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Forward Moves for 1918 in the Union

How well the work is looking up everywhere throughout the Union, and how our brethren are broadly planning for splendid forward moves in 1918, I will endeavor in these few lines to tell the interested readers of the VISITOR.

Having just returned from Philadelphia, I will state to those who would inquire concerning the Garrick Theater meetings, that our interest not only keeps up, but is growing steadily. The last Sunday night was known as the coldest day in the history of Philadelphia. Nevertheless, in spite of this, the auditorium and first gallery were filled. The theater managers, as well as visiting brethren, expressed their surprise at such an audience on such a night. If the weather had been different, it was predicted we would have turned hundreds of people away.

Since our work began in Philadelphia this year, we have had representatives from five leading city efforts, who have been with us to counsel concerning how this great and good work may be done. All throughout the East Pennsylvania Conference, as well as in Philadelphia, the work is marching forward.

We are pleased to note the arrival of Brother Kellogg, from California, who will take charge of the work in Baltimore. Brother Kellogg has been greatly blessed of the Lord in his past labors, and we are satisfied God will favor him as he takes up his new charge. Elder Booth, who has done such splendid work in the same city, now goes to open up a strong effort in Hagerstown. The North American Division has concurred with the Columbia Union in extending a call to Elder Breitung, a young minister of the Central California Conference, who has given excellent services both in music and preaching. He is asked to join the work in the Chesapeake Conference. Thus, with the new laborers added, we are sure that the good work that has been going on in this field this year, will be greatly strengthened. The Chesapeake Conference will

witness an increase of at least \$4,000 in tithes for 1917.

Elder I. D. Richardson, of Norfolk, Virginia, has just finished a successful series of theater meetings, audiences running up to 1500, in Newport News, the great Navy center of the United States. Space does not permit to tell of the many interesting things which have occurred there for the advance of the work. He begins now a new series of meetings in a large theater in Norfolk, known as the New York of the South. Elder Moffett, president of the Virginia Conference, has extended a call to Brother Barritt, of the East Pennsylvania Conference, to stand by him in the music, as he opens up a large city effort in Richmond. The work has been greatly blessed this past year in the Virginia Conference, both by additions and an increase in tithes and offerings.

You will all be glad to hear a word from the District of Columbia Conference. Some have inquired concerning Elder Philipps, who two years ago was one of the leading ministers of the Disciple denomination, but who accepted present truth. He is now leading the forces of the largest church in the city of Washington. God is greatly blessing him in his labors, and it is encouraging to see how he now proclaims the Third Angel's Message.

To this same conference Brother Patterson, a college graduate last year from Washington Missionary College, has been added. He is now opening up an important meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. God is also blessing in this conference the labors of Brother Rees, a former student of Mount Vernon Academy; and also Brother Richards, a former student of Washington Missionary College. Elder Harter, president of the District of Columbia, says that never before were the churches of this field doing so well in all lines.

Elder T. B. Westbrook, president of the West Virginia Conference, has opened up an important and rousing series of theater meetings in Parkersburg, W. Virginia. A few weeks ago, the holy spirit came into the meeting he was conducting in the Parkersburg Church, and a great blessing was experienced by all. The church came forward in the spirit of sacrifice, raising

the Mission Funds for 1917, paying off a church debt of long standing, and giving \$62 besides. Excellent reports come from different parts of the West Virginia Conference, showing that this year marks an unsurpassed year in her history.

We might be extravagant if we were to use the adjectives we would like to in expressing how wonderfully the work has advanced this last year in the West Pennsylvania Conference. Never did this field manifest so much of the blessings of God, and such splendid figures concerning all phases of her work. It is deeply encouraging to notice the advances made there.

We are glad to welcome Elder W. H. Heckman, as the new president of the New Jersey Conference. The grievous sickness of Elder Sandborn's daughter obliged him to depart hurriedly for Florida in hopes of saving her life. Elder Heckman comes to New Jersey full of new plans. We have already had some interesting counsels with him, and he has some wide reaching plans, which without question can be carried out; and we shall hear later of how the Lord is blessing in the work in the New Jersey field.

Reports come in from Ohio, that they have closed the best Workers' Institute the conference ever had. This year, also, is a banner year in the history of Mount Vernon Academy. Thus from all parts of the field comes the news that the work is onward. If anybody thinks the Third Angel's Message is going backwards, he will have to look somewhere else than for the 1917 record in the Columbia Union Conference.

We close these lines wishing all our brethren throughout the field the richest of God's blessings for the coming year, 1918. Let us take off our hats to the old man, 1917, as he goes round the corner; and welcome the new guest, 1918, as he arrives to keep fellowship with us for the coming twelve months.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men. — men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their innermost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle is to the pole; men who will stand for right though the heavens fall."

