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The Virginia Camp-Meeting

There was the largest delegation in attendance this year from the first meeting to the last ever assembled in annual camp-meeting in the history of the work in this state. During the last days of the meeting there were about three times as many present as at any time during past years.

Elder Moffett, the conference president, delivered the opening address, which was followed with an appeal for every soul to get right with God. In response to this appeal, nearly the entire audience crowded around the pulpit and in the aisles, in repentance and humble confession.

There was another splendid revival Sabbath morning. Elder Andross, vice-president of the General Conference, was present Sabbath and Sunday, and delivered some heart-searching messages, which were greatly appreciated by all. Elder and Sister Haskell were present from the first. Elder Haskell conducted a Bible and Testimony study during the six-thirty hour every morning. These studies tended to deepen the interest and faith in the Word of God, and the Testimonies, and laid a foundation for faith and repentance.

The eight-thirty hour was given over to the Home Missionary and Publishing Departments. These meetings were conducted by Elders Paap and Eastman of the General Conference, and C. V. Leach and the writer, of the Union Conference.

The practical instruction given and the interesting experiences related, were greatly appreciated by all. Most wonderful providential experiences were related by faithful colporteurs and laymen.

Doctor B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union, and assistants, gave practical Bible study and conducted a revival service during the week at 9:45, which was known as devotional hour. Sin was shown to be exceeding sinful in these meetings, through the straight testimony. In nearly all these meetings there was deep heart-searching and confession, these meetings lasted sometimes from 9:45 till 1 P. M., with the interest still high.

The revival spirit seemed to permeate all the services more or less. Even the

business sessions were deeply spiritual. Many of the meetings would begin in the regular, formal way, the spirit of God would come in and take control, and they would become informal. There was never any confusion, sweet spirit and harmony prevailed throughout. Blue Ridge Mountains of difficulties, and other past hindering causes, had "passed away," and the workers and people of the Virginia Conference met together as the people of God to do earnest business for eternity. Truly they all "spoke the same thing,"—not one dissenting voice.

Professor C. L. Stone, Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Union, had charge of the Young People's meetings at 6:30 A. M. and 5 P. M., assisted by Sister Iden of the General Conference for a few days, and by Elder Farley continuously. There were nearly as many young people in attendance this year as constituted the entire congregation last year. The same revival spirit characterized these meetings. Sister S. N. Haskell conducted some interesting studies on the Sanctuary. A Layman's Bible Class was formed, and Sister Haskell taught the class how to meet the people and how to give simple Bible studies to their friends and neighbors.

A Christian Help Band class was also formed. Sister I. D. Richardson had charge of this class and gave practical instruction in Health and Dress Reform. She also gave demonstrations, in simple and effective treatments. Sister Haskell and Elder Kime co-operated in giving instruction to all present.

The meetings seemed to thrill with still greater life when Elder and Mrs. J. O. Corliss came on the grounds. Elder Corliss got right into the swing, and the Lord added His blessing. The work was started in Virginia fourty-three years ago by Elders Corliss and Lane. Elder Corliss was over-joyed as he witnessed the growth of the work, and the workings of the Spirit.

Elder D. C. Babcock, and Brother Will Lewis, who is a Virginian, were present, and related their wonderful experiences and deliverances in Africa.

The last Sabbath was a record-breaking day for the Virginia Conference. An offering of approximately \$5,000.00 was made, after a stirring appeal by Doctor Wilkinson. This was more than four

times the amount given last year. There was no pressure, for the people offered it "willingly."

The reports of the president and conference workers showed a large increase in membership, tithes, and offerings during the past year. The tithe trebled during the past three years. Ten were baptized the last Sabbath. Fifty-two were baptized during the first five months of this year.

The last day of the feast was a good day, which all greatly appreciated. There were two Home Missionary Symposiums in the morning, which closed with a sale of tracts and books. There was hardly a book left in the bookstand, and the people left the grounds with their arms filled with books, as Sister White had seen in vision. At a previous sale nearly 8,000 "World in Perplexity," were ordered.

Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, came on the grounds in the afternoon, and conducted three meetings. He gave a report of the world-wide work, which thrilled the hearts of all. We were pleased to have him with us for even so short a time.

Doctor Miller, and Elder Stewart Kime, ex-president of the Virginia Conference, were present to represent the Sanitarium interests. Brother W. B. Walters, Manager of the Washington, (Columbia Union) Branch of the Review and Herald, was present and did good work. Professor B. F. Machlan and several students represented the Washington Missionary College.

Elder Moffett was unanimously re-elected president. The conference has set its goal, "1,000 members by next camp-meeting time." There seemed to be no question in the minds of any but that the goal will be reached, "for the people have a mind to work."

Sister Haskell said, "I think the plan outlined in the Bible and the Testimonies has been more nearly carried out at this meeting than any meeting I have attended in a long time." Others said, "I have attended good meetings, but this has been the best of all." It will linger in the minds of those who attended as God's meeting. It was the most beautiful and successful the writer ever attended. I hope to see it duplicated over and over again. J. W. HIRLINGER.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the closing exercises of the Shenandoah Valley Academy. Elder W. C. Moffett, the president of the conference, was present and spoke to the students and resident patrons of the school on Friday night. His words of courage and instruction were much appreciated.

On Sabbath morning, Elder F. W. Paap, Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, gave the baccalaureate sermon. The inspiring words of Elder Paap, drawn from the Bible and Testimonies, and from his large experience, certainly broadened the horizon of these young men and women passing the way mark of the tenth grade.

