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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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The High Calling of Christian Teachers

(Extracts from Address of Welcome to Teachers' Institute at Trenton, N. J., by the Pastor, W. A. Nelson.)

The teachers assembled here represent a noble work; and I would that every individual here and every individual of the churches from which you come and our people everywhere could sense the responsibility you bear. The high calling of your work and its attendant responsibility is expressed in your motto: "Every child in the church a member of our own schools. Every child in the school a real worker for the Lord." There is no calling more noble than that expressed in this motto, and it contains the thought that your work consists not only in training those under your care for usefulness in life, but also in preparing them for the kingdom of God.

We recognize that education begins at home. It was Jean Paul who said, "Education begins its work with the first breath of the child"; and in the words of H. Ballou, "Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within hearing of little children tends toward formation of character." But my friends, you who are assembled here tonight have a greater influence in the development of the mind and heart of the young, in many cases, than even the parent. You have the child the whole day long. When the child awakens in the morning it eats a hurried breakfast, rushes to school, and then for the greater part of the day, it listens to your instruction and receives the inspiration of your life. Next, it has its recreation, a little study, then early to bed. So that what a young man or a young woman is at the age of twenty-one is the result, largely, of influences that have been brought to bear upon his or her heart and mind while attending the little church school and then going to the academy and later to college. It was Pope who said, "Tis education forms the common mind. Just

as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined." Solomon gives us his version in the text, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Just as you train that mind, just as you inspire that heart, so will that individual be when he is grown.

Since the teacher exerts such an influence, and the responsibility of each one is so great, we at once see the importance of the teacher having a thorough preparation for service. The education and training of the teacher cannot be too high; and too much emphasis cannot be placed upon this education and training. We would emphasize the importance of a college education. It is not possible, we recognize, for every one of you to go to college and remain there until the course is completed; but every one can at least look forward to completing a college course. And though this may never be attained, a great deal more will be accomplished than if no goal were set.

I do not wish to convey the impression that a college education is a golden key that will unlock the door of success; there is no key that will unlock this door. Mr. Percy Straus, in a recent issue of the *American Magazine*, said that one has to batter down this door. "A college education, at most, merely gives weight to the battering ram and power to the biceps behind it." The same writer says that a college education will not teach an individual to think, but that it gives opportunities to learn how to think, and it is up to the individual to take advantage of these opportunities. And when this is done, though the individual may not be a finished product when he leaves the college, he can be more readily finished than the raw material, and he carries into his work, whatever it may be, a breadth of vision and a mind so trained to overcome and master difficulties that coupled with consecration, will bring success.

It is most fitting that you teachers have assembled in this institute. Your getting together is to compare

notes and methods, and to lay plans in order to do more efficient service in your particular line of work. It is very easy for an individual to get into a rut; and when in, the only way to get out is to back out, and sometimes it takes a great deal of hard pushing to get out. When we compare notes and lay plans, it helps us to keep out of a rut. It gives us some new material to work on. To keep out of a rut one must be constantly on the alert, studying, reading and planning. Woodrow Wilson, in that admirable little book, "On Being Human," says, "Keep your eyes alert and your ears quick, as you move among men and among books, and you shall find yourself possessed at last of a new sense, the sense of the pathfinder." Wherever you go, look for material for your work; look for things that will help you to keep your work fresh. You will then always love your work, and it will never become a drudgery. I am not a teacher, but it does seem to me that, no matter how familiar a teacher may be with a subject, he should prepare every lesson. In order to put your very best into class work, in order to get the very best out of your pupils, it is necessary to put fresh vigor into your work. I find it so with preaching. It must be equally true with teaching.

The teachers should not only study the particular lessons which they give to their classes every day; but they should branch out and study such books as will broaden their vision, give a fuller outlook on life, and that will help to minister more fully to the needs of humanity. If anyone should have a broad vision, it is the preacher and the teacher; and this is possible to every one. Again quoting President Wilson, "If your life is not various and you cannot know the best people, who set the standards of sincerity, your reading at least can be various, and you may look at your little circle through the best books, under the guidance of writers who have known life and lived the truth." If we cannot go to college for an education, we can read the best books;

we can get in touch with the keenest minds, and thus receive a training for fuller and better service.

