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Unawares

(To be read in church on April 21, in connection with "An Appeal in Behalf of Our Sick Poor," by D. R. Kress, M. D.)

They said, "The Master is coming
To honor the town today,
And none can tell at what house or home
The Master will choose to stay."
Then I thought, while my heart beat wildly,
What if He should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain
And honor the Guest divine!

And straight I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat;
I swept, and polished, and garnished,
And decked it with blossoms sweet.
I was troubled for fear the Master
Might come ere my task was done,
So I hastened and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her sorrows,
And my comfort and aid implore.
And I said, "I can not listen,
Nor help you any today;
I have greater things to attend to."
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another,
A cripple, pale and gray,
And said, "Oh, let me stop and rest
Awhile in your home, I pray;
I have traveled far since morning;
I am hungry and faint and weak;
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek!"

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry,
But I cannot keep you today;
I look for a great and noble Guest."
And the cripple went away.
And the day wore onward swiftly,
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was ever in my heart
That the Master yet might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him,
And treat Him with utmost care,
When a child stood by me
With a face so sweet and fair—
Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops—

And his clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I am sorry for you;
You are sorely in need of care,
But I can not stop to give it,
You must hasten other where."
And at the words a shadow
Swept over his blue-veined brow.
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,
But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended,
And my toil was over and done;
My house was swept and garnished,
And I watched in the dusk alone.
Watched, but no footfall sounded;
No one paused at my gate;
No one entered my cottage door;
I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened,
And the Master had not come;
"He has entered some other door," I cried,
"And gladdened some other home."
My labor had been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept;
My heart was sore with longing,
Yet, spite of it all, I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,
And His face was grave and fair;
"Three times today I came to your door,
And craved your pity and care;
Three times you sent me onward,
Unhelped and uncomforted;
And the blessing you might have had was
lost,
And your chance to serve has fled.

"The poor you have always with you;
They are ever in need of a friend;
And as oft as you give them food to eat,
Those gifts to your Master you lend.
Whenever you give them cold water,
Or whatever their needs might be,
You are aiding not only My little ones,
But you are also helping Me."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me;
How could I know it was Thee!"
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And He said, "The sin is pardoned,
But the blessing is lost to thee;
For, failing to comfort the least of Mine,
You have failed to comfort Me."

—Anonymous.

The Philadelphia Effort

Just a word to the readers of the VISITOR who are interested in what we are trying to do in Philadelphia.

Last Sunday night we finished our seventh Sunday night meeting. We had a full house again, with something between one and two thousand turned away. Already something like between twenty and twenty-five people have signified their intention of keeping the Sabbath. This is the only testing truth we have told for this time. We have something like two thousand names in hand for our workers to visit. Our collections the last two Sunday nights have been double what they were the first Sunday nights. Therefore we have items of encouragement in connection with the work.

At the close of the eight meetings next Sunday night I must leave for the spring council of the North American Division to be held at Huntsville, Alabama, which will keep me away from the week-night meetings. Therefore I must turn them over to another worker. The time is coming also when I must give my time during the week to the work in the Union, returning here at the week ends, namely, Friday, for the Friday night, Sabbath mornings, and Sunday night meetings.

The brethren here are of good courage, and expect before the year is over a rich harvest of souls. B. G. WILKINSON.

Three Timely Messages for Today

Message No. 1

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. The light which attended this angel, penetrated everywhere, as he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful

bird.' The message of the fall of Babylon, as given by the second angel, is repeated, with the additional mention of the corruptions which have been entering the churches since 1844. The work of this angel comes in at the right time to join in the last great work of the Third Angel's Message, as it swells to a loud cry. And the people of God are thus prepared to stand in the hour of temptation which they are soon to meet. I saw a great light resting upon them, and they united to fearlessly proclaim the Third Angel's Message.

The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call, and left the fallen churches. . . . A compelling power moved the honest, while the manifestation of the power of God brought a fear and restraint upon their unbelieving relatives and friends, so that they dared not, neither had they the power to hinder, those who felt the work of the spirit of God upon them. . . . Mighty miracles were wrought, the sick were healed, and signs and wonders followed the believers. God was in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed the convictions of his own conscience, and united with those who were keeping all the commandments of God; and with power they sounded abroad the third message. I saw that this will close with power and strength far exceeding the midnight cry.

Servants of God, endowed with power from on high, with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call, and the precious were hurried out of the doomed churches, as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people, were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance, and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation." (Early Writings (Old), pages 137-139).

Message No. 2.

