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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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Worker's Meeting

A meeting of the workers of the Ohio Conference including ministers and their wives and Bible workers and departmental secretaries was called by the president of the Ohio Conference at Mount Vernon, the first meeting of the council beginning Wednesday morning May 22, at 9 o'clock. The president of the Columbia Union Conference, Elder B. G. Wilkinson, met with the workers and opened the session with an interesting Bible study on the day of the Lord as revealed in the prophecy of Joel. This service was followed by a service of confession, consecration, and prayer.

Following this an Agenda paper was distributed among the workers as follows:

1. Reports of ministers and Bible workers concerning the progress and need. Departmental.

Medical, Religious Liberty,
Sabbath School, Educational,
Missionary Volunteer, Home
Missionary, Colporteur.

2. Tent Efforts.

How many and where shall we have them?

3. Distribution of labor.

Suggestions or requests.

4. Harvest Ingathering.

Relation of our workers to the campaign.

5. Camp-meeting.

Where shall it be?

6. 200 students for M. V. A. next year --1918-19.

Will Ohio furnish 150 of these? Why not?

7. Missions.

How shall we make up the deficit in our churches on the 25-cent-a-week basis? Shall we advocate the \$1.00 a week plan?

8. Our pledge for Washington Missionary College.

What shall we do to make up our quota on this fund?

9. Our daily program for the coming camp-meeting.

What are your suggestions?

10. Our attitude toward government

financial plans.

What suggestions shall we pass on to our people concerning a uniform basis along this line?

11. Suggestions for re-districting our conference.

1. Location of churches and isolated.

2. Probable leader for district.

3. Transportation.

4. Needs of territory.

12. Wills and annuities.

Should we not improve our opportunities to secure means for the cause of God?

Many earnest calls for tent efforts were heard and there was a spirit on the part of all to go wherever it was felt best to send them.

The various departments were heard from and progress was seen in every line of the work.

The following morning Elder Wilkinson again led out in a stirring Bible study and this led the way for an entire change of program that had been arranged for. Many heart cries for help and a closer walk with God and confessions of sin were heard.

Every ordained minister went forward to join with Elder Wilkinson and Elder Robbins in earnest prayer, and a new dedication of life.

The afternoon meeting took up several items on the Agenda paper and most interesting discussion regarding Ohio's duty toward the Washington Missionary College and the Foreign Mission and Home Mission and Colporteur work was enjoyed by all.

Because of the amount of work to come before the Conference Committee several of the items were referred to the committee for consideration, and the two days' council was brought to a close by a stirring sermon by Elder Behrens, the burden of which was a call to get rid of sin.

ELDER A. R. BELL,

SEC'Y OHIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the recent conference committee meeting in connection with the workers' meeting at Mount Vernon, it was decided to hold camp-meeting at Mount Vernon on the academy grounds, August 15 to 25. Anyone wanting rooms in the academy

should write direct to the Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Further directions will appear soon.

Columbus Rural Rest Home

Because our people are so much interested in the health principles for which we stand and the institutions where these things are taught, it has seemed to me that a few words concerning The Columbus Rural Rest Home might be welcomed.

The "Rest Home" is different from the regular sanitarium in that only nervous disorders are treated. No insane, irresponsible, or offensive patients are received, but those whose irritability and suggestibility make it hard to treat them at home can here have all the advantages of careful supervisions, good nursing, the treatments usually given in our sanitariums, and the attention of physicians who have given special study to the nervous system and its disorders.

Dr. Harding, who heads the staff, has been actively engaged in the care of nervous patients for eighteen years. Dr. Houser has been connected with different sanitariums operated by our people. She is well known in Ohio, this being her native state, and widely known among our people elsewhere because of her long connection with the Missions Board Office. Miss Franke Cobban, a graduate of the Washington Sanitarium acts as manager. Her mother, who has acted as matron of some of our institutions, is also at the Rest Home. Miss Heise, a graduate of The Tri-City Sanitarium, Miss Holderman, Miss Condit, and Brother D. T. Strickler form the nurses staff at present.

The Rest Home is located on the Hartman Farm some five miles south of Columbus. The finest dairy farm in central Ohio is right at hand and an abundance of milk, cream, buttermilk, cottage cheese and butter can be had. The grounds are large and well cared for and the building is so arranged that it was easily adapted to sanitarium work. In fact, the desirability of the location and the adaptability of the building and grounds, with the very reasonable rate of rent that was asked, has made all who are acquainted with the circumstances feel that the opening was providential, that the Lord has led in all that has been done.

It is a pleasure to report that several of the patients have shown a real interest in the religious services that have been held and some have been able to get comfort from belief in spiritual things when they had found it hard to find renewed hope through confidence in physical measures alone.

It is the sincere hope of all connected with the "Rest Home" that it may prove to be a strong factor in pointing men and women to God and to the message that is so dear to Seventh-day Adventists.

H. H. VOTAW.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

President's Report

Glancing backward over the swiftly passing years in a brief review of what the Lord has wrought in our little corner of the great harvest field, we find much to be thankful for.

EVANGELISTIC

Last year six tent companies were in the field—four white and two colored—and three theater and hall efforts were held during the winter. During 1917 one hundred and twenty-five baptisms were reported—ninety-six white and twenty-nine colored. A new church of twenty-six members was organized by Elder W. E. Bidwell following the tent effort at Winchester. Richmond reports forty-five baptisms, thirty white and fifteen colored. Since the camp-meeting a year ago, the Lord has signally blessed the earnest labors of Elder I. D. Richardson and his associates in the three closely connected cities of Norfolk, Newport News and Portsmouth, with a total of fifty added to the church by baptism.