The decorations of the building and rostrum had been prepared with great care. All agreed who saw them that simplicity and good taste were displayed.

The younger students of the school gave a program night after Sabbath, and class itself gave their evening exercises on Sunday night. These were well prepared, and received with enthusiasm by the audience. An interesting feature of the program was the class history. Silhouetted productions, lifesize or larger, on separate sheets were conveniently arranged so that the historian, who had memorized his facts, could turn the leaves and give a connected story of the life of the subject in hand. While all the productions were good and well prepared, there seemed to be a special appreciation of the class history and the class prophecy.

On Monday night, the writer addressed an appreciative audience, after which Principal Forshee presented ten young men and women with certificates of scholarship for having finished the prescribed course of the school. A number of parents had come for the closing exercises of the school, some of these not of our faith. They were so impressed with the simplicity of the school and its quiet surroundings that they were heard to express themselves as follows:

"There is no other school for my girl hereafter."

This brings considerable courage to the hearts of those who have been laboring so hard to make the Shenandoah Valley school a factor in our educational system. Arrangements are going forward rapidly to erect an adequate, modern cannery, a barn, and a boys' dormitory. This latter has been very much needed, as some of the boys of the school have been obliged to sleep in the attic, and others have been crowded up three in a room. The brethren and sisters of Virginia have come forward liberally with funds, and the success of the building undertaking seems to be assured.

It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that this little school has its place in the economy of God for the finishing of the work, and I am sure the readers of the VISITOR will join in praying that it will fill its place in quickly training workers for the fields that are white for the harvest.

C. L. STONE.

The Virginia Camp-meeting

The camp-meeting at Richmond, Virginia, May 24-June 2, was a most remarkable meeting. It was the largest camp-meeting ever held by our people in Virginia; the attendance was large from the beginning.

There were not as many sermons preached as usual at camp-meetings, but meetings were held almost constantly from 6:30 in the morning until 9:00 at night. We are told in the "Testimonies for the Church," volume 9, page 81, that it would be pleasing to God if far more practical instruction were given the church members who attend our camp-meetings, than has usually been given in years past. The Lord was surely pleased with the large amount of time spent at the Richmond camp-meeting in giving instruction in home missionary work, Bible work, canvassing, Christian health work, etc.

Elder Hirlinger and his assistants conducted a live missionary meeting every morning at 8:30. At 9:45 Elder Wilkinson gave a Bible study which was usually followed by a live social meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested in these meetings by the confession of sins and a general move to seek the Lord and prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Elder Moffett, the president of the conference, realized the importance of this spiritual work, and the conference meetings were postponed for the spiritual meetings which often occupied the most of the forenoon; one day the meeting continued until after one o'clock. The conference work occupied only sufficient time to attend to the important business of the conference; little time was spent in discussing formal resolutions, but much time was spent in studying and planning how to do the work of the Lord more efficiently.

Every morning at 6:30 a good-sized congregation listened to the writer as he led in the study of God's word, trying to show the need of a personal intimacy with God through the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy, for we are told, "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusions that take the world captive." G. C. p. 625.

The different lines of work were represented in a practical way. One meeting was devoted to each of the following:

Canvassing work, Shenandoah Valley Academy and the Washington Missionary College. Instead of one person delivering a lecture on the needs of these lines of work, the young persons gave their personal experience in the college, academy, and the canvassing field; as a result, about forty presented themselves for the canvassing work.

Elder J. O. Corliss, the pioneer worker of Virginia, and Elder Babcock from West Africa were present the last part of the meeting.

The Sabbath meetings were especially interesting; almost the entire camp came forward and consecrated themselves to the Lord the first Sabbath. The afternoon social meeting was a blessed season. One sister, who had prayed for her husband for thirty-two years, related her experience telling how God had answered her prayer. She came on her crutch, but in relating her experience her joy was so great that she forgot her crutch and did not use it during the remainder of the meeting.

The last Sabbath morning after Elder Wilkinson had presented the growth and needs of the work, the brethren and sisters gave \$3,500 in cash and pledges for the foreign work. Besides this \$1,000 conditional pledges were made and some \$500 in scattered possibilities. There were about 300 present the last Sabbath.

In the afternoon there was an impressive meeting in which Brother R. F. Farley was ordained to the gospel ministry. A consecration meeting followed, and in response to the call for young people who would consecrate themselves to the Lord's service, the stand was filled with young men and women who came forward for consecration and service. Quite a number were baptized near the close of the Sabbath.

All were hoping to see Elder Daniells before the close of the meeting and they were not disappointed, as he came on the grounds the last Sunday. He related the wonderful growth of the work in fields abroad which inspired all to work with greater zeal for the closing of the work in the home field.

S. N. HASKELL.

Important Notice

Several weeks ago a notice was placed in the VISITOR requesting our people to keep us informed as far as possible with the names and addresses of our young men who have gone into service. Because of the many unexpected changes in the various training camps we find that it is quite a difficult matter to keep the addresses of the boys up to date. For this reason we are dropping this word again to urge upon the readers of the VISITOR the importance of keeping us informed concerning any changes in the addresses of the boys.

