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="THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGSTHAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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### The Reporting System Its Importance

God's Word furnishes both precept and example for a reporting system. Matthew 18:23 tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a certain king which would take account of his servants—Matthew 25:14-30, the parable of the talents further demonstrates that the Lord who entrusts us with talents will require a report of their use at his coming.

God's work in heaven is carried on with system. Many references are made to the fact that books are kept in heaven. When God created this world he made a record of it, reporting just what was done upon each day. In fact the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation is an inspired report of God's dealings with men and nations, carrying us over into the earth made new, as it is prospective as well as retrospective. Is not our whole system of truth based upon the reporting system? (See 2 Peter 1:19 and Revelation 22:6 Reporting in advance.) From Malachi 3:16 we learn that God keeps a record of our missionary meetings. Matthew 25:31-49 further carries this out showing in detail that our personal work is kept account of by God. (Read verses 35-40) A serious thought connected with the reporting system is this; viz, one cannot report work he has not done. In other words only a working church may be a reporting church.

When the seventy returned from the missionary trip upon which Christ had sent them, they brought back reports because they had something to report; why even devils were subject to them and note with what joy they gave their report—see Luke 10:17.

The man who hid his talent in the ground had no report to give his Lord, and notice, no reward. Before entering the promised land, spies were sent out to make a report. Two reports were brought back—a good and a bad. Those who brought back the good report took God into their plans. The others left him out. They would have seen the promised land.

Another phase of the reporting system is the benefit derived from the same. God's requirements are always for our good. As we hear what others have done, it is an incentive, a means of encouragement to us. What others have done can we not do also? Or perhaps our report will prove an encouragement to someone else or perhaps we may be awakened to sense what we have not done.

"Must I go and empty handed Must I treat my Saviour so Not one soul with which to greet him.

Must I empty handed go."

The King will soon return to take account of his servants. Are we reporting?

Geo. A. Stevens, Dover, Delaware.

#### Reading Themselves In

A recent letter from Syracuse, New York, tells of several in a baptismal class who have been led into the light of the third angel's message through reading the Signs of the Times.

A Montana evangelist wrote us the following not long ago: "Many of the people that I baptize have largely, and some of them wholly, learned of the truth through reading the Signs. In my judgment, this is one of the greatest factors in the hands of God for the speedy finishing of the work."

Brother J. J. Strahle, writing from the Philippine Islands, sends this good message: "In my travels throughout the Philippine Islands, I frequently meet individuals who have received the American Signs of the Times and think it a wonderful paper. Some of them are now observing the Sabbath through its influence. I have taken a few subscriptions for the Signs and will do more of such work in the future."

Another letter comes from an officer of one of the Baptist churches in St. Louis, Missouri, giving the impression that he purposes to go along with us in the study of the Word. He is grateful for the light received from his study of both volumes of "Questions and Answers," and from the

Signs, which is going to him regularly.

Brother W. A. Barlow, writing from Simultala, India, tells of a Bengali inspector of schools who has accepted the message through reading the American Signs of the Times. He adds: "The Signs is a great paper and is doing much good here in India."

Thus we see how the influence of our pioneer missionary paper is extending around the world. We pass on these items of interest to encourage our members everywhere in their literature ministry. "In due season we shall reap if we faint not."

#### The Great Opportunity

The time for city work is at its flood-tide. Are we going to improve the opportunity God is giving us? What means the great exodus from the remote rural districts to our cities, which are being crowded to the uttermost? Houses cannot be rendered at any price by many desiring them nor be erected fast enough to supply thedemand even at the enormous cost of building material. Cannot the student of prophecy see that God is having a hand in this movement?

A recent New York paper reported the following remarks of R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation: "Easy hours and higher wages in the city have drained the farm of its labor supply. In New York State alone 25,000 farms will lie idle, untilled this year for lack of labor. Alabama farmers are leaving one million acres of tillable land for lack of man power. Like conditions prevail through the country. The city tent efforts have a richer harvest ahead of them this summer than ever before. Things cannot remain as they are much longer. The farmer will have to go back to his farm or we shall all starve together. Now is the time when one can speak to thousands. Let us avail ourselves of every means to get the ear of this waiting multitude. Advertising pays much more in spiritual affairs than in business matters and where is the business man who does not keep wares before the public? Let us, also, use the city papers to report in short, attractive articles the tent sermons, thus reaching these masses which God has brought to us.

