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### The General Conference Bulletin

I wish that all the brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference to whom these words might come that they would consider the great necessity of keeping in touch with the splendid things that will transpire at the coming General Conference, by being subscribers of the General Conference Bulletin.

We are living now in the greatest struggle the world has ever seen, yet the greatest of struggles shall be hushed before the greatest of splendors. If a great, strange, heavenly body should suddenly appear in the midst of the solar system, a quiver would be felt throughout the field of planetary influences. Irregularities would appear because the balance of the systems was being disturbed. Irregularities are appearing now all throughout the earth, both amongst men and in physical disturbances. These are produced by the advanced breath of the approaching end of the age. This earth began its career on the morning when God said, "Let there be light." It will end its career in a great bonfire. The last week of the time of the end is here, and the world is in the commencement week of the senior class. Our brethren ought to be fully in touch with what the saints are doing to get ready to welcome the coming of the new. Don't miss subscribing to the General Conference Bulletin.

Order at once. The Conference begins March 29, and will last 17 days. The price of the Bulletin is 50¢. If you wish it bound in cloth, it can be obtained for \$1.75 by ordering in advance. There will be no more bound than there are orders in advance for. Get your order in at once, whether for the Bulletin or for the bound form of it. B. G. WILKINSON.

"If today we would take time to go to Jesus and tell Him our needs, we should not be disappointed. He would be at our right hand to help us."

### The Cantonment Offering

We wish to drop just this last word concerning the offering to be taken in our churches in the Columbia Union on Sabbath, March 9, 1918, to be used in the "Preparedness" campaign that is being launched in behalf of our boys of military age. Readings are being prepared at the present time which will be read in the churches on that day for the purpose of bringing to the attention of our brethren and sisters the imperative need of this campaign, and also outlining briefly our program for months to come whereby we hope to assist our young men in gaining a preparation, morally and spiritually which will enable them to quit themselves like men in the coming crisis.

We feel sure that every father and mother in Israel will have a vital interest in this present effort, and that there will be a hearty response on the part of all on the above mentioned Sabbath. Within the hearts of our young men today lies the latent resources of the future in the completion of the work of God in the earth, and we feel confident that to delay in this present work in mention will, in a large measure, bring disaster to the cause in time to come.

The offering for this purpose will go through the regular channels. Place your offering in the hands of your church treasurer, or forward same to conference treasurer in case you are isolated from your church, and it will be remitted in the proper manner.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

### A Word About the Census

Several weeks ago a request was sent to every church in the Union for the names and addresses of our young men between the ages of 18 and 31 years, both members and non-members of the church. To date we have received a very encouraging response from more than two-thirds of the churches, and approximately six hundred names are included in the present list.

Only a short time ago we sent letters to the young men in camp, which have been followed by some encouraging answers. The experiences that have been sent in

from some who are making a noble stand for principle amidst the strongest opposition affirms our belief in the fact that there are even young men in Israel who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal. We must keep in touch with our boys when they step across the threshold of their own homes, where they find the restraining influence of godly parents, into the stern realities of army life, where they find little that is conducive to the development of strong Christian character.

We are planning within a few days to get in touch with our young men on our list who have not yet been called, but are delaying the matter for a short time awaiting some word from the churches that have not yet reported on the census. If your church is included in the delinquent list, will you kindly have the desired information forwarded to us at once?

We believe firmly that out of this Gethsemane of the closing scenes of earth's history there will arise young men and women who will constitute a vital element in hastening the Second Coming of Christ. It will mean much to us if we act now, and do our part in helping to meet the supreme crisis. If there are any who are isolated from their nearest church who have sons between the above mentioned ages, we would be glad to include them in the list, if sent to us, and thus bring them under the influence of the campaign which is being launched.

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### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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### Harrisburg Convention

The above convention will long be remembered by those who were privileged to attend. The Spirit of God was present in a large degree, softening the hearts of all. A special hall was engaged for the occasion, which nicely accommodated all the incoming delegates from the surrounding churches. The following churches were represented: --- Harrisburg, Carlisle, Misslin, York, Lebanon, and Lancaster. We were greatly blessed in having the following to lead out: Elder Parsons, president of the East Pennsylvania

Conference; Elder F. W. Paap, home missionary secretary of the North American Division; Elder J. W. Hirlinger, home missionary secretary of the Columbia Union Conference; Elder V. Nutter, pastor of the Harrisburg Church; W. B. Mohr, tract society secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference, and T. H. Barritt, home missionary secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference. Friday night—

Elder V. Nutter gave the address of welcome. Elder Parsons preached a powerful sermon on "God's plan for the finishing of the work." This gave the convention a splendid send off, every one expressing themselves well repaid for attending the first meeting.

