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UNION

Big Evangelistic Effort Planned in Philadelphia

Arrangements have been completed to hold a big, evangelistic effort in the city of Philadelphia, beginning February 25 and continuing for ten weeks. The brethren of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, in a recent session held in Takoma Park, voted to make this effort, under the guidance of God, the largest soul-winning campaign that has ever been held in our Union, and in order to work out successfully the plans that were made, it will be necessary for our brethren and sisters throughout the Union to give us their hearty co-operation. We are sure that you will rejoice with us over the prospects of letting the multitudes in that great city and the surrounding country know of the wonderful message that God has for them.

One of the features of this effort will be the newspaper work. We have planned to secure from our brethren throughout the Columbia Union field, a large number of subscriptions for one of the great Philadelphia papers read by a city of 1,700,000 population. This will enable us to secure from its editor enough space for daily reports of the meetings to give a considerable part of the message in each issue. In this way we hope to reach thousands and thousands who would not otherwise know that the effort was being held, or the truths we have. We are enlisting the services of our people to the extent of asking them to give us at least one subscription each for this paper, so that we may gain the favor of the editor in granting us a certain amount of his valuable space. Some of these great Metropolitan dailies are worth in property several million dollars and would take no notice of our effort unless a considerable number of interested readers were assured. We are sure that you are aware of the fact that the newspaper is the only agency at our command that can carry the truth into every home, and we want to go before one of the newspapers there with the proposition that if it publishes a certain amount of the sermon each day, we

will give in return a certain number of subscriptions. We believe that by getting one of these great dailies there to open its columns for the spread of the message in such a way, the other newspapers will do the same and we will be able to reach the greater majority of the 1,700,000 people confined within the limits of that city, and also thousands who live within the territory where these papers circulate.

The price of the subscription for eight weeks will be 50 cents. This is not a very large amount when you consider the good that will be accomplished in giving the masses the message for this time. We feel that without the newspapers helping us, it will be well-nigh impossible to give the Advent message to the masses of these great centers of population. We hope that you will take an interest in this proposition and send in your subscription to the tract society secretary of the conference where you live. He will be glad to put you on his list, and will see that you receive a paper in the mails each day that the effort is held. This subscription price includes the daily paper for six days of the week, the Sunday paper being excepted. We are not including the Sunday edition because the writer, who is to give the sermons, is not planning to preach on Saturday night. However, we feel that proper arrangements can be made for you to receive copies of the paper the other six days of the week.

Do you have any friends who would refuse to read our literature, but who would read a newspaper report of the meetings? If so, please give us subscriptions for these people with their full name and address, and we will be glad to see that they get copies of the paper. This is an excellent way to do missionary work, and we believe that the Lord will bless in such efforts. We also believe that there will be men and women in the kingdom of heaven who were reached through these newspaper reports. Surely the brethren and sisters of this Union will be glad to enter into this arrangement, and thus in this generation aid in proclaiming to the people of the Columbia Union territory the glad tidings of the Saviour's return.

Associated with the writer in the coming tent effort will be Elder H. M. J. Richards, president of the Eastern Penn-

sylvania Conference; Elder D. A. Parsons, president of the West Virginia Conference, who will look after the advertising, and have the general oversight of the meetings; Elder J. W. Hirlinger, home missionary secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, who will have charge of the periodical and home missionary work; Elder J. W. Washburn, pastor of the West Philadelphia Church; Elder O. F. Schwedrat, who has charge of the German work in Philadelphia; and Brother W. L. Burgan, of the North American Division Conference Press Bureau, who will do the reporting for the newspapers.

Great care will be given to supply this daily with such a report of the sermon as will bring out the main points of it preached to the public.

B. G. WILKINSON.

An Echo of the Pittsburgh City Effort

While at the Ohio Colporteurs' Institute, Brother D. McCarthy related the following incident which shows the far reaching effect of the work done in the city of Pittsburgh last spring. This instance happened in Harrison County, Brother McCarthy's territory for canvassing.

"One Sunday, while at the home of a man who is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, I heard him and his son discussing an article which they had read in the Sunday Pittsburgh Post on the "Change of the Sabbath." This article was an extract of a sermon preached by Elder Wilkinson in the Pitt Theatre, Pittsburgh, Pa

The old gentleman said, if he knew that the statement made by Professor Wilkinson were true, he would keep the seventh day for the Sabbath, and I have heard since the son believes the seventh day is right."

C. V. LEACH.

"It was only a glad 'good-morning,'
As she passed long the way,
But it spread the morning's glory
Over the livelong day."

A modest, sensible, and well-bred man
Would not insult me, and no other can.