Mrs. Frances Headen.

Patience and strength are what we need; an earnest use of what we have now; and all the time an earnest discontent until we come to what we ought to be.

Phillip Brooks.

"There is no success unless you work for it."

#### The 1921 Home Missionary Calendar A Beauty

The following extract from a letter by a Conference Home Missionary Secretary to his local secretaries regarding the Home Missionary Calendar is typicial of the interest manifested throughout the denomination:

"We are mighty sorry that we did not have enough of the beautiful Home Missionary Callendars to go around. Some were disappointed, we know, but we apportioned them out the fairest way we could. The next time we will know how many to order so that all may be supplied. The cal-

#### OHIO

Box \$, Mount Vernon, Ohio

N. S. Ashton, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

## Mansfield, Wooster and Crestline

It was a pleasure for me to spend Friday night and Sabbath morning, May 27 and 28, with the little company of believers in Mansfield. The members here are letting their light shine-Brother and Sister Leland Shearn have well equipped treatment rooms, and are enjoying a prosperous business



"This photograph represents the group of persons who engaged in field work among the foreign speaking people in the city of Toledo during the Home Missionary Institute recently held in that city. Toledo is planning on some aggressive work for the "Stranger within our gates."

Life

Life is an adjustment of self to conditions, more or less successfully. You can only get results in life through an obliteration of self. You may acquire money, you may reach prominence, you may stand out politically, or shine resplendently in a social way; but only when your every effort is directed toward the betterment of others will you have learned to live. And you cannot better people with enthusiasm alone—you must know what you are doing and be capable in execution.

Raymond Riordon.

endar for 1921 is already in preparation and they tell us it is going to be a beauty."

Yes, the 1921 Home Missionary Calendar will be a beauty and it will be out on time. Every home should have one of these bright new calendars which will reflect month by month from your wall the program of the denomination for 1921. It will be worth having. Price 35 cents.

HOME MISSIONARY
DEPARTMENT

"Knowing what to do is not so important as doing it."

patronage from the public. These workers are giving their patrons, the well-to-do and poor spiritual, as well as physical help, and their efforts are being reciprocated. One day, a minister of one of the popular churches, while being treated, asked Brother Shearn if he had one of those Signs left, dealwith Spiritualism. "I am going to preach against Spiritualism soon," he added, "and I want one of those papers for it is the best thing I ever read on the subject." This is only one of many instances met with by our people, indicating the friendly attitude of even the professional people toward our truth-filled literature.

Sabbath morning the church decided to have a field day with Present Truth in Crestline, twelve miles from Mansfield. Mr. McOwen kindly drove six of us over Sunday morning. In a short time, over 300 Present Truth were placed in the homes of the people. The boy and girl of the party were as enthusiastic as the adults, and visited as many homes. Let us not forget that our young people make excellent home missionaries. These two same young people assisted in working among foreigners in Mansfield Sunday afternoon, when literature was sold in Hungarian, Polish, Serbian, Italian and Bulgarian languages. These people were glad to get literature in their mother tongue.

Sabbath afternoon several of us had the privilege of meeting with the Wooster Company. Although new in the faith, the believers here are energetic and anxious to help others see the light in which they themselves are rejoicing. A good number of the Spiritualism Special of Signs Weekly was ordered by the Wooster Company.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Vol. IX page 117.

E. R. Corder

#### News Notes

A large number of orders for rooms for camp meeting are being received here at the office. We very much regret that it is impossible for us to comply with all your requests for rooms in the village or to even offer any kind of a substitute. Just at present we know of no rooms at all that can be secured. This is due to the fact that since last camp meeting many changes have been made in the village which have limited the number of available rooms and too, we have had many more applications than usual this year. So with all the rooms in the Academy taken and nothing in the way of rooms in the village to offer at present, the safest and most sure plan is to order a tent. Tent orders are coming in fast, so to be sure of your tent, it would be wise to order soon.

