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Word from General Conference

From Wednesday March 27 to late Friday afternoon the members of the reception committee were kept busy. Delegations both great and small kept arriving until finally a train load capped the climax. All were comfortably located and ready for the first meeting on Friday night.

In this first meeting were pioneers, veteran workers, seasoned workers and younger workers. Elder Evans spoke earnestly on the plan of God to restore Himself in man, and our greatest need in this hour.

On Sabbath morning a large congregation was ready for Sabbath School and later for the morning meeting conducted by Elder Daniells. All hearts were cheered and inspired to greater consecration as this tried leader placed clearly before them the greatest objective in God's work just now.

Barring out an excessive amount of noise around the spacious building and rather poor acoustics in the great auditorium, all things are favorable for a most solemn and far-reaching meeting here. As members of the Columbia Union Conference we have been impressed to pray earnestly for heaven's guidance throughout the meetings and would it not be most fitting that all the believers in the Union should seek God for His help in this important hour?

C. L. STONE.

We Shall Not Fail

There is value in a good slogan. The world will not soon forget the order of the French general at Verdun, "They shall not pass!" I feel like adopting the slogan that heads this article, "We shall not fail!" as the motto for the College Fund in the Columbia Union.

I hope that every contributor to this fund, who has not yet paid in full his or her pledge will immediately adopt this at all cost. I have again and again told our brethren in charge of the committees that I believe that every dollar of the college

pledges would be paid, that is to say, every pledge was worth its face value. Some of the brethren have smiled, and most of them have doubted. I am afraid that I myself am almost losing courage, for there still remains \$15,000.00 in unpaid pledges; and it is coming in now at the rate of less than \$1,000.00 a month.

At the same time, the brethren have finished the excavation for the new building, and are rapidly pushing up the walls. Before this article reaches print, more than forty men will be giving their whole time to this work. We did not begin operations until nearly \$30,000.00 were in the treasury, which was sufficient to pay for all materials, and until sufficient pledges had been made to cover the greatest part of the cost of labor.

We are, therefore, depending on those who have not yet paid their pledges, to pay up in full within the next three months, so that these workmen, who are busily engaged in the erection of the building, can be paid promptly, and that not one dollar will be owed when the building is finished.

This is a new policy in our denomination, and it depends upon you who have pledged, to determine whether or not we shall succeed in constructing so large a building and paying all the bills as we go along, and owing no man anything when we get through.

I am packing up to return to India. I thank the brethren and sisters throughout the Columbia Union Conference for their hearty co-operation in the accomplishment of our great task.

WE SHALL NOT FAIL!!!

GEORGE F. ENOCH.

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CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

Professor Chaney of Washington Missionary College spoke in the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath to an appreciative audience.

Elder J. H. Wierts spent last Sabbath with the church in Dover Del. A good meeting is reported. The little church at Marydel met with the Dover Church and all together they enjoyed the quarterly services.

Elder G. A. Stevens reports three baptized and united with the Wilmington No. 1 Church. Others are about ready to be baptized.

Brother G. Medairy reports a good interest in the work in Salisbury. One man and his wife have just begun to keep the Sabbath.

Good financial reports are coming in from the churches, and there is every reason for us to be encouraged.

The Baltimore No. 1 Sabbath School set as its goal for the quarter just past, \$180.00. They raised \$250.00, however. A little over \$90.00 of this was given on the thirteenth Sabbath. Of the total for the quarter the primary and kindergarten divisions gave about \$70.00. They passed their goal to the extent of \$30.00. Thus we see the Lord is moving upon hearts and the people are giving willingly.

Several weeks ago the conference secretary received a very interesting letter from Elder R. T. Baer of Buenos Aires, S. A., president of Argentine Conference, and one of the former presidents of this conference. In closing he says, "Greet the Chesapeake people for us and tell them far over the deep blue sea come greetings from the land of the southern cross. May the Lord help us all to perfect such characters that when the

saints are gathered to their final home, we may all be there." They were all well at the time the letter was written and enjoying their work, but found more of it to do than they could find time and strength for.

A letter received from Elder Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church says there is a good attendance at the General Conference.

Cards have been received from Elder and Mrs. Booth showing their safe arrival in California.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
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News Notes

Considerable interest is being manifested in the meetings at both the West and North Churches in Philadelphia. God is blessing Elder Baierle in presenting the truth for these times, and many outside people are attending his Sunday night lectures. He is now giving a series of stereopticon lectures on Egypt and Palestine.

Elder H. J. Detwiler, wife, and Brother Phelps, of Tioga County, were welcome visitors at the office, and the churches in Philadelphia last Sabbath. We were very glad to welcome them as our guests from the most northern part of the conference.

All of our canvassers are doing splendidly. Many are totalling the one hundred dollar mark weekly. Let us all remember our boys on the firing line in our family devotions daily.