Sabbath School convened at 10 o'clock, which was followed by preaching service at 11 o'clock. Elder F. W. Paap selected for his theme "God's love for fallen humanity." Every heart was touched, the service closing with a consecration meeting. All consecrated their lives anew to the service of God.

Sabbath afternoon the meeting proved to be a most interesting one. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was taken up in the form of a symposium. Elder Hirlinger was the first speaker, and after expressing his hearty appreciation for what the Harrisburg Church had done in the past campaign, he related some experiences throughout the Union. Elder Parsons followed with words of appreciation and told of the wonderful success which attended the efforts of all throughout the entire conference. Elder Nutter spoke of the enthusiasm the members of the Harrisburg Church manifested and all were delighted to hear that nearly \$600 was realized. The church has the honor of first place in the East Pennsylvania Conference, gathering in more than any other church.

At this point many of the congregation related their experiences in the 1917 campaign and we were glad to hear from our dear Sister Butts who gathered in \$464. Sister Ware who came in the truth through the efforts of Brother Jamieson during 1916 campaign, told how she enjoyed working for the Master, and had collected \$43. She has set her goal at \$100 for next year. It was decided to set the 1918 goal for the Harrisburg Church at \$1,000.

Elder Paap spoke along the lines of practical Home Missionary work, showing how we needed to be like our great pattern Jesus, and that we needed to develop the kind, meek, loving spirit of the Master. Many handed in their names to purchase a full set of the Testimonies, and all felt the need of becoming better acquainted with the Spirit of Prophecy.

Sunday morning session opened with a large attendance. Elder Hirlinger

said it was the largest he had ever witnessed at a convention on a Sunday morning. Brother Jamieson, the church missionary secretary, read a paper on "Some experiences in Harrisburg." All enjoyed this and a short discussion followed.

Mrs. Nutter, the Young People's leader, gave a paper on "What our Young People can do," bringing out various lines of work suitable to our young people. This paper may appear in a later edition of the Visitor. Elder Hirlinger occupied the rest of the time, the burden of his remarks being for each one of us to be better Home Missionaries in our homes. This was a solemn meeting, there not being a dry eye in the place.

A special feature of the afternoon session was a practical demonstration, arranged by the writer. The following lines of work being demonstrated: Giving away of tracts on train and trolley cars, selling of the World Crisis series, and magazines; giving away of Present Truth series, demonstration of simple treatments, Harvest Ingathering, and Bible study.

This created a great interest; all witnessing the demonstration being greatly helped in knowing how to approach people and thus do more effective work in helping to spread the message. Nearly 1500 copies of the new tract "Fall of Jerusalem" were sold, many packages of tracts also. The supply of books sent from the office to be sold at reduced rate did not arrive in time.

The convention closed with a stirring sermon by Elder Hirlinger on "The Great World Wide Movement." The hall was crowded and a splendid convention closed with the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

I take this opportunity of thanking those who were so kind to entertain the incoming delegates and speakers, and others who helped to make the convention the success that it was.

T. H. BARRITT.

## News Notes

Miss Joy Murphy of Hicksville, Ohio, has joined the force in the conference office and is giving us much needed help in stenographic work.

Elder Harry Christman and Brother Charles Christman, paid a visit at the office during the past week.

A splendid Colporteurs' Institute is now in progress in Philadelphia. Brother Reichenbaugh reports quite a few new recruits for the colporteur work. A full account of the institute will appear next week.

Miss Bessie Acton visited the Reading and Mohnton church schools. Splendid work is being carried on in these two schools under their teachers Sister Eloise Williams and Brother Homer Baumgartner.

Have you placed your order for the new tract "Fall of Jerusalem"?

## NEW JERSEY

St. Francis & Columbus Aves., Trenton  
W. H. Heckman, Pres. C. Lawry, Sec.

## News Notes

Elder Heckman spent last Sabbath in the northern part of the state, visiting the Jersey City No. 1 and No. 2 Churches.

Brother Kirk met with the Newark Bohemian Church last Sabbath in the interest of the foreign work. The messages of the Home Missionary convention held in Washington are being brought to us through Brother Kirk.

Considerable interest is being awakened among the members in Trenton and other parts of the state in banding together for more efficient work. Cottage prayer meetings are frequently held, and the spiritual help all are getting is making possible greater individual missionary work.

Sabbath School lesson books for the second quarter are now on hand. To insure you against delay in receiving them, it is advisable to submit your order at once.

The subject for next quarter's Sabbath School study is the Book of Daniel. One of the main helps in this study is the book, "The Cross and Its Shadow." The tract society has a limited supply of these books on hand, and will furnish them at 66¢ postpaid. If you want one of these your order must be placed immediately.

Elder G. B. Thompson of Washington, D. C., spoke to the Trenton Church last Sabbath on the ministry of angels. His visit and his sermon were very much appreciated, as they were also in Camden Sabbath afternoon.