"In a large degree, through our publishing houses, is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." (Test. Vol. 7, p. 140). That other angel is the one spoken of in Rev. 18:1. In "An Appeal to Our Churches," pages 10 and 11, the Lord says, "We are years behind. The ministers have been seeking the hidden treasures, and have been opening up the casket, and letting the jewels of truth shine forth, but not one-one hundredth part has been done, or is being done, by the members of the church, that

God requires of them. They will, in that great day, be self-convicted and self-condemned for their slothfulness. May the Lord lead them to self-penitence, and to see themselves and exclaim, 'Lord I am that fruitless fig tree.' May the Lord forgive His people for not doing the work in His vineyard that He has given them to do."

Message No. 3.

"A Reformatory Movement." "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as manifested on the day of Pentecost. HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS WERE SEEN VISITING FAMILIES, and opening the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with a heavenly influence." (Vol. 9, p. 126). We see by this that the hundreds and thousands visiting families and doing practical home missionary work, was the one thing used of the Lord to bring about the wonderful results here mentioned.

The time for that "Reformatory Movement is here. Many are confessing and putting away their "sin of slothfulness" and are putting on the armor of light, and going out into the "highways and hedges," scattering the precious pages of truth like "autumn leaves" in the homes of the people. And they are already receiving the "great blessings" promised.

God is calling for you to join in this great reformatory movement. Will you not respond and be one of the "hundreds and thousands (who) were seen visiting families, and help to "lighten the world with the heavenly influence?" In prophecy an angel means a message or messenger. Do you not want to be one of God's messengers to bear the printed pages of light and truth to the world? God says that in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel"—message or messenger. Truth-filled literature will not enlighten the world or accomplish anything, unless it is carried to the homes of the people."

"All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human agent. . . . God depends upon the church, for the forwarding of His work. . . . God expects His church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. . . .

God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work. . . .

Angels of God will break the way before us, preparing hearts for the gospel message." (Appeal, p. 13 and 29). In consecration, may each one say, "Here am I, send me," and use me to thy glory in helping to bring about the "Loud Cry," and Reformation in all its fullness.

J. W. HIRLINGER, C. U. Home Miss. Sec'y.

Newspaper Work in Philadelphia Effort

As one connected with the Philadelphia effort I thought I would let the readers of the VISITOR know how the meetings are progressing, especially what we are doing through the newspapers. Last night, Sunday, April 8, we had an audience which taxed the capacity of the Garrick Theater, and at 7:30 o'clock the doors were locked, and some observers on the outside estimated that hundreds were turned away.

Brethren and sisters, should we not praise God that so many people are interested in hearing the prophecies explained? Should we not rejoice that we are connected with the great second advent movement when all the world is seeking for an explanation as to the meaning of the anger among the nations, and we are the ones that can give them a satisfactory explanation? Should not we rejoice individually that we have played our part in helping to make this effort here a success?

Yes, you have helped us individually toward making the effort a success in that you have given your subscription to the newspaper here that has been publishing reports of the sermons that Professor Wilkinson has preached, and have helped us to make a favorable impression, not only on the editor of this paper, but also of the other papers as well. It is true that some of you have been disappointed in the size of the reports, but brethren and sisters, when you stop to consider that before this effort began, our work was almost wholly unknown to this great sea of humanity here, you will again rejoice that we have done so well on our first attempt to get recognition.

We believe that the work we have already done in Philadelphia is the stepping-stone to greater things. We believe that the newspapers have been the most instrumental in attracting the crowds to our meetings, and we further believe that as we persist in making our message known to the people here, the newspapers will more gladly publish our reports. Let me say that the Press is not the only newspaper that published news articles about our meetings, but the Inquirer, North American, Ledger, Record and

Telegraph have also given us reports. These large newspapers specialize in church news on Saturday, and it is on that day that we get reports in practically every one of the papers mentioned. The Inquirer, which has the largest circulation of any morning newspaper in Pennsylvania—something around 180,000 copies a day, has been especially liberal to us, and not only does it print practically all of our announcement on Saturday morning, but has also given a number of reports on the sermons. Some of the advertising writers have taken an interest in our work, and are making suggestions that will be helpful in continuing to agitate our work here. If you remember, the Lord's servant has urged us to "Agitate, agitate, agitate," and again to "educate, educate, educate," and this we are endeavoring to do. We hope that you will realize that this was no easy proposition for us to come into the great city of Philadelphia, and command front page articles from the newspapers that circulate for hundreds of miles around Philadelphia, when we were almost totally unknown. We thank the Lord that we have succeeded so well on our first attempt, and we believe that from the effort thus far held much good seed is being sown, and will eventually bear precious fruit. We intend to keep up our newspaper efforts both in the advertising and news columns, and are hoping that the name "Seventh-day Adventist" will become as well-known as are the names of the other denominations. We also hope to inform the masses as to the great doctrines we hold, and the precious truth that is being held out to them while the angel of mercy still holds the four winds of strife until all the servants of God are sealed.

