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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

I. D. Richardson Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

The Erie Institute

Probably the largest, best, and most interesting Colporteurs' Institute that has ever been conducted in the West Pennsylvania Conference has just closed.

The hearty way in which the colporteurs and instructors were received by the Erie Church made every one feel right at home, and every one seemed to enjoy the institute so much. There were about twenty-five colporteurs in attendance from various parts of the conference.

Elder N. Z. Town, Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, spent several days with us. During this time he gave some very interesting talks on the progress of the publishing work throughout the world.

Brethren E. L. Richmond, Superintendent of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and W. B. Walters, Manager of the Washington Branch, spent two days with the institute, giving valuable instruction pertaining to the manufacture and circulation of our literature.

Brother C. V. Leach of the Columbia Union Conference conducted the general instruction, which, I believe was the best I have ever heard. We feel that our colporteurs have been thoroughly instructed.

Brother L. C. Carr, a trained nurse of the Washington Sanitarium, conducted two classes daily in Hydrotherapy, Diseases and their treatments, besides a class in Physical Culture each day. This instruction was highly appreciated both by the colporteurs and the Erie Church.

Sister Hazel Leach, who is the lady assistant of the Columbia Union Conference Publishing Department, took an active part in giving special instruction to our ladies who are entering the work. She is spending a few days helping the West Pennsylvania lady assistant, Mrs E. Blanche Markham, get started in her work.

Those present from the local conference were Brother T. M. Butler, our Field Sec-

retary, and Sister Butler who had charge of the cooking. Elder W. F. Schwartz, pastor of the Erie Church and Superintendent of the Erie District, had everything in readiness with nice, furnished rooms in the homes of Erie church members, and the dining room and kitchen all ready to step in and go to work.

Because of pressing business the fore part of the week, the writer was unable to reach Erie before Tuesday. I believe I never met a more consecrated company of colporteurs in my twenty years' connection with that branch of the work. We bespeak for the West Pennsylvania Tract Society the most prosperous year of its existence.

No doubt but that there are many of our sisters who would like to engage in the Lord's work to sell our good books; if this is your desire, write to T. M. Butler or Mrs. E. B. Markham at Indiana, Pa.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Excerpts from Newspaper Quotations of Elder Weaver's Altoona Sermons

ARMAGEDDON AND THE EASTERN QUESTION

"It is now understood by some and soon it will be known by all, that the balance of power in the last days will not be between Entente and Alliance, but between East and West, the Orient and Occident, with the territory of Turkey, strategic and invaluable, in the middle of the teeter board."

"But the war just closing has by no means answered the Eastern Question; and today, as usual, finds Turkey squatted squarely on the curl of the interrogation mark."

"To kill the Turk, carve his carcass and divide his delicate giblets among the guests at the peace table, a possibility which is entirely within the power of the Versailles assembly, would be one of the most delicate pieces of international surgery ever attempted."

"The Orientals, like shrewd Germans, will at the auspicious time carry the battle to the enemy instead of waiting

to be invaded. They will at least endeavor to meet the white man of the west half way. The only possible place on the earth, geographically, where the great test of strength can come, is in the Turkish dominions. Here nature, precedent, geography and logic have conspired to form an arena in which earth's gladiators may battle to the death."

NOTICE

In the Visitor of March 20, page 2, column 2, under heading "League of Nations in Prophecy," we wish to inform the readers that these were quotations given by Elder H. A. Weaver in his Altoona effort, and were widely circulated in the papers there.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Morgantown Sabbath School Convention

The Sabbath School in Morgantown had been looking forward with much anticipation to Sabbath School Convention Day, and with preparations made, papers carefully written, they gathered in the chapel on the beautiful Sabbath morning of March 23. The sun shone bright and cheerful, and the faces of all expressed the same, bright, cheerful spirit.

The regular session of the Sabbath School was enjoyed by all. A short intermission was taken after which all joined in singing that beautiful song, "Sweet Sabbath School! more dear to me

Than fairest palace dome,
My heart e'er turns with joy to thee
My own dear Sabbath home.

Sabbath home! Sabbath home!
My heart e'er turns with joy to thee
My own dear Sabbath home."

The blessing of the Lord was then sought upon the exercises of the day, and the important work of the Sabbath Schools.

The opening address was given by the

Conference Sabbath School Secretary, Sister Westbrook, placing before the school the importance of the Sabbath School work, its organization, and various departmental features. The duties of the officers, teachers, and members were plainly shown in making the Sabbath School, "The way to heaven."

The chairman, Brother Willard, followed with an interesting paper on the object and purpose of the Sabbath School, that is, the salvation of souls. In the discussion which followed, it was shown that through the influence of the children, and the lessons which they carried home, parents had been led to the Saviour. The importance of the daily study of the lesson was next emphasized as the best means of the well prepared lesson for the Sabbath School. The possibilities of the "Home Department," as the extension of the Sabbath School, were clearly shown in the next paper. Incidents, and examples of the good that may be accomplished, were brought out in the discussions. Much good has already been accomplished by the school in this branch of the work. Sabbath School expenses was a subject that received considerable attention. The best methods of solving this problem were brought out. The paper and discussions on this topic aroused the attention of all.