OHIO

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

The Dedication at Akron

The new church was dedicated at Akron Sunday, January 6. Special meetings were held from Friday evening until Sunday night at which there was a good attendance, many coming in from the nearby churches. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Elder A. G. Daniells, which was a most timely message and proved to be a great inspiration to all. There were present to assist in this service including the writer, Elder F. H. Henderson, pastor there, Elder H. A. Weaver, Elder R. S. Lindsay, Elder John Klepe, and G. C. Quillin. In all of its parts it was a very impressive service.

It is only about two years ago that a new church building was dedicated in the city of Akron. The rapid growth of the city and especially favorable developments made it best and advisable to sell that building on having a splendid offer and on having secured a good opening for a new lot in a desirable part of the city. Steps were taken for providing a new building which resulted in this fine edifice which will seat about 300, and which is truly a credit to our work. Surely the brethren at Akron are endeavoring to do their part to place the work on a good footing in that city. Elder Henderson has labored very hard and has had the cooperation of his church in this important work. A special series of meetings is being continued in Akron by Brethren Henderson and Weaver. E. K. SLADE.

Elder Daniells' Visit to Ohio

The few meetings held by Elder Daniells in his recent visit to Ohio proved a great help and inspiration to the churches with which he met. His sermon at the Akron Church Sabbath morning was a message of great encouragement and the means of giving a new vision of our world-wide work and of our responsibilities in reference to it. His time with us was fully occupied. We left the morning service at Akron for Mount Vernon where a stereopticon lecture was given in the academy chapel on the progress of our work. The chapel was crowded to the utmost capacity. This meeting was greatly appreciated. It was evident that the Lord is leading strongly and that a great burden has been placed upon his servant in reference to the foreign fields, and it is clearly evident that this responsibility must be taken on by us as a people.

After the dedicatory services at Akron a stereopticon lecture was given to those who had come in from the nearby

churches and the Akron members. The evening meeting in Akron was of special importance. We secured the large new armory in that city which seats about 3,000 people. It was largely advertised throughout the city that Elder Daniells would speak on the question "The World War in the Light of prophecy." We naturally feared for the attendance as it proved to be a rainy and bad evening and the streets were very icy. To our great satisfaction we had an attendance more than half filling that great auditorium. They were a class of people who seemed to come because of an interest in the subject. The congregation responded by a very liberal contribution and more than one hundred requests were handed in for literature and further study of the question. The Lord blessed Elder Daniells in presenting the important subject, and it was evident that the audience was deeply impressed. This has served to stir up a great interest in Akron, and we hope for good results to come from it.

E. K. SLADE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

West Pennsylvania Institute

The West Pennsylvania Institute will be held in Pittsburg at church number one, Rowan Avenue, January 24 to February 2. We hope our people will avail themselves of this opportunity of fitting for God's service, and thus be able to do a more effective work in scattering the printed page.

Mechanics, lawyers, merchants, men of all trades and professions, educate themselves that they may become masters of their business. Should the followers of Christ be less intelligent?

How to find the church. All who are coming from the east on the main line Penna. R. R., stop at East Liberty station, take a Lincoln Ave. car, get off at Rowan Ave. Those coming on the Penna. R. R. from the north or west get off at main station, go to Penn Ave., take Franks-town car, transfer to Lincoln Ave. Those coming on B. O. R. R. go to 5th Ave., take Lincoln Ave. car.

I hope to see all that are now in the field, and many others who are anxious to see God's work finished in the earth, present at this institute.

For further information address,
T. M. BUTLER, 7103 Kedron St., Pittsburg Pa.

"The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

Work Among the Colored People and Italians--Pittsburgh

Our long silence has not been due to inactivity or lack of interesting items to report, but rather from constant activity, mainly.

The year 1917 brought many rich blessings and encouragements to our work in this city. Last summer we had a series of tent meetings which created a good interest. About thirty persons accepted the message through these meetings, twenty-four of these having been added to our church membership up to this writing. Additions for the year numbered forty-three, only two of whom were transferred hither from other churches, while we lost only two—one by death and one by apostasy. (For this we especially praise God, who preserved our lives, and kept His people within the fold.) Thus our net increase was forty-one, making our present membership one hundred and six.

Our finances increased correspondingly thus: Pittsburgh No. 2 Church tithes for 1917, \$2,262.11 as against \$1,057.18 in 1916, an increase of \$1,204.93; Mission offerings \$781.52, or \$297.19 over the previous year. To these may be added; Educational fund \$3; Red Cross \$12.50; Armenian and Syrian Relief \$29.31; local church expenses \$242.68, and \$382.45 towards church building debt (\$37.25 of this latter was paid by the McDonald Company), or a total contribution of \$3,676.07.

The McDonald Company of eighteen also paid \$349.67 tithes, and \$122.78 for missions. Thus the total funds raised by both companies totaled \$4,185.77. When this is put against the combined tithes of \$390.45, and mission offerings of \$30.29 of five and one-half years ago, when we took up work here, it is evident that we have much to be grateful to the good Lord for, and to Him we give all the glory.