Miss Jessie Weiss arrived from Pennsylvania, March 1, to begin Bible work in the city of Trenton.

Brother J. A. Svenson, of Wisconsin, has taken up his work among the Swedish people of Jersey City. He writes that he considers it a very profitable field in which to work.

The people of Newark and elsewhere in New Jersey greatly regret to learn the death on February 25 of Elder J. O. Miller, president of the Chesapeake Conference. Elder Miller was at one time pastor of the Newark English Church.

Elder Heckman, together with Elder Langdon of Camden, met with the Swedesboro Church on Sunday last, the former speaking to the church there on Sunday forenoon.

The book, "The Story of Daniel," the chief help in next quarter's Sabbath School lessons, may be obtained from the tract society at 56 cents postpaid.

The Sabbath School and Young People's convention held in Paulsboro, February 22 and 23, was indeed a great incentive to the work in that part of the field. The three churches of Paulsboro, Swedesboro, and Woodbury were in attendance almost as a whole, and representatives were present from Camden, Jericho, and Cape May C. H.

On Friday evening Elder Heckman gave a splendid sermon on 2 Cor. 13:5. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." Sabbath forenoon was taken up with Sabbath School work, and many excellent and helpful things were brought up and discussed. The afternoon was given over to Missionary Volunteer work, and every one present received a new incentive to become a sturdy soldier. Everybody in the large number attending received a great blessing both socially and spiritually.

## VIRGINIA

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

## News Notes

On Sunday night, February 23, Elder B. G. Wilkinson, spoke to an audience of about 1200 people in the theatre at Norfolk, where Elder I. D. Richardson is conducting a series of ten Sunday night meetings.

Many of the boys who attended the Canvasser's Institute at Portsmouth are now in the field and very favorable reports are coming to the office. Let us remember these faithful pioneers in our prayers, as they prepare the way for our ministers and Bible workers.

Brother Geo. W. Lawrence, who has charge of the work in Portsmouth, was recently called to the deathbed of his daughter at his home in Maryland. We sympathize with him in his loss.

Elder R. D. Hottel, our new Home Missionary Secretary, attended the Home Missionary Convention held in Washington recently.

Our Richmond No. 1 Church, under leadership of Elder L. O. Gordon, has launched into a strenuous campaign to pay off the church debt, and from all reports will be successful. Why not start a similar campaign in the rest of our debt-burdened churches?

Don't forget to send in your subscription for the General Conference Bulletin. Just 50 cents. Send order to tract society.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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T. B. Westbrook, Pres.  
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

## Important Notice

The time is drawing near when the General Conference will convene in California and of course our people will want to be informed of the actions which shall be taken. This no doubt will be one of the most important meetings ever held by our people, and who knows but it may be the last General Conference ever to be held on this earth.

Surely we are living in perilous times and are very rapidly nearing the end of all things. We cannot afford to be left in ignorance now about the advance moves all along the line and I am glad that the General Conference has voted to issue the "Bulletin" as usual at the same low price of 50 cents for the entire session. Now, my dear brethren and sisters, in West Virginia, we feel that this "Bulletin" will give you some very valuable information, and therefore, I am requesting that every member in our conference send in his subscription at once that you may have the first copy from the press and keep in touch with all that is done at every session. Remember the price is only 50 cents and should be ordered through the tract society. Please send your order in at once, so that there will be no delay. T. B. WESTBROOK.

## Sabbath School and Home Missionary Work in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Sabbath, February 23, it was my privilege to meet with the Clarksburg Church. This was my first visit and I am glad to find such a good sized earnest company of believers. The Sabbath School work is rapidly advancing along all lines. This school is very much interested in "The Teachers Training Course," and has or-

dered ten sets of these books. They have also increased their club of "Sabbath School Workers" and have one of the neatest birthday boxes the writer ever saw, and the box is being faithfully remembered by each member.

The 11 o'clock hour was given to the Home Missionary work, the Holy Spirit being present to impress the importance of this work upon each heart. A number of the Clarksburg members are selling magazines and the small books. We believe others will soon take up this good work. Let us remember the blood of our friends and neighbors may be on our garments unless we are faithful in giving them the truth. We believe there are honest souls in Clarksburg and we sincerely hope this church will do her heaven appointed work faithfully.

MRS. LIDA MAE WESTBROOK.

## News Notes

Electric lights have been installed in the Parkersburg Church which is a great improvement.

A Young Peoples' Society was organized in Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16, with a membership of fifteen. Brother Ellers, leader, Mable Gage, secretary. We gladly welcome them into our Missionary Volunteer world. This makes us two new societies.

We are glad to hear that the Khaki Steps to Christ is out and will be sent to our soldier boys. These books are being paid for out of the "Soldiers Literature Fund," however, not enough money has yet been received to pay for this first edition, and another edition should be ordered. NOW is the time to work for thousands of these young men. Have you contributed to this worthy cause? Your help is needed. Send all remittances to W. T. Knox, Takoma Park, D. C.