VIRGINIA

Academy Board Meeting

On Wednesday, January 17, an important meeting of the Academy Board was held at New Market, and our people will be interested in the actions taken.

The Academy is enjoying the best year in its history. Twenty-five students are enrolled and the expenses of the school are met by its current income.

The ministerial band, supported by a good orchestra is drawing large audiences in various halls and churches in the community. The students' Union is securing better equipment for the laboratory and library and the Bible workers band is opening up work in the vicinity.

Cash and pledges to the amount of \$250 have been raised to assist in stocking the farm and several thousand dollars of the indebtedness is being paid off from the returns of the twenty-cent-a-week fund and other sources.

Professor H. M. Forshee and wife have been retained as principal and preceptress and Miss Alice Miller as matron. Professor Forshee has had years of experience in school work both, as a public school teacher and in our own academies and is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College. Miss Miller is a member of the class of '16 of Washington Missionary College. The work done at the Academy is recognized by our Colleges as up to the standard and the continued growth and prosperity of the school is assured.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Conference Committee Meeting

Our people who are supporting the work in Virginia will be interested in the work of the recent committee meeting at New Market, January 17, attended by additional workers and representative brethren from the churches. The reports indicated an increase in the tithe and the making of our twenty-cents-a-week for missions goal for the first time in our history.

Last year four tent companies were in the field and fifteen regular workers carried resulting in the raising up of three new companies not yet organized into churches and in a substantial addition to the Richmond Church membership, and also in the purchase of a new church building for the Richmond Colored Church.

It was voted to send out an additional tent this year, making four white and one colored companies. This will necessitate the replacing of Elder Bidwell's field tent with its sixty-seven patches. The money is in sight for this. It will also necessi-

tate the purchase of a new 40x60 foot tent, for which the reader is invited to send a contribution to the conference treasurer through the local treasurer. The efforts are to be located as follows:—Brother I. D. Richardson and company at Norfolk; Elder A. E. Serns and company at Richmond; Elder W. E. Bidwell and company at Ford and Gordonsville; and Elder L. O. Gordon and company at Winchester. The location of the colored tent is not yet fixed.

This larger undertaking than ever before means a larger expense. With only eighteen out of ninety counties containing Seventh-day Adventist Churches and the end of probation hastening on, the committee felt that 1917 must witness mightier efforts than ever before. We are sure that God will support our broader efforts with heaven's boundless resources. We confidently appeal to our people for greater faithfulness in returning to the Lord His own in tithes and offerings. The work will go on whether you and I are faithful or not, but we cannot afford to face the judgment bar of God with robbery of tithes and offerings recorded against us on the books of heaven.

To further promote the speedy warning of the people, Miss Madge Miller has been engaged to act as assistant field agent, taking charge of the young women who will spend the summer vacation in Virginia. Any of our sisters in the churches who desire to enlist in the circulation of literature may write to the office for further information. Brother William Jones of Richmond was appointed home missionary secretary of the conference, a step which we believe will prove a great blessing to our churches. Let us work and give and pray that 1917 may greatly hasten the finishing of the work.

W. C. MOFFETT.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder J. O. Miller and his daughter, Mrs. Childs of Boston, and his grandson Esta Miller, are spending a few days in Hagerstown, Md.

Elder S. T. Shadel was called to Rock Hall to conduct the funeral of Mrs. Stevens.

Brother F. E. Hankins was visiting his home for a few days the past week. He is much pleased with his new field, the Virginia Conference. He and our stenographer, Brother H. E. Wagner, have gone to Washington to attend the convention there.

Brother H. F. Kirk of the West Virginia Conference visited his sister-in-law for a few hours on his way to Washington.

Elder and Mrs. Wierts are the proud parents of a young son.

Brother C. W. Jenkins was called to Baltimore to see his wife's mother, who was critically ill at the time and who has since died.

Brother O. C. Weller reports having had some good experiences again in the canvassing work. He met one lady who wanted to know if the people in her neighborhood were ordering his book. He showed her the names in his prospectus. She said she could scarcely believe that the people would order them in that way for they were people who would not go to church, and that he was doing a greater work than any of the preachers. She said he was doing the greatest work that had ever been done in that section of the country, and that she wanted the book in the best binding.

Brother C. C. R. Hare came to Baltimore last week for change of territory. He is now laboring in Carroll County.

We have received a very interesting missionary device from the Union Conference and we trust the various churches in the conference will take hold of this as it reaches you and set your goal for missions high this year. The cause was never in greater need of means, and it is our glorious privilege to have a part in this closing work.

Elder R. T. Dowsett spent two days in the conference office, auditing the books of the conference, and tract society.

