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Preparing for Heaven

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"And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel." Zech. 3:1-3.

Here we find a representation of the people of God of today. As Joshua stood before the angel, "clothed with filthy garments," so we stand in the presence of Christ, clothed in garments of unrighteousness. Christ, the angel before whom Joshua stood, is now interceding for us before his Father, as he is here represented as interceding for Joshua and his people who were in deep affliction; and Satan now, as then, stands by to resist his efforts.

Ever since his fall, it has been the work of Satan to oppose Christ's efforts to redeem the race. In the Bible he is called an accuser of the brethren. It is said that he accuses them before God day and night. Pointing to their sins, as he did to the filthy garments of Joshua, he says: "They profess to be thy children; but they do not obey thee. See the traces of sin upon them. They are my property."

This is the argument that he employs concerning God's people in all ages. He pleads their sinfulness as the reason why Christ's restraining power should not hold him back from exercising his cruelty upon them to its fullest extent. But to the accuser of his people, the Saviour says, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan . . . is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Have I not thrust my own hand into the fire to gather this brand from the burning?"

So long as the people of God preserve their fidelity to him, so long as they cling by living faith to Jesus, they are under the protection of heav-

enly angels, and Satan will not be permitted to exercise his hellish arts upon them to their destruction. But those who separate themselves from Christ by sin are in great peril. If they continue to disregard the requirements of God, they know not how soon he may give them over to Satan, and permit him to do to them according to his will. There is, therefore, the greatest necessity of keeping the soul free from defilement, and the eye single to the glory of God; of thinking soberly and watching unto prayer continually.

Satan is now more earnestly engaged in playing the game of life for souls than at any previous time; and unless we are constantly on our guard, he will establish in our hearts, pride, love of self, love of the world, and many other evil traits. He will also use every possible device to unsettle our faith in God and in the truths of his Word. If we have not a deep experience in the things of God, if we have not a thorough knowledge of his Word, we shall be beguiled to our ruin by the errors and sophistries of the enemy. False doctrines will sap the foundations of many, because they have not learned to discern truth from error. Our only safeguard against the wiles of Satan is to study the Scriptures diligently, to have an intelligent understanding of the reasons of our faith, and faithfully to perform every known duty. The indulgence of one known sin will cause weakness and darkness, and subject us to fierce temptation.

Joshua is represented as pleading with the angel. Are we engaged in the same work? Are our supplications ascending to God in living faith? Are we opening the door of the heart to Jesus, and closing every means of entrance to Satan. Are we daily obtaining clearer light, and greater strength, that we may stand in Christ's righteousness? Are we emptying our hearts of all selfishness, and cleansing them, preparatory to receiving the latter rain from heaven?

Now is the time when we are to confess and forsake our sins, that they may go beforehand to judgment and be blotted out. Now is the time

to "cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." It is dangerous to delay this work. Satan is even now seeking by disasters upon sea and land to seal the fate of as many as possible. What is the defense of the people of God at this time? It is a living connection with heaven. If we would dwell in safety from the noisome pestilence, if we would be preserved from dangers, seen and unseen, we must hide in God; we must secure the protecting care of Jesus and holy angels. In these days of peril, the Lord would have us walk before him in humility. Instead of trying to cover our sins, he would have us confess them, as Joshua confessed the sins of ancient Israel. We profess to be the depositaries of God's law. We profess to be building up "the old waste places," and to be raising up "the foundations of many generations." If this great and solemn work has indeed been committed to us, how important that we depart from all iniquity!

The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry.

As the intercession of Joshua was accepted, the command was given to those that stood by, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And unto Joshua the angel said, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment . . . So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments." Even so will all those who come to Jesus in penitence and faith receive the robe of Christ's righteousness.

As we approach the perils of the last days, the temptations of the enemy become stronger and more determined. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that his time is short, and he is working "with all deceitfulness and unrighteousness in them that perish." The warning comes to us through God's Word that, if it were

possible, he would deceive the very elect.

Wonderful events are soon to open before the world. The end of all things is at hand. The time of trouble is about to come upon the people of God. Then it is that the decree will go forth forbidding those who keep the Sabbath of the Lord to buy or sell, and threatening them with punishment, and even death, if they do not observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath.