Charleston and Clarksburg report splendid consecration services in their Sabbath Schools.

Miss Edna Embleton of Charleston was a pleasant caller at the home of Elder and Mrs. Westbrook one day last week.

"Those who fail to realize their constant dependence upon God, will be overcome by temptation."

"Only through realizing our own weakness, and looking steadfastly unto Jesus, can we walk securely."

## OHIO

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## The Responsibility of the Christian Teacher

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

On one occasion Christ said to Peter who was longing to do a work for his Master, "Feed my lambs." This has application in various ways, but it is forcibly applied to the work of the Christian teacher. With added intensity the admonition has long been sounding, and has been heeded by many, with varying success. The words are still echoing and will never cease to vibrate until the need has been fully met.

The qualifications needful to the one who assumes such a responsibility are numerous, but above all looms the prime essential of being a humble learner of the great teacher, and of living daily, the principles found in the greatest of all text books. Educational and literary attainments are needful, but this is "the better part." In this one essential, we find, to a great extent, the differing quality from the schools in the world, and really the excuse for the existence of the schools we maintain in their varying degrees. From the fact that this is the leading distinction, it should be first considered in the selecting of one who is to do this important work.

The place which the Christian teacher fills, and the work he may accomplish, are opened up to us in the words of the servant of the Lord as follows:

"He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that cannot be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come, an education that secures a passport from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade—the school above." C. to T. p. 24.

Such a work as this is entrusted, yes, expected, of the Christian teacher. What responsibility is coupled with the exalted privilege of doing such a work? Just what relation exists between the teacher and the children in his care? The training which a child should receive in the church school can not take the place of the instruction which should be given in the home, but it can, in a great measure, supplement it. Realizing the importance connected with parent-hood, one can not fail to see that the

teacher, filling in many respects a similar position, should have a personal knowledge of the responsibility involved. Mere living is fraught with importance, but when one undertakes to guide the lives of others in the right way, the work means responsibility greatly increased.

First of all else in the church school work comes the privilege of moulding the minds and characters of the children for the heavenly kingdom. The Lord's servant expresses it in this way. "Teachers are to watch over their students as the shepherd watches over the flock entrusted to his charge. They should care for souls as they that must give an account." C. to T. If they fail in this, their chief duty and privilege will have been neglected. The souls of the children should so rest upon the teacher's heart, that no amount of labor, in prayer, conversation, and example will be spared until every child has been won to Christ. The One who called the children to Him and blessed them in Galilee of old is as willing today to accept their young lives when surrendered to Him. Teachers can lead their children no further in their Christian experience than they themselves have gone. The story of Calvary can be made so vivid and full of meaning to them, that with the influence of God's Spirit to convict, their childish minds will be able to grasp, in a tangible way, just what the Saviour's sacrifice means for them. Of the Christian teacher will the question be asked by the righteous Judge of all, "Where is thy flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" It is his privilege by faith to so lay hold on divine assurance, that like Jacob of old, the grip will not loosen until even the most wayward have been brought to the fold. And the teacher shares in the joy of the courts of heaven when one of "these little ones" feels his need of a Saviour.

In a special testimony through His servant, the Lord assures us, that we may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Him, if we work for them. Working for them implies some effort and a holding on by faith, even though no impression seems at first to be made. Oft times children are sent to the church school whose home training has been neglected in spiritual things, or where it has been so slight as to count for almost nothing. In other homes, only one parent seeks to train the child in the admonition of the Lord, while the other tries to tear down what is being taught. The one seeking to train the child right, in co-operation with the Christian teacher, can, with the help of the Lord, prove the stronger, to the salvation of the child.

The interest manifested, by the teacher in spiritual things, will, to a great degree, be reflected in the lives of the children. Like sheep they are ready to follow

a leader, not only in the paths of right, but sometimes more quickly in the paths of wrong. In the plastic and impressionable age of childhood, children unconsciously look to those around them for examples and perhaps not to any other individual, except parents, more than to the teacher. No one is quicker to detect a sham, in whatever way it may be revealed, than a child, and we would do well to emulate them in this respect. The ideals of the teacher in regard to social, moral, and spiritual life, are in a great measure lived out by the children under his care. They are, in fact, so many mirrors in which he can read his own life and actions all too plainly. This is illustrated by the following incident. In a certain primary school the teacher and some of the pupils were in the habit of eating their noon luncheon together. One time it happened that the children were absent from the room when the teacher began his luncheon, and so missed the usual saying of grace. Later when coming into the room and getting their lunch pails, they all seemed waiting for something, and the teacher knowing what it was, but wishing to test them asked, "Why don't you eat your lunch?" They hesitated and waited one for the other, until one brave one explained, "We were waiting for you to ask the blessing." This was reverently done, the teacher afterward explaining that he had previously asked God's blessing upon the food. Thus every action of the teacher counts.