The meetings of Elder Booth continue on West Baltimore Street with a good degree of interest.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

One of the best Worker's Meetings that has been held in our conference closed last Thursday evening. The blessing of God was with us in rich measure, and we received a new inspiration for service. Doctor Kress was present during the meeting, and his helpful instruction was much appreciated.

Conduct is three fourths of life.—Matthew Arnold.

Elder Sandborn left Trenton Friday morning, January 19, to attend the funeral of his mother, whose home was in Michigan. We expect him to return to the office in about two weeks, after attending the Convention at Washington.

On January 13 a young people's society was organized in Bridgeton with a charter membership of twelve. Elder Sandborn and Sister Iden were present at the organization, and expressed their expectation that this society would be one of our best.

Brother William Plant and Sister Iden enjoyed the privilege of organizing a new Sabbath School at Morris Plains last Sabbath. The number present at the organization was good, there being about twelve members and prospects of others. May God richly bless this little company as they begin organized work.

Miss Pauline Kinner stopped in Trenton on her return from Ramah and visited friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard May pleasantly surprised their many friends in Trenton last Friday by arriving in town to spend the Sabbath. They were enroute to Washington where they will attend the Bookmen's Convention.

A Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School convention will be held in Trenton, February 8-11, to which all are cordially invited. The Camden and Burlington Churches are included in this convention. Elder Meade MacGuire of Washington will be present, and will be sure to have something of value for all.

February 14-18, a Teachers' Institute will be held in Trenton, to which all the New Jersey teachers and those from East Pennsylvania are invited. We shall also be glad to have others if they would care to come. Professor C. L. Stone, educational secretary of the Columbia Union, will be present during the entire time.

Dr. D. H. Kress, visited the Newark, N. J. Church, Sabbath and Sunday, January 20 and 21. His addresses were very much appreciated.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.

—Phillips Brooke.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

The good hand of Providence has been manifested in guidance, and many rich blessings, which followed our work here during 1916. To His name we give the glory. While some advancement has been made, for which we are thankful, yet we feel that if we had lived altogether up to God's ideals for His people, much more could have been accomplished.

In a recount for the two colored churches for the past year, as compared with the previous year, the figures stand thus: Pittsburgh No. 2, thirty-five members added; lessened by death and apostacy seven, so that at December 31, the net membership was sixty-nine against thirty-nine the year before. But the membership was really doubled, as nearly all of those apostatizing, had actually done so the year before, while their names were carried over into 1916.

The finances for this church are as follows:—Tithes \$1057.18, as against \$710.21 in 1915. Mission offerings \$484.33 as against \$286.61 the previous year. Besides nearly \$200.00 church expense, and improvements on building, as well as about \$250.00 for literature from the tract society, all paid for, and this exclusive of individual canvassers accounts.

The McDonald Company of nineteen, also did well. Tithes 431.90, mission offerings \$145.92 as against \$272.43 and \$77.85 the year before. Thus it will be seen that both churches paid \$1489.08 in tithes, and \$630.25 in offerings for foreign fields, thus more than paying the pastor's and Bible workers' salaries and expenses. And besides all the above, both companies, with some help from certain brethren of other churches, reduced the indebtedness on our church building from \$2290.68 in January 1916, to \$1464.00 December 31. And I am glad to say that on December 30, \$398.00 was pledged by the new members, so that our entire indebtedness, with the exception of a few dollars, is well taken care of. We turn in on our pledges every first Sunday of each month.

When we review the work and see where it was four years before, and note that it now has become self-supporting, we feel to exclaim, See what hath God wrought!

In closing, it might be well to call attention to the fact that the Pittsburgh membership being doubled during the year, was in a great measure due to the procuring of our new church building, thus proving that it was economy to secure neat and permanent church buildings in these large cities, as moving from house to house, and into all sorts of unsuitable

halls, really giving no prestige to the work.

We have many open doors, our members are all loyal to the organized work, and everything seems favorable for continued advancement along all lines. We solicit an interest in your prayers, that we may be able to double our membership again this year. Our members are working to this end. A. N. DURRANT.

OHIO

A New Church Organization at Bellefontaine

Several years ago there was organized at Bellefontaine a church which prospered for a time, but after the course of years, several of the members moved away and the number was reduced to the point that the organization was no longer recognized. For a considerable time there were not enough members left in that part to continue the holding of meetings or even a Sabbath School.

During the past year, there have come into Bellefontaine a few families of believers, and in addition to them, others have embraced the truth, making it seem advisable to perfect a new organization there.

It was my privilege to meet with this company of believers, and Sabbath, January 20, after holding a few meetings, it seemed advisable and desirable on the part of all that we organize a new church. We perfected an organization consisting of twelve members. It is hoped that still others will unite with this church in the near future. There was present a spirit of earnestness and a real desire to carry forward a work in the city of Bellefontaine that will lead to the building up of the cause in that city.

