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U N I O N

"Elder Evans Corrects False Rumors."

Harvey, N. Dak.,
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Dear Brother Wilkinson:

I wish to correct any misinformation that may be current in your field that Elder Daniells and others instructed us not to go ahead with any building plans. No one should have any just grounds for making such a statement. I wrote these brethren in mid-winter, telling them of numerous plans on foot for enlargement of our schools and sanitariums, and asked them to let me know in regard to their attitude. They wired me that they would advise conservatism at this time, but I am certain these men have no thought of applying the same to the Washington College. Before they sailed for the East last year, these men were cognizant, and helped to set in operation plans for raising the money for the Washington College. Elder Knox was the Chairman of the Board; he himself personally took a deep interest in bringing Brother Enoch from the West to the East and set him at the task of raising funds for the Washington College.

These men expected this money should be raised by this time and the buildings under operation. Therefore, anyone who would quote these brethren as being opposed to the raising of funds for the proposed buildings of the Washington College is misapplying the information which I received.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) I. H. Evans.

East Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

Last year an effort was made to hold the East Pennsylvania camp-meeting under tents at Lebanon. This year however, the meeting was held again at Allentown. The attendance was large, the largest they have ever had in East Pennsylvania. The date of the meeting was June 21 to June 30.

We were greatly favored at this meeting with the presence of Elders Haskell

and Butler. The testimony of these patriarchs in the work was greatly appreciated, and did much to raise the spiritual tone of the meeting. Brother Haskell said of this camp-meeting that he had never in all the meetings which he had attended seen so much hungering after truth. All the different services of the day were attended well. It was pleasing to see from time to time quite a number of the recent converts from the Philadelphia effort on the ground.

The number of baptisms and the offerings raised on the ground greatly exceeded those of the camp-meeting a year ago. Both Sabbaths witnessed a great turning on the part of the people to the Lord. The last Sabbath especially, some two hundred and twenty young people made their way to the altar and took their stand on the platform to give their lives to God. Quite a sweeping revival of the same nature went throughout the congregation. Nearly seventy were baptized on this camp ground.

The remaining \$4000 due on the college building fund for the Washington Missionary College was over subscribed by \$400. About \$1200 in foreign mission offerings were given in cash and pledges, while 7000 copies of the "World War" were sold from the desk.

In addition to Brethren Haskell and Butler and the usual force of the Union laborers, there were present at this meeting Elders Enoch, F.M. Wilcox, and C. S. Longacre. B. G. WILKINSON.

"SELLS ITSELF"

Are you having your share of the good experiences with the books that sell themselves? The "World's Crisis" series do sell themselves, especially the "World War." This book has been off the press only about ten weeks, and nearly half a million has been sold. I have sold many of our different books and they all sell easily, but "World War" comes the nearest selling itself of any book I have ever handled. I have sold it on the streets, in business places, on trains and trolley cars. Many copies have been sold without hardly a word of explanation.

When the cost of living is so high and multitudes can hardly make ends meet,

why is it that people everywhere are buying more and more of our books, magazines and other publications? Why is it that our publishing houses are increasing their capacity and supply while at the same time publishers of ordinary books, which are neat and attractive, are decreasing their supply and many are going out of business? It is because our publications contain the message for these last hours of probation, the only message which solves these great world problems and satisfies the souls which are in great perplexity and hungering and thirsting for truth. *They contain the message of the hour.*

The Lord says there is, "A spirit of inquiry abroad in the land. *It is in our power to answer these inquiries. God in His providence has prepared an abundance of literature dealing with these vital, living questions. May a sobering sense of our solemn responsibility rest upon us in this time of opportunity.*" R. and H., Feb. 22, 1917.

Do you fully sense the privilege as well as the solemn responsibility of answering these important inquiries? And are you dispensing to the inquiring souls about you the "Abundance of Literature," which "God in His providence has prepared" to satisfy and save perishing inquirers? Those who are faithful minute men for God and are making the most of "This time of opportunity," will soon hear the welcome words from the lips of the Saviour, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the glory of thy Lord." With those who have neglected to do their part in the soul-saving work which God has given them to do, and have missed their opportunity of teaching their neighbors the truth will, with great anguish of soul, pronounce their own sentence of condemnation. They will say, "The harvest (time for saving souls) is past, the summer (of God's love, mercy and pardon, when we might have saved some soul) is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8: 20.

Every man, woman, and child in the message should always have a few copies of the "World War," "Armageddon," "Return of Jesus," "Shadow of the Bottle," "Signs," and "Watchman" magazines, tracts and papers to hand to their friends, neighbors and those about them

who are constantly asking the question, "What do these things mean?" Do not give them away, sell them. As a rule, the people are more willing to buy our truth filled literature than our people are to sell them. Keep a supply on your tables in the home, on the desk in your office, in your grip, hand-bag and pockets, and when you are asked the meaning of this war and the the high cost of living, etc., hand them a copy of "World War," or a magazine, and simply say, "Here is something that will answer your question much better than I can. It gives the Biblical as well as the political side of these questions and tells what the outcome of these conditions will be, and it is only twenty-five cents." In this way you will save time and you will be doing more good than if you try to explain the questions yourself. Do not simply think it, or try it, but DO IT.

