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Your Record! What is it? What Shall it be?

As the year nineteen-seventeen closes and the year nineteen-eighteen begins, every one of us ought to sit down and examine our records and reckon with our souls. Is our record all that heaven designed it to be? Is it all that we would have it be? Are we satisfied with it? Will it stand the test of eternity? Can it be improved upon during nineteen-eighteen?

Have I watched for souls as they that must give an account? Heb. 13: 17. Have I done good unto all men as I have had opportunity? Gal. 6: 9, 10. Have I loved the Lord with all my heart and my neighbor as myself? Luke 10: 27. Have I really demonstrated my love to those of my own household and to those about me by living a godly, unselfish life? 1 Jno. 3: 14-18. Have I fought a good fight? Have I kept the faith? Henceforth there is a crown of life. 2 Tim. 4: 7-8. Examine yourselves and see whether you are in the faith. 2 Cor. 13: 5. Let us examine ourselves seriously, not by our own standard, but by God's standard—"To the law and to the testimony (spirit of prophecy) if they speak (or live) not according to this word it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8: 20.

When all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5: 10), the question will not be, Have your plans been right? Have your intentions been good? Do you think or feel that you are all right? The question is, that will come home to every heart, will and shall be, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2: 1-3.

Neglect has ever been the sin of God's people. From Eden down, their way is strewn with neglected opportunities, neglecting to "speak a word or do a kind act in season" to weary, disappointed, disheartened souls as they pass them along the way of life. Neglecting to point sin-sick souls to the Lamb of God who "taketh away the sin of the world."

Shall the sins and failures of 1917 be repeated during 1918? Let every soul say,

"God forgive me. And resolve that, 'God help me, I will do something for some body every day.' I will be a faithful home missionary in my own home and in my neighborhood. I will help to lighten the burden of those in my own household, in the homes of my friends, neighbors and strangers. I will demonstrate God's saving love to all with whom I come in contact."

"I will be true to my church privileges and duties. I will do all in my power to organize and encourage missionary activity in the church, by doing something every week and reporting 'all that God has done for me, each Sabbath. Acts 14: 28. God helping me, I will be more thorough, more systematic. I will help to remember that God is the Author of order and system." Begin TODAY.

Let us reach the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil." Eccl. 12: 13, 14. "Blessed are they that do His commandments." Rev. 22: 14.

Wishing all a happy New Year—365 happy and successful days during 1918, I am faithfully your brother,

J. W. HIRLINGER.

VIRGINIA

Portsmouth, Va.

Wm. H. Jones, Pres.

Service-February 6-16

Nearly two thousand years ago "Jesus sitting by the sea of Galilee saw two brethren Peter and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, for they were fishers. He said unto them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' Thus He taught them about Him the twelve. They were called from their nets, the rest of custom, and for three and one-half years they sat at the feet of the Master and were taught of Him.

Today the Master, through His Holy Spirit, speaks among men as he did of old. He is calling men and women from their nets. Saying, 'Come unto

Me and I will make you fishers of men.' "The receiver becomes the giver." for He then says "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

God has entrusted into your care and mine the last warning against evil that is to go to this world. When so much is depending upon us shall we say as did Peter after the Master had been taken by His enemies and nailed to the cross "I go fishing?" No. No. Let us not give our talents and strength to that which does not contribute to the cause of God. Jesus says, "Go labor in my vineyard, and whatsoever is right that will I pay you."

"The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand." Just now when people are thinking seriously, literature on the meaning of these signs wisely circulated will have a telling effect in behalf of the truth." Brethren, let us delay no longer, there are many honest souls that are hungering for the truth of God. "With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation." They are waiting for you. Shall we not decide today to enter the service of the Master and help to circulate our truth-filled books and magazines.

The year 1917 has been fraught with much of the blessings of God. Never before has our literature been in such demand. The sales during the past year are almost double what they were during any year before. We appreciate your faithfulness in helping to make it so, but now we are entering upon a new year. We are planning for new conquests. We read in Vol. 6 canvassers are to be trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need. In harmony with this instruction we are planning for the largest and best training school for missionary colporteurs ever held in the Virginia Conference. This will be the most thorough course of studies ever given in an institute in this conference. We invite you to give the question of attending the institute your careful and prayerful consideration, and if you feel impressed with the thought of attending, write us a line for further particulars.

This institute will be held at Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 6-16, The church extends a hearty welcome to all who attend with a definite purpose.

Particulars gladly furnished upon request. Address Elder W. C. Moffett or F. E. Hankins, Field Secretary.

News Notes

Elder I. D. Richardson planned to close his theatre meetings Sunday night, December 23. The attendance throughout the effort has been excellent, and the workers are confident of good results.