Have you ordered your "Testimonies" yet? If not, order at once through your church missionary secretary, and pay for them with the profits from the sale of our magazines. Many could do this. Just realize how easy it is:—

The profit on 120 Life and Health or Liberty will get you a full set in cloth, or 180, the read leather edition.

The profit on 85 copies of the "Signs" or "Watchman" will get you the cloth edition, and on 130, the red leather edition.

Why not try it? The Lord will bless you in trying.

Orders are coming in fast for cottages. Remember the date and place of camp meeting—Emanuel Grove, Allentown, June 13-23. Order your cottage at once. This will be the largest and best meeting ever held in this conference.

Elder V. Nutter is planning to com-

mence his meetings in Harrisburg, Sunday, April 7. Brother T. H. Barritt will assist him.

Watch for the new book by Carlisle B. Haynes, "Spiritualism Versus Christianity." Ready May 1. Every member should purchase a copy for themselves, and sell some to their neighbors. Spiritualism is becoming a mighty factor in the world today.

Our Bible workers in the city of Philadelphia are meeting with good success in following up the Garriek Theatre effort.

Miss Katheryn Fickis is spending a few days at her home in Harrisburg.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Brother McHenry is starting Brother Frank Detwiler in the colporteur work in Richie County this week.

B. P. Wright, who is canvassing in Logan County, reported having taken \$64.00 worth of orders for Bible Readings in seven hours.

Mrs. Delia E. Meek, and Mrs. G. Earl Snyder are selling the Watchman magazine in Clarksburg, Fairmont, and Morgantown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rulkoetter have returned from Minnesota, where they were called on account of the sickness and death of Mrs. Rulkoetter's father.

Mr. H. I. Pettis of Nebraska, has come to West Virginia to labor. He is assisting Elder Adkins in the tabernacle meetings in Elizabeth.

Elder Adkins spent a few hours in Parkersburg last Tuesday. He has just presented the Sabbath question to the people in Elizabeth, and reports several Sabbath-keepers.

Is Prohibition justifiable? Many of your friends and neighbors are debating this question. The matter must be decided by your State Legislature in the near future. Read and circulate Liberty magazine, and this article may help many to make a right decision.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

NEW JERSEY

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An Itinerary

Last week I made a trip through the southern part of the state. I was sorry to find Brother Wilds, (one of the colporteurs) had been out of the field three days because of illness. I visited the Cape May Court House church school Wednesday, and found Sister Snyder getting along nicely. I met with the church Wednesday evening.

Thursday, I walked seven miles to visit an isolated family, Sutton by name, and found them of good courage, and doing much missionary work. Sabbath, I met with the Pleasantville Church, where nearly all the members are women, but they are working hard to hold up the light of truth in those worldly cities on the ocean shore, where amusements seem to take the attention of nearly all. The church sent in an order for 2400 of "Present Truth."

The Trenton Church hopes for good results from the 10,000 "Present Truth" which they are beginning to distribute.

H. F. KIRK.

OHIO

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Teaching Music With all the Grades

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

Music had its origin in heaven, where the angels delight to sing their praises around God's throne. Job tells us that the creation of this world was welcomed by song, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38:7). The Bible many times admonishes us to praise God by song, "O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob," "Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." "Sing praises unto His name, for it is pleasant," says David, the "Sweet Singer of Israel."

Undoubtedly music has an important place in the divine plan of education. Says the Spirit of Prophecy, "Let there be singing in the schools and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers and to one another." Singing is a valuable aid in character building, and is many times a shield against temptation.

Professor F. S. Gleason, supervisor of music in the public schools of Schenectady, N. Y. very clearly sets forth the

aim of musical training as follows:

"Aim: To lead to the love and appreciation of good music, to contribute to the physical, mental, and moral growth of the child.

"Physical growth: By correct singing, position and deep breathing.

"Mental growth: By close attention, concentration of thought and rapidity of judgment necessary in sight reading.

"Moral growth: By developing and training the emotional nature of the pupil, through the frequent experience of moods characteristic of the soul's best moments."

Many problems confront the teacher in connection with teaching singing in a school where all, or nearly all the grades are represented. The program may be so crowded that it will be necessary to confine the instruction in singing to a few minutes' drill in connection with the opening exercises. But let such instruction not be entirely neglected.

Great care must be exercised in the selection of the material to be used in order to gain the interest of all pupils from the first grade to the eighth. Children most enjoy songs with strongly marked rhythm and quick time, and these should be used to start with, taking care, however, to use only such as are really good, and will be a force in molding the character. It is best at first to teach songs which may be visualized,—the teacher so explaining the song that the pupils may obtain a vivid picture of what it means. Motion songs also appeal to children.