Remember that a good soldier always has plenty of ammunition at hand and he always uses it when he has the opportunity, and when he doesn't have an opportunity, he makes one. Shall not our zeal for God in saving souls, be as great or greater than is the world's in destroying men's lives? God is appealing to "Every one" to "enlist in His army" and obey the marching orders of the "CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION" and be "good soldiers of Jesus Christ" "and fight the good fight of faith." How many will respond by saying, "Here am I, send me," and use me to thy glory?

J. W. HIRLINGER.

The College Fund and the East Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

One of the best camp-meetings the writer has ever attended has just closed at Allentown, Pa. The angels of God canopied the camp, and many remarkable victories were gained. One striking feature was the large number of prayers that were answered. Where two or three united in agreement for any one thing in the name of the Lord, the answer came, in so far as my knowledge went, and I knew of many such requests.

One young lady, who was not an Adventist, attended the meeting and was under deep conviction, so much so that she decided to return home the next morning. Some praying ones who were burdened in the case had an earnest season of prayer just at supper time, praying for three things; that she should come to meeting that night, that the Lord would give the preacher a message that would touch her heart; that she would remain after the meeting to speak to the writer and then give her heart to the Lord. Just before meeting she announced to her

aunt that as she was leaving in the morning she would not go to meeting that night, but earnest prayer silently ascending to God changed her mind. All three points were answered in turn, and just as the silence bell was ringing, she gave her heart to God with tears of penitence, and another soul was borne into the kingdom of God. She returned to her home with a shout of triumph on her lips.

But one of the greatest victories was in behalf of the finishing of the big College Fund. The brethren and sisters faced the solemn situation of furnishing the large number of workers necessary for the finishing of the Lord's work on earth in a more practical way than ever before. On Sabbath more than 200 young people crowded the platform definitely giving their lives for the finishing of the work. On Sunday morning they faced the fact that there was a sum of \$4000 to finish up their quota of the College Fund. Before the meeting closed this large amount was subscribed, and there was an over amount of about \$400 to cover pledges that may not be paid. This was a very spiritual meeting, some expressing the thought that it was one of the best they had ever attended. Many expressed their enjoyment of it.

So in the conference that had the largest sum to make up to reach their quota the task is now completed. We face the problem in the other conferences confident that the brethren and sisters will finish this task up by the close of summer, so that work may be begun on the new building this fall, and room provided for the training of the hundreds of our young people who are waiting to be prepared for their share in the finishing of the work.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Miss Newcomer, the conference secretary, spent the Sabbath with the little company of believers in Frederick, Md. They are of good courage in the Lord, but long for the time to come when they may again have a worker. Mrs. L. C. Derr, one of the sisters in the church there has opened a restaurant and confectionery. She closes her doors Friday evening at sunset and opens them after the close of the Sabbath. She is doing a good business, and in this way is preaching the truth to many people, as her store is located corner of Jefferson and E. Patrick Streets, which is one of the most popular thoroughfares in the city, lying as it does on the State Road.

Elder J. H. Wierter spent last Sabbath with the church at Hagerstown, Md.

Miss Esther Knudson says the interest still continues in Salisbury. There is now a call for children's meetings on Sunday.

Mr. Schank, who has been helping Elder Shadel in the tent effort in Salisbury, called at the office on his way from Washington, where he had gone for a short visit.

It is now time for the churches to begin to plan for their Harvest Ingathering work. Let all do their best when the campaign opens to help raise funds for missions. We are far short on our goal for the year. Let all do their best to raise the same.

The interest continues in the tent efforts in the city.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The First Church of Pittsburgh

A brief outline of the work accomplished by the First Church of Pittsburgh since the settlement of its new pastor January 23, may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR.

Cottage and Other Meetings

The writer has held cottage meetings once a week in Wilkinsburg, Garrick, East Liberty, and Alleghany, together with regular meetings at the church on Wednesday evening, Sabbath morning, and Sunday nights. At the home of Dr. H. W. Kelly in Wilkinsburg the attendance has been very large, many times over thirty being in attendance.

Our Bible workers Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Vance, and Miss Lillian Burdick, have also held meetings distributed well over the city, so that many lights have been kindled, and kept constantly burning.

The Lord has greatly blessed these efforts and as a result thirty-one baptisms have been recorded. Among these were three whole families. Last Sabbath the hand of fellowship was extended to twenty-four new members. A Bible training class for lay-members is conducted by Mrs. Anderson at the church every Friday night, and many are enrolling under this department to fit themselves to give the message.

Dr. H. S. Brown has a class for young people on Monday evenings to give instruction in first aid to the wounded, etc. Many of our young men are taking advantage of this course to fit themselves for service in the Red Cross when their country calls them to the colors.

Home Missionary Work

The church is thoroughly organized for Home Missionary work according to the

new plan. Hundreds of copies of Present Truth have been sent through the mail, and followed up with a personal letter. Many interesting replies have been received. A few statistics will show the ground covered.

