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Government Policies Involving the Schools in War Time

The united states government has learned many lessons from the allied nations at war. Not the least among these is the relation of the national government toward education during the war. Since so many questions are continually coming to the officials of the department of education, a well defined policy has been formulated and set forth in Teachers' Leaflet No. 3, of April 1918.

"The war should in no way be used as an excuse for giving the children of the country any less education, in quantity, or quality, than they otherwise would have had, but, on the contrary, that the schools should do everything possible to increase their efficiency, to the end that the children now in the schools may at the conclusion of their course be even better qualified than ever before to take up the duties and responsibilities of life."

The above quotation voices the sentiment of the authorities as called in council by Secretary Lane with the following departments definitely represented: War, Navy, Agriculture, Labor, U. S. Civil Service Commission, and the Interior through the Bureau of Education.

A careful survey has been made of the entire range of activities. Minimum age limits have been set for boys who are vital in maintaining these activities while the ordinary work of the schools is carried forward. Is is clear that a boy under fourteen can do more for his country in pursuing his course in school than he can by engaging in agriculture. A boy under eighteen can do more for the future welfare of the nation in war or in peace, if he now applies himself at full capacity in his high school course.

Schools should now bend their energies to prepare the boys of physical fitness to go out during the summer and relieve the present emergency in agricultural work. For older boys, it is hoped that a program of forty-eight weeks in the year can be arranged, giving a part of the day to study and a part to farm work.

Many openings are at hand for the

girls and women. Increased numbers of farm laborers demand higher efficiency and greater numbers to provide for them boarding and lodging. Also there has been a greatly increased demand for stenographers, clerks and secretaries. Special schools will have to become operative to meet this pressing need.

This is a day of trained capacities and every parent and every boy and girl should be awake to the necessity of having trained, efficient, dependable men and women to do the work of the future.

C. L. STONE.

Spring Camp-Meetings in the Columbia Union

The first five camp-meetings of the eight Conferences comprising the Columbia Union closed with the New Jersey camp-meeting at Trenton, N. J. July 6. All who have attended camp-meetings in the Columbia Union in the past four years say that these are surpassingly the best which have ever been held. Many testimonies say that these meetings in some measure look like the beginning of the latter rain.

In each camp were seen many who were attending a Seventh-day Adventist Camp-meeting for the first time. The attendance at each meeting was the best and largest in the history of the Conference. The annual reports show the largest number of baptisms and the largest net increase in membership. The offerings for Foreign Missions surpassed by three to five times those given on any previous occasion. Offerings were as follows.

Virginia .				\$ 5, 0 00
West Virginia .				\$ 3,009
East Pennsylváni	a.		•	\$10,600
West Pennsylvan	ia			\$18,000
New Jersey .				\$11,000
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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Camp-meetining

The Eastern Pennsylvania Camp-meeting held at Allentown June 13-23 was one of the best ever held. Perfect harmony and cooperation existed in all services

and business sessions. Elder J. O. Corliss took a leading part and was a source of encouragement and strength to our people. We certainly felt honored and blessed with the presence of this tested and trusted servant of God.

Doctor Wilkinson took the 9:45 hour, conducting a revival and Bible study, and the Lord's Spirit certainly set its seal to his earnest labors and appeals to the people for a closer walk with Jesus. Elder F. W. Paap and Elder Eastman also rendered valuable assistance.

The election of officers was conducted in a most democratic manner. At the request of the writer, the chairman of the nominating committee called before the committee all the workers, and left it to them to freely suggest their officers. When the report was read, the privelege of voting was extended to the entire congregation. The following officers being unanimously elected:

President, Elder D. A. Parsons.

Secretary and Treasurer, W. B. Mohr.

Members of the Conference Comittee-Elder J. S. Washburn, Elder V. Nutter, Elder J.W. McCord, Elder Chas. Baierle, Elder E. D. Gauterau, Brother H. Frizzell.

On the last Sabbath \$10, 600 was given in cash and pledges for foreign mission work. This sum reaches the high water mark of gifts in this field.