Elder Ashton spent Sabbath and Sunday May 29 and 30, in Bowling Green. On Sabbath two services were held in the Baptist Church in that town. A beautiful baptismal service was held in the afternoon and 12 were baptised.

These people accepted the truth as a result of the recent meetings conducted in Bowling Green by Brother Shellhaas. The church was well filled both morning and afternoon, there being quite a few visitors from Toledo, Liberty Center and other neighboring towns.

The pastor of the Baptist Church invited Elder Ashton to take his Sunday morning service and the members of that church very much appeciated the good sermon Elder Ashton gave them.

Brother Shellhaas will conduct a ten-day special effort in Liberty Center after which a baptismal service will be held. Following this he will assist Elder Fairchild with the work at Stout where a church will be organized in a couple of months.

Mr. Hershberger made a hurried visit last week to Akron, Alliance, Canton, Cleveland and LaGrange, before leaving for Washington.

The Toledo Church has raised funds sufficient to pay their church debt and a dedicatoral service was held last Sabbath. Elder Kneeland was present or the service,

Last Wednesday Elder Washburn with his family arrived in Toledo where he will work.

We are sorry to learn that Elder and Mrs. Behrens who have been working in Cincinnati are leaving us to connect with the Southern Junior College. Elder Behrens will be the Bible teacher and Mrs. Behrens will have charge of the Normal Department. We wish them an abundance of success in their new work.

Elder Ashton went to Ooltewah, Tenn., last week to give the baccalaureate sermon at the Southern Junior College.

Elder Miller has accepted a call to connect with the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Michigan. For quite a number of years we have been accostumed to seeing Elder Miller at camp meetings and other public gatherings and have appreciated his good talks and kindly council. Now that he is leaving us, he will be

greatly missed. We trust that the Lord will richly bless both Elder and Doctor Miller as they work for the young people of E. M. C.

Brother Ray Corder, the assistant home missionary secretary for the Union, is spending some little time looking after the work in Ohio. A number of conventions have been planned for the next two months.

Last Sabbath Brother Corder spoke to the Mansfield Church in the morning and to a company at Wooster in the afternoon. A small *Present Truth* campaign was held in Crestline. Several Mansfield members assisted with the campaign.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

1455 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

T. B. Westbrook, Pres. C. L. Bauer, Sec.

#### Laymen's Missionary Convention Charleston, W. Va.

A Layman's Missionary Convention was held in the first church in Chaleston, April 9-11. Elder T. B. Westbrook spoke at the Friday evening service on "The Secret of Finishing the Work." A united effort on the part of the laity and the church officers and workers, actuated by the living Christ enthroned within, was set forth as the only hope of a completed task.

Convention work was taken up Sabbath morning and continued all day Sabbath and Sunday except for a few hours in the afternoon that were devoted to field work. A Present Truth campaign was launched at this time. Two of the workers went out with "Glorious Appearing" in the Italian. They found the people eager to secure literatuoe in their own tongue and sold in nearly every home they visited.

Instruction was given in many lines of missionary endeavor. One that provoked the most lively discussion was Christian help and relief work. Surely this is a subject in which our people should take a deeper interest.

A Bible workers' class was organized under the leadership of Miss Mead which is being well attended. A Standard of Attainment class was also organized and ten of these have already passed the examination on Bible Doctrines.

The Sunday morning devotional hour was a meeting long to be remembered because of the manifest presence of

God. Brother Parrish and Sister Mead rendered valuable help during the convention, and many excellent papers were prepared by the lay members. We are looking forward to lasting results from this convention.

H. B. Westcott

### The Guiding of the Father's Hand

As I was about to go on my way to Beckly, Raleigh County, West Virginia, my new field of labor, I was informed by the president of our conference that two of our brethren some time before had been given over night to get out of this town or something terrible would happen to them next morning. I have no doubt this was meant. have been here less than two months. They have killed seventeen men and shot and wounded as many more. But we are glad that we can say in the language of the prophet of old, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them."

