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The General Conference

The next General Conference will be held in the Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, California, March 29 to April 14, 1918. The committee, appointed at the Minneapolis Council to make arrangements for the entertainment of delegates and visitors, have been doing some preliminary work, and have the following to report:

1. Rooms in hotels can be secured at from 50 cents to \$1.00 per day for each person and from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per week, and up, where two persons occupy the same room, according to location, furnishings, etc. Of course there are hotels in which rooms can be secured as low as 25 cents per day, but we could not recommend them to our people.

2. Rooms in rooming houses can be secured at from 25 cents to 50 cents per day, according to location, furnishings, etc.

3. Furnished apartments, consisting of one or more rooms with kitchenette and bath, may be had at from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week. These apartments are steam heated and everything is furnished, even to table linen, crockery, silverware, etc. All a person has to do is to purchase what he wants to eat. Cooking is done on a gas range, on which is placed a flat rate of 25 cents per week.

It is understood that all regular delegates are to send their names and the accommodations they desire to their union conference president, who will forward them to the committee, through the General Conference, but visitors will communicate direct with the secretary of the committee, Elder J. L. McElhany, stating clearly what they desire, as follows:

1. Do you wish a room in a hotel, in a rooming house, or apartments?

2. Do you wish to room alone or do you desire a room mate? The price is usually less when two room together.

3. Do you desire a room with bath and all modern conveniences, or cheaper accommodations? State the limit.

4. Do you want a room near the place of meeting, or would you be satisfied with

one several blocks away? Rooms at a distance, say eight or ten blocks, can be had at a lower rate.

5. Give date of arrival as near as possible, and state how long you expect to remain.

No cafeteria will be operated by the Conference this year, but there are many good restaurants and cafeterias near the place of meeting where good meals can be had at reasonable prices.

Oakland is the terminal of all transcontinental railroads, except the coast line of the Southern Pacific. At the terminal in Oakland you cross the Bay on a ferry boat to San Francisco. The Exposition Auditorium, where the meetings are to be held, is situated just off from Market Street, (the main thoroughfare of the city) about two miles from the Ferry Building.

At the Ferry landing in San Francisco, take a Hayes Street car (No. 32) direct to the Auditorium, getting off at the corner of Hayes and Larkin Streets. This is at the rear of the Auditorium building. Pass around to the front of the building, and the general reception room will be found on the first floor to the right as you enter. Here persons will be in waiting to direct you to the place to which you have been assigned.

Those coming up the coast line on the Southern Pacific from Los Angeles will land at Third and Townsend Streets. Take either a Third or Fourth Street car, transferring at Market Street to a Hayes Street car (No. 32), getting off at the Auditorium at the corner of Hayes and Larkin Streets.

Check baggage to San Francisco, and keep your checks until you know where you are to be located.

Those wishing the committee to arrange for their accommodations should write at once to Elder J. L. McElhany, 537-25th Street, Oakland, California, stating definitely what accommodations they desire. Reservations will then be made to meet the requirements as nearly as possible. C. H. JONES, Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

"All impurity of speech or of thought must be shunned by him who would have clear discernment of spiritual truth."

Attention

At a recent meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee an action was taken setting apart March 9 as a day to consider the work for our young men of draft age. An offering will be taken for the work upon that Sabbath.

Far reaching plans are rapidly being put into operation, effecting both the young men in the cantonments and those waiting to be called. Some of our young men who are now in camps would be on vantage ground if proper instruction could have been in their hands before their call. The present plan includes those who are members of the church and those who are not. Just now is the golden time to help them all.

It is confidently expected that this call for means will meet a hearty response. Many souls are in the balances and the call is imperative that we help them to right decisions. Hundreds of our young men must be reached and several hundreds of dollars will be required to meet the crisis.

Readings will be prepared and mailed to our churches in due time.

C. L. STONE.

The Imminence of Christ's Second Coming

Though at a distance, the influence of the kingdom of heaven has often been seen in the overthrow of the kingdoms of earth. But now the greatest of struggles shall be hushed before the greatest of splendors. "In the days of these kings," cried Daniel, speaking of the ten kingdoms of Western Europe, "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed." Ah, friends, we have forgotten our royal origins amid our plebian surroundings. The blood of Eden flows hot in my veins, and methinks sometimes in the night seasons I can hear within me the sweet songs of my Paradise home. With the civilized nations of earth at one another's throat, with the native of India worshipping a cow in temples of splendor, with the Esquimaux bowing down to the totem pole, while others in various climes and lands bow down to idols of gold and silver, we have not this

earth in its natural condition. But now the times are ripe for the second coming of Christ. President Wilson was right when he said that a supreme moment of history is here. So much of prophecy has been fulfilled that we might say that already the old world is in the new world's arms. The photograph of the past is fast dissolving before the picture of the future. As the fig tree responds to the coming of new life by her tender branch, and by putting forth her leaves, so the distress of nations and the unrest of humanity as foretold by our Saviour betrays the presence of the kingdom which once set up shall never be destroyed.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Union Home Missionary Convention

A very interesting and profitable Home Missionary Convention was held in the General Conference Assembly Room, Takoma Park, February 8-15.