Brother C. B. Smith, who had formerly lived there, was chosen as elder. We look forward to the Bellefontaine Church becoming one of our active, growing churches, and we look for a growth of the work in this important center. It has been looked upon as a desirable location for an annual camp-meeting, as they have an excellent fairground, well located for such a meeting. It may be in the providence of God that such a meeting will be held at Bellefontaine the coming year or in the near future. E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

The Executive and Auditing committees of the Ohio Conference met at the conference office on Monday, January 22.

Address makes opportunities; the want of it gives them. —Bovee.

Elder E. K. Slade left Mount Vernon for Washington, D. C., the latter part of the week to attend the constituency meetings of the College, Sanitarium, and Publishing house, and the Union committee meeting.

The Dresden Sabbath School has adopted a unique device for encouraging promptness and regularity in attendance. An "Attendance Credit Card" is given to each member and as they come to Sabbath School each week, one of the officers meets them at the door and punches the space reserved for the day. If they come early, the credit mark is given in that column, but if late they have a witness against them for the rest of the quarter. It is being received with enthusiasm, one young woman walking for miles in order to be present.

The Missionary Volunteer Society in Columbus report thirteen members who read their Bibles through during 1916. Many are taking up the pleasant task again for the new year. They have also organized a Standard of Attainment class among their members.

Toledo also reports an enthusiastic Standard of Attainment band. Our young people are finding that the three essentials to Christian life are—

1. Search the scriptures—Food.
2. Pray without ceasing.—Breath
3. Go work today in my Vineyard—Exercise.

"If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express. Counsels to Teachers p. 166.

Annual Temperance Instructor

A copy of the new 1917 Instructor Temperance Annual has just reached the office. Its coming is a reminder of our new privileges and duties in behalf of temperance during the present year.

While there has been a reduction in the number of pages, the contents have been so carefully selected and perfectly condensed, the issue has been improved in force and power rather than injured. In this instance, necessity seems to have resulted in a decided improvement. We, therefore, have a better number this year while the prices remain the same as before.

Special

Some Old "Present Truth"

Some time ago there came into our possession a small, black, cloth-bound volume, called "Spiritual Gifts," Vol. III. On the inside title page it reads, "Important Facts of Faith in Connection with the History of Holy Men of Old. Ellen G. White. Steam Press of S. D. A. Pub. Assn., Battle Creek, Mich., 1864."

This volume begins with creation, and carries the record through the temptation and fall, Adam's family, and down through the flood, the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses, the plagues, and the passover, and closes with the giving of the law on Sinai. Only recently have I had the opportunity of reading and studying this little book, now more than fifty years old; but in doing so I found so much that was "present truth," that I thought others of the families represented by "Our Homes" in the *Review*, who do not have access to this volume, would be glad to share with me some of the good things I found.

The point that impressed me most forcibly was the simplicity of the instruction, given so long ago, on the preparation of food for the Sabbath. I do not suppose that I am alone in finding myself to have grown a little lax in this respect. My fault has been in preparing more than was really needed for a day in which there would be but little manual labor performed, thus increasing the duties of the preparation day, and encouraging the eating of more food than is really necessary when not working. The natural result is that the members of the family are not in the best mental condition to enjoy the blessings of the Sabbath day, which, after all, should be spiritual rather than physical.

In the chapter entitled, "Their Journeys," pages 253-255, after quoting Ex. 16:14-26, this instruction is found:

"The Lord is not less particular now in regard to his Sabbath than when he gave the foregoing special directions to the children of Israel. He required them to bake that which they would bake, and seethe (that is, boil) that which they would seethe, on the sixth day, preparatory to the rest of the Sabbath. Those who neglect to prepare for the Sabbath on the sixth day, and who cook food upon the Sabbath, violate the fourth commandment, and are transgressors of God's law. All who are really anxious to observe the Sabbath according to the commandment, will not cook any food upon the Sabbath. They will, in the fear of God who gave his

law from Sinai, deny themselves, and eat food prepared upon the sixth day, even if it is not as palatable. God forbade the children of Israel baking and boiling upon the Sabbath. That prohibition should be regarded by every Sabbath keeper as a solemn injunction from Jehovah to them. The Lord would guard his people from indulgence in gluttony upon the Sabbath, which he has set apart for sacred meditation and worship.