Brother S. N. Wilmer has just completed another delivery, and reports 103 per cent delivered. This is the third delivery in succession of over 100 per cent. This is just another proof that our truth-laden books are in demand.

We call special attention to the Mission Statement for Virginia, showing that we still need to raise \$2,062.99 in order to reach our goal for the year. We urge that every member put forth a strenuous effort during the remaining days of this year in order to meet this deficiency. The books will remain open until January 10.

Don't fail to send in your subscription for at least one of our magazines before the close of the year, when prices will be advanced.

Don't forget to renew your subscription to the Visitor. Subscription price is 50¢ a year.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
E. K. Slade, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

My Trip to the North West

During the latter part of the week of prayer it was my privilege to meet with some of the churches in the northwestern part of the conference. We enjoyed an encouraging meeting with the Findlay Church Friday evening where the brethren seemed to be of good courage and were doing their best to keep up the life of the work in the little church there. They had observed the week of prayer from the beginning and the Lord's blessing had come into their midst in a special manner. A special burden is felt on the part of the believers in Findlay that a stronger work may be accomplished in that important city, and that the last warning message may be sounded more effectively than has been done.

I attended two meetings at the Toledo Church. Although it was a bitter cold day there was a good attendance at the Sabbath morning meeting at which time the regular reading for that time was given. Following that, after a few re-

marks, the meeting was turned over to a testimony service. The Lord has greatly blessed the work of the workers in Toledo, yet there is a pronounced feeling that the truth should have a wider hearing and that a stronger work should be carried forward in the city. In the afternoon I had a meeting with the Young People's Society which was well attended, and in which there was manifested a spirit of real earnestness.

Sunday, the 16th, I spent in the city of Detroit where in past years I had acted as pastor of the church and had charge of the Bible workers' training school there. Although it is outside of the conference and of our union, our people will be interested in the splendid work in that important city. Elder A. V. Cotton is conducting an evangelistic effort in the largest and best auditorium in the city which has a seating capacity of 4,000. I was pleased to study the methods and the general plan on which these meetings are being conducted. They have had an attendance as high as 3,700 at one meeting. The splendid spirit of harmony and co-operation was worthy of note and contributes much to the success of the work. It is at these meetings that Professor L. C. Metcalf has charge of the music and the Lord is greatly blessing him in his work in this line. We hope to conduct similar meetings in some of the Ohio cities just as soon as arrangements can be made for the same. It was a great pleasure for me to meet many of my old friends in the city of Detroit.

E. K. SLADE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.
R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

News Notes

Brother Charles Patterson arrived last week for work in this conference. He has been assigned oversight of the work in Alexandria, Arlington, and Ballston, Va., where plans are being made for a strong and aggressive work.

Good reports are being received of annual Offerings received at our various churches last Sabbath. Indications are that with a continued laboring effort to the close of the year, and good offerings on the tenth Sabbath Offering, practically every church will reach its goal in safety.

Elder Gibson reports good meetings at Colonial Beach and Chilton, Virginia during the Week of Prayer.

An all-day meeting will be held at Memorial Church next Sabbath. Baptismal services will be held at 10:00 a. m.

A large class is awaiting baptism from the territories of Laurel, Ballston, Capitol Hill and Memorial Churches. An inspiring and impressive service is assured.

The work at Laurel, Md., opened up some three months ago, is flourishing and taking on definite form. Sabbath meetings are being held regularly with ever increasing interest. Another sister has just taken her stand, making seven who have now stepped out for the Master. A great deal of prejudice on the part of two local Methodist ministers has been noticed, but with very little hindering effect. A few days ago they went to the owner of the hall where our meetings are held, and tried to influence him to not let us have the hall any more, but without result. They then went to the Catholic priest and solicited his co-operation, but were met with the reply: "Well, I have gotten about everybody I can, I guess. Let them go ahead and get what they can." A position really consistent and which we much appreciate. A large number are studying the truths of our message, and practically no opposition has been met except the efforts of the two Methodist ministers mentioned.

Don't forget to send in your periodical and magazine subscriptions now and save the increase in rates effective after the first of the year.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

News Notes

Below is the list of churches which have reached their Harvest Ingathering goal:

Harrisburg	Goal \$500, collected \$552.29
Allentown	250 " 286.22
Fleetwood	140 " 145.78
Wilkesbarre	400 " 401.82

The best part of each report is that the members are still active and enthusiastic. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

Elder Hirlinger and Brother Barritt are spending the week in the mining district in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Every visitor to the tract society office admires the splendid line of Holman Bibles on display. A catalog will be sent to you upon request.

Elder Baum of Reading was called to preach the funeral of Sister Dietrick, a member of the Wilkesbarre Church, Wednesday, December 19.

Elder G. E. Langdon of Camden, N. J., joined the Philadelphia workers in their counsel Monday morning regarding the city effort.