An Extract from a Letter

Anticipating our change from Porto Rico to Venezuela I wrote Sister Raff for the names of the young people there so that I could begin acquaintance with them by correspondence. She replied that my request reminded her of the boy who was pouring water into a squirrel hole and when asked how many he had caught replied, "When I get this one and two more I shall have three." She said that in their membership of about eighteen they have one young person.

This looks like a rather small number in a population of three million. During our stay in Santurce, Porto Rico, a number of the additions have been good, substantial young people, and we trust the same may be true in Caracas, Venezuela. I hope you will not only "watch us grow" but that you will pray for the accomplishment of that object.

In these countries where Catholicism is so strongly entrenched it is often very difficult to gain access to homes. This may sometimes be accomplished by friendship made with the children on the street by the presentation of picture cards. Nothing is more appropriate for this than the Sabbath School memory verse cards. By sending these cards to us our young people will be having a part in the work in this large and needy field. Postage on printed matter from your home to us in Venezuela is one cent for two ounces, the same as it would be to a friend in the same city in which you live. My address is Apartado 128, Caracas, Venezuela.

D. D. FITCH.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

W. H. Heckman, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

TIME OF SUNSET

Sun Time	Eastern Time	Con. Time
5:07	4:39	5:39

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

We are sure that you are all anxious to know how we came out with our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering and we are glad to take this first opportunity to pass the good news along. We went \$297.57 over our \$2800 goal, making the total offering \$3097.57. We greatly appreciate the way officers and Sabbath school members have worked for this needy cause and wish to thank you heartily for

your liberal offerings. Perhaps sometime we shall have the pleasure of knowing just how much was accomplished by our efforts to help in constructing better homes for our missionaries.

Now what about the offering for Africa on the last Sabbath of this quarter? Let us go to work right now to make it a big one, too, shall we?

A Prayer Built Church

After praying for years, we have at last been brought to a realization of our hopes. With not even ten cents in the treasury, the Lord opened the way less than a year ago for a Memorial to be constructed in this city, Canton, Ohio. The Lord has led the way and the efforts put forth have been greatly blessed. Sabbath, January 3, the first Sabbath of the new year, was a day long to be remembered by the members of the Canton Church as they met for the first time in the new church, corner of 6th St. and Smith Ave., S. W. Brother Wilcox, the local elder, chose for the scripture reading, 2 Chronicles 6. After an earnest prayer, Philippians 2:5 was taken up as the subject of the day. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

The Lord came very near and many tears of joy were shed. Surely it shall be said of Israel, "What hath God wrought?" May the work in this city be remembered in your prayers.

MRS. MAY BERTSCH.

News Notes

Sister Marie Greunke of the Toledo Church has just sent in an order for 200 "Epidemics." No wonder Toledo is a live church. Is your church afire with the missionary spirit because of your activity in missionary lines?

Have you tried to take subscriptions to our magazines? If you would like to try it, send a letter to the Home Missionary Department and they will send you all particulars. For instance the Watchman gives 80 cents for every subscription taken, and if you take five subscriptions a day it amounts to \$4.00 a day. It is worth trying, isn't it?

Brother Franks, the assistant field secretary, has entered the sanitarium, where he is taking treatments. We hope that Brother Franks will speedily regain his health and be able to go on with his work.

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Testimony Corner

Conducted by A. W. Werline.

Reform in Education Needed

Why a reform needed?

"Satan has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the systems of education, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth. It is the work of the true educator to thwart his devices. We are under solemn, sacred covenant to God to bring up our children for Him and not for the world; to teach them not to put their hands into the hand of the world, but to love and fear God, and to keep his commandments. They should be impressed with the thought that they are formed in the image of their Creator, and that Christ is the pattern after which they are to be fashioned. Most earnest attention must be given to the education which will impart a knowledge of salvation, and will conform the life and character to the divine similitude." *Volume VI, p. 127.*

What is the science of True Education?

"We know that there are many schools which afford opportunities for education in the sciences, but we desire something more than this. The science of true education is the truth, which is to be so deeply impressed on the soul that it cannot be obliterated by the error that everywhere abounds. The third angel's message is truth, and light, and power, and to present it so that right impressions will be made upon hearts should be the work of our schools as well as of our churches, of the teacher as well as of the minister." *Volume VI, p. 131.*

What is the best text book?