The Italian Work

During the tent meetings above referred to, several Italians became interested. Among those baptized were two—a brother and his wife—from among this people. As there are many thousands of Italians in this city, we felt convinced that the time had come to open up work among them. We therefore rented a small hall and started with the four Italian believers—two of whom have been members of the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church for some time. We used one of the brethren as interpreter when any who did not understand English came in to the studies. After consultation with our president, and correspondence with the Foreign Department, we were fortunate in getting Brother Anthony Catalano, at a sacrifice to the Northern Illinois Conference, as a Bible Worker. He came three weeks ago, and he is already finding an opening

among his people. We ask all to pray especially for this new venture.

In closing, mention should also be made of the good help rendered by our Bible Worker, Sister M. I. Gauntlett, and Brother George Johnson and wife of Mount Vernon, during the summer; also Mrs. Durrant, and the hearty co-operation of a majority of the local members, who respond willingly to every call.

While we praise God for past blessings, we believe there are greater things in store for us during 1918, and to this end we dedicate ourselves, and solicit the readers' prayers.

A. N. DURRANT.

News Notes

On account of so many doctors being called to serve in the war, the vicinity and surrounding country of Adah, Pennsylvania is in sad need of a doctor. Dr. H. S. Brown who has been our conference secretary-treasurer, and who resided and practiced at Adah before engaging in conference work, has returned to the above mentioned place to follow his profession while the terrible war pressure is on.

Dr. Brown has done faithful work in the conference, and we are sorry to see him go, but we think he is justifiable as he is following the line of duty to help humanity. We all join in wishing him success and much of God's blessing as he re-enters the medical work.

The conference executive committee was fortunate in securing Brother J. S. Neely to take Dr. Brown's place in the office. Brother Neely has entered upon his duties as secretary-treasurer. We welcome him among us as a conference worker.

Miss Maude Belmont has returned to Philadelphia to be with her sister for a time, on account of the recent death of brother-in-law. We hope to welcome her back to her field of labor soon.

Recently another Missionary Volunteer Society was added to our growing list at Mt. Jewett. This society, though few in numbers, is taking hold of the work with energy.

Brother Manry just returned to the office from a visit among the churches in the northern part of the conference. Special efforts are being put forth to scatter the printed page by the members of these churches.

"There is no virtue in being defeated, but there is virtue and courage too, in refusing to remain defeated."

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh reports an interesting visit in Ohio during the holidays but the old field did not tempt him to leave his present situation.

Miss Louise Kleuser, of Clinton, Mo., has joined our force of city workers with the new year. She is assisting Elder Schwedrat as Bible worker in his labors for the German people in Philadelphia.

Elder C. S. Baum of Reading called at the office last Sunday.

Have you made good resolutions for the new year? The importance of the time should cause us to seek to study to show ourselves approved unto God. Now is the time to begin reading our Bibles through for 1918. The Standard of Attainment is calling for volunteers, both young and old. The reading courses, too, are splendid for the year. A new feature that has been added to the young people's work is the reading of the Testimonies in two years. Who will join us? If you have not received a goal card for 1918—write to the conference M. V. secretary for one.

Miss Mabel Gage, formerly a Bible worker in Reading, stopped at the office December 30, while on her way to take up work in West Virginia. While we regret her departure, we certainly extend our best wishes for her success in the new field.

In answer to inquiries that have been coming in to the office concerning the new home missionary secretary, we wish to state that Brother Barritt has reconsidered his decision to leave and will keep the position here that he has been so faithfully filling.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Worker's Meeting in Parkersburg

One of the best workers' meetings the writer ever attended was held in Parkersburg January 3 to 6. All our conference workers and some of the officers from eight of our churches located in cities and fully organized were in attendance. A sweet spirit of meekness, unity and love

was manifest on the part of all and every one present received largely of the Holy Spirit as they reconsecrated their lives to the Lord.

Elders G. B. Thompson and J. W. Hirlinger were present and rendered most valuable service. As the debt had just been lifted from the church, it was rededicated to the service of God. We were indeed sorry that Elder Wilkinson could not be with us, but owing to the fact that he had been on the sick list it was impossible for him to attend. Practically all lines of our work were considered, and we feel confident that a far greater work will be accomplished this year than was last. I sincerely hope and pray that every member in our conference will seek the Lord as never before and make a full and complete consecration of life and means to God for the finishing of the work.

Practically every seat in the theatre at Parkersburg was taken again last Sunday night and a deep interest was manifested in the subject presented, and scores of names were handed in for literature. We opened our mid-week services Thursday night, January 10, and will make a report later on.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder T. M. French is planning on opening a series of meetings in Cumberland about January 20.

Brother John McHenry, our State Agent, spent a few days in Logan County, helping the new colporteurs enlisted as a result of the institute.

Elder W. L. Adkins just returned from a visit to his old home.

Don't forget the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course which begins February 1.

Have you taken advantage of the opportunity of securing our papers at the old price? Remember all subscriptions must be in this month.

