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## UNION

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### Home Missionary and Young People's Convention

An interesting and profitable convention was held in the church at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 21-23. It was the first of a series of like meetings which Brother Gauker, the Home Missionary Secretary, plans to hold in the churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference during the spring months.

Both Sabbath and Sunday were given to solid convention work, in which practically every phase of the Home Missionary work was studied in its relation to the local church. Some excellent papers were read by members of the Harrisburg and neighboring churches, and in the discussions many points were emphasized in a practical setting. In every possible way the limitless possibilities of this Home Missionary work were unfolded to our people, and a good foundation was laid for this church upon which a strong missionary movement can be built in time to come.

The field-day experience proved to be an interesting feature of the work of the convention. Monday morning, at an appointed hour and place, a goodly number of the members of the church, including several young people, gathered to plan for the work of the day. Several hours were spent visiting the homes of the people with magazines and small books. The people responded heartily, and all who went out felt that the time had been well spent. The experiences of this day helped to stabilize the work which had been done during the course of the convention.

Elder F. W. Paap, the Medical Secretary of the Union, was present at the convention. His help was especially helpful in that he outlined in his discussions the part that the Medical Missionary work should play in this home missionary movement in the churches. We look forward to the time when our people will be able to administer simple relief to the sick and

the suffering as they engage in missionary work around their own homes.

Those in attendance at the convention from the field were, Elder Paap, Medical Secretary of the Union; Elder Parsons, President of the Conference; Miss Bessie Acton, Young People's Secretary; Brother H. G. Gauker, the Home Missionary Secretary; and the writer. Several members from both the Carlisle and Lebanon Churches were also present, and took an active part in the meetings of the convention.

The meeting gave an added inspiration to our people in that church, and we confidently look forward to greater effort with correspondingly greater results in its missionary activities in the future.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

### Colporteurs' Institute

At Parkersburg, W. Va., we have just closed what we believe to be the most profitable Colporteurs' Institute ever held in this conference. Elder Westbrook's sermons on consecration at the very beginning brought in an excellent spirit which prevailed throughout the entire session.

We were favored by having with us for the first two days Elder N. Z. Town. His good talks were appreciated by all. Altogether there were 23 of us present, and a very deep interest was manifested by every one. Brother Kirk from the New Jersey Conference was with us from start to finish, and gave an excellent line of instruction which was appreciated by every worker, and especially by those who were attending their first institute. Brother Carr gave us good practical instruction on medical lines, which we are sure will prove a real help to us, as we endeavor to work in full harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy.

We were glad to have Brethren Richmond and Walters with us for the last two days of the feast. Brother Richmond's talk with reference to the manufacture of books, showing the various steps

through which a book passes from start to finish was very interesting. All were encouraged as Brother Walter told us of their methods of work and their endeavors to cooperate with us in our work in the field.

Nearly all present set their goal for 40 hours per week, with sales ranging from \$50 to \$150 per week. The prospects for reaching our goal of \$45,000 is very bright indeed. On the last day (Sabbath) we had a symposium in which many good experiences were related, showing how the hand of God has been leading in this work. Now as these workers have separated and gone to their different fields of labor, we would ask that they be remembered at the throne of grace. Any one who feels that he should be in this work is invited to correspond with the writer, at 821 Jeanette St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

JOHN MCHENRY.

### Clarksburg Convention

The Sabbath School Convention held at Clarksburg on March 29 was a complete success. The convention opened immediately after Sabbath School and continued the rest of the day, with a short intermission, which was spent in partaking of a delicious basket lunch. A number of interesting papers were prepared which contained much valuable instruction on different phases of the work. Mrs. T. B. Westbrook opened the convention with an earnest talk on the need of cooperating with the leaders and all those in authority in this movement in order that the work may not be hindered, and so delay the coming of the Master.

In order to raise money for Sabbath School expenses, the plan was adopted of having each teacher pass a small envelope around the class just after the regular collection was taken, and each member of the class is expected to donate two cents. Eighty-eight cents were obtained in this way on convention day. Many other plans were laid to strengthen the work in this place. One of the most interesting things that took place was four of the children standing up and repeating from memory the different Bible stories contained in "The Little Friend." The thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to

\$27.36. This was sufficient to land our missionary and his donkey safely on the other side of the ocean, a fact which made glad the hearts of all present.

Mrs. Earl A. DuBois.

### News Notes

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook motored from Charlestown to Parkersburg one day last week.

Elder Westbrook delivered two lectures in the Orpheum Theatre at Huntington, Sunday, March 30. The attendance and interest were excellent at both services.

Brother McHenry is in the southern part of the conference, assisting some of the new colporteurs in their work.

G. W. Ellers is now in Fairmont, assisting Elder Westcott in the theatre meetings.

Mrs. Westbrook returned from Clarksburg Saturday evening and reports an excellent Sabbath School Convention.

Twenty family tents, two large field tents, and eight hundred new chairs have been ordered to add to our equipment for camp-meeting, which convenes June 12-22.

An Educational and Young People's Convention will be held in Cumberland, Md., April 12. Professor Werline of Takoma Park will be present. This will be an all day meeting, so let each one bring his lunch.