"The Sabbath of the Lord is a day of rest from labor, and the diet upon that day should be more simple, and partaken of in less quantities, than upon the six laboring days, because they do not have that exercise upon the Sabbath that they have upon the other days of the week. Many have erred in not practicing self-denial upon the Sabbath. By partaking of full meals, as on the six laboring days, their minds are beclouded. They are stupid, and often drowsy. Some suffer with headache. Such have no truly devotional feelings upon the Sabbath, and the blessing resting upon the Sabbath does not prove a blessing to them. The sick and suffering require care and attention upon the Sabbath, as well as upon the other six days of the week. And it may be necessary for their comfort to prepare warm food and drinks upon the Sabbath. In such instances, it is no violation of the fourth commandment to make them as comfortable as possible. The great Law-giver is a God of compassion as well as of justice.

"God manifested his great care and love for his people in sending them bread from heaven. 'Man did eat angel's food.' That is, food provided for them by the angels. In the threefold miracle of the manna, a double quantity on the sixth day, and none upon the seventh, and its keeping fresh through the Sabbath, while upon other days it would become unfit for use, was designed to impress them with the sacredness of the Sabbath.

In the last chapter, on "The Law of God," more is said regarding the sacredness of the day, and the importance of not in any way violating or disregarding its sanctity, or of putting to a personal use any of its sacred moments.

After reading and rereading these passages, we made up our minds that we would do less cooking on Friday and less eating on Sabbath. I have since worked out a plan for Sabbath meals that, for us at least, has proved satisfactory; and for the benefit of others, whose experience may have been more or less like mine, I will pass it on.

I begin with the Friday evening meal. We all know how hard it is, on these short winter days, to have all our work done, and to be fully prepared for the first Sabbath moments, which are just as

sacred as any that follow. This is especially true of our people who live in the country, and have stock to care for. It is true also of those of us who live in town, and whose husbands may be ministers or other laborers in the Lord's work,—something will detain them in town, and they will arrive home later than we have planned, thus throwing the evening meal later than we want it. If there are children in the family or if the mother has eaten only a bite since morning, it is hard to omit the evening meal entirely. So I began with that lunch on Sabbath evening. If we expect to remain at home for the evening, a very light repast will answer all purposes. In the winter we find that a plate of hot soup, made as substantial as one cares for, with bread and butter, and some fresh or stewed fruit, meets all our needs. In the summer, the soup may be omitted, and a cup of hot drink substituted for those who cannot eat an entirely cold meal.

For breakfast on Sabbath morning we use the prepared breakfast foods, such as corn flakes, toasties, or granola, if we can get it. One of these, with milk or fruit juice, a cup of hot milk or cereal, and fresh or cooked fruit, will make a nourishing yet easily digested breakfast that will not hinder us from study, meditation, or "digesting" the Sabbath school lesson and morning sermon.

We serve dinner as late as we can, thus avoiding the third meal, which is hardly necessary on Sabbath, except for children. In the winter a hot soup makes a substantial meal of itself, if made of any of the legumes. If prepared of fruits or vegetables, it will serve as one course, and may be followed by a legume or vegetable. It is understood, of course, that all these foods have been prepared the previous day, and are merely seasoned and put together on Sabbath. If the salt and other seasoning is not put into the Sabbath food until it is reheated, it will be found to taste more fresh, and will have less of the "warmed over" flavor, to which objection is often made.

In the summer a dish of salad—fruit or vegetable—can be made a substantial part of a Sabbath dinner. This, with one hot dish of some sort, and the other foods always found on our tables, will be sufficient. It is understood that attention has been given to the proper combination of foods, not mixing fruits and vegetables. Legumes will always combine with both, so no difficulty need be found.

Where there are children, greater quantities of food must be prepared, and it must be nourishing; but if some change in the order of the meal is made, eating the Sabbath dinner in the veranda, or under a big tree in the yard, with paper plates and napkins, they will

not much mind what they are eating.

Where there are sick or feeble ones in the family, due regard must be paid to their needs; but provision has been made for them in the instruction given us, so I will not refer to them. In my plans I have tried to reduce the number of soiled dishes. If one uses agate, granite ware, or aluminum for cooking, the food for Sabbath can be set aside on Friday in the dish in which it is to be reheated, thus saving a change. Where the family is large, and the supply of dishes small, paper plates may prove a solution to Sabbath dishwashing. Where the opposite is true, there is no problem. The dishes, having been carefully scraped, may be piled up neatly, covered with a clean towel, and the most exacting housewife need not be distressed. By holding them under cold, running water (never hot water), or dipping them into cold water, pile by pile, a few moments before washing them in plenty of hot, soapy water, they will wash, after Sabbath, as readily as if they had not been left standing.

The increased blessing found in following to the letter the instructions of the Lord, amply repays one for the little trouble that may be caused by obeying these instructions, as the writer can testify by experience. MRS. E. W. SNYDER.