The opening meeting was in the Takoma Park Church, held Friday evening of the eighth, in connection with the Young People's Missionary Volunteer service. Elder B. G. Wilkinson delivered the opening address. He appealed for a deeper consecration and more definite aims and determined action on the part of leaders and people.

Elder Paap gave a brief report of Home Missionary accomplishments, Sabbath morning in the church. Elder A. R. Sandborn, president of the Florida Conference, followed with a stirring sermon on the importance of holiness, and the necessity of every soul acting his part in this finishing work.

At three o'clock Elder F. M. Wilcox preached a strong sermon on "Consecration for Service." Hearts were deeply stirred, and all present reconsecrated their lives and talents anew to the Lord and His work.

Secretaries from every conference in the Union, excepting one, were present. Some of the general and local conference presidents and workers were present, and gave very valuable counsel and instruction. The good talks and instruction given by Elders Daniells, Longaere, Robbins, and Slade, were greatly appreciated by the delegates.

Elder F. W. Paap, Secretary of the North American Division, was present at nearly every session. The delegates were greatly benefited by his godly counsel, which comes as a result of his broad experience in the field. Brethern Mace, Reavis and Graham, of the Review and Herald brought life and inspiration into the convention through talks they gave from time to time.

We were pleased to have Brother V. O. Cole, Field Missionary Secretary of the

Atlantic Union, and other freinds with us.

As the delegates reviewed the great work which has been accomplished by the leaders and lay members in the Union, which represents a potent factor in the world-wide movement, they could only exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" Because of the great work which our people have accomplished and their desire to quickly finish the work, the delegates confidently launched a broader policy for 1918.

The convention closed with words of appreciation and courage from all present. The delegates parted with a more solemn sense of the responsibilities resting upon them and with consecrated resolutions to do more faithful service for God in the future. All expressed their appreciation of the co-operation and support given them by the leaders and people.

"Nerve yourselves for duty, and dispute every inch of ground. Instead of retreating, advance; instead of becoming weak and nerveless, brace yourself for the conflict. God calls you to engage with all your powers against sin in every form. Put on the whole armor of God, and keep your eye steadily fixed on the Captain of your salvation; for there is danger ahead. Follow no false colors, but watch the banner of our holy faith, and be found where that waves, even though it be in the thickest of the fight. Soon the warfare will be over, and the victory won; and if you are faithful, you will come off more than conquerors through Him that has loved you. The glorious prize, the eternal weight of glory, will then be yours." Vol. V, page 309.

J. W. HIRLINGER, Chairman.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

Winchester

Last June the writer, with C. E. Overstreet as leader of the music, I tent master and Sister Anna Watkins as organist was asked to pitch a tent in this little city of seven thousand people. After some difficulty in securing a suitable lot we pitched on a lot on the south side of the city where we had a very good attendance, even after the city was quarantined for Infantile Paralysis.

The first of September we moved to another location in the northeastern part of the city, and, although bad weather hindered from the start, the few nights that were good we had good audiences. At last after a furious wind storm we packed up and stored our tents.

In this last effort Sister Hirlinger was our organist. She and Sister Watkins contributed much to the success of the

efforts by their earnest Bible work.

Soon after we stored our tents Mrs. Bidwell joined me and we found our hands full with calls for Bible work, but she was stricken down by sickness and for weeks was very sick but is slowly recovering now after two months of illness.

The middle of September we organized a church of 18 members which has now grown to 23. The four earnest sisters that were living in the city helped in every way they could and each Sabbath finds them out to the services.

We are holding more than a dozen Bible readings a week, and more are desiring us to give them readings. We hold two preaching services a week in a neat little hall. There are several preparing for baptism in the future.

Our little company paid in over \$119 on the various funds that compose the mission funds, has also paid about \$130 in tithe up to January 1, 1918.

In spite of the bad weather we have not missed a Sabbath meeting, although at times our company has been small, but now that warmer weather is coming our Sabbath attendance will be larger.