After luncheon, the afternoon session was opened with song and prayer, after which Sister Westbrook read a paper on the importance of the "Sabbath School Workers' Training Course," as the best means of training members to be workers in the Sabbath School. Five had already ordered the course, one more decided to take it up. All are determined to become efficient workers in this field of service. The loyalty of the Morgantown Sabbath School to the mission fields is shown in their liberality in the Thirteenth Sabbath offerings. Many times has the goal been passed in their desire to see this gospel of the kingdom given to those sitting in darkness. Caste nor color are barriers to the everlasting kingdom. In the previous papers, the various features of the Sabbath School in working order were shown, just as the plans of the architect for the building to be erected. But the building can never be erected without material to work with. This is true of the Sabbath School. The various papers for the children and young people, picture rolls, etc., are necessary for the well equipped and successful Sabbath School.

The question box proved to be a source of deep interest. Many important questions were answered. Suggestions and advice were given, which made clear perplexing questions. In closing, a hearty response was made to the appeal for re-consecration to service in the Sabbath

School work. Many were the words of appreciation spoken, and the, "I am glad I was here," "Come again soon," mingled with the hearty "good byes" extended to the secretary, proved that her work was enjoyed by all.

T. M. THIRWELL.

Fairmont

Knowidg that our faithful believers throughout this conference are glad to hear of the progress of the Third Angel's Message, I am sending in this report of the work in Fairmont. It is now about seven months since we began to labor in this place.

When we came here there were but three sisters living in the city who were keeping the Sabbath.

Our tent effort last summer was well attended and quite a number began the observance of the Sabbath, but just as the effort closed, the "flu" epidemic began to rage, and we were not allowed to hold any meetings with the new believers, and in some cases no Bible studies on account of sickness in their own homes. As a result some of our most promising converts went back to their former beliefs. In November we began a series of Sunday night meetings which are still in progress. Besides this we held a four weeks' series of meetings in a nearby village. Our attendance at most of these meetings has been very good.

We now have a church of twelve members, and fourteen others who are keeping the Sabbath and taking instruction preparatory to baptism. Miss Nell Mead, who has just gone to Charleston to help in the tabernacle meetings, has done excellent work here as a Bible worker, and musical director. Miss Mable Gage is now here doing Bible work, and is getting hold of the hearts of the people in a remarkable way for the short time she has been here. I find both of these sisters to be consecrated, and persevering laborers. Our courage is good, and the future looks bright for Fairmont. We solicit your prayers in our behalf.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

News Notes

A most successful Colporteurs' Institute, which has been in progress in Parkersburg for 10 days, closed Sunday night with many new recruits to enter the vineyard of the Lord.

Elder Westbrook met with the Huntington Church, Sabbath, March 22, and reports a very profitable meeting.

Elder U. D. Pickard reports excellent interest in the meetings which he is holding in Rio, W. Va. He will present the Sabbath question this week, and requests the prayers of the Visitor family.

Don't forget our camp-meeting date June 12 to 22.

Brethren Town and Carr from Washington, and Brother Kirk from New Jersey, attended the Colporteurs' Institute at Parkersburg, and assisted Brother McHenry in the instruction.

Mrs. Westbrook returned from Morgantown, March 23, where an interesting Sabbath School Convention was held the previous Sabbath.

"The Sabbath School Worker" should be in the hands of every teacher and officer in our Sabbath Schools. We sincerely hope that each superintendent will take this in hand and see that this is true in his school. Single copy 1 year 60 cents; two or more copies to one address, each 45 cents. Order through the Home Missionary Secretary of your church.

Sister Murphy, Superintendent of the Cumberland Sabbath School, attended the Morgantown Sabbath School and took part in the discussions.

We have gone over our goal on the Review and Herald subscription by 78 percent. West Virginia leads the world in this phase of our endeavor, for the next highest is 28 percent. Let us reach our goal of 100 percent. Have you sent in your subscription for this valuable paper? Should there be any one who has never seen the Review and Herald, send to the office for sample copies.

Have you seen the latest book, "World Peace in the Light of Prophecy"? This is the question that the people are intensely interested in at this time. These books are selling by the thousands, 128 pages for 25 cents. Those selling them are reporting splendid experiences and large profits. Join the army of the Lord and help in getting the message before the people before it is too late.

God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one place He will not put up with—a second place. He who offers God a second place offers Him no place.—John Ruskin.

The attributes which God prizes most are charity and purity.—Test. Vol. 5, p. 85.

when read by one, pass it on to another.

It speaks of Bolshevism, the Peace Treaties, and the present uprisings in Europe. It shows how God foretold these late developments among the nations of men.

Already thousands of copies are being sold, and I believe that in this conference we will see many come into the truth as the direct work of the efforts put forth by our lay brethren in the field as they scatter this book throughout the country.