The last Sabbath of the Colporteurs' Institute quarterly meeting was held in the Parkersburg Church. Elder Westbrook was present and it was a day enjoyed by all, as the colporteurs seldom have the opportunity of meeting with the churches on these quarterly occasions.

William A. Galloway, one of our colporteurs, reports that five are keeping the Sabbath and several others are interested in the truth at Princeton, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Westbrook, who have been at the home of their son, Elder Westbrook, for over a year, returned to their home in Elmira, New York, last week.

"And ye, who cannot go, O help with the wondrous weapon, prayer; While ye uplift your hands at home, the cross shall triumph there."

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

### Clearfield

We are glad to report the blessings of God on the work in our new field of labor. Our Tuesday and Sunday night meetings are well attended, and the attendance is increasing all the time. An undertaker near by kindly consented to let us have chairs to place in the aisles, that we might accommodate the people. The Lord has also provided for us in a little town two miles from Clearfield, where we will hold meetings every Wednesday night, a nice brick school house, equipped for such use. Our little company of believers here are of good courage. We are planning a strong campaign in our Home Missionary work. We are waiting patiently for our "Signs of the Times," and planning for each one to take one or two blocks, and the first Sunday of each month go from door to door with the Signs Magazine, and each Sunday morning in the middle of the month, with "Present Truth." We believe that this will bring results.

Truly, if there ever was a time when God's people should be coupling their prayers, faith, and works together, it is now. The golden and precious opportunity which is open to us today will soon be hedged about with difficulties.

I said a moment ago that we were waiting for our papers, but we are not idly waiting for them. We are raking all the old cupboards and shelves, and bringing out the precious pages of truth that are covered with the dust of age, brushing them off, and going out among our neighbors, and and inviting them to the meetings. We believe the personal touch is the most effective advertisement, and we are seeing grand results. We solicit your prayers.

G. W. LAWRENCE.

### Excerpts from Newspaper Quotations of Elder Weaver's Altoona Sermons

THE MILLENIUM, OR A THOUSAND YEARS IN NO MAN'S LAND

"It was the purpose of God in the beginning to maintain the Edenic purity and peace of the earth which He had created for man, but the devil figured that he himself could conduct affairs along better lines. So he started in with the world as God left it in Eden, and he has been advancing toward his ideal ever since. . . . The net results are that the devil gets a thousand years of desolation, while God will have secured by redemp-

tion the family which He attempted to bring into existence by creation."

"Genesis one describes the desolate earth before creation, and Jeremiah four, twenty-three to twenty-seven, draws a picture of the same earth seven thousand years later, after the great controversy between Christ and Satan has been permitted to run its course."

"Some people are looking forward to the near future as being a time of peace and international tranquillity, wherein there shall be no more war, and the people of the world are gradually to undergo an evolutionary change for the better until radical amity shall prevail universally. But so far from this being the reliable forecast, I point you to the predictions of God's word, which form a perfect antithesis to this view."

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### News Notes

Miss Bessie Acton is spending a few days at her home in Ohio. It has been over a year since Sister Acton has visited her relatives and is now enjoying her visit.

Brother Gauker, the Home Missionary Secretary of the conference, is receiving reports from some of the churches, telling of their organizing for missionary purposes. The Reading, Harrisburg and the North Philadelphia Churches have reported thus far. Reports from other churches have not yet been received.

Many of the churches in Eastern Pennsylvania took advantage of the special free offer of the distribution of Present Truth No. 38 that was recently sent out by the publishers. We appreciate the promptness of our missionary secretaries in this work and the other lines they are promoting.

Elder Parsons is endeavoring to purchase a large meeting tent. We have not heard as yet what success he has had, but will announce later.

Not long ago, one of our church members in Stroudsburg was called to care for a lady who was seriously ill. It was soon learned that there was no hope of her recovery, so her nurse put forth every effort to win her for Christ. The Junior Volunteers, learning of the case, were eager to do their part, and flowers soon found their way into the sick room. The heart of the sufferer was so touched by the thoughtful interest shown, that

she longed to become better acquainted with their Master. She died rejoicing in the truth.

The Harrisburg Missionary Volunteers are eager and active in their work of carrying the truth to others. One of the girls had a club of five regular readers of the "Watchman" whom she supplied every month during 1918. This year the number has doubled. Others are visiting the hospital each week and distributing from thirty to thirty-five papers. Besides these efforts, several are selling our magazines and small books. The Present Truth series are also being used, with splendid results, as people are beginning to inquire more fully concerning the Third Angel's Message.

## OHIO

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

### Mansfield

Sabbath, March 29, in company with Elder H. H. Burkholder, I visited the Mansfield Church. We found an interested audience who readily responded to our call for workers.

Miss Maud Belmont, the local worker, and Brother J. L. Shearn, the deacon, are doing all they can to build up the work in this city. We found Brother Shearn and his wife are doing a prosperous business and coming in contact with many men and women in their treatment rooms who would doubtless not learn of the truth otherwise. They say that they find it necessary nearly every week to preach a practical sermon on Sabbathkeeping as they close their place of business on Friday afternoon. Brother Shearn is planning to start some of the young people in the magazine work by furnishing them with the first supply.