The membership of the conference, 514 at the close of 1914, has now passed the 700 mark, after a most rigid revision of the church lists, while the Sabbath Schools report a membership of 718.

This gain is reflected in the tithe receipts, which were \$5841.23 in 1914 and \$12,930.15 in 1917 or more than double. The annual per capita tithe in 1914 was \$11.36 and in 1917, \$21.16. For the first four months of the present year the tithe is \$5,663.49 as compared with \$3,443.27 for the same period of last year, or nearly equal to the tithe for the entire year 1914. We have been unable to double our force of active field workers, which now consists in the white work of five ordained ministers, one licensed minister and two Bible workers, and in the colored work of two ordained ministers, two licentiates, and one Bible worker. There are three-quarters of a million colored people in our field to be warned.

We would call attention here to the

fact that a solid block of twenty-eight counties in southern Virginia is without a Seventh-day Adventist Church. In this block is Roanoke with over 40,000 population unentered. For the past three years our canvassers have pioneered the way in these counties and after forty years, the time has surely come when provision must be made to open up the work in that section.

CANVASSING

With twenty-two churches in a conference of ninety counties after forty years of labor, it is evident that the ministers alone can never finish the work. The only way that many will ever be reached by the message is through our truth filled literature placed in their hands by the self-sacrificing efforts of the faithful evangelistic colporteur.

This department has kept pace with the progress of the work in other lines. The sales of literature in our field in 1914 amounted to \$12,771.27, while in 1917 the report has increased to \$22,794.76, or nearly double that of three years ago. These figures refer to actual sales, not orders.

The strongest regular corps of colporteurs ever in our field is now selling \$1,000 worth of orders a week. Most of these workers are new in the truth and in their first love. Boys of eighteen never away from home before, are earning scholarships at the rate of over \$100.00 worth of orders a week. The best educational loan fund we know of is the loan of car fare to the canvassing field.

The results of this work will never be known till those who have followed in the footsteps of Him who had not where to lay His head, hear from His lips the commendation, "Well done," and exchange the pilgrims' staff for the starry crown and a permanent home in the mansions of bliss.

EDUCATIONAL

The safety of our young people depends largely upon getting them into our schools, under the training of teachers who believe the truth for this time, where the strong-tide of influence flows towards the work of God and away from the allurements of a world doomed to destruction. The salvation and proper education of our young people is essential to the building up of a strong corps of workers in any field. The school is our recruiting station and training camp, indispensable to meet the urgently increasing calls from the far-flung lines at the front in this crisis in the conflict of the ages.

During the school year just ended our seven church schools enrolled 123 pupils, 43 were in the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and 13 are taking advanced work in the college and sanitarium at Washington, a total of 170.

In four years the enrollment at the

academy has grown from seven to forty-three, and the faculty from two to six. A class of ten graduated this year. A music department was added last year and the library, laboratory equipment, and courses of study have been brought up to the required standards of the educational department of the General Conference.

The academy debt of \$7,000.00 has been reduced to \$2,300.00, and another year should cancel this. An experienced farm manager has been secured and a farm superintendent's home, a canning factory, and a long needed barn and stable are to be erected at a cost of about \$2,000.00.

Last winter fire destroyed the building serving as engine house, laundry, and store room. The rapidly increasing attendance has entirely outgrown the capacity of the one school building, students being obliged to live in the basement and the unfurnished attic, with more applying for admission continually.

At the January board meeting attended by Union and Division representatives, it was therefore voted to replace the lost building with a boys' dormitory, two stories and basement at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00, if the means can be secured. We submit the building question to this conference for final decision.

Situated on a fertile forty-two acre farm in the beautiful, historic Shenandoah Valley, walled in by the Blue Ridge and Massanutten mountains, as though to shut away from the vices and allurements of modern Sodom—the academy is a safe place for the education of our immature youth, and with a rapidly increasing constituency the outlook is most encouraging.

MISSIONS

As late as 1915 Virginia was contributing only ten cents a week, or half its quota to missions. The last two years we have formed the habit of making our goal of twenty cents a week per member, and no one is poorer for it. As usual liberality to missions has reacted in richer blessings on the work at home.

Of the \$6038.72 given to missions last year, \$2842.27 or nearly one-half was given through the Sabbath Schools, and \$1700.00 through the Harvest Ingathering. The Ingathering has practically doubled each of the past two years, being \$432.00 in 1915 and \$930.00 in 1916.

While all other southern states, Florida excepted, have retained a mission goal of twenty cents a week, Virginia's goal has been increased to twenty-five cents a member along with our wealthier sister conferences of the North and West. With the blessing of God we shall make it. In the face of the sacrifice that the nations are making of blood and treasure without

stint, can we do less in our devotion to the blood-stained banner of the Prince of peace, whose coming will mark the end of sin and strife and sorrow, the dawning of that better day. Systematic weekly giving in the Sabbath Schools must be stimulated by every means at our command. Our Ingathering goal should be raised to \$5.00 a member.

Missionary acres should be planted—heaven's war gardens.

Most important of all a campaign should be started here and carried into all our churches, calling for the forsaking of every sin, the putting away of all differences, and the consecrating of our all to God.

It is well to remember at this time that "the work will be finished, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit,' saith the Lord of hosts." Great human activity, prompted all too often by personal ambition, will never supply the lack of the Spirit of God.