Letters written	633
Letters received	323
Missionary visits	1305
Bible readings given	398
Subscriptions to Magazines	52
Papers and Magazines sold	2033
Present Truth mailed	6092
Books sold	575
Books lent or given away	207
Tracts mailed	1034
Tracts sold	329
Hours christian help work	1065
Articles clothing provided	233
Value meals provided	\$14.00
Boquets sent to hospitals	21
Financial	

There has been a most gratifying increase in the activities of the church along financial lines. From February 1 to June 30, our young people have raised funds for the following purposes:

Tuition Mount Vernon	\$22 56
Bibles	32 00
Papers and Tracts	68 06
Foreign missions	40 00
Miscellaneous	75 00
Cash on hand	30 55
	\$268 17

During the last six months the church has paid in tithes, \$2268.52, an increase of \$827.34 over the same period last year. The weekly missionary offerings have amounted to \$643.91.

Collections and donations Pitt Theater meetings	\$175 09
For Tracts	16 77
Red Cross contributions	45 30
Collection for poor fund	119 09
Collection for church expense	216 40
Miscellaneous	77 62
	\$3558 79

Making a total from all sources of \$3840.96.

"More in this country than anywhere else is it possible to walk with one's feet on the earth and one's head in the clouds," said a speaker on the beauties of art which are more and more being brought within reach of the common people. Opportunities for education, for intellectual enjoyment, for feasting eye, brain, and soul, are opening new doors on every hand, until it seems as if the world were here offering mankind the most opportunity for growth and development.

"Honest poverty is not to be ashamed of it is."

VIRGINIA

God's Unfailing Promises

"Grace to you and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ our Lord. According (seeing A. R. V.) that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that called us by His own glory and virtue. Whereby He hath granted unto us His precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature." 2 Peter 1: 2-4.

Our heavenly Father hath many great promises for His children to strengthen them in these days of peril. He does not want them to be thought less of, nor of their fulfillment. "For the Lord is not slack concerning His promises as some count slackness." It is through faith that we are to "obtain promises." Rely on Me; and I will deliver thee; because thou trustest in Me. Listen, as our unfailing Helper yearns for His children to trust Him at all times. When in danger, knows no fear. Why art thou fearful? Our heavenly Helper has never changed. Always will be present to help us when in danger. Do not fail to believe Him. "Fear thou not: for I am with thee." Isa. 41:10.

Let us strengthen our faith by reading a few of His "exceeding great and precious promises." Here is one. "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh: For Jehovah be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken." Prov. 3:25, 26. "Why art thou fearful? Be not afraid. Be still and know that I am God. I shall be exalted in the earth, in the eyes of the heathen. He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." In famine He shall redeem thee from death, (O, glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men) and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beast of the earth. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field, and the beast of the field shall be at peace with thee. Job 5:29-23.

Surely with these few promises we can brace up, and remembering the words, "Perfect love casteth out fear," Fear thou not: for I am with thee," "There shall no evil touch thee," Fear not, little one," "Lo, I am with thee, even unto the end of the earth," Perfect trust in Him who is able to deliver. "He is just the

same today." As I was thinking of our comfort in the "Morning Watch," this promise came to me: (though I could not remember at the moment just the text, so I prayed, asking the Lord where it was. Turning slowly and trustingly, a few turns of the sacred book at the early morning study, my eyes fell upon Psalms 56:3) "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." The Holy Spirit will bring these to your mind, whatsoever I have said. How comforting, how dear! "Fear thou not, for I am with thee." Don't trouble yourself concerning the future or what dangers are yet future, for this is My business to attend to. Trust Me. Where I permit thee to be, I am able to keep thee. In the midst of danger, there I can reveal to you My power. The wonderful deliverances we can call to mind, and then, why not trust Him more? Our God is mighty in doing! Excellent in working! W. H. SEBASTIAN.

News Notes

Professor H. M. Forshee passed through Richmond recently, while visiting the churches of the conference in the interest of the academy at New Market. He reports that the prospects are good for an overflow attendance at the school next year.

Elder L. O. Gordon spent last Sabbath with the Portsmouth Church and conducted a baptismal service.

Elder I. D. Richardson, who is conducting an effort at Newport News, reports a fine interest. Sunday nights their large tent will not accommodate the people, and during the week nights the attendance is large.

At our recent Conference Session held at the Gordonsville camp-meeting it was voted to move our conference headquarters from Richmond to Gordonsville. We are now busy moving and expect to be located in our new office on and after July 16.

Brother F. N. Johnson, who recently resigned as conference and tract society secretary, left on July 9 for Watertown, N. Y., where he will spend a few months on a farm recuperating.

The Richmond Church was deeply moved on the Sabbath of June 23, when their pastor, Elder A. E. Serns, preached his farewell sermon. He left the following week to engage in evangelistic work with the West Michigan Conference.

Miss Anna Watkins of Portsmouth has connected with the tent effort at Winchester, where Elder Bidwell and Brother Overstreet are holding a tent effort this summer. A good interest is reported.

The tent effort in Richmond this year is being held on the East Side. Elder W. C. Moffett is conducting the effort, assisted by Elder L. O. Gordon and Brother Farley. The meetings are being well attended, with an overflow on Sunday nights.

The Colored camp-meeting this year will be held in Richmond, September 20 to 30, at which time the Richmond Church will be dedicated. We look for a large attendance of our brethren from different parts of the state.