We do not want to lose track of our young men who have been called into the service of their country. Even after they have gone to France we are endeavoring to keep in touch with them, but we find that when they have been transferred once or twice in this country we lose their address, and, as has been true in several cases, are unable to find them again. From actual experience we have learned that our boys appreciate our interest in them, and are always glad to receive from us tracts and letters of inspiration and encouragement. We feel that precious time has been lost in the past in not giving our young people the essential preparation to enable them to stand firm and true in these trying hours, and at this late hour we are hoping to redeem the time in doing everything we possibly can to acquaint them with many things they ought to know to help them to be true to principle.

If there are those in your church or in your own home who have gone out in answer to their country's call, and you know we do not have their correct camp address, kindly send it to me, and they will be included in the circle of more than two hundred others whom we are endeavoring to serve as an inspirational medium.

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CHESAPEAKE

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Efficiency for the Master

Read in Baltimore No. 1 Sabbath School,
June 1.

Efficiency is the motto today in the business world; in the army; in all branches of business. What is efficiency? It is the elimination of all needless wastes in material, in labor, and in equipment, in order to reduce cost, increase profits, and raise wages.

If the world is striving to become more efficient in order to acquire more of the things that perish, do you not think we should try to be more efficient in the things that pertain to our eternal welfare?

You know the church which we profess to be living in at this time, the Laodicean, is censured by the Master as being "lukewarm," that is, not thoroughly efficient. Mark Twain said that there were three forms of knowledge; to know, to realize, to experience. We may know that ten million people are starving in India or China, but we say, "How sad," and add another lump of sugar to our coffee. We find on our porch a hungry, mewling kitten. We realize its distress and take it in and feed it. When we are hungry ourselves, if it lasts long enough—say twenty-four hours—we become anar-

chists. This is the effect of personal experience. May we not apply some of these principles to spiritual things? We may be willing to help in things that come right under our particular notice, as the one who fed the hungry kitten. Then again, we may be willing to do great things when they come right home to us, as the man who was hungry; by paying off our church debt, by buying coal for the church that we may be comfortable, by helping to purchase new hymnals, and by lending our aid to the tent meetings in our city. But friends, will these things alone make us thoroughly efficient for the Master?

The elimination of all needless waste, such as the loss of the lives of many missionaries, who have been compelled to endure great hardships, that might have been avoided if they could have had the proper equipment, will help us be more efficient. Do you not remember Brother Anderson who buried his wife in South Africa because they had to live in a mud hut? Needless labor is being expended continually by many of our best men who are compelled to go from church to church to solicit funds, when otherwise they might be used for the winning of souls.

Why not try to reduce cost; why not try to live as modestly as possible in order that we may have more to give to the Master? For what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? May we not be held responsible for the loss of souls if we do not come up to the standard the Lord expects of us?

Jesus said that we should lay up our treasure in heaven; that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. What treasure is more precious to Jesus than souls won to Him?

Then again, if we love this precious truth of the Third Angel's Message, how our hearts will yearn to tell it to others. Jesus has said that it is to go to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people," and that means that He has appointed us to give tithes and freewill offerings in order that those who are willing to go may be sent.

Dear friends, I know that if we do this, we will receive a blessing and a personal experience far beyond what the world can give.

FRANK E. MOORE.

News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens called at the office today to counsel in regard to work for Wilmington. He is planning a campaign for the summer in harmony with the recommendations of the conference, and in line with other churches in the conference. This is for both home and foreign missionary work, as well as to cancel the church debt. We bespeak for our church elders

and leaders the hearty support of all the people in the campaigns which have been and are being launched.

Brother Clarence Gibbs of Washington Missionary College arrived in Baltimore today to connect with the tent effort which Elder Booth will conduct at Calvert Street and North Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

Repairs on the office building are still in progress, but the work is moving slowly because of the scarcity of labor.

Brother H. E. Wagner will leave for Salisbury, Md., this week to connect with Brother C. E. Andross, who will have charge of a tent effort there.

We are glad to report that there is some improvement in the condition of Elder S. T. Shadel, according to a report just received from his daughter, Miss Hazel Shadel. He is still confined to his bed, however. We solicit the prayers of all our people for his recovery.

Miss A. C. Dewers, who has been in Baltimore for a week, returned to Hagarstown, where she will remain for the summer to assist in a tent effort there under the direction of Elder A. S. Kellogg.

Remember the camp-meeting and be sure to attend. Place, Baltimore, Md., time, Sept. 5-15.

Other conferences are reporting most excellent camp-meetings. You begin now to help make ours the best we have ever had. You can do this by your prayers and by your presence there.

A few words in regard to success of those who go out with magazines and the little paper Present Truth may be of encouragement to others who are thinking of entering the campaigns being inaugurated throughout the conference.

We have a very active Sabbath School superintendent in the Baltimore No. 1 Church. He scarcely allows a Sunday to pass that he does not go out with magazines, usually the "Watchman." Last Sunday he put out sixty-five papers in about four hours' time and returned with a little more than ten dollars for them. One of our deacons, a man about seventy-five years old went with him, as he frequently does. He used the Present Truth. He put out sixty-five and received a little more than five dollars. The people are looking for the literature and are willing to give of their means for it. "The Lord said 'the wealth of the Gentiles shall come

unto thee." These are the days when that promise is being fulfilled. What will you do to help the Lord fulfill His promise to bring in of this wealth?

Mrs. Bertha Barber has been doing good work with small books. She met a gentleman a short time ago who was so pleased to get the new book, "World in Perplexity." He said he had offered a man \$1.00 for one a few days before he met her, but he would not sell it.