We beg an interest in your prayers that the work may continue to develop, and that what has been started here will be an inspiration to others to do likewise in other great centers of population, so that a speedy work might be done in the closing hours of earth's history.

WALTER L. BURGAN, *Secretary of the Press Bureau, North American Division Conference.*

Some More Pitt Theater Meetings

One of the most interesting series of meetings that the writer has been connected with was held last week in Pittsburgh.

After careful consideration of the instruction in Vol. 6 and 9 of the Testimonies concerning "Christ's Object Lessons" and funds for the schools, the Union Conference Committee decided to select 16 cities in the Union for the purpose of

reviving Home Missionary work. It was planned to make the occasion one of special seeking of God and special preparation to get out among our friends and neighbors with our literature. In each city three weeks' special revival work is to be conducted. Brother C. E. Hooper has charge of the first week's campaign in each church; D. H. Kress, the second week; and the writer, the third week.

Pittsburgh was the first church selected. I arrived Thursday evening, March 29, and found that a splendid work had been done for two weeks. There had been special seeking of the Lord. More than thirty community prayer meetings in the homes of our various brethren or sisters had been in progress. Everyone had worked earnestly and harmoniously to make the meetings a success.

We had a splendid meeting Friday night. But the Sabbath meeting was one of the best that I have attended for some time. As we read the Testimonies, telling us of the necessity of getting out among our neighbors with this message of ours, especially the instruction concerning "Object Lessons," the Spirit of the Lord came very near. There was a practically unanimous response. More than 200 "Object Lessons" were taken at once. The same good meetings were repeated with the Allegheny churches.

In the instruction concerning the book we read that it is necessary to have "well planned efforts," also, emphasis is laid on the relating of the object of the sale of the book. We accordingly rented the Pitt Theater for two meetings, and have issued two folders for the purpose of relating the object of the sale of the book. About 2500 people attended the theater lectures. More than \$300 in cash was received from the collections at the theater and in the churches, which paid all the bills. Monday morning a considerable number of our people started out to campaign in the city. A few gathered at a common meeting place for further counsel and prayer, and others started from their homes.

Our experience meeting on Wednesday night was one of the most interesting that I have ever attended. It was an experience meeting in which many of those taking part in the campaign told their story. It had been very hard for them to overcome timidity, but the publicity given by the lecture, our campaign button, and the eight-page folder, picturing in a very graphic way the work our young people are doing in mission fields, proved an open sesame, and doors opened and almost every one sold some books. One sister who had remarked to another sister who was moving, said that was easy, but she was going to take part in this campaign and sold seven books. We are not

able yet to report how many books were sold, as all did not report, but it was estimated that at least 400 books found their way to the homes of the people the first week. I believe that the church will soon reach the goal of one thousand books.

This next week, under the leadership of Brother Rieman, the church continues the campaign, selling 2000 copies of the April "Watchman."

The little folder is proving very effective. Our people go to friends and neighbors and sit down to have a little talk about the wonderful opening in the Orient. In a little while the interest is aroused and the object of the publication of "Object Lessons" related, and the book is sold. Many of those testifying at the Wednesday night meeting, said that they had so enjoyed it, that they expected to keep on indefinitely.

I left the church feeling that the beginnings of a wonderful work had begun. There was the utmost harmony and co-operation on the part of the conference and church officers, and the local pastors of the churches. It was good to be there. I believe that this campaign is helping very much by placing in the hands of our people interesting and attractive literature, which overcomes their natural timidity and gives them courage to meet the people.

Brother Manry and the writer are now in Bradford and will conduct the campaign here for one week. We bespeak the prayers of God's people for the success of the campaign. Dr. Kress is in Erie this week with Brother Vance, the Home Missionary Secretary. He is finding many interesting openings for his health lectures, and much good is being accomplished. Brother Hooper is in Johnstown. Pray for us.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

OHIO

Cleveland

It has been my privilege to spend a little time in Cleveland during the past week. Sabbath, April 7, was spent with the little company at Geneva, where I was much pleased to find quite a good number gathering in for worship, where they have been carrying on a Sabbath School for some time. It is my purpose to meet with them a little later and possibly organize a church.