Though the church in Mansfield is not large, they arranged while we were with them to visit 300 homes each week with the Present Truth and in a few minutes raised enough to purchase the first month's supply. They are also planning to organize into bands for systematic work. Sister Belmont, as the conference worker in the place, feels a special burden in this respect as every conference worker should feel.

It was indeed a pleasure for me to be once more associated with Elder Burkholder under whose administration as president of the Ohio Conference I had received my first training in conference work.  
E. R. NUMBERS.

### Colored Work in Cleveland

A four-week public effort was held by the colored church from January 26 to

February 23 of this year. Throughout the meetings there was excellent attendance and at times the church was over crowded.

Thousands of Present Truth and a quantity of magazines and small books were distributed by the faithful church members who labored hard for the success of the meetings.

Sabbath, March 23, we baptised eighteen dear souls—fifteen adults, three children—the fruit of our efforts. This makes a total of twenty-five baptisms within five months. Seven more are keeping the Sabbath whom we expect to unite with us soon.

The church has just completed a seven week course of instruction in Hygiene, Dietetics, and Therapeutics under the able instruction of Dr. A. W. Herr. This was concluded with a large health demonstration held March 25 at the parsonage, and was well attended by some of the leading people. There is a good interest among the people here and the fifteen members of our Bible Readers' Training Band are working with them.

For this report we thank God who wrought through the faithful laity and and with the Psalmist our prayer is "that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men."  
H. A. ROSSIN.

## News Notes

Brother E. F. Hackman, our assistant Home Missionary Secretary, spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Lima Church. Since the effort held there by Brother Shellhaas and Doctor Teters last fall, the members of the church have shown a live interest in Home Missionary activities and already they have seen some of the fruits of their labors. At present they are engaged in building their new church and the funds needed for this are being raised by selling our literature. The church was also organized at this time after the Home Missionary organization, and with their forces organized, we believe that they will go forward to accomplish still a greater work.

We are glad to inform you that the book "World Peace" has arrived in the office and we have a good supply on hand, so send in your order early and avoid the rush.

Brother Ed. Searles, of Bucyrus, called at the office last week.

Even in our day angels in human form enter the homes of men and are entertained by them.—Test., Vol. 6, page 342

## NEW JERSEY

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

### News Notes

Last week, Brother L. D. Warren, Miss Florence Duff and Miss Ruth Murphy of Trenton, attended the Educational Convention of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences, which was held in Philadelphia.

Elder Heckman visited the Camden Church last Sabbath, and spoke to a full house on the subject of "The Family of God."

Professor A. W. Werline made a pleasant call at the office last week on his return from the Educational Convention in Philadelphia.

Are you doing your part in circulating "World Peace?" We are prepared to fill all orders very promptly at present. Many say this is the best seller of any of the World's Crisis Series.

Elder Bernstein is still unable to continue his Sunday evening theatre lectures. Last Sunday night, Elder G. B. Thompson filled the appointment. Many in the congregation manifest a deep interest in the truths which are being presented from week to week.

Miss Jessie Weiss, who has been doing Bible work in New Jersey, has returned to her home in Eastern Pennsylvania.

We still have on hand a good supply of "The Marked Bible." Don't fail to take advantage of the opportunity of doing missionary work with this splendid little pamphlet.

Last week, Elder Heckman visited Sister C. M. Crane of Branchville. Though having been an isolated Sabbath-keeper for about thirty years, Sister Crane is of good courage in the Lord.

The colored sunsets and the starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and the shining seas, the fragrant woods and the painted flowers are not half so beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus out of love, in the wear and tear of common, unpoetic life.—F. W. Faber.

Jesting, joking, and worldly conversation belong to the world.—Test., Vol. 3, page 241.

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**VIRGINIA**

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

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**News Notes**

Elder W. H. Armstrong has moved his family from Rileyville to Stanley, Va. Before leaving Rileyville, on the last Sabbath while there, he had the privilege of baptizing twelve new converts. Eleven were taken into the church and three others are to be baptized later.

Professor C. C. Pulver was at the office last week, auditing the conference and tract society books.

Elder L. O. Gordon is spending a few weeks at Lacey Springs, holding meetings with the people.

Elder R. D. Hottel, who has been quite ill the past few weeks, is regaining his health again.

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**SPECIAL**


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**MISSION NOTES FROM "THE TOP OF THE WORLD."**

Often in the homeland we heard of our Lord's commission to His servants anxious to win souls for His kingdom, to "go out into the highways and hedges" to proclaim the gospel invitation. Often too we heard the "highways" quoted as referring to the busy thoroughfares of our large cities. Doubtless this is correct. Yet somehow as we make our way along the high trails of these mountains, almost cut off by the clouds from the rest of the world, we feel that in a special way we are fulfilling our Master's command, literally working in the earth's high ways in a way not privileged to all.