That Spirit in all its fullness will never be bestowed while workers and laity cherish roots of bitterness, or the desire for self-exaltation, give free rein to appetite and passion, or cling to sin in any form. The One who reads the heart makes no mistakes. The Spirit will be given when we pay the price.

Pentecostal power and pentecostal giving will follow pentecostal forsaking of sin and pentecostal unity.

The cup of this world's iniquity is full to the brim. The nations unable to compose their differences, are engaged in the death grapple of ages, while thrones topple, crowns are removed, and empires melt away. The closing moments of human probation are upon us, and the storm clouds of the wrath of Almighty God hang heavy over a world doomed to destruction. It is high time that this people cast off the shackles of sin and indifference and go forth with all the power that Heaven is waiting to bestow for the speedy finishing of the work. W. C. MORFETT.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

News Notes

Ernest Mansell of Huntington has been called to government service. He left May 23 for the Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

Elder and Mrs. T. M. French spent a few days visiting his father in Keene, Texas, also his brother who has recently returned on a furlough from India.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bee and Miss Maude Wade of the Mount Vernon Academy are canvassing near Spencer. Brother McHenry spent a few days with them last week.

J. S. Seal has recently been called to his home in Youngstown, Ohio, on account of the serious illness of his father.

Dale Reed, who has been canvassing with Brother Fisher, has returned to his home in Indiana to care for his father who is seriously ill.

H. J. Fisher was called to government service and reported at Monticello, Indiana, May 15. He has been canvassing in our conference for several months, and we will miss his report, but our prayers go with him.

We regret that it was necessary for us to make up our colporteurs' report for week ending May 18 before all reports were received.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Encouraging reports and items of interest continue to come in from our faithful colporteurs who are braving the hot sun and dusty roads. Last week Brother J. E. Jones was overtaken by a minister who wanted to know what he was doing in the community, and when informed that he was canvassing for Bible Readings, he wanted to know if he was the one who prayed with Mr. — daughter a few days ago, and when he told him yes, he was favorably impressed and never asked what denomination he represented. The following week, Brother Jones was again called into the sick room of a man who was taken suddenly ill after supper, and he sat up until one o'clock praying and singing. Neither he nor his wife were church members, but expressed how much they feel encouraged to live better lives. As Brother Jones puts it, "Colporteurs should pray much with the people." Brother Jones has been doing a good work in this county, and last week he placed eight books in two families, the former family a few years ago bought "Coming King" and "Past, Present and Future" from him.

We are glad to welcome Brother Leroy Huffaker to our family. His first report for 23 hours' work shows \$101.00. We certainly wish him much success and the blessings of God in his new field.

Baltimore No. 3 Church is doing her "bit" in furnishing colporteurs, and we also welcome Brothers Robert and Emanuel Wilkins and Brother Jacob Stewart to our colporteur family. The Brothers Wilkins are working in Anne Arundel County, and their first report for 32 hours shows

value of orders \$113.75 and cash sales for the week, \$23.75 and we are glad to note that these brethren do not lose any time on Sunday, but put in 6 hours. Brother Stewart will canvass in Somerset County, his former home being at Marion Station. We earnestly pray that the Lord will abundantly bless these three brethren, and that they will see souls saved in the kingdom as a result of their labors.

We are very sorry indeed that Brother C. R. Hare has not been able to work the past two weeks on account of a very bad cold which has gotten quite a hold on him, and we earnestly hope that he will soon be able to continue the good work he has been doing. He feels that he should work in another part of the conference where the land is higher, so he will change his territory to the mountain district. We pray that the success he had in Somerset will continue to be his.

Sister Vanzant and Sister Mabel Witt have been doing faithful work in Kent County, Maryland, and while they find it hot and dusty walking the county roads, they have a good report for the past week. One day they walked eight miles, and write that they were very tired when night came. We do not doubt this. Sister Vanzant delivered \$50.25 and took orders for \$66.65 working 31 hours. Sister Witt delivered \$6.35 and took orders for \$44.50. These two sisters are working together and their net orders for the week are \$111.15. Not a bad report, is it?

While we made an extra effort to have the churches work during Big Week, and many of them did good work at this time, yet the reports have come in very slow. If you have not sent in your report yet, Mr. and Miss Secretary, we will appreciate it if you will forward it without further delay, to the Home Missionary Secretary, at Dover, Del.

We held a Home Missionary Convention at Smithsburg May 17-19 at which time Pondsville and Hagerstown Churches joined, and the Spirit of the Lord was felt in every meeting. All the brethren and sisters of these churches have gotten a new vision, and have determined to do their part in the finishing of the work in this time and hour. Sabbath morning God's presence came very near in the consecration service conducted by Elder Hirlinger. At some time of the convention the following ministers and instructors were present: Elders A. S. Booth, F. W. Paap, J. W. Hirlinger, S. T. Shadel and M. S. Pettibone, Home Missionary Secretary.

NEW JERSEY

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

Franklin

Sabbath and Sunday, May 25 and 26, were good days for the little church at Franklin. On the former day, we enjoyed much of the presence and blessing of God in our quarterly meeting. On the latter day, a temperance program was rendered by the young people of the church, which resulted in creating much interest in our work in this community. Friends from without rendered very cordial assistance in decorating the church for this, to Franklin, a very unusual occasion.

In the borough of Franklin, which has a population of about five thousand, there are five wholesale and retail liquor-selling establishments, and five regularly licensed saloons, making in all ten stations for dispensing this baneful beverage. And great quantities of intoxicants are sold here. Some of the leading men of the place are selling the vile product, others are countenancing it.