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." By this, we see the importance of having our names written in the book of life. All whose names are registered there will be delivered from Satan's power, and Christ will command that their filthy garments be removed, and that they be clothed with his righteousness. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare him, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

In the time of trouble, Satan stirs up the wicked, and they enrich the people of God to destroy them. But he does not know that "pardon" has been written opposite their names in the books of heaven. He does not know that the command has been given, "Take away the filthy garments" from them, clothe them with "change of raiment" and set "a fair miter" upon their heads.

If we could only see the many dangers from which we are daily preserved by the holy angels, instead of complaining of our trials and misfortunes, we would talk continually of the mercies of God. How precious in the sight of God are his people!

The exhortation of the prophet is, "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you." "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

In view of what is soon to come upon the earth, I entreat you, brethren and sisters, to walk before God in all meekness and lowliness of mind, remembering the care that Je-

sus has for you. All the meek of the earth are exhorted to seek him. Those who have wrought his judgments are to seek him. Let self break in pieces before God. It is hard to do this; but we are warned to fall upon the rock and be broken, else it will fall upon us, and grind us to powder. It is to the humble in heart that Jesus speaks; his everlasting arms encircle them, and he will not leave them to perish by the hands of the wicked.

What is it to be a Christian? It is to be Christlike; it is to do the works of Christ. Some fail on one point, some on another. Some are naturally impatient. Satan understands their weakness, and manages to overcome them again and again. But let none be discouraged by this. Whenever little annoyances and trials arise, ask God in silent prayer to give you strength and grace to bear them patiently. There is a power in silence; do not speak a word until you have sent up your petition to the God of heaven. If you will always do this, you will soon overcome your hasty temper, and you will have a little heaven here to go to heaven in.

God wants his people to cleanse their hands and purify their hearts. Will it make them unhappy to do this? Will it bring unhappiness into their families if they are kind and patient, courteous and forbearing? Far from it. The kindness they manifest toward their families will be reflected upon themselves. This is the work that should be carried forward in the home. If the members of a family are not prepared to dwell in peace here, they are not prepared to dwell in the family that shall gather around the great white throne. Sin always brings darkness and bondage; but right-doing will bring peace and holy joy.

The work of overcoming is a great work. Shall we take hold of it with energy and perseverance? Unless we do, our "filthy garments" will not be taken from us. We need never expect that these will be torn from us violently; we must first show a desire to rid ourselves of them. We must seek to separate sin from us, relying upon the merits of the blood of Christ; and then in the day of affliction, when the enemy presses us, we shall walk among the angels. They will be like a wall of fire about us; and we shall one day walk with them in the city of God.

When tempted to sin, let us remember that Jesus is pleading for us in the heavenly sanctuary. When we put away our sins and come to him

in faith, he takes our names on his lips, and presents them to his Father, saying, "I have graven them upon the palms of my hands; I know them by name." And the command goes forth to the angels to protect them. Then in the day of fierce trial he will say, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment until the indignation be overpast." What are the chambers in which they are to hide? They are the protection of Christ and holy angels. The people of God are not at this time all in one place. They are in different companies, and in all parts of the earth; and they will be tried singly, not in groups. Every one must stand the test for himself.

There has never been a time when the people of God have had greater need to claim his promises than now. Let the hand of faith pass through the darkness, and grasp the arm of infinite power. While we speak of the necessity of separating from sin, remember that Christ came to our world to save sinners, and that "he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." It is our privilege to believe that his blood is able to cleanse us from every spot and stain of sin. We must not limit the power of the Holy One of Israel. He wants us to come to him just as we are, sinful and polluted. His blood is efficacious. I entreat you not to grieve his Spirit by continuing in sin. If you fall under temptation, do not become discouraged. This promise comes ringing down along the line to our time: "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I feel that for this one promise a continual song of thanksgiving ought to go forth from the lips of mortals. Let us gather up these precious jewels of promise, and when Satan accuses us of our great sinfulness, and tempts us to doubt the power of God to save, let us repeat the words of Christ, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Finnish "World's Hope"

Finnish "World's Hope" is the latest addition to the series that now numbers nine books in as many languages. The complete list is as follows

Arabic, Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, Finnish, German, Hungarian, Polish, Ruthenian, Swedish.

Soon to be published.

Russian, Rumanian, Slovakian.

Finnish "World's Hope" is perhaps the finest of the series from the mechanical standpoint. The warm tint in the cover design makes it very pleasing to the eye.

The text is the same as in the numbers formerly issued, being a companion book to the English "Our Lord's Return." It will be timely until the Lord comes.

Finnish "World's Hope" will make a splendid book for missionary work—or a help to colporteurs selling Finnish "Our Day" which will shortly be issued from this office.