Elder C. B. Stevenson, who has charge of the colored work in the North American Division, spent last Sabbath with the Richmond No. 2 Church. His visit was enjoyed by the brethren and was a source of inspiration to them.

Brother R. H. Watkins, formerly of Huntsville, Ala., and who has recently been laboring in the Mississippi Conference, has joined us in the work here. He will spend the summer in Norfolk with Elder W. H. Sebastian, who is conducting a tent effort there.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Notes From the Camp Ground

The goal set for the two Sabbaths of the East Pennsylvania camp-meeting was a mile of pennies, or \$844.80. With this in mind the children were very busy during the week filling their coin collectors—each one holding one foot, or sixteen pennies. No icecream or candy tempted the little people, and they certainly worked with a will. One earnest brother offered to pay for all the tracts they would take out and sell. In this way also a nice amount was added to their offerings. The kindergarten was ahead in its offerings till the last afternoon, when the primary department caught up. Over \$40 (the amount needed to seat a Chinese in our chapel) was raised by them. As the spirit was contagious, more than a mile of pennies was obtained, \$1144.34 being given in cash and pledges. As the song, "We are a Missionary Band" burst from the lips of the children on the last Sabbath, all hearts responded, and we felt that our best is none too much to give to the Master.

Sixty-eight were baptized during the camp-meeting. Over half of this number were young people.

Twenty-four sets of the Junior Reading Course books were sold on the camp ground, and orders taken for more. Some of our Missionary Volunteer secretaries are placing these books in their libraries, so that those who are not able to purchase them may have the opportunity to read.

The daily Bible studies given by Brother and Sister Haskell and Brother Butler, were appreciated by all. The study of the Testimonies was urged, and a call to reconsecrated effort in closing the work of giving the message stirred every one to a close examination of motives controlling daily life.

Fifteen joined the Fireside Correspondence School. Professor Lewis felt well repaid for his visit to us. We in turn enjoyed his presence and words of help and encouragement.

Ways and means of establishing and conducting church schools were presented and discussed not only in the pavilion, but also in little groups of parents between meetings. The needs of our children and youth must not be forgotten now that the meetings are over. God has told us that we must work as for our lives to save them from the corrupting influences of the world. Now is the time to plan for schools for the coming year. Do not put it off until too late.

If you are interested in this work, write to Miss Bessie Acton, 4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for information.

OHIO

The Organization of Our Churches for the Finishing of the Work

"Some have advanced the thought that as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent." Test. Vol. 9, p. 258.

Organization creates a division of responsibility and, therefore, produces greater efficiency. At least four benefits come as a direct result of the organization of churches for Home Missionary work.

1. IT BRINGS TOGETHER THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FOR COUNSEL. The division of the church

membership into bands with leaders, working and counselling together from week to week as small units, enables each member to take a more active interest in spreading the Gospel and to find his or her appointed place in Home Missionary work.

2. IT ENABLES THE CHURCH MEMBERS TO HELP EACH OTHER. One of the first things we as believers need to do is, to work for each other. There is a great work to be done right among ourselves. Many need encouragement, some need the Home Missionary work planned for them, while others need companionship as they begin their new labor for souls. Organization will accomplish this.

3. IT PRODUCES DEFINITE PLANS AND DEFINITE RESULTS. By working together in small companies under competent leadership, greater opportunity is afforded for each one to study (a) the territory, or, where best to work; (b) the work, or, what best to do; and (c) themselves, or, how best to do the work. By using the Leader's Report Blanks the Band Leader takes a deeper interest in the band members and the members are greatly encouraged to report their work.

4. IT REVIVES THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE ENTIRE CHURCH. When every member, man, woman, and child has been enlisted in the Master's service, a spirit of harmony and unity of purpose breaks forth and the work is attended by a power that will lead many souls to accept present truth.

"No one will ever enter heaven, who is not a laborer together with God." A Call to Service, page 17. Therefore, "none should allow their own work to excuse neglect of the Lord's sacred service. Much better might they lay aside the work which concerns themselves than to neglect their duty to God." —Test. Vol. 7, p. 188. C. E. HOOPER.

A LETTER

Dear Believer in the Closing Work:

It is hard for us to realize the rapid changes that are taking place in the world today, because we are so far removed from the centers of political, social and religious activities. What is contained in the daily papers is obviously little in comparison with the actual conditions. And yet, despite of war, persecution, and similar disturbing factors, one has but to read over the weekly reports of the "Review and Herald" to be sent in from the different parts of the world in order to fully realize the work of preaching "this Gospel to every creature in all the world for the hastening of its close."

The promise is that "as they (the people of God) learn to labor effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power. Through most wonderful workings of Divine providence mountains of difficulty will be removed and cast into the sea." Vol. 9, p. 96. We need a closer walk with God. The spirit of criticism needs to take its flight from our lives. Brotherly and sisterly compassion, the helping hand needs to find greater evidence in our Christian experience. In these days especially we need to "watch unto prayer" "lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with . . . cares of this life." Oh, for a greater trust in the God of Isarel, for a faith that shows no wavering, no doubt or fear. Truly "here is the patience of the saints," here is the victory that overcomes the world.