Sister McHenry and Sister Bertha Hoffman rendered efficient help in preparing the meals for those who attended the worker's meeting.

"If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do."

"It is in the mills of adversity that real grit is manufactured."

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

W. F. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

Go Forward.

Go forward, or in other words, advance, move, grow. This was the instruction given by God to Moses. There was to be no failure in this instruction when obeyed. The salvation of God was to be seen. This salvation was to be seen when they obeyed the "Go forward." Faith was then, as now, "The substance of things hoped for, the assurance (or evidence) of things not seen."

The record states "And the Lord went before them—to lead them the way." The servant of the Lord adds, The standard of their invisible Leader was ever with them." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 282. "The Hebrews were encamped beside the sea whose waters presented a seemingly impassable barrier before them, while on the south a rugged mountain obstructed their further progress." Id. p. 284.

"God in His providence brought the Hebrews into the mountain fastnesses before the sea, that He might manifest His power in their deliverance, and signally humble the pride of their oppressors. He might have saved them in any other way, but He chose this method in order to test their faith and strengthen their trust in Him, . . . yet, if the people held back when Moses bade them advance, God would never have opened the path for them. It was by faith that they passed through the Red Sea." "In marching down to the very water, they showed that they believed the word of God as spoken by Moses. They did all that was in their power to do, and then the Mighty One of Israel divided the sea to make a path for their feet." "The great lesson here taught is for all time. Often the Christian life is beset by dangers, and duty seems hard to perform. The imagination pictures impending ruin before and bondage or death behind. Yet the voice of God speaks clearly, "Go forward." We should obey this command, even though our eyes cannot penetrate the darkness, and we feel the cold waves about our feet. The obstacles that hinder our progress will never disappear before a halting doubting spirit." Id. p. 290.

We are told that there is a surplus of means among Seventh-Day Adventists. A good investment for this is the establishment of memorials in the neglected vineyard of the South. "Years behind," we are told. None will lose when they help to establish memorials in every city and village. A failure in doing this will mean, "I have cried, and ye refused; so, when ye cry I'll not hear." Money invested now in the finishing of God's work will not

later be obliged to be cast away to the moles and to the bats." "Buildings give character to My work." Testimony. If all would pull together, memorials could be erected in these destitute fields, and the result, many souls gathered, and the tithe and offerings would be increased three or four times above what is in the treasuries.

"Prove Me," saith the Lord, "and see." Now is the period to invest. "Is it time to build? comes a prophetic utterance to us. Property is increasing in value. Why wait for better times? Now is the time. Are we living in our ceiled houses, and this house lie waste?" "Consider your ways," is the admonition. "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. He will take pleasure and be glorified, when we build. A glorious promise! Exceeding great! "Prove Me," saith the Excellent Worker. Brethren and sisters will we carry out this command? We need your help in other places. Rich returns are promised from our unerring Leader.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Special

Do It During January

When he was but a boy, the parents of one of our conference presidents accepted the truth through reading the *Signs of the Times*. This worker now in the full vigor of manhood is doing noble work for God, both as an executive in his conference and as a writer for the *Signs* itself. A faithful lay member in California delivered a copy of the *Signs* every week to a widow who for months showed absolutely no interest in it, but the word in season aroused her curiosity. She read, was convinced, and took her stand with us. That was thirty years ago. Her son, a mere boy at that time, is now serving on the circulation staff on this soul winner. You no doubt have heard of that church that was raised by means of a copy of the *Signs* that was sent to an interested party in the old country, who after reading it, mailed it to a relative in America with the result mentioned.

Stories such as these could be told all day long and still the supply would not be exhausted. What better evidence that God is using the weekly *Signs* in a big way could anyone wish for? Its influence is greater than any one imagines. It goes where the living minister cannot always go—right into the home. It is ready to deliver its message when those who receive it read its columns. "Instant in season, out of season," truly.

Many, because of prejudice or lack of

time, will not attend our public hall or tent meetings. The *Signs* is just the thing for such persons. This, all agree, is the best season of the year for the circulation of our periodicals. In view of the record of the *Signs*, and the interest that there now is in the things which it teaches, and its ability to perform work that can be done in no other way, you surely will wish to renew your personal club before the first of February, when the price will be raised. Perhaps after carefully considering the matter you will wish to increase its size. "More *Signs*—more souls."

By the way, please help pass on the word at once that our people can pay for their clubs by the quarter when they subscribe for ten or more copies. Thank you.
ERNEST LLOYD.

"World Problems" In Four Languages Now Ready

The latest book in the "Current Events" Series, entitled "World Problems", discusses in a very candid, helpful, interesting style some of the most vital present-day conditions. It tells the meaning of these portentous events and gives the solution the only remedy.

"World Problems" in English has had a large sale during the short time since it was published, and is now ready in German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish. The leading topics discussed are "The Industrial Conflict", "War", "The Bible or Tradition", "Can the Dead Talk to Us", and "The Remedy."