It often adds to the interest to have the pupils sing by rows, to let the boys and girls sing alternately, to have one group sing the verse and another the chorus, sing alternate lines in the chorus, or some such device.

Care should be taken to have the school room well ventilated, but without drafts, and attention should be given to correct sitting position. It is well to give deep breathing exercises in connection with the singing drill, for the children should acquire the habit of deep, and sustained breathing while singing, that they may sing with broad full tones.

After a beginning has been made and an interest aroused by rote singing, the children may begin to learn to read the notes. Even the little people are interested in this. The scale may be taught by means of a simple scale song, which should first be learned by rote, the music afterward being placed upon the black board and the notes learned. The children will then be interested in learning to read the notes of the easier songs they have already learned, and later new songs adapted to their ability.

While a great deal, perhaps, cannot be accomplished from a technical standpoint, yet if a love and appreciation for good music is awakened in the hearts of the

children, the technical part can be mastered later. Childhood is the golden time for cultivating the taste for the good and pure in music as in all other things.

BESSIE MOUNT.

Necessity and Value of Frequent Reviews and Tests

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

Paul admonished Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We should as Christian teachers admonish our pupils to study as Paul admonished Timothy.

Although a pupil may do faithful work studying, there is something else in school work that is of almost as equal importance as the study. This is reviewing. Both oral and written reviews are of great value.

Let us look back many hundred years ago, was it necessary to go over and over a thing to remember it? Why did God give the ten commandments to Moses in written form and speak them from the Mount? Were the commandments not known before? We must answer yes, but it seems they had forgotten them and departed soon from their teachings that God gave them in written form that they might have them ever with them.

If reviews were necessary back then are they not much more necessary today since man's mind is becoming more and more weakened through the curses of sin?

It has come to be an axiom among good teachers, that in certain subjects each day's recitation should begin with a brief, wide-awake drill of the work done the previous day. This drill or review may take only a few minutes. Occasionally the teacher may combine with the review the work of several days or even weeks before.

Such a drill should cover the main points which had been covered before. Perhaps new points may be brought out, and a wise teacher may look ahead and plan the oral review, so it is not only a review, but prepares for the next lesson to be taught. Oral work should be varied as much as possible so it will not become monotonous to the pupil.

There are several purposes to be gained from reviews. If they are properly carried out they are like a cool bath in awakening pupils to their best work. A few minutes review may brighten up the mind and the pupil will do much better work. It is a well known fact that the oftener an impression reaches the mind of the child the deeper rooted is the fact. As the old adage says, "It is the con-

stant dropping of the water that wears away the stone." The oral review also clinches facts in the child's mind. Some children do not fully grasp a lesson the day it is studied, to these children the oral review is a saving grace, as their only means of expression.

Another purpose, which applies to the written as well as the oral review, is testing the child on what has been taught. Besides testing the child's knowledge it also tests the teacher's own work. Summing up the points to be gained from reviews. First, they act as a stimulus. Second, clinches previous work. Third, it is a test of the work of both teacher and pupil, and fourth, if carried on successfully it will bring a new atmosphere of happy work into the life of the entire school.

We might say then that in reviewing we are teaching the child concentration of thought.

MARIE SMITH

Akron

Last Sabbath, March 31, was a day of rejoicing for the Akron Church. Nine precious souls were received into the church by baptism. Several more will unite soon. Our Sunday night meetings are well attended by an outside audience.

The work is onward, and we are glad to have a part in the closing work.

F. H. HENDERSON.

News Notes

We regret to lose Brother Chas. Carter but he has been called to serve his country. Our prayer is that he may be the means of leading many to the cross of Jesus while in this service.

We just received a good encouraging report from Brother McCarthy. He has been sick but went right ahead and says he will not permit Satan to get the best of him. I am sure he would put all of the colporteurs out of business if our Saviour did not overrule, but He has promised He would never leave nor forsake us.

Brother Taylor is moving to Marion County, where he and Brother Smith will work during 1918. Let us pray while they are in this field there will be a great harvest of souls and a goodly number of message-filled books placed in the homes of the people.

Brethren Fairchild and Franks have just returned to the office from a trip in the southeastern part of the state where they have been trying out some counties, and bring back a good report.

They will place some colporteurs in these counties in the near future.

Brother Christy Fritz is back in the field again and his courage is good. He writes that he expects to give us some very good reports and I am sure we are all glad to see such faith; that is just when the Lord will bless us.

Brother Hannah writes us a good letter and tells us his courage is on the top notch. He has had some very interesting experiences and is enjoying his work better this year than ever before. I believe it is the faithful time he puts in that gives him such wonderful blessings. God is calling you into this work, answer the call today and receive your portion of the blessings.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

Experiences in Home Missionary Work in the Old South Land of Virginia

This article was sent in some time ago, but owing to a lack of space, it has not been published sooner.

