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### TEN REASONS WHY EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME SHOULD HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR

1

Because it will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.

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Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities and sometimes the blighted hopes that may fall to your lot.

3

Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that arises up against you.

4

Because it will sweeten home life and enrichen home relationships as nothing else can do.

5

Because it will resolve all the misunderstandings and relieve all the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life.

6

Because it will hold as nothing else the boys and girls when they have gone out from the parental roof, and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.

7

Because it will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may at any time be our guests within the home.

8

Because it will enforce as nothing else can do the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew, and stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.

9

Because it will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.

10

Because the Word of God requires it and in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessings.—Selected.

### ABSENT

Adam and Eve were absent when God called to them in the cool of the day. All the world but eight souls were absent when the hand of God closed the ponderous door of Noah's ark. Thomas was absent when, on the eighth day, the Master said, "Peace be unto you," to the other disciples. All but the "little flock" will be absent when the pearly gates at last swing shut, between the saved and the unsaved.

One of Satan's most effective methods to have men absent from the kingdom of heaven, is to keep them absent from the church on earth. God says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Satan says, "Stay away from services." Whom do you obey?

Any service of the church that is of enough importance to be held at all, should be attended by all. No meeting should be missed, if it is possible to attend. And all workers should set the example. Jesus is always present, and surely we want to meet Him there.

How often we let trifling things keep us away, and like Thomas, we miss the blessing. Hot weather, cold weather, rainy weather, and dry weather, keep many folks from church. A light rain on the Sabbath, or Wednesday night, is so wet anyway. Yet if there is a bargain sale, a recital, a social, or an outing, even a heavy rain is quite dry.

A slight headache, toothache, backache, a lame foot, a cold, nervousness, etc., many times keep folks from meeting God in His sanctuary. Yet continually, through the week, housewives continue their daily tasks, the children keep up their play; and men go to office, store, shop, and farm. And often, as all can testify, bodily afflictions are forgotten in the mere doing of duty.

Not only should we attend all the services, but we should enter enthusiastically into all parts of every service. Intense interest, such as we manifest in other things, should be given to every song, prayer, Scripture reading and sermon. But oh, how often we get excited about temporal things through the week, and then are listless and silent on the Sabbath. May God some way, some time, stir us to put first things first!

It is in church that we get help. If a loved one suddenly becomes seriously ill, we hasten at once for the doctor. Yet many a loved one is dying in sin, and we too often take it as a matter of fact. Why not hasten to church, where the great Physician is and get help. Remember sinners are no more interested in themselves than we are interested in them.

One of the most important of all the services is the Sabbath school. Yet statistics show that a large number of our people in every conference, who ought to be in Sabbath school, are absent each week. What a record! Are you one of them? Of all services, surely you cannot miss the good Sabbath school.

Think of the splendid lessons we are having now. How practical! How helpful! How inspirational! They

are weekly messages that you and I not only need, but must have if we remain faithful. And then think of the good spirit present in this part of God's service. Oh, how poor in spirit the one who remains away! How rich are those who attend!

Remember God says, "Forsake not assembling." This means Sabbath school. What are you going to do about it? Dear reader, if you are one who has not been attending regularly, will you not pledge to God that, from this time on, you will meet Him there each Sabbath? Do not be absent, for it might mean your eventually being absent from heaven.

When you read this, you may see only cold, black ink on the page before you. But some way, I wish that the Spirit of God might run between every line, around each word, and cover each letter, and let into your heart what the Lord has put into mine. Dear remnant, let us meet Jesus every week in the Sabbath school.

G. C. Bellah.

### SOWING THE SEED

Spiritually defined, the word "sowing" means abundantly bestowing good deeds, and generously teaching the divine principles of salvation. The "Preacher" in the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes admonishes all Christians in the words: "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good." "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." "He that observeth the wind shall not sow, and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." And the prophet Isaiah declares: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." (Isaiah 32:20) The Saviour taught the multitude by the parable of the sower who even sowed without regard to the fitness of the soil. He sowed by the wayside, upon stony ground, among thorns, and in good soil. But in the parable the sower went forth to sow; and though he did apparently waste seed on unfavorable soil, this going forth to sow was commended, and a good harvest was given from the seed sown in the good soil; but in the parable, no intimation was found of any of the seed having been actually wasted.