D. A. PARSONS.

Convention

The Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Convention held at Harrisburg, March 21-23, was a very profitable meeting. Elder F. W. Paap gave very valuable help, speaking on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, and in the afternoon. Sabbath afternoon he took up the medical Missionary phase and presented some plans that all heartily endorsed. We believe that this part of the Home Missionary work will soon be on a permanent footing. Elder D. A. Parsons also gave very valuable help during the convention, especially the last day, when he took special interest in the discussions of different topics. He also gave a splendid discourse on Bolshevism for the closing meeting Sunday evening, when a large hall, seating several hundred, was filled.

The convention was enjoyed by all. A very pleasant feature was the splendid quartette by Elder Nutter, Ray Smith, M. Hollenbaugh, and Thomas Rahn. Surely the Lord did bless them in their effort.

Sunday afternoon about \$60 worth of literature was sold. The next day following the convention, a number, together with Brother Gauker and Brother Christman, went out in the city and sold quite a little literature. Taking the meeting altogether, the brethren and sisters at Harrisburg felt that the convention was one of the best meetings ever held at their place. The church received new inspiration, and definite plans were laid for all to be placed in working bands where all will have a part.

The young people greatly enjoyed the instruction received in their department from Sister Acton. H. G. GAUKER.

The Spectrum of Love Has Nine Ingredients

PATIENCE

"Love suffereth long." This is the normal attitude of love. Love waiting to begin; not in a hurry; calm, ready to do its work when the summons comes. Love fully understands and therefore waits.

KINDNESS

"And is kind." Did you ever notice how much of the Saviour's life was spent in doing kind things? He spent the greater portion of His time in making people happy.

GENEROSITY

"Love envieth not." Whenever you attempt doing a good work you find other men doing the same kind of work and probably doing it better. Envy them not.

HUMILITY

"Love vaunteth not itself." Forget what you have done. After you have been kind, after love has stolen forth and done its beautiful work, go back into the shade and say nothing about it. Remember love hides even from itself.

COURTESY

"Doth not behave itself unseemly." This is love in society; love in its relation to etiquette. Politeness is love in the little things.

UNSELFISHNESS

"Seeketh not her own." Seeketh not even that which rightfully belongs to her. It is not always hard to give up our rights. The difficult thing is to give up ourselves, and yet that which is the most difficult is to stop seeking position and things for ourselves. After we have sought them, bought them, won them, we have taken the cream off from them. "Seekest thou great things for thyself?" Seek them not. Why? Because there is no greatness in things. Things cannot be great. The only great thing is unselfish love.

GOOD TEMPER

This is the vice of the virtuous. The one blot on an otherwise noble character. No form of vice, nor worldliness, nor greed for gold nor drunkenness itself does more to unchristianize society than an evil temper. Time never changes the man. Christ alone can change the heart.

GUILTESSNESS—SINCERITY

Love thinketh no evil, imputes no motive. Always sees the bright side and puts the best construction on every action. What a delightful state of mind. If we try to influence or elevate others, we shall soon see that our success is in proportion to their belief of our belief in them. Rejoiceth not in this creed or that creed, not in this ism or that, but in the Truth.

The above we have taken from the writings of a well known author. They have not only furnished food for thought, but carefully read, believed and accepted, expands the soul's conceptions and with the poet we now sing

More love to Thee, Oh God
More love to Thee.

May they be a blessing to the readers of the Visitor. LEE SUFFICOL.

PHILADELPHIA COLORED CHURCH

In reading Vol. 5 of the Testimonies on page 285, I find these words: "When the light and love of Jesus illuminates the hearts of His followers, there will be no occasion for urging or begging their money or their service. When they become one with Jesus, and realize that they are not their own, that they are bought with a price, and are, therefore, the Lord's property, and that all they have is simply intrusted to them as His stewards, they will with cheerful heart and unswerving fidelity render to God the things that are His."

This statement we believe with all our hearts to be true to the very letter. You may ask why we have such implicit faith; the answer is: first, because we believe that the statement is the result of inspiration, and second, because we have seen it demonstrated in a most wonderful manner.

On Sabbath morning, March 1, last, we had a pleasant visit from Dr. S. O. Cherry of the Pittsburgh No. 2 Church. At the close of the discourse Dr. Cherry was given opportunity to speak to those present, who numbered 120. In his remarks he described the experiences of the Pittsburgh colored congregation in gathering funds to build a church. In our meeting place we do not have the conveniences we would if we had a building of our own. Dr. Cherry, seeing these conditions, felt burdened for our people. Somehow he felt that the time had come to place before the members a proposition for the commencement of a fund to purchase, or build, a church. In simple, yet forceful language, he laid before them a plan by which funds could be raised that would go far to getting us quartered in a substantial meeting place. The Spirit of God was present. The interest was keen. After speaking for a short time, he asked that those who were anxious to see the church occupying a building of their own and were willing to help with their means, to stand and give a concrete expression by pledging to pay a certain amount within the next six months. You may be surprised to learn,—we were—that in about twenty minutes after the first call for funds was made there was subscribed exactly \$1,048; nor is this all. A number have since come to us and expressed themselves as willing to help

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens reports a splendid interest in the work in Dover, Del., and a good attendance at the first meeting, although the evening was a very disagreeable one.