We were glad to welcome Elder Harry Christman, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, as a guest for a few days, at the conference office last week. His heart is full of the work to which he has been called among the soldiers.

The young people of East Pennsylvania Conference have been called upon to aid in placing the Temperance Instructor in the hands of the soldiers. If all respond we find that twenty-five cents will be the share from each to make this effort a success. Please do not forget, but send in the amount collected by the young people in your church or neighborhood at once.

One of our Sabbath Schools has set its goal for the 13th Sabbath for more than \$1.00 a member, and is working earnestly to reach it. A superintendent writes for papers and books from the foreign field for which we are working that a more definite appeal may be made to the people. Let us all wake up and do our best, that the Malaysian field may have its publishing office. God will help us if we help them.

Elder Martin, former pastor of North Philadelphia Church, who now has charge of the evangelistic work in the Southern Union Conference, visited Philadelphia churches for a few days last week.

Elder F. C. Gilbert from South Lancaster has promised to meet with the Philadelphia churches, Sabbath, December 22.

Mr. Forrest Washburn has given up stenographic work in the conference to resume his studies in Washington Missionary College.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. S. Brown, Sec.

News Notes

One more church has been added to our growing list of churches which have passed their Harvest Ingathering goal. Johnstown made a remarkable record.

Brother Manry reports that the Huntington Church is working hard to pass last year's records in raising funds.

The West Pennsylvania Conference has already exceeded its goal by \$450 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Many received rich blessings this week of prayer. God has spoken peace to souls struggling with perplexities. We have been told to draw near to God as we see the signs fast fulfilling. Our people are doing this.

We were pleased to receive a call from Elder H. K. Christman at the office last week, and to learn from him of the progress which is being made in all lines of work in the Ohio Conference.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Among the Churches in West Va.

Our week of prayer was opened this year just as a cold and stormy wave rolled in. Because of the weather conditions the attendance was small in some places especially where the gas pressure was low and no way to get heat, but we still feel that the meetings proved a great blessing to our people.

We had good meetings in Parkersburg, Charleston, Huntington, Chester, East Liverpool, and Morgantown. These were the places where I was permitted to meet with our people. I found them of good courage in the Lord in every place and all expressed a firm determination to press on and fully overcome every known sin and be prepared for the coming of our dear Lord.

The Chester Church united with the East Liverpool Church the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer and we had a glorious season together. God's spirit came very near and convicted of sin, and a number who had been drifting away came back to the fold of Christ. We feel sure that God is now calling all to a deeper consecration of life to His work and we believe that He will greatly bless us during the coming year as we give ourselves fully to Him.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Huntington

The Lord has richly blessed our campaign for souls in Huntington. We have baptized and added to the church 34 new believers. These are some of the finest people of the city. There are a half dozen more awaiting baptism.

We were asked to join Brother and Sister Rulkoetter early in the year, and opened a series of meetings in the Guyandotte Theater. The meetings were well attended, and several took their stand

for the truth, among them a prominent hardware merchant and his wife. Although the churches carried on a union revival to crowd us out, our attendance was not affected.

The Lord gave us the finest lot in the city for our summer tent meetings. With a location in the center of the city. Our tent was taxed to its capacity throughout the greater part of the meetings. Brother Ellers took charge of the music, augmenting our small force of workers. The subjects drew out an unusually excellent class of people. The press gave good space for articles, and many were interested through this medium.

At the close of the meetings in the fall, when the question of building a memorial to the Lord was presented to the church, within a few moments there was pledged over two thousand dollars. Since then another thousand dollars has been subscribed and the city people yet to be canvassed. A centrally situated lot has already been purchased, and Huntington bids fair to have a neat place of worship soon.

With an excellent interest in the city Brother and Sister Rulkoetter have been left to follow up the work. We solicit the prayers of our own people in behalf of the cause in Huntington. T. M. FRENCH.

Something Doing in Parkersburg

Our Canvassers' Institute was opened in Parkersburg Wednesday, December 19, and beginning with this night we started a 10 days' series of meetings. Some announcements were gotten out advertising some of the subjects to be considered. One subject seemed to create so much interest that we decided to hold this meeting in a theater down in the city. The subject was "The Downfall of Germany Foretold 2500 Years Ago." We secured one of the best theaters in the city and when the hour came for the meeting to begin every seat in the house was taken, quite a number were standing, and hundreds of others turned away. The mayor of the city was present at the service, but being unable to find a seat was compelled to stand and his interest was such that he remained throughout the entire service. I don't think I ever saw so large a crowd of people so intensely interested in a subject before. Only one adult and four children found it necessary to leave the meeting before the service closed. A number of copies of the "World War" were sold and 345 names were secured from those who desired literature on the subject presented. This interest seems so great that it demands following up. Preparations are now being made to carry on a strong campaign in Parkersburg. Concerning this effort we will write more later on.