We are now facing a crisis. A tremendous call has come to really everyone available to go to foreign fields where the message is rushing onward in a most miraculous way. Our Union Missionary College at Washington is crowded to its very limit of capacity and yet more students desire a fitting for service.

The Lord has said "occupy until I come." Our hearts and our means are to be placed on the altar for service in finishing the work. It is a golden opportunity to make an investment for eternity.

The new building of Washington Missionary College lacks several thousand dollars for its completion. Something must be done at once to finish this building fund. In the name of Jesus who died for you and for the sake of these young people who may be forced to finish their education in worldly schools, and perhaps be lost forever to the cause, will you not make a heroic sacrifice and send any amount you feel impressed to give towards finishing this needy and worthy fund?

If you have not the ready cash, will you sell "Watchman," "Signs," "World's War," "Christ's Object Lessons," etc., to help pay your pledge? May God reward you for your interest in this matter.

Yours in the Master's service,
C. E. HOOPER.

News Notes

The pastor of the Dayton Church reports that thirty-one persons have been received into the church; twenty-six by baptism and five upon profession of faith as the result of Elder T. B. Westbrook's meeting. Another baptism will be held soon.

"How strange it is that some people seldom think of heaven, except when they see death invade the circle of their friends! Heaven is not death—it is pulsing, throbbing, joyous life."

Special

A GOOD PLAN

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." 2 Peter 1: 12.

One of the West Indian Conferences has developed a plan for the better training of its church officers through a reading course. One feature of this course is the study of the paper "Present Truth," beginning with No. 1, taking a portion each week, until the officers have a good grasp of the truths it presents. Then taking up No. 2, in the same way and so on all through the series. It can readily be seen that if this were done in a thorough manner, those officers would get a very full knowledge of the truths of this message and would be able to present them in a convincing manner. This is one excellent way of using this paper.

Its especial purpose is, however, for circulation among the public that they may learn more of this truth. We give some practical illustrations of how this is being done that others may be encouraged to try the same plans and to think of others.

"A number in our church are working with 'Present Truth.' Some work in the large office buildings among the business men, while others work in the residence section. It has been suggested that we distribute at least 10,000 of them in the city."

"On visiting a church recently one of our workers found them planning aggressive missionary work with the 'Present Truth.' A quantity of these low-priced papers had been secured with the idea of putting a copy in every home in the city, each week, beginning with No. 1, and completing the series. This work will be followed up with Bible readings and cottage meetings."

"The 'Present Truth' papers are finding their way into the hearts and homes of many of the people of this city. Recently one of our sisters was distributing these papers, when she met a lady more than seventy-five years old, who had been keeping the Sabbath for years, but did not know there were other Sabbath keepers in the city. She was so pleased to meet this sister and began to study other points of our faith. Shortly after she was baptized and united with our church. House-to-house work will bring results."

"A sister sent 'Present Truth' to her mother living in the country. The following is part of a letter received from her, 'I am receiving a little paper. The one this week was on the Coming of Christ. It is beautiful. There is a pic-

ture of Christ's Coming in the clouds with a sickle in one hand and a scepter in the other. It went right to my heart. I thought to myself, "Oh how grand and real He looks." It seemed to draw me right to Him as He sat there. I am sending the paper to a relative."

"Three thousand 'Present Truth' have been ordered and systematically distributed, with some encouraging results. Many have expressed their appreciation of them, saying that they had never understood their Bibles as they do now since reading the leaflets. One day a lady thought I had passed her by without having left a paper, and after I had gone a couple of blocks, I noticed her waving for one.

"With the profits received from the sale of Chinese tracts, 'Armageddon,' 'World's Crisis,' and a few other books, and small offerings from readers of 'Present Truth,' we have a little more than paid for all the literature distributed here."

"A house-to-worker in one of our cities informs us that he has 780 people reading 'Present Truth.' Of this number 300 have read five issues of the paper. In order to conform to the law of the city, he solicits orders and delivers them at a later date. He has been working thus for five months. Many people gave him five cents for the paper, some more and some less. They express themselves as being much interested in the subjects presented, and he hopes there may be much fruit from this seed-sowing."

"The literature band in a church placed a copy of one number of 'Present Truth' in practically every home in the city on one Sunday. As a result a gentleman came into the office the following morning and purchased fifty copies to send to his friends."

"A brother who has been an invalid for twenty years, in faith ordered a supply of 'Present Truth,' it being necessary for him to depend wholly on the help of the Lord to distribute them. He writes, 'I have distributed forty copies, an average of eight a day. God is faithful if we do our part. I did it not, as I am tied up by affliction.'"

A very successful plan for the circulation of 'Present Truth' is to give it away from door to door, telling the people there is no charge for it, but that if they would like to give something, it would be used to extend the work. In this way enough funds can be obtained to make the work self-supporting. It can also be used to good advantage in missionary correspondence, as each issue is on a definite subject. The entire series of twenty-four can be sent to any address in the United States for 25 cents. With all these good ways for distributing this paper our members

should surely give it a large circulation. It may not be long before our use of the mails will be restricted. Let us make the best possible use of them now.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

A Paying Investment

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest," says Franklin. And he is further credited with saying that "a dollar in the head is worth five in the pocket and fifty on the back; for the fifty on the back will wear out, and the five in the pocket will get out, but the one in the head grows brighter with use."