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NEW JERSEY

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Institutes and Field Notes

A beautiful little \$3,000 church building has just been completed in the town of Swedesboro. This is the direct result of the work begun by Brother G. W. Holman in that town about five years ago. The membership has grown from the original fourteen people to an enthusiastic thirty-five—all eager to spread the third angel's message wherever and whenever they can.

About two years ago, a fine cement school house was built in Swedesboro and this served also as a meeting house until the new building was ready. On March 26 to 28 a number of the conference workers were holding an up-to-date convention with the Swedesboro people, and on the afternoon of March 28 the new building was dedicated. It was a beautiful spring day, and a fine number were present at these exercises. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Conference President. Two other interesting features of the program were a history of the work in that place by Brother Holman, and the raising in pledges of \$500 to cover part of the remaining indebtedness of the building.

A fine spirit of progress and unity is being manifested in this church, and we predict a very bright future for the work there. The workers who were present and took part in the convention and dedication are Elder W. C. Moffett and Brethren G. H. Clark, G. W. Holman and L. W. Warren.

On the week-end of April 2 to 4,

Elder Moffett and Brethren Clark and Warren held a general institute with the Franklin Church, in the extreme northern end of the state. This church is located well up in the mountains, and a thoroughly wide-awake spirit, which mountain atmosphere develops, is shown in all lines of our work in that field. Good reports are brought back from the Sabbath school, the church school, and the general missionary activities of the church. At the time of the institute, Brother W. W. Jennings was ordained elder, and under his leadership we believe that the activity and progress of the Franklin Church will continue.

DONALD WARREN.

News Notes

On Easter night Elder O. O. Bernstein preached on "The State of the Dead" to an audience of about 800 people in the Garden Theatre in Paterson. During the week the attendance ranges from 50 to 90 in the Orpheus Hall. The music, under the direction of Brother T. H. Barritt, adds greatly to the value of the meetings.

Elder Bernstein recently baptized eight persons in Jersey City, who have accepted the truth as the result of his labors and those of Miss Flora Briggs, the Bible worker.

Elder W. A. Nelson, pastor of the Trenton Church, began a series of Sunday evening meetings in the church last Sunday night. There were several in attendance from outside and he is hoping, with the cooperation of the church members, to secure many interested people. This is the first effort of this kind that has been held in Trenton for some time.

Brother E. J. Stipeck, our secretary and treasurer, has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of la grippe.

CHESAPEAKE

A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.
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Salisbury Institute

We feel that the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Institute held at Salisbury, Md., April 2-5, will be remembered by all for some time to come. I know the visiting brethren and sisters cannot easily forget

the hospitality so graciously extended to them. Everything possible was done by the members of this church to make us comfortable, Brother Johnson, the elder, and Sister Hohensee, the Bible worker, seeing that this was done.

Brothers E. R. Numbers and E. R. Corder, of the Home Missionary Department of the Union were with us and gave excellent instructions. Our president, Elder A. S. Booth, instructed us in regard to the band work, and gave us examples of what has already been accomplished. I feel confident his most forceful example was the fact that he hurried back to Baltimore, that he might personally engage in house-to-house campaign work with his band Sunday morning.

Sister Bessie Mount conducted the Sabbath School Convention Sabbath morning, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. She also looked after the interest of the young people during the joint institute.

Brother G. Medairy had charge of the music, rendering several very touching solos.

We were glad to have the elder of Cambridge Church, Brother Melzer, with us, but disappointed that some other members did not attend.

Sunday evening, Brother Numbers spoke on Spiritualism, to a large and appreciative audience, many strange faces being present.

Sunday afternoon we had a special sale in which 115 small books, and 5 larger books were sold. But listen!!! After our Field Day Monday morning, with small books, the members who engaged in this became so enthused that, on return to the hall, after telling their experiences, purchased all the books the writer had left, which was about 130.

Sister Hohensee received \$5.00 in one hour. Two little girls, 9 and 13 years of age, went out for their first experience, and while they used Signs Weekly, instead of the small books, they were much encouraged to bring in \$1.02 for one hour's work. The parents of these little girls were first interested in the truth by Sister Hohensee while working in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign last fall. Is it much wonder that they are so enthusiastic, and make such good little missionaries?

Let us join in prayer with the members of the Salisbury Church that they may soon have a church building of their own.