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A Popular Price

There are certain prices that people will pay much more readily than they will others. Most people like a price that they can pay with one coin or bill, and require no change. A popular price makes things sell more readily.

We are now to have the *Signs* weekly at a popular price, one dollar for a yearly subscription. The size is to be the same as the Ingathering number, which is fast becoming a popular size, so we are to benefit in two ways.

Now is the time for each church to see that it gets a big club, for its members to circulate, and to use to obtain many yearly subscriptions. One hundred *Signs* a week for one year will cost \$80, if paid for in advance. If forty members will pay 50 cents at the beginning of each quarter, this good club will come in each week for the members to use. Twenty members paying one dollar each quarter, or eighty paying twenty-five cents, will do just as well. Larger or smaller clubs can be had on the same basis.

The next thing is to make good use of the papers. One excellent way is for some of the members to take some as sample copies, and go from door to door, obtaining yearly subscriptions. Here is

a suggestive canvass for such work:

"Good morning! This is Mrs.—, I believe. —is my name. I am making a few calls today in the interest of a well-known paper, and will be pleased to step in a moment and explain.

"(After being seated) You know, Mrs.—, the world is full of periodicals, most of them good in their way. Their news and discussion of varied questions are of value. But they lack in one important particular. That lack is supplied by this paper. It tells the deep, hidden meaning of big transpiring events; it explains the unusual world conditions; and satisfactorily too, for it makes use of Bible prophecy that was written for our time. People of every denomination find profit and pleasure in reading this paper. Its subscription price is but \$1.00. As a special inducement to subscribe at this time, we are offering this attractive premium book, "Questions and Answers," of 255 pages, which is well bound in cloth. It answers 271 of those difficult questions that have puzzled Bible students for so long. It makes perfectly clear many supposedly inharmonious texts. This helpful volume may be had with yearly subscription to the paper for only \$1.50. Shall I make out the receipt for you?"

Sample copies of "Questions and Answers," to show to prospective subscribers will be furnished at 75 cents. This amount will be returned to any member who sends in twenty yearly subscriptions. Receipt books are free on application to your tract society.

"We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, p. 391.

Here we are told that our members do not come up to their privileges, and do not feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. In what way do they show this? They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals. On the other hand if some of our members in every church will take hold of this work of obtaining subscriptions, they may expect some souls to be thereby saved, for this statement clearly connects the two together. Does not this encourage you to take up this work?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practise, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.

—Lowell.

Washington Missionary College

Miss Hilda Rudy of Decorah, Iowa, has enrolled as a student.

Mrs. Forest Wilson, a former student, who recently returned from Cuba has taken up work with us once more.

Miss Maude Jones of Mississippi has entered school.

Mrs. Palmer-Cox of Chicago is visiting her brother, Mr. Mac Donald.

Mr. Carnig Apigian is spending some time with a patient in the South.

Another student to enter school is Miss Edna Adams of Virginia.

Brother and Sister Forsythe of Chicago, who have done much personal work with the Present Truth Series, are guests here.

Professor C. A. Russell, educational secretary of the Lake Union Conference, spoke in chapel Wednesday morning. He emphasized the strenuous times in which we are living, and how important it is to be right with God; for we know not what a day or week may bring forth.

Pastor Jules Rey, who was pastor of the Paris Church for two years, spoke to the French class Tuesday. He is spending some time in America learning the methods of city work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Franklin, Professor C. A. Russell, Loren Shepherd, and John Klose of the Lake Union Conference are attending the Bookmen's Convention here.

Last Saturday evening, Dr. Frederick Monson, a distinguished archeologist and explorer, gave an illustrated lecture in the College chapel. His subject was Norway and the Norwegians.

The first semester closed Tuesday, January 17. The day following, the students were given a vacation, that they might have the day for skating, which is a rare treat in Washington.

Miss Shwartz of Erie, Pennsylvania, has been spending a few weeks with her niece, Alesa Fisher, who recently had an operation at the Sanitarium.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Somerset Co.		BF	4	24	19	38 00	2 30	40 30	2 30
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	5	41	8	29 00	4 50	33 50	59 25
A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.		PPF	10	92	31	112 35	52 90	165 25	13 20
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	7	38	12	12 25	8 76	21 01	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	5	13	5	13 50		18 50	8 00
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	24	13	47 00			47 00	10 50
Ray Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	5	22	11	35 00	1 00	36 00	50
Mrs. R. Powelson, Allegheny Co.		HW	2	7	7	7 00		7 00	6 75
Garnelle Rager, Somerset Co.		BF	9	64	33	66 00		66 00	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	9	74	13	27 50	52 45	79 95	44 65
Totals	10 Agents		56	399	152	\$392 60	\$121 91	\$514 51	\$145 15