I earnestly prayed to my Heavenly Father that he would some way give me access to the hearts of those benighted people over whom the enemy of all had held universal sway these many years. The Father heard my feeble prayer and brought me into contact with a business man living at a distance of twenty miles from here, who became very much interested and got off the train with me at Beckley and staved two days and nights with me at the hotel studying the Bible. Upon meeting this same man a few weeks ago, he informed me that he had secured the Baptist Church at his place and insisted that I come and hold meetings, which I promised to do after our camp meeting.

On Sunday, May 16, upon returning to my room after having been out all morning administering treatments to the sick, I lay down on the bed. I had lain there but ten minutes when the Father spoke saying, "Get up, prepare yourself a lunch, take your handbag and go out. There is still work to do." I immediately arose, prepared my lunch, took my bag with Bible, some books and a chart and started out, not knowing just where I was going. I felt sure, however, that my Heavenly Father was guiding. Having walked about a quarter of a mile, I came to a parting of the ways. Pausing just a moment to inquire of my guiding angel who I felt sure was at my side, which way I should go, immediately came the answer, "Go to the top of Reservoir Hill," which was plainly in sight.

Reaching its summit and looking out over the city which lay at its base, and over valleys and hills of lesser height for miles around, I saw no one. I said, "I see no one up here."

At once I was impressed to walk around to the other reservoir and having done so, I saw two men coming up the hill on the opposite side from that which I had ascended. I stood watching them until they came up within a few feet of me, and stopped, looking at me. I waited a moment and none of us spoke. I broke the silence by bidding them "Good afternoon" and remarked, "This is a wonderful view of God's handiwork in nature."

One replied, "Yes, one of the best in the state," and in almost the next breath he said, "Are you a preacher?"

I replied that I spoke once in a while when opportunity presented itself. They began at once to ply me with Bible questions which I answered and then suggested that we sit down on a log close by and have a Bible study, to which they both agreed. In a few moments I had my Bible and chart spread out on the ground, unfolding to them God's truth for this time. In a few moments, two more men came, who dropped on their knees in front of us.

At the close of the study, I sold them six books. Then the first two men told me that they had been impressed to come up to the top of that hill and had said to one another as they were on the way, "What are we going up here for?" They said, "We know now, and we would not have missed what we got this afternoon for fifty dollars".

One was a local preacher and he ordered a chart. They asked me if I would speak for them the next Sunday in a school house which they pointed out from the top of the hill, so on arriving last Sunday night, I found the place quite well filled and to my surprise, a man was seated behind the desk. I said nothing to anyone, but took a seat in the crowd. By the time the meeting began, the place was crowded. The man behind the desk arose and announced a hymn and after prayer began to speak. I noticed he kept watching me, in fact, hardly took his eyes off me. After speaking a few minutes he pointed to me and said, "My brother, have you anything to offer?"

It came so unexpectedly for a moment I was like a man in a stuper, but, in an instant, it came to me that the Master had arranged for me to speak that evening, so I arose and went forward, faced the people and opened my mouth, and all I can say is that the Lord filled it. I closed with the promise to speak to then again the

next Sunday, May 30, at three o'clock. I walked home with the first speaker and arranged with him for Bible studies in his home.

Can we doubt for a moment our Father's leading in these last days? We ask the prayers of the readers of this article for the work in this needy field.

G. W. Lawrence.

#### CHESAPEAKE

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

#### News Notes

Brother M. S. Pettibone, home missionary secretary of the conference has been making visits among the isolated people on the eastern shore of Maryland. His wife and baby have been accompanying him, and they have been most heartily welcomed by these faithful people, who amid opposition and persecution have remained loyal for many years. Let all our people remember these quiet lights that God has stationed in the midst of the darkness to shine alone for him.

Elder and Mrs. Booth and Miss Jacobs and Miss Tripp visited the church at Millington, Maryland. This visit was a great encouragement to the church, as they do not often have a minister.

Some of our colporteurs are doing splendid work. Brother Wilford Swope writes, "I am having some good experiences down here. Will soon have to have you send a minister down. Three persons have already begun to keep the Sabbath, and I have several interested who are studying for the ministry. I am holding studies with them on Sabbath morning. Another party near Snow Hill is very much interested and want tracts and papers that he may learn more of the truth."