Never before have so many new problems, so many new demands been thrust upon men and women for consideration and action. The rapidly changing events of the last few months have developed and forcibly emphasized some of these world problems, and in many people's minds rises the insistent query "What is the Solution?"

In these thrilling days, when industrial conditions are so ominous, when "the nations are angry" and war has engulfed the world, when people imagine that Spiritualism offers the only source of comfort for dear ones struck down by death, shall not the people who know the "patience and comfort of the scriptures" proclaim, with intense earnestness, by the printed page and by every proper means, that message of salvation which the God of heaven, foreseeing this time, prepared for His servants to give at this very hour in earth's history?

"World Problems" is well printed and has a striking cover design in colors. The price is 25 cents, and the quantity rates the same as on the English books in "Current Events" and "World's Crisis" series. Order through your tract society.

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Professor M. E. Kern Writes:

"While in Iowa recently I learned of one of our young men who had given up the truth, and who ran away and joined the army. When on sentry duty he picked up a copy of the *Watchman* magazine and read it. There was something in it that touched his heart, and he wrote back to his home, asking forgiveness for the past, and his determination to be fully consecrated to the Lord." Magazines like the *Watchman* and *Signs Monthly* are causing many to think seriously about their soul's salvation. Are you doing your part to help increase their circulation?

Place Our Literature in Public Libraries

In the "Lutheran" of September 13, 1917, is the following paragraph:

"The 'Standard' calls attention to a condition that probably exists in many public libraries, and that was strikingly illustrated in a case it has cited of a thriving western town, that has a Carnegie library of almost 6,000 volumes. Of these less than twenty are catalogued under the head of "Religion" as follows: Lives of Brooks (Allen), Luther (Kostlin), and Moody; How to Succeed (Torrey); a Kempis' Imitation of Christ, two copies; a life of Leo XIII; Hoyt's Teaching of Jesus; a small book by Dr. W. T. Grenfell; Baird's The Huguenots; two books on Mormonism, one for and one against; several books of Emmanuel Swedenborg; a complete set of Mrs. Eddy's works. This is how "Religion" is represented in one public library, and one who is experienced in public library work in many places informs us that this is typical. It is hardly necessary to add that some of these books have never been taken off the shelves and that in no instance was there a book that had been taken out more than three times."

Why is it that our people have been so slow to see the importance of placing our books in public libraries? In a large city library, the writer found only one or two of our books. In another, none were to be obtained.

We have been told that we are to let slip no opportunity for spreading the truth. Should we not use the public libraries to make known the last message of salvation?

Many of our people have more than one copy of some of our books; and these spare books may do much if their light is placed on a candlestick where it may give light to all in the house. Nothing should

be hidden under a bushel which can possibly be forwarded to lighten the darkness. Some, perhaps, could buy copies of our works, and present them to public libraries. The Berean Library and the World's Crisis Series should be placed in every such institution.

Of special importance is the matter of placing our periodicals, especially the "Liberty," "Life and Health," and the "Signs" magazine in the public reading rooms. Often they will be read where larger books will be neglected.

The writer will be glad at any time to hear from those interested in this work. Should any have books to dispose of for this purpose, he will gladly receive and use them as the Lord shall direct. Let us not only talk and think, and plan; let us work.

E. E. MESSINGER.

Almont, Pa.

Important Notice to Magazine Workers

Owing to the congestion of the mails due to the discontinuance of passenger trains carrying mail matter, unfortunate delays are liable to occur in receiving copies of magazines ordered. To offset in part such delays and to render a more efficient service under present conditions, we have notified the tract societies that they may telegraph at our expense all orders amounting to 250 or more copies which will insure our receiving such orders from two to five days earlier. If there are several orders, each consisting of 50 copies or more but totaling 250 or more altogether, these also may be telegraphed in a Night Letter.

This telegraphic service is given with the understanding that, where possible, orders shall be placed far enough ahead to insure a satisfactory delivery.

"The Watchman Magazine," C. E. Hooper, Circulation Manager.

A Soldier Number

Another opportunity (possibly the last) to get the truth before the "boys" in a pleasing manner offers itself in the February "Signs Magazine." Eight of the articles are of direct interest to soldiers. The cover, and in fact most of the illustrations throughout, depict the soldier in one way or another. Those who sell this beautiful number are quite sure to meet with success. Why not mail a copy to each acquaintance who has responded to the call?

"A thought, good or evil, an act, in time a habit, so runs life's law; what you live in your thought world, that, sooner or later you will find objectified in your life."

Mount Vernon Academy

Week of Prayer

The week of prayer at the academy was a time of special blessing to all the school. We were disappointed that no one could come in from the field to assist, but the Lord did not withhold His blessing.

From the beginning of the week the presence of the Holy Spirit was very manifest. The students on the outside and the dormitory students were meeting in bands and seeking for a special out-pouring of the Spirit.