Our workers feel greatly encouraged to press forward, and each has reconsecrated his life to Christ for better and stronger work in the coming year.

President's Address at the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

Never in the history of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference has the Lord so signally blessed His work, His servants, and His people, as during the past year. A prosperous growth is registered in every department of our labors. The workers' reports show that we have baptised two-hundred and fifty-two since last Campmeeting, against one hundred forty-six in 1916, which is a gain of more than 72%. Besides baptising two hundred fifty two we have added many to our church membership upon profession of faith and former baptism, making a total gain of nearly three hundred. We sincerely hope

and pray, and we have faith to believe, that when we meet next year our Conference membership will total two thousand souls. In the city of Philadelphia alone one hundred twenty-six were baptised, which is one half of those baptised in the whole field.

Elder J. W. McCord, who for a number of years has acted as Pacific Union Conference evangelist, and who has had marked success in his labors, has joined our working force and will have charge of the work and workers in Philadelphia. Brother W. E. Mohr, our secretary and treasurer, came to us from Trenton N. J. last August. Elder F. D. Gauterau from California has been added to our working force, also Sister Kleuser of the Clinton Seminary, is doing Bible work in the German language. Sisters L. Ficks and Joy Murphy have been secured to help in the office.

The delegates present will be pleased to hear that our tithe for 1917 was \$35,124, which is a gain of \$6,529 over 1916, and you will rejoice to know that we have already during the five months that has elapsed this year made a gain of \$5,193. We are hoping for a ten thousand dollar increase during the twelve months of 1918

During the Conference year we sold \$39,308 worth of literature, which is a gain of \$30,000 over 1916. By far the greater portion of this amount was sold by the canvassers, under the wise leadership of Brother Reichenbaugh. I wish to say that your president and the executive committee esteem every literature worker in this field as being on an equality with the ministry of the Word.

Our Home Missionary Department, headed by Brother Barritt, has accomplished great things for the people and for the Lord. In a few weeks under his leadership our brethren and sisters gathered in Harvest Ingathering \$5,621 last fall, which is a gain of \$3,009 over 1916. The department has set its goal at ten thousand dollars this year. We believe that, under the strong leadership of Brother Barritt, the goal will be reached.

We have four church schools, but ought to have twenty scattered among our churches. Our schools have accomplished much for our children and have proven a signal to success. We heartly recommend to the delegates assembled, and to our brethren, that they carefully consider the duty that God has placed upon us to educate our children, and also the necessity of materially increasing our facilities by the establishment of new centers of learning wherever a church is strong enough to support a school, and do this at once.

Sister Bessie Acton has certainly been richly blessed by our Saviour in her efforts on behalf of the youngin this Conference, and also the Sabbath Schools. There are

no less than fifteen Missionary Volunteer Societies in the field. These have given \$1,299 for Missions during the year, and have written innumerable letters and sent out thousands of pages of literature to those who are interested in the Third Angel's Message. Our Conference enjoys the support of forty Sabbath Schools. Three new ones have been added. Our Sabbath Schools have contributed \$6,601 to Foreign Missions. \$2,606 of this was given in the 13th Sabbath offerings.

We have added to our working force Brother Sansonnetti and his wife, who came to us from Chicago. These faithful laborers are in our midst to take charge of the Italian work, and during their short stay have shown some evidence of success.

OUR COLORED WORK

A year ago only about a dozen of our colored brethren were meeting together in the city of Philadelphia. There were more members, but these were scattered and discouraged. Today about seventy-five attend our services. Sixteen new converts have been added during the year, under the leadership of Brother and Sister Brother Oswald is giving his Oswald. services to the colored church free of charge, until we can get a strong colored worker to take charge. Both he and his wife are working early and late holding cottage meetings and visiting the homes in the evenings, as their regular employment will permit them. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates their services. At the recent General Conference it was voted to contribute one thousand dollars from the General Conference Fund to the colored work in Philadelphia. We hope as soon as possible to secure the services of a minister, and build up our work among these dear people.