M. S. PETTIBONE,
Home Missionary Secy.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Philadelphia

Important among the large centers that shall receive the third angel's message is Philadelphia. And true to the commission that has been given, efforts are constantly being made to warn this populous city of the pall hanging over it, and to persuade men and women to turn to the true and living God. Such an endeavor was made during the summer of 1919, when the unadulterated truths of the Word were preached by Elders Fries and McCord from the platform of our canvas pavilion at 57th and Walnut Streets, West Philadelphia.

The tent was invitingly equipped within, and the electric lights added greatly to the appearance. At the main entrance was a sign, proportionate to the size of the tent, on which was printed in bold letters, "Peace Palace." We know that, under the special blessing of Him we serve, it was a place of peace to many. The seating capacity was eight hundred, and upon two occasions every available seat was occupied, while many were standing outside. The ordinary Sunday evening audience did not exceed 650 and at the week-night services the attendance ranged from 300 to 400.

Though the immediate outcome, so far as numbers is concerned, was not what we shall see before the work is finished, still we have been made to realize that God added his blessing. Twenty-seven have been baptized, and some are observing the Sabbath, contemplating this step in the near future.

These, with any other interested one, were invited to go with us to our church at 57th and Locust Streets, where a series of Sunday evening meetings began when the weather made it advisable to discontinue the tent meetings. A splendid interest is manifested here, and some have definitely decided in favor of the message. At our next baptismal service, some of these new candidates, together with others who have been hesitating for various reasons, will through this ceremony covenant with God to keep the commandments.

In addition to the West Philadelphia Church effort, presided over by Elder J. W. McCord, Elder R. M. Fries conducted a successful series of meet-

ings on the north side of the city. Twelve have been baptized. So the work moves onward, and some day, when human instrumentalities have fulfilled their commission, and our Lord brings in the grand climax, we shall see among the redeemed some who were plucked from the burning during our 1919 effort in Philadelphia.

FLORENCE WHALEY.

News Notes

Sister L. A. Parsons, mother of Elder Parsons, left last week for her home in California where she will retire from active work. She has been doing aggressive training of church members for Bible work while in this conference and as a result many in Philadelphia are prepared to go out and teach others. Her many friends express their sorrow to have her leave, and will greatly miss her association.

Sister Gladys Bowen, who has been assisting in the Tract Society office, has accepted a call to the Western New York Conference as stenographer. Sister Martha Fraustein, who has been doing stenographic work at the General Conference, has filled the vacancy made by Sister Bowen.

Brother Hess paid a visit to the Tract Society office last Sunday. He expressed his good courage and is looking forward to great things this year in his work as colporteur.

If you desire to earn your quota of fifty cents a week for missions either through the Sabbath school or church offerings we would suggest, as some are doing, sell magazines or books. Many are having wonderful experiences meeting the people and at the same time spreading the message here and abroad.

Harrisburg sent the largest order for the **Special Signs Weekly** on Spiritualism, in East Pennsylvania. Their order amounted to 1,125 copies. We are glad to see some of the churches preparing to meet this evil with the Signs.

The price of twenty-five cents a copy on the **Watchman** doesn't affect those who are anxious to circulate the paper. Two of our colored sisters in Philadelphia disposed of fifty last Saturday evening, on the streets, in less than three hours. They greatly enjoyed their experiences and plan to continue in the work.

The report from the Philadelphia Colored Sabbath School for the past quarter reveals a splendid growth. The offerings amounted to \$365.92 which is only \$20 less than the offerings for the entire year 1918. The membership has also doubled since that time.

The West Philadelphia Sabbath School bids fair to reach its goal for the year if each quarter shows as splendid an increase in the offerings for missions as the first. The amount given was \$774.77, showing a gain of \$110 over the previous quarter.

The Wade Sabbath School laments the fact that their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was less than last quarter, yet they made it "Dollar Day."

One more Missionary Volunteer Society is added to our Honor Roll. The West Philadelphia secretary reports that every member is now a reporting member.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

News Notes

On Sunday night, April 4, Elder Ashton spoke to an interested audience in the Akron Church. His subject was "Spiritualism."

The Cleveland West Side Missionary Volunteer Society was the first one to report for the quarter. This society has 35 reporting members, 14 taking the reading course, 19 observing the Morning Watch, and 38 taking the Bible Year. The membership is 44. The offerings for foreign missions amount to \$42.27.

The conference committee met at the office last week.

On the first Sabbath of the quarter, the believers in Wooster were formally organized into a Sabbath school, with G. R. Wysong as superintendent and Carl Nelson secretary. They have secured the G. A. R. Hall for their meetings, using a club room now but are planning for their school to so grow that it will be necessary to use the main hall soon. Miss Hixon had the pleasure of meeting with them for the organization of their school.