We announced our program in the local weekly, stating that we would show the evil effects of using spirituous liquors and tobacco. The announcement created considerable interest in our meeting. We had to provide extra seats in the church, all of which were filled by an interested audience, many of whom had never been in our church before. Strangers expressed great appreciation, and promised to come again. Our offering was eight dollars, and fifteen signed the temperance pledge, all but one signing against both tobacco and liquor. God's spirit was manifestly present in the meeting.

A notorious drunkard, who had spent thousands of dollars during years of drunkenness, attended a funeral service conducted by the writer on March 10; he came to the home of the writer on the following evening and signed the pledge. He has not touched a drop since. His presence at this meeting was a testimony to the goodness of God, who had saved him from this awful curse.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

Notice

The New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its annual meeting in connection with the camp-meeting on the Anderson Estate, Trenton N. J., June 27 to July 7, 1918, for the election of a board of trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Association. The first meeting is called for July 1, at 9 A. M. W. H. HECKMAN, President.
CLARENCE LAWRY, Secretary.

The first biennial session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the camp-meeting on the Anderson Estate, Trenton, N. J., June 27 to July 7, 1918 for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held Friday, June 28 at 9 A. M.

Each church is entitled to one delegate irrespective of membership and to one delegate for each of its ten members.

W. H. HECKMAN, President.
CLARENCE LAWRY, Secretary.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Wilkes Barre Breaking Records

\$60 In One Day

It affords me pleasure to give the readers of the Visitor a brief report of the missionary activities of the above church.

Elder De Witt Gauterau is now located at this place, and is much encouraged at the prospects. This city is not favored with a church representing the "Third Angel's Message," but it is the desire of every member to see one erected in the near future.

A lot splendidly located has already been donated, and just as soon as \$2,000 are raised, an individual has promised the handsome gift of \$1000.

Up to last Sabbath already \$1150 of the \$2000 had been raised, leaving only \$850 to be raised in order to secure the \$1000 gift.

For weeks our brethren and sisters have been working hard going out on Sundays and other days whenever possible, spreading our truth filled literature and soliciting for the building fund.

Another feature in connection with this building campaign is the night serenading by the singers of the church.

Every Sunday night the singers visit a certain district, and entertain the people passing by, and sitting on the porches, with some of the old familiar hymns such as "Face to Face," "Just as I am," "Nearer my God to thee," and others.

Last night it was the privilege of the writer to accompany this band of singers, rendering them assistance by playing the sweet instrument, the most ancient of the woodwind instruments, called the Oboe. While we were rendering the music several of our brethren and sisters would approach with the "Temperance Instructor" and solicit for an offering toward the building fund.

In less than 2 hours \$17.60 were collected, the people appreciating the music and were glad to give some of their means.

On the Sabbath I presented a plan that by selling the "Temperance Instruc-

tor" and by giving the profits to the building fund, it could be swelled considerably in quick time, and such has been the case.

2500 papers were ordered, and yesterday morning and afternoon (Sunday) by soliciting people in the park, \$43 were gathered in. Many gave quarters and fifty cents, some 75 cents and \$1. This with the \$17 collected during the serenading on the street at night made a grand total for one day's work of \$60. Surely God blessed us all in a wonderful way, and answered our prayers by sending His angels to assist us.

Dear brothers and sisters I can truthfully say from experience that if you will only have faith in the Lord and go to the people, you will get means for His cause. Yesterday's work in Wilkes Barre demonstrated it, and this was accomplished the very next day following a big Red Cross drive in the city.

All of our churches not free from debt, could free themselves in quick time, if only they would do as our brethren and sisters in Wilkes Barre are doing.

Elder Gauterau is much encouraged at the prospect's, and reports 10 new Sabbath-keepers, most of whom are planning to be baptized at the camp-meeting. The work in this district is onward, and we are truly glad for what the Lord is accomplishing in this part of His vineyard.

T. H. BARRITT.

Home Missionary Secretary.

Philadelphia

The promise of Jehovah that the Word shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish that which He pleases, has been fulfilled in connection with the German work in Philadelphia. These days of perplexity are the days of God's power, and we acknowledge this power as we review our interest of the fall and winter months.

God enabled us to secure an excellent hall and did not disappoint us in sending out the people. It was evident that hearts had been prepared to realize that our message was a part of God's work in the earth. We found no difficulty in the study of the Word at the hearth, and gained favor with an intelligent and sincere class of people. The interest grew as appointments were made for private studies and cottage meetings, and the currents from the meetings were felt in various sections of this metropolis.

The church also received a reviving under the preaching of the message, and it was indeed a feast of joy when on Sabbath, May 25, ten precious souls made their covenants with God by baptism, Elder O. F. Schwedrat officiating. In a previous immersion we were privileged to see the results of this same effort, and we

are encouraged to know that others are still waiting to take this step, while a goodly number are studying toward this end.

With courage and confidence we look to God, knowing that His work always went best in troublous times.

LOUISE C. KLEUSER.

Liberty

Liberty speaks in the July "Watchman" from the first page to the last. This issue is a strikingly patriotic number which will sell readily to all classes of individuals. The illustrations are exceptionally good this month and the general articles are excellent. Students will find the July "Watchman" a fine seller for scholarships. If in a hurry your tract society will telegraph free all orders for 250 or more.

Personal Work

We are told in the Testimonies that if the work is to close up soon, "many will have to go a-warfare at their own charges." A good way to do this is opened up in the colporteur work. Another way which has often been enjoined upon us, is the method of moving into a needy territory in order to be a soul-winner there. This work must be carried on by many without financial assistance, if the work is soon to be finished.