OHIO

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Columbus Colored Work

I should like to make mention of the colored work in the city of Columbus. The first of the year we started out with only ten members and no place to hold services. The little company planned to secure a house of worship, and after earnestly seeking the Lord for help and divine guidance, they worked hard during the cold weather. The Lord blessed their efforts in raising for them \$900.00 from January 4 to May 25, through the kindness of the conference brethren, the white church of Columbus, and the faithfulness on the part of each member. Today we thank God that He has permitted us to purchase a good building in a desirable location, convenient to two car lines. The building is situated on 261 N. Garfield Ave., and has been remodeled into a church, which makes it a very desirable place to worship. We feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our efforts and we have also added to our little company since January 1. We are now planning to hold a strong tent effort in a few weeks and solicit an interest in your prayers that the Lord may continue to pour out His blessing upon us.

J. E. Cox.

News Notes

In a recent letter Elder S. N. Haskell gave assurance that he and Sister Haskell would attend the Ohio camp-meeting. You will miss something of great benefit if you are not present to enjoy his good Bible studies.

Please bear in mind that the renting of rooms in the academy is not in charge of the conference this year, but that you will avoid delay in getting your order placed by writing direct to Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Readers of the VISITOR will be interested in the location of the tent efforts for this season. One will be held in Cleveland with Elder R. S. Lindsey in charge; another in Mansfield with Elder H. A. Weaver in charge; H. A. Rossin will con-

duct an effort in Cincinnati for the colored people; Elders J. J. Marietta and F. M. Fairchild will conduct an effort in the most southern part of the state, place reported later.

Many orders for tents have been received. With the special need of such a meeting as the annual camp-meeting affords, we hope to receive your order soon.

Elder F. H. Robbins, the new conference president, has permanently located in Academia, in Elder Slade's former home. Since he has come to Ohio he has visited the Akron, Ravenna, Zanesville and Dayton Churches and brings with him a good report from each church. Inasmuch as the West Pennsylvania Conference has no new president as yet, Elder Robbins will attend the camp-meeting there from June 20-30 to look after affairs.

VIRGINIA

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With the Canvassers

One of the most important features in the warning of the world is undoubtedly the circulation of our literature. Special evidences are at hand indicating that the Lord is working in a special manner in behalf of our canvassers. Reference has been made in another article to the fact that nine families or part of nine families in Grayson County are keeping the Sabbath through work done by academy students canvassing last summer. Up in Madison County several Sabbath keepers have stepped out, from the work of Brother M. A. Maloney and these people are calling for an effort and offering to board a minister and support a laborer.

One of our canvassers, Brother J. E. Thompson of Newport News, had a most remarkable experience the other day in changing from one section of his territory to another. He had placed a copy of "Bible Footlights" in his satchel as he left home in the morning. Brother Thompson had never canvassed for "Bible Footlights" and this was the only copy he possessed. He is canvassing for "Our Day" and does not know why he placed the "Bible Footlights" in his satchel. As he was changing cars at Phoebus to pass on to his field of labor, a little girl stepped up to him and handed him an unsigned note requesting that he deliver to her a copy of "Bible Footlights" and enclosing with the note a \$2.00 bill. Brother Thompson handed the child the book and she disappeared from his view before the remarkable nature dawned upon him. No one knew he was to pass through Phoebus that day. He had not done any canvass-

ing in that place and the only way that the occurrence can be accounted for, is that an angel from heaven was influencing the parties concerned.

Evidences are multiplying that the experience of Philip with the Ethiopian eunuch, and Peter with the centurion Cornelius, are being repeated today. At the present time about thirty canvassers are in the field in Virginia and it has been necessary to employ Brother D. W. Percy to assist the field agent this summer.

We believe that angels are waiting to co-operate with others who know in their hearts they should give up secular employment and dedicate their lives to the service of God as evangelistic colporteurs.

W. C. MOFFETT.

On account of the large interest in the Tidewater district among the colored people, Brother R. H. Watkins will be left to look after that work this summer.

SPECIAL

First Things First

These words, "first things first," contain in a nutshell the great call to which everyone must respond who will at last have a home in the eternal kingdom of God. These words outline the course to pursue from the present hour until the trumpet of God shall sound, and time shall be no more. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. Today He knocks at the door of the heart, that door which opens only from the inside, and to all who open the door in response to the knock of the Master, He says, "Incline your ear unto Me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." Isa. 55:3. What message shall we hear if we obey? The answer comes back from every book and chapter of the inspired Word, from almost every century of the past, and from the pen of all the servants of God, saying with a loud voice, "Let first things have first place."

Every day we give our reply to this call. Our voices may be mute; we may say in our hearts that at a more convenient season I will accept God's program for me. Nevertheless, each day the hour of setting sun reveals that we have accepted or rejected the call; for "His servants we are to whom we obey," and in the books above the record will stand an unerring witness until the final decision is made. And in that final day, a day we all must meet, who shall stay His hand, or "Who can hinder Him." Job 9:12.

But today in loving kindness, even in great anxiety, He speaks saying "Seek

ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." God sends this message of peace and mercy because of His great desire to save all. Listen to His gracious words as spoken by the prophets: "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jer. 29: 11. "Strive to enter in at the straight gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13: 24. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55: 6, 7.

These verses are but one clarion note sounding forth the tenor of the Word from the first verse of Genesis to the closing paragraph of Revelation. Would to God that all who have heard, and all who shall come within the sound of the Gospel trumpet, would sense the importance of this present hour, and the great need on the part of all men for divine power to surrender fully, and to live the life accorded to us through the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"If I were a voice, a persuasive voice,
I would travel this wide world
through;

I would fly on the gleam of the morn-
ing's first beam,
And tell men to be true."

