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Educational Rally

The Columbia Union Educational Rally, held at Washington College September 3-5, marks a new era in the history of our educational work in the Columbia Union Conference. At this rally there came together the officers of the Columbia Union Conference, the presidents and Educational Secretaries of the local conferences, the faculty of Washington Missionary College, the principal and several members of the faculty of Mount Vernon Academy, the principals of South Lancaster Academy and Southern Junior College, also the General Conference Educational Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

At the opening of the meeting Professor B. G. Wilkinson emphasized the great responsibility resting upon our ministry and educators, and there followed an earnest season of prayer and heart searching.

Each morning an hour was set apart for Bible study, prayer and consecration.

The first business session was a joint meeting of the Convention and the General Conference Committee, to give consideration to the working out of plans for the War Emergency Training Course, which was planned for at the recent council. Reports relative to this work will be given by the committee in charge.

The following topics were presented and carefully considered:

Higher Spiritual Purposes in Colleges, Academies, and Church Schools. Elder F. M. Wilcox.

More Laboratory Soul-Saving Work in Our Schools. Professor C. L. Benson.

Are the Social and Religious Standards of our Schools Adequate? Elder A. G. Daniells.

Possible Modifications in our Educational Work as a Result of the War. The Need of Qualified Workers. Dr. Walton C. John.

Medical Examination for Every Stu-

dent, upon Entering School. Dr. H. W. Miller.

Child Hygiene and the Physical Training of the Children. Professor W. E. Howell.

Physical Culture and Training in All our Schools. Professor W. E. Howell.

Industrial Work. Shall We Bury or Revive it? Professor C. L. Stone.

Better Quarters and More Adequate Salaries for Church School Teachers. Bessie E. Acton.

Church School Standards. Professor C. M. Sorenson.

Raising a Large Fund (\$15,000 or \$20,000) for Assisting Church Schools. Elder W. T. Knox.

Relations of Washington Missionary College, Mount Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy. Elder F. H. Robbins.

Placing our Graduates. Elder D. A. Parsons.

Is Our College Graduating Students that Meet the Demand of the Field? If not, Wherein is it Failing? Elder S. M. Butler.

New Plans and Policies for Recruiting Students. Professor C. S. Longacre.

Interesting Individual Church Members in Putting Students through School. Professor N. S. Ashton.

Securing and Use of Scholarships. Dr. M. E. Olsen.

College Extension. Professor O. M. John.

Making Students' Association Live Factor in Securing Remaining Portion of Its Appropriation and in Furnishing New Building. Dr. E. F. Albertsworth.

Short Winter's Course for Workers and Ministers. Professor B. F. Machlan.

Creation of an Alumni Spirit for Good Organization. Professor E. G. Salisbury.

In consideration of the fact that the events of great importance which have transpired during the past two years have so far fulfilled prophecy in the development of conditions that the church and the world have grown more markedly farther apart, and realizing that this situation demands more imperatively than ever the development of a complete de-

nominational educational system at the foundation of which lies the church school; and realizing that the time has come for all the educational workers in the Columbia Union to center their efforts upon the establishment of the truth in the hearts of the people, and the definite training of workers for the Third Angel's Message, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

1. That we endeavor within the Columbia Union Conference to put a church school wherever there are six or more children.

2. That we place the average wage of our school teachers at thirteen dollars a week.

3. That the Educational Secretary of each conference begin at once to

(a) Find out what each group can do financially toward building, equipment, and salaries.

(b) Make up a Conference Budget of the possibilities and needs which shall be forwarded to the Union Conference Secretary who from the budget of the eight conferences will make out a Union Budget.

(c) Make thorough search throughout all the conferences for those who could take up church school teaching. That the Conference Presidents join in the effort to get all such persons to take up church school work.

4. That the Union Committee at once proceed to raise a fund which will give to each conference the amount required to put the church school work on its feet; and that the Union Secretary be responsible for raising the fund.

5. To bring this about the Educational Secretary should soon hold a conference with the state secretaries at which time they shall submit their local Conference Budgets. The responsibility of raising this fund shall rest on the Union Educational Secretary.

6. That the present thirty (30) scholarships being raised within the Columbia Union Conference be devoted as far as consistent to those who will make church school teaching their work, preference being given to the church school teachers.

Every Member in Every Church to the Work

7. That the Union Committee disperse the scholarships, on either a loan or gift basis, as the merits demand; but that the following restrictions help to guide the committee in its disbursement:

The loan or gift to be made because:

(a) Absolutely no means of self help.
(b) No means of help from families or friends.

(c) Bona fide case of student going directly into the work, or is already in the work.

(d) Loans given especially to senior or junior students or workers.

(e) That recommendations to the Union Committee be made up by a sub-committee, composed of the head of the school, the president of the conference, and the Union President.

8. (a) That we make immediate efforts to secure throughout the Union fifty new persons, both men and women, who either immediately or after training in the Normal Department will become church school teachers in the Union.

(b) That these fifty be apportioned to each conference on the basis of one for every two hundred members.