We so often wish, on our trips, that we might be accompanied by some of the home friends to see some of the things we see and to enter into some of the same experiences. So, though it is difficult at a distance, we wish to let you in mind at least accompany us on a couple of visits this week to the homes of some of our Indians. Since the baptism of twenty-three new converts last week here at our Occo Pampa station, we now have a little church of one hundred and six members. These, together with about forty remaining candidates, and many more interested persons, also with some whom we though interested but for some reason have failed to attend meetings of late, all require personal work

and encouragement. For instance, a neighbor who has always held aloof but for a few weeks was persuaded to attend our meetings, and even appeared friendly, has been missing for some time, and is now, with two other leading spirits of this section, heading the enemy Indians against our work. We were unable to account for the change, until, by diligent inquiry, we just learn he was discouraged by our well-meaning chief and deacon—whose zeal surpasses oftentimes his discretion—who severely censored him for daring to attend church with his mouth full of dirty coca. Of course this necessitates personal work, and Mr. Howard and our interpreter are visiting the family this afternoon. Our brother must also be further taught that our church is for none more than the "publicans and sinners." And circumstances are continually arising to keep us busy.

Sunday one of our Indian brethren brought us his son who has been ill for some months. We have prescribed for and treated him; but he lives at too great a distance to permit of frequent visits, and we find that no prescription is carried out by these people. Hence we have offered to keep him a while in our house, to give him daily treatments, and see if we can get him fully on his feet. How we are made to feel our need of a medicine house and treatment room!

That same day our enemy priest came out and celebrated mass and the Lord's supper with about a hundred in a near-by chapel. The rest of the day was further celebrated in a drunken dance and carousal by those who took part, whose wild orgies and chantings were in full sight and hearing of our house. It made our hearts ache to think of their being so deceived and celebrating their supposed acceptance by Heaven in ways so contrary to all Heaven's teachings. It was in marked contrast to the quiet and solemn demeanor of our church members with whom we had celebrated the ordinances the preceding week, following the baptism.

We had planned on visiting some of our distant members this week, so have had to care for our house patient before leaving mornings, and after return, leaving a prepared lunch. Monday morning Mr. Howard, myself, and our interpreter Marcus, started for Pomo Occo, about four leagues away, to visit Calisto Quispi first, then three or four other families. On our way we left our horses while we went to the top of a volcano, now extinct and filled with water to within about twenty feet of the surface. We also passed some salt lakes, small portions of which

are owned by different persons exclusively, some of whom were engaged in gathering the salt. For some distance, the ground in all directions is white with salt and nitrate. Though salt up here is plentiful and cheap (and lumpy), clean salt is a luxury of bygone days, and existing only in our memories.

The distance to our brother's house seemed to increase as we went on, and after climbing some distance up a rocky canyon we could only guess at the right direction. Suddenly we came to an outlet leading to another pampa, small but fertile, entirely hidden by the first ridge of mountains. This we followed, seeking some one of whom to inquire once more the way, having previously been directed thus far. Seeing a woman in the distance herding sheep our interpreter headed toward her on a gallop. But, as usual in this country, this proved the signal for her to likewise turn and run from him with as much speed as she could command, finally trying to hide behind a rock. The fear of these natives of foreigners or even of anyone on horseback (who might be a Spaniard to rob or oppress them) is amusing but also pathetic.

Continuing our way we at last reached what was evidently the place, a small boy, scantily garbed, leaving his sheep near by to shake hands and inform us that his father was on the mountain planting potatoes. But before we could send for him we could see him far off descending the heights, followed by a little black baby lamb. He threw his arms around us cordially on arriving, spread out blankets on the stone bench in the patio for us to sit on, and, the wife soon afterwards arriving, preparations immediately went forward for our refreshment. In the meanwhile we looked about his place somewhat and had a really enjoyable visit, the little boy passing back and forth busily occupied, each time shyly looking backward and looking delighted when seeing he was being observed. On each of his frequent trips through the patio he carried some sort of animal,—either a black, hungry-looking scrawny kitten, a larger gray cat, a lively black puppy, or the black lamb,—the latter with a colored string around its tiny tail as a sure protection against all ill. The Indians—grown-ups as well as children—seem to be passionately fond of animals. Many are the kisses that have been showered by them on our own small kittens,—by old men as well as by young girls.

After partaking of hot soup and cebada coffee, from a box placed in front

of us, we visited some more with the family, having a Bible reading and prayer with them, which seemed to be highly appreciated. An older married son who was present urged us to visit his wife and have prayer in his house also, so we thought best to accept the invitation, even though it meant taking a different route homeward and postponing certain other planned visits. Before leaving the first place, the mother expressed her desire for baptism, though the distance—made much longer by the bad roads—prevents her from attending regularly as do her husband and son who attends our school. We noticed on the place three small kraal-shaped houses, filled with salt, the man owning quite a section of the salt-beds on the pampa. Though he said salt was scarce this year and he refused to sell to others, he gladly agreed to sell us all we wanted, which we bought at what would be at the rate of three pounds for a cent, American money.

Arriving at his son's house we met the wife, who was ill though able to be around. We gave her some advice for her condition, and after arranging for him to call at the mission for some simple remedy for her relief had reading and prayer, inviting him to our meetings, as heretofore he had been a stranger. Distances in this country being long, and the roads bad, we were then obliged to start home in order to reach it before dark and before too cold, not having taken extra wraps along. After the sun disappears the cold is intense, no matter how extremely hot it may have been an hour previous.