Elder Ashton visited the Canton Church last Sabbath. Meetings are being held in the new church now and the members are very anxious for an effort there. The city seems ripe for the message.

The Toledo Senior Missionary Volunteer Society has sent in an excellent report; in fact, it is the best report that this society has ever sent. The society has 34 members and all are reporting members. Where are the other 100 per cent reporting societies?

The Dayton members are very happy over their new church building. They have succeeded in securing a very nice church and have the money to pay for it.

WEST VIRGINIA

1455 7th. St., Parkersburg W. Va.
T. B. Westbrook, Pres. C. L. Bauer, Secy.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook held quarterly service with the Clarksburg Church Sabbath and reports an excellent meeting.

Sister Welsh, who has been doing Bible work in Charleston for over a year, is moving to Huntington to connect with the work there.

Mr. Francis Parrish is located in Charleston as pastor of the First Church.

Elder Westcott met with the Morgantown and Fairmont Churches last Sabbath in the interest of the home missionary work.

Brother McElphatrick spoke in the Parkersburg Church last Sabbath. He is now canvassing at Follansby.

Elder Westbrook and Mr. Whistler went to Huntington last week to begin work on the new church building.

As we are becoming settled we appreciate more than ever our new office building.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for March 27 was \$113.28 at Huntington, West Virginia. This is one of the largest ever given by one Sabbath school in our Conference. One small child whose parents are not members of our church, filled four Thirteenth Sabbath Envelopes. Toward the last

of the quarter three-fourths of the members of this school studied their lesson daily. We trust that this school will be among the first to reach the goal "Every Member Studying the Lesson Daily."

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Midkiff and little daughters, Isabel and Esther, who live at Clarksburg, West Virginia, are the first members of our Sabbath schools in this Conference to receive book-marks for being present and on time for an entire year and studying the Sabbath school lesson every day. This means faithfulness on 52 Sabbaths in attendance and punctuality, and 365 days of lesson study. We believe that such loyalty is pleasing to the Master.

We are happy to fill out quite a number of Cards of Honor for our isolated members this quarter. We hope that this list will increase. Let each one who studied a portion of the lesson every day during the quarter, and held their Sabbath school every Sabbath, send their name to Mrs. Westbrook. If you have been faithful in just the one item, let us know about that too.

Bring the children to camp meeting for there will be special meetings for them. We would be pleased to see every child from our Sabbath schools and those who are isolated, on the camp ground this year. Remember the date, June 10 to 20, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Does your child have the paper which is printed especially for the children of Sabbath keepers? We know that their minds should not be fed on fairy tales so, if we do not already have this paper, let us subscribe for "Our Little Friend," price, single copy, per year 90 cents. Five or more copies to one address, each 80 cents per year.

Elder and Mrs. Westcott have secured a house just a few doors from the office. They were very fortunate as there is such a shortage of houses in Parkersburg that many families have to wait months before finding a place to live.

Word has been received from Bro. Corder, our former home missionary secretary, that Mrs. Corder is getting along nicely at the Washington Sanitarium where she was operated on recently.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

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

News Notes

Virginia colporteurs are certainly doing things nowadays.

Camp meeting time is almost here, and the people are making plans to attend.

How many hours are you spending in missionary work in a week, in a month, in a year? Seriously now, how many?

Three of the children of the Richmond Church School went forward in baptism last Sabbath. Good work is being done in this school.

Are you going to occupy a tent or a room at the camp meeting? Only a limited number of rooms are available. Better send in your order for what you want. Do it now.

The Conference Committee met in Richmond one day this week to consider plans for the campmeeting. After looking over the situation carefully it was decided to have the meeting at Richmond.

A locating committee composed of W. E. Bidwell, W. H. Jones, and J. Leland was named to select a site for the camp meeting. Several different places have been looked at and we hope to be able to announce very soon the exact location.

Don't forget the announcements have been sent out to all the churches in regard to the important convention to take place on April 24. Plan for it. Be ready for it. Do your best that good results may be seen from it.

Announcements are out to the effect that two of our conference workers are to follow the old plan of trying to disprove the rule of addition. We sincerely hope they will succeed and we wish them much joy and Heaven's blessing in their work.

Elders J. B. Mallory, W. H. Sebastian, and A. J. Evelyn are attending the convention for colored workers that is being held in Nashville, Tenn. We are sure that the Spirit of God has many rich blessings for these workers convened there.