Our colporteurs relate their experiences to us, and so, to the glory of God, the writer wishes to rehearse his experience in his little corner. He has been asked several times to take up work as a paid laborer, by several conferences, but for the reasons given above, has refused.

For about fourteen months, I have been living in Bucks County, Pa. One of the main things accomplished was the gathering together of ten scattered Seventh-day Adventists into a new organization at Sellersville, Pa.

To these ten were added five more precious souls who were baptised largely as a result of the labors of the writer together with another brother. Meetings were held in homes and in meeting halls. Particular interest was displayed in our cottage meetings, at which between thirty and forty people were often present. A doctor's family and the county treasurer were among the interested ones. People freely told us that they had learned more through our work, of the Bible, than they had ever known before. We also sent news items from time to time to the local newspapers, which were always published. All this work has not cost the conference one cent, except for an occasional visit of a minister.

In addition to the foregoing, the writer has often used his Sunday mornings in distributing literature among the foreigners

of Philadelphia, Bethlehem, etc. Besides selling about five hundred Polish magazines, literature was distributed in the Italian, Bohemian, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Russian, and Jewish languages.

My missionary work for the past fourteen months is as follows: 56 books sold and given; 646 papers sold; 343 tracts given; 2566 papers given; 88 Bible readings and cottage and hall meetings; and 50 missionary visits. This is not as large as I would like to see it; but with the church work, and my work at home besides, with my studies, I have been well occupied.

Could not many move out into new and needy fields to open up the work for Jesus' last messages? I would also be glad to hear from someone who could help out or take charge of the work here, as there is room for another church to be organized, and the writer has been drafted, and leaves for camp. Will not someone respond? A number are still interested and should be labored with further. We also need a self-supporting missionary for our work in Norristown. Let us not run away from our posts of duty, but rather let us press forward, and enter the unworked fields in the name of Jesus. Pray for the work here, and for the church which I am now compelled to leave behind.

E. E. MESSINGER.

Almont, Pa.

The Cure for Criticism

There is much said these days about criticism, gossip, etc., papers are burdened with lengthy articles on criticism. The critic is scored up and down, right and left, and all around, but there is nothing said about the cause nor the cure for criticism.

Now I hate slander, a malicious falsehood intended to defame the character of the innocent. This kind of criticism, is well expressed in the following lines:

"Slander, the abominable tittle-tattle. The cud chewed by human cattle."

It is not this kind of criticism I wish to write of, nor suggest a cure for it unless it is the cure given by God's Word in Rev. 21:8.

But the criticism for which there is a cure is the kind Eze. 9 speaks of. The good old prophet calls it "crying and sighing." And in fact he goes so far as to say no one but these critics will receive the Mark of God. Listen what he says: "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, (the Laodicean church) and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof."

What are these critics crying and sighing about? About the abominations that are done in the church. Then how can this criticism be cured? That is the

easiest question in the world to answer, and God's Word answers it.

Listen again.—Prov. 26:20, where no wood is there the fire goeth out. If people are to be stopped from criticising we must stop them not by cutting out their tongues, but by stopping the practice of those things that cause the "sighing and crying." Then let us stop spending so much time criticising the critic and get to pulling the wood off the fire, for if we pull the wood off the fire it will go out. Likewise, if we stop doing those things that cause the criticism the criticism will most surely cease.

A quotation from Vol. 3, page 266, would be proper right here, "In vision I have been pointed to many instances where the displeasure of God has been incurred by a neglect on the part of His servants to deal with the wrongs and sins existing among them. Those who have excused these wrongs have been thought by the people to be very amiable and lovely in disposition, simply because they shunned to discharge a plain, Scriptural duty. The task was not agreeable to their feelings; therefore they avoided it."

And again on page 267 we read, "Mark this point with care. Those who receive the pure mark of truth, wrought in them by the power of the Holy Ghost, represented by a mark by the man in linen, are those 'that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done' in the church. Their love for purity and honor and glory of God is such, and they have so clear a view of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, that they are represented as being in agony, even sighing and crying. Read the ninth chapter of Ezekiel," and I would add read the entire pages, 265 to 272 of Vol. 3 of the Testimonies for the Church, under the heading "Duty to Reprove Sin."

H. S. WEAVER.

Patriotism is the keynote of the July "Signs Magazine." It is reflected in the beautiful cover, in the many special illustrations, in the pointed editorials, and especially in an article entitled, "Columbia, the Pole Star of Freedom." Because we asked exemption from combatant service for our young men, many have gotten the idea that we are slackers and disloyal. You can help set them straight with the aid of the July "Signs Magazine." Will you? Get a package of fifty or so. Fifty will cost you but \$3.50. Many of our sisters and some of our brethren are spending part or all of their time selling this attractive magazine, and most of them are meeting with splendid success. There is plenty of room for others.

"The God-filled life the richest fruit shall bear."

The Scholarship Plan a Three-fold Blessing

Speaking of the scholarship plan, the late Professor H. R. Salisbury said:

"Three great blessings have come to us through the scholarship plan. They are: First, the financial help to our schools because of bringing students who have money. Second, through it we have students that worked the year round. Third, by this plan the canvassing work has been put where it belongs as a part of our great educational system.

"The influence of the scholarship student is an encouragement, and usually better than the influence of a student who comes in on his own responsibility."