(c) That there be appointed to each conference some member of the Washington Missionary College faculty to work with the educational secretary and president of that conference; these three being responsible for the securing of the persons mentioned; and that the Union Conference Educational Secretary be responsible for the execution of these plans.

9. While we believe in good education, and plenty of it, we exhort all our youth to avoid those modern tendencies of worldly education which lead to higher criticism, unnecessary reading, speculative philosophy and science falsely so called.

10. That we request the Department of Education to consider the advisability of organizing the Bible and Evangelistic work into a School of Theology in both Colleges and Junior Colleges.

11. That we exhort all our educational workers, the teachers in the academies and colleges to such prayer, Bible study, and study of the Testimonies as will mean growth in spiritual power and vision.

12. That we employ only such workers and teachers who firmly believe the Testimonies and the fundamentals of this faith.

13. That the faculties of our institutions in conjunction with the General Conference, Sabbath School, Educational and Missionary Volunteer and other Departmental Secretaries outline a course of study in the respective departments to be offered in our schools and receiving graduation credit.

14. That our educational institutions put into effect such plans that every student shall have a certain portion of man-

ual labor, properly correlated with text work, each week; the same to be carried out regardless of financial or social position.

15. That we recommend that the Department of Education give careful study to the adjustment of our curriculum, and the introduction of proper texts in Manual Training.

16. That, recognizing the unity of educational work in the Columbia Union Conference; and realizing that this unity should be maintained and promoted, we ask all church members and workers, as far as possible, to have pupils attend the academy designated as the institution belonging to their territory; and that all prospective college students be advised to attend Washington Missionary College.

17. That we recommend that wherever possible our conference presidents make some provision that one hour a day be set aside in our camp-meetings to be used by our educators in setting forth the needs and possibilities of the work represented by the Educational Department.

18. That we advise each Conference Committee, and the Educational Secretary of each conference to inspect closely the quarters used as church school rooms, with a view to seeing that the pupils are housed in sanitary, well-lighted and well-furnished rooms provided with fresh air, and adapted to teach neatness and tidiness, and wherever possible suitable living quarters can be secured for the teacher—either an apartment or a cottage.

19. That we recommend to our College Faculty to lay upon the consciences of those in the college courses the giving of themselves to church school work.

20. That we recommend the College Faculty to take definite steps to put in a good course of Physical Culture in the college curriculum.

21. That whereas there are many young people in our midst who would with suitable training make valuable workers; but who are unable to do so through lack of finances, and whereas there are individuals in our ranks who are well able to assist such individuals through school, we recommend that members of our faculties and conference workers look out such individuals, and endeavor to have them assist such worthy young people through school.

22. That we request the Student Association to take under consideration such a reorganization of itself as will assure the adoption of wider plans to realize its ends, and especially to aid the college in its financial burden at this time when the finishing and equipment of the new building, together with other extension plans demand a large outlay of means.

23. That in view of the nature of our work calling for equal sacrifice by all

workers, and realizing that a part of what we call sacrifice is represented in small salaries and wages, we recommend that our faculties endeavor to educate students (especially those working on their expenses) during their school life to the same principles on wages that prevail in the payment of teachers and our workers in the field.

24. That we recommend to our educational institutions the outlining of a special course ranging from three months to two years length, to prepare individuals desirous of entering missionary or ministerial lines of endeavor, and whose literary qualifications or age would not make it seem advisable for them to spend a large number of years in training.

25. That we urge the faculty of the college to take under consideration the advantages of organizing an Alumni Association and if possible to form the same. Furthermore, we urge the faculty to endeavor to rally the members of such an association, for a gathering at such times as would be suitable.

26. That we recommend to the general department the consideration of the advisability of bringing within the standard credits required for graduation the following elements of Christian education:

Physical education, manual training, home economics, also administration courses in school homes, field and office work covering our various departmental lines of denominational effort, and mission extension work.

27. That we adopt the principle of school extension work, and agree to make such beginning the coming year as carefully thoughtout plans may justify, the principle to apply to all kinds of schools in both inside and outside work.

It is believed that the influence of this rally will be far reaching, and will result in a closer sympathy between the work in the field and in our training schools. It was the expressed desire of all present that the future bring many such gatherings where time be devoted to careful study of our educational problems.

O. M. JOHN.

The Big September Drive

When these lines reach the readers of the VISITOR we will be in the midst of the week set aside for a special effort in our Harvest Ingathering campaign. This week will close just as the Liberty Loan begins, and we trust that every Seventh-day Adventist within the territory of the Columbia Union will have had some part in the work.

While earthly governments are launching big financial campaigns for the purpose of building a material kingdom, we should ever keep before us the vision of a heavenly kingdom which marks the fi-

nal terminating point of all our endeavors. As we visit the homes of thousands of people who are groping in darkness, many of whom are looking for just one ray of light, it is fitting and proper that we should call their attention to the great movement which is to precede the second coming of Christ." "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

The servant of God has spoken with marked emphasis on the importance of utilizing our every talent in the very work which lies before us at this time. Note how definite and precise the instruction has been given for the people of God.