I cannot refrain from speaking of the splendid spirit manifested in our service Sabbath, December 22. In looking up the records we found that the church was about \$330 behind on the 20-cent-a-week fund and that a note of \$118 was due January 2. After a short talk on the question of consecration we received pledges and cash enough to wipe out both of these debts. In other words we received \$330 for missions and when counting up the amount pledged for the church found it to be \$180 instead of \$118. We feel to praise God from whom all blessings flow for His goodness and mercy to the children of man.

I am wondering if other churches who have not reached their quota on the 20-cent-a-week fund cannot do as the Parkersburg Church has done, and bring in an amount sufficient to clear themselves in the sight of God on this mission offering question before the books will be closed for the year.

Earnestly soliciting the prayers of the Visitor "Family" for our work in West Virginia, we desire to re-dedicate our lives anew to the service of God.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

The Young Peoples' Reading Course

The Reading world of today has simply gone fiction wild. When traveling one observes this in a marked manner as the traveler hurries to the news stand or buys on the train it is the books and magazines filled with fiction that he purchases.

On the library shelves of our great libraries it is the books of fiction that are the most worn from use. "The young are in danger. Great evil results from their light reading. Some would even deprive themselves of sleep to finish some ridiculous love story. The world is flooded with novels of every description. Some are not of as dangerous a character as others. Some are immoral, low and vulgar; others are clothed with more refinement; but all are pernicious in their influence. Avoid reading and seeing things which will suggest impure thoughts. I know of strong minds that have been unbalanced and partially benumbed, or paralyzed, by intemperance in reading. Novels are eagerly perused by many, and as a result, the imaginations become defiled." Testimonies, Vol. II. Our young people will read and we are indeed very glad for this. A young man or young woman who does not like to read is to be pitied. In these days when Satan is flooding the world with his literature our own dear young people should have a protecting garment thrown around them. We have this in our Young People's Missionary Volunteer Reading Course. These books

have been very carefully selected by our leading Missionary Volunteer Workers. And our young people throughout the world are reading them. Have you decided to take the 1918 Reading Course? 33 have already enrolled in West Virginia. If your name is not on this list write to me and order your books at once from the tract society. Just see how interesting even the titles are. Senior Course: "Luther: the Leader," "Good Form and Social Ethics," "Life Sketches of Ellen G. White," "Ventures Among the Arabs." Price \$2.75. Junior Course: "Martin of Mansfield," "Fifty Missionary Heroes," "Topsy Turvey Land," "Elo the Eagle and Other Stories." Price \$2.35. Primary Course: "Uncle Ben's Cloverfield." Price 75 cents.

Mrs. T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder and Mrs. T. M. French, spent a few hours at the office one day last week enroute for Cumberland, Md., their new field of labor.

Have you ordered your 1918 Morning Watch Calendar? Remember "the morning is the gate of the day, and should be well guarded with prayer." Huntington has ordered 30 and Clarksburg 25. How many will you need to supply each member of your church? Only 5 cents a copy. Order at once through the tract society.

Last Friday evening a Standard of Attainment class was organized at Parkersburg. Kanawha has already organized and started its class. It is hoped that many of our people throughout the state will take up this important study of Bible Doctrines and Denominational History. Mrs. Westbrook will be glad to hear from all who are interested.

Elder Guaterau made a short call at the office during the week of prayer.

Have you sent in your subscription for the Columbia Union Visitor for the coming year? It is only 50 cents. Subscribe and keep in touch with our work throughout the Union. Send all subscriptions to the office, Corner Third and Juliana Streets.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger spent Tuesday in Parkersburg. In the morning he led the devotional meeting at the Canvassers' Institute.

Brother Kirk from New Jersey assisted by Brother McHenry is giving instruction at the Institute.

Elder Westbrook is holding meetings each evening at the church. These meetings are a great spiritual uplift to those gathered together here at this time.

G. W. Ellers returned from a visit to his home and will continue in the evangelistic work in this field.

SPECIAL

A Splendid Accommodation

We certainly do appreciate the willingness on the part of our publishing houses to accommodate the field. We have been pushing our Harvest Ingathering Campaign with all our might for some time and no doubt will continue to do so till January 1, 1918. This of necessity has prevented our doing what we desire to do with our pioneer missionary paper, the "Signs" weekly.

We started out to reach a 100,000 weekly circulation, but we are considerably behind. If we could have a good, full, free month to devote to this interest we feel confident that all our people will rally and we shall make a record.

The Pacific Press in replying to our request for an extension of time writes as follows: "It means quite a little to us in the way of dollars and cents when we have to make concessions of this kind, but we are glad to accommodate the field and we believe that it will be appreciated by our people to the extent that one of the biggest campaigns we have ever waged will be carried on during the month of January."