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." This is a personal appeal. It focuses the emphasis upon each of us as individuals. It is God's appeal to us. This should encourage our hearts; for it shows that God is more than willing to aid each one in the way of everlasting life, and here is pointed out the mountain peak of Christian experience. Seeking God, not at our convenience, or as circumstances seem to permit, nor as pressing duties seem to allow, but first of all. And why first of all? Because God does not want us to fail; and He knows, and wants us to know, that the only way to win the eternal prize is to follow His way. And His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. Let the common and ordinary things of life find their level, and exalt the truly great. God is calling us up into the mountain, not for a moment, nor for an hour, nor even for forty days, but to there abide.

Jesus Christ, the pattern for man, well knows the road that leads to the appointed place. The road may be rugged, and call for sacrifice and daily toil, yea, it may even lead through dark Gethsemane; but still the Master knows the way, and His assuring words ring out to every weary pilgrim, "He that shall en-

sure unto the end, the same shall be saved" Mark 13: 13. This is definite assurance that the appointed way leads home. God never asks the impossible of man; "For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." Ps. 103: 14. Nevertheless, the inspired Word reminds us that "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3: 3. This can not be done in man's strength, but "with God all things are possible." Mark 10: 27. To this end, God has planned, and wrought, and spoken in every age, that at our feet might be laid the lamp of life, a guide to both those that are near, and to him that is afar off.

The Psa'mist has written, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119: 105. This Word, who can tell the greatness of the gift given into our hands for this hour of darkness which just precedes the dawn. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isa. 5: 20. Science has come forward, claiming great light on all questions of our day, and relegating the past centuries to the night of civilization. The Bible, contrary to the wisdom of the world, declares it is still the night, and not the day, but that the night is far spent, and the day is at hand. Rom. 13: 12.

When Jesus was about to leave His disciples, with the greatest regard for their future work and faithful service. He beheld the future trials of His followers. He was comforted by the thought of the things He had done for them to fit them for the great task appointed; and He said, "I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me." John 17: 8. In this verse we can read the results of receiving the Word of God. Surely in the Word there is safety and light for today—the only accepted time. Call the roll of the seers, those who saw the needs of men in the hour in which they lived, and the safety of generations to come. Let them speak:

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119: 11. These are the words of David, servant of God, perfect in heart before the searching eyes of the Most High.

Let John the beloved speak, he in whose heart the words of Jesus had fallen as seed into a fertile soil. John, who followed the man of Galilee in His search for the lost as He traversed the mountains and valleys of Palestine. Writing after years of toil and faithful service, he exalts the words of the Master, and the eternal interests of which Jesus ever

spoke. "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6: 63.

Once more after another thirty years have rolled away, that faithful shepherd of the flock, as he closed the canon of the sacred Scriptures, gave this warning to all men, "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22: 19.

It is the book of books: for children, youth, and the hoary pilgrim. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6: 6, 7.

This command of God, sweeping in its statement, calls for constant obedience to His commandments, that love might forever be enthroned in the citadel of the heart. It calls to our mind that ever appropriate hymn:

"I need Thee, O, I need Thee,
Every hour I need Thee,
O hless me now my Saviour,
I come to Thee."

We might continue to turn the pages of Scripture, and everywhere read the call to the study of that which has been given by inspiration. Jesus said to the men of His generation, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." John 5: 39. We can not over-estimate the need of the study of God's Word. One writer has said:

"Jesus Christ is its grand theme: our good its design; and the glory of God its end. It contains food to support, sight to direct, and comfort for every soldier of the cross. Its doctrines are binding, and its decisions immutable. Given by Divine Providence for today; opened at the judgment hour. Let us study it to be wise, believe it to be right, practice it to be holy. Let us commend by word and deed to all men the enduring Word. "The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the Word of our God endureth forever." 1 Pet. 1: 24.

Behold the great apostle Paul, enroute to Jerusalem, facing bonds and afflictions, yet strong in faith. He speaks words of comfort and cheer, points out the dangers, of the pathway, and in parting, admonishes them in words that God wants us all to listen to this day: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 20: 32. C. C. PULVER.

Mount Vernon Academy

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King left Sunday, June 9, for a few weeks' vacation. They will visit at Scranton, Pa., and may stop at the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting on their return.

Mr. Spittler, Mr. Andre and his daughters Mabel and Ethel drove from Mansfield, Ohio, to Mount Vernon, last Sunday.

Mr. E. J. Stipeck returned from his visit in Cleveland.

The Misses Martha Hottes and Hilda Rocky spent the week end at the academy. They, together with Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hershberger, left Sunday evening for summer school, at Washington, D. C.

Professor C. C. Pulver spoke to the Mount Vernon Church last Sabbath. He also conducted prayer meeting the Wednesday night previous and both services were greatly appreciated.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

(Delayed on account of camp-meeting)

Everyone seemed to enjoy the commencement exercises. Elder F. W. Paap gave the baccalaureate sermon and Professor C. L. Stone delivered the Class address. The chapel was well filled for every program.

Mr. R. C. Taylor of Washington, Elder W. C. Moffett, Mr. M. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stone of Richmond; Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Whitehead, and Roy Whitehead of Arlington; Mrs. Lizzie Tuttwiler of Mount Crawford, and Mrs. Barrett, of Camden, N. J., were visitors at the academy during commencement week.