This year the *Watchman* Scholarship Plans are taking most favorably. A large number of our boys and girls plan to take advantage of the offer that they may attend one of our schools another year. It only requires 320 yearly subscriptions or 1700 single copies to earn a \$300.00 scholarship. Begin now, and you will be in school when the fall term begins.

The children of the Oak Ridge School have sent in 29 Reading Course appreciation cards. This number will be a great help in reaching our year's goal.

Miss Williams visited the schools at Melrose and Oak Ridge last week. School work is progressing nicely, and and the children learning lessons which will one day stand the test of the judgment.

Portsmouth has organized a class for the *Sabbath School Worker's* Training Course. Eight members have enrolled. Let other Sabbath schools send in their enrollment cards, that we may keep in touch with these classes.

It is not too early for our young people to begin to lay plans for attending camp meeting. Last year our small books and magazines helped many to solve the financial part of the trip. Where there's a will there's a way.

Our fifteenth Missionary Volunteer Society has been organized at Oak Ridge. Every church should have its society, for now is the time for our youth to prepare for service, and to serve while preparing.

One Missionary Volunteer reports having finished reading his Bible through since last fall. Are you reading daily, that your mind may be stored with the precious Word, which alone is able to help you through the time of trouble before us.

Two more months before the next test for Standard of Attainment certificates. Don't fail to complete the course.

Our Sabbath School members will be interested in the report of last year's offerings, per capita.

First quarter098
Second "127
Third "174
Fourth "196

COLPORTEURS REPORTS

NAME	Place	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
Virginia, One Week Ending April 2, 1920								
C.E. Williams, Nansemond	BR	33	53	254	50		254 50	
Clarence Blaunt, Eliz. City	BR	40	36	185	00		185 00	
D. W. Percey, Bath Co.	BR	41	31	169	00		169 00	
W. G. Michael, Smyth Co.	BR	28	28	135	00		135 00	
A.L. Gary, Southampton CO.	GC	24	25	126	50		130 25	
G. R. Pilate, Southam. Co.	BR	38	24	114	00	3 75	120 75	2 75
F.G. Conwell, Alleghany Co.	BR	21	24	109	50		109 50	
G. R. Pilate, Southam. Co.	BR	35	21	105	50	2 25	107 25	1 25
Mrs. Hafenmayr, Tazwell Co.	BR	19	19	93	00	8 00	101 00	
Edna E. Conwell, Alleg. Co.	BR	23	21	94	50		94 50	
G. W. Fox, Warwick Co.	BR	12	20	94	50		94 50	
P. Hafenmayr, Tazwell Co.	BR	19	14	92	00		92 00	105 00
J. H. Ware, Rappahannock	OD	19	28	54	00	1 00	55 00	5 00
J.P. Spaulding, Smyth Co.	BR	23	13	63	00	6 00	69 00	
J. V. Faison, Bedford Co.	OD	46	22	58	00	19 50	77 50	
E.C. Tanksley, Greensley Co.	BR	12	9	45	50		45 50	
Misc.				101	25		101 25	101 25
Totals	15 Colporteurs	433	388	1800	25	47 25	1847 50	215 25

Chesapeake, One Week Ending April 2, 1920

J. E. Jones, Dorchester, Md.	BR	14	28	129	00	18 00	147 00	
J. R. Babylon, Carroll, Mb.	OD	16	3	9	50	2 00	11 50	46 50
W. Swope, Ocean City	OD	18	17	42	50	12 20	54 70	7 85
J. Vanzant, Smithville, Md.		16						59 00
L. Robinson, Balt., Md.	BF	17	48	97	00	1 50	98 50	10 50
M. Queen, Balt., Md.	BF	10	8	16	50	12 00	28 50	
A. B. Thomas, Wilm., Del.	CK	25	7	15	50		15 50	
Totals	7 Colporteurs	116	111	310	00	45 70	355 70	123 85

New Jersey, One Week Ending April 2, 1920

N. R. Pond, Passiac		21						32 95
George Blinn, Burling.	HM	120		210	00		210 00	150 00
Fred Zimmerly, Glassboro	DR	29	9	40	50	10 75	51 25	
Mr. & Mrs. Brownell, Camden	BR	48	17	100	50	23 89	124 39	152 89
Esther Lull, Berlin		28				9 45	9 45	4 30
E. G. Wrigley, Paterson	OD	17	10	32	00	1 75	33 75	1 75
Fred Zimmerly, Pitman	DR	35	5	25	50	3 75	29 25	
Totals	7 Colporteurs	298	41	408	50	49 59	458 09	341 89

