

Have You a Full Set of the Testimonies? Special Testimonies  
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### The Testimonies in Every Home

Suppose a dear friend of yours should write you a letter of great importance. Do you think it would show either appreciation of his friendship or of the communication if you never took time to read it?

In this light must we consider the Testimonies for the Church as given to us by God, through Sister E. G. White. If the Lord thought enough of us to arrange to give us all these messages, we could show our respects to Him for them, and our appreciation for His gift, by at least reading them through once.

These messages came from God, and the printed words have captured the thoughts of God. As the Lord never wastes any of His efforts, we can not help but see that these messages were designed to arm us against Satan's special temptations at the present time.

The Lord is well acquainted with the latest plans that are devised in the councils of Satan. He knows, moreover, that Satan's greatest energies are not spent upon the world and those whom he has already in his grasp. The devil knows he hath but a short time, and all the cruel hate of those who are reserved in chains of darkness is directed against the people of God.

We have set apart Sabbath, March 23, as Special Testimony Day. How many are taking part in the campaign of that day to see that not only their own family, but all other Sabbath-keeping families have become possessors of the Testimonies of God's Spirit?

It is time for the church to arise and begin a new drive against the kingdom of darkness. The Lord is getting ready to deliver against the enemy a great offensive. Will you join? The armies of the world, however, do not count for anything in an offensive, unless they have had some training. God's special method of giving others instruction for this work, you will find in the volumes of the Testimonies. If you ever made an investment in your life which netted you good returns, you surely will when you become a possessor, a lover, and a reader of the Testimonies.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### The Testimonies in Every Family

If asked the question—"What is the greatest unifying force in the Second Advent Movement outside of the Bible?" we would say, The Spirit of Prophecy. This wonderful gift brings to the church in clearer light God's vision, God's viewpoint.

These are days of peril. The enemy has come down with great power knowing that he hath but a short time. He is wroth with the church, the remnant that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus, the Spirit of Prophecy.

Especially in a time like this our great Leader would have us "all speak the same thing and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." "God hath tempered the body together, having more abundant honor to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism [or division] in the body." 1 Cor. 12: 24, 25.

There is light for this people in the Testimonies. "It is Satan's special object to prevent this light from coming to the people of God, who so greatly need it amid the perils of these last days." Vol. 5, p. 667. Surely it is time that every family in this great movement possessed these precious volumes of truth, and that we all anew set our hearts to obey the light which God has been pleased to give us. In Vol. 4, pp. 390, 391, we read:

"The volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy, and also the Testimonies, should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family, and read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many, and let them be worn out in being read by all the neighbors.

"There should be evening readings, in which one should read aloud to those assembled at the winter fireside. There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God. Much of it is concerning family duties, and instruction is given to meet almost every case and circumstance. Money will be

expended for tea, coffee, ribbons, ruffles and trimmings, and much time and labor spent in preparing the apparel, while the inward work of the heart is neglected. God has caused precious light to be brought out in publications, and these should be owned and read by every family."

Last year there were sold nearly two thousand sets of the Testimonies. This year we wish that we might place in the homes of our people at least five thousand sets. And the Home Missionary Department is called upon to push this campaign with all speed. We have no time for delay. Special prices will prevail during this campaign: \$6.80 for the full set in cloth, or \$10.20 in red leather, postage extra. There is nothing that we can do that will so spiritualize us and inspire us one and all to work for souls, as a careful reading of the Testimonies in connection with the study of the Bible. Make every effort, even a great sacrifice if necessary, to get a full set of the Testimonies in your home.

F. W. PAAR.

### Special Testimonies Day

In harmony with the following from the Spirit of Prophecy, and the resolution passed by the North American Division Conference in regard to the Testimonies; Sabbath March 23, has been set apart as Special Testimonies Day, and will be observed by all the churches in the Columbia Union Conference:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord and a deeper personal spiritual experience, which leads to active labor in the winning of souls,

"We Recommend: 1. That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family."

No one would consent to having only one Bible in a church, yet such a plan would be about as wise as to have only one set of the Testimonies in the churches. There is instruction given in the Testimonies to meet almost every case and circumstance." For this and other reasons the Lord says they "should be owned and read by every family."

"The final movements of the enemy will be rapid ones," and all are in need of the instruction given in the Bible and the Testimonies in order to comprehend these movements and not be taken unawares. If this instruction, which has been given in them to meet almost every case and crisis is locked up in the church, or is in the possession of some other member, it will be of no benefit to the members who haven't immediate access to them, and the enemy who is ever on the alert will steal a march on the uninstructed.

Let us all remember that the Lord has not given anything in the Bible and Testimonies but that which is vitally essential to the salvation and protection of His people in these last days. "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." Ps. 91. "To the law and to the testimony, if any man speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa 8:20. Only those who have the Bible and the Testimonies can speak according to them. These only have the "light" and can walk in the light. Such are the "children of the light and shall not walk in darkness and be overcome."

If some have not sufficient funds to pay for them, let them sell magazines to pay for them. The profits on only 85 Signs or Watchman magazines at 15 cents each, or 114 Life and Health or the Liberty at 10 cents each, will pay for a full four volume set of the Testimonies in cloth. Or the profits on 128 Watchman or Signs, or 170 Life and Health or Liberty magazines, will pay for a full set in red leather.