"Bible study is especially needed in the schools. Students should be rooted and grounded in divine truth. Their attention should be called, not to the assertions of men, but to the word of God. Above all other books, the word of God must be our study, the great text-book, the basis of all education; and our children are to be educated in the truths found therein, irrespective of previous habits and customs. In doing this, teachers and students will find the hidden treasure, the higher education." *Volume VI, pp. 131, 132.*

"The study of God's word should take the place of the study of those books that have led minds into mysticism and away from the truth."

Volume VI, pp. 131, 132.

Sabbath, January 10, Brother Hershberger visited the young people's societies in Bowling Green and Toledo where Mr. Charles Carter and Miss Helen Greunke are acting as leaders. He reports that the work for the year is starting off very enthusiastically and from present indications, these two societies are going to be "up and doing."

He also visited the Toledo Church School, which is getting along very nicely.

Brethren Panches and Hackman spent Sabbath among the Cleveland churches in the interest of the foreign periodical work. The churches responded nobly to the call for "the strangers within our gates" and orders for over 3,000 foreign magazines were taken.

Listen to this: "Brother Taylor and I had a very pleasant time Sunday. He had fifty copies of the Harvest Ingathering Watchman. We divided them and went into the village where he lives and in two and a half hours I was back with all of mine distributed and \$9.50 gathered in as a result, so I have reached my goal early this year. Brother Taylor was out the Sunday before also, and all together has about \$13 as a result. He purposes to spend a large number of his Sundays in this way and thus make it possible for all his family to reach the 50-cent-a-week average for missions this year." The person who writes these encouraging words is Brother Shidler. What do you think of Brother Taylor's plan? It is a fine one, isn't it? I hope more of us will try it.

Brother Shidler has been working in the southern part of the state with Brother O. E. Taylor in Athens County and Brother Ertel in Meigs County. He reports that they have had some very good experiences and have been selling books too.

Brother Shellhaus has just started a series of meetings in Liberty Center. Brother Earl Hackman has gone to assist him and will have charge of the music. We trust that these meetings may be a great blessing to the members of the Liberty Center Church and that many others will take their stand for the truth at this time.

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West Michigan Conference writes: "Epidemics' going fast. It's the best seller I have seen for a long time. Here is what the Grand Rapids children have done. One girl used forty one afternoon. A ten year old boy went two blocks, selling ten books, -- two little girls each ten copies in a short time."

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton
W. C. Moffett, Pres. E. J. Stipeck, Sec.

A New Departure in New Jersey

Under the direction of the Home Missionary Department of the Conference, there was held in Camden January 9 to 11, a church elders' and church missionary secretaries' institute. The primary object of this gathering was to outline in a clear-cut, comprehensive way just what the duties of these particular officers are, and to adopt definite plans for extensive broadening of the missionary work of the conference. Practically every church south of and including Trenton was represented in this institute.

In connection with the above mentioned meetings, there was held at the same time an institute for Missionary Volunteer leaders and secretaries. This was in charge of the Union Conference representative. The long-felt need for definite instruction of our young people's officers for their work, was partially at least supplied by this new step.

Valuable assistance was given to the work of these institutes by Elder C. V. Leach of the General Conference, Brother T. H. Barritt and Prof. A. W. Werline of the Columbia Union, and Elder Gauker and Miss Acton of East Pennsylvania. Strong evangelistic work was done by Elders B. G. Wilkinson and W. C. Moffett, which with Brother Barritt's excellent help in singing, gave the meetings a decidedly spiritual ring.

We believe that all the workers who were present, the members of the Camden Church, and all other churches represented, will be able during 1920 to support with greater intelligence and success the work of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

G. H. CLARK.

That Institute in Trenton

It so happened that the coldest weather thus far experienced this winter fell on the week-end of January 1 to 4. Nevertheless, this did not check even in a small way the work of our Annual Teachers' Institute, which was held in Trenton on that date.

The success of this meeting fully met our expectations. Twenty of the teachers from the two conferences which flank the Delaware, were in attendance, all bringing in stirring reports of the progress of the work in their respective schools. They returned to their work with a determination to put real educational and spiritual efficiency into their future efforts.

Fortunately we did not have to fall back on to the time-worn, moth-eaten subjects which commonly come under the survey of such an institute, but the spirit manifested today in the school work of these two conferences gave a practical and most up-to-date ring to every discussion. The two or three teachers who, for unknown reasons, failed to attend will greatly regret their absence, and in their future work feel the lack of this splendid instruction.

We who have to deal with the educational work in these two fields mean to make the Christian school a decided success; and, with the moral and financial support which the church members can give, surely this task which we have set before ourselves can be accomplished.