"Church-members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against intemperance, the folly, and amusements of this world, and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time,—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ.

"Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions." Brother, sister, in these few simple words we become acquainted with God's plan for winning the souls of our fellow men, and which is made very real in our Harvest Ingathering work. Let every one make these principles a living reality in individual experience during this week that is set aside during the closing month.

Visit your neighbors and friends, show an interest in their souls, tell them that the Lord, Jesus is coming soon, by showing them the progress of His world-wide work, as given in the Ingathering *Watchman*. In accordance with the promise, "The Lord Jesus will open the doors of their hearts, and leave upon their hearts lasting impressions."

Do not forget "Big Week" September 22 to 29. Every one to the work, each to do his best. Tell your experiences for the encouragement of others. Work and pray, and the Lord will crown your work with success the results of which will be seen through all eternity.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

A New Census

In connection with the recent government legislation setting the draft ages from 18 to 45 we have found it necessary to take another census of all our brethren included in these ages in the Columbia Union. This will greatly facilitate the work of our War Service Commission, and

we are dropping these few lines in the *Visitor* as a reminder to our people at this time. We feel desirous of having our census as complete as possible, and trust that there will be a prompt response to the request that has been sent to the churches.

The War Service Commission was established for the purpose of acquainting our people with the many principles involved in sustaining a proper relationship with our country in a time of greatest need; of giving needed assistance to our draftees before and after they are called into service; and in every way possible to look after our denominational interests so far as they are vitally concerned in the present war.

Within the last week an urgent request was sent to every church in the Columbia Union for the names and addresses of all males within the ranks of our people between 18 and 45 years of age. This request included several items which we will mention here for the information of those who may not be reached by the letter to the churches.

1. We desire to have as soon as possible the name and correct address of every male within the above mentioned ages who is a member of the church, and all who are interested in the truth.

2. We would be pleased to know whether or not the persons whose names we receive are members of the church.

3. The correct age is an essential part of our information, and we trust that wherever possible this will be given.

4. The addresses of our boys in service, both members and non-members, in service are constantly changing, and consequently we find it very difficult to keep in touch with them. We urge our people to inform us concerning any changes in the addresses of our young men from Seventh-day Adventist homes. We can reach them even after they are "over there," and will appreciate receiving addresses of any who our people desire to bring within the circle of our activities.

The ideals which Seventh-day Adventists have been professing to the world are becoming very real since war has stirred the world, and society has been undergoing revolutionary changes. As the approaching twilight brings out the stars, so the darkness which is covering the earth will reveal the false and true in those who are allied with the people of God during the closing hours of human probation. This is especially significant in the present situation where Christian profession is put to the test, and we do desire to give needed assistance to our brethren who may be involved in the nation's call to the colors, so as to prepare them for real leadership in the spiritual life among thousands of their fellowmen. In succeeding issues of the

Visitor we will tell many experiences our brethren have had during the past year that have placed them in the same class with Biblical heroes of ages past.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Cleveland Effort

The work in Cleveland has been moving onward under the blessing of our God. During the summer we conducted a tent effort of six weeks' duration on the west side of the city, this being the fourth large tent effort we have held in this city during the past three and a half years. While the Lord blessed in the work done in all of our meetings, we consider the effort of the past summer the best of all. This meeting was held on the identical spot of the effort held two years ago.

Brother Joseph Shellhaas and Elder C. C. Webster assisted in the services, gave Bible readings and cared for the tents, and our two regular Bible workers, Sisters Askey and Emmil, did faithful work among the people. Brother H. I. Pettis directed the music and Brother Harold Hannum acted as pianoist. All did faithful service which brought good results and the blessing of God. Sixty-two dear souls embraced the Sabbath and others are in the valley of decision. Many of the new Sabbathkeepers have already united with our church and others expect to follow soon. The collections from the tent effort amounted to over \$500.00. We have rejoiced to see more than two hundred souls added to our church during the past three and a half years.

Our colored membership had also increased until it was thought best to organize a colored church. This we did just before camp-meeting and the colored church was received into the conference at that time, the membership being about forty-five. We feel sure that the work for the colored race will build up rapidly since taking this step.

Our all is consecrated to our God for service as He may direct us.

R. S. LINDSAY.

Everybody Working During "Big Week"

By the time you read these lines we shall be in the midst of our "Big Week." If you have not already reached your individual goal try and do so before "Big Week" closes. Good reports are coming in right along. Cincinnati reports \$158 for the first week, and a letter from Elder Marietta of Hamilton states that many

are doubling their goals. Toledo has made a start, it being the privilege of the writer of taking several down to the heart of the city last Saturday night, and nearly \$15.00 were solicited on the street in one hour.

I would suggest to those who are not able to get out very much that you have a supply of papers in readiness at your house, so that when the baker, coalman, grocer and other callers come to your home, just hand them a copy, asking them for an offering. Also send a paper by mail to your relatives, and friends living away, accompanied by a nice missionary letter telling them that you are giving them an opportunity to contribute to the cause of God, helping to spread the gospel in the far off heathen lands. Many could reach the sum of \$5.00 easily by so doing. Never let an opportunity go by. Be determined to get at least \$5.00. Then, dear brother or sister, we shall reach our goal of \$12,000.00 easily.