With this easy plan, there is hardly an excuse for anyone not having them, and it is through our books and periodicals that "The world is to receive the light of truth," Vol. IX, page 61. So in selling magazines to pay for the Testimonies, Review, Signs, etc., we are doing double missionary work. In this way we are giving "The light of truth" to the world and at the same time we are placing the "light" contained in the Testimonies in our own homes.

May the Lord help every soul to take advantage of this opportunity of getting the Testimonies at such reduced prices and in such an easy way. The day of gloominess and thick darkness is right upon us. May the Lord help us to walk in every ray of light which He has given us so that there may be no darkness at all in us. Joel 2:1,2; John 12:35,36.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## Are You Reading the Testimonies?

Years ago, when a young girl in one of our schools, I talked with one of the teachers about reading the "Testimonies." To me they seemed dry and uninteresting, and I could not see why they were necessary.

"Suppose we do not argue about it," the older woman said: "but I would like to have you notice one thing, and think about it. Those who read the 'Testimonies' most, and try most faithfully to carry out their instruction, are those who enjoy the happiest and brightest Christian experience. While those who talk against them, soon lose their hold on this truth, and finally drift away into the world."

Many times since then I have thought of that conversation, and have had occasion to verify its truth. The desirability of reading the "Testimonies" is not a question that can be decided by argument; it is shown by the fruit that it bears in the life. Do you desire a deeper Christian experience during the year to come? One of the helps provided for you is very likely in your home library—perhaps unused and unprized. Take down the "Testimonies," read them carefully, and mark the sentences and paragraphs that are especially helpful; you will be surprised, as you read, to see how much there is that seems especially fitted to your special need. —A. B. E.

## The Fall of Jerusalem

Minds everywhere are agitated over the fall of Jerusalem. People are inquiring as to what it means to the world and its place in the prophetic drama. The editor of the "Washington Post" called up the General Conference Office the next morning after the fall and wanted to know the significance of this victory for the allies, in the light of prophecy. He held the phone until he had received over two columns of matter on the subject, which was printed in the next issue of the "Post."

This fully proves the statement made by the Spirit of Prophecy that there is "A spirit of inquiry abroad in the land. It is in our power to answer these inquiries." How are we to answer them? "God, in His providence has prepared an abundance of literature dealing with these vital, living questions. May a sobering sense of our solemn responsibility rest upon us in this time of opportunity." "Review," February 22, 1917.

"The Fall of Jerusalem," by Elder F. M. Wilcox, has been prepared for "this time of opportunity," to meet the many inquiries in regard to Jerusalem's fall.

"Now" is the "time of opportunity" to scatter this splendid tract by the millions. May every Seventh-day Adventist act his part in circulating it. It costs only three cents, and sells readily at five cents. It is the most ready seller on trolleys and trains that I ever undertook to sell.

Just passing them out quickly to the passengers on electric cars, and then going back and collecting, I average from 20 to 25 on a car and it takes only about

five minutes time. All I say as I pass them out, is, "The 'Fall of Jerusalem'; what it means to the world. Just off the press." I say nothing about price until I collect. Some say, "Thank you; that is just what I have been looking for." Many have the money ready. Our people can sell them by the thousands as they travel.

Order a good supply, and see how easily they sell. A brother in Harrisburg sold 13 in only a square, going to the car. A sister in Washington sold 19 on trolleys going in and out of the city. The war may soon change the situation at Jerusalem. Now is the ripe time for this tract. It is the most forceful thing on the return of the Jews and literal and spiritual Israel.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## Old Dominion's Institute

Portsmouth, Va. February 6-16 there assembled in the Old Dominion the largest number of new recruits for the colporteur work that has received training in any of the institutes conducted in the Union this season. Thirteen new workers were present all planning to enter the work immediately or in the very near future. The total number of workers present was seventeen.

Elder Moffett, president of the conference, was with us much of the time and gave us stirring talks which made us anxious to get to the front. His messages had the old time ring to them. Elder I. D. Richardson, the former Union Missionary Secretary had charge of the devotional hour each morning. His work was especially appreciated, because he was able to make practical application of his talks to our work. A great source of inspiration were the theatre meetings being conducted by Elder Richardson in the largest theatre in Norfolk. That Sunday evening nearly twelve hundred people filed into this building to hear the subject, "The Second Coming of Christ." As we looked into the faces of this large audience of people, we were impressed with the fact that this is our great day of opportunity and that we should do all in our power to get the message to the waiting multitudes.

Sister Richardson each day gave us an hour's instruction on Medical Missionary Work which the class as well as many members of the church attended faithfully and greatly appreciated. The Spirit of Prophecy has explained that the colporteur work is a part both of the Ministry and Medical Missionary Work. Manual for Canvassers, page 32. As the forces of evil continue to close in upon the workers in this important line of evangelistic work we shall have to give more attention to this phase of our work. The door of the home as well as the door

to the heart is always open to the missionary who can give intelligent assistance in sickness.