After a rest of nearly a year, imposed upon me because of sickness, I desired to again enter the Master's service but found many obstacles presented by the enemy of all righteousness. An effort was made in different directions but I found my way cut off each time. Finally I resolved to know God's will in the matter and after wrestling in prayer until mid-night, He made known to me what I should do. As the old clock was tolling the midnight hour, the Lord gave me a vision of the plan to place our small books in a group of five and sell them as a set in the city. I first thanked the Lord for this revelation and then asked Him for a plan to labor. Like the apostle of old I cried out, "Lord, where wilt Thou have me to go?" While the answer to this prayer was not given immediately, yet there was an assurance in my soul that this also would be made known to me.

The next morning I had an impression to go early to the post-office and there found a letter with a post mark that puzzled me. It was quickly opened and found to be from one who had never written me before. As I began to read the tears welled up in my eyes, and a lump arose in my throat, for I recognized this as an answer to my prayer for guidance the night before. It contained the very plan which the Lord had revealed to me, that of grouping our small books into sets of five and selling them in the city.

Dear friends, can you see light in this?

Remember Peter of old and his experience upon the housetop. God knew that letter was on the way and simply prepared my heart to receive the message it contained. Like the Apostle Paul I was "not disobedient to the heavenly vision," and on the last day of February, bade my family good-bye and sailed down Chesapeake Bay for the Old Dominion State. Landing in Norfolk on the morning of March 1. I crossed over the James River to Newport News, — a strange city, — with less than five dollars in my pocket, but, dear friends, with the assurance that I was being led by God's own hand, and that was more to me than dollars and cents.

God directed me to a family, not of our faith, and moved upon their hearts to let me have a room for one dollar a week and the privilege of using their gas range and dishes. On the second morning when I entered the kitchen, the lady said, "Mr. Lawrence, we have been talking the matter over and concluded since you don't eat meat we can board you for \$3 a week, making room and board \$4. Well, it is needless to say I just had to go back to my room and praise the dear Lord with tears and thanksgiving for His goodness and mercy to me. And when I told them I would have no money for a month, they said that was all right, I could pay by the month instead.

On the following Monday morning before beginning work I knelt down by my bed and told the Lord how inexperienced I was in city work. I had never sold books in the city before and knew there would be difficulties to meet, but if He would send His angel with me, this work would not be a failure. So that first day the Lord gave me orders for forty-seven books in five hours, and the day following seventy-five books in the same time.

Now some may wonder why more hours are not spent in taking orders, but because of the laborers all coming home for dinner who work in the shipyards, the hours of access to the people are very few. The shipyards employ many thousands of workmen and thus the colporteur's time for taking orders is limited. From March 5 to May 17 I have put in 193 hours and the Lord has given me 1102 orders for books. Nearly 600 of those books have been delivered with two more deliveries yet to make. During that time the Lord has opened homes where I have given nearly one hundred Bible studies.

In some of the most prominent homes in the city at this writing I have a Bible study for every night in the week and three on Sunday, and if there were twenty nights in the week I could have twenty studies.

So many invitations for Bible studies

have come that many have been refused. One Tuesday night I had an appointment for a Bible study in the opposite part of the city from where I worked, and when the time came, there was such a down-pour of rain that the devil tried to make me believe those people would think me crazy to come out on such a night, but I told him that God never made an appointment that He did not keep, and as I was sure He had made this one I intended to go. On arriving at the place a quarter to eight, the lady on greeting me at the door said, "We have been waiting for you and did not think the rain would keep you away." I had been there about fifteen minutes when the door bell rang and when answered by the man of the house, he found standing on the porch members of five different families, dripping with rain who said to him, "We have heard that a man by the name of Lawrence, who gives Bible readings, is to give a study here tonight and we would like to hear it if you don't mind." When I saw those dear souls come in dripping with rain I could scarcely restrain the tears, for in their anxiety to hear the word of God explained they had walked ten squares in that heavy rain. Some of them were among the most prominent people of the city. One was the wife of the general manager of the Swiss Meat Company. Another a very prominent member and worker in the First Baptist Church. At this writing there are several people following me from home to home over the city night after night.

Some time ago, one hot day, in the afternoon, I was making my way to a home when the devil said to me, "You are in pretty condition to go to any one's door; you have sweat your collar through, the dust has settled on your clothes, and you are a sight." I knew he was telling the truth for you know the devil can tell the truth when it best suits his purpose. Well, I must confess my feelings of embarrassment, but some unseen power seemed to be forcing me on until the house was reached. I noticed the lady who came to the door step back and that instant the devil whispered, "There, you see, your untidy appearance has startled her. Being embarrassed, I began my introduction at once but the lady invited me in and I gave an exhibition and took her order. Two weeks later I met this lady in another home and she asked me if I had noticed her step back when I came to her door two weeks before. My answer was that I had noticed it and she said, "Well, the reason was when I opened the door there was such a brightness shown from your face I was startled and I simply was compelled to step aside and let you in. Thus the Lord had covered my unsightly appearance with His glory and favored me with an order.