Brethren C. C. Pulver and Charles Paden, the latter assistant book keeper at the Washington Sanitarium, spent several days at the office last week, going over the books in the office.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church is still actively engaged in missionary work. It is by this means that the church school is being carried on so successfully.

Other churches in the confernce are also using a great deal of literature and we expect to see a great many stars and crowns on the charts of the different churches at the close of the year.

Mrs. Edna Haddaway from the Ford Store Church, called at the office, yesterday. She reports a goodly number of the young people taking the Reading Courses, and very much interested in them.

We are glad to know Standard of Attainment classes are at work in some of the churches.

Miss Flora Harter says people are asking her which day is the Sabbath, and are anxious to know if they are really keeping the commandments of God.

Miss Martha Bloom and Miss Ruth Miller began to work in Howard County this morning. It will be remembered that Miss Miller made a good record last year, in this field. These young ladies have been in Washington Missionory College the past year and are planning to return again in the fall.

It is now expected that the Martinsburg Church building will de ready for dedication about June 6.

Elder C. E. Andross baptised two persons in Martinsburg Sabbath, and one in Hagerstown Sunday of the past week.

Elder L. C. Drews has gone to Martinsburg to help on the church building and will begin a series of meetings there on June 6 in the new building. As soon as the church is dedicated Elder Andross will give his full time to the Union Conference Volunteer Department to which office he was elected at the time of the Union Conference meeting.

Elder E. E. Andross spoke to the Baltimore Church Sabbath morning. His visit was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. D. T. Bourdeau, one of the pioneers of this message, and who lives in Baltimore with her daughter. Dr.

Bourdeau-Siso, spoke to the young people in the Baltimore No.1 Church Sabbath afternoon on the early days of the message. We are glad to have Sister Bourdeau in our midst, as her counsel is very good, and her experiences helpful.

Elder R. T. Dowsett spoke in the First S. D. A. Church Sunday night, May 23. We were glad to welcome Elder Dowsett again and listen to his stirring sermon.

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#### **NEW JERSEY**

200 Columbus Ave., Trenton, N. J.

W. C. Moffett, Pres. E. J. Stipeck, Sec.

#### **News Notes**

Brother J. A. Swenson reports another baptism of six members, five from his effort in Jersey City and one in Montclair, bringing the membership of the Swedish church in Montclair up to sixteen. We are glad for the way the Lord is blessing the work of Brother Swenson and Sister Jenson for their people.

The Scandinavian and Slovakian churches in Perth Amboy are taking steps to erect a church building in that city, each church bearing half the expenses. Over ninety per cent of the population in Perth Amboy is said to be foreign.

Roports from all sections of the state indicate that there will be a large attendance at the Trenton camp meeting, June 24 to July 4. Some especially good help is promised from the General Conference.

#### Colporteur News

The colporteur "who runs away from God in the morning will scarcely find him the rest of the day."

You will notice by the report that there is an increase in sales over last week of nearly \$400.00. Let us keep up the good work.

Brother Johnson has started again after being absent from the work some time. His report for the first week is very encouraging.

I received good reports from Brothers John and Fred Zimmerly this week. They say; "Truly the Lord has wonderfully blessed us this week, and we have been having some wonderful experiences. It certainly is a joy to be in

this glorious work of the Lord. . . Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow."

There are several new colporteurs who are going to enter the work very soon, I will be very glad to hear from any who are interested in this branch of the ministry.

Address Ernest Mansell
200 Columbus Ave.,
Trenton, N. J.

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

#### **News Notes**

Have you noticed the Colporteurs' reports for this week? Look on the following page for East Pennsylvania. Brother Frizzell has entered the work once more and has the highest report this week. Brother Lewis, our new field secretary, is rounding others up for this important part of the work, among whom are Brother and Sister A. F. Acherbauer and Brother Germeyer of this conference. We learn that several of the Washington Missionary College students will be here during the summer months. The Lord is blessing the bookmen in this part of the field. If you are interested in the colporteur work, or know of others who might be, have them correspond with Brother H. G. Lewis, 61 S. Bennett St., Doranceton, Pa.

The Tract Society and the Conference Office are now located at 237 S. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. When corresponding remember to address the new location.