We rejoice to see this large company of new workers going out into Virginia's ninety needy counties to give the message. How will the work ever be done in these great needy fields unless men and women give up the comfort of home and go out to these waiting multitudes? A frequent statement made by the colporteurs in attendance was, "I am going into this work for life." May the God of heaven bless them in their determination to stay by the work until our Great High Priest says, "It is finished." It is a serious thing for a man to give himself to the work of God and then look back. The Master says, "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

The churches of the tide water district entertained us royally. We had two union meetings on the two Sabbaths. The Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of those present in a marked way. We wish these churches great prosperity and trust that God may add many new members to their numbers as a result of the faithful work being done. We thank them most heartily for their many kindnesses and favors bestowed upon us brethren.

C. V. LEACH.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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### The Testimonies in Every Home

An active campaign has been launched throughout the North American Division by the Home Missionary Department to place the Testimonies in every home. This splendid task merits the indorsement and solicits the earnest co-operation of every minister and every church officer.

The Spirit of Prophecy is one of God's most precious gifts to the church. It was given with the other gifts for the perfecting of the saints. God wants a perfect, holy, and righteous people, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

This gift is the magnifying glass placed over the Bible that we may discern more clearly the deceitfulness of sin. David was a man after God's own heart, a writer of the psalms, and yet the prevailing customs of the east caused him to yield his integrity, crimes not to be tolerated in subjects, were uncondemned in the king. Flattery and the subtle allurements of power and luxury were not without effect. David became so blinded that God found it necessary to send a messenger by Nathan the prophet, pointing out his great sin.

We are living in an age today when evil is

called good, and good evil. The love of many is waxing cold. With an open Bible before us, we become blinded to our condition, and so God in His divine love and compassion, has spoken to us through this inspired channel to bring us back to the Bible and the perfection of Christian character as outlined in His word. Send in your order at once and safeguard your house and family with this precious light from heaven.

R. E. HARTER.

### The Book Work in the District of Columbia Conference

Just a note to tell you that we are not standing still even though we have not reported for some time. We are steadily progressing and the prospects for the future are bright.

Recently I spent a few days with a colporteur in St. Mary's County, the population of which is largely catholic. In two days we took orders for \$54.75 worth of books, of these 26.75 were cash sales.

We spent the night in the home of a Catholic merchant who told us that he had never read the Bible in his life. Before we left we had sold them \$8.00 worth of books for cash, and we are confident that they will do much good in this home, for these people seemed very eager to hear the truth.

Many splendid opportunities are awaiting those who will take up this important work. God is adding His blessing to the work here.

W. H. GEORGE.

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### News Notes

#### NOTICE

Mrs. J. O. Miller and family desire to thank the many friends for their kind words of sympathy and their help in the time of their great sorrow and bereavement. The letters have been received and the kindly expressions greatly appreciated.

Elder A. S. Booth reports a splendid attendance at the meeting in Hagerstown again last Sunday night, March 3. He is now planning to have baptism next Sabbath, March 9.

Elder A. S. Kellogg left Baltimore Sunday morning, March 3, for California, in order that he might have everything in readiness to come back at the close of the General Conference, and bring his family with him.

The Baltimore No. 3 Church is doing

nicely under the leadership of their new pastor, Elder M. C. Strachan.

Elder J. H. Wierts has been suffering greatly from a cold and was unable to conduct his service as usual last Sabbath morning. Brother Edward Franklin, who is listed for Canada as soon as he can get his release from here, took charge of the service.

A short meeting of the conference committee was held last week and it was voted that Elders A. S. Booth and A. S. Kellogg shall be our representatives at the General Conference. It was also decided that Elder Booth should act as president until some definite decision is made to secure some one to succeed Elder Miller. A meeting of the conference committee was held on March 13, at which time the matter received due consideration. Elder B. G. Wilkinson met with the committee.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our home and field missionary secretary, has been spending some time at the office assisting in the regular office work, because of the many added burdens due to the illness and death of Elder J. O. Miller. Should his work be seemingly neglected, you will understand why. Neglect is not intentional on his part at all.

Brother O. C. Weller has been spending some time in getting ready to move into his territory in West Virginia, where quite an interest has been awakened through the sale of books, in order that he may be a help to the little company there. That accounts for the scarcity of reports from Brother Weller from the canvassing field. He will soon be back in full swing again, we feel sure, and is expecting great success.

Brother J. E. Jones worked forty hours last week and averaged \$2.45 an hour. That is good work, and surely the Lord is blessing him for his faithfulness.

(MARCH 13)

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our home and field missionary secretary, passed through the city this morning and stopped at the office on his way to Washington to gather some recruits for the canvassing work in our conference.

Brother Nicholas Dreer and son from Rock Hall, Md., called at the office this morning. We are glad to have a visit from some representative from the church there, as we are always glad to hear from any churches in our field. The progress of

the work has been hindered somewhat, seemingly, owing to the severity of the winter, but our brethren and sisters are not discouraged and are trying to do the very best they can under the circumstances.

Brother G. Medairy called at the office on his way to Salisbury, Md., to make a short visit with the company there. Brother Medairy will remain in Hagerstown to follow up the interest in the work there while Elder Booth is at the General Conference.

Miss Newcomer, the conference secretary, made a short visit to her parents in Hagerstown for a little rest and attended the closing service in the Maryland Theater where Elder Booth has been holding meetings for the past two months. She is glad to be able to bring a good report back of the results of the effort. About thirty have signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. The baptism planned had to be postponed because of frozen water pipes. There was baptism, however, on Sunday, March 17.