Scores of the Presidents and Principals in our colleges and academies can testify to the truthfulness of these statements from Professor Salisbury. Not only to our schools, but to our conferences and publishing houses has this plan been a great blessing.

At the recent General Conference an action was taken that will make this plan a still greater benefit to our schools financially. In the past the colleges and academies have borne one-half of the 15 per cent discount given to students who earn scholarships, the other one-half being divided equally between the publishing houses and tract society. In the future the publishing houses will pay one-half on this 15 per cent, the schools one-fourth and the tract societies one-fourth. As some students have not understood just how to reckon the 15 per-cent discount and how many dollars worth of books they must sell to earn their scholarship, we will state the plan briefly.

To ascertain the number of dollars worth of books that a student must sell in order to earn a scholarship in one of our colleges or academies, deduct 15 per cent from the total tuition; room and board charges of the school for the year, then multiply the remainder by two which will give the number of dollars' worth of books which must be sold to earn a scholarship.

To illustrate: The new college tuition rate, \$75 for the year, the room rent \$55, and an estimated board rate of \$90 makes a total of \$220 for the year. Deducting 15 per cent from this leaves \$187, the amount the school would accept from a scholarship student for a year's expenses with the above rates. In order to get this amount selling subscription books on a 50 per cent commission, the student would have to sell double \$187 worth, or \$374, turning the whole amount in to the tract society in advance.

If handling fifteen cent magazines, divide the \$187 by eight cents which will give the number of magazines one must sell, as the student's profit is eight cents per copy.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 24, 1918									
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	4	41	27	119 00		119 00	
M. M. Sterner, Carbon Co.		BR	4	40	17	71 00		71 00	14 00
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	5	40	42	86 00	27 05	113 05	4 65
W. H. Frizzell, Wyoming Co.		BR	5	40	26	127 00		127 00	5 00
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	4	38	5	22 00	7 75	29 75	7 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	4	35	14	60 00	2 75	62 75	
R. W. Garrett, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	34	18	105 00		105 00	
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	4	36	16	20 00		20 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	36	7	30 00		30 00	114 00
W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co.		WCS	3	26	43	21 50		21 50	20 00
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	4	25	8	32 00	1 35	33 35	1 36
Mark Hagman, Juniata Co.		BR	3	22	10	48 00	2 55	50 55	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	5	18	5	24 00	7 50	31 50	6 25
T. Beamsderfer, Juniata Co.		BR	3	14	9	47 00	7 65	54 65	
Misc.						72 25		72 25	
Totals	14 Agents		57	445	247	884 75	56 60	941 35	173 00

Ohio One Week Ending May 24, 1918									
Geo. Carter, Champaign Co.		BR	5	56	31	144 00	4 75	148 75	8 75
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	5	53	17	81 00	11 85	92 85	8 40
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	52	11	22 00	8 00	30 00	6 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		BR	5	51	6	29 00	2 75	31 75	2 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	5	38	8	17 00	9 00	26 00	28 75
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		OD	5	32	37	76 00	12 50	88 50	8 20
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati		OD	5	30	19	44 00		44 00	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton Co.		OD	4	27	28	58 00		58 00	17 00
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	3	25	24	62 00	3 75	65 75	25
W. H. Smith, Athens Co.		OD	3	24	36	82 00	12 45	94 45	
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	5	23	8	16 00	3 50	19 50	4 50
Alfrida Larsen, Clermont Co.		OD	3	15	7	14 00	3 85	17 85	
Totals	12 Agents		53	426	232	645 00	72 40	717 40	84 60

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending May 24, 1918									
W. A. McElphatrick, Paulsboro		OD	10	62		148 00	28 50	176 50	5 90
F. C. Durr, Vineland		GC	6	62		52 00		52 00	
Norman Haye, E. Inglewood		WCS	5	30		28 25		28 25	28 25
Mrs. J. W. Jenssen, Patterson		BR	6			35 00	33 10	68 10	36 95
Mrs. E. Hendricks, Patterson		Misc	10			52 00		52 00	52 00
James Wild, Clayton		OD	10	67		68 00	9 00	77 00	48 50
John Zimmerly, Glassboro		OD	3	17		33 00	5 50	38 50	5 50
Philip Broeckle, Salem Co.		OD	9	58		59 00	14 85	73 85	10 75
Irvin Rogers, Trenton		OD	5	26		49 25		49 25	3 25
Misc.						630 00		630 00	630 00
Totals	9 Agents		68	322		1156 50	90 95	1246 45	830 60

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending May 17, 1918									
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.		BR	3	17	2	9 00	10 30	19 30	6 00
S. L. Christie, Fairfax Co.		OD	8	37	76	154 00	27 50	181 50	26 00
Earl Wilcox, Fairfax Co.		OD	5	25	25	50 00		50 00	100 00
W. D. Culveyhouse, Charles, Co.		OD	1	13					57 95
Chas. Dunham, Washington, D. C.		OD	10	62	55	108 50		108 50	61 50
Totals	5 Agents		27	154	158	321 50	37 80	359 30	251 45

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 17, 1918									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	9	60	28	129 00	30 05	159 05	15 00
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	5	35	9	38 00	24 95	62 95	7 85
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co., Md.		OD	5	31	22	48 00	14 15	62 15	50 25
Mabel D. Witt, Kent Co., Md.		OD	5	31	13	26 00	18 50	44 50	6 35
L. B. Huffaker, Howard Co.		DR	5	23	23	101 00		101 00	
R. & E. Wilkens, Anne Arundel Co.		OD	5	32	48	96 00	23 75	119 75	23 75
Totals	6 Agents		34	212	143	438 00	111 40	549 40	103 40