Elder Washburn before departing for Ohio, baptised thirteen converts at the North Philadelphia Church May 29.

Recently the conference purchased a number of new tents for the summer efforts. These tents cost considerably and Brother Parsons presented the matter before the North Philadelphia Church last Sabbath. They responded very heartily to the amount of \$331.00.

Brother Baierle has closed his meetings in Allentown, and is busy looking for a sight in Reading to pitch his tent.

#### **VIRGINIA**

W. Main St., Richmond, Va.
 J. A. Leland, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

#### **News Notes**

A number of friends met with the church at Portsmouth on May 18 in the interest of the church school. The program was both interesting and instructive, many of the little ones reciting lessons that had been learned during the school year. There were two eighth grade graduates. We trust these young people will plan to continue their education, that they may do their part to finish the work.

The Richmond Church School held their closing exercises on May 20. There was a good attendance. Each song, dialogue and piece conveyed its message, and the standard of the program was such, that those not of our faith, learned something of our hope and faith. Two young girls graduated from the eighth grade. Both are planning to continue their education, and to prepare for service.

Dr. B. P. Bryan, pastor of the Takoma Park Church, spent several days in Richmond recently and spoke in the Richmond Church Sabbath morning and Sanday night to a large and interested congregation. Dr. Bryan was formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Richmond.

Miss Eloise Williams spent a few days with the church schools in the Tidewater attending their closing exercises.

Mrs. Ruth Fox, teacher of the Newport News Church School was called to her home in West Virginia on account of the death of her brother Dan Fahrner.

Paul Baroudi and John Deebe of New York have united with our canvassing force, and will work in the southwestern counties.

D. W. Percey has been called to assist the Field Secretary of the West Virginia Conference.

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Elder J. A. Leland spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Lynchburg Church. Sunday night he gave an illustrated lecture to a large audience, among whom were many not of our faith.

Mrs. L. W. Kurz was called to her home in New York on account of the serious illness of her sister.

F. E. Hankins, our former field secretary, has recently moved to Takoma Park, D. C.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Mount Vernon Academy

Dear Students:

We are glad to learn that so many of you have had pleasant trips home and we hope those from whom we have not heard reached their homes safely.

Only a few of us were left after school closed and our number has grown smaller every day. A letter just came from Miss Fickes who left last Sunday, saying she reached Brookfield "safe and sound." Miss Crump went to Alliance where she expects to canvass with Miss Florence Numbers. Miss Tatman went to Cleveland on Wednesday where she with Miss Murphy and Miss Chisholm will engage in the magazine work. On Friday morning Paul Hadley returned to his home in Toledo.

Miss Felker went to Ooltewah to attend the commencement exercises and from there she expects to go to Chattanooga, Tennessee to spend the summer at her home. Elder Ashton accompanied her to the Southern Junior College where he preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath, June 5.

The printing office boys have been busy as usual. Mr. Berry and Miss Tracy have joined them and are going to take first year printing during the summer.

Profesor Tonjes and Mrs. Miller have a number of classes of students who are taking studies during the summer.

Some of the Seniors seem to be very busy at the end of the walk They are working with electric wires, red bricks and other things and when asked what they are doing they just smile. I guess we shall have to wait to see what they are about.

You remember on class night in the prophecy there was something said about Snyder's Soup? Well, Mr. Kruft has fulfilled part of his prophecy for on Tuesday he and Miss Catheryn Snyder were married in Toledo. Mr. Lipscomb was greatly interested and extended his heartiest congratulations. I'll tell you why some other time.

Last Monday some of us had a holiday. Professor and Mrs. Stone were our chaperones and we went to the river where we had an enjoyable time swimming and wading.

The new flower bed is filled with cannas and collias. A variety of pretty plants have been put in the flower beds and soon there will be an abundance of flowers around the Academy buildings.

"Aunt Dinah" is chief cook now and Miss Farney and Miss Cain are helping her. They have not only been cook ing but cleaning house, also. From the look of the berry patch they will soon have some canning to do for there is promise of a bountiful crop of berries.