The responsibility placed upon the Christian teacher is two-fold; to prepare his charges for this life and the life to come. To fit a child to fully and bravely meet the experiences of life seems of itself a great task, and such it is; but to prepare them for eternity is far greater. What time the child is in school he is to learn lessons of kindness, thoughtfulness, politeness, in fact, all that will go to make him thoroughly fitted to bear his part in life and he looks to his teacher for an example. The Christian teacher will help to implant in the child's mind, an unflinching standard between right and wrong, the false and the true. His childish ideals will develop and become higher as he sees true ones pointed out to him.

To a great extent, the physical welfare of the children is dependent upon the teacher. He is to instruct them in the laws governing good health, brought about by temperate living. The sin which caused the first pair to fall, is not without its power in the lives of many today. In the Christian teacher should be found the proper example in regard to dress, eating, drinking, and conversation.

Such a work as the Christian teacher undertakes, seems to assume proportions to that represented in Greek mythology,

of Atlas upholding the world upon his shoulders, but the One who is always willing to bear more than His share, will help to lift the burden, if His help is only asked. In co-operation with heavenly beings, the teacher who has fully dedicated his life to God may be used to do a work equalled by no other—that of preparing workers to carry on God's great work in the earth.

And it will be his privilege, if faithful in doing the work appointed him and aided by God's Holy Spirit, to present to the great Teacher of all, the flock. He has been given, where, united around God's throne, teacher and pupils together will learn the lessons of eternity.

VERA BEHRENS.

## Child Culture

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

In these days of war and shortage of food, much is being said about the importance of cultivating the soil, and the successful farmer is respected more than he ever has been. He who produces food to maintain life is just as much a patriot as the soldier who goes to the front. Then again how we admire the beautiful rose and the fragrant lily.

If we regard the culture of plants important how much more important is the cultivation of human plants, our children, for the children of today are men and women, the future nations of tomorrow. The poor Belgian orphans snatched as it were from death and safe within the walls of France are treated with great tenderness and care. Besides being made happy and comfortable they are educated in Belgian history and language. A large Belgian flag is placed on the dining room table. To them is recited the brave deeds of their fathers and even the little tots lisp the patriotic songs of Belgium. Why? Out of this little remnant of children will grow the future nation of Belgium. Parents and dear fellow teachers, we build not only for time but for eternity, not merely for an earthly kingdom but for the kingdom that has no end. This we surely cannot do in our own strength.

Men have put much careful thought on child-culture although systematic study of the mental and physical nature of the child has been of modern and indeed of very recent times. Comenius, Rousseau and Pestalozzi stand out prominently as students of children. They emphasize the importance of beginning education with an appeal to the senses for only in this way can the reason and judgment be reached.

Rousseau would have the child develop in a natural and untrammelled way.

This idea directly opposed to the earlier religious view, that of the total depravity of the child, was the inspiration of modern educational reform.

Preyer, the German physician and psychologist has by his investigations thrown much light on the subject. He clearly states the fact that the child at birth and for many months thereafter is not only without self-consciousness, reason, and will, but that even its sense perceptions are vague and confused, and feels at first only a sense of comfort or discomfort. The eyes do not work coordinately; the gaze is not fixed and objects are not clearly discerned, not to speak of distances and colors. We see this illustrated when the baby holds out its little hand to grasp the moon. The same general condition is seen in the hearing and touch and even the taste and smell.

How are self-control, judgment and consciousness brought out from this primitive chaos and night of the infant's consciousness? Preyer again has thrown light on the subject. Learning should be by doing. Consciousness arises when the child is stimulated by some object, say a rattle.

It reacts in a variety of ways partly reflex, partly at random. Among these movements one is usually more satisfactory than the others. Assume it to be that of grasping the rattle. This becomes the most satisfactory movement. The other unsuccessful movements are gradually eliminated. Meanwhile the mind is growing more familiar with the stimulation object and is distinguishing the characteristics whereby it can be identified. Thus perception is developing. The child becomes conscious of what the object is and what it means. It also knows the result of certain actions toward that object.

In a similar way all mental powers develop. We learn because we react toward stimulating objects and in order that we may react more successfully consciousness must find itself in an unsatisfactory situation, up against an impossible as it were. Then we reach and reach, and work and work till we get the desired end.

Just here is where we as teachers can do our part. Place before the pupil the object to attain in such a way that it will be very much desired, then make him discontented (not discouraged) with his capacity to do. This will stir him up and the powers of thought and feeling will expand.