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
S. N. Wilmer, Bedford Co.		BR	9	61	29	101 50	5 40	106 90	
Harry Wright, Bedford Co.		BR	9	64	48	174 00	1 00	175 00	
Edward White, Halifax Co.		BR							223 00
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.		CK							55 00
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond, Va.		OSD		36	160	40 00		40 00	40 00
Totals	5 Agents		18	157	236	\$315 50	\$6 40	\$321 90	\$318 00

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
H. O. Kohr, Cleveland		A	5	42			85 00	85 00	85 00
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	40	14	54 00	6 00	60 00	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	8	45	6	22 00	3 90	25 90	10 15
W. H. Smith, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	45			17 00	17 00	78 05
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	19	3	10 50		10 50	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	3	18	5	17 50	75	18 25	41 00
R. H. Patterson, Clark Co.		BR	6	39	14	57 00		57 00	7 00
C. F. Wilcox, Canton		BR	7	34			16 75	16 75	128 30
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield		CK	7	32	6	9 00	2 75	11 75	12 35
Clara Weber, Springfield		CK	3	15	4	6 00	50	6 50	
M. B. Ingersoll, Huron Co.		BR	7	44	12	55 00	25	55 25	1 00
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.		BR	2	13	4	15 00	75	15 75	75
C. G. Douglass, Akron		BR	2	11	3	13 50	1 50	15 00	
G. W. Yingling, Salem		BR	1	10					51 50
Totals	14 Agents		65	467	71	\$259 50	\$135 15	\$394 65	\$415 10

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		BF	2	9	3	6 00		6 00	
Lee Mase, Lycoming Co.		GC	5	42	10	35 00	8 00	43 00	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	5	41	7	25 50	8 85	34 35	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	5	33	12	45 00	4 50	49 50	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		Misc	3	17			18 50	18 50	
Miscellaneous						56 00		56 00	
Totals	5 Agents		20	142	32	\$167 50	\$39 85	\$207 35	

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.		BR	4	31	11	46 50	7 75	54 25	1 25
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.		BR	3	28	10	37 00	4 50	41 50	4 00
Totals	2 Agents		7	59	21	\$83 50	\$12 25	\$95 75	\$5 25

Grand Totals: 36 Agents of Orders Value \$1218 60 Deliveries, \$883 50

Give a boy address and accomplishments, and you give him the mastery of palaces and fortunes wherever he goes; he has not the trouble of earning or owning them; they solicit him to enter and possess.
—Emerson.

With hat in hand one gets on in the world.
—German Proverb.

Let's take the instant by the forward top.
—Shakespeare.

Elder Enoch occupied the chapel hour one morning last week. He is working hard to raise the funds for the proposed new building and equipment for the college, and we were glad to hear of the success he is having. His enthusiasm is a source of inspiration to the students to do their part in this work.

Mount Vernon Academy

The Ohio Conference Committee convened on Monday and the Mount Vernon College Board, on Tuesday, which brought all of the members to the academy.

Dr. W. J. Venen addressed the dormitory students at evening worship on Tuesday. He portrayed to us very beautifully the New Jerusalem, which should inspire us to greater faithfulness and a determination to be there "when the roll is called up yonder."

On Tuesday morning Elder Chas. F. Ulrich occupied the chapel hour and admonished the students to remain steadfast and go through the trials regardless of what others may do. He said, what some people call "luck" is spelled with a capital P—"Pluck."

Elder D. A. Parsons addressed the students on Wednesday during the chapel period.

We were glad to have Elder F. H. Robbins speak to us at evening worship Wednesday and in chapel on Thursday morning. He brought out the value of keeping up our courage and of smiling even though things do go wrong.

We are pleased to have with us again Miss Zita Hannah. She was unable to return to school after the holidays on account of illness.

Brother Marcellus Andre, of Mansfield, Ohio, visited his daughter Ethel, while attending Board meeting.

Elder N. S. Ashton left for Washington, D. C., last Friday to attend the constituency meeting there.

Character is power—is influence; it makes friends; creates funds; draws patronage and support; and opens a sure and easy way to wealth; honor, and happiness.
—J. Hawes.

"Prayer is the breath of the soul."

An "Extraordinary Idea"

If the handing out of one copy of the Yiddish magazine to a passing Jew can give such a vision of possibilities, as referred to by one worker who did it, what would it mean to our work for Jewish people if everyone would begin.

This personal letter received by the publishers of the Yiddish magazine is too good to file without passing on.