Harrisburg Sabbath School "Over The Top"

The 13th Sabbath of the last quarter was a day of victory in the Harrisburg Sabbath School. At the beginning of the quarter our Conference Sabbath School Secretary had suggested that we set our goal for missions at \$90.00, but as we had already over stepped this mark the first quarter, we decided to raise our goal to \$150.00.

The Mission Building was used as an incentive and kept before the school each week. One Sabbath during the quarter was set apart as a special memorial brick day and 23 bricks were placed on our building in this way. Good use was also made of the mission barrels and the amount raised through this channel was brought in on the 13th Sabbath. All were anxiously awaiting for the last Sabbath of the quarter, to know whether our goal would be reached. Sister Acton,

our Conference Sabbath School Secretary was present with us on this occasion and after a few remarks from her on the needs of the India mission field, our 13th Sabbath Offering was taken.

A chart had been prepared and the results of our efforts were placed upon it and all rejoiced in seeing all the bricks placed upon our building and also the roof painted red with our overflow money which amounted to \$43.24, making our total offering for mission during the second quarter, \$193.24 for which we all praise the Lord.

Our school is growing and the Lord is richly blessing us and our goal for the 3rd quarter has been set for \$250.00. Our Missionary Society and also Missionary Volunteers are doing excellent work with our literature, some of them taking orders and disposing of books to the amount of \$28.00 and \$30.00 in three or four hours time.

Pray for the work in the Capitol City of this State.

RAY V. SMITH, Sabbath School Supt. Harrisburg Church.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Sabbath School Work

As time moves onward we find the Sabbath School work in West Virginia progressing nicely. The visits to the schools and the letters which the postman brings tell of the interest which is being taken by the faithful ones in each school. The Lord is surely blessing the efforts put forth.

The schools believe that better work is done by using devices and goals and nearly every one is working on this splendid plan.

The importance of Consecration Days in our Sabbath Schools was especially emphasized at our recent Camp-meeting and more will be done along this line in the future than has been done in the past. We believe that while devices and goals are important the great work for our schools is the salvation of souls. Let each one ask himself "Am I doing all within my power for the unconverted boys and girls in our school? Am I living so near my Saviour that His life is shining forth to encourage others to enter the narrow path?"

Our schools are doing well financially and we feel to praise God for this. It is important that we be liberal in our offerings for missions. The whitened harvest fields are calling to us and we must respond with our means. I am sure that each member of the VISITOR family will be glad to know that the Lord has

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blessed and while West Virginia is not counted among the rich Conferences, our per capita for missions through the medium of the Sabbath School, stands at .229. The first quarter of last year it was .083 per capita so that even with the high cost of living before us our offerings show a splendid increase. When we realize that the first quarter of 1918 the membership was changed from 259 to 298 and that in computing the per capita it was divided by the larger number, we can indeed rejoice over the good work the schools are doing.

All of our Sabbath School workers are of good courage and the work is progressing along all lines. We feel anxious to do this branch of the Lord's work in the very best way and are looking forward to the time when we may hear the sweetest of all words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mrs. Lida Mae Westbrook.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spent a few days at the West Pennsylvania Camp-meeting toward the close of the services.

Elder Harter of Washington was a pleasant caller at the office one day last week.

Mrs. Westbrook is spending a few days in the southern part of the Conference in the interest of the Department work.

The Parkersburg church has decided to conduct a church school this coming winter. Now is the time for all our churches to consider this important question. What is your church going to do for "the lambs of the flock?"

The summer school is now in session and we must decide so that we may secure a teacher.

CHESAPEAKE

1901 Rosedale St., Baltimore, Md. A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Elder E. E. Andross and son Ellsworth M., who just came from the Pacific Coast called at the conference office a short time on Friday afternoon of last week. Brother E. E. Andross has gone to Hagerstown, Md. to assist Elder Kellogg in tent meetings this summer.

Elder A. S. Kellogg opened his tent meetings Sunday night, July 7, with quite a good attendance.

"To obey God is oft times to take up a cross."

Elder M. C. Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 church began a series of meetings on the evening of July 4 in a tent on Division St., Baltimore, Md. He has been having a good attendance and quite an interest. The meetings conducted by Elders Booth and Wierts in Baltimore are still being continued with considerable interest.