This means a great deal and we do appreciate it, and with the old prices remaining till February 1, 1918, shall we not grasp this another wonderful opportunity of getting the truth before the people before it is everlastingly too late.

Hundreds of our people should take clubs of ten, which will cost them \$8 a year, and hundreds more should take clubs of five, which cost them \$4 a year. Let every church take a club, and those already taking a club might increase it. The "Signs of the Times" does bring people into the truth, and that is the all-absorbing question with Christ's followers. "The Christian is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ." Now is the time to work. "Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in glory." Education, p. 264. We fondly hope that this exceptional opportunity in this extremely perilous time will be fully improved. F. W. PAAP.

"It is character that decides destiny."

A Fact and a Suggestion

Seventh-day Adventists stand face to face with many tremendous tasks. One of the greatest of these is the giving of the message to the millions of foreign-speaking people here in the home field. The presence of these people is a challenge to our faith, our loyalty, our devotion, and our zeal. The accomplishment of it will mean more than the ingathering of a few souls right here. Thousands in the homeland too, will be influenced thereby.

A few up-to-date figures regarding the influx of immigrants to our country since 1910 are very striking and appealing. From 1910 till the close of 1916, the various European nations sent their representatives in the following numbers: Greeks, 234,000; Hebrews, 537,000; Italians, 1,252,000; Hungarian, 151,000; Poles, 595,000; Russians, 164,000; Ruthenians, 139,000; Lithuanians, 103,000; Slovaks, 134,000; Croatians and Slovenians, 162,000; Roumanians, 67,000; Syrians, 37,000; etc. All together during these seven years more than 5,000,000 people were admitted to our country and this notwithstanding existing war conditions since 1914.

The question therefore is not, shall the immigrants come? They have come. They are coming still in large numbers and they are going to come still stronger when the war closes. The question that is of most interest to us is, what shall be done with and for them while they are here? How will Seventh-day Adventists respond to this challenge?

When we consider that a little over 2,000,000 immigrants returned to their home lands during the ten year period, 1905-1914, the question comes to us, what did we as a people give these 2,000,000 to bring back? Undoubtedly some of them brought material wealth, yet we fear that very few brought any greater spiritual riches than these they possessed when they first came. This returning population ought to be made a missionary force, but this will never be done as long as we do not fully realize the great opportunity presented in their presence with us, and neglect our individual duty and responsibility.

As these people return to their home country they need not spend long years in studying the language, or get used to the ways, customs and habits of the people among whom they settle. They are already one with their kindred, and can go right into the homes and live among them and present the precious truths that they received while here.

We must learn to take greater interest in the foreigner. We must learn to know him better; learn to appreciate that his soul is just as precious as that of any other. We must have kindled within

our hearts a true flame of love and neighborly sympathy and realize that all men are created equal. The foreigner is patient, long-suffering, and persevering. He is teachable, anxious to learn, glad to sacrifice and willing to endure hardships and inconveniences of which most Christians have no conception. He makes just as good and loyal a member of the remnant church as any, and in the kingdom to come, he will compare equally well with any of his more favored brethren.

In the work that we are carrying on among the foreigners, we have found this to be true. Among twelve of the above mentioned nationalities, we have gained approximately three hundred new members during the past year. This is more than one hundred in excess of the gain during 1916, and more than two hundred better than the record for 1915. While the work of the Lord is fast closing, these neglected souls must have a chance. More and better literature must be prepared. Young men and women out of their own ranks must be trained in our schools. New training centers must be established. But while all this is important, and will come in due time, we believe it is just as important that the members of our churches take a deeper interest in these people than heretofore.

We have a fair supply of literature in several of the these languages. Our foreign publishing house, the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, in Brookfield, Illinois, is putting forth a tremendous effort to meet some of the great and crying demands for the truth in printed form in these many foreign tongues. Twenty periodicals are now issued in twelve tongues. At least \$10,000 will be needed during the coming year with which to put into operation the recommendations passed at the late Fall Council in Minneapolis, with reference to foreign literature. A series of small books similar to the "World's Crisis," and the "World Event Series," is in preparation. The books will cover practically all of the leading features of present truth. We believe that they will be the means of reaching tens of thousands of homes that otherwise would never be reached with this message.

The writer would be glad to give any desired information that interested readers of this little article should desire. Address Foreign Department, Brookfield, Illinois.

STEEN RASMUSSEN.

The new Bible Year Leaflets, both Senior and Junior, may be secured from your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. Order early so that you will be ready to begin the Bible Year on January 1, 1918.