Any good experiences you may get while engaging in the work, please send them on to me. Don't forget to report each week the amount collected and mark on envelope "Harvest Ingathering."

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Sec.*

News Notes

Sister Hightower of Springfield was a caller at the office this week, and reports \$74.00 solicited for Harvest Ingathering. Her goal is \$100.00.

Bravo: Cincinnati. That was fine. \$158.00 first week. Keep it up.

Do your best during "Big week." Do not fail to do your share. Get your goal.

Do you take the good old "Review?" If not, order at once. You cannot afford to be without it.

Notice

I have accepted a call to the chaplaincy of Dr. Fisher's Sanitarium. We expect to be there after September 20, therefore, address all correspondence to Mount Vernon, Ohio.

D. E. LINDSEY.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Many of our churches in New Jersey are making rapid strides toward their goal in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Are you helping? If you do your part, and each member of your church does his part, your church will reach the goal. Let us not be weary in well doing, for "we shall reap if we faint not." The ex-

perience is worth the effort, besides the help you will give to the work in fields beyond.

Elder Heckman spoke to a large audience in the Trenton Church Sabbath, September 14, and in the afternoon visited the Camden Church.

Brother G. H. Clark, our home missionary secretary, shows his interest in the Harvest Ingathering work by soliciting funds almost daily. He has passed the \$100.00 mark, and is still going. We trust that his earnest enthusiasm will spread rapidly among the members of the churches where he visits.

Brother L. D. Warren visited the Plainfield and Newark Churches last Sabbath.

Have you noticed that October 1, a "Special Relatives and Friends, Present Truth Subscription List" will begin? All numbers in print will be mailed out weekly, and the price of this splendid little paper is only 25 cents, or 50 cents foreign. You will never find a better opportunity to get the truth before your friends and relatives than this, and at so little cost. Your subscriptions should reach our office in time to be forwarded on to the publishers before October 1. Only full subscriptions will be accepted.

Brother H. F. Kirk and family returned last week after a short visit with relatives in Indiana.

VIRGINIA

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

Harrisonburg, Va.

Immediately after the camp-meeting Elder Moffett and the writer began a tent effort in Harrisonburg. As there had been efforts held in the city, many of the town people had made their decision against the truth, but God gave us some honest souls for our hire.

On August 31 there was a nice little church organized of 15 members with a number of others keeping the Sabbath and will, no doubt, join the church later. The fine new Baptist church in the city was thrown open to us for baptismal services which took place the following day.

The Odd Fellows Hall has been secured to hold Sabbath and Sunday night services. Brother D. W. Percy is following up the interest there and we hope to see the church growing in grace and in numbers.

L. O. GORDON.

News Notes

The Shenandoah Valley Academy opened with an overflow attendance. Eight of the new students were from the

tidewater section. Others are planning to attend later in the year.

R. G. Morton has just finished his summer's work and has earned two scholarships. His last delivery amounted to \$706.00, and he reports having lost very few orders.

Our Educational Secretary is quite busy these days supplying teachers for the many new schools that have sprung up in Virginia.

The Richmond church school opened last Monday with an attendance of 24 and others to come later. Miss Anna Tucker of Quicksburg will teach the Richmond school this year.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Another Opportunity to Save Souls

As a people, we have committed to us the greatest and most solemn work in the earth today, that of giving the last message of warning, which will ever be given to humanity. We are living in a time that the people of ages past longed to see, a time when all heaven is astir and with deep interest is looking to the church of God hoping to find every man and woman at their post of duty. As their eyes rest upon you and me do they find us awake to the situation? Do they find us as Paul said that he was "Determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified?" If this is true with us then the work which Christ left for us to do will have the first place in our lives.

How happy we should be as we take the Harvest Ingathering papers and after we have had a sweet talk with Jesus alone go from door to door and tell the people about the mission fields, then ask them to contribute of their means and leave the paper with them that they may know about this message. The angels will be there to impress the hearts of those who read, and who knows but that on some glorious morning, as you walk through one of those pearly gates, a happy voice will greet you and thank you for the Harvest Ingathering paper which you left at their door.

As co-workers together with Jesus we should look upon the Harvest Ingathering work for 1918 with pleasure. In "Steps to Christ" pp. 83, 84, we read, "God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of the loving ministry to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite

love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which result from this unselfish ministry."

Vol. 6, p. 116, "In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as His soldiers are to render faithful service as minute men, with a keen sense of responsibility resting upon them individually."

Education p. 264, "Those who reject the privilege of fellow-ship with Christ in service, reject the only training that impairs a fitness for participation with Him in His glory." As we read these words from the pen of the servant of the Lord surely our hearts are stirred.