The last report from Salisbury, where Brother E. E. Andross is holding a tent meeting, was that the interest was increasing.

We have just received the sad message that a brother of Miss Lillian Coffman, whose home is at Hagerstown, Md. and who has been doing such successful canvassing work in Calvert and Anne Arundel Counties for the past few weeks, was struck by a train and killed. The accident happened last week, but he did not die until Monday, July 8. Our sympathies go out to this afflicted family in their sad bereavement.

Repair work on the conference office building has so far advanced that we will move into the building on July 10. We will be glad to have our friends call to see us at 1901 Rosedale St., Baltimore, Md.

Do not forget the camp-meeting. Begin now to get ready for Sept. 5 to 15. We feel sure you will want to be there, and in order to be ready, begin to prepare at an early date.

The camp-meeting location has not been definitely settled, but our committee is negotiating for a lot and we will know in a few days, so watch our report for next week. We think we can let you know by that time.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond W C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

News Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports that his tent will not hold the Sunday night audience at Independence.

Brethren Sebastion and Evelyn report an overflow attendance at Danville.

The Harrisonburg effort opened with a full tent July 7. Elder Moffett was called from the effort several days last week to attend the General Conference Council meeting at Washington.

"It is only the things that are essentially true at their foundations that are permanent."

Elder I. D. Richardson has been called to the presidency of the West Pennsylvania Conference, after two years of strenuous labor in the Tidewater Cities. Elder R. F. Farley assisted by Brethren G. W. Lawrence and E. Aplin, and Sister I. D. Richardson will conduct the Norfolk effort in an eighty foot circle.

Mrs. E. V. Manners, our veteran colored Bible worker is arranging to join the tent company at Richmond.

Brother R. H. Watkins informs us that the colored believers in Portsmouth who have been meeting in a private home, have rented a commodious hall, centrally located.

While canvassing in the Cumberland Mountains, Brother Eldon Lockwood lost his way. Wandering without food or sleep for two days and one night, coming in frequent contact with rattlesnakes and deadly moccasins and finally he reached a mountain cabin over in Kentucky. Thus the message is being carried to the byways and hedges by our self sacrificing colporteurs.

Brother D. W. Percy, who has been assisting Brother Hankins in training the colporteurs, has been invited to join the Harrisonburg company as a tent master.

The Newport News church is erecting a Church school building in harmony with the instruction that the church school is just as essential as the house of worship.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa. F. H. Robbins, Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

Camp-meeting

The Biennial Session of the West Pennsylvania Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Homestead Pa., June 20-30. The attendance was by far the largest ever held. The enrollment the last Sabbath reached 572.

Elder F. H. Robbins who has been president of this Conferenc for five years laid down his responsibilities, having been elected to the presidency of the Ohio Conference. His splendid report for the first year showed an increase in membership of 544. There was a growth in tithes of \$14,650.59. All departments, infact, show heavy increases. There was a splendid growth also, in the offerings to Foreign Missions. Elder I. D. Richardson who has been laboring for some time successfully in Norfolk, Va., was unanimously elected the president of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

The spirit of revival was the most prominent in this meeting of any campmeeting ever held in the Conference. The great blessing of God came especially to the ministers, as well as to the people, in their rededication of themselves to a more holy life for Christ and more faithful service. Many wrongs were publicly confessed. The Spirit of God witnessed some blessed reconciliations and puttings away of sin. The whole camp moved forward the last Sabbath of the meeting, quietly and solemnly in an offering to Foreign Missions, the largest sum ever given at any one time up to the present to Foreign Missions in the Columbia Union Conference. The offering was \$12,948.48, with a subsequent pledge of \$5,000, making a total, in round numbers \$18,000.

Those present at the camp-meeting besides the regular Union laborers were, Elders I. H. Evans, F. W. Paap, C. S. Longacre. Elder T. B. Westbrook, president of the West Virginia Conference gave good help, while the medical work was taken care of by Dr. Loretta Kress and Miss Lola French of the Washington Sanitarium. B. G. Wilkinson.