I attended the Sunday night services at the English church in Cleveland, April 8, and was very much pleased with the interest. Elder Lindsay spoke upon the important theme of the "Time of Trouble, and the Seven Last Plagues." The church was filled to the utmost of its

seating capacity, there being, no doubt something over four hundred present. This work is being followed up by our Bible workers and Elder Lindsay, and we hope that it will result in bringing in a large number of new believers.

It was my privilege to spend some time at the home of Elder C. W. Weber to look after some important business matters and talk over plans for his work. Elder Weber reports a good interest among the German people. He is holding Sunday night meetings, and reports a number of interested ones for whom he is laboring. He expects to have a baptismal service soon.

I am glad to report the health of Sister Weber much improved.

These brethren have great perplexities to meet and grave responsibilities to bear as they go to the people of such a city as Cleveland with this warning message. Let us earnestly pray for our work and workers in Cleveland. E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

Brother H. D. Holtom and family went to Bellville the first of the week, where Brother Holtom's mother is critically ill.

We regret that we must report that Miss Bessie Acton, who has spent a number of years in this conference as our Educational, Young People's, and Sabbath School Secretary, is to leave us this week. She has accepted a call to fill a similar position in the East Pennsylvania Conference. Our prayers and best wishes for her success will follow her.

Elder Slade spent Wednesday in Columbus, looking after important matters connected with the conference work, and in counseling with Elder J. H. Behrens, of Cincinnati, who met him there.

VIRGINIA

Yale

On the nineteenth of March we were favored with the second visit of Elder L. O. Gordon. He left many encouraging and helpful thoughts with us. The students certainly enjoyed the stereopticon lecture by Elder Gordon. It was a new thing for them all. As a result of the lecture even some of the older people decided to be more strict vegetarians.

We have here a boy of seven years, who has never eaten meat of any kind, and it may be said of him that he is another Daniel of old. He is the brightest boy of his age in the school. Oh, that all of our young boys and girls would be as particu-

lar about their diet as Daniel was! May the parents co-operate with the plan of God to bring the children aright.

This is the only Russian church school that we have in our denomination, and the children feel proud to be enrolled in this school. They are determined to press forward. Some have entered the academy from this church school; and others are going there next year to prepare for a better work in the Master's cause.

As our school is soon to close, may the readers of the "Visitor" remember this place in their prayers. The six months of our school have passed away very rapidly, but the blessings that were received by the faithful students and the teacher shall never be forgotten.

M. S. KRITZKY, Teacher.

Canvasser's Experience

About the middle of January, while canvassing with Brethren Wright and Wilmer, we got into a section where some of our brethren a few years ago had conducted a tent effort, and we found the people very much prejudiced. Some would say things about the Adventists, not knowing that we were such, nor would they ask. Others would ask who we were, or to what church we belonged, and upon being asked, we freely told them that we were Seventh-day Adventists. It was a very fine class of people, and we secured orders from most of them.

The day of the delivery came and we found people all stirred up. It had been reported all over the neighborhood that we were Seventh-day Adventists, but with our hearts uplifted in prayer to God for help, we went forth and were able to deliver all the books; not one was lost on account of prejudice. The people would say, "Well, I ordered the book and will take it, but had I known it was an Advent book I would never have given my order."

Man's extremity is God's opportunity. It is when we feel our utter helplessness and cast ourselves entirely upon the mercies of the Lord, that we get help in time of need. May we from this experience learn to lean more decidedly upon the Lord.

Miss Madge Miller, after her first delivery writes, "I had a fine delivery, only lost one order. Each one seemed delighted with his book, and was ready for it. One woman said, 'We have been talking about you today and wondering if you would come.' Another, 'Oh, I am sorry you cannot stay all night.' One book I delivered Saturday night; they had a check already made out for me. Oh it certainly is a pleasure to work among such lovely people."

Miss Miller is our assistant field secretary; she will have charge of the sisters this summer. She has had a very successful experience as a colporteur and will be able to render very valuable service to our young ladies. She has demonstrated that our sisters can go from home to home in the rural districts and make a success. Miss Miller will be glad to correspond with any desiring to take up the work, or address F. E. HANKINS, Field Sec'y., Gordonsville, Va.

NOTICE---Medical Missionary Work

"Medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities, and sanitariums are to be established in many places.

"Sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening ways whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ.

"I have been instructed that we are not to delay to do the work that needs to be done in health reform lines. Through this work we are to reach souls in the highways and byways. I have been given special light that in our sanitariums many souls will receive and obey the truth. Vol. 9, pp. 167, 168.