Elder Leslie Muntz, who has been holding a series of meetings in Dover, Del., says they have just closed the hall effort with five or six keeping the Sabbath, and others are very much interested and they are planning to organize a church of colored believers there in the near future. Elder Muntz is expecting to continue the work in Dover for some time yet, and then desires to go into the southern part of the state, as they are having such urgent calls for help.

Brother Atkinson reports a continued interest in the colored work in Wilmington, and the brethren and sisters there are working hard to get more money for larger and more commodious quarters.

Elder Booth held two meetings in Wilmington on Sunday, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The interest there continues, although the opposing element is hard at work.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church is still actively engaged in missionary work. Five of the members went to Annapolis on Tuesday, March 25, and after working for only a few hours, came back with \$30.

Very recently we ordered for this church another thousand of the Harvest Ingathering papers, and received this reply from the Southern Publishing Association: "We do not have these at this office, but have just learned that the Western Oregon Missionary Society has a supply they would like to dispose of, so we are forwarding your order to them for attention."

We trust none of our churches will allow any of these good papers to lie on the shelves, for the people are just as much interested in them now as they were last fall. And the needs are just as great.

Elder A. S. Booth spent last Sabbath with the church in Martinsburg.

Brother Pettibone spent the Sabbath with the church at Cambridge.

The Colporteurs' Institute will convene Thursday evening of this week. Brother Siler came to the office to complete arrangements for it. This will undoubtedly be the largest meeting of the kind this conference has ever known. We expect great things in the canvassing work this summer.

Brother M. S. Pettibone came to the office to attend the committee meeting called for Wednesday, March 26. Plans for the summer's work will be laid at this meeting. We are looking forward to having a goodly number of tents in the field this summer.

A good work is being done in Hagerstown, and Brother Siler reports five or six ready for baptism and others in the valley of decision.

We are sorry to have to report the death of Brother Robert Craig of Blythedale Church. He was one of the charter members of the church there.

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton
W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

News Notes

Elder W. H. Heckman spent the weekend in the northern part of the state, holding very interesting meetings in the Hackensack and Paterson German Churches.

We were greatly surprised at the office Monday, to have Professor Kern stop in for a short call as he passed through Trenton. We caught a renewed spirit of courage and progress from contact again with this active Young People's worker.

You cannot afford longer to hold up your order for Sabbath School quarterlies. "Fundamentals of the Christian Life" is the study next quarter, one of the best series of lessons appearing recently, what we most need. Order at once.

The churches in Trenton and Camden were favored last Sabbath by having with them a very active enthusiastic worker from Washington. Professor Sorenson of the Washington College spoke in these churches, and the meetings were well attended and greatly appreciated.

Brother H. F. Kirk was recently attending the Colporteurs' Institute held in Erie, Pa., and is this week taking charge of the institute being held in Parkersburg, West Va.

Because of the prolonged illness of Elder Bernstein, the Sunday night meetings in Jersey City have for the three weeks past been in charge of the conference president. Last Sunday evening, the subject was "The Sabbath;" next week it will be "The Change of the Sabbath." Good attendance is reported.

All the wide-awake churches within reasonable distance of Paterson, will be much interested to know that a triple convention will be held in that city, April 5 and 6, representing the Sabbath School, Home Missionary, and Young People's departments. The meetings will be held in the German Church, corner Eighth and Temple Streets. There will be a large attendance without you, but come just the same.

Our Junior Missionary Volunteers will be anxious to receive the new Junior M. V. button which sells for 5 cents each, and obtainable from your conference secretary. Also ask for the new Honan Mission device for the Juniors.

The home missionary work in Jersey City received a new impetus Sabbath and Sunday, when the No. 1 and No. 2 churches were visited by Brother Clark.

The Conference Sabbath School Secretary has been spending a few days with the people in Dover and Morristown, and brings back reports of good work in both these cities. The Sabbath School in the latter place is growing, and our people in Morristown can justly expect that this work will continue to go forward. Our faith is supported by the power of God.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Our New Book

Our new book, "World Peace in the Light of Bible Prophecy," is certainly a soul-stirring publication. It contains the Third Angel's Message. Our neighbors who read this work will be stirred as never before with the realization that the end of time is at hand and that God is calling His people to swing in line with His divine government, obey His law, keep His Sabbath, and prepare for the kingdom of heaven.

To my mind it is by far the most pointed, stirring work of the whole series of small books that we have recently printed. I believe that every home in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference ought to have four or five of these books to loan out among the neighbors, and

us procure a church of our own, and to our surprise, some of these were not professing the Advent Message.

The Philadelphia Colored Church has had a wonderful year. God has blessed them with health and prosperity. There has also been a steady growth in membership as well as spiritually. Our tithes were over \$1,500, and the offerings amounted to about \$1,000. They subscribed to 100 copies of the "Signs of the Times" for one year, and also took a large subscription to the Yiddish Magazine.