Washington Missionary College

News Notes

All should read the Dedication of the Sligonian Annual.

The prospects for a full attendance are excellent. A greater responsibility rests upon our brethren to get their children in school this year, than ever before. Let no one fail in his duty.

The work on the new Chapel is progressing nicely. The roof is now about on, and the building is over two-thirds finished. The work on the interior has begun, and will be rushed as rapidly as possible, that the building may be ready for the opening of school September 18.

Professor H. Camden Lacey and his family have recently come to the College. Professor Lacey will be a member of the Faculty the coming year. We are glad to welcome him and his family to the College. He will have charge of the Ministerial Department.

Professor Machlan has just returned from the camp-meetings in Pennsylvania, having attended both the West and East Pennsylvania camp-meetings, also spending a few days at the Massachusetts campground. He will leave on Thursday for the New Jersey camp-meeting. He reports much interest in educational work among the young people in the camp-meetings where he attended.

The summer school has been in progress for over three weeks and the work is progressing nicely. Miss Owen took a number of students to the National Museum, Smithsonian Institute, and other places of interest on a recent Friday.

We were glad to welcome Dr. J. W. Field, who recently spent a few days at the college. He is now attending the New Jersey camp-meeting in the interest of the college, and will later visit some of the churches of New Jersey. Doctor Field has the English Department in the college.

Quite a number of students recently visited the old home of George Washington at Mount Vernon; also visiting the old church in Alexandria, where Washington attended.

The faculty and students of the summer school, together with those who are working on the new building and other friends of the college, enjoyed a social evening on the lawn, Thursday June 28. There were recitations, music and some time was spent in getting acquainted. Light refreshments were served.

Professor Butler is home again for a short time, having recently attended the West Virginia camp-meeting.

The large columns for the new chapel will soon arrive and will be placed in position.

A gymnasium is located in the basement of the new building, which no doubt, will give much pleasure to the students the coming year, and will afford a place for the classes in Physical Culture.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

News Notes

The busy days still continue at the academy. Loads of lumber are being brought for the buildings. The slate roofing was brought on the ground last week.

Elder W. C. Moffett and family and Elder L. O. Gordon and family visited at the academy last week. They are conducting a tent effort in Harrisonburg, about eighteen miles from New Market.

The frequent showers of late have been of much benifit to the ten thousand tomato plants which have been set out on the academy farm. Mrs. Bertha Whitney and daughter have gone to Toledo, Ohio to visit Mrs. Whitney's sister.

Mrs. John Hottel is visiting at the home of Elder R. D. Hottels. She taught the music at the Fernwood Academy during the past year.

The girls' rooms are being calcimined. The partition between the two halls will be removed in order to have all the girls' rooms open in one hall, we are sure it will be more pleasant for them. The boys will occupy the rooms in the new building.

Elder R. D. Hottel spent Sabbath and Sunday at Winchester in order to attend the quarterly services.

Miss Vesta Whitehead who was compelled to leave school before the close on account of sickness is taking summer school work at Washington in order to finish her year's work and then be able to come to the academy and go on with her next year's work.

Mrs. Myrtie Jack was called to Delaware on account of the sickness and death of her little grand-daughter.

SPECIAL

The Value of Time

The average man who has reached sixty years of age has spent 20 years in sleep, 8 to 13 years in labor, 4 solid years in eating, 5 years in childhood play, 5 years in school, 2 years reading, and about 2 years sick. From 9 to 14 years are unaccounted for and have earned him no benefits physically, financally or spiritually. In each day of twenty four hours the average person is blessed with from 3 to 5 hours which can be rightly improved or fooled away.

The wise man has said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Eccl. 3:1.. Certainly now, in these closing hours of earth's history and of man's probation, it is time to improve every spare moment in our daily record that our credit on the books of heaven may be sufficient to carry us through eternity. "Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligations to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time." C.O.L.P. 342. And yet how easy it is to fritter away our time ever mindful but never heeding the admonition that "procrastination is the thief of time." The admonition comes again, "seek first the kingdom of God," and yet how few there are

who are actually doing this. All the pleasures of the world, all the cares of this life are summoned up as excuses to dissuade individuals from doing what the Savior requires of them in order to make their calling and election sure.