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending April 2, 1920

Laverne Adams, Cumberl'd	BR	10	9	42	00		42 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster	BR	29	9	43	50	1 50	45 00	
W. P. Hess, Chester Co.	BR	40	12	63	00	2 50	65 50	232 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	78	35	187	50	15 00	202 50	100 00
H. M. Minier, York	OD	29	12	30	00	2 50	32 50	5 00
Luke G. Price, W. Easton	OD	37	26	65	00		65 00	
Victor Price, Easton	BR	57	17	76	50	25	76 75	1 50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne	OD	24	2	11	50	9 45	20 95	
J. G. Willet, Cumberland	OD	18	7	31	00		31 00	
Titals	9 Colporteurs	322	129	550	00	31 20	581 20	338 50

Ohio, One Weeks Ending April 2, 1920

Chas. Carter, Wood Co.	BR	37	20	114 00		114 00	
E. Chamberland, Akron	CK	23	13	35 00		35 00	12 60
G. E. Chamberlain, Akron	CK	19	8	24 50		24 50	44 50
Roy Ertel, Pomeroy	BR	27	10	48 00		48 00	131 60
Mrs. Chas. French,	OD	5	6	15 00		15 00	
Fred Hannah, Jefferson Co.	OD	41	26	72 50	3 00	75 00	45 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton	OD	10					70 00
G. W. James, Columbus	DR	44	51	276 00		276 00	
G. A. Keppler, Middletown	OD	15	6	15 00	13 75	28 75	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Willard	OD	29		37 50	8 00	45 50	18 00
S. L. Stopher, Cleveland	BR	25	19	102 00	78 00	180 00	
O. E. Taylor, Athens	OD	51	27	87 00	4 50	91 50	
Miss Marie Umbaugh	OD		3	9 00		9 00	
W. E. Wagner, Middleport	BR	42	16	76 50	50	77 00	56 00
C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	11	14	38 00		38 00	5 50
Totals	15 Colporteurs	379	219	950 50	107 75	1058 25	383 20

District of Columbia, Month of April 2, 1920

Orville Caal	BF	7	13	30 00		30 00	
G. E. Mifsbaugh	DR	39	20	91 50	26 00	117 50	
A. Colporter	GC	34	15	61 00	62 50		
L. A. Martin					25 00	25 00	82 50
M. A. Millogton					27 25	27 25	112 00
Thos. Beamsderfen	BR	10	13	63 00		63 00	36 00
O. S. Harrell	BF	39	11	26 50	40 90	67 40	11 30
Total	7 Colporteurs	128	72	276 00	181 65	457 75	241 80
Grand total	60 Colporteurs			Value 4758 49		Deliveries 1644 49	

We know that these offerings were the fruits of sacrifice, but let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

The school at Oak Ridge closed April 2, and Miss Ellis has returned to her home in Richmond. During the school year all of the older pupils were

baptized.

Three members of the Richmond Jr. Missionary Volunteer Society were baptized last Sabbath. Let the young people take their stand for Christ, that they may be ready to greet him when He comes.

Religious Liberty Issue of Yiddish Magazine

"Religious Liberty" will be the leading topic of the second quarter issue of the Yiddish magazine, "The Present Issues." It will be just the thing to circulate among the Jews.

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Washington Missionary College

The church service on Sabbath, April 3, was given over to a session of the Sabbath School Convention. A very interesting dialogue showed what the ideal Sabbath school is. Our Sligo Sabbath School falls short in some respects, but we are learning. There was also an afternoon session.

Elder Spicer told the mission bands of the work among the Mohammedans. It is not an easy field, but the Near East Band is as large as any. Hard tasks lure strong youths, and

our leader is under appointment.

The Missionary Volunteer program, given Friday night, showed us how we could better keep the Sabbath. That the first and last minutes of the Sabbath are as important as any was impressed upon our minds.

Joy Walden was confined to his room a few days because of tonsillitis. Unfounded rumor claimed that he had the mumps, but we are glad it was not so.

Some of the young ladies visited the meeting at Laurel Sunday night. The ministerial band holds weekly services in a hall there.

The students had several good marches Saturday night—the first for several weeks.

A number of students were disappointed when they awoke Sunday morning. The rain prevented all the outings that had been planned except that a few went to the monastery. We can be glad that the sun has not gone out of business.