On Thursday the Lord came especially near and without any long urging the entire student body with the exception of two or three, gave themselves in a very definite way to the service of the Master.

The following testimonies which are only a few of the many we would gladly print if space permitted, tell the good news better than it could be told in any other way.

N. S. Ashton, Principal.

Testimonies

Weeks prior to the week of prayer the students in their prayer bands were pleading for a blessing during that week. We were not disappointed for, from the very start, the Lord's blessings were with us. As a special blessing due to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, almost the entire student body consecrated their lives for the closing of the work. I am confident that the results of this week of prayer will always abide with us. I am very thankful for the week of prayer and its many blessings and victories.

JAS. E. LIPPART.

The week of prayer enjoyed at M. V. A. this year has been the best of my life. The blessings of the Lord were shed in a remarkable manner each day. As we were peacefully gathered together day after day, our minds and prayers went to those who are in the war stricken zones but I must say that each of us were engaged in the greatest battle of this life. It was the battle within ourselves. We fought as brave soldiers for Jesus and with Him on our side we could not be defeated. Our whole school was raised on a higher standard. It seemed that angels of God were present in every meeting. Many consecrated their lives for the first time, while the others re-consecrated their all to the Master's service.

It was determined by all that the blessings each received should not cease with the week of prayer, but that this new year should be a year of prayer and precious blessings. I must not only speak of this great victory, but must by my daily life, reflect as a mirror the good-

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Master. MISS E. TRAPP.

The week of prayer in Mount Vernon
Academy this year was one long to be re
membered. The Spirit of the Lord
made itself manifest in a special way.
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crated his life for service. The readings
were of great inspiration, showing the
rapid progress of the work, and that we
need to give our lives to the great work
that is before us. MARTHA HOTTES.

The week of prayer has meant much to
me this year. How can I longer hide
myself from the duty that rests on me of
bringing this precious message to others
who are unacquainted with the fulness of
Christ's love and grace. This is the thing
to which I have been particularly drawn
by the spiritual feast that we have so re
cently enjoyed. Glad have I been to see
a drawing nearer to God among His
children. Surely the spiritual clouds of
God's mercy announce the impending
latter rain. EARNEST L. LUTZ.

While the world around us is at war,
and but one of our number has been
taken, in peace we were gathered each
morning of the week of prayer in the
academy chapel to partake of the bless
ings the Lord had in store for us. While
different members of the faculty read the
readings that had been prepared, the
angels were near to bring the needed mes-

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the Lord,
and to prepare myself to have a part in
the finishing of His work. On Thursday
of that week, we had a consecration serv
ice, and with the exception of two or
three, all reconsecrated their lives to the
Master.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 28, 1917									
Mrs. M. Bateman, Johnstown		HM	3	38	36	92 50	16 25	108 25	
A. Brownlie, McKeesport		SP	10	84		38 85	52 60	91 45	97 65
Paul Baroudi, McDonald		WW				90 00		90 00	90 00
Sol. Diehl, Lewistown		SP	8	58					87 50
A. E. Snyder, Clearfield Co.		BR	2	12					84 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	3	11	18	42 00		42 00	
Hattie Hampton, Uniontown		WW	2	12	13	2 50		2 50	
Totals	7 Agents		28	215	67	\$265 85	\$68 85	334 70	275 15
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 4, 1918									
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.		BR	4	32	17	70 50	13 75	84 25	12 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	4	26	55	27 50		27 50	25 75
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	3	17			3 35	3 35	31 30
G. H. Hawthorne, Coatesville		WW	3	13	12	3 00	95	3 95	9 20
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	3	11		6 50	4 35	10 85	10 85
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	2	12	1	5 00		5 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	40	20	78 00	8 00	86 00	37 00
W. Garrett, Moosic		GC	4	28	2	10 00		10 00	10 50
Totals	11 Agents		28	179	107	200 50	300 40	230 90	136 60
West Virginia, Week Ending January 4, 1917									
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	5	32					147 95
B. P. Wright		BR				129 00	11 35	140 35	11 35
C. E. Will		PPF	4	38	12	30 00	2 75	57 55	26 30
C. E. Will		PPF	3	20	9	22 50	5 60	28 10	13 60
Totals	4 Agents		12	90	21	181 50	44 50	226 00	199 20
Chesapeake, Week Ending January 4, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	9	70	40	168 00	42 85	210 85	6 20
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Rock Hall, Md.		OD	2	9	4	800	6 00	14 00	
Totals	2 Agents		11	79	44	176 00	48 85	224 85	6 20
West Virginia, Week Ending December 22, 1917									
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.		BR	5	41	6	23 00	16 40	39 40	325 65
W. A. McElphatrick, Morgantown		COL	3	24		3 00	3 75	6 75	164 25
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Miscel		16	32	33 25		33 25	74 50
C. E. Will, Wellsburg		PPF	4	40					54 05
C. G. Mays		BR	2	10					67 00
N. Haye		BR	3	20					137 00
J. S. Seal		BR	3	24					180 00
John McHenry		BR	3	30					300 00
W. E. Arnett		BR							75 00
Jno. E. Meredith		Miscel				22 80		22 80	22 80
Miscel.						639 50		639 50	659 50
Totals	10 Agents		23	205	99	721 55	20 15	741 70	2059 75
West Virginia, Week Ending December 15, 1917									
C. G. Mays, Fayette Co.		BR	5	28	27	99 50	10 45	109 95	81 95
C. E. Will, Wellsburg		PPF	5	46	9	22 50	24 40	46 90	27 00
J. I. Butcher, Boone Co.		BR	5	37	35	139 50	2 50	142 00	
W. A. McElphatrick, Preston Co.		COL	5	58	28	42 00	20 25	62 25	31 25
Dale Read, McDowell Co.		Miscel	5	38		47 50		47 50	47 50
N. D. Fisher, Mingo Co.		Miscel	5	41		64 00		64 00	64 00
Totals	6 Agents		30	248	99	415 00	\$57 60	472 60	251 70
Grand Totals: 40 Agents Value of Orders \$1960 40 Deliveries, \$2928 60									