It is, therefore, a wise and paying investment to procure good books, read them carefully, make the message they teach your own, and you will have stored away in your mind that which you can not lose or any man take from you.

No better investment can be suggested than to procure the books in the 1917-18 Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. These books are interesting, instructive, and inspiring. Enroll now as a member of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle, by sending in your order for a set of these books, to your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, or to the Tract Society Office. If you can not buy all the books at one time, buy them in the order they come in the Courses. It will be economy, however, to buy them at the combination club rate, as follows:

Senior Reading Course No. 11:	
"Luther: The Leader"	50
"Good Form and Social Ethics"	75
"Life Sketches of Ellen G. White"	1 00
"Ventures Among the Arabs"	1 00
Club price, postpaid	\$2 75
Junior Reading Course No. 10:	
"Martin of Mansfield"	60
"Fifty Missionary Heroes"	1 00
"Topsy-Turvy Land"	65
"Elo the Eagle"	1 00
Club price, postpaid	\$2 35
Primary Reading Course No. 1	
"Uncle Ben's Cloverfield" Postpaid	75
German Reading Course No. 6:	
"Life Sketches of Ellen G. White"	1 00
"Luther Album"	1 00
"The Dawn in China"	50
Club price, postpaid	\$2 35
Swedish Course No. 3:	
"Uganda's White Worker"	60
"Martin Luther"	45
(Ordered at one time, postpaid \$1. Order these books from Broadview Swedish Seminary, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 20, La Grange, Ill.)	
"Life Sketches"	1 00
"Good Form"	75
Postpaid	\$1 75
Danish-Norwegian Course No. 3:	
Same as Senior Course No. 11; with the addition of "Peeps at Many Lands: Norway" which can be obtained from Pacific Press, Brookfield, Ill., Postpaid	60

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending July 6, 1917									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	4	44	24	97 00	11 50	108 50	120 00
S. N. Wilmer, Orange Co.		BR	4	37	24	88 00		88 00	96 50
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		BR	4	36	26	93 00	2 00	95 00	2 00
H. G. Leeland, Tazwell Co.		BR	5	42	19	77 50	6 25	83 75	
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.		BR	4	37	15	53 50	3 00	56 50	2 25
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	4	32	12	42 00	3 00	45 00	
H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co.		BR	5	32	11	44 50	4 50	49 00	
Hazel Leach, Pittsylvania Co.		BR	4	33	13	47 50	3 00	50 50	
Glenna Mears, Warren Co.		BR	5	30	12	42 00	6 00	48 00	
Elsie Nelson, Shenandoah Co.		BR	5	50	15	52 50	1 75	54 25	
Annie Childs, Shenandoah Co.		BR	3	30	9	32 50	2 90	35 40	
Agnes Walker, Nottaway Co.		BR	1	6	3	10 50	1 50	12 00	
J. L. Walker, Nottaway Co.		BR	3	16	13	48 50		48 50	
Elden Lockwood, Tazwell Co.		HM	3	28	27	69 00	2 50	71 50	
Totals	14 Agents		54	453	223	\$798 00	\$47 90	\$845 90	\$220 75
West Virginia, Week Ending June 29, 1917									
Norman Haye, Charleston		BR	4	24	20	80 00	35	80 35	1 30
T. M. Butler, Alderson		BR	5	52	4	14 00	9 50	23 50	74 50
John Fahrner, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	20	6	21 50	2 40	23 90	4 30
W. E. West, Burnsville		BR	3	24	5	17 50	4 10	21 60	2 10
Andrew Lessner, Burnsville		BR	3	18	9	32 50	50	33 00	50
J. S. Seal, Charleston		BR							125 00
J. M. Morris, Charleston Co.		HM	5	27	10	25 00	14 70	39 70	6 95
C. G. Mays, Alderson		HM	5	24		26 00	75	26 75	1 00
Marie Snider, Alderson		HM	2	10	5	13 50	8 25	21 75	
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	35	59	122 50	19 40	141 90	53 50
John McHenry, McDowell Co.		BF	5	52	24	49 50	9 70	59 20	250 70
Guy Corder, Beckley Co.		CK	5	38	42	86 50	8 50	95 00	8 00
E. R. Corder, Beckley Co.		CK	5	38	48	102 00	17 50	129 50	18 50
Miscellaneous						206 25		206 25	205 25
Totals	13 Agents		51	362	232	\$796 75	\$95 65	\$892 40	\$762 60
Ohio, Week Ending July 13, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	53	12	42 00	12 00	54 00	
M. B. Ingersol, Erie Co.		BR	5	44	7	28 50	1 00	29 50	67 00
J. H. Stafford, Franklin		BR	5	42	7	25 50		25 50	24 00
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	37	12	43 00	2 25	45 25	5 25
Martha Hottes, Dayton		BF	4	33	15	31 50	1 25	32 75	
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	4	33	8	30 00	5 25	35 25	25
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	4	30	4	15 00	5 00	20 00	1 00
Mabel Cassell, Fulton Co.		BR	4	30	8	29 00	2 00	31 00	2 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	28	5	17 50	10 45	27 95	15 00
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton		BR	5	27	2	7 00	7 75	14 75	32 00
Mary Holder, Fulton Co.		BR	4	28	8	29 00	3 80	32 80	3 80
Daisy Wheeler, Lake Co.		BF	4	25	8	17 50	3 50	21 00	3 50
Zita Hannah, Knox Co.		BR	4	24	3	10 50	3 50	14 00	29 75
Anna Mooy, Knox Co.		BR	4	24	5	19 50	2 75	22 25	
Elsie Haughey, Fulton Co.		BR	4	22	8	28 00	4 05	32 05	4 05
Clara Weber, Dayton		BR	4	22	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	11 75
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	2	21					125 50
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	4	21	4	14 00	4 10	18 10	4 10
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	2	20					72 00
Frank Fultz, Montgomery		BR	2	20					67 00
K. W. Blaylock, Cleveland		Mag	5	16			28 20	28 20	28 20
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	2	15	7	28 50	2 25	30 75	2 25
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	3	14	9	34 50	15 05	49 55	29 85
E. G. Alexander, Adams Co.		BR	1	12			2 00	2 00	22 00
G. W. Yingling, Warren		BR	3	10	3	10 50	6 45	16 95	31 75
Mrs. G. Yingling, Warren		BR	2	8	2	7 00	6 00	13 00	
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull Co.		BR	1	4					18 50
Totals	27 Agents		97	661	141	\$482 00	\$130 10	\$612 10	\$600 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 29, 1917