"Let men beware of doing that which would cut off our last hope of entering difficult fields where there is race prejudice and antagonism. As a means of overcoming prejudice and gaining access to minds, medical missionary work must be done, not in one or two places only, but in many places where the truth has not yet been proclaimed. We are to work as gospel medical missionaries, to heal the sick souls by giving them the message of salvation. This work will break down prejudice as nothing else can." Vol. 9, p. 211.

Read "Review and Herald," March 22, 1917, Page 11, "How doors are opened in Santa Catharine, Brazil," Vol. 9, written about 5 years ago.

THE WORK OF GOD

"Time is short, and there is a great work to be done. If you feel no interest in the work that is going forward, if you will not encourage medical missionary work in the churches; it will be done without your consent; for it is the work of God, and must be done." Vol. 8, p. 75, Par. 2.

UPHOLD THE MEDICAL WORK

"The medical missionary work is to be to the cause of God as the right hand is

to the body." Vol. 8, p. 166, par. 3. (2 Chron. 20:20) We need a small sanitarium in this section near by.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

News Notes

May 5 is Young People's Day in all our churches. The program is in the "Gazette." You owe it to your young people to carry out the program suggested.

It is not yet too late to begin to read your Bible through. The Bible can be read through easily in sixty hours. Try it.

Send in your name for a Book Mark with Virginia's Goal. They are free.

What are your children reading? Have they read the M. V. Reading Course? The books are "Steps to Christ," "History of the Waldenses," "Advance Guard of Missions," and "Getting Acquainted with Trees." They can be secured through the tract Society for \$2.15.

It is worth your while to have a Standard of Attainment Certificate. If you are interested, correspond with the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

A Message to You

Coming to camp-meeting? Of course you are! It may be the last one that you will ever have the privilege of attending. "The nations are angry." Intensity is taking hold of nations of earth."

God's people are to be aroused and become fitted for the great work that is now to be done. He has told us that the camp-meeting is one of his most important agencies in preparing His people to stand in the trying times just before us and to fit us to be soul winners.

This year the camp-meeting will be in Trenton again. Freight conditions are such that it would be almost impossible to ship our goods north with any assurance that we would get them on time; this, with financial conditions, has led us to again decide to hold the camp-meeting once more in Trenton.

We are anxious for the success of this meeting, and trust that you will pray God to help you to get there. The meeting will be held on the same grounds as last year.

It has been necessary for us to purchase one large new tent to take the place of the one burned, and also twenty-five

small tents. This will give us seventy small tents of our own, and yet we will have to rent twenty or twenty-five more. We are asking you to send in your order for tent and equipment as soon as possible, so that we will know how many to order. The rent will be as follows:

Tents	12x14	\$2 75
Tents	12x16	3 00
Cots with mattresses		50
Chairs		10
Lumber, uncut, per		
hundred feet		1 00
Baggage carried at cost		

We shall await your order and we will also be glad to welcome you to the camp-meeting.

Wishing you God's blessing, I am

Sincerely your brother,

A. R. SANDBORN.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins has returned to the office from visiting the Johnstown, Altoona, and Huntingdon Churches. He brings the good word that the brethren and sisters in these churches are of excellent courage, and are working earnestly to build up the cause of God.

Elder Enoch's lectures in the Pitt Theater, and the campaign with "Christ's Object Lessons" have been a blessing to the Pittsburgh Churches. Those who took part in this work have many experiences to tell.

The camp-meeting committee will meet in Du Bois, April 25, to look over the Driving Park and make definite arrangements as to the time and place of our next camp-meeting.

Elder Robbins plans to spend the greater part of the time from now until camp-meeting visiting the churches throughout the conference.

Brother E. A. Manry is now in Bradford, assisting in the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign. He will go to Erie and Johnstown also to assist in the campaigns which will be carried on.

Elder West writes that the lecture in the Bradford Theater by Elder Enoch on Sunday, April 8, was well attended, about 1000 being present.

"Life should be considered a measure to be filled, and not a cup to be drained."
—Arthur T. Hadley.

To the East Pennsylvania Churches

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I am sorry that I have been privileged to meet with only a few of the churches and companies since being appointed Home Missionary Secretary to this conference. Thus far I have been connected with the theater effort in the city of Philadelphia, but I am looking forward to holding a campaign through the conference in the near future, the Lord willing, in the interest of the Home missionary work, at which time we will organize and plan for aggressive work.

Surely, we need to do all we can at a time like this, and I take this opportunity of urging each church member to do all in his power to hasten the glad news of a soon-coming Saviour. Visit your neighbors and show a kindly interest in the salvation of their souls. Show them the new book that is just out—"The World's War," by Elder A. G. Daniells. They will certainly want one. Leave them a tract that will arouse their interest in eternal things. Sympathize with them; pray with them, and by doing this you will win their hearts.