In just this way God deals with us. When we enter the school of Christ, how often we are brought face to face with seeming impossibilities. Then is our greatest opportunity and God's opportunity too. Reach and reach, till with

God's help you have the desired end. The powers of heart and mind expand during the process. When we study God's plan we see how we can deal with our children. A desired end, a feeling of helplessness, the teacher's encouragement and help to the child correspond to God's way of dealing with us.

Teaching means not only presenting subject matter to the mind, and not only saying, "It is your duty to learn whether the matter is interesting or not." It means rousing an interest in that material by showing it to be worth while. Then and then only will effort be put forth, and a well developed character means a trained sense of value as well as the power of sustained effort.

Much more might be said on the mental development of the child. He should be carefully trained in physical lines. He should be made to understand his body, and to care for it, for he needs physical strength to meet the battles of life. Yet "soul culture, which gives purity and elevation to the thoughts and fragrance to word, and act requires more painstaking effort."

Begin early, preoccupy the soil. "Instead of recommending your children to read 'Robinson Crusoe,' or fascinating stories of real life, such as 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' open the Scriptures to them, and spend sometime each day in reading and studying God's Word. The mental tastes must be disciplined and educated with the greatest care. Parents must begin early to unfold the Scriptures to the expanding minds of their children, that proper habits of thought may be formed.

"No effort should be spared to establish right habits of study. If the mind wanders, bring it back. If the intellectual and moral tastes have been perverted by overwrought and exciting tales of fiction, so that there is a disinclination to apply the mind, there is a battle to be fought to overcome this habit. A love for fictitious reading should be overcome at once. Rigid rules should be enforced to hold the mind in the proper channel.

"Between an uncultivated field and an untrained mind there is a striking similarity. In the minds of children and youth the enemy sows tares, and unless parents keep watchful guard, these will spring up to bear their evil fruit. Unceasing care is needed in cultivating the soil of the mind and sowing it with the precious seed of the Bible truth." C. to T. pp. 136, 137.

Have you ever set out a young rose bush too early in the spring? The wind is cold and chilly and the tender plant is dwarfed, doubtless never to rally or outgrow the effect of this cold experience. Just so with human plants. They thrive best in the sunshine of love and confidence.

We should teach them habits of obedience. Often parents are heard to express their thoughts thus, "When Mary gets older I will teach her to be obedient." There can be no greater mistake than this. The old saying is only too true, "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." A child can be trained to be truthful and gentle or to be deceitful and rough. It all depends on how you treat them. A child is often teased until angry, then the father will perhaps inflict punishment and justify himself with the thought that he is training the child in the way he should go. Who is at fault in this case?

Vigilance, eternal vigilance is the price we pay for establishing right habits in the child. Kindly but firmly have him do the right thing time after time. Mothers often fail in being firm. A child asks for a certain thing. He meets with a refusal. He asks for it again and soon finds that with repeated asking he gets what he wants. Thus the lesson of teasing is learned. Again say the mother is going for a ride. The child cries, and the mother comforts him, "Never mind, I will stay with you." She promptly gets him interested in his play things. Then she steals out the back door. A very dull pupil indeed if this did not teach him to lie and deceive!

A mother once overheard her little girl talking to her friends. The friends were urging her daughter to tease for something she wanted and she said, "It would not do any good. When mother says no she means it." Much unhappiness would be saved if all mothers would do this.

The results of right training? Who can know them? For, "sow a thought, reap an act; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny." Yes, not one child's destiny but that child influences others and on his destiny may hinge other destinies. Then cultivate the garden of the heart. Educate, educate all the powers of body, mind and soul, for "they that be wise shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

MARY RICE MITCHELL.

## CHESAPEAKE

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J. O. Miller, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

## News Notes

Our beloved president, Elder J. O. Miller, fell asleep at 1:10 A. M., February 25, 1918. Full particulars will appear later.

Elder A. S. Kellogg has just closed a two weeks' series of meetings at Smithsburg. Quite an interest was awakened and the meetings were well attended by the public in that locality. Last Sunday he had the privilege of burying five precious souls in baptism.