In all our seventeen months' labors with these dear people, Mrs. Oswald and I find them loyal and true to the Third Angel's Message, which they love as well as us. Truly they fulfill the above quotation from volume 5.

Our labors in this field will soon be ended. Elder Parsons had word that very soon a strong colored minister will be in charge of the work to take up the burden where we lay it down. He will find the work thoroughly organized and built on a solid foundation, with a congregation of loyal members that will uphold his hands even as they did ours.

JULIUS C. OSWALD.

News Notes

Sabbath, March 22, Brethren H. M. S. Richards and J. L. Schultz, who are attending the Washington Missionary College, visited Philadelphia. Brother Richards spoke at the West Church, and Brother Schultz at the North Side. Both meetings were very much appreciated by those present.

Another colporteur has joined our ranks and has been placed by Brother Reichenbaugh in Montrose County. He is Brother E. N. Lockwood. Brother Lockwood has been working with the Sun Shipbuilding Company until he recently felt the call of the Lord to enter the book work.

One of our active sisters in the Harrisburg Church recently placed a subscription for "Present Truth" to be sent to a neighbor. The paper started its visits and a little later an interest was created in the home. It has increased, and now the man is taking the papers to the sister who sent the subscription that she might know of the good things it contains, he not knowing that she was the cause of his getting the good news. This sister is rejoicing to see the fruits of her labors in this way and feels greatly encouraged.

"Present Truth" seems to be stirring the hearts of people and our members are planning systematic work throughout the conference.

Do you need a new Bible? If so, you can obtain one from the tract society at a reasonable price. Bibles have advanced in price within the past year, but we allow a discount to our members. Send to the office for a catalog.

The announcement of two new books has been received at the tract society recently. They are both adapted to our young people, and are also of great interest to adults.

"On the Trail of Livingston" is one, written by Brother W. H. Anderson who has spent a number of years in Mission work in Africa. The other is "Fruit from the Jungle," by Brother M. D. Wood. These little books are brim full of wonderful mission experiences. Send all orders to the tract society or through your church missionary secretary.

OHIO

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

Women Colporteurs

Our people throughout the conference will without doubt be pleased to learn of the recent steps taken to help our sisters to do a more definite work along colporteur lines. It has been recommended that they be organized for a more specific work and since I have been called to help in this enterprise, have accepted the Field Agency of the Ladies' Department of the Colporteur Work in the state, and will be glad to communicate with any who are interested along this line. Both the Bible and the Testimonies are very clear in pointing out a work to be done by all true commandment-keepers. We have indeed reached a time when all must rally to the work.

"All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with all who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation." Vol. 6 p. 433. "Women may take their places in the work at this crisis and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power which will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come closer to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach.

Their labor is needed." Vol. 6. p. 117. "Church members have not done a hundredth part of that which God requires of them." Vol. 6, p. 425.

In the colporteur work there are many opportunities of finding those who are in dire need of the help our sisters can give. Time is short, and the eleventh hour call is applicable to this time as spoken by Jesus: "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, 'Why stand ye here all the day idle?' They say unto Him, 'Because no man hath hired us.' He saith unto them, 'Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.'" Matt. 20: 6, 7.

My dear sisters, will you not consider the Master's loving call to service? Let us take our place in scattering the truth-filled pages like the leaves of autumn and determine that the world and the enemies of Christ shall have none of the talents that belong to God. If the words of the Master as recorded in Matt. 9:37, 38, were true in his day, how much more do they apply to our time: "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Let us heed the Master's injunction and work and pray to this end.

HELEN GREUNKE,
2142 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

Columbus

I am glad to report that the work in Columbus is prospering. The church has been divided into working bands, with leaders, according to the plan of the Home Missionary Department. We find that many are willing to do their part, and most of the bands are at work. Enthusiasm is already aroused in the members, as the truth is being carried from door to door in a systematic way.

Our Sunday evening meetings are being well attended. Elder Ulrich is presenting the message for the hour, in a convincing manner, by word and stereopticon views. We Bible workers are holding readings with some whose interest has been awakened by these lectures. We are also finding new ones who are anxious to know more, and so have our hands full.

On Sabbath, March 8, six earnest souls were buried in baptism by Elder Ulrich, and arose to walk in newness of life, and to do their part in the closing work. We expect to have a similar occasion in the near future.

We thank the Lord for our courage in His promises, and for the bright prospects for the work in Columbus.

M. HORTENSE HOWELL.

News Notes

We have just secured a shipment of "Outline Studies from the Testimonies" by Clifton L. Taylor. This is a valuable little work and contains 220 pages and retails at \$1 post paid. Send your orders at once to Ohio Tract Society.

Have you secured your Sabbath School Training Course books? If you haven't, it is not too late. Order your books today and start in on the course as outlined in the "Sabbath School Worker."

Brother E. R. Numbers has just moved his family to Academia. We are glad to have them in our midst.