Not Understood

"I don't see what makes John act so. He used to be the best boy," said one mother to another. "My trouble is with Mary," was the reply, sadly spoken. "I don't seem to understand her at all." These sentiments, spoken and unspoken, are in the minds of parents in almost every home.

There are two books that will help. One is "Thoroughly Furnished," Part 1, by Coleman. The other is "Talks with the Training Class," by Margaret Slatery. The two sell together for fifty cents. These books form the basis of the Sabbath School Training Course for 1918. The Training Course articles in the *Sabbath School Worker*, beginning with February, will enable teachers and parents to study these books in the light of Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy. Never before have teachers and parents had so excellent an opportunity to study together the reasons why Johnnie and Mary act as they do. These books do not stop there, either, but they show how parents may give Johnnie and Mary the help they need, in the various stages of their development. "Not understood" is the real reason for many sad failures of parents and teachers that have resulted in our boys and girls turning to the world for their work and their pleasure. It is with the hope of greatly strengthening the hands of parents and teachers in working for the youth and children that the 1918 Sabbath School Training Course has been planned. Some who take these studies will be enabled to turn defeat into victory in dealing with their children. Who can afford to miss them?

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

The Ordinances

With the passing of the old covenant, Heb. 8:13, and the confirming of the new, Gal. 3:15, and Heb. 9:16,17, there passed all ceremonial obligations, types and shadows. During the ministry of Christ, he spake of the passing of those ordinances, setting forth the doctrine of the new covenant, and establishing the ordinances of the same. The ceremonies with the added requirements of the Jewish teachers, had become a yoke of bondage. "This yoke was not the law of ten commandments, as those who oppose the binding claims of the law assert, but Peter referred to the law of ceremonies, which was made void by the crucifixion of Christ."—Sketches from the Life of Paul, page 68. The multiplied ceremonies at an end, and the new covenant sealed, we look about us and inquire, "Did Jesus institute no ordinances with the new covenant?" We turn to the record and learn that Jesus was baptized of John in Jor-

dan, Matt. 3:15, he began to preach the gospel of the kingdom, Matt. 4:23, and among the things taught, he declared, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

The Apostle Paul, a successor of Christ, in preaching the gospel, spake of baptism by water as a burial, and a commemoration of Christ's burial and resurrection, also a putting off of the old man and putting on the new, dying to sin and being resurrected to newness of life in Christ.

When a person is convicted of sin under the conviction of the Holy Ghost, and senses the exceeding selfishness of sin and beholds the love of God for the lost, he gladly consents to the judgment of God, and is ready to suffer the penalty for sin, the wages of sin being death. Like David of old, he throws himself upon the mercy of God, hoping for pardon and salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He then sets his affection on things above and not on things on the earth, Col. 3:2, and is ready to mortify his members, verse 5, and die daily in denying the demands of his body of flesh and to follow after the law of the spirit of life in Christ, thus becoming free from condemnation. Romans 8:1-3.

After a sojourn among men for three and a half years, having chosen his disciples to become apostles, and knowing the weakness of men and their natural desire for supremacy, Christ established the ordinance of humility, John 13, and said, "If ye know (understand) these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Verse 17. And the same night, the night of his betrayal, "He took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body, and he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the new testament (or covenant) which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matt. 26:26-28. Paul, addressing the church at Corinth, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, showed that this ordinance is designed to be a memorial of Christ's death, and a reminder that He will come again, that we may eat and drink with him in his Father's kingdom. Matt. 26:29.

These three constitute all the ordinances obligatory under the new covenant. With a recognition of the justice of God condemning us to death for the transgression of his law, and a true repentance for sin, and manifest faith in Christ as our Saviour, we are buried and resurrected to the Christ life, yet having to abide in the body of flesh and knowing the deeds of the old man, we gladly follow our Lord in the ordinance of humility, remembering that he, our Lord and Master, would have us ever of so humble a disposition

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Totals	Del.
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 14, 1917									
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BFL	3	24	16	32 00	4 50	36 50	22 50	
Sherman Booth, York	BR	3	13	4	14 00		14 00		
C. F. Booth, York Co.	BR	3	23	13	49 50		49 50		
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	5	40	19	72 50	75	73 25		75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne	WC	5	33	48	24 00		24 00		23 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.	BR	3	22	6	23 00	2 25	25 25		4 50
Geo. Caine, Shuylkill Co.	BR	4	30	8	32 00	5 00	37 00		5 00
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.	BR	3	27	6	21 00	9 00	30 00		9 00
Totals	8 Agents		29	212	120	268 00	21 50	289 50	63 75