DONALD WARREN.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Missions Goal Raised

Before the old year went out, West Virginia went over its goal in the Harvest Ingathering for missions. The members who obtained this money worked hard and were rewarded with God's blessing. It is a joy to strive for a goal in God's cause, but there is greater joy in reaching the goal. The joy runs over when one goes beyond his quest. The churches which reached their goals were Charlestown Nos. 1 and 2, Cumberland, Huntington, Morgantown, and Parkersburg. Those churches which did not reach their goals will look forward to the coming campaign this year as their time. We will remember that it is not the amount of labor that we have performed for the Lord, nor the length of time which we

have served Him which receives His approval so much as it is the loving spirit which we manifest in our service for Him. Although Fairmont did not reach her goal of \$200, still she more than raised her quota per member.

December 20-22 I spent with the Cumberland Church. The members here are of good courage, and are gladly anticipating the completion of their new church building which is being erected by Elder Pickard, assisted by Brother Mays. Although the building of the church has taken much of their time, still the members of this church went over their goal, and we believe they will do still more with the Harvest Ingathering work this winter.

The newly organized company at Burnsville is progressing nicely and is manifesting a determination to impart the Word of God to others.

Let those people who have Harvest Ingathering *Watchmen* on hand, please use them in the usual way in obtaining money for the mission fields. It is not pleasing to God to permit our literature to remain long unused, when it might prove a blessing if judiciously distributed to a hungry world.

E. RAY CORDER.

News Notes

Those living near Spanish people will welcome a monthly Spanish magazine of 20 pages. This paper filled with present truth will prove a blessing to these people if some one will go to them with it. Prices: yearly subscription \$1.50; single copy 15 cents; 5 to 40 copies of one issue, each 8 cents.

Before the close of the old year the Cumberland Church went over its Harvest Ingathering goal of \$200 by \$21.65. During 1919 the office received \$2201.09 Harvest Ingathering money, thus going over our goal.

"When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests. Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the 'later rain.'"—*Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1890.

The *Signs Weekly* sells at the old 1919 prices until February 1. Don't fail to take advantage of this special offer.

Brother Francis Parrish met with the Huntington Church last Sabbath.

The new *Watchman Magazine* is now ready for mailing. It contains 48 pages and sell for 25 cents a copy, or \$2.00 a year. Five to 45 copies, each 11 cents; 50 or more copies, each 10 cents. Your neighbors and townspeople will want to read this excellent paper. Special inducements to young men and young women who desire to earn their way to our schools.

Are you reading your Bible through this year? If you are not, it isn't too late to begin. In the *Morning Watch Calendar* you will find the Bible Year which will assist you in doing it. Begin today.

West Virginia went over the Thirteenth Sabbath Goal to the amount of \$128.00. This is the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in the history of our conference. This offering of \$553.11 will be sent on to assist in building homes for our missionaries. The offering on this one day is over \$100.00 more than for an entire quarter a little more than two years ago. The quarter which closed the year 1919 witnessed the largest Sabbath school offering in our history, the amount given being \$1282.04. We believe that in the day of rewards many will have stars in their crowns because of faithfulness in giving of their means, that the message may go to our brothers and sisters who sit in darkness.

Several members of the Parkersburg Church met in the church last Thursday evening for the Standard of Attainment examination.

The book sales of the West Virginia Conference reached the \$61,000.00 mark for the year just past. Is there anyone who says that books cannot be sold in West Virginia?

Work is progressing nicely on the new church building in Cumberland, Maryland. The members of this church will greatly appreciate a place where they may gather on Sabbath without being disturbed. They have met for some time in a hall on the third floor over a theatre.

Let everyone who has finished reading the Bible through during the past year, send their name to Mrs. Westbrook. She has a nice little present for you.

There is considerable agitation in Huntington, W. Va., at the present time over Sunday closing. Prof. C. S. Longacre of Washington, D. C. has been called and will deliver several lectures in Huntington on this important question.

Elder Westbrook met with the Charlestown Church last Sabbath and reports an excellent meeting.

Brother McHenry and Haskell Cunningham left Parkersburg Monday morning for Fayette County where Brother Cunningham will take up the canvassing work. Let us pray for the workers who are carrying the truth by the printed page into the homes of the people.

Elder Adkins and Pickard are in Parkersburg for a few days assisting in putting the finishing touches on the new office building.