The other day on stepping into a barbershop I found one barber telling the rest how each chapter in the Bible contradicted the other. I looked him straight in the eye and said, "Sir, I have been looking for you for the last four or five years" and, of course, being a stranger he asked what I wanted with him. My answer was that I had been looking for a man who knew where those contradictions were in the Bible and here was a five dollar bill which would be his when he found these texts, one dollar for each contradiction as long as they lasted. Well, of course, the poor fellow was puzzled, so I began at once, gave a little Bible study, sold the men fifteen books, got my shave and bade them good-bye and went on my way praising God for His Precious truth.

On my way down to Virginia on the boat I met two ministers and after spending a little time in conversation, our talk drifted to the subject of religion, or at least I brought it to that point by mentioning the signs of the times. It was not long either, while the old boat was plowing her path through the deep waters of the bay, we were wading through the deep waters of God's Word, and both men became deeply interested. I had only a few tracts with me and Johnson's Bible text book, so I gave them the tracts and sold one the text book.

A few weeks ago when I awoke one Monday morning the thought came to me that there were \$12.00 due on board that day and I had no money with which to pay it, having sent all I had to the tract society, so took the matter to the Lord and told Him all about it, and that I owed Him some tithe too, and then went out to my work with the assurance that God would make provision for this need. At noon I came in with \$10 for my land lady and told her I would have the other \$2 soon. Still I owed \$2 for board and \$1.50 in tithes. The night following I delivered a \$1.25 set of books where I had given a Bible study and the lady insisted upon my taking \$2.00 for them, so I went to my room praising the Lord that I had my tithe and 50 cents toward the board, and before the week was out I had the full amount in hand. Didn't Jesus tell us that He knew what we had need of before we asked Him.

A few Sundays ago I had just begun to give a Bible study when a Christian Scientist called at the home and soon began making interruptions. I endeavored to keep her quiet until the study was finished, but saw that was impossible so I just dropped that line of thought and for the next two hours hammered Christian Science with the Word of God. While in the heat of the battle, five men walked in

and enjoyed the last hour of the struggle between truth and error. As a result I had an invitation to hold Bible studies with them. In the last days God "works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." GEO. W. LAWRENCE.

News Notes

Brother F. E. Hankins has been spending the past few weeks with the canvassers in the different parts of the field. They all seem of good courage and are meeting with wonderful success.

Elder I. D. Richardson's theatre meetings closed Sunday night, March 31, after a series of eleven Sunday nights. The effort throughout was good and a number are already keeping the Sabbath as a result.

Miss Izetta Gardner of Hampton was a visitor at the office last week.

After April 15 our office headquarters will be located at 12 W. Main Street, Richmond, Va.

SPECIAL

Power to Overcome Sin

The human race has been wrestling with the question of power to overcome sin ever since the fall of man, and it is still above all other questions to those striving for the victory.

When we read such texts as 1 John 5:4: "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith," many question, "Have I been born of God? Have I really been converted? If so, why am I overcome so often? How can I obtain power to overcome?"

The text says, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, *even our faith.*" Then it is "faith," or the power of the mind to grasp the promises of God and appropriate them, that keeps the flesh, or carnal mind, in subjection; for as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he" With God's help, and a resolute determination, we can largely control our thoughts.

We cannot place too much stress upon the question of faith, for it is faith that wins in the victorious life; and we cannot approach God with any degree of confidence without it.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

Then we must first settle the question that "God is," and that He is just what

His Word teaches that He is, and that He is able to fulfill and will fulfill every promise of help and salvation from sin. If we will arm our minds with this truth, I believe the victory is half won. Implicit confidence in the promises and power of God, opens the avenue for their fulfillment in us. Faith will lay hold of such texts as Romans 8:28:

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

If God loves us more than an earthly parent loves his child, will He allow anything that is not for our good in the development of character to come upon us?—Certainly He will not. Then why not settle this question individually for ourselves, that, with the help the Lord has promised, we will never murmur at our lot, but believe that God is overruling all for our good?

Lack of faith, unwavering faith, robs us of many blessings, and much of the power of God. We must "ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." James 1:6,7.

If we will come to God with that simple confidence with which a child comes to its earthly parent, we may prove the truthfulness of Hebrews 11:1.

"Now faith is the substance [“ground, or, confidence,” margin] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith will materialize the blessing sought. It brings the substance.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Verse 3.