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 21, 1917									
Hattie Hampton, Lafayette	OSD	1	6	11					5 75
E. W. Chisholm, Center Co.	BR	5	32	22	89 00	30	89 30		
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	4	30	11	16 00	9 75	25 75		
Geo. H. Gates, Erie	WCL	3	24						115 80
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.	BR	5	39	7	32 00	12 50	44 50		1 75
A. H. Snyder, Center Co.	BR	4	23	14	53 00	1 50	54 50		
Geo. H. Gates, Erie	OD	5	27	9	13 00	3 80	16 80		8 30
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	3	13	8	33 00	2 25	35 25		2 25
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.	SD	5	43	10	15 10	25 20	40 30		76 80
John Manuel, Jefferson Co.	BR	5	31	5	22 50	1 00	23 50		81 20
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.	BR	5	31	12	48 00	2 80	50 80		97 00
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	2	18						95 00
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	BR		35		5 50	6 00	11 50		150 00
Totals	7 Agents		47	352	109	\$327 10	\$65 10	392 20	633 85

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending December 14, 1917									
F. Hartson, Charles Co.	BR	1	5						11 00
F. T. Feutz, Washington	BR	1	10	4	14 00		14 00		35 00
Mrs. Theo. Suder, Washington	BR	2	7	8	34 00	75	34 75		
A. E. Becker, Washington	OD	5	21	12	25 50	11 75	37 25		6 75
E. Wilcox and S. L. Christie, Mont	BR	20	57	69	256 00	48 10	304 10		387 10
Totals	6 Agents		29	157	93	\$329 50	60 60	390 10	439 85

Ohio, Week Ending December 14, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.	BR	4	38			2 25	2 25		80 25
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.	BR	5	33	9	33 50	3 00	36 50		22 50
J. S. Brentlinger, Hardin Co.	DR	4	33			3 00	3 00		169 75
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.	DR	3	22	6	28 00	6 25	34 25		11 25
Mrs. G. M. Northway, Stark Co.	DR	3	19	10	37 00	9 50	46 50		
H. O. Kohr, Ironton	A	2	16		30 00		30 00		30 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Montgomery	BR	4	10	1	3 50		3 50		23 00
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine	BR	3	14	9	41 00	5 75	46 75		4 25
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.	BR	1	5						7 50
F. E. Wagner	Misc.				73 30		73 30		
Totals	10 Agents		29	190	35	\$246 30	\$29 75	276 05	348 50

Virginia, Week Ending December 14, 1917									
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.	BR	7	56	48	154 00	20 75	174 75		132 75
S. N. Wilmer, Madison Co.	BR	2	20						94 50
Totals	2 Agents		9	66	48	154 00	20 75	174 75	227 25

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending December 21, 1917									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.	BR	10	76	25	99 00	33 20	132 20		173 50
Mrs. Pettibone, Cheswold, Del.	OD	1	3						41 65
L. B. Wittenburg, Blackbird, Del.	OD	1	6						27 50
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co. Md.	OD	2	7	1	2 00	75	2 75		64 50
Totals	4 Agents		14	92	26	101 00	33 95	134 95	307 15

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending December 14, 1917									
W. B. Davies, Cumberland Co.	BR	1	7	1	2 00	1 25	3 25		
Grand Totals: 38 Agents	Value of Orders				\$1427 90	Deliveries, \$2020 35			

Tithes and Missions 11 months 1917

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1916	Tithe 1917	20% a week	Per Cap.	Goal Year	Amt. to raise	Amt. Over
Bethel	15	43 51	58 90	198 28	.27	156 00		42 28
Portsmouth	18	428 95	684 76	226 52	.27	187 20		39 32
Gordonsville	10		270 02	114 08	.24	104 00		10 08
New Market	42	750 95	1098 13	453 45	.22	436 80		16 65
Lynchburg	22	465 59	540 41	226 67	.21	228 80	2 13	
Newport News No. 1	18	290 07	1114 11	186 92	.21	187 20		28
Oak Ridge	21	426 98	671 78	192 17	.19	218 40	26 23	
Norfolk No. 1	18		541 83	143 09	.17	187 20	44 11	
Richmond No. 1	108	2139 28	2520 08	697 16	.13	1123 20	426 04	
Charlottesville	10	120 43	113 50	47 89	.10	104 00	56 11	
Conference No. 1	43	162 57	604 43	175 21	.08	447 20	271 99	
Yale	34	177 55	232 59	107 92	.07	353 60	245 68	
Roanoke	8	117 34	175 61	25 81	.06	83 20	57 39	
Rileyville	17	50 30	70 91	41 43	.05	176 80	135 37	
Stanley	88	392 08	376 66	118 27	.03	915 20	796 93	
Guinea Mills	15	56 37	80 03	12 10	.01	156 00	143 90	
Winchester			94 22	109 63				109 63
Richmond No. 2	23	392 07	484 82	319 74	.29	179 40		140 64
Danville	7	35 41	95 90	63 22	.19	54 60		8 62
Newport News No. 2	20	266 39	338 12	149 67	.16	156 00	6 33	
Norfolk No. 2	20	205 13	358 83	143 85	.15	156 00	12 15	
Portsmouth No. 2	20	177 57	234 84	111 56	.12	156 00	44 44	
Conference No. 2	8	80 12	54 26	45 02	.11	62 40	17 38	
Spencer	6	12 65	37 72	18 79	.06	46 80	28 01	
News Ferry	12	40 85	44 63	22 05	.04	93 60	71 55	
Thelma	8	19 97	33 92	18 51	.04	62 40	43 89	
611		6852 13	10931 01	3076 60	.20	6032 00	2429 91	366 92
				892 41	.15		366 92	
				3969 01			2062 99	