Elder and Mrs. Booth will arrive in Baltimore to make preparations for their going to the General Conference in California. He conducted the service in Baltimore No. 1 Church on the 16th inst.

Elder S. T. Shadel is making a short visit to Wisconsin.

Mrs. J. O. Miller and daughter, Mrs. Childs, spent several days in Takoma Park last week. Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Coppock of Ohio was with them. She has been visiting Mrs. Miller since the death of Elder Miller, and returned to her home on Monday, March 11.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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### The Spirit of Prophecy

Paul in his epistle to the Corinthians was very anxious that they come behind in no gift while waiting for the Lord to come. Several gifts are mentioned in the Bible but not any are so much to be desired as the Spirit of Prophecy.

Satan has a great hatred for prophets, and when God's people began to keep all the commandments, this gift was given to the remnant. "And the dragon was wrath with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Why the enemy is so stirred is because those who follow the teachings of the Spirit of Prophecy are forewarned of his

devices and are ready to resist them. The king of Syria warred against Israel but he could not plan a surprise attack, because the prophet constantly warned the Israelites of the enemies' plans. This is true now and if we will heed the instruction given in the writings of Sister White we will be able to meet every emergency and come off victorious.

The world is in perplexity, the final movements are rapid, so let us avail ourselves of the opportunity of securing the instruction we need at this time.

March 23 has been appointed to be Testimonies day. Special prices are given and it is hoped that not a family in the conference will be without these books.

Not only do they contain just what we need at this time but, in Vol. 4, page 390, we are told to loan to our neighbors. If in Paul's day the gift of prophecy was valued, how much more in these last days when the perils mentioned in II Tim. 3 are upon us.

E. A. MANRY.

### Johnstown Missionary Volunteer Convention

The Missionary Convention held at Johnstown was a success in every way. Professor C. L. Stone gave valuable instruction; and the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, E. A. Manry, was much pleased when definite arrangements were made to handle 400 Present Truth each month. Individual members pledged themselves to become responsible for the distribution of literature.

Valuable papers were presented by the young people. The subject of the Morning Watch was taken up by Miss Rager. The thought was brought out that the day is begun right and that courage is given for the day by the texts given. Mrs. E. J. Sheehan had for her subject, "Bible Year." It showed why we should read the Bible through each year and the help derived from its study. Of all people, Seventh-day Adventists should know their Bibles. Professor Stone brought out the fact that although we talk so much about Bible Year, yet the Book can be read through in 50 hours. So all who have not begun to read the Bible through, should begin at once. The paper upon the Standard of Attainment by Sister Richard Myers showed the importance of each Missionary Volunteer member becoming acquainted with the texts that deal with our faith. Just now many are asking the meaning of the world embracing events that are perplexing statesmen. The study of the Standard of Attainment will help answer these inquirers. "What the Missionary Volunteer Society Means to Me," was the subject of a paper by Mrs. M. L. Bateman. Many facts were brought out showing

how one is helped by our societies. Sister Saunders showed the many lines of usefulness that are before our young people. "Our Influence," by Sister A. W. Berkebile was to the point. Each has an influence that is either telling for or against the truth. No man liveth to himself. Sister R. M. Spencer presented the subject of "Marrying Unbelievers." Had our young people in times past have had the instruction given in this paper, it would have helped them much. Nearly every statement was taken from the Bible or the Testimonies. The last on our list is by no means unimportant. It was the subject of prayer bands by the leader of the society, Miss Ridelstein. It was shown that the source of our strength comes from communing with God. Nothing is too hard for the One that upholds the worlds. He is willing to help all His children in their efforts to win souls and to exert an influence that will last throughout eternity.

### News Notes

Last week Brother T. M. Butler visited Mount Vernon Academy in the interest of the colporteur work. We hope to have many from the academy in the field this coming vacation.

In the report of the Harvest Ingathering which appeared for West Pennsylvania a few weeks ago in the "Visitor" the Dubois Church was credited with 41 members instead of 28. With this correction it will be seen that the Dubois Church passed its goal by nearly \$150.

The mailing list of the Pittsburgh No. 1 Missionary Volunteer society is constantly growing. It has now reached 264. Each month 1000 Present Truth papers are handled by our society. 736 are used in the city, and the remainder reaches homes from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Although much has been done by our young people here, yet more is to be accomplished in the future. Visiting the sick and the aged, besides the giving of Bible studies is to feature largely in the Missionary Volunteer program of soul saving.

Brother Butler brings back a very encouraging report from his visit to Mount Vernon. Several students have arranged to canvass in this field.

Brother Spencer was called recently to Johnstown to officiate at the funeral of Sister Miller.

Orders are coming in for the tract "Fall of Jerusalem." All who have used this pamphlet find a ready sale for it.

Just now there is a growing demand for our magazines. The "Signs" and the "Watchman" have a message for this time.

In harmony with the recent action of the West Pennsylvania Conference Executive Committee to send the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR to our people in the conference, we are having the VISITOR list of subscriptions increased.