Aside from the soul saving work with the Harvest Ingathering work is the financial help which the cause of Christ receives. The Lord tells us that the gold and the silver and the cattle all belong to Him. So at Harvest Ingathering time He asks us to gather some of it into His treasury. If each one will gather at least \$5.00 and as much more as possible, what a splendid sum will be added to our mission fund. The mission fields are appealing to us today as never before. We must arouse from our lethargy. Soon the last call of the Harvest Ingathering work will be given. Soon the last dollar will be given for missions. Let us hasten for the night cometh.

September will soon be past. Have you used all the papers you ordered, if so, re-order at once that no time be lost. The weather is still pleasant. Let nothing hinder you from doing the work which Jesus asks you to do at this time.

Mrs. LIDA MAE WESTBROOK.

Chester

We closed our tent effort last Sunday night. Our attendance and interest has not been what we had hoped, yet we are glad the Lord has saved some to His truth. On August 25, five precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. We are expecting to have another baptism September 21, and possibly one the following week. We solicit the prayers of God's people for those that are now deciding their eternal destiny.

W. L. ADKINS.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook is attending the District camp-meeting at Takoma Park.

Miss Matilda Butler, who has been assisting in our office for about ten months, left Thursday for Huntington and from there plans to go to Mount Vernon this week.

Miss Lang of Parkersburg left Sunday night for Washington College.

Brother Leach met with the Kanawha Church last Sabbath.

We are glad to report that a new Sabbath School has been organized at Fairmont, West Va. We are hearing good reports about the birthday box already.

C. V. Leach was in Parkersburg Friday, September 13, and went from there to Kanawha County to deliver the books for which he took orders during "Big Week." Elder W. W. Eastman is also making his delivery this week.

The book work in West Virginia has grown to such proportions that it keeps Brother McHenry hustling to keep up with it. He now has an assistant, John Jr., who arrived August 31, and will remain with him permanently.

A new nurse has come to Parkersburg to live, Leah Evelyn. She arrived Sabbath morning, September 7, and will make her home permanently with Brother and Sister Medlin.

A baby girl arrived to brighten the home of Brother and Sister F. C. Smart, September 12.

Brother Haskell Cunningham, of Elizabeth, is now in training at Camp Lee, Va.

Brother C. G. Mays, who was called to service July 28, is now in France. He is in the hospital corps.

SPECIAL

Divinity United with Humanity

We want to understand the time in which we live. We do not half understand it. We do not half take it in. My heart trembles in me when I think of what a foe we have to meet, and how poorly we are prepared to meet him. The trials of the children of Israel, and their attitude just before the first coming of Christ, have been presented before me again and again to illustrate the position of the people of God in their experience before the second coming of Christ. How the enemy sought every occasion to take control of the minds of the Jews, and today he is seeking to blind the minds of God's servants that they may not be able to discern the precious truth.

When Christ came to our world, Satan was on the ground, and disputed every inch of advance in His path from the manger to Calvary. Satan has accused God of requiring self-denial of the angels, when He knew nothing of what it meant Himself, and when He would not Himself have made any sacrifice for others. This was the accusation that Satan made

against God in heaven; and after the evil one was expelled from heaven, he continually charged the Lord with exacting service which He would not render Himself. Christ came to the world to meet these false accusations, and to reveal the Father. We cannot conceive of the humiliation He endured in taking our nature upon Himself. Not that in itself it was a disgrace to belong to the human race, but He was the Majesty of heaven, the king of glory, and He humbled Himself to become a babe and suffer the wants and woes of mortals. He humbled Himself not to the highest position, to be a man of riches and power, but though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He took step after step in humiliation. He was driven from city to city; for men would not receive the Light of the world. They were perfectly satisfied with their position. His spotless life flashed light upon the hearts of men, and discovered iniquity to them in its odious character.

The Son of God was assaulted at every step by the powers of darkness. After His baptism He was driven of the Spirit into the wilderness, and suffered temptation for forty days. Some affirm that Christ could not have had the same nature as man, for if He had, He would have fallen under similar temptations. If He did not have man's nature, He could not be our example. If He was not a partaker of our nature, He could not have been tempted as man has been. If it were not possible for Him to yield to temptation, He could not be our helper. It was a solemn reality that Christ came to fight the battles as a man, in man's behalf. His temptations and victory tell us that humanity must copy the Pattern; man must be a partaker of the divine nature.

In Christ, divinity and humanity were combined. Divinity was not degraded to humanity; divinity held its place but, humanity being united to divinity, withstood the fiercest test of temptation in the wilderness. The prince of this world came to Christ after His long fast, when He was an hungered, and suggested to Him to command the stones to become bread. But the plan of God, devised for the salvation of man, provided that Christ should know hunger, and poverty, and every phase of man's experience. He withstood the temptation, through the power that man may command. He laid hold on the throne of God, and there is not a man or a woman who may not have access to the same help through faith in God. Man may become a partaker of the divine nature; not a soul lives who may not summon the aid of heaven in temptation and trial.

Christ had given precious gems of truth, but men had bound them up in the rubbish of superstition and error. He had im-

parted to them the words of life, but they did not live by every word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. He saw that the world could not find the word of God, for it was hidden by the traditions of men. He came to place before the world the relative importance of heaven and earth, and put truth in its own place. Jesus alone could reveal the truth which it was necessary men should know in order that they might obtain salvation. He only, could place it in the framework of truth, and it was His work to free it from error and to set it before men in its heavenly light.