Our magazine work offers a convenient way to improve our time. It utilizes these spare moments which would otherwise prove our spiritual downfall. It is full of interest and requires practically no previous experience. As you engage in this work and talk with those who are seeking for light, you will experience a vitalizing force come into your life that will bring with it a refreshing of unspeakable peace and happiness. Resolve today that you will sell a few magazines each week and let the children have a part in this great work of bringing salvation to others.

"The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted to self-serving. Shall we not strive to use to the very best of our ability the little time that is left us in this life, adding grace to grace power to power, making manifest that we have a source of power in the Heavens above? Resolve to redeem the time. Seek not your own pleasure.

Rouse yourself! Take hold of the work with a new purpose of heart. The Lord will open the way before you. Make every possible effort to work in Christ's lines, in meekness and lowliness, relying upon Him for strength. Understand the work the Lord gives you to do, and, trusting in God, you will be enabled to go on from strength to strength, from grace to grace. You will be enabled to work diligently for souls while the day lasts; for the night cometh in which no man shall work. Who will seek God earnestly, and from Him draw strength and grace to be His faithful workers in the missionary field?"

—Extracts from Test. Vol. 9. pp. 117,186,200.

C. E. Hooper.

Not A Mere Slogan

"More Signs—More Souls" is not a mere slogan, but a real fact. Wherever the "Signs Weekly" has a liberal circulation, there we find interests springing up and souls accepting the message. One of our lay brethren who spends (as more and more of our dear people are doing) a little time each week in the circulation of our literature among the homes of the people, wrote us recently regarding his experiences in this work. Here is a portion of his letter:

"I rejoice to tell you that I can now

count four Sabbath keepers who have been brought out by reading the "Signs of the Times". It is true that, the Signs does bring people into the Truth.' It tends to break down prejudice and to attend our meetings, and to receive home Bible studies from our workers. This is the work the Lord would have done. I want to say, for your encouragement, that I do not remember when I have had so many interested persons on my list as at present. Last Sabbath, the heads of three families consented to receive Bible studies from one of our sisters engaged in this work. These new readers are among those who are receiving the "Signs." From the families that I visited yesterday, I heard only words of praise for the "Signs of the Times." One lady subscribed for a year. I believe that the Lord is with us in this work."

Our pioneer missionary paper—the "Signs"-has been called by one of our leading men "the greatest evangelistic factor in printed form put out by the denomination." It is the "silent preacher" that today is going into more than 60,000 homes throughout the land, and at least 40,000 of these homes are those of out-Think of it!-40,000 preachers siders. calling every week at those homes and giving the message for the hour in a strong, appealing manner. The result? Souls-many of them-coming into the light. Remember today: "More Signs-More Souls." And don't put off increasing your own personal club.

Faith

But without faith it is impossible to please Him." Heb. 11:6. No man will deny that to be saved he must please God. Then anything that will hinder us pleasing our heavenly Father is a thing that is to be shunned and despised. Can we think of anything more detrimental to faith in God, which we must have to please Him, than to have something to put our trust in other than God? Surely if I am to be saved by faith in God, I cannot be saved by faith in worldly things. It is almost safe to say that a man cannot have implicit faith in God as long as he has a dellar in which to trust for his next meal. We read of a company of faithful servants who were classed with faithful Abraham in the great roll call of the faithful in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Verse 38-"They wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."

Did they have automobiles or fine carriages to ride about in? Did they have large plantations over which to roam and wallow themselves in their own honor as did Nebuchadnezzar of old? one of the greatest kings the world has ever seen, ruling over the most glorious kingdom

that has ever graced this earth, Babylon. He said as he walked up and down the great halls of his magnificent palace, "Is this not great Babylon, that I have built?" But not so with these worthies, they "wandered in deserts and mountains."