This note is to explain to those who receive it, that it is being sent by the conference. As this will be an expense to the conference, it may be that those who receive the paper will wish to assist in this arrangement, if so please send 50 cents to the conference office for the year's subscription.

However, let all who receive the VISITOR without ordering it, bear in mind that you are not rendering any obligation in receiving the paper. There will be many items of interest, and we desire you to have it.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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### Results of Tabernacle Meetings

Sabbath, March 9, was a good day in the Parkersburg Church. Fifteen new members were taken in as a result of the tabernacle meetings. Ten others are keeping the Sabbath and will be ready to unite with us within the next few days. The Sacred Rite of baptism was administered to these new ones in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. We have no baptistry in our church, so had to depend upon the big heartedness of some of the churches of the city. The Disciple Church granted us the use of their baptistry and it was interesting to notice that two of their own members who had recently been baptized by their regular pastor were re-baptized in the same church into the glorious Third Angel's Message. We took about five altogether from this church in this series and others are still interested.

About two-thirds of the tabernacle has been shipped and erected at Elizabeth, West Virginia, where Elder W. L. Adkins opened a series of meetings Sunday evening, March 10. There seems to be considerable interest manifested in that place, they having read articles in the newspapers from the tabernacle meetings held in Parkersburg. We believe that God will give us a nice harvest of souls from this series of meetings.

The work is onward up in Cumberland where Brother French and his corps of workers are pressing the battle to the gates. A number of new ones have accepted the truth there and he is now in the second effort which is being conducted

in one of the large theatres in the heart of town.

We feel to praise God from whom all blessings flow for the success given in the work thus far and feel to renew our vows of consecration and to re-dedicate our lives to His service that others may be gathered into the fold during this coming year. We plan to erect the tabernacle in Sistersville immediately after General Conference and hold another series of meetings. We most earnestly solicit the prayers of the "Visitor" family for the work in West Virginia.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### News Notes

Mrs. Ripley, of Linden, Michigan, has returned to her home after a visit of several months with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ebert of Parkersburg.

Have the Sabbath School workers in your school ordered the "Training Course Books?" If not, do not delay as the course started February 1 and you will soon be far behind.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Westbrook of Elmira, New York, are visiting at the home of Elder and Mrs. Westbrook.

Word has been received that the home of Brother and Sister D. A. Landes, Box, W. Va., was completely destroyed by fire. He sustained the loss of his surveying outfit, valuable papers, tools, and practically all of the furniture. His daughter, Zanna Landes, was injured by a piece of furniture which was thrown from one of the upper rooms. Let us remember them in our prayers in their loss, that God will sustain them and that His Grace will prove sufficient in this hour of their calamity.

Have you ordered your General Conference Bulletin?

### OHIO

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### The Spirit of Prophecy for the Remnant Church

The Testimonies, which through the providence of God have been placed in our midst, differ from the Bible in this respect, that they can be for this church and this age only. The Bible was light to the church of God during all the past ages covering different epochs. The Spirit of Prophecy according to the predictions of the Bible has been provided for the Remnant Church during the last

trying scenes of the gospel age. I feel that we cannot be without the Spirit of Prophecy in our midst without suffering great loss. Every believer of this message should have a full set of the Testimonies. Not only should they be possessed by every family, but they should be carefully read and studied. We have been made to feel so much the need of these that a special campaign is in operation just now to endeavor to have every family and every church secure a full set of the Testimonies. Nothing should concern us so much at this time as this means of aid that God has provided for our enlightenment and help in this important time. We are passing through the most momentous years of all time. As a people we are looking forward to the early triumphing to the message and as individuals we desire to come off victorious. God in His mercy and tender regard for us has seen fit in these last days to point out in detail to His children those things most needful for us to know and this light is contained in the Testimonies.

Not only should we have the Testimonies in every home and make this a time of a step in advancement in this respect, but it should mark the beginning of a deeper interest in, and a willingness to heed the light that God has given. May we not have the earnest co-operation of all of our conference workers and church officers in this endeavor? March 23 has been set apart as Testimonies day. I hope that this matter will be given attention in every church on that day and that we may have the assurance that all of our people have provided themselves with the full set of the Testimonies.

E. K. SLADE.

### A Good Work in Progress in Bucyrus

In a conversation with Brother Edward Searles who visited the conference office last week it was the privilege, of the writer to talk over with him the good work that is in progress in the Bucyrus Church of which Brother Searles is elder. That church has made splendid progress in all lines during the past year. The membership is not large, but they are actively working. Fifty annual subscriptions for the "Liberty" are taken to the church as well as thirty weekly "Signs" and twelve monthly "Signs." In this little church five are taking the "Church Officers' Gazette." Since camp-meeting time fifteen hundred of the World's Crisis series books have been used in the city of Bucyrus. Two hundred sixteen sets of Present Truth series have also been used and Brother Searles is carrying on Bible work and is now giving seven Bible read-

ings a week. In this church the elder is leading out strongly and his members are co-operating with him in this good missionary effort. There can be no question in our minds but that many souls will be brought to a knowledge of the truth in Bucyrus. Seven new members are already keeping the Sabbath and will soon be brought into the church. Many others are interested. Sunday night meetings are being held which are attended by from forty to sixty "outsiders" each Sunday night. We believe that similar work could be done in many of our churches. And really this is the work the Lord would have His people do at this time.