W. P. Hess, York Co.	BF	5	42	7	14	00		14	00	29	50
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.	BF									64	75
L. W. Mase, Lacka Co.	GC	5	29	12	43	00	9	00	52	00	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	51	20	74	00	3	60	77	60	
R. W. Garrett, Lacka	GC	4	29	11	37	50	9	75	47	25	
J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co.	BR	5	41	5	18	50	11	20	29	70	
J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co.	BR	2	15								65
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	3	22	1	5	50			5	50	302
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR		15	9	37	50	3	75	41	25	
Eugene Gloor, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	58	21	104	50	3	25	107	75	
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	5	40	85	52	55			52	55	21
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	4	35		37	55			37	55	62
S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	4	25	2	7	00	2	25	9	25	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	5	29	10	38	00	1	25	39	25	
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	55	21	98	50	6	00	104	50	
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	60	24	110	00	9	00	119	00	
Totals			10	Agents		\$678 10	\$59 05	\$737 15	\$545 30		

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 6, 1917

O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. Md.	BR	5	49	29	110	50	6	75	117	25	5	75
Totals			1	Agents		5 49 29 110 50	6 75	117 25	5 75			

Grand Totals: 65 Agents Value of Orders \$2865 35 Deliveries, \$2134 90

"From the Cross to Glory."

As the evening shades were gathering,
They lingered about the resting place;
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary,
Tears of anguish drenched their face.
They were the last ones at the cross,
And the last ones to leave the tomb.
They were with grief and sorrow tossed,
Parting from their Saviour, and so soon.
The night had worn slowly away.
The darkest hour just before daybreak
Christ, still a prisoner in the tomb so gray,
When lo, there was a great earthquake.
It was very early at break of day
A cloud of glory dispersed the gloom.
An angel had rolled the stone away,
And Christ came forth from the tomb.
Triumphant, arrayed in matchless glory,
Angels welcomed Him with songs of praise,
Proclaiming Him the Majesty of Heaven,
King of Glory,
He had vanquished death and the grave.
The angel who had announced His birth,
On the lowly hills of Bethlehem's plain,
Bright rays from God lighted his pathway
to earth,
Christ, the risen Saviour to proclaim.

MRS. E. L. HAYMAN.

A Canvass with a Moral

Agent: "It proves a wondrous aid to all,
the foolish, wise and prudent;
The choicest spectacles, that will
adjust themselves to every candid student.
It proves a telescope to those, who
fain would view the stages
Of the world's great prophesying
fig-tree, whose omens mark the
ages.

It proves an index to the times
through which this world is racing;
A solution for the gravest problems
it is facing.

Customer: "I'll have that, sir, regardless
cost, pray tell me what you
mean!

Agent: "I refer to a subscription to THE
WATCHMAN MAGAZINE."

Moral: That's all you need to say: show
the cover and it's sold.
A scholarship is quickly earned,
and your reward two-fold."

K. K. REISWIG.

Prophecy Has Become History

Suppose you were an "outsider," and
didn't know anything about the prophecies,
and some sweet-faced Christian
woman or man stepped up to you with the
August "Signs Magazine" and told you it
contained dependable information regarding
the near future of the United States,
and suppose further, that you had a dime
in your pocket. What would you most
likely do? Why, of course you would.

Although the August "Signs Magazine"
cover and the pages throughout are attractive,
the real merit lies in the live, interest-holding
articles bearing on much discussed questions.
The following titles convey some idea of their character.