On the whole my relations with my co-workers and the citizens of the town have been very pleasant and while I have not seen all accomplished here that I had hoped, yet I thank God for the success that He has given amid the severe trials that have fallen to our lot since we started the work here. W. E. BIDWELL.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.
J. O. Miller, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Elder J. O. Miller is seriously ill at the Union Protestant Infirmary in Baltimore, having had to undergo an operation Sunday evening. He was taken violently ill on Sabbath afternoon at his home. We solicit the prayers of the people in his behalf.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our Home Missionary Secretary, passed through Baltimore last week on his way from Washington where he had been attending the convention. Mrs. Pettibone was with him. We were glad to have them spend a few hours at the office.

Brother Pettibone reports the organization of a Missionary Society in Dover Church. They have as their aim, "Literature containing Present Truth in every home for the white people in Dover." They have just ordered 1500 copies of the Present Truth, and a goodly number of tracts. We hope other churches will follow their example.

Elder C. S. Longacre spoke to the Baltimore No. 1 Church on Sabbath, his subject being "Religious Liberty."

Elder W. A. Spicer spoke to the Baltimore No. 3 Church last Sabbath morning on his trip to Africa. Both these addresses were greatly appreciated.

The interest in the meetings in Hagerstown still continues.

There is good interest in Smithsburg in the meetings conducted there by Elder Kellogg.

Miss Alice Miller is home from the college at Washington because of the illness of her father.

Dr. Miller arrived in Baltimore a few days ago to be at his father's bedside. He had been in Indiana and was unable to be here in time for the operation.

Elder M. C. Strachan, the new pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church is nicely getting hold of the work here. While all felt very sorry to have Elder Rodgers leave, they are taking hold of the plans Elder Strachan is outlining and we believe the work will continue to advance as it has in the past.

We do not want to forget to mention our colporteurs. The two who labored last week and reported have done very well. Elder S. T. Shadel is in the canvassing work for a time. It was thought best that he be relieved from the responsibilities of ministerial work for a while, and he volunteered to take up this splendid line of work. The Lord has set His approval to the step he has taken as you will see by the report. He worked 27 hours and received orders to the amount of \$81.25, thus making an average of \$3 per hour. It will be remembered that Elder Shadel had a severe attack of typhoid fever last fall. He says he and Brother Weller who is working with him, are looking for splendid results in Brunswick, Md.

Mrs. E. North called at the office today for a short time, as she was in the city. She formerly did Bible work here, and is at the present time attending the college.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has just subscribed for 100 Liberty Magazines for one year. They are handling quite a good deal of other literature. We hope other churches will do good work along religious liberty lines this year, as the people need to be educated in these principles.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Parkersburg Effort Closed

The Parkersburg effort is now a thing of the past. We closed our meetings Sunday night, February 17, with a good full attendance. The offering for the last night was very good, reaching almost \$100. The newspapers have given us excellent space every day, so that while our tabernacle would not accommodate more than one thousand people at any one meeting, yet the entire city has had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the Third Angel's Message.

According to our average attendance nearly twenty-thousand people were in attendance during the series of meetings. Not only did the newspapers give us excellent free space for nearly every subject presented, but thousands of pages of the "Present Truth" have been distributed, besides the small books sold, and we feel that Parkersburg has been pretty thoroughly warned.

Many new ones were in attendance at our Sabbath service, and are taking some final instructions preparatory to baptism. This baptismal service will be reported later.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Cumberland, Md.

It was voted by the West Virginia Conference Committee that we locate in Cumberland and begin aggressive work. Accordingly we came here in December. It was with some difficulty that a theatre was secured for Sunday lectures. The only opening was in South Cumberland, where the last effort was made quite interesting by an egg bombardment on the part of the Catholics.

It was with some apprehension that the first meeting was opened in the Leader Theatre which was left to us on trial. However, the theatre was packed, and the manager was so pleased that he has promised us the theatre as long as we desire it. The next meeting was well attended, scores being turned away. With scores of names for literature, and only Miss Mabel Gage and my wife to take up this work, we wired for Sister Welch. She joined our little company, and Brother Ellers came a week later to take charge of the singing. Later Brethren McElphatrick, Seal, and Metcalf came to the city to engage in colporteur work. With these additional workers we have been encouraged to plan strong aggressive work in this stronghold of Catholicism and Lutheranism.

While our week-night meetings have not been largely attended, yet the attendance

has been regular. Last night when the third sermon on the Sabbath was delivered and at the close an expression was called for, we were overjoyed in seeing twenty persons arise without hesitation expressing their purpose to keep all of God's commandments. Not being free to present the Papacy and its work publicly on account of past experiences, it was a question how much force the Sabbath truth would have with the people, but it seems that the beauty of the truth itself has appealed to the hearers.