Per capita at 20% a week .13

Per capita at 15% a week .15

of mind, that it would afford us great pleasure to serve our brethren or others in the most humble way. With a remembrance of Christ's death and burial as illustrated in baptism, and with the mind of Christ as seen in the ordinance of humility, we break the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of Christ's broken body and spilt blood, and thus renewing our covenant with the Master and one another, we patiently await his appearing and kingdom.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Prepare for Your Work

In all ages God has had a great work for someone to do, and, time after time, the prepared man has come to the front and done the Lord's bidding. Time and space do not permit more than the mere mention of a few of these chosen instruments of the Lord: Noah, living in a wicked and degenerate age, given his message in decided, certain tones; Moses, after his long years of thorough preparation, emancipates a great people; Elijah, standing stiffly for the Lord, defies and slays the devout priests of Baal. The great clock of time, with every revolution, brought out still other men of power, and thus the chain of mighty men was continually lengthened.

Let us not think these shining lights were made such because the hour's need was great; millions, living right by their side, perished and are gone, and we have never known them. These were of that great class of consumers; the others

were producers! The world today needs men of power who can produce something of value, and give it to a hungry, dying generation. This has been just as true through all ages. Then, it is preparation that is needed. Prepare! Prepare! We are living in most strenuous times; the careless and inefficient will go down and be lost to our view; they will join that innumerable host of failures,—a cumbrous burden to the remaining few.

The Lord's work needs and demands men and women of especially keen minds and careful preparation. He has a place for each active one, the moment he or she is fitted. He will never be satisfied with our weak, ineffective efforts. We stand, as it were, between two fires: there is a mighty work to be accomplished; God needs the highest efficiency in the completing of this work. Every soul is under the greatest obligation to give due heed to His guiding hand.

Our hearts should be stirred by the earnest cries of this needy hour. Let us never allow, no matter what else may intervene, the thought to pass from our minds that very soon we must file up in review before the great Shepherd; and we shall be obliged to hear the impressive words from His lips: "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" "What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee?" . . . Jer. 13: 20, 21. What a scathing rebuke to the one who has led the useless life! What a wringing of heart comes to him who has failed in the conception of the value of

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Mr. and Mrs. D. E. H. Lindsey former students of Mount Vernon Academy, accepted a call to the Western New York Conference, where he will act as home missionary secretary and she will do Bible work. They have been spending a number of months at the home of Elder D. E. Lindsey, Richwood, Ohio.

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"You may get thru the world, but 'twill be very slow

If you listen to all that is said as you go,
You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew,

For meddlesome tongues must have something to do,
And people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed

That your humble position is only assumed—
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool;

But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool,
For people will talk.

And then, if you show the least boldness of heart,

Or a slight inclination to take the right part,

They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain

But keep straight ahead, don't stop or complain,
For people will talk.

If threadbare your dress, or old fashioned your hat,

Some one will early take notice of that
And hint quite strong you can't pay your way;

But don't get excited, whatever they say,
For people will talk.

Now, the best way is to seek to please God
Be true to God and man, though it put you 'neath the sod.

Of course, you will meet with all sorts of abuse,

But don't think to stop them, for there is no use,
As people will talk.

—Anonymous.

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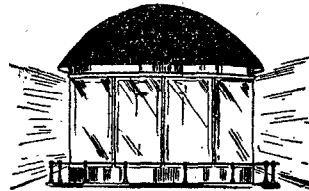
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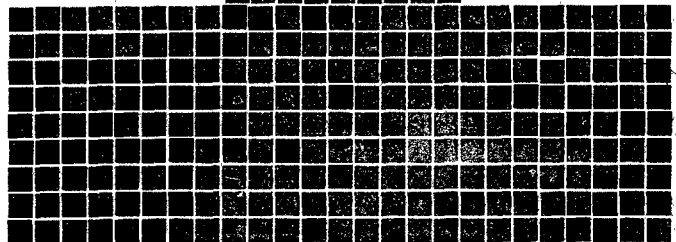
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