The next morning after giving treatments to our house patient, we set out on what proved to be about a forty-mile trip, to the house of an old couple who with their elderly son who is a hunchback take turns in coming to our meetings every Sabbath. For this they are obliged to leave home as early as two or three o'clock in the night. Although having visited them before it was at the "community house," hence we had to inquire the way many times as they lived far up another pampa and high on the mountain. To reach the place we were obliged to cover much boggy ground, the horses sinking at each step and sliding over especially wet and slippery places, and then climbed the lower part of a mountain so steep that one began to think that the feat of a fly walking on a wall was not so wonderful after all. We were glad to find that the house toward which we were heading was indeed the right one, and were royally welcomed and entertained for about

three hours. Beautiful alpaca skins were spread out on the ground for us to rest on, and after long preparation soup was served, and hot boiled corn on a cloth, hot milk having been given us on our arrival. The servant,—a bright and attractive young girl who has been brought up by the old couple, is also now a member of our church. Here too we had an interesting visit, coming in closer touch with the family and encouraging them, as usual having prayer before leaving. We really love these people, and though at first sight these Indians appear strange to the foreigner and somewhat uncivilized, yet when the truth has had a chance to change their lives and make them clean we find them with hearts of gold and as true as one could hope to find. Having lived in ignorance so long they naturally have the minds of children as far as concerns all things new; but in the kingdom we know they will shine as brightly as any who come from more favored lands.

While writing the above many interruptions have of course occurred; I will mention but one: There was a knock—or rather a fumbling—at the door, and the little Aymara girl whom I am teaching to help in the house opened it. I immediately heard crying and sounds of great distress so went out. A poor woman was before me on the ground, and after sending for the school-teacher to help interpret we finally learned her pitiful story. She lives at Pomo Occo (the place first visited by us this week) has a husband who being ill for a number of years, and four small children. Being entirely out of food in the house she took some salt and went to a near place across the border in Bolivia, trading her salt for a cargo of food and paying a small amount of money in addition,—all she had. On the return trip four men attacked her, stripped her llama of its cargo, took even her sack and lunch, and took their departure,—she arriving at our mission with but the llama left, which her small boy was guarding on the pampa below us. They had no more money, no food in the house and none growing.—just a few sheep. Although she has never attended our meetings, it appears that all the Indians who travel from this section are accosted as "evangelists" because of the proximity of our mission station here,—the clean ones especially suffering persecution and being often well beaten up. As usual, she was called one, which was considered sufficient excuse for robbing her. Knowing no other place she naturally inquired of us for help. We gave her some bread and something

hot to strengthen her for the remainder of her trip, and filled a large flour sack with cebada (barley) and potatoes, besides giving her a supply of rice. Then, promising to come and see if anything could be done for her husband, we had the satisfaction of seeing her go on her way rejoicing, her tears all changed to smiles. The needs which we are forced continually to meet in our work make us wish more than once that we were somewhat richer in this world's goods. For as James says, "what does it profit, if a person be naked or destitute of daily food, and one say to him, 'depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;' notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body?" And it is often true that the relieving of their physical necessities is the way to win their hearts and their interest in listening to the gospel.

So the work goes on. Many are the visits we made,—many the calls for help, many and varied the experiences of the worker at this altitude. Through them all we are glad to know that here in this high corner of the world we are helping to fulfill the divine commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And the accompanying promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," brings continual cheer to our hearts.

PEARL WAGGONES HOWARD.

### Neighboring for God

The idea is not a new one. The only wonder is that we do not make the most of this greatest of all methods of evangelism,—one that is open daily to each of us. Those who are living the upright, healthful, Christian life before their neighbors, and who have cultivated the habit of engaging in this kind of endeavor—neighboring for God—are always enthusiastic over it. They say there is no better way to eliminate prejudice, or to get people over that foolish notion that Seventh-day Adventists are cranks, or actually to make converts to the cause of truth. Who has not heard some "outsider" say of a brother or sister, "He is a nice man," or "She is so sweet," or "I thought she was a bit peculiar, to say the least, when I saw her going to church on Saturday, or starting out with those papers; but now that I know her I think she is just lovely?" Oh, there is nothing like this personal contact work,—"neighboring", if you please. And a little of our timely literature is a great help to one in making this neighboring work count for the kingdom. Here follows some evidence:

Only a fence and some prejudice stood between them—an Adventist lady and her neighbor. The conversation drifted from pleasantries to that always mutually interesting topic, "world conditions." A copy of the "Signs," which, as our sister probably said, "satisfactorily explains these very conditions," was gladly received an hour or two later. Result?—The Adventist lady isn't queer any more, the prejudice is but a memory now, for the woman and her husband too are good Seventh-day Adventists. Neighboring with the "Signs" is a capital idea.

"Prized" is the correct word to employ in telling of a prominent Baptist minister's attitude toward the "Signs," which he bought each week from a "neighboring" worker. Said he: "The paper is worth \$115 to me, not merely \$1.15. I wish all my neighbors had it." He has the "neighboring" idea, you see.

"Wife, I believe this is just what we have been looking for," said an interested man who had been looking over a copy of the "Signs" that had been left by a young "neighboring" worker. This couple did not need any urging when a second visit was made to secure their subscriptions. Shortly thereafter one of our ministers set up his tent for a series of meetings, and it was his happy privilege to baptize this man and his wife.