As the old walls of the fortress begin to crumble, our company has been encouraged to press on into the heart of the city. We plan to open a series of meetings March 3 in the large Liberty Theater. We believe there are many honest souls to garner from Cumberland into the kingdom. And truly the time is here when we must work these wicked cities quickly. The sun is setting, the shadows are lengthening, and what we do we must do now. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all our people for our work in Cumberland.

T. M. FRENCH.

News Notes

Elder W. L. Adkins is on the sick list at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Brother Gardner, of Clarksburg, was in attendance at the closing services at the tabernacle in Parkersburg.

The Thirteenth Sabbath "Missions Quarterly" has been sent out to all of the Sabbath Schools and to the isolated members. Let us begin to plan for the needy Malaysia mission.

Brethren McElphatrick, Seal and Metcalf are canvassing in Cumberland at the present time.

Mrs. G. Earl Snyder sold one hundred and eighty-five "Watchman" in Clarksburg in just a few hours last week.

OHIO

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

Our Church Membership

At the close of each calendar year it is a common thing for us to mention and compare figures relative to the results of our work in financial lines and literature sales, etc. It is always a pleasure to us to see that progress is being made. Really, there is nothing that should find a warmer place in our hearts and a keener interest in our lives than the progress of this message, for we are just finishing up

sionary activity is not only an evidence of a larger work being accomplished, but it gives evidence of a deeper interest and fuller consecration on the part of our people.

Of perhaps even greater importance is the matter of our growth in membership. We have not been in position to speak in positive terms about our membership as we have about dollars and cents. In the past years there has been some little slackness in keeping up a correct list of the membership in various churches. It has required years to bring about a proper reformation in this matter. For several years the membership of the Ohio Conference was reported about two thousand, while we were bringing into our churches a considerable number every year. The entire membership of the conference did not seem to change notwithstanding the many additions. This is accounted for by the fact that we were correcting our list and dropping off the names of many who had been carried for years in some churches who had apostatized or drifted away. It is most encouraging that with the beginning of 1918 we can report a membership of 2,612 in Ohio. It is to be understood that this is pretty nearly an accurate statement of our membership. It does not include a large list of names of those who cannot be accounted for in our churches, but it is very nearly a correct list of the active membership. Really, this is the most important report of our work that can be made. As never before it should inspire us throughout the conference to endeavor to bring many more to unite with our churches during the year. The call is coming more directly and more emphatically to our people to enter actively into actual soul saving work and, if we will respond to the call of the hour, we shall see a large number of new believers added to our churches before the present year closes. Do not wait for the minister or Bible worker to come to your place, but rather seek wisdom from God by which you may be an instrument that He can use and win still others to obedience of truth.

E. K. SLADE

Qualifications of a Church School Teacher

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

To the teacher of children is committed a most delicate task, and one requiring much skill,—that of training and developing the human mind and character. Next to a child's mother, its teacher has perhaps more to do with creating and molding its character and fitting it for life's duties than any other person. She may,

indeed, as some one has said, properly be called the child's "second mother" so close and so intimate are the relations between her and the child. The teacher deals with the wonderful mechanism of the child's mind when it is most plastic and impressionable, and her work may make or mar its whole life. The mistakes of a sculptor may be repaired. The materials, he spoils can be replaced. It is not so in teaching; the teacher deals with living clay.

How vastly important, then, that the teacher's qualifications be of the very highest.—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually. Especially is this true of the church school teacher. She is fitting her pupils not only for this life, but for the life to come. Her work is not for time but for eternity. The material with which she works is most precious, it was bought at infinite cost,—even the blood of Jesus.

"Oh let not then unskilful hands attempt

To play the harp, whose tones, whose living tones

Are left forever in the strings. Better far

That heaven's lightning blast his very soul

And sink it back to chaos' lowest depths,

Than knowingly by word or deed he send A blight upon the trusting mind of youth."

The expression is often heard that teachers are "born, not made." It is true that not all can teach. Teaching is an art, one of the very finest, and it is a God given gift. This we learn from the fourth chapter of Ephesians. This shows us also the high purpose of teaching. The teacher, as well as the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, and the pastor is to labor for the "perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Surely then, the teacher's first requisite is the gift of teaching, the call to teach. "If a man is to succeed as a teacher," says Professor James B. Angell, "he must have first, in the very make of his mind and soul, the divine call to teach." No matter how great one's intellectual attainments may be, without this aptness to teach, a love for the truth she is teaching, and the power of kindling other minds with that love, her work will be a failure. The teacher must not only possess knowledge, but she must have the ability to impart it to others, and to create and cultivate an interest in every subject taught, thus leading the child to a greater desire for knowledge, and to the ability to acquire it for himself.