sage to each heart that convicted him of
his own sin. These were confessed and
great blessings received.

Though it would be impossible to re
pay the Master for these blessings, we
gave all we had, our lives for service. It

pleased the Master, and I am sure it
would have made hearts of parents and
loved ones glad to see the deep consecra
tion of the ones for whom they had
prayed. KATHARINE KEISKER.

If some one would ask me what brought on the marvelous results of the week of prayer, I would say "Prayer." For weeks before the week of prayer the students had been praying for a special outpouring of God's spirit, and the result can easily be seen of such a preparation. As there comes sometime in everyone's life a desire to know God and to be His servant, so there came to the students a deeper conviction of sin and a determination to consecrate their all to God. The angels in heaven surely must have been happy as they saw the oneness and unity among the students and the joy which was shown in their faces over the victories won and bright promises of God which became so precious to them. But the beauty of it all is the brotherly spirit which exists here, and as we see the young people preparing for the Master's service, we cannot help but exclaim with the apostle Peter, who, when on the mount of transfiguration said to his Lord, "It is good to be here." EARL HACKMAN.

The week of prayer brought a stronger determination to accept the invitation of Christ, "follow thou me," and with His help to give our all to Him, which in reality means, "constant recognition of the fact that we belong entirely to God." W. A. RALLS.

The present school year witnessed the most earnest and whole-hearted consecration of the previous three years. The sweet influence of the Spirit seemed to hover over, and the earnestly sought blessings were received. A spirit of quietness prevailed throughout the school and the meetings were well attended. It was not a burden but a joy to listen to the new truths and thoughts that were presented in such a fitting manner, and everyone felt as Peter did on the mount of transfiguration when he said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." MABEL ROBBINS.

God's richest blessings are surely resting upon us. The Lord was very near to us in our week of prayer. Every young person surrendered to God. We, as students, are very thankful for the week of prayer. GEO. RAPP.

Another week of prayer has passed, but we as students of Mount Vernon Academy and stewards of our Lord's goods, remain to carry into execution the work which we so faithfully pledged to do. May the Lord remember us in our feeble efforts, and help us to live by our covenant in making this coming year a very prosperous one, which will be to our good and to the glory of our heavenly Father,

and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

GLADDEN WILLIAM JAMES.

It was indeed a privilege to be here during the last week of prayer, and we felt like saying with Peter, when he was upon the mount of transfiguration, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." No place in the world could have been dearer to us at that time when God was so near to us and manifested His spirit in such a special manner. Never before was there such an earnestness shown on the part of so many in giving their lives, a living sacrifice, to be used in the Master's service.

Plainly could be seen the answer to the prayers that ascended to the throne of grace during the weeks previous to the week of prayer. We count it but a small sacrifice in giving our all that we have for the One who has given us the best that heaven could offer.

MARGARET AND ANNA SCHMIDT.

The students of Mount Vernon Academy enjoyed many rich blessings during the week of prayer. For some time previous to this special season of prayer, we had been asking that God would pour out His Holy Spirit upon all of His people, and we feel our prayers were heard and answered. Many, and in fact, most all of the students rendered a complete consecration to God and His service.

We have always looked forward to the week of prayer and this year seems to have brought many closer to the Lord than ever before. The time has come when every week and day should be one of prayer; when we should be earnestly seeking God for guidance through the turmoil of this old world. The week of prayer gives us a new start and aids us in realizing how true God's promises are. We are told that "prayer is the key that unlocks Heaven's storehouse," and this statement is one that should be remembered.

How can we dare to look at present conditions of the world, and the fast fulfilling of prophecy, and try to live day by day, on our own strength? Satan would have us believe that we can go through the duties of one day without asking help from above, as this gives him a chance to trap us in our weak condition. Matt. 7:7 says: "Ask and it shall be given you," etc., so God would have us ask and He will be willing to help us.