Elder Robbins visited Canton last Monday, and with the elder of the church, Brother Wilcox, looked at a number of lots with the view of selecting a suitable location for a church. The Presbyterian Church in Canton are going to sell their old building and build a larger one. Our people have made them the offer of \$400 for their old building and we think that they will let us have it at that figure. It would have to be moved to another lot, but would make us an excellent building and much cheaper than we could buy lumber and build a new one. The building is 40 by 60 feet in size, has a good slate roof, foundation, wall, floors, windows and doors, the windows being colored glass and probably could not be duplicated under \$400 or \$500. This is an excellent opportunity for our Canton people to get a church building, and we hope that nothing will prevent the working out of this plan.

Elder Marietta, assisted by Brother Barritt, has started a two weeks' effort in Hamilton. The house is crowded and the interest is good. To show that there is no opposition from the ministerial association we might mention that the Ministerial Association of Hamilton have asked Brother Barritt to lead the music during the first week of their noon day prayer sessions which continue until easter.

At the last Executive Committee meeting of the Ohio Conference it was voted that a workers' meeting be held at Mount Vernon at the close of school, the ministers bringing their wives as before. The date of this meeting will be May 21 and 22. It will be necessary for the workers to arrive in Mount Vernon on the evening of the 20th, as the first meeting will be held early Wednesday morning the 21st.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
Virginia, Week Ending March 21, 1919									
R. E. Pleasants, Rockbridge Co.		OD	5	35	83	250 50	6 90	257 40	
E. L. Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		OD	9	81	123	346 50		346 50	
Elizabeth White, Roanoke Co.		OD	5	32	61	178 00		178 00	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	4	27	37	150 00		150 00	
F. C. Butler, Hanover Co.		OD	5	38	48	134 00		134 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Washington Co.		OD	4	29	32	86 00	65	86 65	
R. N. Vandergrift, Washington Co.		OD	5	42	30	80 00		80 00	
J. V. Faison, Page Co.		OD	5	32	24	64 00		64 00	
Andrew Wolters, Norfolk Co.		GC	3	14	12	48 00	3 00	51 00	22 85
J. P. Spaulding, Rockingham Co.		BR	3	15	11	46 00		46 00	
Robert McGhee, Roanoke Co.		OD	1	3	2	5 00		5 00	
E. Wilkins, Brunswick Co.		OD	1						37 50
Totals	12 Agents		50	348	463	1387 00	10 55	1397 55	60 35
New Jersey, Week Ending March 21, 1919									
George Blinn, Hightstown		BR	8	65	45	200 00	4 00	204 00	80 00
Allen Boynton Jr., Bound Brook		BR	5	21	15	70 00	10 25	80 25	
Julia W. Jensen, Passaic Co.		BR	5	33	9	36 00	5 00	41 00	29 00
Esther M. Lull, Berlin			3	27			4 80		4 80
Julius Matson, Burlington Co.		BR	3	16	3	12 00	3 25	15 25	73 25
C. L. Moore, Plainfield		BR	4	20	12	57 00	5 00	62 00	37 00
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth			4	20		55 50		55 50	27 00
Wm. Vahrenkamp, Warren Co.		BR	3	9	3	22 00		22 00	
Fred Zimmerly, Plainfield		BR	2	14	6	26 00	1 25	27 25	88 00
A Brother		BR	2	8	3	12 00		12 00	
Totals	10 Agents		84	233	96	490 50	33 55	519 25	339 05
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 21, 1919									
Arthur Hill, Fleetwood		OD	5	40	40	106 00		106 00	
Wm. Achenbach, Berks Co.		BR	5	30	12	60 00	1 25	61 25	11 25
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	47	13	54 00	25	54 25	40 25
Wm. H. Frizzell, Berks Co.		BR	4	29	9	43 00		43 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	5	34	9	37 00	5 25	42 25	20 00
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	38	9	41 00	50	41 50	36 50
Herbert Taylor, Chester Co.		BR	4	32	7	35 00		35 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	32	2	10 00	23 00	33 00	39 00
D. L. Leshar, Berks Co.		BR	4	22	6	26 00		26 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	5	17	2	10 00	20 13	30 13	48 13
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	3	30	6	15 00	3 80	18 80	
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia		BR			5	20 00		20 00	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		OD	3	12			6 00	6 00	9 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.									6 00
Totals	14 Agents		53	370	120	457 00	60 18	517 18	210 38
Ohio, One Week Ending March 21, 1919									
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	4	30	7	34 00	7 05	41 05	7 65
Fred Hannah, Wooster Co.		OD	7	60	22	60 50	8 10	68 60	2 75
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	6	41	2	12 00	16 85	28 85	23 25
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.		OD	7	37	10	26 00	2 55	28 55	29 35
Glenn Pinnicks, Zanesville		BR	2	16	4	13 00		13 00	4 85
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	6	24	14	38 50	8 45	46 95	84 25
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		OD	3	24	8	24 00	8 90	32 00	60 50
W. C. Starkey, Akron		BR	1	10	1	6 00		6 00	80 00
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	5	25	13	32 50	2 20	34 70	8 00
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		BR	5	32	5	22 00	50	22 50	119 50
Mrs. Chas. Carter, Bowling Green		OD	3	20	3	7 50	12 55	20 05	10 00
Totals	12 Agents		49	319	89	276 00	66 25	342 25	430 16
Chesapeake, Week Ending March 21, 1919									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	5	39	24	106 00	15 75	121 75	12 20
O. C. Weller, Charles Town, W. Va.		BR	1	10					232 33
W. E. Strother, Martinsburg W. Va.		OD	4	28	22	59 00	4 25	63 25	8 25
W. E. Barner, Jefferson Co., Md.		OD	2	12	7	17 50		17 50	
Lillian Robinson, Baltimore, Md.			4	15		50 00		50 00	50 00
Totals	5 Agents		16	104	53	232 50	20 00	252 50	302 58