Did they have fine homes fitted out with electricity? No, but they did have "dens and caves of the earth" in which to live. And what does Paul say of these destitute ones? "(Of whom the world was not worthy)." So it is very reasonable to understand from the above that the less of this world's goods one has, the more of the faith that will save. Any sane man knows that the more of this world's goods he has the more likely his trust and confidence will be placed in them, and being placed in earthly possessions his faith will naturally be detracted from the Father who blesses us with all spiritual and temporal blessings. We are easily led to worship the created in preference to the Creator.

HARRY S. WEAVER.

"But interruptions all day long,
And little vexing hindrances,
Each weak, but altogether strong,
Came one by one to fret and tease,
And balk my purpose, and displease.
Friendship laid fetters on the noon,
And fate threw sudden burdens down,
And hours were short, and strength failed
soon,

And darkness came the day to drown, Hope changed to grief and smile to frown. Then I said sadly: 'All is vain;

No use there is in planning aught.

Labor is wasted once again,
And wisdom is to folly brought,
And all the day has gone for naught.'

Then spoke a voice within my soul;

'The day was yours, and will was free.

'The day was yours, and will was free.

And self was guide, and self was goal;

Each hour was full as hour could be—

What space was left, my child, for Me?

"Where was the moment in your plan

Where was the moment in your plan
For work of Mine which might not
wait—

The need, the wish of fellow-man,

The little threads of mutual fate
Which touch and tangle soon or late?

'These "hindrances" which made you fret,
These "interruptions" one by one,
They were but sudden tasks I set,
My errands for your feet to run:
Will you disdain them, child, or shun?'

Oh, blind of heart and dull of soul!

I only felt, the whole day through,
That I was thwarted of my goal,

And chafed rebelliously, nor knew
The Lord had aught for me to do.

Forgive me, Lord, my selfish day,
Touch my sealed eyes, and bid them wake
To see Thy tasks along the way,

Thy errands, which my hands may take, And do them gladly for Thy sake."

Mount Vernon Academy

News Notes

Mr. Harold H. Yingling and wife, who was formerly Mrs. Esta Miller, are spending a few weeks with Brother and Sister H. S. Weaver.

The busy season has begun at the academy. We have started to can the beans. The blackberries will be ready in a short time.

Mrs. J. L. Secore from Chicago, has recently moved to her home here in Academia.

In spite of the dry weather this season, our gardener reports the academy farmin a good condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Welch and little daughter from Columbus are visiting a few days with Professor C. E. Welch.

Preparations are on the way for campmeeting. Are you getting ready for it? Do not wait too long, but plan to be here for the first meetings.

We will greet our students next year with, a new floor in the dining room. It is nearing completion now.

Notice

Any one interested in Mount Vernon Academy who has not received a calendar please write for one at once.

"My soul was stirred; I prayed: 'Let me Do some great work 'so purely To right life's wrongs, that I shall know That I have loved Thee surely.' My lips sent forth their eager cry, The while my heart beat faster. 'For some great deed to prove my love, Send me, send me, my Master.' From out the silence came a voice Saying, 'If God thou fearest, Rise up and do, thy whole life through, The duty that lies nearest. The friendly word, the kindly deed, ... Though small the act in seeming, Shall in the end unto thy soul Prove mightier than thy dreaming. 'The cup of water to the faint, Or rest unto the weary, The light thou givest another life Shall make thine own less dreary, And boundless realms of faith and love Will wait for thy possessing; Not creeds, but deeds, if thou would Unto thy soul a blessing."

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When the church has so far departed from the law of God and the commission of Jesus Christ as to unite with earthly government to make and enforce a Sunday law, or any other religious rule or doctrine, how can she expect the presence and blessing of Jesus Christ to be with her? "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

W. M. HEALEY
—Signs of the Times, June 11, 1912

"Life is hard for many people, and we have no right to withhold any look or word or touch or act of love which will lighten the load or cheer the heart of any fellow struggler. The best use we can make of our life is to live so that we shall be a benediction to every one we meet."

"We see by the light of thousands of years, And the knowledge of millions of men; The lessons they learned through blood and in tears

Are ours for the reading, and then We sneer at their errors and follies and dreams,

Their frail idols of mind and of stone, And call ourselves wiser, forgetting, it seems.