Elder Westbrook was called to Morgantown last week on account of the serious illness of Sister Bokey.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

J. A. LELAND, Pres. W. H. JONES, Sec.

Newport News

The church at this place is starting the new year with much courage and a willingness to do its share in the work of carrying the gospel to the world. We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed them in their work in the past year in both increasing their membership and offerings. The membership has grown from fifty to seventy-four and there are several who are deeply interested in the truth. They passed their Ingathering goal of \$500.00 by raising \$697.35. The tithe for the year was \$3339.73, and the Sabbath school offerings were \$892.38. The total amount raised for missions from all sources was \$1705.39 and the total of all offerings taken was \$5045.14. Besides these splendid offerings, this church has been supporting their church school, several students in the Shenandoah Academy, and one who is taking nurses training at the Washington Sanitarium. A debt on their church was paid during the year and the members of the church sold almost one hundred "Christ's Object Lessons" for the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

We are looking to God for guidance and His blessing that we may do much more in the cause in the

future. A working church is a church united in love for the cause of God.

W. E. BIDWELL.

News Notes

Miss Louise Sanders, who has been in the Bible work at Norfolk since last summer, has returned to her home in Takoma Park.

Elder Leland is attending a board meeting of the Academy this week at New Market.

Our canvassers' institute will be held in Richmond January 18 to 28. We are expecting a large attendance of those who are interested in canvassing work from all parts of the state. Let those who are interested in this line of work correspond with H. A. Wright, 12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

At a recent Committee Meeting it was voted to release Brother F. E. Hankins to the Columbia Union Conference to act as their assistant field Secretary. We regret very much to lose Brother Hankins from this field, as we feel he has been greatly blessed of the Lord in building up the canvassing work in this field. In his place we voted that H. A. Wright, a seasoned canvasser of our home field, take up the work of field secretary. Let us hold up his hands by prayer and faithful cooperation.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

R. S. Lindsay, Pres. J. S. Neeley, Sec.

Special Notice

The West Pennsylvania Colporteurs' Institute will be held in Johnstown, Pa., February 2-12.

HOW TO FIND THE PLACE

If you come on the Pennsylvania Railroad, get off the train at the main station and take any street car going into the city. Get a transfer to the Horner Street car and ride to Horner and Hickory Streets. Cross the car track from the side you get off the car and walk one and one-half blocks on Hickory Street to the church, which is on the left-hand side of the street.

All expecting to attend this institute should correspond with the Field Secretary at once, so arrangements can be made for your room.

T. M. BUTLER,
1012 W. Church St.,
Indiana, Pa.

FINAL HARVESTING REPORT

Church.	Goal.	Amt. Raised.
Albion	96.00	4.55
Allegheny No. 1	492.00	546.02
Allegheny No. 2	414.00	586.97
Altoona	276.00	398.97
Bradford	204.00	160.95
Clearfield	72.00	7.85
Corry	174.00	72.93
Corydon	36.00	45.05
Coudersport	186.00	157.28
Dubois	162.00	137.57
Erie	420.00	482.49
Huntingdon	96.00	52.24
Indiana	126.00	193.57
Johnstown	294.00	319.53
Meadville	108.00	87.43
Mt. Jewett	108.00	210.89
Mc Donald	108.00	172.35
Mt. Braddock	240.00	187.11
New Castle	90.00	159.01
Pittsburgh No. 1	1110.00	1299.50
Pittsburgh No. 2	744.00	545.11
Port Allegheny	114.00	87.50
Raymond	204.00	111.11
Shinglehouse	222.00	112.85
Sharon	156.00	110.05
Warren	240.00	164.21
Washington	138.00	106.14
Six Mile Run	48.00	46.30
Conference		387.94
Eldred		14.16
Galeton		28.37
	\$ 6700.00	\$ 6996.00

Ye Old Time Reunion

Sunday evening, December 21, will long be a treasured memory by the students--young and old--of our Alma Mater.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated--school colors--purple and gray--added attraction to the scene. Albums, full of views, were on stands, and pinned to a ribbon of paper encircling the room were many varied and rare scenes. It really does one good to take a retrospective view of the past. About eighty ex-pupils were there.