From this we understand that the material world upon which we live was not formed out of a substance that already existed, but that God spoke the word, and that word materialized the object that God designed, so that the earth upon which we live and walk is simply a materialization of the word of God: "He spake, and it was; He commanded, and it stood fast." If the old earth upon which we tread so safely and confidently, was spoken into existence by the word of God, can we not with the same confidence of safety, step out on all the word of God, knowing that He will fulfill every promise for our good?

Why do we doubt God and His promise, when He created all things, and upholds all things by the word of His power? We have received from Him every blessing that we enjoy. We are told in His Word that "in Him we live, and move, and have our being;" "He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." We could not live for one hour without His

power. Then why not trust Him in all things? He not only created us and sustains us, but when we went astray from Him, He redeemed us at infinite cost.

The Lord, through His servant, has spoken very encouraging words to us upon this point:

"Shall we not strive to use to the very best of our ability the little time that is left us in this life, adding grace to grace, power to power, making it manifest that we have a source of power in the heavens above? Christ says, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.' Matt. 28:18. What is this power given to Him for?—For us. He desires us to realize that He has returned to heaven as our Elder Brother, and that the measureless power given Him has been placed at our disposal."—"Testimonies for the Church." Vol. IX, p. 186.

In harmony with this, Paul says:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering." "Whereunto I also labor, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily."

God has given to us the power of choice, and if we choose God's way submitting wholly to Him, He will work mightily for us.

"Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him."—"Steps to Christ," p. 52. Review and Herald.

W. J. STONE.

Those Sunday School friends of yours should read Governor Stephen's proclamation regarding: "Go-To-Sunday-School Day," as outlined in the article by F. A. Coffin, in the second quarter *Liberty* magazine.

Are our children suffering the nervous disorders and other ills of the present time? If so, shall we allow them to grow up in this way, or shall we secure and heed the instruction of the May number of the Life and Health magazine?

Striking articles on the present outlook for religious liberty are in the new "Liberty Magazine." Have you read them?

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 29, 1918									
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	48	21	97 00		97 00	16 00
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	10	100	25	108 00	16 35	124 35	16 40
Wm. Frizzell, Taylor		BR	5	40	37	177 00		177 00	
R. W. Garrett, Taylor		BR	5	39	26	153 00		153 00	
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	4	33	47	39 50		39 50	13 50
M. M. Sterner, Northumberland Co.		BR	3	30	15	67 00	3 00	70 00	17 00
Walter Garrett, Taylor		BR	4	28	21	115 00		115 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	4	36	3	12 00	5 25	17 25	139 85
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	2	18	10	12 75	1 25	14 00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	3	16	3	13 00	2 05	15 05	2 05
E. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.		BR	3	15	12	64 00	1 35	65 35	
E. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	3	14	5	11 00	11 35	22 35	3 00
Mrs. Snyder, Luzerne Co.		OD	2	9		14 00	4 00	18 00	1 50
Misc.						157 95		157 95	
Totals	11 Agents		53	416	235	1041 20	44 60	1085 80	209 30
Ohio, One Week Ending March 29, 1918									
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	5	45	23	103 00	9 25	112 25	7 25
Fred Hannah, Jackson		OD	5	40	20	40 00	3 70	43 70	1 85
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	4	43	10	46 00	1 50	47 50	15 00
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		OD	5	30	25	51 00	17 00	68 30	4 15
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	5	38	9	21 00	8 00	29 00	6 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	6	31	19	82 00	9 50	91 50	2 50
O. E. Taylor, Marion		PPF	3	28	10	29 00	1 00	30 00	6 00
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati		BR	9	48	34	145 00	9 00	154 00	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	3	21	5	26 00	3 25	29 25	10 00
Robert Kline, Knox Co.		BR	1	18	4	18 00	7 05	25 05	76 80
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	4	35	4	8 00	85	8 85	138 00
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		GC	2	10	16	66 00		66 00	
E. Y. Smith, Freemont		OD	4	12	2	4 00	1 00	5 00	17 25
Totals	11 Agents		56	399	178	639 00	-71 00	710 00	284 00
West Virginia, Week Ending March 29, 1918									
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	5	37	27	124 00	11 15	135 15	3 50
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	5	40	11	45 00	9 15	54 15	7 40
Ivor Lawrence, Pendleton Co.		BR	5	35		55 50		55 50	51 50
W. A. McElphatrick, Cumberland		COL	5	30	25	37 50	12 05	49 55	2 75
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	5	37	5	15 00	18 00	33 00	16 00
Frank Bentz, Richie Co.		OD	4	41	16	35 00	8 15	43 15	2 70
N. D. Fisher, Mercer Co.		Misc.	5	40		82 70		82 70	82 70
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	5	42	42	100 00		100 00	100 00
Misc.						86 00	5 20	93 20	7 20
Totals	8 Agents		39	302	126	580 70	63 70	646 40	273 75
Virginia, Week Ending March 29, 1918									
S. N. Wilmer, Culpeper Co.		OD	4	29	35	81 00		81 00	
W. E. Saunders, Culpeper Co.		OD	5	38	31	70 00		70 00	2 00
F. C. Butler Jr., Elizabeth Co.		OD	4	25	24	56 00		56 00	
J. H. Ware, Frederick Co.		OD	3	16	18	35 00		35 00	
Totals	4 Agents		16	108	105	242 00		242 00	2 00
Chesapeake, Week Ending March 29, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co. Md.		BR	5	40	20	81 00	20 75	101 75	2 00
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co., Md.		OD	5	21	9	18 00	13 80	31 80	1 50
Mabel D. Witt, Kent Co., Md.		OD	4	18	4	8 00	10 60	18 60	1 00
Totals	3 Agents		14	79	33	107 00	45 15	152 15	4 50
New Jersey, Four Weeks Ending March 22, 1918									
Ph. Broeckel, Mercer and Cumberland			39	272	103	222 00	12 00	234 00	94 50
Jas. Wilds, Cumberland		BFL	15	96	36	78 50	17 25	95 75	
Totals	2 Agents		54	368	139	\$300 50	29 25	329 75	94 50
Grand Totals: Agents 37						Value of Orders \$2910 40	Deliveries	\$ 868 10	