West Virginia, Week Ending May 24, 1918

John Fahrner, Lewis Co.	BR	4	25	2	9 00		9 00	56 65
John A. Bee, Roane	BR	2	19	16	71 00	6 75	77 75	1 05
C. E. Will, Benwood Co.	PPF	8	76	23	58 50	51 50	110 00	80 20
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.	OD	4	37	20	45 00	2 90	47 90	85
J. I. Butcher, Raleigh Co.	OD	4	41		196 00	12 50	208 50	12 50
Mrs. John A. Bee, Roane Co.	OD	5	25	10	35 00	23 25	28 25	11 25
W. T. Dishman, Roane Co.	OD	5	28	31	70 00	64 25	134 26	
Maude Wade, Roane Co.	OD	5	25	33	81 00	6 25	87 25	6 25
Albert Byrd Doddridge Co.	OD	3	26	5	10 00	8 70	18 70	2 50
Roscoe Bee, Ritchie Co.	OD	3	23	16	32 00	3 00	35 00	3 00
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.	BF	5	35			3 55	3 55	155 05
C. B. Moser, Mingo Co.	BF	3	29	5	10 00	6 95	16 95	75 25
Totals		12	Agents		617 50	189 60	807 10	404 55
Grand Totals: Agents 58				Value of Orders	\$4063 25	Deliveries		\$1847 60

May many of our young people reap the benefits of this plan during this vacation period.

N.Z. TOWN

Message Straws

As straws indicate the way of the wind, the following statements reveal the impression Present Truth makes wherever it goes:—

Sending Copies to Friends

"Your last two numbers were sent me by an old friend who lives in Glendale, California, and we are so well pleased with them that we will send for more—a year's subscription. Enclosed you will find that amount in 3 cent stamps."

Handing the Papers Out

"I was handed a copy of a paper published by you called The Present Truth. I like the reading of it very much. You will find enclosed 20 cents in stamps for a year's subscription. The copy handed me was the one with the President's picture on it. I did not get to read all of it, so would like to start with that number if you can furnish it."

Donating Subscriptions

"Some one was kind enough to give me a subscription to The Present Truth, which I am enjoying reading very much. My subscription began with Vol. 1, No. 1. Now whether I misplaced some of these copies or they were lost in the mail, I cannot say, but I am sending 10 cents in stamps, and if you have copies of Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, and will send them to me, will thank you greatly."

Finding Lost Papers

"Accidentally I found a copy of Present Truth which I read, and I'm very much interested in it. Will you please let me know how much the subscription is? Are you the publishers of the Signs of the Times? If so, what is it a year? I had a copy of it a long time ago, but when I was sick, it got destroyed. Please answer soon."

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"I chanced to get hold of a copy of your interesting religious journal a few

days ago in Wichita, Kansas, from the Tract Association, and cannot rest until I get the paper in my own name; so find enclosed 15 cents for which you will mail me this paper. If I am mistaken in the terms, please mail it to me till my money's worth is gone any way, for I am certainly pleased with it as a religious paper. Mail me back numbers. The name of the paper is The Present Truth."

Results of Donated Subscriptions

"Enclosed please find 20 cents in stamps for which please put me on your mailing list for your wonderful paper, The Present Truth. I like it very well."

Enclosed find 25 cents for renewal of my subscription to your most valuable little paper. I don't want to miss an issue of it. Please begin this renewal where my subscription ended. Send back issues."

Recently a party wrote the publishers of the Present Truth for a copy of this paper containing certain statements, explaining that she found a piece of an old Review Extra in a packing box that contained the statements quoted, and stating that she was exceedingly anxious to get the entire issue. This number proved to be No. 17 of the 1917 Present Truth series.

Improving

One of our ministering brethren in writing to the editor of the "Signs Magazine" says: "I think that the 'Signs' publications are continually improving. If the magazines get the circulation that their quality warrants, they will be our most powerful factors in spreading the message. I am glad to aid in a small way the good that these papers do." Get a copy of the July (patriotic) "Signs Magazine" and see what prompted him to write so eulogistically of this periodical. If you wish to let your neighbors know the attitude of our people toward war, liberty bonds, red cross work, and loyalty generally to civil government, you would do well to circulate the July number among them.

Educational Advantages

Next fall should see in our schools the greatest gathering of students in the history of our work. Many look upon education as an expense. Education is not an expense but an investment with cumulative interest. It takes a little push, a little time and a few dollars to acquire it, but an education is the greatest earthly asset one can acquire.

Education produces ability, develops character, creates influence, establishes prestige, commands respect. And an education in one of our schools offers in addition to these qualifications, selective courses, preferred associations, and recreates the inner life, thus developing the superman and the superwoman—the highest standard of attainment.

Securing a Christian education should be the determination of every person who feels the need of a greater personal efficiency. It may be acquired by selling only \$341 in books or \$320 in magazines for a \$220 school expense year. The experience gained in earning a scholarship will bring untold blessings. The magazine work particularly commends itself as it is a cash sale proposition and requires less in total sales. Moreover the cities are greatly in need of the gospel message. Then, too, magazine workers are always near friends and church associations where help and encouragement may be found. Those who are selling the "Watchman" this summer will also have an expense allowance. Your tract society can give you full information and will send you a book entitled, "General Sales Information." C. E. Hooper.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Taylor left last week for Cape May C H., N. J., where they will remain until the time of the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting. Mr. Taylor will do the cooking at the camp-meeting.