The program consisted of music, reminiscences, games, and refreshments. Everything was excellent and went off in the usual characteristic Mount Vernon way. It did our young blood (everybody was young again that night) good to hear sedate professors and professional minded doctors relax and tell of their boyhood days. They had the same reverence and love for the much abused individuals--preceptor and preceptress--as we have. They played the same innocent tricks and harmless pranks, and upset these worthies' dignity as the present generation does. They did not care to reminisce too freely "as they might teach the College students some new (old) tricks." Smiles wreathed the impassive, fatherly countenances, as they allowed memories of the past to smoothen the outlines. I always believed "boys must be boys" and was always a firm advocate of this doctrine but never did it appear more realistic than then. Of course the women had a word to say, and thus we had our vision enlarged.

Many attributed their start in the Christian life to the first years at Mount Vernon. The impressions made there have been indelible and can never be erased from the tablets of our memory. Some spoke of the Friday evening prayer meetings; of the earnest prayers and testimonies. What loyal supporter of his Alma Mater does not remember and cherish thoughts of the "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

"And round my heart still closely twine

Those ties which naught can sever."

We must say something about the refreshments. Generally in a write-up the reporter says, "The program consisted of games, music, and refreshments," as though the last named feature were inconsiderable. Often they are, but not so in our case. We must call our refreshments the climax to one of the most pleasant social events we have ever attended. Let's see--we had sandwiches, cocoa, cake and ice-cream. The sandwiches would tempt the appetite of a king. The cocoa--well it was not ordinary cocoa--it was delicious. Some persons sampled it two and three times. The cake--um. We smack our lips and our mouths water

even now as we think of it. "It fairly melted in your mouth."

The closing number was our school song. Even though all were not familiar with the words, nearly all left with the chorus ringing in their ears.

Two flash-light pictures were taken of those present. It will surprise one to know all who were present. Some were there from classes right down to the class of '19. One and all are grateful for the blessings of our Alma Mater, and for the privilege of meeting again and living over the happy hours of the past.

"For M. V. A. go do your part,

And loyal to her be.

Eternity alone will tell

What thou hast done for me."

JAMES E. LIPPART-'19

A Memory Picture

On memory's walls a picture hangs,

A picture bright and fair,

With fragrant memories it is framed

'Tis painted with colors rare.

In thought my mind to it returns,

I think of days gone by.

The longing spirit in me yearns

From my lips escapes a sigh.

I see again the campus green,

Sweet perfume fills the air.

It is a pleasant, restful scene

Our Alma Mater fair.

Again I see familiar walls—

Scarred monuments of time,

And dwelling in its friendly halls

Are influences divine.

Then too I think of school-day friends

Now scattered to every clime

Shedding afar to earth's dark ends

Their youthful visions sublime.

Each scene is faithfully painted

With colors true and rare.

Deep in my nature is cherished

Thoughts of the—Alma Mater.

Nothing can ever erase it

'Tis painted there to stay.

Nor can I cease thee to cherish

As long as day succeeds day.

May heaven's farreaching blessings

Upon thy work be poured,

May thy vision never falter

'Till the coming of the Lord.

James E. Lippart-'19.

COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

NAME	Place	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
Ohio, One Week Ending Jan. 9, 1920								
C. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	29	12	61 50	6 00	61 50	4 00
C. R. Dotson, Scioto Co.		OD	10					61 00
Roy Ertel, Meigs Co.		BR	32	25	124 50	15 00	139 50	3 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Surring Co.		BR	34	11	55 50	2 50	58 50	2 50
C. F. Robinson, Musk Co.		OD	42	20	52 50	2 00	54 50	6 00
S. L. Stopher, Cleveland		BR	36	5	25 50	4 50	30 00	33 00
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo		OD	16	23	64 50		64 50	
Totals	7 Colporteurs		119	96	384 00	30 00	414 00	110 00

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Jan. 9, 1920								
E. Grapp, State College		BR	26	27	130 00	1 00	131 00	41 70
G. ssbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	25	18	87 00	41 50	128 50	
John LeRoy, Indiana Co.		BR	48	21	100 50	2 50	103 00	
G. Buttermore, Westmoreland		OD	31	20	70 00	1 25	71 25	60 25
John Morley, Clinton Co.		OD	18	26	71 00			
Archie Brownlee, Pittsburg		PPF	38		40 00	15 60	55 60	28 60
Geo. McKnight, Beaver Co.		OD	36	18	45 00	5 95	50 95	22 35
A. H. Snyder, Jefferson Co.		OD						18 50
Mrs. H. Johnson, Swissvale		OD	12	8	20 00	50	20 50	50
Totals	9 Colporteurs		234	138	563 50	68 30	631 80	171 90