Earnestness and Prayer-- And a Paper

A brother in—put in a few minutes time each week with a few copies of the *Signs of the Times*. Among others he visited was a talented and influential lady. When the first copy was delivered he received the assurance that it would be read. When he called with the second number and inquired if the first had been read, the lady replied that she had not read it. The brother remarked, "But you must please read it. I am bringing them to be read, and I am praying for you." She promised to read them, and when he called again, in answer to his inquiry, she said that she had read a couple of articles and liked them. He said further, "But you must read all of them. If you do you will see that you are keeping the wrong day for the Sabbath." His method was hardly the one we would employ at first but it was the very thing that sent conviction to the heart of the lady. She read all the papers that came for several months. She commenced to keep the Sabbath. Her husband, the leading physician of the town, united with her, and her sister, a Catholic, joined her also. The papers were mailed to her mother in Canada and she accepted the truth. Then a minister was sent to the town and within a few weeks a church of sixteen was organized. Yes the *Signs* does bring people into the Truth. Remember: "More *Signs*—more souls."

"Zionism"—Interesting to Jews

The latest issue of the Yiddish Magazine—"The Messenger" contains the following articles:—Awakening of Zion, Will Zionism Succeed, The Origin of Zionism, Zionism of the Past, Zionism of the Future, Are there True Zionists, A Great Work by a Small People. This is an important number containing a message from an "Israelite indeed" (Elder F. C. Gilbert) to the Jews of today. You owe it to the Jews in your neighborhood that they shall have opportunity to read this copy of the "Messenger." Recently the churches in New York City, Brooklyn, Newark, N. J., Baltimore, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Jackson, Michigan, and elsewhere have ordered thousands of copies of this Zionism number. What about the Jews near you to whom the Lord is expecting you to carry a knowledge of His truth? Shall they be neglected longer? 25 copies, \$1.75 postpaid, 50 copies, \$3.00. How many for you? Order through your tract society. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Ill.

"Happiness is a habit, cultivate it."

Better Informed Than Kings

The Vatican is the only power whose ambassadors remain undisturbed at Europe's capitals. The church remains in calm neutrality. She has definite, accurate first-handed knowledge of what is going on in every court. Yes, even more. She is closer to the people than any monarch, any statesman, any politician, can or ever could be. By means of the confessional, the parish priest, and the bishop, Rome knows even the inner thoughts of the people. There is no guesswork about it. On the face of it then would it not be most reasonable to ask the Pope to act as arbiter at the hoped-for peace conference?

A crafty publicity agent for the church says all "right-minded" men would applaud such a proposal. But you, yes, and your friends too, ought to read what Elder M. C. Wilcox says about it in his May "Signs Magazine" contribution, entitled, "Releasing the Vatican's Prisoner." This magazine of no disappointments is exerting an influence for great good in some places. Is your community one of those places?

C. N. L.

Special Notice

The May number of "The Life Boat" will be a Special Patriotic number. Leading writers in the country are preparing interesting matter for this number. Notice some of the titles:

"An Outlaw on 'the Run'" by Prof. C. S. Longacre.

"Over the top' For Others" by Prof. C. L. Taylor.

"Why Remain Perplexed?" by A. O. Tait, editor "Signs of the Times."

"The Soldiers' Heart" by Dr. D. H. Kress.

"Is It Patriotic?" by R. W. Parmele.

"The Simple Faith of a Modern Scientist."

"Angels of the Barracks" by the editor.

"Patriotic Eating" by Dr. Mary Paulson.

Also Dr. P. T. Magan will write on true patriotism. Other articles just as interesting will appear.