The world is taking our Christian young men from our very doors, and they are meeting trials which are overwhelming some of them. Shall we not be found more often in prayer, so that when our testing time comes, which looks very near, we shall be able and willing to go through anything to gain eternal life?

May God keep and guide us safely through to His kingdom of everlasting peace.

IVY HARKINS.

Me, Not Another

"Where are the reapers?"—how oft we sing!

And its chorus—"O will it come?"
Then in a moment the words forget,
Thinking not of the harvest home!
Ready to harvest the fields all stand,
But the reapers are few, we know;
Yet we still linger with idle hand,
Leaving others the work to do!

Oft have we read the words of Paul,
As he journeyed, on slaughter bent,
When 'neath the flash of the light from heaven

He fell down in astonishment,—

Not "another," but "me," his cry.

"What wilt thou have *me* to do?" he said.

But *we* are waiting for some one else,
While the sickles around us lie.

"Why stand *ye* idle?" the Master says,

While the clock chimes for eleven?

Go reap *ye* the harvest! What is right

Unto you shall be surely given.

Take up the sickles! go forth today,

Waiting not till another come!

You of the labor must have a part

If you'd share in the "harvest home."

—Selected.

OBITUARIES

HEASLY.—Richard, was born April 17, 1915 and died December 25, 1917, as the result of an accident causing severe burns from boiling water, being two years and eight months old at the time of his death. Little Richard bore his suffering manfully, but on the night of Christmas tired nature gave up the struggle and he fell asleep. The bereaved family can be comforted by that blessed hope of a resurrection morning soon to come. W. J. VENEN.

BYLAND.—Edith I., wife of James W. Byland was born March 5, 1880, and died in East Liverpool, Ohio, on November 13, 1917. Her death occurred very suddenly, without any previous sickness, and came as a great shock to her family and friends. Sister Byland was a woman that was loved and respected by all who knew her, and at the time of her death was a faithful member of the East Liverpool Church. While it was with sadness that she was laid to rest, yet it brought joy to the heart to know that she but waits the call of the Life-giver. W. J. VENEN.

"The key to success is hidden under the doormat of perseverance."

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The Mercury Rises Slowly

The first writer began the work in the Washington Missionary College, the Atlantic Union Conference. I have watched with great interest the record of cash paid in on the fund in the Columbia Union. I trust all those interested in the matter have also been giving this lighthouse of ours special study. If so, you have surely noticed how slowly the mercury has been rising. Perhaps in cold weather, we must expect the mercury to be low but now that the financial responsibilities are out of the way, I feel sure that every believer in the Columbia Union will see that his or her pledge on this fund is promptly paid.

The work has been begun on the college building, and every dollar pledged should be in the treasury not later than March 31. At this time when the citizens of our nation are so cheerfully oversubscribing the billions of dollars required by our government in the war, surely those of us upon whom the Lord has placed the responsibility of finishing His work on the earth will not be found delinquent.

I am happy to report a most hearty response in the Atlantic Union Conference. About \$12,000 have been subscribed in a little more than two months. We have two months more in which we hope to complete the quota of \$25,000, about \$18,000 of which will be used to enlarge the dormitories of the college.

G. F. ENOCH.

"By all that He requires of thee, Know thou what God Himself must be."

Don't be contented with doing only your duty. Do more than your duty. It is the horse that finishes a neck ahead that wins the race.—CARNEGIE.

"It is the man who carefully pegs his way up, step by step, with his mind becoming wider and wider, and progressively better able to grasp any theme or situation, persevering in what he knows to be practical, and concentrating his thought upon it who is bound to succeed in the greatest degree."—A. C. BELL.

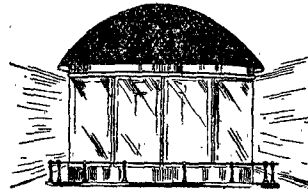
"Man is made to know as much as possible, and to be as good as possible.

In the sphere of knowledge, in the sphere of action, in the sphere of character, faith is the one element that gives life and power to please God."—HENRY VAN DYKE.

Ideals are God's turning forks that keep the sweet music of life up to concert pitch.—GORDON.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath.

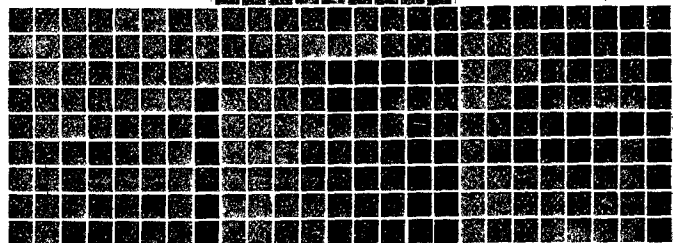
Look only on the bright side of life; talk only of good qualities of others; and think of those things that are lofty and true.



"For a light of the Nations and for salvation to the ends of the earth."

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