Satan was roused to oppose Him, for had he not put forth every effort since the fall to make light appear darkness, and darkness light? As Christ sought to place truth before the people in its proper relation to their salvation, Satan worked through the Jewish leaders, and inspired them with enmity against the Redeemer of the world. They determined to do all in their power to prevent Him from making an impression upon the people.

O, how Christ longed, how His heart burned, to open to the priests the greater treasures of the truth! But their minds had been cast in such a mold that it was next to an impossibility to reveal to them the truths relating to His kingdom. The Scriptures had not been read aright. The Jews had been looking for the advent of the Messiah, but they had thought that He must come in all the glory that will attend His second appearing. Because He did not come with all the majesty of a king, they utterly refused Him. But it was not simply because He did not come in splendor that they refused Him. It was because He was the embodiment of purity, and they were impure. He walked the earth a man of spotless integrity. Such a character in the midst of degradation and evil, was out of harmony with their desires and He was abused and despised.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE, *Bible Training School.*

Tobacco Money for Signs Weekly

The *Signs of the Times* continues strongly its work of reaching souls with the message for which it stands. Our brethren and sisters say that many who heretofore refused the *Signs*, now gladly accept it, because they are anxious to know what the prophecies teach concerning the world war and other world conditions. Notice the tone in the following letters and the fact that they all speak the same good word of effectual work.

One says: "Will you please renew our *Signs* for six months? Should have ordered them before, but did not think the time was so nearly up. We have been taking a club of five and do not

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania Week Ending September 13, 1918							
J. L. Schultz, York Co.		BR	51	1 70		1 70	525 00
Harold Leland, Lycoming Co.		BR	48	164 00	2 25	166 25	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster		BR	42	72 00	3 25	75 25	37 25
E. E. Gloor, Lycoming Co.		BR	35	60 00		60 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	32	55 55		55 55	47 35
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	31	37 00		37 00	
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.		BR	28	47 00		47 00	8 00
T. Beamsderfer, Snyder Co.		BR	28	94 00		94 00	510 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	26	12 00	3 50	15 50	3 00
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	26	12 00	8 60	20 60	7 65
W. A. Scharffenberg, Snyder Co.		BR	48	177 00		177 00	
R. M. Milne, Lycoming Co.		BR	22	54 00		54 00	
Geo. Cane, Perry Co.		BR	20	9 10		9 10	298 10
Wm. P. Hess, Lebanon Co.		BR	21				278 50
Irma Baus, Lebanon Co.		OD	20	20 00	3 20	23 20	
M. D. Hollenbaugh, Cumberland		OD	12	20 00	2 50	22 50	229 95
Loretta Lewis, Elsie Haughey				200 00		200 00	2 50
Totals	18 Agents		490	1035 35	23 20	1058 65	1857 30
Virginia, Week Ending September 13, 1918							
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.		OD	19	41 00	20 25	61 25	41 00
M. A. Maloney, Accomac Co.		WP	30		24 00	24 00	24 00
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	18	34 00	1 00	35 00	
Orpha Smith, Albemarle Co.		BR	55	24 10		24 10	331 20
R. C. Morton, King & Queen Co.		OD	50				706 00
E. M. Trummer, Botetourt Co.		BR	55				589 00
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.		OD	38				203 45
Misc.				499 00		499 00	499 00
Totals	7 Agents		265	598 10	45 25	643 35	2393 65
West Virginia, Week Ending September 13, 1918							
N. D. Fisher, Raleigh Co.		BR	36	164 00	46 55	210 55	37 00
Ivor Lawrence, Kanawha Co.		BR	17	71 00	15 05	86 05	14 80
B. P. Wright, Braxton Co.		BR	81	20 00	2 95	22 95	270 35
F. Detwiler, Mingo Co.		OD	26	94 00	11 90	105 90	1 90
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	16	59 00	40 10	99 10	
Rosco Bee, Doddridge Co.		OD	30	20 00	7 55	27 55	4 85
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	32	7 50	40 25	47 75	57 75
Totals	7 Agents		238	435 50	164 35	599 85	386 65
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 6, 1918							
A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh		SD	99	83 55	108 50	192 05	
Geo. Lauger, Erie		OD	35	41 00	2 50	43 50	
G. S. Buttermore, Fayette		OD	66	125 00	9 55	134 55	141 45
Margaret Bateman, Somerset Co.		HM	18	31 00	4 00	35 00	
Myrtle Bateman, Blair		OD	20	16 00	3 10	19 10	148 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		Misc.	8	8 40	7 00	15 40	
A. H. Snyder, Jefferson Co.		BR	10	14 00		14 00	87 00
Ruth Miller, Cambria Co.			34				400 35
A. E. Holst, Indiana		BR	20				250 50
Elsie Tatman, Cambria Co.		OD	18				87 00
Misc.		OD	10				55 00
Totals	10 Agents		338	318 95	134 65	453 60	1169 80
Ohio, One Week Ending September 13, 1918							
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	50	26 50	6 90	33 40	20 00
F. E. Wagner, Akron		OD	57	39 00	2 90	41 90	70 00
Geo. Carter, Morrow Co.		BR	39	66 00	8 25	74 25	
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson		OD	27	13 00	2 55	15 55	52 00
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR	20	27 00	6 25	33 25	14 25
E. Y. Smith, Belvue		OD	10				41 50
John Manuel, New Phila.		BR	8	4 00		4 00	80 35
Geo. Harvey, Cortland		BR					132 50
Totals	8 Agents		211	175 50	26 85	202 35	410 00
New Jersey, Week Ending September 13, 1918							
Allen Boynton Wenonah		OD	26	46 00	8 50	54 50	
Fred Zimmerly Wenonah		OD	65	97 00	16 35	113 35	
Wm. H. Schmidt		OD		60 00		60 00	80 40
Totals	3 Agents		91	203 00	24 85	227 85	80 40