The Academy family send all of you their best wishes for a pleasant and profitable vacation,

#### Shenandoah Valley Academy

Commencement week was a busy one at the Academy. A large number of relatives and friends were present and every one seemed to have an ejoyable time. The baccalaureate sermon by Elder Harter and the class address by Elder Robbins were very timely and appreciated by the large class of graduates.

Tuesday morning, May 25, was a time of excitement. The students and teachers left the Academy for their various homes.

Professor Forshee and family motored to Richmond to attend the camp meeting. Elder Hotell attended the camp meeting, also.

Charles Hottel, who sqent the school year at the South Lanchaster Junior College, has returned to his home.

Elder I. D. Richardson visited the Academy during the closing week. Mrs. Richardson and the children returned with him to his field of labor.

A new wind mill has been purchased and we hope to soon have all the water we need in the differnt buildings.

Mr. F. E. Hamkins has moved his family to Takoma Park, D. C., where he is more closely connected with his work.

A large number of the young men from the Academy expect to be in the canvassing field during the summer.

#### CHESAPEAKE

**News Notes Continued** 

The conferencee committee met last Wednesday afternoon, at which time some matters of great importance were decided which will be worked out later in the summer.

Elder G. A. Stevens has been granted a vacation of six weeks to go to Battle Creek Sanitarium for rest and treatment.

Miss Bessie Mount spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Cambridge, Md.

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### West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

The West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists will convene at Indiana, Pa., June 17-27, 1920, to elect officers for the ensueing term and to transact such business as may properly come before the conference. The constitution provides for one delegate to represent each church organization at large and one delegate for every ten members. The opening meeting will be held at 10 A.M., June 18.

R. S. Lindsay, Pres.

J. S. Neely, Sec.

### West Pennsylvania Association of Seventh-Day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that West Pennsylvania Association of Seventh-Day Advdntists will be held in connection with the annual camp meeting in Indiana, Pennsylvania, June 17-27, 1920. The first meeting of the session will convene at 10 A. M., Monday, June 21, 1920. The meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as may properly come before the association.

R. S. Lindsay, President J. S. Neely, Secretary.

Happy and strong and brave shall we be—able to endure all things and to do all things—if we believe that every day, every hour, every moment of our lives is in his hand.

Henry van Dyke.

#### EDUCATION

#### A Sabbath School Lesson Help for the Third Quarter

The Sabbath School Lessons for next quarter, beginning July 3, are on "Christian Education." Upon this subject, so vitally connected with every interest of this people, a wonderful series of lessons has been prepared. With these the writings of Sister White are very closely associated, particularly her book "Education." Probably in no other work are the principles of Christian Education so clearly explained. In a very large measure these have set the high standards for our schools and colleges, and served as a guide in our constantly strengthening Christian educational work. And in a very special way "Education" adapts these principles for the home, and for men and women in all walks of life.

From the first lesson in the series the book "Education" will be of value to you. The following chapter titles are almost identical with lesson subjects:

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The price of "Education" in cloth is \$1.25, postpaid; limp leather, \$2.25. (10% higher in Canada.)

Other works referred to in the series are "Ministry of Healing," cloth \$1.50 limp \$2.50; "Patriarchs and Prophets" cloth, \$2.00, limp \$3.00; and "Counsels to Teachers" cloth \$1.50, limp \$2.25. (10% higher in Canada) Order of your Tract Society.

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The first ten issues of the new 1920 series of *Present Truth* are now ready to mail. They are as follows:

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- 7. Signs of Christ's Coming
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By the time these can be systematically circulated (one each week), five additional new numbers will be published. So it is possible to begin now with the new series, and have all the new numbers for a complete, connected delivery of the best course of printed lectures on the most essential points of the full message we have ever put out a course that will result in soul saving.

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#### Advertising Rates

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.

#### Notice

To Adventists desiring to spend their vacations in the country. Mrs. Frank Thompson of Mechanics Valley, Pa., near Doylestown, will be prepared to accommodate a few guests after June 1. Pleasant surrounding. Home comforts. Vegetarian diet. Rates on request.

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#### Camp Meeting Dates

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Ohio-August 12 to 22.

East Pennsylvania—August 19-29,

Chesapeake-September 2 to 12.