This number will be profusely illustrated and unusually attractive. Order early to sell or give out to your neighbors. Send twenty-five cents in stamps for five copies.

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A splendid idea—Some of our churches have arranged to place the *Liberty* magazine in each Barber Shop in their city each quarter. Thousands could be circulated in this way. What will your church do?

Mount Vernon Academy

Prison Meetings

The meetings at the State Farm are being well attended and the interest is increasing. A week ago I spoke on the subject, "The Love of God." At the close of the meeting one of the young men asked permission to say a few words on the same subject. He spoke about five minutes, making some supplementary remarks, drawing his illustrations mostly from nature. As he spoke, I thought, what a splendid thing it would be if we could place a few of our books with them. Their interest is aroused, they are willing to read. Should anyone who reads these few lines wish to donate a book, or who has two Bibles and could spare one, send them to the writer, we will start a small library for their use.

Mr. Emil Galia spoke at our meeting last Wednesday night and we had the largest attendance of any night since starting meetings here, about thirty being present including our workers. The subject presented was "The Signs of Christ's Second Coming. James E. Lippart, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

News Notes

Miss Dorothy Schwaigart spent the week end at her home in Columbus, Ohio

Miss Mildred Douglas, of Akron, Ohio, spent several days with her cousin, Miss Ruth Stevens.

Messrs. R. C. Kraft and Samuel Bertollet had to lay their work aside for a time because of illness.

Miss Ivy Harkins spent the week end with relatives and friends in Alliance, Ohio, and Washington, Pa.

The Junior class was formally organized on April 2. Mr. James E. Lippart was chosen president and Miss Ethel M. Bell, secretary.

Miss M. O. Hart spent several days at the hospital having had her tonsils removed.

Miss Florence Holmes spent several days at her home in Shelby, Ohio.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering in the students' Sabbath School amounted to \$53.45.

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The check mark here indicates that your subscription has expired. Kindly renew at once.

Mr. Frank Moffett, of New York, is visiting here because of his mother's illness.

We are looking forward to a season of refreshing during the students' Week of Prayer, April 5-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho PUNCHES received, as a welcome visitor little Miss Hazel Marie, on April 2. She weighs 6½ pounds.

We are sorry to have Mr. N. W. Minesinger of New Cumberland, W. Va., leave school. He went home to assist with the work there.

Elder F. H. Henderson, wife and son were visitors at the academy last week. Elder Henderson gave the students a good chapel talk on Thursday morning.

Mr. E. R. Corder of Washington College was called home because of the illness and death of his mother.

Mr. Eldon Gallion and Miss Ruth Wharam were united in marriage by Elder N. S. Ashton, Friday, March 30. They will make their home in Middlesboro, Ohio.

Our printing office force gathered at the home of Brother J. I. Cassell, Sunday evening, March 31, to celebrate the birthday anniversary of our esteemed editor—Miss Emma Silber. An interesting program was carried out and refreshments were served. We also presented to her the book "Education." J. E. L.

OBITUARIES

BETTS.—Mary Helen was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 24, 1849. From there her family moved to Corry, Pa., where at the age of 18 years, she was married to Willard W. Low. They then moved to Carson City, Montcalm County, Michigan. Here she was converted to the Seventh-day Adventist faith under the guidance of Elder Van Dusen, which faith she followed until death claimed her. In 1890 they came to Cleveland, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Her husband being a Civil War veteran, she was a prominent member of the Ladies' Relief Corp of the G. A. R. of Cleveland for several years, during which time she served as delegate to General Convention held at Washington, D. C., 1893, and the following year to Boston, Mass.

She is survived by her husband, Willard Low, two sons, Fred and Frank Low, three daughters, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was buried in West Park, Ohio March 27, 1918. The funeral service was conducted by Elder Henderson of Akron, Ohio, his text being taken from I John 3.

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District of Columbia	7016 00
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Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	45482 15
Cash Paid	30,744 00

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	September 7-17
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21
New Jersey	June 27-July 7

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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,

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

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

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Do you know that Mr. Lodge's book "Raymond," on phisic phenomena, is having a greater sale than any other book, not even excepting the Bible? Yes, a fact. Satan seems determined to make the world believe that same lie to which he gave his voice in the garden of Eden. Now is a most opportune time to present the truth on this great question to our neighbors, for they are interested as never before. We would suggest that you obtain a package or two of the May "Signs Magazine" for use in this way. Professor G. W. Rine's article entitled "Voices from the Great Beyond" is one of its biggest features, and it is most reasonable and enlightening we can assure you.

C. L. N.

35,000 sold of the second quarter *Liberty*, before announcement was made regarding this number. But "What are these among so many?"

Strange how "Innocent entreaties become oppressive commands," is it not? Have you read this article in the *Liberty* magazine?