want to miss any numbers. The *Signs* is getting better and better with every succeeding number. Hope we won't lose any numbers by being late in our order."

Another writes: "Will you kindly change the address of my *Signs* weekly club? I am greatly pleased with the *Signs* and wish I could afford a larger club. I use them in connection with our meetings and Bible work."

One more: "I thank the Lord for the *Signs*. It was one of the factors that brought me into the present truth, and I believe it will be a leading agency in the finishing of the work. Am using a number of them each week in my personal soul-winning efforts. Have wished that I could have unlimited means to spend for the dear old *Signs*, so that I might spend the rest of my days carrying them to the people. The *Signs* is the liveliest 'live-wire' we have and I trust will continue its policy and that its circulation rises to undreamed-of heights, so that the secular and religious press may look on and wonder. The *Signs* helped to convert me from the tobacco habit and the money saved I am now using in cultivating the *Signs* habit."

We might multiply evidences that the *Signs* is an effective soul winner; for thousands of persons have been influenced favorably to the truth through this medium. Surely, if there was ever a time in the world's history when we ought to be energetic in acquainting our friends and neighbors with the message, that time is now. The *Signs* is appreciated as never before by those who use it in their missionary endeavors. Remember that "more *Signs* means more souls."

Notice

On October 1 the Special Relatives and Friends List opens. To this list will be sent all the issues of "Present Truth" in print and to be printed, during the remainder of this year—1 to 36. The papers will be mailed weekly, beginning with No. 1 and continuing through the entire series. The price is only 25 cents domestic, and 50 cents foreign.

This series covers all the fundamentals of the prophecies and other Biblical and historical teachings, bearing upon present day conditions. These are presented in their most natural and logical order with the view of rendering them as simple, plain and convincing as possible. The series makes a complete, consecutive, interrelated, forceful, and convincing presentation of the great gospel message for this time. It will be the most economical and effective means of giving the message. At least five persons will read every paper sent out in this way. Is it possible to give this great message in its full force to five people in any other way for 15 cents each? To the subscriptions that

are sent in as late as November 1, the four back numbers may be sent at once and the subscription entered for weekly mailings thereafter.

The Power of the Word

All power in heaven and earth was given to Christ. He bestowed this power upon His Word and pledged it should not return unto Him void. There is, therefore, a far greater power in, "Thus saith the Lord," than in all accumulated words and reasonings of men. The plain and allpowerful Word is the need of the hour. He who delivers the Word is wielding the power of God. No greater, nor more effective work can be done.

Illustrating the power of the Word and its influence upon the minds of men, the following letter recently received by Present Truth is cited:-

"Gentlemen:-

Yesterday, a friend of mine loaned me two copies of the paper you publish, Present Truth, Nos. 15 and 16, The Bible Sabbath, and Who Changed the Sabbath. I read them all through and I was so forcibly impressed with the truth of your statements and claims, I wish to come in closer touch with the subject. I assure you, your papers contain thoughts worth while to a Bible student. If you are still publishing the paper, I wish to subscribe for it; and, if you can furnish back numbers, I would like 10 copies each of No. 15 and 16. I also wish a copy of the eleven books, advertised in your paper, under the title, "The World Crisis Series."

To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion, to be worthy, not respectable and wealthy, not rich, to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly, to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart to hear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions hurry never in a word to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common this is to be my symphony.

William Henry Channing.

As nothing reveals character like the company we like and keep so nothing foretells futurity like the thoughts over which we brood.

Newell Dwight Hillis.

There is only one person in the world to whom we may be severe. There is one who deserves it and on whom we may vent all our severity and that person is our own self. Cardinal Manning.

The noblest thing you ever did, the noblest emotion you ever felt, the deepest and most self sacrificing love ever in your soul, that is your true self still, through all the baser life into which you have fallen.

Phillips Brooks.

"The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display or to gain-seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the Word of truth."
—G. C. p. 488.

Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Tennyson.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day: you shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense.

Emerson.

Flowers are the sweetest things that God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.