Dropping the Protest from Protestantism;
Challenged for a Text (Sabbath article);
The Shattered Dream of World Empire;
Shadowgraphs of America's Tomorrow;
Man, the Marred Masterpiece (Immortality);
Christianity's Emancipation Day;
Short-selling the Future; The Price of Opportunity;
The Gathering of the Clans;
The Storm Center of Europe's Whirlwind;
In the Land of the Rising Sun.

OBITUARIES

MILLER.—Mrs. E. J. Miller was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1834. In 1864, with her husband, she came to Ohio, and located at Leesburg.

The death of her husband occurring in 1873, left the care of the large family to the mother, then only thirty-nine years of age. This duty she faithfully performed, trusting God from day to day for the daily bread necessary to the sustenance of her family of eight children, the oldest of whom was seventeen years, and the youngest nine months. One of the tenderest memories of our childhood was the morning and evening worship, which was never neglected, and at which she invariably petitioned that hers "might be an unbroken family in the Kingdom of God." In 1879 Elders Wm. Cottrel and T. J. Butler came to our little village, bringing the truths of the Third Angel's Message, which were readily accepted by mother, who was always loyal to the word of God. This brought hardship to her, as those who had been her friends in the church she left, withheld from her their patronage in the dress-making and tailoring business which was her means of support. But her faith in Him who had promised to be a husband and father did not falter, and the promise given to those who forsake all and follow the Saviour was finally fulfilled to her, and the last years of her life were spent under the tender care of her children.

During her last illness of six weeks, which was one of intense suffering, not a word of impatience or complaint escaped her lips, but in conscious moments and in delirium, she constantly repeated the promises of God, with which her mind was filled, it being a practice of hers for years to read the Bible through each year. With a bright hope of a resurrection when Jesus comes, she went to sleep in Him, at the age of 83 years, 3 months, and 10 days, at the home of her daughter in Tiffin, Ohio, June 17, 1917, and was laid to rest at Springfield, where the funeral service was conducted by Elder J. J. Marietta.

Her three sons and four daughters mourn the brief separation, with the hope of a glad reunion. MRS. KATHARINE-MILLER WEAVER.

WHITNEY.—Charlotte Anna Smith was born December 24, 1862, at Chicago, Ill. She died at Toledo, Ohio, July 2, 1917. Sister Whitney was a faithful and active member of the church. She was especially devoted to the progress of the young people. Her cheerful disposition and helpful counsel will be missed by many.

She was married to L. S. Whitney at Amherst, Ohio, on her 26th birthday. Three children were born to them. The husband and one son survive. A. R. BELL.

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GOAL DOLLAR DAY

The Missionary Volunteers of the North American Division have undertaken to raise \$35,000 for missions in 1917. That is our goal. Definite missionary enterprises have been assigned the various conferences. Our Missionary Volunteers are thus definitely supporting missions and missionaries in Africa, India, Malaysia, Philippines, China, Korea, Japan, and South America.

August 25 has been set apart for a special program in every Missionary Volunteer Society on "Our 1917 Goal For Missions." Reports will be given on the definite mission enterprises, and the duty and privilege of giving will be discussed. So this is to be our "Goal Day." A special offering is to be made, every Missionary Volunteer being encouraged to give one dollar. So it is our "Goal Dollar Day."

The issue of the C. U. VISITOR of August 2 will be a "Missionary Volunteer Goal Dollar Day" special, containing information in regard to the missions supported by the young people of the Columbia Union Conference and other material for the Missionary Volunteer program on that day.

Let all our Missionary Volunteer society officers begin to plan at once for this special program, and let all our Missionary Volunteers begin to plan to have a dollar ready for that day. Our missionaries have given themselves. They have left pleasant homes for the inconveniences and hardships of mission life. The least we can do is to support them.

Let our rally cry be, "Every Missionary Volunteer a dollar for Goal Dollar Day."
M. E. KERN.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. E. J. Stipeck spent several days in Cleveland last week.

Professor C. W. Irwin from the Union Pacific College addressed the Mount Vernon Church at quarterly meeting last Sabbath. He, accompanied by his mother, are visiting here.

The little seven pound daughter, Evangelynn, was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hamilton on Tuesday, June 19.

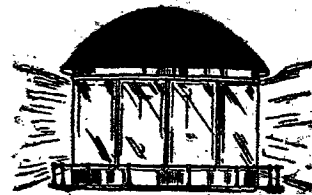
The culinary department is preparing for a large number of hungry students next year and has already canned an abundance of strawberries, cherries and other things.

Elder N. S. Ashton and family have returned from the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting and have made a tour to Tennessee, where they will spend some time with his mother and other relatives.

Professor W. H. Teesdale left last Friday for West Pennsylvania, where he will work for the interest of the school.

Camp-Meeting Dates

Ohio:—Bellefontaine, August 16-26.

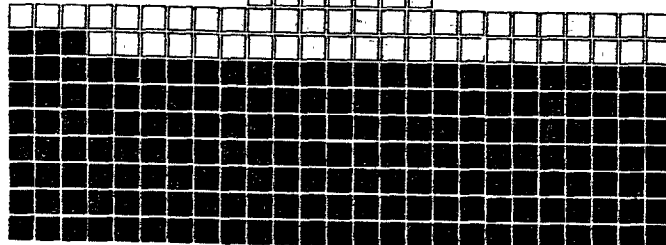


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