Myrtle Wilbur and William Sanders will work at the academy during the summer.

A large party from New Market motored in four cars to Richmond to attend the annual camp-meeting.

Arrangements were made at the camp-meeting to build a boys' dormitory. The rooms previously occupied by the boys will be remodeled for the girls,

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 7, 1918									
Clyde Newmyer, Somerset		OD	4	40	66	158 00	9 20	167 20	4 50
Ruth Miller, W. Moreland		OD	5	40	46	106 00	19 50	125 50	3 25
A. Schmidt, W. Moreland		OD	5	33	41	92 00	8 05	100 05	1 25
M. Schmidt, W. Moreland		OD	5	32	38	79 00	6 95	85 95	4 50
E. D. McKnight, Armstrong		BR	3	21	17	73 00	12 45	85 45	2 25
A. E. Holst, Indiana		BR	5	40	19	81 00	2 50	83 50	2 50
Elsie Tatman, W. Moreland		OD	6	40	31	69 00	10 20	79 20	3 25
G. S. Buttermore, Fayette		OD	4	35	27	66 50	1 00	67 50	
Mrs. F. Price, Clearfield		BR	4	35	11	47 00	9 60	56 60	236 55
G. C. McKnight, Allegheny		OD	3	33	24	52 00	1 85	53 85	
F. Price, Clearfield		BR	4	35	11	45 00	2 60	47 60	114 00
J. Manuel, Anita		BR	5	39	7	35 00	10 20	45 20	115 25
Hazel Read, Blair		OD	4	30	10	22 00	11 25	33 25	
Mrs. Smith, Allegheny	Small Books		5	28	13	23 60	3 75	27 35	9 90
W. R. Owens, Allegheny	Misc		1	6		10 25		10 25	10 30
Helen Guthrie, Blair		OD	4	30	10	23 00		23 00	50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	4	11	5	10 00		10 00	59 25
Nancy Jones, Allegheny		OSD	3	5	17	8 50		8 50	
E. W. Chisholm, Rosebud		BR	5	61					238 00
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Rosebud		BR	5	36					142 50
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Johnstown		HM	3	17					97 00
Mrs. Owens, Allegheny		OD	2	5					51 85
Agent, Leisening		OD	1	4	7				18 35
A. Thurman, Allegheny	Small Books		4	16	13				4 00
Totals	24 Agents		99	672	413	1000 85	109 10	1109 95	1118 95

West Virginia, Week Ending May 31, 1918

Mrs. John A. Bee, Roane Co.		BR	4	35	18	78 00	1 00	79 00	1 00
John A. Bee, Roane		BR	5	40	50	234 00	4 00	238 00	2 30
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.		BR	4	31	3	13 00	1 30	14 30	34 50
Frank Bentz, Richu Co.		OD	4	39	18	40 00	12 65	52 65	2 35
J. I. Butcher, Raleigh Co.		OD	5	42	105	268 00	7 75	275 75	3 75
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.		OD	2	9	14	36 00		36 00	
Raymond Kraft Cabell		OD	5	41	47	98 00	3 35	101 35	2 50
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	4	28	16	35 00		35 00	12 00
Edmund C. Miller Cabell		OD	5	66	30	65 00	5 15	70 15	1 75
Maude Wade, Roane Co.		OD	5	31	27	58 00	7 40	65 40	50
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		OD	6	42	31	69 00	4 20	73 20	6 20
Totals	11 Agents					984 00	46 80	1030 80	66 65

Ohio One Week Ending June 7, 1918

Geo. Carter, Champaign Co.		BR	5	56	26	122 00	4 00	126 00	4 00
Robt. D. Kline, Knox Co.		BR	5	52	19	79 00	23 30	102 30	14 45
Jas. Lippart, Monroe Co.		OD	6	49	38	96 00	5 20	101 20	4 35
W. A. Ralls, Dark Co.		GC	5	47	19	84 00	1 50	85 50	1 50
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	46	14	30 00		30 00	
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		BR	5	44	4	16 00	3 10	19 10	24 15
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati		OD		42		102 00	4 00	106 00	31 50
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.		OD	5	49	21	51 00	4 25	55 25	2 55
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	5	39	12	25 00	10 85	35 85	15 75
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	6	38	1	2 00	2 17	4 17	19 50
Paul Lipscomb, Champaign Co.		GC	4	36	36	34 00	2 50	36 50	2 50
J. E. Sivey, Woodsfield O.		OD	4	31	27	50 00	3 75	53 75	
H. O. Kohr, Zanesville	World War		4	26		77 50		77 50	77 50
Mabel Butler, Licking Co.		OD	5	26	13	30 00	3 25	33 25	
Mildred Sloan, Licking Co.		OD	5	26	15	37 00	5 00	42 00	
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		OD	5	26	23	46 00	4 00	50 00	16 00
Alfrida Larsen, Clermont Co.		OD	4	23	11	22 00	3 00	25 00	
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		OD	2	22	1		1 00	1 00	234 50
George Rapp, Wyandotte Co.		OD	3	20	11	33 00	2 25	35 25	2 25
Marie Reynolds, Lewistown	WW		4	15		12 00		12 00	12 00
Totals	20 Agents		87	792	262	948 50	83 12	1031 62	462 50

New Jersey, Week Ending June 7, 1918

W. A. McElphatrick, Gloucester		OD	5	37	34	79 00	21 35	100 35	
P. Broeckel, Salem Co.		OD	3	21	8	16 00	3 25	19 25	
J. Zimmerly		OD	2	14	7	14 00	2 50	16 50	
Totals	3 Agents		10	72	49	109 00	27 10	136 10	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 31, 1918