My brother, my sister, I appeal to you not to let one opportunity pass by, for soon the day of opportunities will be forever past. Let us all work faithfully and become better home missionaries, and at last have the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," said unto us.

Wishing you many precious experiences and much of God's blessing, I am

Your fellow worker,

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Sec'y.*

News Notes

Brother Barritt met with the Phoenixville company on last Sabbath, and reports a good meeting. All are of good courage and all manifested a desire to become missionaries for God.

Elder Carlyle B. Haines of the South Eastern Union, and Brethren Lawry and Gibson of New Jersey, were callers at the office this morning. We were glad to welcome these brethren.

Washington Missionary College

The College Chorus under the direction of Professor Hamer, gave a recital in the Takoma Park Church, Monday evening, April 9. Selections from "The Elijah" by Mendelssohn and Stainer's "Crucifixion" were rendered. The soloists were, Miss Gradye Brooke, soprano; Mrs. Hamer, contralto; Professor Hamer, bass; Mr. Chestnutt, baritone; and Mr. J. W. Salisbury, tenor. Miss Viola Severs was accompanist.

Professor Machlan recently made a short visit to Boston in the interests of the College.

Various members of the faculty spent the "Educational Sabbath" April 9, with nearby churches. Prof. Machlan visited the Wilmington Church, Del.; Professor John, the churches at Trenton and Newark, N. J.; Professor Sorenson, those at Jersey City and Paterson, N. J.; Professor Butler, those at Burlington and Camden, N. J.; Dr. Olsen met with the Eighth Street Church in Washington; and Professor Albertsworth met with the church at Arlington, Va. Professor Chaney took charge of the services at the Sligo Church.

The Senior Class was pleasantly entertained at the home of one of its members—Mr. Meleen, Sunday evening, April 9. The occasion was that of Mr. Meleen's birthday.

Elder MacNeil of New Jersey, in a chapel talk given Monday morning, April 10, reminded the students that their diplomas should represent their ability to accomplish things rather than be an 'obituary notice' of what they had done.

The Senior Consecration Service was held in the College Chapel, Thursday morning, March 29. The program was as follows:

March	Ethel Wilson
Invocation	Elder F. M. Wilcox
Address	Professor Shaw
Quartette	"We Will Follow"
Response	Mr. Patterson.
Class Consecration Song	
Benediction	Professor Sorenson

Rachel Salisbury has been visiting the South Lancaster and Fernwood Academies the past week in the interests of the Watchman.

The contest, which was conducted during the month of March between the girls and boys for subscriptions to the Sligonian, resulted in favor of the girls, who received ninety-six subscriptions.



Canvassers' Reports .

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 6, 1917									
E. E. Shaw, Toledo	Foreign		5	43			27 20	27 20	27 20
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.	BR	5	38	8	33 00	50	33 50	20 00	
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	4	36	6	22 00	1 00	23 00	47 75	
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	5	33	13	48 50	6 00	54 50	7 00	
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.	BR	4	33	10	41 00	3 25	44 25	12 25	
C. J. Fritz, Hocking Co.	GC	5	28	9	29 00	3 00	32 00		
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	4	27	3	11 50		11 50	24 00	
D. McCarthy, Youngstown	BR	4	23	6	21 00		21 00	9 00	
N. Oancea, Akron	Foreign	4	19			22 05	22 05	22 05	
Mrs. Kelley, Dayton	BR	4	15	3	13 50	5 85	19 35	2 35	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton	BR	4	13	2	8 00	8 25	16 25	10 25	
Clara Weber, Dayton	BR	4	13	2	8 00	50	8 50	4 50	
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	2	6	1	3 50		3 50	8 00	
W. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	BR	1	2					11 50	
Totals	14 Agents		55	329	63	\$239 00	\$77 60	\$316 60	\$205 25

West Virginia, Week Ending April 6, 1917									
John Fahrner, Cheylan	BR	4	28	15	53 50	16 85	70 30	3 40	
W. E. West, Cheylan	BR	4	24	10	35 00	70	35 70	70	
J. S. Seal, Charleston	BR	2	12	9	32 50	1 50	34 00		
W. A. McElphatrick, Wetzel Co.	BR	4	12					46 50	
C. G. Mays, Marshall Co.	BR		12					81 75	
J. M. Morris, Charleston	HM	5	36	9	22 00	1 30	23 30	10 00	
Miscellaneous					17 00		17 00		
Totals	6 Agents		19	124	43	\$160 00	\$20 35	\$180 35	\$142 35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 6, 1917									
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	PPF	5	41	1	30 50	24 30	55 00	43 80	
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	5	35	7	9 00	3 75	12 75		
A. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	5	31	3	11 50	2 50	14 00	23 50	
W. H. Jack Warren, Co.	DR	4	14	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	40 00	
L. C. Mitchell, Allegheny Co.	HM	5	44	7	17 50	5 75	23 25	1 50	
Mrs. L. Mitchell, Allegheny Co.	BR	2	15	6	21 00	4 00	25 00	3 00	
C. D. Snyder, Allegheny Co.	WC	3	11	26	13 00		13 00		
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.	PPF	3	19	4	10 00	9 40	19 40	17 95	
Totals	8 Agents		32	210	57	\$126 50	\$51 40	\$177 90	\$129 75