West Virginia, Week Ending March 14, 1919

C. E. Will, Fayette Co.	OD	4	32	3	7	50	12	35	20	35	14	70	
Frank Bentz, Charleston	GC	3	13	4	16	00	6	80	22	80	8	25	
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.	OD	4	32	4	10	00	29	75	39	75	17	55	
Roscoe Bee, Gilmer Co.	OD	4	30	14	37	00	6	10	43	10	31	70	
W. A. McElphatrick, Taylor Co.	OD	5	36	26	69	00	9	00	78	00		25	
I. Lawrence, Allegheny Co.	BR	3	22	9	45	00			45	00	147	00	
Totals	6 Agents		23	166	60	184	50	64	50	249	00	219	45
Grand Totals	59 Agents					3027	50				1561	91	

IT BRING RESULTS.

There are opportunities within the reach of all for bringing the Third Angel's Message to the attention of relatives, friends, and interested persons, through the medium of missionary correspondence. You may not be able to write frequently, but you can keep the SIGNS OF THE TIMES going regularly and as you do write, incidentally mention events of other points, and call attention to a current article in the paper. Many of our people have followed this plan for years, and in this way hundreds, yes hundreds have been won to the truth.

A letter from a lady in Kansas was received at the SIGNS office in February, telling how one of our sisters had sent her the SIGNS for six months. Then she added: "I subscribed for it myself, and paid for the paper to go to several others, one of whom is my sister. She has become a Sabbath keeper. I have also become one since reading this grand little messenger, the SIGNS OF THE TIMES." Two women won, you see, through a little correspondence effort, a splendid method of service that is open to all of us. These women will, in turn, reach out for others. At least one of them has already started to do so, you noticed, by sending in "several other subscriptions" for relatives and friends. Thus the ever-widening and soul-winning work of the SIGNS goes on and on.

A little suggestion regarding this missionary correspondence work: Keep the confidence of those with whom you work this way. Pray much, and as the way opens for writing briefly about points of truth, be sweet-spirited and helpful. A new leaflet on "Missionary Correspondence With the Signs of the Times" will give you some ideas and suggestions on this effective method of reaching men and women, and the leaflet is yours for the asking. Request your missionary secretary to get one for you from the tract society office.

"God must guide in the little things, if He rule at all in the affairs of life."

"Send me anywhere only go with me; lay any burden upon me, only sustain me; sever any tie except the one that binds me to thy service and to thy heart."

"It is the truth which is assailed in any age that tests our fidelity."

God had only one Son and He was a missionary.—Livingstone.

SPECIAL

Coming--Be Prepared

One afternoon a young girl sat at the piano singing. "Sing it again," her vocal teacher commanded when she had finished, "you do not sing it properly." Though weary the girl tried again and again. Still the teacher was not satisfied. "That is not as it should be," he said impatiently. "I doubt if you will ever make a singer."

But the girl was undaunted and she worked harder than ever. She practiced the next day, and the day after that, and the day after that, week in and week out, month after month, year after year. "One day she stood before five thousand men and women, and she sang till she seemed to take them out of themselves, and to carry them up in the clouds of enchantment, over seas of melody, into an ecstasy of delight, until the people wept from the excess of their emotions."

And what was the secret of Lillian Nordica's marvelous success in her chosen field of endeavor? It was perseverance—the steadiness of purpose that overcomes all obstacles.

"Who first consult wisely, then resolve firmly, and then execute with inflexible perseverance—such men can advance to any eminence in life."

There were no doubt hundreds of young people who firmly resolved at the beginning of the year to become members of Attainment. How many are executing this resolve with "inflexible perseverance?" To pass the Standard of Attainment test creditably is a task beset with some difficulties. It requires earnest study, time, faithfulness; but the things best worth achieving are always surrounded with difficulty. And very often the difficulty measures the worth.

Do not be defeated in your determination to reach the "mark of proficiency" this spring. Perseverance will win—that perseverance which says to the grindstone, "You are hard; but I am harder, and will wear you away."