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, One Week Ending February 22, 1918</b>									
F. Brandstetter, Cinianati		BR	5	49	38	127 50	12 50	140 00	
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.		BR	5	34	13	58 00	6 00	64 00	12 50
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		OD	5	28	30	70 00		70 00	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		WCS	5	28		27 00	11 50	38 50	50 50
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.			5	26	5	14 00	2 90	16 90	2 90
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	4	23	26	55 00	18 50	73 50	4 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	5	17	12	26 00	3 25	29 25	7 25
H. C. Nelson, Mount Vernon		OD	3	12	6	16 00	5 00	21 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>\$393 50</b>	<b>\$59 65</b>	<b>453 15</b>	<b>77 90</b>
<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending February 22, 1918</b>									
O. C. Weller, Brunswick, Md.		BR	4	21	17	76 00	4 00	80 00	3 60
S. T. Shadel, Brunswick, Md.		BR	4	22	14	62 00	19 50	81 50	3 15
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	4	40	13	52 00	16 25	68 25	3 40
D. W. Johns, Baltimore, Md.		Misc.				4 60		4 60	
Misc., Wilmington, Del.		OD				100 00		100 00	12 20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>294 60</b>	<b>39 75</b>	<b>334 35</b>	<b>22 35</b>
<b>Virginia, Week Ending February 22, 1918</b>									
Luther Williams, Gloucester Co.		OD	2	13	13	30 00	75	30 75	
A. C. Ford, Norfolk Co.		OD	5	32	46	101 00		101 00	
R. E. Pleasant, Campbell Co.		OD	3	24	30	69 00		69 00	
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White		OD	4	24	30	62 00		62 00	
W. E. Saunders, Culpeper Co.		OD	2	13	8	16 00		16 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>278 00</b>		<b>278 75</b>	
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 22, 1918</b>									
E. W. Chisholm, Phillipsburg		BR	5	40	9	39 50	2 00	41 50	156 50
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	4	21	3	14 00	4 00	18 00	
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	4	32	5	25 00	13 20	38 20	14 90
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.		OD	5	37	17	34 00	1 50	35 50	50
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SD	5	39	4	5 75	23 00	28 75	
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cambria		HM	5	17	6	17 00	2 75	19 75	27 50
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	3	16	3	14 00	1 50	15 50	60 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		OD	2	10		26 00	3 25	29 25	4 80
Alice Thurman, Allegheny Co.		HM	2	10	12	15 50	5 50	21 00	1 00
Abijah Dunn, Allegheny Co.		Misc.	2	9		14 00	4 00	18 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$204 75</b>	<b>\$ 60 70</b>	<b>265 45</b>	<b>265 70</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 22, 1918</b>									
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	5	20		7 00	8 10	15 10	15 10
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	1	2	2	8 00	85	8 85	8 85
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	41	27	85 00		85 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	4	32	8	31 00	8 75	39 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>131 00</b>	<b>17 70</b>	<b>148 70</b>	<b>23 95</b>
<b>Grand Totals: 31 Agents Value of Orders \$1301 85 Deliveries, \$389 90</b>									

The Sunday night meetings in Hagerstown conducted by Elder A. S. Booth continue to be well attended, and the offerings are good. The Hagerstown papers have all done nicely by Elder Booth, giving him good space each day.

Our Home and Field Missionary Secretary, Brother Pettibone, spent Friday to Sunday with the Martinsburg Church, and reports that he has several prospective colporteurs.

Owing to the illness and death of our conference president, the office work has

increased very much, and with the additional responsibility resting upon her, our conference secretary is overburdened with work, so we beg the brethren and sisters of the conference to be patient in case you do not receive an immediate reply.

## Present Truth No. 27

This number of Present Truth prepared by Elder A. G. Daniels, will be ready to mail March 1.

The theme of this issue, "Armageddon—the Last Great Battle," is presented under the following topics:



Armageddon—(its meanings); Why this War has been Named Armageddon; The Scriptures the Source of Information Regarding Armageddon; Where the Battle of Armageddon will be Fought; The Whole World to be Involved; Armageddon Foretold by Other Prophets Besides John; Joel's Prophecy of War; History of the World Outlined in Prophecy; The Present Outlook—Does it Presage Peace or War? The Cause of Armageddon; Armageddon Closes the World's History; The Kingdom of Christ.

While this issue of Present Truth is full and complete in the presentation of its special theme, it is also the climax of the two preceding issues, No. 25, "The World in Ferment," and No. 26, "After the War—What?" In these three issues the great Advent message has a setting that makes it of the most thrilling interest, and of unusual convincing power. The molding influence of these three numbers read in the order published, can hardly be estimated. They should have a wide circulation.

## OBITUARIES

ALLEN.—Nannie Wills, was born in Winchester, Ky., July 25, 1853, and died in Urbana, February 20, 1918, aged 64 years, 6 months, and 25 days.

At the age of fifteen she was converted, baptized and united with the Baptist Church at Yellow Springs, Ohio. December 25, 1876, she was united in marriage to W. N. Allen, a minister of the Baptist Church. To this union four children were born.

After moving from Yellow Springs to Urbana she united with the Jerusalem Baptist Church. In 1898 she accepted the Third Angel's Message, and later united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Springfield. Sister Allen was a faithful and devoted Christian. Though her suffering was intense she bore it patiently until death. Although she was the only Seventh-day Adventist in Urbana, she was well known and highly respected by all her neighbors. The funeral was conducted in the home of her son, H. F. Allen, by the writer, assisted by a Baptist and a Methodist minister. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14: 13 and Isa. 57: 1.