New Jersey, One Week Ending Jan. 9, 1920								
George Blinn, Burlington		HM	26		72 00		72 00	120 00
J. W. Jensen, Paterson		BR	8	2	9 00	4 05	13 05	15 10
Anna G. Hopkins, "		OD			2 50	26 70	29 20	33 70
G. S. Hoffman, Paulsboro		BR	21	4	18 50	2 00	20 00	15 50
W. F. Schmidt, Orange		OD	10	9	34 50	10 50	45 00	46 75
E. G. Wrigley, Paterson		OD	30	18	61 50		61 50	
Fred Zimmerly, Bridgeton		DR	28	9	43 50	5 75	49 25	5 75
M. L. Bringham, Trenton		DR	8		8 00		8 00	35 00
Totals	8 Colporteurs		131	42	249 00	49 00	298 00	271 80

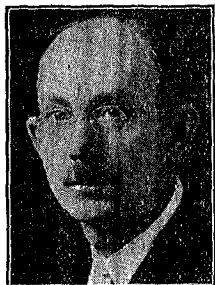
Virginia, One Week Ending Jan. 9, 1920								
Elizabeth White, Norfolk		OD	28	38	101 00	8 00	109 00	
Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Kurz, Norfolk		OD	33	78	196 50		196 50	
J. P. Spaulding, Smyth Co.		BR	50	37	168 00	11 00	169 00	
G. R. Pilate, Richmond		OD	50	42	105 00	75	105 75	
G. R. Simerly, Russell Co.		BR	59	18	73 50	18 05	91 55	
A. L. Gray, Princess Ann Co.		GC	48	24	117 00	12 50	129 50	
E. C. Hubbard, Charlotte Co.		OD						390 00
D. W. Percy, Bath Co.		BR	20	35	175 50		175 50	
Total	8 Colporteurs		288	272	936 50	50 30	986 80	390 00

West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending Jan. 9, 1920								
N. S. Marriott, Randolph Co.		OD	81	36	169 00	52 20	221 20	3 70
J. Fahrner, Greenbrier Co.		GC	59	49	228 00	17 10	245 10	23 75
W. A. McElphatrick, Hancock		OD	57	70	199 00	17 00	216 00	6 75
R. C. Bee, Calhoun Co.		OD	54	25	65 50	28 30	93 80	6 50
C. E. Will, Triadelphia		OD	40	20	97 50	22 35	119 85	
G. Corder, Kanawha Co.		COL	30	50	100 00	15 25	115 25	6 00
S. J. Monroe, Barbour Co.		BR	24	4	19 00	3 40	22 40	
R. Livermore, Mingo Co.		OD	20	26	81 60	41 25	122 85	
B. P. Wright, Raleigh Co.		BR	17	22	105 00	15 75	120 75	
W. T. Dishman, Mingo Co.		OD	15	17	45 50	53 63	99 13	24 18
Clare Wood,		OD	13	8	25 00		25 00	
Totals	11 Colporteurs		410	357	1135 10	256 23	1426 33	70 88

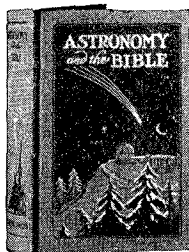
Grand total	43 Colporteurs				Value 3756 93		Deliveries 1004 58	
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On December 22 school closed for a short vacation. A large majority of the students went home to spend the holidays. At this writing every student has returned, and each one realizes we have some hard work before us.

Mr. Eugene McCauley returned from a visit to his home to continue work on the building.

Master Eugene Lane of Newport News has come to join the primary department.

Miss Cleora Woods has been out of school the past week on account of the mumps.

Mr. L. S. Gillispie of Roanoke visited the school on January 5 and brought with him his daughter, Nona Bell, who will take up school work.

Mr. E. S. Parrott and family have gone to Florida. Mr. Parrott's many friends hope his health will improve.

Elder R. D. Hottel and Prof. H. M. Forshee attended a portion of the workers' meeting which was held in Richmond.

Mr. Edward White was called home on account of sickness.

The work on the new building is progressing as well as can be expected. The furnace is now installed and the plastering is the next in order.