It seems to me that the church-school teacher's spiritual qualifications should come uppermost. Having received the gift of teaching, she must consecrate her gift of teaching, she must consecrate her gift unreservedly to God, the Giver. She should realize deeply the sacredness of her calling. Her work is not only to impart knowledge, but to win souls to Christ. She cannot do this unless she herself has a living connection with Christ, and is consecrated deeply, thoroughly, and completely to Him. He is the Master Teacher. He taught all classes, races and ages, always with an earnestness, sympathy, simplicity and authority that came close to the hearts and minds of His hearers. Let the teacher constantly look to Him as her pattern, and make His methods hers.

Again and again we are urged by the Spirit of Prophecy to use great care in the choice of teachers for our children. In "Counsels to Teachers," pages 150-151, we read, "Church school teachers should be men and women who have a humble estimate of themselves, who are not filled with vain conceit. They should be faithful workers, filled with the true missionary spirit, workers who have learned to put their trust in God and to labor in His name. They should possess the attributes of Christ's character,—patience, kindness, mercy, and love; and into the daily experience they should bring the Saviour's righteousness and peace. Then, working with fragrant influence, they will give evidence of what grace can do through human agents who make God their trust."

In order to have such an experience, and exert such an influence as is here set forth the teacher needs to learn the value of prayer, and daily and hourly obtain from the throne of grace the strength and help needed for her duties. "Only by divine aid, combined with earnest, self-denying effort, can she hope to do her work wisely and well."

The teacher needs also an insight into human nature,—the power to understand the child's character and motives. She must have an abundance of tact, that she may know how to deal gently and kindly, yet fairly, justly and firmly with the many dispositions under her charge.

The teacher of all persons, must be a lover of children, must enjoy their association and companionship, and be happy and enthusiastic in her work. She must be able to sympathize with her pupils, to understand their hopes, and joys, and sorrows—in short, to be a friend to them, to gain their love and confidence and have that personal touch which is of so great value. The teacher's personality has far more effect on the characters of the pupils under her charge than have the things she teaches them from books.

The teacher should be conscious of her influence and so conduct herself that the children will not go astray in following her example in anything whatever. The teacher should be the embodiment of culture and refinement. True courtesy and politeness on her part to every boy and girl will do more to inculcate such habits in the children than any amount of instruction she may give. She must be what she wishes her pupils to become.

The teacher's speech should be of the purest English, with no taint of slang or coarseness, which leave an impression on the youthful mind not quickly or easily erased. This is well illustrated by the following incident, which occurred in one of our large cities. Two young men entered an office of the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of becoming members of the association. Their desire being made known the man in charge said, "Well, fork over your dollar." One of the young men paid his dollar and became a member of the association. The other turned and left the room and it was years before the true worth and character of the work of the Y. M. C. A. could counteract, in his mind, the influence of that man's remark. Children are quick to imitate. They look to their teacher as an example; let her not disappoint them or lower their ideals.

The teacher who would lead her pupils aright should be the personification of neatness, order and promptness. Her every personal habit is important and should be guarded carefully. She must exercise self-control that she may be able to control the children.

These personal qualifications of the teacher cannot be overestimated. Scholarship eloquence, enthusiasm, ability to impart knowledge are not to be compared with the teacher's daily bearing,— the revelation of her character.

The teacher's intellectual qualifications should be of the best. Knowledge, broad, thorough and complete is an absolute necessity, that she may be able to teach with confidence, "as one having authority." Yet she should not be content with present attainments, but, like the children, should daily be a learner, gathering new facts, and methods which will increase her efficiency.

The physical qualifications of the teacher should not be over-looked. The more perfect her health, the more efficient work she can do, for "the mind cannot be clear to think and strong to act when the physical powers are suffering the results of feebleness or disease." Let the teacher practice the principles of health reform, that she may reap their benefits and in this, also, be an example to her associates.

The church school teacher will find it a prime necessity to be willing to work.

There is no place in the ranks of teaching for one who is afraid of work. The teacher must be ready to do not simply the every day, required things, but the little extra things that she is not paid for doing. These count much in gaining the confidence and friendship of pupils and parents. The teacher will need to be resourceful, for she may have to labor under difficult circumstances, and with inadequate equipment. Let her cheerfully do her best, keeping her ideals high and striving daily to attain them, seeking to co-operate with the school board and with the parents, to be a real friend and helper to them, to the church, and to all her associates, and she will reap the joy and happiness she deserves for

"Give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

The teachers' qualifications are well summed up in the following verses by G. M. Woodruff, (with apologies to the "Christian Educator") entitled:

A School Boardman's Desire

You ask what the school board expects of the teacher;

About the same virtues that grow on the preacher.