Sister Allen leaves a husband, one son, three sisters, and three brothers, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The remains were taken to Yellow Springs for burial.

W. W. MILLER.

## Mount Vernon Academy

### Ministerial Band

Our band continues quite active in its efforts to bring the light of truth to others. Sunday night, February 24, Mr.

Clyde Newmyer, our new leader of the ministerial band, presented the Signs of the Times to the patients at the State Sanatorium. About seventy-five were in attendance.

An unusual interest is being taken in the meetings for the engine room men at the Sanatorium. Last Wednesday evening, Mr. George Rapp in an earnest talk used for his remarks a number of scriptures bearing on the preparation needed to meet Christ at His coming. When the call was made for those who had started in the Christian life or who would like to do so, several hands went up.

To the young man who expects to enter Mount Vernon Academy next year, we would recommend that you without fail join this ministerial band at the very beginning of the school year. In the meetings conducted by our band, many are receiving a training for more effective service. Why not you? GUY CORDER.

The following officers will lead out in the work the coming quarter: Leader, Clyde Newmyer; assistant leader, James Lippart; secretary, George Carter; assistant secretary, Paul Lipscomb; chorister, Raymond Kraft. We hope to furnish at the close of the school year a complete report of our entire school year's work. We have 28 members; 25 active and 3 passive, and members being added weekly. Our work is important and we feel our great need of help, so pray for our work this coming quarter.

On Monday night, February 25, a recital was given by the Music Department of Mount Vernon Academy, conducted by Professor H. A. Miller. The chapel was crowded with an appreciative audience and the recital was a grand success.

Mrs. E. E. Nothstine of Cincinnati, Ohio, spent several days at Mount Vernon visiting her daughter Dorothea, who is attending the academy, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. C. Robbins left Mount Vernon, to visit her relatives in Modesta, Calif., until she and Professor Robbins shall leave for Africa.

Mrs. H. L. Harkins and her little son Edwin of Alliance, Ohio, spent the week end with Miss Iva Harkins at the academy.

Professor A. C. Robbins and Miss Ethel Murphy spent several days at the Sanatorium last week, as they had their tonsils removed.

Brother C. C. Pulver, the Union Auditor, spent several days at Mount Vernon last week auditing the conference and academy books.

## Shenandoah Valley Academy

The ministerial band is holding meetings in three places; Liberty Church, Soliloquy school, and the opera house at New Market. The cosmopolitan nature of the band may be gathered from the fact that it is made up of Italian, Russian, and English speaking members, each preparing to work for his own nation.

The academy has recently received three new students, Mildred Overacher, William Saunders, and Clarina Stone. This brings the attendance up to forty. Not a student has left the school since it opened last September. We have been obliged to provide temporary quarters in the basement for some of the students, others are volunteering to occupy the garret, and with that we are obliged to place three in some rooms built for two.

The music department is outgrowing its facilities. Both pianos are used every minute from five thirty in the morning to nine thirty at night, and even this does not accommodate all who wish to take music. Miss Krom is arranging for the department to give a recital Saturday night, March 2.

Professor C. L. Stone and Elder W. C. Moffet met with the local members of the board recently to plan for the coming year. Brother Carl V. Woods has sold his farm, and will take the superintendency of the industrial department. Arrangements were made to erect a home for the superintendent, a much needed barn and stable, and a canning factory.

The students association has just placed an order for chairs with which to seat the chapel, having raised the cash to pay for the same. Previously the association had equipped the library and laboratory to meet the required standards of the educational department.

## To the Readers of the VISITOR

In less than a month from the date of this paper there will be quite a stir in the city of San Francisco. Our people from all over the States and many from across the waters will be assembled there. It would seem good if all our people could have the privilege of attending these very important meetings, but inasmuch as this is impossible, let us do that which is pos-

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**Advertisements**

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**STUDY AT HOME.**—If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fireside Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, says, "I believe your school is conferring benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

**WANTED.**—Single man to help on farm, must have some experience in farming. Apply to A. Snider, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 56A, Cumberland, Md.

**Notice**

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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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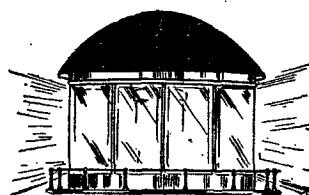
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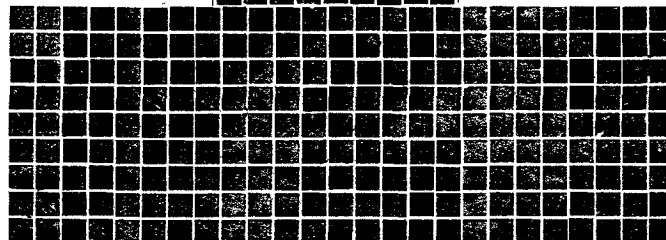
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