The members of a certain Michigan church got an inspiration, or vision, of its possibilities, or something, and engaged in a careful house-to-house canvass for subscriptions to the "Signs" Weekly, and to their delight secured nearly three hundred of them. We have recently learned that several individuals have joined the church in that place as a consequence of the effort. This splendid result can be duplicated anywhere in America, at any time. The only requirement is a will to do it. Let's do it.

You can obtain a canvass from your tract society secretary if you cannot get one from your church elder or missionary secretary. The special one that has been prepared for this "neighboring" work is right to the point. Don't wait for it, however, if it does not reach you in a reasonable time, for you will probably find that you are equal to the occasion. You should charge your subscribers \$1.50, the full yearly price. Your tract society will charge you but \$1.15, provided, you secure and turn in five or more subscriptions. This, you see, leaves a margin or commission of 35 cents on each subscription for you.

Don't put this off until you can find time; take it. Plan your home work so you can give at least two hours each day next week or during the following one. Don't let Satan persuade you to hesitate when the Spirit impresses you to go. It was Wilburforce who said, "If my religion

## Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
<b>Virginia, Week Ending March 28, 1919</b>									
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	5	36	39	160 00		160 00	
Elizabeth White, Roanoke Co.		OD	5	20	48	140 00		140 00	
E. L. Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		OD	5	33	37	134 50		134 50	
F. C. Butler, Hanover Co.		OD	4	28	31	81 00		81 00	
V. L. Hankins, Louisa Co.		OD	3	14	27	79 00		79 50	
Andrew Wolters, Norfolk Co.		GC	4	27	14	56 00	10 65	66 65	1 35
J. P. Spaulding, Rockingham Co.		BR	4	26	14	59 00		59 00	
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.		OD	3	8	5	10 00	3 55	13 55	50
Carl Parson, Richmond, Va.		WCS	5	40	189	46 00		46 00	46 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>765. 50</b>	<b>14 70</b>	<b>780 20</b>	<b>47 85</b>
<b>Ohio, One Week Ending March 28, 1919</b>									
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	5	33	9	42 00	5 40	47 40	42 95
Fred Hannah, Wooster Co.		OD	5	43	11	27 50	2 70	30 20	3 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	36	6	27 00	1 70	28 70	1 70
Geo. A. Keppler, Butler Co.		OD	4	22	6	25 00		25 00	
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		BR	5	50	16	71 00	8 80	79 80	8 00
Kay D. Riegel, Fairfield Co.		PP	5	44	16	76 00	2 55	78 55	
W. C. Starkey, Washington Co.		BR	5	37	17	75 00		75 00	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		OD	5	34	13	36 50	5 50	42 00	50 00
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	5	40	26	71 00		71 00	20 00
F. E. Wagner, Kenmore		OD	3	21	15	37 50		37 50	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	3	25	9	35 00	10 55	45 55	84 60
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	3	21	3	7 50	5 10	12 60	7 45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Agents</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>531 00</b>	<b>42 30</b>	<b>573 30</b>	<b>218 20</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 28, 1919</b>									
Wm. Achenbach, Berks Co.		BR	9	53	16	64 00	4 50	68 50	14 50
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	5	14	5	24 00	7 25	31 25	17 25
D. L. Leshar, Berks Co.		BR	3	15	10	44 00		44 00	
Elden Lockwood, Montour Co.		GC	3	21	7	32 00	2 25	34 25	2 25
Wm. H. Frizzell, Lehigh Co.		BR	3	24	24	108 00		108 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Lehigh Co.		BR	1	9					24 00
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	40	13	61 00	50	61 50	60 50
Paul Brown, Berks Co.		OD	10	56	13	36 56	9 75	46 25	3 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	2	20	5	22 00		22 00	
Helen Comp, Berks Co.		OD	9	30	11	30 50	1 75	32 25	12 75
Arthur Hill, Lehigh Co.		OD	4	27	18	48 00	2 25	50 25	2 25
Solomon Diehl, Union Co.		OD	2	24					43 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Agents</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>470 00</b>	<b>28 25</b>	<b>498 25</b>	<b>180 75</b>
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 28, 1919</b>									
Archie Brownlie, Pittsburg		SP	10	100		52 50	63 30	115 80	119 45
John Hughey, Mercer Co.		OD	5	47	16	51 50		51 50	56 80
J. G. Hadlock, Sharon		OD	4	26	13	38 50	6 00	44 50	75
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	5	40	14	39 00	11 10	50 10	183 10
Emma Terrette, Clearfield Co.		OD	4	29	15	39 50	3 25	42 75	
C. A. Nowlen, Beaver Falls		WCS	6	40	111	34 25		34 25	
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	4	10	7	30 00	3 20	33 20	
Homer Whittling, Venango Co.		OD	5	19	9	23 50		23 50	
Marie Davidson, Pittsburg		OD	3	6	6	23 00		23 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	8	13	13	41 50		41 50	44 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		OD	4	14		2 50	1 35	3 85	26 55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>375 75</b>	<b>88 20</b>	<b>463 95</b>	<b>431 15</b>
<b>New Jersey, Week Ending March 28, 1919</b>									
Allen Boynton Jr., Hunterdon		BR	4	22	7	31 00	3 75	34 75	
Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Camden		BR	7	41	12	56 00	9 26	65 26	123 01
Andrew Hansen, Newton Co.		BR	5	16	3	14 00	1 75	15 75	9 75
Julius Matson, Burlington Co.		BR	5	37	11	46 00	10 00	56 00	10 00
C. L. Moore, Hunterdon Co.		BR	4	25	9	36 00	2 25	38 25	2 25
E. G. Wrigley, Salem		OD	4	24	28	79 50	3 95	83 45	6 75
Fred Zimmerly, Pemberton		BR	5	40	19	82 00	9 00	91 00	9 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>344 50</b>	<b>39 96</b>	<b>384 46</b>	<b>160 76</b>