The teacher that I am now looking to find,

Is one who is gentle, and patient, and kind;

Who is neat on the Sabbath and at every day,

And as prompt in her work as collecting her pay;

Who loves the prayer meeting, acting her part,

And has a religion that comes from the heart;

Who goes to Sabbath School, and also to meeting,

And is always in mood to exchange friendly greeting;

Whose adorning consists not in flower and feather,

Nor in styles that change like the wind and the weather;

Who cares more for her health than she does for the fashion,

And when greatly reproved does not fly into passion;

Not enticed by the theater, circus, or show,

When assailed by the tempter can plainly say, "No."

Now to sum it all up in a few simple lines,

The teacher I like is the one whose light shines.

If she's faithful to God, and walks by His rule,

You have nothing to fear when she enters the school.

But if form and book learning is all you desire,

The public school gives it, without extra hire.

Or if you want fables and stories called funny,

These you can get and not spend hard-earned money.

'Twon't pay to keep cows and get milk to sell

If you can pump the same thing from the well.

These words may sound strange from my pen here now falling,

But I want a teacher who's not missed her calling.

BESSIE MOUNT.

The Will and the Importance of its Training in the Child

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

"The will is the governing power in the nature of man, bringing all the other faculties under its sway. The will is not the taste, or the inclination, but it is the deciding power which works in the children of men unto obedience to God or disobedience." Vol. 5.

To choose right because it is right; to stand for truth at the cost of suffering and sacrifice—"this is the heritage of the Lord and their righteousness is of me saith the Lord."

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost 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 to the pole; men who will stand for truth though the heavens fall."

The bringing together of these statements should impress us with the need for proper training of the will and the responsibility that rests upon parents and teachers for its best development.

If we regard children as a trust committed by the Lord, the duty becomes a sacred one, and on its accomplishment depends the ability of our sons to be as "plants grown up in their youth; or that our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace."

Training the will does not mean breaking the will. We are told—"The work of breaking the will is contrary to the principles of Christ. The will of the child must be guided and directed. Save all the strength of the will for the human being needs it all. Treat it wisely and tenderly as a sacred treasure. Do not hammer it to pieces, but by precept and true example wisely fashion and mold it until the child comes to years of responsibility."

This training should be begun in infancy. The first lesson a child needs to learn is the lesson of obedience. Before he is old enough to reason he may be taught to obey. This habit established

in the home prevents to a great degree the conflict of will and authority that so sadly come in school life. Obedience to the parents leads naturally to willing obedience to the requirements of the Lord whom the parents obey also.

Surrendering the will to the Lord is, I think, the key in forming the strength of will that makes for success in this life and develops the character fitted for the life eternal.

But this is all the ideal. We do not find the children always receiving this training in the home. Too often the will is left undisciplined; evil traits are allowed to flourish, the self will becomes strongly marked. Then when the child reaches school age the teacher's problem begins.

A child may be trained like the beast, to have no will of its own. Instead of being taught self control his will to all intents and purposes is subjected to the will of the teacher. Children who are thus educated will ever be deficient in moral energy and individual responsibility. Their minds have not been properly developed and strengthened. They are almost wholly unprepared to share in the stern realities of life. When these youth are no longer under their parents and teachers they are almost sure to take the wrong course and yield to the power of temptation. They do not make this life a success and the same deficiencies are seen in their religious life.

Teachers should make it their object so to educate their pupils that they may see and feel that the power lies in themselves to make men and women of firm principle, qualified for any position of life.

— BERTHA E. ACTON.

News Notes

Elder Slade has recently spent a week in Washington attending important committee and council meetings in connection with the institutions there.

That the title receipts for the state of Ohio for 1917 exceeded the receipts of 1916 about \$17,500.00 is most gratifying and most encouraging. It should lead us to aim for better things and larger results for the present year.

The statement of the 20 cent-a-week fund for 1917 published in the Review and Herald of February 14 should be studied by our people with much interest. It is interesting to note the advancement made throughout the field. The Columbia Union Conference exceeded its quota by \$16,000.00. It should be gratifying to the believer of Ohio that \$10,000.00 of this excess of the Union came from Ohio.