"I do not suppose that you will see anything extraordinary about this nickel [5 cent coin enclosed], but I can assure you that I feel it represents an idea in our future work for the foreign population of this country. Some of you good brethren sent me a sample copy of the new Yiddish Magazine, and the other day when I was going to San Jose I noticed a man sitting across the aisle who I thought could read that language, and pulled this copy out of my satchel and gave it to him. He assured me that he could read it and thanked me very politely three times for having handed it to him. After we had passed a few stations he got up to leave the train and in doing so said he noticed the price of the magazine was five cents and handed me this same nickel. This shows to me that a very earnest and energetic work can be carried on among our foreign population with even greater success perhaps than we have had in the American Missionary work for a year or two past."

While we aren't so sure about the price, this experience shows how eagerly our Jewish magazines are accepted. We trust all who read it may determine to get a similar inspiration to work for the Jews within their reach. A suggestive outline for presenting the magazine is furnished with each supply. Thirty-five hundred copies of the Yiddish magazine have been sold since its announcement three weeks ago. Order of your Tract Society, \$5.00 a hundred.

OBITUARIES

SCHOUTEN.—Catharine was born in Otsego County, N. Y., May 14, 1833, the year of the falling of the stars. She, with her parents, came to Ohio when this state was new and unsettled. Early in life she was converted and gave her heart to the Lord. Twenty-three years ago she heard the truths of the Third Angel's Message and then dedicated her life anew to her Master. She was united in marriage to James Walden in 1851. To this union were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. She died December 29, 1916, at the age of 73 years. We laid her away to rest until the morning of the resurrection.

*F. M. FAIRCHILD.

BLOSSER.—Joseph Blosser died very suddenly near New Market, Virginia, of acute indigestion and heart trouble, December 25, 1916, 61 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

He was a member of the Stanley Church for about thirty years.

He was twice married. From the first union five children survive. He was married the second time on November 29, 1916, to Miss Mary Butler, who survives him. The remains were taken to Stanley, his old home, where the funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by the elder of the church, Brother A. J. Painter, in the presence of a large congregation.

Funeral sermon from Hebrews 9:27.

R. D. HOTTEL.

TULANE.—Alonzo Arthur Tulane was born in Richmond, June 15, 1863, and passed away January 21, 1917. Two months before, he had sustained a fractured limb which was healing, when death resulted from Bright's disease. During his illness, deceased had given evidence of a change of heart and requested baptism, so that his aged mother and three sisters sorrow not as those who have no hope.

W. C. MOFFETT.

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Are All the Children In?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
And storm-clouds gather in the threat-
ening west;

The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;
The bird hies to her nest;
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tem-
pest,

And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;
Come, shut the door, and gather round the
hearthstone:

Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling
When gilded sin doth walk about the
streets.

O, "at last it biteth like a serpent"!

Poisoned are stolen sweets.

O mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!

O, shut the door of love against temptation!
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy cham-
ber,

And tarry there a space."

And when He comes, the King in all His
glory,

Who died the shameful death our hearts
to win,

O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in!

—Elizabeth Rosser.

To remove the cross from the Christ-
ian would be like blotting the sun from
the sky. The cross brings us near
God, reconciling us to Him.

—Acts of the Apostles, p. 209.

Rejuvenated

Dear Friends:

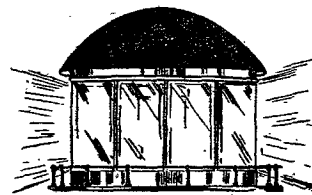
I have enjoyed very, very much your attractive article headings and the forcible and interesting subject matter in the articles themselves. In many years of reading the *Signs* I do not think I ever enjoyed it more. (Signed).

We doubt not that the very things observed by this brother accounts in large part for the jump in the *Signs* subscription list. Of course the greatly reduced rates had something to do with it.

The publishers of our missionary paper

are continuing the sixteen-page size and offering yearly clubs of forty cents off the old price. Yes, the club rate for five or more copies is but eighty cents now. To make it still easier for our people to take large clubs the brethren now offer to accept clubs of ten or more for a year and charge quarterly instead of requiring the full amount for a year in advance.

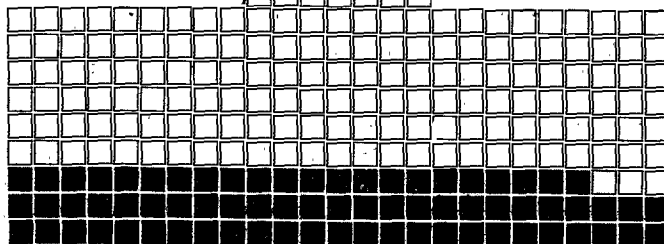
It is thought that by thus dealing liberally with our people they will show their appreciation by getting behind the *Signs* in a big, strong way. An attempt to reach a goal of 100,000 by July 1 is being made. Let each one have a part in it.



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