A new Burroughs adding machine has been purchased for the Commercial Department.

The Spring Council completed its work last Wednesday night. The sessions were held in the College gymnasium and in the Review and Herald's new chapel.

Elder Gilbert's talk on the authenticity of the Biblical account of creation strengthened our faith.

Brother V. O. Panches told us of the foreign work in America.

Miss Madge Miller is visiting her folks on Flower Avenue. She claims Waterloo, Quebec, as her headquarters.

Was it on March 31 or April 1? The big question mark in the girls' faces was answered when dainty invitations were given out bidding all to an entertainment by the boys on March 31 in the "gym." It was prettily but simply decorated. To see the smile of those who heard the program would betray to a small degree the enjoyment received. We then had a pleasant march to the dining room. And—the boys believe in "feeding," for we were served sandwiches, salad and nectar, topped off with fudge, ice cream and cake. Truly it was a real entertainment.

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"The better the day, the better the deed." Easter Sunday was not an ideal day for the annual promenade of Washington's elite society show of flowers and millinery, but the rain and mud of country roads did not dampen the missionary spirit of the

W. M. C. students as they plodded their way toward the little town of Silver Springs to hold the first of a series of meetings in a large beautiful home thrown open by an earnest seeker after truth. We earnestly pray that God will bless these meetings.

The little mission connected with the Washington Sanitarium Dispensary, in the heart of the city's most needy section, still holds an interest which can be seen in the regular attendance of those whose faces have become familiar and friendly. Little children are not neglected, for each evening ten minutes are spent in relating a Bible story that will appeal to their own outlook of life. Interest is kept alive by our students' literature band distributing tracts and cheery invitations to come.

Mount Vernon Academy

The printing office boys printed a special Visitor for the students of the dormitory last week.

Ralph Christman gave his graduation recital Sunday evening, April 4. Although the electric current was turned off most of the evening, enough oil lamps were secured to light the chapel sufficiently. The program was enjoyed by all and we congratulate Mr. Christman and those who took part in the program on their success

in spite of the difficulties which arose. Mr. Christman, though only fourteen years old, is finishing the Normal Music Course.

Prof. Stone read an article in chapel Tuesday morning on "Dame Rumor" which will be profitable if we put the lesson taught into practice.

The boys in the printing office have been busy this week "throwing in" the new type which came last week.

Prof. Machlan, president of the Washington Missionary College, and his son, Lewis, of the Atlantic Union Conference, paid us a short visit this week. Prof. Machlan gave us an interesting talk during the chapel hour on Wednesday morning.

When they began talking about the Juniors entertaining the Seniors, it looked as though each Junior would have four Seniors to entertain, but after hunting around some, more Juniors have been found so that the Junior class organized with a membership of sixteen.

Brother C. C. Pulver spoke to the students on Sabbath afternoon on "The Demands and Possibilities of This Hour." James 3:17 was used to show that the wisdom from above is the all-essential in getting an education. Our schools are just the place to get this education. School is like a market, you can get just what you go after; no more.

The Holy City as described in Revelation 21:16 was used as an example of how we should balance our education. We must be well balanced and not one-sided if we wish to fit in the New Jerusalem.

A quotation from "Education," page 226 showed us that we may make our lives great, and that it is our privilege to live a great life for God. We read the lives of great men, and often wish we could live such lives. Wise men make use of the facilities at hand. They learn by the experience of others.

The life of Joseph was used as an illustration. As he was being carried away with the caravan among strangers his thoughts went back over the possessions of his father and he wept bitterly. He thought of the cruel glances of his brothers, the indulgence of his father, and the cause of his brothers' envy. His thoughts finally turned to his father's God, and he determined that he would serve Him. During the few hours of his journey he learned the lesson which otherwise would have

taken him years, and which was the secret of his success.

The little story of a ship in distress was given to show us that there are opportunities where we are but we do not always recognize them. This was also shown by the story of a farmer who was not satisfied with his farm. This farmer decided to sell his farm and buy one he liked better. He read a description of one which he felt was just what he wanted. Upon inquiry he learned that it was the farm which he was trying to sell. We must learn to look for and take advantage of the good at hand and we shall find many blessings.

The school notes were furnished this week by Ralph Crawford.

Advertising Rates

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Builds on the ground her lowly nest;
And she that doth so sweetly sing,
Sings in the shade when all things
rest;
In lark and nightingale we see
What honour hath humility."