Elder E. K. Slade spoke at the Memor-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del	
West Virginia, Week Ending February 15, 1918										
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	5	30	32	150 00	12 00	162 00	12 00	
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	5	42	26	117 00	9 25	126 25	84 75	
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	5	24	23	92 00	8 55	100 55	1 00	
Thurman Metcalf, Cumberland		BR	4	30	12	51 00	3 40	54 40	2 35	
W. A. McElphatrick, Cumberland		COL	4	20	8	12 00	4 65	16 65	6 65	
Louisa Russell, Harrison Co.		OD	4	23	13	31 00	10 50	41 50	20 00	
Totals	6 Agents					453 00	48 35	501 35	126 75	
Ohio, One Week Ending February 15, 1918										
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	40	14	28 00	7 70	35 70	19 85	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	9	32	32	54 00	1 85	55 85	20 00	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	31		31 00	10 50	41 50	36 75	
C. J. Fritz, Shawnee		OD	5	29	30	67 00	25	67 25	47 50	
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	29	3	10 50	2 50	13 00	5 00	
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		BR	4	28	6	26 00	3 85	29 85	3 85	
Chas. Carter, Bowling Green		OD	3	23	13	28 00	1 50	29 50		
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	5	17	7	31 00	9 00	40 00	40 00	
Robert Kline, Mount Vernon		OD	2	11	3	6 00	50	6 50	5 50	
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.		OD	2	8	1	3 00	75	3 75	75	
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	1	1					3 50	
Totals	11 Agents					46 249 109	\$284 50	\$28 40	322 90	182 70
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 15, 1918										
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	24	14	54 00		54 00		
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	3	10	5	23 00	1 70	24 70	1 70	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		WC	5	33	58	38 00		38 00	24 67	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	38	9	38 00	1 25	39 25	70 75	
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	37	8	34 00	11 25	45 25		
Totals	5 Agents					23 142 94	187 00	14 20	201 20	97 12
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 15, 1918										
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	5	40	13	55 00	25 00	80 00	17 70	
S. T. Shadel, Brunswick, Md.		Misc.	5	27	18	73 00	8 25	81 25	5 75	
Totals	2 Agents					10 67 31	128 00	33 25	161 75	23 45
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 15, 1918										
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	4	37	18	27 00	22 80	49 80	28 35	
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	4	17	4	20 00	3 50	23 50		
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	4	26	5	22 00	3 00	25 00	1 00	
Alice Thurman, Allegheny Co.			1	4		2 00	2 00	4 00		
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	22	8	34 00	1 35	35 35	13 35	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	4	44	12	18 55	18 70	37 25	47 95	
J. Mary Stocker, Cambria Co.		HM	3	14	4	10 00	3 00	13 00		
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cambria		HM	3	14	12	34 00	5 00	39 00	9 50	
A. H. Snyder, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	35	15	69 00	1 00	70 00		
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	38	10	44 00	3 00	47 00	25 00	
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	32	10	44 00	6 00	50 00	50	
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		BR	2	20		12 20		12 20	60 00	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	6	36	12	56 00	8 60	64 60	12 60	
A. H. Snyder, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	42	17	84 00	23 50	107 50	3 30	
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.		OD	5	36	14	31 00	24 25	55 25		
Mrs. Dunn, Allegheny Co.		Misc.				16 25		16 25		
Millie Smith Pittsburgh		Misc.				19 50		19 50		
Totals	17 Agents					60 417 133	\$543 50	\$127 70	671 20	201 55
Grand Totals:	41 Agents					Value of Orders \$1596 00		Deliveries, \$631 57		

ial Church at Washington, D. C., Sabbath morning to a large and appreciative audience.

Elder H. A. Weaver is holding a series of meetings in a hall at Shelby, Ohio. Last Sunday night he had an audience of fifty and the interest is good.

"As the sunbeam imparts to the flowers their varied and delicate tints, so does God impart to the soul the beauty of His own character."

"It is he who yields himself most unreservedly to God that will render Him the most acceptable service."

SPECIAL

Shall We Vote?

As I have read what God has given us through the Spirit of Prophecy, I have wondered why some who claim to be believers in the Third Angel's Message take the position they do on the question of voting with and for political parties. I say to myself, "surely they are not posted on what is contained in the Testimonies on this question."

We all know, who know this message at all, that any of the parties now in existence will repress religious liberty; and this is the great point on which the souls of the believers in this message are going to be tried, and shall we vote to place men in power who will favor laws to place the mark of the beast upon us?

Can we with them vote for political parties?

Answer. We cannot with safety vote for political parties. G. W., p. 391.

Why should we not take part in politics?

Answer. We cannot with safety take part in any political scheme. We cannot labor to please men who will use their influence to repress liberty, and to set in operation oppressive measures to lead or compel their fellowmen to keep Sunday as the Sabbath. The first day of the week is not a day to be revered. It is a spurious Sabbath, and the members of the Lord's family cannot participate with the men who exalt this day, and violate the law of God by trampling upon His Sabbath. G. W. pp. 391, 392.

Who are not to vote?

Answer. The people of God are not to vote to place such men in office. Id. p. 392.

How does God regard His people voting?