District of Columbia Month Ending March 30, 1917									
F. T. Feutz, Washington	BR	166	78	283	50	9 25	292 75	22 00	
Chas. Dunham, Washington	GC	110	43	149	50		149 50	45 00	
Otto Westerhoff, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	114	41	96	50	9 50	106 00	38 25	
W. C. Welch, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	69	23	72	15	2 50	74 65		
S. C. Henson, Washington	CK	20	11	22	00		22 00		
C. L. Ross, Washington	BR	15	11	38	50		38 50		
C. A. Carter, Washington	BR	15	18	63	00		63 00		
E. R. Corder, Washington	BR	12	16	56	00		56 00		
Mrs. Earl Wilcox, Washington	CK	10	22	54	50		54 50		
Alma Kibler, Washington	CK	2	3	9	00		9 00		
Miscellaneous	Misc			30	00	5 25	35 25	35 25	
Totals	10 Agents		533	266	\$874 65	\$26 50	\$901 15	\$140 50	

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Miss Augusta Iliff	5 00	Miss Violet Willis	4 60
Mrs. H. M. Cleveland	2 50	Miscellaneous	84 90
Total			\$97 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 6, 1917

C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.	BR	8	58	22	84	00	4	00	88	00	80	00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	5	46	14	54	00	3	00	57	00	51	75
Totals	2 Agents	13	104	36	\$138	00	\$7	00	\$145	00	\$131	75

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 25, 1917

C. Booth, Franklin	GC	2	12	2	7	00	2	00	9	00		
S. Booth, Franklin	GC	2	5	2	7	00	2	70	9	70		
Wm. Frizzell, Philadelphia							9	00	9	00		
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	2	8		10	00			10	00	14	50
Wm. P. Hess, Lan.	BF	3	25	6	12	00			12	00		
J. J. Gerhart, Lehigh	BR	3	28	8	28	00	2	00	30	00		
Totals	6 Agents				\$64	00	\$13	70	\$79	70	\$14	50

Grand Totals: 46 Agents of Orders Value \$1602 15 Deliveries, \$764 10

Mount Vernon Academy

News Notes

Mr. Edward Thatcher, a former student, spent several days at the academy last week.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Robert Diegel among us again. He had undergone a serious operation some time ago, and has been restored to health again.

The Rhetoric X Class rendered a program in the chapel last Saturday night.

Last Sabbath the usual hour for the morning service was given to "Educational Day." The program was carried out and as the students of the academy were present, a number of them testified to the good and blessings they had gained while here.

Miss Thelma Tracey of Columbus, Ohio is visiting at the home of Miss Doris Hixon.

Mrs. William Herrick of Donora, Pa., spent the week end at the academy, visiting her sisters Misses Anna and Madalene Stein.

It was with much sorrow that we looked upon the lifeless form of one of our fellow students, Mr. H. Le Roy Allbright, whose service was held in the chapel on Wednesday at 3 P. M.

He was a consecrated young man and liked by all, and since his illness he was missed very much by his classmates. The student body formed a procession and marched on either side of the hearse up to the academy. The service was conducted by Elder N. S. Ashton, and the students

were admonished to make themselves right with God, for we know not how soon we may be called. Mr. Allbright seemed to be a strong, healthy, young man, yet his death came very quickly. His remains were shipped to Reading, Pa., for burial.

As a student body we extend to Mr. and Mrs. Allbright our heart-felt sympathy in this sad hour.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

News Notes

On Sabbath, March 24, at eleven o'clock, the Young People's Society had charge of the service. It had been arranged for the Bible Workers' Band (which is one branch of the Young People's Society) to have the service. Miss Cleora Woods read from the Testimonies on "The duty of the Bible Worker," which was much enjoyed by all. An extremely interesting feature of the service was a Bible reading on "The State of the Dead" by Miss Myrtle Neff to several other members of the band, assembled as a family, and their friends to hear the reading. Many interesting and instructive points were brought out which will be of great benefit to all present. We cannot help but feel that the members of this band are receiving instruction that will make them valuable workers in the Lord's vineyard.