ADVANCE IN CLUB PRICES of SIGNS WEEKLY

Among the numerous changes in prices recommended at the Boulder Council was that of the *Sings* weekly in clubs. New prices were to go into effect January 1, 1920. Due, however, to the *Signs* campaign, which has been waged so vigorously during the month of December, the publishers deemed it inadvisable to put the new prices into effect until the orders resulting from the campaign were placed, consequently the advance prices will not take effect until February 1, 1920.

The New Prices Are as Follows

Clubs of 5 or more to one address, one year	each \$1.10
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Clubs of 5 or more to one address, three months	.50
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Quietness

"He giveth quietness." Sweet words of blessing!
When the storm gathers, and the skies are dark.
Out of the tempest to His sheltering bosom
Fly, O my soul! and find a welcome ark.

"He giveth quietness." O Elder Brother,
Whose homeless fears have pressed our path of pain,
Whose hands have borne the burden of our sorrow,
That in our losses we might find our gain.

Of all the gifts and infinite consolings
I ask but this: In every troubled hour
To hear Thy voice through all the tumults stealing,
And rest serene beneath its tranquil power.

Cares cannot fret me if my soul is dwelling
In the still air of faith's untroubled day;
Grief cannot shake me if I walk beside Thee,
My hand in Thine along the darkening way.

Content to know there comes a radiant morning,
When from all shadows I shall find release;
Serene to wait the rapture of its drawing—
Who can make trouble when Thou sendest peace?

—Emily Huntington Miller.

Obituaries

WHITE—Laura Elbon was born near Fisher's Hill, Virginia, August 21, 1867, and died December, 22, 1919. In 1892 she was united in marriage to Robert L. White. For 27 years she has been a devoted Seventh-Day Adventist although separated from those of like faith. Words of comfort were spoken by the Baptist minister from 2 Cor. 5:1. He mentioned having visited the home and talked with her of spiritual things, and stated that after leaving her he could not help but thank the Lord for the joy and peace that she possessed. She leaves a husband, daughter, and three sisters to mourn, but not without hope.

EDWARD WHITE.

BROWN—James departed from this life Monday, December 8, at the age of 56 years, just a few weeks after an operation.

The funeral was held Wednesday December 10, and the remains laid away in the Methodist City Cemetery.

Mr. Brown had no relatives, but was a faithful member of the Lynchburg Church, of which he was deacon.

In his will he had written, "After all my debts have been paid, the balance is to go to the Virginia Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists."

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from, Revelation 14:13.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

BURROWS—Mary M. was born in Gurnsey, Ohio, in 1856, and died from heart trouble January 7, 1920 in Columbus, Ohio in her 64th year. Sister Burrows was in her usual health the evening before and went to bed for her night's rest from which she never awoke. About twenty years ago she embraced the truth and was a faithful member until her death. There are left to mourn, the husband, two sons and three daughters. She rests in the hope of having part in the first resurrection.

CHARLES F. ULRICH.

BROWN—Virginia Branch was born in Richmond, Virginia, May 10, 1885, and died of heart failure December 30, 1919, at the early age of 34, at her mother's home in Bayonne, New Jersey. Until six years ago Sister Brown had been a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. Since that time her faithful efforts have led others to accept the truth. We believe that the words apply to her, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13

W. C. MOFFETT.

The Snags in the River

In an early day, a steamboat owner advertised for a pilot to run one of his boats on the river. To a candidate who applied, he said, "I suppose you know where all the snags are to be found in the river?" "No" replied the man, "I don't." Astonished, the ship-owner sarcastically asked, "Do you expect me to trust you with a boat?" The pilot whittled for a moment in silence, and then drawled out: "If you are looking for a man that knows where all the snags are, I'm not your fellow; but I know the channel where the snags are not, and there's where I calculate to do my sailing."

It is not necessary that any one should know where the snags of the world are to be found, in order that he may experience and teach the beautiful spiritual life of the Christ. What we need to do, is to sail our frail barks in the channel that leads to the ocean of God's love, or to the harbour of eternal rest. That channel is Prayer.—Selected.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. A charge of twenty-five per cent of the cost, if not less than ten cents, will be made for each insertion after the first. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

WANTED—Homes for three good-looking boys, aged 3, 9 and 11 years. They were deserted by their father, and their mother is not able to provide for them. Address Mrs. J. W. Jenssen, 74 McBride Ave., W. Pater-son, N. J.

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WANTED—To correspond with any person desiring good location for poultry raising or bee keeping. Address Mrs. Mary C. Hill, Neffs, Ohio.