## West Virginia, Week Ending March 28, 1919

J. R. Medlin, Parkersburg	COL	11	40	18	32	00	54	25	86	25	23	50
Frank Bentz, Wood Co.	CS	2	7	—	19	50	—	—	19	50	—	—
I. Lawrence, Allegheny Co.	BR	4	24	14	67	00	—	—	67	00	68	00
W. A. McElpatrick, Taylor Co.	OD	4	25	35	92	50	17	25	109	75	—	—
Totals	4 Agents	21	96	67	211	00	71	50	282	50	91	50
Grand Totals	55 Agents	Value Orders		2697 75		Deliveries		1130		21		

is true, I am bound to propagate it; if it is false, I will change it." We believe our religion to be true. Let us, then, go forth in the name of our Lord, and for the sake of needy souls, and propagate "the faith once delivered to the saints."

### OBITUARIES

**KIRKENDALL.**—Elizabeth Hudson was born April 16, 1842, and died March 16, 1919, aged 76 years and 11 months. She was married to Christopher Kirkendall August 9, 1860. To this happy union were born six children, three boys and three girls. Her husband and three children preceded her in death. Those left to mourn are J. D. Kirkendall of Hazleton, Iowa, Mrs. J. V. Tuttle of Ashland, Ohio, Mrs. H. N. Johnson of Rowsburg, Ohio, seventeen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Early in life she gave her heart to God and united with the Presbyterian Church, living up to all the light she had until about fifteen years ago, when she saw the present truth and accepted the Third Angel's Message. She was faithful until the day of her death, and is asleep in hope of a part in the first resurrection. The following verses were composed by her daughter:

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,  
Left us here behind,  
But we know that thou art sleeping,  
In our Lord divine.  
Lo! thou hast been with us,  
Yes, these many years,  
But thou hast gone and left us  
In sorrow and in tears.  
But on that bright resurrection morning  
When all the dead in Christ shall rise,  
Then we'll clasp thy hand in gladness,  
And fly upward to the skies.  
Then we will all be together,  
Never more to roam,  
O! what a happy reunion,  
In that bright Eden home.

F. H. ROBBINS.

**KEMMERER.**—Donald Douglas, son of Edgar M. and Sallie A. Kemmerer, was born at Flectwood, Penna., May 29, 1918, and died March 9, 1919, age 9 months and 10 days. He is survived by his parents, four sisters, and one brother. The baby was apparently well, but bronchitis set in and in five days he fell asleep. The parents expressed their hope in the soon coming Saviour when their darling will be placed in their arms by the angel that guards the resting place. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 57:1, 2 to relatives and friends who sorrow not as others who have no hope.

H. G. GAUKER.

**SHELLHAAS.**—Anna was born February 10, 1894, and died March 27, 1919, at the home of her parents in Tippecanoe City, Ohio. She was a devoted Christian girl, having united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the age of twenty. She is survived by a loving father and mother, one sister, and three brothers, who look forward with hope to the resurrection morning soon to come.

WM. LEWSADDER.

### Shenandoah Valley Academy

On the evening of March 7, students and teachers laid aside all work and walked in a group to the home of Mrs. T. I. Zirkle. It was a complete surprise to Mrs. Zirkle, and all enjoyed the evening, playing games in the moonlight and toasting marshmallows over the fire.

During Young People's Meeting on Sabbath afternoon, March 15, Elder W. C. Moffett suddenly appeared at the academy. He spoke to the society on the subject of "Proficiency." Plans and pledges were taken up to forward the work of the standardization of the academy.

The electric light plant so long talked of and worked for by the students has been ordered and will be in operation by the middle of April.

The English Department, under direction of Mrs. Forshee, presented a very interesting program in the chapel on the evening of March 15. The debates, dialogues, and compositions were much enjoyed by a large audience.

Mr. Mark Shanko, who was editor of the "Student Echo" and a member of the Senior Class, has been called home. His place on the "Echo" staff has been filled by his brother, Isaiah Shanko.

The new room for the primary department in the boys' dormitory has been completed, and Miss Myrtle Neff the teacher, with her classes is putting forth all efforts to make it cozy and comfortable.

Mr. Hubert Hubbard of Melrose, Virginia, has come to attend school.

The size of the academy herd has been increased again. We now have six cows and two calves.