A. E. Holst, Indiana	BR	3	9						
E. W. Chisholm, Ameigh	BR	5	53	24	1 75	1 75	15 75		
F. Price, Decatur	BR	4	26	23	119 00	5 50	124 50	4 00	
E. D. McKnight, Armstrong	BR	4	29	22	99 00	5 25	104 25	5 25	
Mrs. Price, Decatur	BR	4	29	13	91 00	11 60	102 60	1 75	
G. C. McKnight, Wilkinsburg	OD	5	35	19	83 00	10 45	93 45	2 75	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette	OD	4	14	17	46 00	2 05	48 05	4 25	
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Ameigh	BR	4	27	6	42 00		42 00	28 50	
A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh	SD	4	40	7	32 00	4 00	36 00		
Mrs. Dunn, Pittsburgh	OD	5		6	11 25	6 30	17 55	90 65	
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh	OD	7			4 00	2 35	6 35	14 75	
Mgt. Bateman, Johnstown	HM	2	11		5 60		5 60	3 60	
Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh	Misc.	5	16	23				49 00	
Nancy Jones, Pittsburgh	Magazines	3	6					9 55	
Mrs. F. Price, Clearfield	BR	4	18	16	68 00	6 10	74 10	5 45	
F. Price, Clearfield	BR	4	21	14	62 00	4 75	66 75	1 00	
D. P. Evans, Genesee		1	6		8 50		8 50	4 75	
Totals		17	Agents		68 340 190 671 35	60 10	731 45	241 30	

Virginia, Week Ending June 7, 1918

E. M. Trummer, Rockbridge Co.	BR	6	45	24	109 00	41 45	150 45	16 25	
R. G. Morton, Essex Co.	OD	5	41	51	120 00	2 00	122 00	2 00	
Joseph Sangster, Rockbridge Co.	BR	6	45	19	82 00	9 35	108 60	17 25	
Carrie Sims, Alleghany Co.	GC	5	43	17	71 00		71 00		
Luther Williams, Mathews Co.	OD	3	26	29	60 00	1 75	61 75		
F. C. Butler, Jr., Mathews Co.	OD	3	26	23	56 00		56 00		
W. A. Toler, Princess Anne Co.	OD	3	21	23	51 00	2 50	53 50		
W. E. Saunders, Lee Co.	OD	4						223 75	
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.	OD	3	30	7	18 00		18 00	202 00	
H. A. Wright, Henry Co.	BR	3						98 25	
J. E. Thompson, Elizabeth Co.	OD	4	19					88 75	
Totals		11	Agents		42 270 195 567 00	57 05	641 30	648 25	

New Jersey, Week Ending May 31, 1918

W. A. McElphatrick, Gloucester Co.	OD	4	25	21	42 00	11 15	53 15		
C. F. Durr, Cumberland Co.	GC	8	63	13	52 00		52 00		
Ph. Broeckel, Salem Co.	OD	4	32	14	29 00	5 75	34 75		
J. Zimmerly, Gloucester Co.	OD	4	29	15	32 00	2 50	34 50		
James Wild, Gloucester Co.	OD	5	24	8	17 00	5 25	22 25		
Miscellaneous Passaic Co.					8 00		8 00		
Totals		5	Agents		25 173 71 180 00	24 65	204 65		

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 7, 1918

J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.	BR	4	39	13	55 00	28 05	83 05	84 80	
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.	BR	4	29	6	26 00	16 05	42 05	207 00	
Hazel V. Leach, Calvert Co., Md.	BR	2	14	14	59 00	2 50	61 50	2 50	
Wilford Swape, Washington Co.	OD	2	10	9	20 00		20 00		
R. Wilkens, Anne Arundel Co.	OD							32 00	
Totals		5	Agents		12 82 42 160 00	46 60	206 60	326 30	

Grand Totals: Agents 96 Value of Orders \$4620 70 Deliveries \$2863 95

Elder R. D. Hottel has returned to his home. His many friends are glad to welcome him back, and hope his health will continue to improve till he will be able to take up his work again.

Miss Ivah Krome, the music teacher of the academy, took charge of the music at camp-meeting. She left immediately after camp-meeting to visit her parents in Michigan, but expects to be at the academy for the opening of school.

A number of students expect to earn scholarships for the academy during the summer. Let us remember them in our prayers as they travel the dusty roads.

Miss Vesta Clymer, the primary teacher, and brother Jay left for their home on Tuesday in Moxahala, Ohio.

A carload of coal has already been placed on the academy ground.

We expect a much larger attendance at the academy at the opening of the next school year. We hope all parents and students will begin to plan early. If there are any who have not received a calendar or who wish information, please write the principal, H. M. Forshee, New Market, Va., and it will be given immediate attention.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

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

Amount Required	\$ 53,900 00	
Amount Paid	33,049 17	
	Pledges	Paid
Chesapeake	770 92	780 15
District of Columbia	2,692 89	3,936 18
East Pennsylvania	8,276 14	6,329 44
New Jersey	6,343 60	3,639 49
Ohio	15,374 00	11,982 94
Virginia	605 75	427 30
West Pennsylvania	5,415 25	4,999 95
West Virginia	1,584 50	953 72

Camp-Meeting Dates

East Pennsylvania	"	13-23
West	"	20-30
Ohio		Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake		September 5-15
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.