Beecher.

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out above everything else are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

Henry Drummond.

We take care of our health, we lay up money we make our roof tight and our clothing sufficient but who provides wisely that we shall not be wanting in the best property of all,—friends?

Emerson.

Be resolutely and faithfully what you are, be humbly what you aspire to be Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity also.

Thoreau.

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Notice

The September issue of Present Truth, No. 33, is a revision of No. 25, A World in Perplexity, but it can be hardly recognized as such. It will, however, impress all as being an appropriate number for circulation at this particular time. It impressively associates the intense present time, in which all are feverishly interested, with the greatest of all events, the second coming of Christ. Without question it contains the burning message for this hour presented in a setting that will attract, interest and convince. It is worthy of the best efforts of our people in its circulation.

Mount Vernon Academy

We were glad to have with us Elder A. G. Daniells on September 18 and 19. On Tuesday evening he gave a stereopticon lecture and on Wednesday evening he delivered a sermon on Col. 2:6. Both of these services were very much appreciated by the Mount Vernon Church.

On the morning of September 18 the chapel was well filled with students for the opening exercise. Elder N. S. Ashton spoke words of welcome, and Elder F. H. Robbins followed with a kind invitation to come to him for spiritual help.

We were favored in having with us Elder A. G. Daniells, who gave the opening address. He used for his text Eccl. 9:10 and made some very stirring and timely remarks.

Miss Maud F. Crump of Green Castle, Mo., a former student of Union College, has been engaged to teach oratory during this school year. We welcome her in our midst.

Professor S. C. Rockwell has come to

M. V. A. as head of the science department to fill the vacancy made by the departure of Professor A. C. Robbins.

Mr. John Holquist of Norwich, Pa., visited the school last week for the purpose of placing his daughter Beatrice here this year.

Our farmer, Mr. Charles French, renders the following encouraging report concerning his products: 119 bushels of tomatoes so far, estimated crop 150 bushels; 35 bushels of carrots; 35 bushels of parsnips; 20 bushels of salsify and 1½ acres of beans.

The old press room has been converted into a room for the sewing department and is well equipped.

A new dryer will soon be installed in the laundry. The dryer is a gift to the academy by Brother U. E. Whiteis of Columbus, Ohio.

Wedding Bells

On Thursday evening, September 12, Mr. Walter A. Ralls of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Miss Lillian Coffman of Hagerstown, Md., were united in marriage at the home of Elder N. S. Ashton, at 7 P. M. The bridal couple left on Friday for Big Wolf Lake near Jackson, Mich., where they spent several days, and on their return stopped at Napoleon, Ohio. We wish them the Lord's blessing in their future life.

Mr. Lloyd E. Christman of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Miss Malena Williams of Elyria, Ohio, were happily united in bonds of matrimony on Saturday evening, September 14, 1918, by Elder R. S. Lindsay of Cleveland, Ohio. As they engage in the Lord's work, we wish them His choicest blessings.

Miss Clara Pettit formerly of Clyde, Ohio, and a graduate of M. V. A., was married to Mr. J. E. Lewis, of Detroit, Mich., on September 4. They are engaged in self-supporting treatment room work in Nashville, Tenn.

OBITUARIES

WRIGHT.—Emma Bane, was born October 25, 1838 and died August 24, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Beebe of Cleveland, Ohio. In childhood she gave her heart to God and was baptized by President Garfield into the Christian Church, when he was a minister and president of Hiram College. She accepted of the Third Angel's Message over fifty years ago under the labors of Elder Wag-

ner. Though an invalid for many years, her long life was spent in devoted service to her Master. The last few weeks of her life she suffered greatly but bore it with patience and Christian fortitude, not fearing death, but feeling submissive to the will of God. For forty-six years she lived at Geneva, Ohio, holding up the light of truth as a living witness for Jesus, the little company of believers meeting in her home for worship. We laid her to rest at Geneva, confident that we shall see her when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first. She leaves to mourn a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Beebe and Mrs. W. C. Rouse, both of Cleveland, Ohio. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Cor. 15:51-52.

R. S. LINDSAY.

WILLIAMS.—Thomas was born about sixty-five years ago in Stewart County, Georgia, and departed this life September 14, 1918. He united in marriage with Miss Margaret Davis November 23, 1888, to which union one child was born. Since 1899 Mr. Williams has lived in and about Cincinnati, Ohio, winning to himself a wide circle of friends. For more than thirty years he was a member of the A. M. E. Church, but since his companion accepted the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, he was very much inclined that way and often talked of and defended its principles. He leaves to mourn his wife, several brothers and sisters, besides many relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Cor. 15: 51-54.

H. A. ROSSIN.

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.

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WANTED.—Experienced woman who is willing to make her home and do general house work in small family. Must give reference and state wages desired in letter. Church privileges and a good home for the right person. Address all letters to the VISITOR, Box 98, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

WANTED.—Office helper, either sex, one who can take dictation and operate the typewriter. References. Address Elder T. B. Westbrook, 659 Thirteenth St., Parkersburg, W. Va.