Fourteen students went on an all day canvassing trip to Staunton, Virginia, in interest of the Student Union and electric lights. School spirit runs high at S. V. A. at the present time, and all are set and determined to not leave a stone unturned till the school reaches the desired standard of twelve grades.

One of the most welcome sounds at the academy is the one that comes from the new dinner bell which has been purchased and put up on a large pole behind the kitchen.

Brethren F. E. Hankins and H. F. Kirk visited the academy recently, and formed a Colporteurs' Band. Many have joined the band and expect to go canvassing next summer.

A new piano has been purchased for the Music Department and now all three pianos are kept going most of the school hours and afternoons.

On Thursday, March 20, the students of the English classes were invited to the chapel for an afternoon of recreation. After two hours of enjoyment, refreshments were served by Mrs. Forshee, their instructor.

The volley ball purchased by the boys has been much in use on the pleasant March afternoons and evenings. Although lessons and work come first, play is not omitted, and we believe this kind of play is highly profitable.

On March 30, Mr. Harold Richards of Washington Missionary College, spoke to a large audience at the Rouss Opera house in New Market. His subject was "Peace for one Thousand Years."

The Ministerial Band is continuing its meetings at Lacey Springs, Soliloquy and Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitney and daughter, who have been visiting friends and relatives near the academy, have gone to Toledo, Ohio.

### MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Mrs. A. H. Peet of Grafton, Ohio, spent several days at the academy, visiting her daughters Ethel and Edith.

The Junior Class organized on March 31, with Mr. John Bae as President, and Miss Mable Butler, Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Emma Showalter and her niece, Grace, were called to Akron last week because of the serious illness of the former's mother.

Mr. A. E. King spent a few days with Doctor Teters at Van Wert recently.

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

Miss Mildred Schlott spent the week end at her home in Lewistown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Osborn of Columbus, Ohio, motored to Mount Vernon last week to visit their niece, Miss Dorothy Schwaigert.

Dr. Harry Miller of the Washington Sanitarium spent Sabbath with us.

Elder F. H. Robbins occupied the chapel hour on Tuesday, April 1.

The Misses Dorothy Schwaigert and Ruth Stevens visited in Columbus recently.

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

Mrs. Clara Morris, the sewing teacher, spent two weeks in Buffalo, N. Y., with relatives who have been ill.

Sometime ago Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ralls, former students here, accepted a call to labor in Kentucky. A letter was received by a friend in which he tells of some of their experiences. We cull the following: "Mrs. Ralls is teaching a school of children who never before knew what it was to read the Bible or to pray. Gradually, with the Lord's help, results are being seen. By June she hopes to have two girls ready for our academy. We are trying to get them to attend our dear old Alma Mater. . . ."

If I could say one sentence to my former schoolmates at M. V. A. about their preparation for active endeavor, it would be, 'Lay everything aside and get a Christian's grip on heaven's power; then

get adaptability. As far as studies are concerned, Bible, English, and history are the most essential, but first and last and always — Bible.'

We expect to have a city effort here this summer and earnestly solicit your prayers."

We feel sure that Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ralls would be glad to hear from their friends. Address them at 1032 Madison Ave., Covington, Ky.

### Washington Missionary College

The spring week of prayer has just closed at the college. The classes were so arranged that an hour and a quarter was given to the chapel period. Many interesting and inspirational talks were given at this time by members of the faculty, also Elder H. H. Votaw, and Elder G. B. Thompson. It has been a week of real spiritual advancement at the college.

Forty-five students have enrolled so far this year for typewriting. Every prospective worker should learn how to operate a standard typewriter by touch at a speed of from forty to sixty words a minute.

Elder J. W. MacNeil, President of the Carolina Conference, is visiting at the college.

A party of students made a trip to the Monastery, Sunday afternoon. They report a very interesting trip.

A growing interest is manifested in the Colporteurs' Band, which meets every Thursday night. Mr. Beamesderfer is the leader of this band, and is planning to have the members of the band give a program at the chapel hour sometime during the coming month.

### A Last Call

Those who have been studying the inspiring Morning Watch texts thus far this year will agree that we never had a more helpful calendar than the one for 1919. Though three months have passed since January 1, it is not too late to purchase the calendar and to enjoy its benefits with thousands of others.

Even one month's study of these beautiful scripture texts is worth far more than five cents, and there are yet nine months in which to use the 1919 Morning Watch calendar. If you haven't one of your own, or if you have a friend who is without it, do not wait a day longer to secure copies. Order of your tract society.

If the tract society informs you that its supply is exhausted, assure the secretary

that more can be obtained from the Review and Herald Publishing House, Takoma Park, D. C. All standing orders have at last been filled, and there are still several hundred on hand.

We regret that the printing office handling the calendar was late in printing it and was unable to supply the entire field before New Year's. The influenza epidemic was partly responsible for this, as the office was seriously handicapped by the illness of several of its workers. We expect to avoid this difficulty the coming season by having the 1920 calendar printed very early, and ready for shipment by October 1.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

### A Special Offer

In order that all our people may have opportunity to procure the "Twentieth Annual Special Prisoners' Life Boat," published in May, and subsequent numbers, the publishers are making a special offer of "The Life Boat" for eight months, beginning with the May number, for only forty cents. This offer holds good only until May 25. Write today. Address The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill.

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