E. K. SLADE.

### Colporteur Work in Ohio

The sixth of last January Brother C. V. Leach came from the regular institute which was held in Columbus, and organized the canvasser's band, at Mount Vernon Academy, which has met every Friday since that time. There were something like forty-five who signed cards, thus indicating their intention of entering the colporteur work this coming summer in the various conferences from which they came. Great interest has been shown in the band by Professor Anderson, who was chosen leader, and he has been instrumental in infusing a spirit of earnestness into each member and a desire to become acquainted with the best methods of doing this kind of work. His efforts have been richly rewarded, as interest has grown from the start, and nearly every one who first joined is going into the field this summer. Several others have become interested and are also preparing to take up the work. To my mind, the best institute ever held here for the students is the one just closed. Brother Leach, field missionary secretary for the Union, was in charge. Associated with him in the work of the institute was Brother Butler, field secretary from West Pennsylvania; Brother McHenry, field secretary from West Virginia; and Brother Franks, and the writer of Ohio. No doubt a more complete account will appear later in this paper.

Something like twenty of the above mentioned student colporteurs will make Ohio their field this summer. We trust that their work will be such this year as to mean the first step for them in the great work that is being carried on by God's faithful workers, and that they will continue to climb the rugged pathway that lies before every faithful worker for God.

I wish to pass on to the readers of the VISITOR extracts from some

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 8, 1918									
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	6	35	21	96 00	4 95	100 95	4 25
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	40	15	63 00	5 00	68 00	8 00
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cambria		HM	5	23	26	77 00	14 75	91 75	
J. Mary Stocker, Cambria Co.		HM	5	27	8	21 00	20 25	41 25	
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	40	8	38 00	21 70	59 70	
Myrtle Bateman, Pittsburgh		OD	4	23	15	32 00	5 00	37 00	13 00
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	3	34	4	16 00	1 00	17 00	45 00
Alice Thurman, Allegheny Co.		OD	5	16	18	39 50		39 50	4 20
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		OD	4	14		14 00	3 75	17 75	3 25
Geo. McKnight, Green Co.		OD	6	44	22	45 00	3 50	48 50	
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.		OD	4	25	7	15 00	1 75	16 75	24 25
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	2	8	1	5 00	3 50	8 50	4 00
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SD	2	12		8 50		8 50	24 00
Totals	13 Agents		56	318	145	\$470 00	\$ 85 15	555 15	129 95

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 8, 1918									
R. W. Garret, Moosic		GC	4	33	12	60 00		60 00	116 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	36	7	31 00	7 50	38 50	80 50
M. M. Sterner, Pottsville		BR	4	23	10	48 00	4 00	52 00	66 00
R. W. Garrett, Old Forge		GC	4	32	19	80 00	50	80 50	34 50
C. F. Durr, Phila.		GC	5	27	11	47 00	3 00	50 00	3 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		WC	5	35	73	36 50		36 50	28 00
Wm. Frizzell, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	30	23	112 00		112 00	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	2	10	4	14 00		14 00	
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	4	32	4	17 00	2 90	19 90	2 60
Totals	9 Agents		37	258	163	445 50	17 90	463 40	330 90

Ohio, One Week Ending March, 8 1918									
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	4	40	16	76 00	8 75	84 75	8 05
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.		OD	4	33	30	72 00	75	72 75	70
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	5	25	13	30 00	3 00	33 00	25 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	4	25	13	26 00	7 45	33 45	75
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		OD	4	21	20	74 00	14 25	59 25	1 00
C. B. Graham, Wood Co.		BR	3	19	7	29 00	2 10	31 10	18 10
Chas. Carter, Bowling Green		OD	3	18	5	11 00	85	11 85	65 85
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	2	16	9	18 00	3 00	1 00	21 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	4	15	6	15 00	2 00	17 00	12 75
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	3	12	5	22 00	5 75	27 75	8 50
Mrs. C. R. Dotson, Elyria		Mag.		21		58 50		58 50	58 50
Totals	11 Agents		36	245	124	\$431 50	\$47 90	479 40	220 20

West Virginia, Week Ending March 8, 1918									
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	3	22	10	50 00	3 20	53 20	
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	3	12	2	12 00	3 10	15 10	126 35
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	4	15	14	58 00	1 75	59 75	126 00
Norman Haye, Cumberland		BR	3		8	33 00		33 00	13 75
W. A. McElphatrick, Cumberland		COL	6	11	4	6 00	9 45	15 45	1 70
Louisa Russell, Harrison Co.		OD	7	36	21	54 00	6 00	60 00	30 35
H. J. Fisher, Northfork		Misl.	4	40		71 55		71 55	71 55
N. D. Fisher, Northfork		Misl.	5	47		73 25		73 25	73 25
Totals	8 Agents		34	183	61	357 80	23 50	381 30	442 95

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 8, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	5	34	3	13 00	12 50	25 50	176 65
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.		BR	3	20	8	38 00	12 15	50 15	5 30
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Rock Hall, Md.		OD	2	8	1	2 00	7 50	9 50	
Totals	3 Agents		10	62	12	53 00	32 15	85 15	181 95

