Wilcox, Canton	Arm	5	24				3	50	3 50
N. Oancea, Akron	Foreign	4	23				20	98	20 98
Frank Fultz, Miami Co.	BR	5	21	3	10	50			25 10
G. Yingling, Niles	BR	5	15	8	30	00	7	50	37 50
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.	BR	3	15	7	24	50	2	25	26 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton	BR	4	13	4	14	00	1	95	15 95
Mrs. Kelley, Dayton	BR	2	13	2	7	00			50 8 00
Mrs. G. M. Yingling, Niles	BR	4	13	2	8	00	3	00	11 00
Clara Weber, Dayton	BR	1	6	1	3	50			35 3 85
Totals	19 Agents		126	509	94	\$354 50	\$116 13	\$470 63	\$386 18

West Virginia, Week Ending March 16, 1917									
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	5	22	1	3	50	9	50	13 00
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.	BR	3	14						54 20
C. G. Mays, Marshall Co.	BR	3	10						56 00
John Fahrner, Diamond	BR	3	19						71 25
J. S. Seal, Diamond	BR		12						50 00
John McHenry, McDowell Co.	BF	2	14	21	43	50	13	15	56 65
Miscellaneous					369	96			369 96
Totals	6 Agents		16	91	22	\$416 96	\$22 65	\$439 61	\$624 26

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 30, 1917									
C. Booth, Franklin	GC	3	21	7	26	50	1	50	28 00
S. Booth, Franklin	GC	5	33	16	58	00	4	25	62 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BF	4	19		28	00	7	00	35 00
L. W. Mase, Lycoming Co.	GC	5	38	11	38	50	6	00	44 50
R. W. Garrett, Lycoming Co.	GC	5	39	19	67	50			67 55
Totals	5 Agents				\$218 50	\$18 75	\$239 25	\$160 00	
Grand Totals: 39 Agents of Orders Value \$1250 21 Deliveries, \$1326 07									

"Speak quietly, however great the matter;  
Loud talking makes wise truth seem idle chatter."

"The talent of success is doing what you can well, and doing well whatever you do."

—Longfellow.



should insist on reverence both for God's Word and for His house from all, both children and older ones.

#### The Financial Problem

Miss Gregg showed that money spent in Sabbath School supplies is money well spent; but that money for these should be raised by special collections and not taken from the regular donations. While various plans have been tried for securing the means to pay for these supplies, the only successful method is reached when each member of the school takes a personal responsibility in the matter. It was shown that the foreign mission offerings through the Sabbath School are the most important financial factor in raising the steady stream of funds required for our foreign mission enterprises. The foreign mission board now depends upon the ever increasing funds of systematic offerings made through the Sabbath Schools.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Graham said that he did not think that Sabbath School supplies should be sold to individuals on the Sabbath. It is better to give them out to those who need them, and then meet the cost of these by an expense fund.

Mrs. Moon thought that great judgment should be exercised in giving out helps in a promiscuous way in order to minimize expenses. Mr. Cobbin said he observed that the best thirteenth Sabbath offerings were obtained when some division of the school gave a special program on foreign mission work.

#### Sabbath School Activities

Mrs. Harter, the conference Sabbath School secretary, presented a paper on the subject of Sabbath School activities, embodying in it a report of the work of the conference department. Sabbath School activities center first of all about Christ. The personal knowledge of salvation through Christ transcends in value all other kinds of earthly knowledge. Christ wants the best men and women that can be found to enlist in the Sabbath School and church activities of today. The Sabbath School is not something apart from the church, but is only the church organized for a specific purpose. Its influence is extended by the Home Department to those who are isolated or cannot attend the Sabbath School. The Sabbath School workers' training course already spoken of is one of the important activities of the Sabbath School department. Visiting sick and absent members affords a precious field of missionary activities for the Sabbath School teacher.

Sixty-four baptisms occurred last year; the Sabbath School donations for missions in 1915 were \$4812.90, and the thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$1733.32. In 1916 the total offerings were \$4995.66, an increase of \$182.76, over the preceding year.