That the future may laugh at our own."

Third quarter "Liberty" is now being mailed to subscribers. It is a real patriotic number, and will have a large circulation. What plans are you making for its distribution in your district?

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Congressmen, Lawyers, Judges, editors, and other public officials in many states are reading "Liberty," but thousands of others ought to be supplied. What about those in your city? Are they supplied, if not what are you going to do about it?

"By thine own soul's law learn to live;
And if men thwart thee, take no heed,
And if men hate thee, have no care—
Sing thou thy song, and do thy deed;
Hope thou thy hope, and pray thy prayer,
And claim no crown they will not give."

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Push the School Census

In our Educational Campaign we are taking a census of allour boys and girls of school age. This is a very necessary feature of our summer's effort to arouse a new and deeper intrest in Christian education, for it is a part of our plan to follow up this initial campaign with continuous systematic endeavor toward our goal: "Every S. D. A. Boy and Girl in Our Own Schools."

We cannot do thorough work unless we know the name and address of every such boy and girl in our land. One effort of the war on the government's plans is a provision for registering the birth of every child in the nation from now on, with the avowed purpose of saving 100,000 more babies a year than heretofore, and of assuring to every child health and robust physical development. Can we do less for our 35,000 boys and girls of school age than to register them all and do our utmost to assure them the best possible conditions for spiritual development?

I wish, therefore, to urge every worker in our educational campaign to do faithfully his part to Push Our School Census To Completion. Let every educational officer see that this is done in his territory. Let every reader of this article cooperate with the campaign workers in every way he can. If any boy or girl is overlooked, let parent or friend or somebody pass in the name and address to the Educational Superintendent or to the Union Educational Secretary. Let not one boy or girl be left out.

W. E. Howell.

OBITUARIES

HANDLEY.—William Floren, was born July 7,1884, near Galion, Ohio, and died June 15,1918, near Lexington, Ohio. The cause of his death was an abscess on the brain. Brother Handley was a former student of Mount Vernon Academy, where he was converted in 1906, and united with the church at that time. On September 20, 1906, he was united in marriage with Miss Eva Shough.

Brother Handley leaves to mourn their loss his wife, father and mother, one brother besides many friends. It is to be said in behalf of Brother Handley that he lived a quiet, conscientious Christian life. He suffered much before his death, but he bore all his sufferings with Christian patience. He was a faithful member of the church and a teacher in the Sabbath School, where he devoted himself earnestly to the welfare of his class. We believe confidently that Brother Handley sleeps in Jesus, and will respond to the call of the Life-giver on the morning of the first resurrection.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,

From which none ever wake to weep; A calm and undisturbed repose,

Unbroken by the last of foes."

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder H. K. Christman.

N. S. ASHTON.

BROADUS.—Fanny, born April 7, 1868 in Linwood, Ohio, and died at the Cincinnati General Hospital of dropsy, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, June 23, 1918, aged 50 years, 2 months, and 16 days. She united with the First Colored Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cincinnati, September 22, 1917, and continued firm until the time of her death. To mourn her departure are one son, a brother, two sisters-in-law, and many relatives and friends.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer assisted by Elder Cox of Columbus, and a former pastor of the deceased.

H. A. ROSSIN.

MacDOUGAL.-Mrs. Mary A., fell asleep on June 24, 1918. In her younger years she united with the Baptist Church and was an active worker with them in gospel work until the message of our Lord's soon return came to her through the labors of Elder L. McCoy. She was baptized and became a charter member of the Cincinnati Church being the last one of the original company organized in 1887. Sister MacDongal graduated as a nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium and was active for a number of years in this line of work. Her favorite text was John 14:6 which was used by the writer to comfort the sorrowing. J. H. BEHRENS.

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SWENDEMAN.—Maregrett E., came to brighten the home of her parents on April 20, 1918, and fell asleep, after much suffering, on June 16. Her parents and two brothers expect to see her in the first resurrection.

J. H. BEHRENS.

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HARRY S. WEAVER.

Mount Vernon, O.

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