West Virginia, Week Ending March 1, 1918									
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	5	18	10	45 00	10 35	55 30	111 30
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	4	14	10	42 00	5 30	47 30	2 95
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	4	12	7	10 50	5 95	16 45	1 55
Miscellaneous						328 12		328 12	328 12
Totals	3 Agents		14	44	27	425 62	21 60	447 20	443 92



## District of Columbia, Month Ending February 28, 1918

S. L. Christie, Mont. Co.	OD 11	57	28	111	50	111	50	57	50
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR 17	122	53	294	00	28	00	322	00
W. D. Culveyhouse, Charles Co.	OD 18	114	81	223	33	17	25	240	53
P. V. Rommel, St. Mary's Co.	BR 2	10	10	27	85	26	90	54	75
Misc.				714	18			714	18
Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.	OD 11	57	28	186	75			186	75
Totals	5 Agents	59	360	200	1557	61	72	15	1659
								75	1151
								28	

letters received from two of our workers in the field. One of these has been only a short time in the work. The first one is a letter from Brother Alexander who is working in Brown County, a county in which he is well known. The second letter is from Brother Dotson who is working in Harrison County. His experience brings to mind the experience of Paul on the Island of Melita, when the venomous beast fastened itself upon his hand. It also brings to our minds the promises of God that nothing of that kind will be allowed to harm us. You will notice that Brother Dotson is greatly enjoying his work, and that the Lord is richly blessing him. Notice the reports on another page.

## Brother Alexander's Letter

I submit my report for the week. It certainly seems natural and good to be in the homes once more. I felt pretty good all week and the Lord blessed in giving orders. I was up early Wednesday morning and in the first house, the people were not up, but the lady got up and let me in. The man was away delivering tobacco and she and the children were taking a little extra sleep. She gave me an order quite readily and I went on my way.

Friday afternoon the M. E. Minister of Fincastle gave me an order for a half morocco. It is his first place to preach and he seems to be quite a good young man. I certainly hope he is honest in heart and will read it enough to accept the truth.

## Extract from Brother Dotson's Letter

Dear Brother Fairchchild,

I am sure that you have been expecting a letter from me before this time. I came in last Friday and found three or four letters, among them a general letter which I enjoyed royally. I like to get them. It was real food, for it gave me new strength. How I like to hear from all the colporteurs. I have had some rich experiences. I wish I could tell them to you, but suffice it to say I am enjoying the work. The blessings outweigh the other side and I praise God that I have a mind to serve Him. The Lord has blessed me wonderfully this week as you will see by my report, and healed me in a wonderful way. I had stopped at a spring to get a drink of water; had taken my cup out of my

grip and just went to reach down to get a drink, and a large Copperhead snake struck me on the hand. I went to the Lord in prayer, and used what aid I had and I haven't suffered at all. There was a house close by so I got some turpentine, but I continued my work until last night and came in so I could get my order made out and mailed today.

Brother W. H. Smith who has been out of the work writes the following:—

"In place of waiting until the 18th, to commence my work, I thought I better commence at once. The Lord has greatly blessed my efforts, and given me more than I could have made in the shop, and it was not nearly so long hours or as hard work. Please send prospectus to my wife, as she will devote part of each week to the work in Marion. The Lord always gives success and will do far more for us in His work than the world will, besides the prize at the end of the journey."

Brother O. E. Taylor, who has been working in Columbus, will make Marion County his future field. We are sure the Lord will give this faithful laborer success, and that many dear people may receive the light through the books he will put out.

Brother Glenn Pinnicks will go to Muskingum County to work within a short time.

Brother F. Brandstetter of Cincinnati is working with D. McCarthy in that city. They are selling "Our Day" and are having splendid success. Their sales for one week were over \$140.

M. B. Ingersoll is now living in Jackson, Jackson County, and is getting along fine with "Our Day."

R. D. Kline is being kept at home for a short time because of the illness and recent operation which Sister Kline has had at the Medical and Surgical Sanitarium here in Mount Vernon.

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

## VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

## The Lord Blesses the Faithful

With the approach of spring we desire to call the attention of our brethren in the rural districts to a means by which the finishing of the work in the mission fields could be greatly hastened. A few days ago we ran across an article printed in the Farmers' Journal which seems to indicate in some instances that the people who do not have all of the truth for this time are wiser in their generation than the children of light. "About a year ago six weak Presbyterian Churches along both sides of Black River in Sumter and Clarendon Counties, South Carolina, determined to send a consecrated son of one of the churches to represent us on the firing line in far-away China. The thirty-two churches in the Presbytery had in 1915—2,669 members and gave in round figures to foreign missions \$6,400. The six churches that I am writing about had 368 members and gave about \$500. The committee in Nashville said: "We have no money to send young Reaves out, and none to support him if he goes." An active campaign to enlist acres for his support was inaugurated. It resulted in 40 acres being pledged, and ten cash subscriptions made up \$200. On Thanksgiving day the first "ingathering picnic" to gather in the results was held at Old Midway Church. The ten cash subscribers paid up their \$200. Owing to sickness and other causes, eight of the acre subscribers were not present, but thirty-two of them turned in over \$2,400 in amounts from \$10 to \$198 from a single acre. Eight acres ranged from \$100 to \$198, ten from \$70 to \$99. One lady, who could not have given over \$5 without self-denial, gave over \$50, the net proceeds of her acre. If there were any regrets, they were from the owners of the smaller yielding acres caused by adverse seasons, blight, cloudbursts or blizzards. About \$3,000 will be the total when all the acres are in, and with the \$430 given a year ago to pay the traveling expenses of our missionary, make more than half as much as the thirty-two churches in the whole Presbytery gave two years ago. If all the heads of families of the six churches had entered the union on the acre basis our total would have been \$6,000. Is any one the poorer? Nay. The union passed a resolution urging the churches to put all church support on the acreage basis."