There are several weeks remaining before the May examinations. If you improve them there is no reason why you should not be well prepared for these tests. They will be based on the Standard of Attainment manual, no question being asked that cannot be well answered by those who have made reasonable preparation and have studied in harmony with the outlines furnished in the manual. Isn't this encouraging? Isn't it definite? Doesn't it simplify matters?

As young people all over the land bend studiously over the Standard of Attainment examination next May, some of them will say: "What a difficult examination this is!" Most of these will be the ones who did not prepare for the test. Then there will be another class who will say cheerily as they write out their answers without hesitation, "How easy the questions are this year!" Those who availed themselves of the help furnished by the Standard of Attainment Manual will be among this number. The book may be obtained at all tract societies, price 50 cents.

The examination day is coming. Persevere and be prepared for it!

ELLA IDEN.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Mrs. H. W. Chilson and her two children of Washington, D. C., are visiting friends in Academia.

Miss Hazel Wooley was called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Mr. E. F. Hackman led the Friday even prayer meeting on March 21.

The Bible Workers' and Ministerial Bands rendered a very interesting program in young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon, March 22.

The dormitory boys gave the girls a reception Saturday night, March 22. Their program and refreshments were very good and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith are the proud parents of a little son. Mrs. Chloe Miller, the mother of Mrs. Smith, has been visiting there.

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Washington Missionary College

A domestic science class has recently been organized under the direction of Dr. Lauretta Kress. This class meets every Wednesday evening in the new domestic science room in the basement of Columbia Hall.

Last week, March 23-29, was the spring Week of Prayer at the college. Classes have been changed from one hour in length to forty-five minutes. At nine o'clock every morning the prayer bands, which have recently been organized, met for special prayer.

The students employed in the College Press spent last Wednesday afternoon at the Government Printing Office in Washington. Professor B. B. Smith arranged for a guide to show them through and explain the use of the different machines.

Mr. Schultz and Mr. Richards went to Philadelphia last week to conduct the Sabbath services.

The president's office in Columbia Hall has recently been finished, and Professor Machlan may now be found there instead of in College Hall, as in the past.

OBITUARIES

ROGERS.—Sadie Lucille, daughter of Duff and Mary Rogers, was born May 5, 1904, and died February 18, aged 14 years, 7 months, and 13 days. She leaves to mourn their loss a father and mother, besides many other relatives.

Dearest Sadie thou hast left us.
 Left us all in sad despair.
 We know not why God hath bereft us,
 Taken from us one so fair.

Passed away from earth forever.
 Free from all it's cares and fears.
 She again will join us never
 While we tread this vale of tears.

For the turf is now thy pillow,
 And she sleeps among the dead;
 While the cypress and the willow
 Wave above her lowly bed.

Now bending o'er thee sadly we weep,
 While o'er our gladness shadows creep.
 Dark, chilling shadows, bringing a gloom
 Telling of dear ones gone to the tomb.

Guarding thy slumbers cypress shall wave,
 Mournful and silent, over thy grave,
 Angels their vigils watchful shall keep,
 Waiting thy blissful waking from sleep.

Ah, we must leave thee, silent in death.
 Fond hopes have vanished, flown with thy
 breath.

Joy turns to sadness, life seems but pain.
 Oh, shall we ever meet thee again?

Yes, we shall meet thee on heaven's shore,
 Where death and partings come never-
 more.

There will our Saviour dry every tear.
 Sorrowful mourner, be of good cheer.
 GRACE FLORINE PAINTER.

ROGERS.—Gilbert Stewart, little son of Duff and Mary Rogers, born April 10, 1912, and died February 8, 1919, aged 6 years, 9 months and 28 days. He was sick only a short time with influenza. Elder A. J. Painter conducted a short service and he was laid to rest in the S. D. A. cemetery in Stanley, Va.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber.
 Peaceful in thy grave so low.
 Thou no more wilt join our number
 Thou no more our songs shall know.
 Round the silent grave we linger,
 Till the setting sun is low.
 Feeling all our hopes have perished
 With the one we cherished.

GRACE PAINTER.

DURHAM.—Millie was born March 10, 1894, in Kent County, Delaware, and lived in this state all her life. She died March 9, 1919, aged twenty-five years less one day. Sister Durham with her husband George Durham, accepted present truth under the labors of Elder G. P. Rodgers in an effort held at Cheswold, Del., in 1916. She was a great help to the church and was true to the faith until her death. She leaves to mourn a husband, one daughter, a father,

two sisters and five brothers. The writer spoke to a large congregation on the subject of the state of the dead. A beautiful and appropriate solo was rendered at the funeral by Sister E. V. Manners of Hampton, Va.
 LESLIE MUNTZ.

BRENNER.—Tobias K., born June 14, 1846, died February 10, 1919, age, 73 years. He leaves a wife, three sons, and five daughters.
 G. MEDAIRY.

BLAKELEY.—Mary Edna, born June 22, 1887, died February 17, 1919, aged 31 years. She leaves to mourn, her husband, one son, her father, mother, one sister and three brothers.
 G. MEDAIRY.

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