The thirteenth Sabbath was also an interesting day for the New Market Church. At the Sabbath School hour, instead of the review, as usual, several members of the school represented different places along the line of Paul's three missionary journeys. With ribbons of three colors, each stepped to the rostrum, and after telling what place he stood for, recited a verse to fit and describe Paul's work at that place. At the close of the three journeys, when Paul had reached

Jerusalem, they all sang, "Macadonia." None, who listened to this, could fail to be thrilled and filled with a desire to do more for the Master.

The Ministerial Band has held meetings every Sunday for the past four months, except one. These meetings were well attended, and a deep interest manifested. Remember the Bands of S. V. A. at the throne of Grace.

Mr. W. H. George, who was at one time field agent of the Virginia Conference, and who is now field agent of the Greater New York Conference, called at the academy to see his daughter, Amy. He spoke at the eleven o'clock service, Sabbath, March 31.

Paul Hottell, who has been in Washington for the past month, is spending several days at his home, near New Market before going to Battle Creek, Michigan, to take up nursing at the Sanitarium.

The Students' Union is still active. The library is nearing the required standard, and the members are anxious to have it completed before the school year closes. If you have any surplus books in your library, remember we can use them.

A horse has been purchased for the academy farm, and already the spring's work has begun.

The music students give their recital next Saturday night in the chapel at eight o'clock.

The Botany class are so interested in their work that they can scarcely wait for the flowers to open up before they analyze them.

The halls of the academy are receiving a coat of calcimine, which adds much to their beauty.

The teachers and students surprised Elder Hottel on his sixtieth birthday anniversary. A program of recitations, readings, and music had been prepared for the occasion. He was remembered with the beautiful book, "Restoration of Israel." After light refreshments, and wishing Elder Hottel many more happy birthdays, we departed, declaring we had spent a very happy evening.

"God gives us all some sweet way to set the world rejoicing."

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OBITUARIES

NESS.—Mrs. Jane Ness was born in Scotland, and died at the home of her sister Mrs. Lester, in Anita, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1917, aged 75 years, lacking one day. She gave her heart to God in her youth, and about thirty years ago she and her husband accepted the Third Angel's Message through reading literature placed in their hands by Brother W. J. Heckman one of Pennsylvania's pioneer colporteurs. They both devoted their lives to the same work, and faithfully sowed the seeds of truth over several counties in western Pennsylvania, besides doing some work in the West. The funeral was held in the Anita Presbyterian Church, and was largely attended. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the church, Rev. T. Gardner, who bore a very hearty tribute to her devoted life as a true mother in Israel. We laid to rest another of the faithful seed sowers, in bright anticipation of the glorious harvest and the resurrection.

B. F. KNEELAND.

The "Signs" Changed His Mind

A few years ago one of our brethren was told by his neighbor that he did not know anything about the coming of the Lord, and that he did not want to know.

A few days ago this brother visited his old neighborhood, and called on this former friend. The neighbor informed our brother that some one had been sending him the "Signs" of late, and that he is convinced that we are right in the matter of present conditions being the fulfillment of prophecy.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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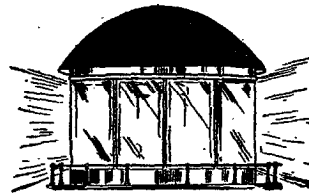
The Real Yellow Peril

"Not yellow men, but yellow metal," according to the May Signs Magazine. Is it possible that the resources of our national banks exceed by \$1,000,000,000

the combined resources of all the other leading banks of the world? Can it be that Mr. Morgan has amassed more millions in the last two years than his father accumulated in 45 years before? If history repeats itself America is doomed to fall. These are two or three of the many interesting statements in this highly informative article. The May Magazine is "for such a time as this."

CORRECTION

On page 4, column 3, the last news note under heading "Chesapeake," should read 101 persons have accepted the truth in the nine month's time instead of ten months.



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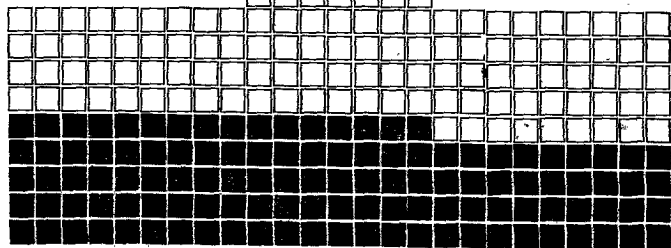
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