This means of raising funds for missions has been successfully tested by some of our brethren as the following article from a brother in Wyoming:

"Three years ago my wife and three child-

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ren, and I decided to set aside one acre of potatoes for missions. I selected an acre of what I thought to be an average of soil of the field, and asked God's blessing on it. On harvesting the crop in the fall, I found this particular piece was more fruitful than the rest of the field, although no extra cultivation had been given it. The proceeds of this acre were \$225.

"Last year the boys and girls of Wyoming were given an opportunity to compete in raising potatoes, and a silver cup was to be given to the one having the largest yield. I asked my daughter if she wanted to enter, and give the proceeds of the crop to the Lord. She made the entry, and when the men employed by the State dug the potatoes in the fall, it was found that she won the cup, the acre yielding six hundred and forty-eight bushels. This was found to be next to the largest yield in the United States.

"This year we are giving the net proceeds of one-half acre to the same cause. We have dug only one-eighth of an acre, but have a good yield. One-eighth of an acre was entered into the contest again by my daughter, and the State authorities informed her that she is winner again in Sheridan County, the yield being at the rate of five hundred ten bushels an acre."

Will not our brethren in rural districts who read these lines study this matter carefully and decide now just what you will do? Surely we who have the last message of mercy cannot afford to permit others to outreach us in zeal and devotion and sacrifice. W. C. MOFETT.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

**Dedication of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital**

The dedicatory services of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital will be held in a large pavilion on the Hospital grounds, 304 North Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, California, at 3:00 o'clock, P. M., Sunday, April 21, 1918.

The members of the General and North American Division Conference Committees expect to be in attendance. Coming at this time—one week after the close of the General Conference—it is expected that a large number of our people who attend the conference will also plan to attend the dedicatory exercises.

It will be impossible for the Hospital to provide rooms or meals for any visitors, as the accommodations are not sufficient for this. Los Angeles, however, abounds in excellent hotels and rooming houses, so that there will be no difficulty about getting room and board for those who plan to be in the city for a few days.

Those coming to Los Angeles on the Southern Pacific should take any car going down town and transfer to either an East First Street car or a Brooklyn Avenue car. Those taking the East First Street car should board it on Broadway, and get off at Boyle Avenue. The Hospital is located on Boyle Avenue, two blocks north of East First Street. Those taking the Brooklyn Avenue car should board it on Spring Street, and get off at Boyle Avenue. The hospital is located one block south of Brooklyn Avenue. Those who come to Los Angeles on either the Santa Fe or the Salt Lake Railroads can take an East First Street car right at the stations, and get off at Boyle Avenue and walk two blocks north.

Percy T. Magan, M. D. Supt., White Memorial Hospital, 304 N. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

**Notice**

This is the last opportunity to bring before our people through the columns of the VISITOR a notice regarding the General Conference Bulletin. Every family should have a copy, and the order must be sent in at once. 50 cents for the Bulletin, if desired bound \$1.75. Send your order through your tract society.

**Camp-Meeting Dates**

Virginia	May 24-June 2
West Virginia	June 6-16
East Pennsylvania	" 13-22
West	" 20-30
Ohio	Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake	" 22-31
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21
New Jersey	

**Mount Vernon Academy**

A farewell reception was given by the Mount Vernon Church and the academy, Wednesday evening, March 13, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Graham, who are going as missionaries to China. They left Thursday for a short visit in Michigan, where they will visit relatives and friends before going to General Conference.

Mr. Paul Johnson is spending several days at his home in Elkins, W. Va. He had to quit school on account of sickness. We hope he will be back with us soon.

A symposium was given Saturday evening, March 9, by the members of the Canvassers' Institute. It proved very instructing and interesting.

Elder H. K. Christman occupied the pulpit during the eleven o'clock hour Sabbath, March 9. He spoke in behalf of the work for our young people, especially our young men in the training camps.

Mr. Elmer French, a former student, and for the past few months a student at the Cowee Mountain School, has been called home by the government and examined for service.

Brother A. I. Baker spoke at the Ohio State Sanatorium, Sunday, March 10, his subject being "Christ Our Advocate." The auditorium was filled and it was a very impressive meeting.

Messrs. Earl Hackman and Clyde Newmeyer are new members of our printing office force.

The printing office force spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Weaver, in honor of Mrs. Weaver's birthday anniversary, March 11.

Miss Alice MacGuire, of Mansfield, Ohio, is a new student, having entered March 13. She was accompanied by her grand parents.

We are sorry to lose one of our students, Mr. Cecil Webster, who left school last week.

The College Press now has in operation the large new press which was purchased some time ago.