Mr. James Lippart will canvass in Monroe County this summer. He left the academy last Monday.

Mr. E. J. Stipeck is spending some time in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Katharine Keisker, who spent two weeks at her home in Cincinnati, returned to take up work at the academy for the summer.

Mr. E. R. Corder left Mount Vernon last Wednesday and will again canvass in the mining towns in West Virginia during the summer.

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Address all subscriptions and make all money orders payable to your tract society.

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

Mr. Walter Taylor spent a few days at his home in Toledo, Ohio, but has returned to work on the academy farm during the summer.

Professor W. H. Tecsdale went to West Virginia in the interest of the school.

The academy family this summer consists of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stipeck, the Misses Ethel Bell, Helen Leslie and Katharine Keisker, Messrs. Charles French, Willard Venen and Walter Taylor.

Mr. Earl Hackman will assist in the home missionary work in the Ohio Conference this summer.

Mrs. Emelie Ketterling of Glendale Calif., who has been visiting relatives and friends in Cincinnati several months, spent a few days last week with her niece, Miss Emma Silber.

OBITUARIES

JACKSON.—Alfred, local elder of the McDonald Company, Saturday evening May 11, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. Our brother was about forty-five years old. He accepted the Third Angel's Message several years ago, and remained true to the last. He was an earnest worker, and an exemplary Christian.

He was injured last November by falling into a pit while working in one of the mills here, and he never fully recovered from its effects until he fell asleep. The services were conducted by the writer, using as his text the words of Revelation 14: 13, which in very truth applies to Brother Jackson.

We laid him to rest, confident that we shall meet him soon, at the call of the soon-coming Life-giver. A. N. DURRANT.

FRITTS.—Clinton G., resident of Bucyrus, Ohio, for the past four years, formerly a resident of Waterford, Pa., was born in the latter place May 23, 1835. He died in the former city May 2, 1918, at the ripe age of 82 years, 11 months and 10 days.

He was baptized by the writer four years ago and united with the Bucyrus Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he remained a faithful member till the time of his death.

The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph had the following to say concerning his death: "Mr. Fritts was a very fine old gentleman and had made a circle of warm friends in Bucyrus during the few years he lived here. He was a man of remarkable vitality and, up to the time of his fatal illness had every appearance of being at least ten years younger than he really was. His friends sincerely regret his death and will miss his companionship."

He is survived by one son, Mr. Morrison Fritts, Bucyrus, Ohio, and one daughter, Mrs. R. W. Baldwin, Union City, Pa. Services were conducted in Bucyrus, Ohio, and internment at Union City, Pa.

H. A. WEAVER.

KLOPFENSTINE.—George, aged seventy-one, was killed in his own barn April 23, 1918, in Center Township, near Bowling Green, Ohio, by his clothing being caught in the machinery.

He is survived by his wife and five children, one of whom, Mrs. Mabel Sterling, is a missionary with her husband in the Cook Islands.

A. R. BELL.

Welcome to Draftees

Newly drafted men from our churches and companies, either members or sons of members, will find a welcome at the Ohio Avenue Church of Seventh-day Adventists, corner of Ohio and Fair Avenues, Columbus, Ohio, when they are in Columbus enroute to training camps. The pastor of the church can be called over Bell phone, Hilltop 2824, and will be glad to visit the men in the barracks. In the city the church elder, Brother C. L. Burlingame, will be found through Citizen Phone 5883, or at 112 E. Broad Street. Be sure and look up your friends while in Columbus.

S. A. WELLMAN.

THE W. M. C. and M. V. A. EDUCATIONAL FUND

Amount Required	\$50000 00
Pledges	
District of Columbia	7016 00
Ohio	15374 00
New Jersey	6343 60
East Pennsylvania	8276 14
Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	45482 15
Cash Paid	30,744 00

Notice

At a recent meeting of the Conference Committee Miss Goldie Hixon was appointed to take charge of the Sabbath School Department. Address all mail relative to the Sabbath School work to Miss Goldie Hixon and all mail for the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments to Mr. O. S. Hershberger.

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.

WANTED—A HOME. One of our sisters has a grandson 13 years of age, about to be released from D. C. Orphans' Home on account of crowded conditions and the high cost of upkeep. It is desired to locate this boy permanently in a good S. D. A. home. If you can assist write R. C. Taylor, 7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

WANTED.—A housekeeper for three children ages respectively eleven, nine, four. Sister Raub died January 30, 1918. Address Clyde F. Raub, 146 Sheridan St., Zanesville, Ohio.

WANTED.—A settled white woman for housekeeper; will not object to one child. Must be a Sabbath-keeper. A good home and wages to the right person. Church privileges and tent meetings a few squares away. Plenty of time for missionary work. Address W. E. Vansciver 11th Street Wharf, Washington, D. C.

WANTED.—Four barbers; first-class shop under management of Seventh-day Adventists. Close on Sabbath and open on Sunday. A good opportunity for the right men. Address C. E. Williams, 234 38th Street, Newport News, Va.

FOR SALE.—At Bakers Mountain, North Carolina, my home of 5 acres, 3 tillable and 2 in timber, 8 room modern cottage furnished complete, elevated water system, "Cistern" Bath, telephone, sink, express and freight station 4½ miles, best market. Daily mail service. Best environments for children, Seventh-day Adventist church, and school across road, 12 grades taught. New barn 12x24. Price \$1200. All particulars, and pictures of house. Address John E. Sanborn, 4227 Allison St., Norwood, Ohio.