Answer. For when they do this, they are partakers with them of the sins which they commit while in office. Id. p. 392.

Should we wear political badges?

Answer. Those who are Christians indeed will be branches of the true vine, and will bear the same fruit as the vine . . . They will not wear political badges, but the badge of Christ. Id. p. 392.

What are we to do with political questions?

Answer. Let political questions alone. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" . . . Id. p. 392.

What was Christ, our Example's course in these matters?

Answer. Again and again Christ had been asked to decide legal and political questions; but He refused to interfere in temporal matters . . . He stood in

our world as the Head of the great spiritual kingdom that He came to our world to establish,—the kingdom of righteousness. His teaching made plain the ennobling, sanctifying principles that govern this kingdom. Id. p. 396.

What are the controlling powers of this kingdom?

Answer. He showed that justice and mercy and love are the controlling powers in Jehovah's kingdom. Id. p. 396.

And we as subjects of that kingdom, bearing the fruit of the True Vine must be controlled by these same principles and bear fruit agreeable thereto. Do I hear someone say, "That's an extreme view." If it is extreme, it's the Lord's view.

We are living in extreme times, in the extreme days of the fast-closing probationary period. The Judge is on His throne and your name and mine may soon be summoned before the heavenly tribunal. Then let us not say the Lord's view is extreme, but let us cherish these words of His faithful servant and live—eternally live. H. S. WEAVER.

The Return of Jesus

A recent letter from one of our leading brethren in the North American Division Conference, contains the following reference to Elder Haynes' book entitled, "The Return of Jesus."

"I have enjoyed reading it very much, and I believe we shall see many souls gathered in as a result of the publication of this book in various languages. One thing that has especially impressed me about 'The Return of Jesus' is that personal touch with the soul which I think is so essential no matter what doctrine we present in our books. In reading this book I have felt that it has that touch."

According to the reports received, this little book is proving to be a real soul winner. The publishers inform us that but very little advertising has been given this book, and yet its circulation is steadily increasing. Considerably over a hundred thousand were sold last year. It is perhaps one of the best books we have to break down prejudice, and is devoted to a subject in which practically the whole world is interested. The retail prices are 50 cents in the cloth binding and 25 cents for paper covers, postpaid, with 50 per cent discount in lots of ten or more, transportation extra. Send all orders to your conference tract society.

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The Wings of Victory

America looks with pride upon her new aeroplane flotilla. From now on large shipments of these man-made fighting birds will be forwarded to the front, and much is expected of them. It is therefore quite natural that the public mind will be favorably influenced by the new April "Watchman" cover design and the contents will be read with extreme interest.

There is sure to be a big demand for this new April issue. Not more than 75,000 will be printed; no second edition. Please place your orders early. You may telegraph at our expense all orders for 250 or more if you are in a hurry. The April number should have a wide circulation among your friends and neighbors and do not forget the boys in the Army Camps.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mrs. James Schultz who recently returned from China, spoke at the young people's meeting, February 16.

A little girl, Cleo Gail, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith on February 13. Mr. Smith is a student here this year, and he and his wife, formerly Miss Margaret Miller, attended school here several years ago.

Miss Gladys Zedaker spent several days at her home in New Bedford, Pa. Her brother must leave for the training camp in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Elder E. K. Slade has been giving some very valuable instruction to the members of the ministerial training class.

"Only those who live the life of Christ are His co-workers."

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FOR SALE.—Modern bungalow located three minutes' walk from the academy. Address Mrs. E. R. Brown, R. No. 1, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

WANTED.—One experienced lady book-keeper, also domestic help for the culinary, laundry, and various domestic departments. Address Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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Notice

The Nashville Sanitarium-Food Fac-

tory is being moved to the Madison School and Sanitarium and we have on hand a small stock of the following foods which we offer at the low prices quoted, while they last. These are nice fresh foods. It will be three or four months before the factory will be in running order again, so order at once to be sure of getting some.

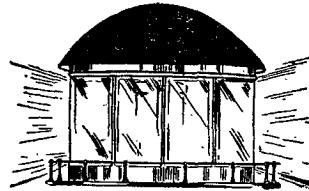
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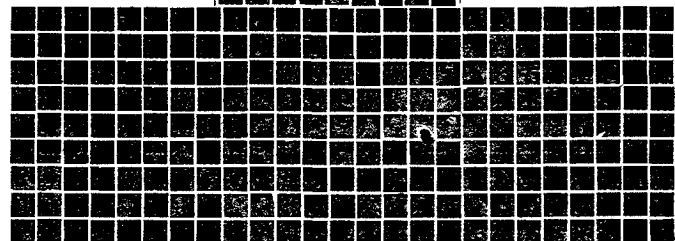
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