The thirteenth Sabbath offerings for this year were \$1636.43; the weekly average for the year has been about 11 cents per capita. It is to be hoped that 1917 will be a banner year, and will record the attainment of the 15-cent-a-week goal.

#### A Summary

As a closing paper of the program, Professor Longacre presented an excellent summary of all the chief thoughts presented by those taking part. Every one present at the program felt that he had been well repaid for having attended the convention, and many comments were made concerning the careful preparation which those who took part on the program had made for their several parts. Many helpful ideas were received which will doubtless work to the great improvement of this line of work in the District of Columbia Conference in the coming year.

L. L. CAVINESS.

#### Two Sorts

There are two kinds of people on earth today,

Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the saint and the sinner, for 'tis well understood

The good are half bad, and the bad are half good;

Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth

You must first know the state of his conscience and health;

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span

Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years

Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.

No! the two kinds of people on earth I mean  
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses

Are always divided in just these two classes;  
And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,

There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.  
In which class are you? Are you easing the load

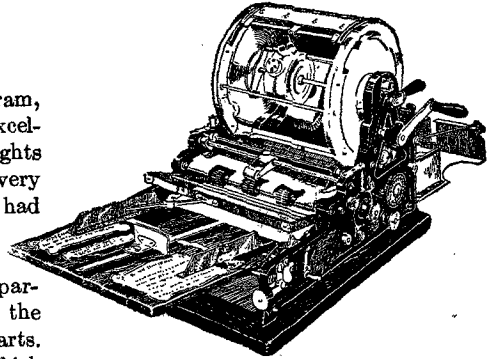
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?  
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear  
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

*Selected.*

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Write us for a copy of the 1917-'18 calendar and look our courses over. Feel free to ask any questions you may have concerning this work. H. L. GRAHAM.

## News Notes

Professor C. L. Stone spent several days at the academy and we were pleased to have him speak to us in the students' prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, also in chapel on Wednesday morning. He presented many good thoughts on prayer and on doing the things that we can do.

Elder F. H. Robbins came to attend the Canvassers' Institute and to arrange with the West Pennsylvania students for their territory for the summer. The institute, which was to be held from April 3-12, was postponed, but we appreciated Elder Robbins' visit, as he gave us a good stereopticon lecture on the Life of Christ on Wednesday evening.

Since the death of Mr. Joseph Beach's father, it has become necessary for Mr. Beach to leave school, for which we are indeed sorry.

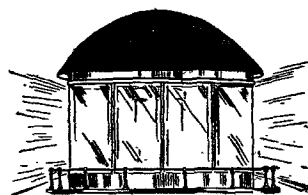
## OBITUARIES

**CRUZE.**—Laura Lillian Lane was born at West Mansfield, Ohio, July 25, 1895. She was the daughter of W. T. and Bertha Lane. Reared in a Christian home she early accepted Christ as her hope and was baptized at the age of twelve. In the spring of 1914 Laura was graduated from our academy at Graysville, Tenn., and on the following evening, in the presence of her many school mates, she was married to Charles Cruze, who likewise had been a student at that place. Not satisfied with the attainment in books, she felt that there

was a greater work before her, so the following year found her, with her husband in training at the Newark Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio. Her ministration to the sick was marked with success and many an aching heart was made to see light in His light. Her last words to the family were, "I wish to thank my many friends for their kindness and desire all to be faithful unto death." She dropped quietly to sleep Monday evening March 26, 1917. Services were held in the Baptist Church in West Mansfield, where the large congregation testified to the place she had in their affections.

MERRITT V. EUSEY.

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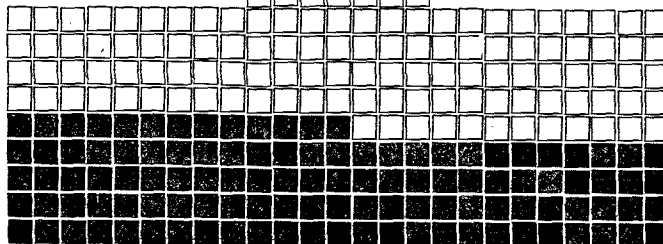
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