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. Van-sciver 11th Street Wharf, Washington, D. C.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Two good house carpenters; good wages. In one of the best neighborhoods for work in the U.S. Church and church school. (Married men preferred). T. L. Parks, Swedesboro, N. J.

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

WANTED.—To correspond with S. D. A. young woman who would like to work with experienced cook in small sanitarium, with a view of taking responsibility of cooking after a few weeks. Neatness and willingness to learn are absolute necessities. Address Franke Cobban, Box 516, Columbus, Ohio.

WANTED.—Seventh-day Adventist girl for general house work, country home; family consists of two men, wife, and two year old child. State age, experience and salary expected. W. G. Logan, R. 2, Cadiz, Ohio.

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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.

WANTED.—Help at once at the Washington Sanitarium, a good stenographer, one who has some knowledge in book-keeping, also two live young men for desk clerks, two telephone girls, one middle-aged man to learn dishwashing machine. Good wages to the right people. Steady work. Write at once to E. G. Fulton, Business Manager, Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D. C.

A Remarkable Day's Work

One hundred and eighty-six copies of the May Signs Magazine into as many Kansas City, Missouri homes in a single day! No, they were not given away; every one of the one hundred and eighty-six were sold. Remarkable, you say. Yes, indeed, it was. And all the more so because the record was made in a residential part of the city.

Commenting upon the matter Brother Ferren, manager of the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press, says: "Miss Miller is just a normal young woman, blessed with a pleasant smile, some originality and ability to work fast." A little hasty figuring shows that her profits for her day's work amounted to \$14.88. More than some of us can earn in a week. Examine a copy of the June or July Signs Magazine and see another reason for Miss Miller's success.

Notice

For missionary work amongst the children in orphanages, hospitals and other institutions, send five cents to Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, D. C., and a supply of old Memory Verse cards will be sent you.

"Character is the diamond that scratches every other stone."

Education Campaign

SLOGAN

Every S. D. A. Home Personally Visited

GOAL

Every S. D. A. Boy and Girl in Our Own Schools
 Every Student in Our Schools a Worker

The Pressing Need of Teachers

In normal times our educational officers have experienced much difficulty in supplying a sufficient number of teachers for our local church schools. The shortage last year was more pronounced than at any previous time. Now that we are pushing a campaign to bring all our boys and girls into our own schools, it means that the need of teachers will be more pressing than ever before. We must increase the number of our elementary schools to accommodate the recruits from this campaign. The question of how to provide teachers enough has been a vital one from the beginning of our campaign.

In a recent letter to our educational secretaries and superintendents, the General Department of Education has suggested these four sources from which to draw an added teacher supply the coming year.

1. Seventh-day Adventist teachers now in the public schools.
2. Those who have formerly taught but are not now engaged in teaching.
3. The graduates from our colleges and academies.
4. Seventh-day Adventist graduates from Normal schools.

Special Request

Will every teacher, prospective teacher, or person who would consider teaching, who belongs to any one of these four classes, be kind enough to write to the Union educational secretary or the educational superintendent of the local conference in which he lives, for more definite information about the need of teachers and how to enlist for teaching service in our own schools?

Will every reader of this paper who knows of anyone belonging to any one of these classes please write to the union educational secretary or the superintendent, giving such information as he may have about such persons?

There is no higher service that can be done to the cause of educating our children than to comply with these requests, and otherwise work and pray to the end that our schools may be adequately supplied with teachers. We are working earnestly to bring in the recruits, and we must not fail to make the best provision possible for their care and instruction.

W. E. HOWELL.

God's Aviation Corps

All the world is keyed up to a supreme effort; and anyone who in the midst of this intensity fails to put in every ounce of his energy can feel himself nothing less than a slacker. But as the work of the church embraces more and higher objects than the work of the nation—as it aims to save and make happy not only for time, but for eternity—so much the more devoted and keen for service must every church member be.

Now the Lord is not drafting anyone. Whoever gets into His service must volunteer. Volunteer! and get into whatever branch you are best fitted for. But before you make your choice, I should like to call your attention to the Aviation Corps. It's a branch of the service that appeals to the spiritually daring, nerve-steady, resourceful, and ambitious. And it develops those qualities where there is none too much of them to start with. And then it brings results unique in value, and not less important than any other. It's the most romantic, as it is the newest, department in the service.

Our Aviation Corps is the magazine work. Of all the branches of service, it's the most mobile, the most up-to-date. It can go anywhere, any time, at any speed. Whoever engages in it gets more rapid-fire action crowded into a minute than the artillery gets in a week,—not so heavily effective, understand, but at a mile-a-minute pace. And not only has it a duty in bombing raids; it is effective in observation. The information to be picked up by our magazine workers and passed in by them, is the most varied, extensive, and recent to be obtained.

It is a service that must appeal to thousands of our students and others of our young people, who are full of vigor, initiative, and desire for earnest service. And to a great, if not an equal, extent it must appeal to our stay-at-home church members who can spend only an occasional hour. The great cities must be worked; and for this, specially trained squadrons as well as lone fliers must be provided. Our own neighborhoods, city or country, must be worked, and in this less strenuous service nearly every church member may make frequent flights. There is great opportunity in the Aviation Corps. "The Watchman Magazine" will help you start. Write for information to your tract society. A free booklet entitled "General Sales Information" will be sent you.

There is no great achievement that is not the result of patient working and waiting.

—Timothy Titcomb.

In union there is strength.