The lesson to be learned in these Scriptures is that "sowing" which means far more than mere planting is to be the calling of all Christians, and that no matter how unfavorable the conditions and the circumstances may be, the sower may know that "All things work together for good to them that love God," and that the following, inspiring promise of God cannot fail: "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach (sow) the gospel to every creature. . . . and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This commission of the Saviour's is being accepted by many of our conscientious members, the majority of whom depend entirely upon the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit for strength and ability to do the work, and for the power to win men and women to God.

Recently a sister seventy-one years of age, residing in Philadelphia, was asked what she was doing; and her answer was: "I am sowing the seed." As to the extent of her sowing, she said during 1924 she had personally

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## Potomac

### NEWS NOTES

The report of the Takoma Park church for the year 1924 records 74 additions to the church roll: by baptism, 10; by letter, 61; by profession of faith, 3.

Their financial statement for 1924 gives a grand total contributed for all purposes of \$62,962.07. The offerings to foreign missions amounted to \$14,222.21, exceeding their goal by \$2,210.21. Add to this \$1,548.35 contributed to Near East Relief, Leper Colony, Sunshine Home, temperance work, and other enterprises, and you have a total of \$15,770.56 for missionary purposes.

Harvest Ingathering receipts were \$4,186.20. This surpasses all previous efforts in this work and carries the red liquid of our thermometer \$336.20 above its registering ability. Let us give thanks to God.

The Sabbath School offerings for the year were \$5,532.62; of which amount \$5,169.81 was for foreign missions and the remainder for the expenses of the school. In carrying on the work of the church school \$2,869.90 was the amount expended.

The church rejoices that they were able to close the year with all bills paid, and with a substantial balance on hand in the various departments. Under the blessing of God this good report has been made possible. Dr. Bryan and his co-laborers have thoroughly organized the church so that every item of responsibility has its attention. There are the various units or bands under efficient leaders who are constantly striving to bring each member to the place where he will have a desire to engage in the various campaigns that are launched by the general department.

Could all our churches be organized on the Bible plan it is likely that a shout of victory would be heard from them that would join with the Takoma Park church in its song of rejoicing.

The Richmond No. 1 church school is progressing. The teacher, Miss Elizabeth Martin, seems to have drawn her pupils through love and companionship. Parents, pupils, and teacher seem satisfied and happy. Let us pray for this little school.

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week preceding the date of publication. Whenever possible it  
should be typewritten and double-spaced.

## AN APPEAL FOR HELP

In the state of Virginia there are forty counties without an Adventist family. Four score counties and more have no Seventh-day Adventist church. The message is to go to every nation, tongue, and people, and the loud cry is to come largely through the printed page.

Is it not possible that "the still small voice" has been calling you to locate in one of these counties as a resident colporteur? We should have at least one family to a county to hold up the truth for this time. "In many states there are settlements of industrious, well to do farmers, who have never had the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with the love for souls, they could proclaim the message with such power that many would be converted." Vol. 9, p. 35.

These counties have a delightful climate, a hospitable people, many of whom are longing for the truth. Dear reader, with eternity stretching out before you and time almost finished are you not willing to locate in one of these counties and build up a work for God?

"All the preaching in the world will not make men feel deeply the need of perishing souls around them. Nothing will so arouse in men and women a self-sacrificing zeal as to send them forth into new fields to work for those in darkness. Prepare workers to go out into the highways and hedges. We need wise nurserymen who will transplant trees to different localities, and give them advantages, that they may grow. It is a positive duty of God's people to go into the regions beyond. . . . Men in the humble walks of life are to be encouraged to take up the work of God." Vol. 9, p. 118.

For further information regarding the location of these counties and where would be the best place to locate, address me at 411 Cedar Street, Takoma Park, D.C. We hope to hear from you soon.

J. W. Siler.

## FROM SHOWMAN TO LAY PREACHER

Eighteen years ago a cornetist rode into Denver on a circus band wagon. Last fall as we were holding a missionary meeting in that city, this man was there but representing a different cause. As we listened to his magnetic testimony and noticed the interest on the countenances of the audience as he portrayed God's dealing with him during those eighteen years, our hearts were cheered anew as we contemplated the wonderful power of God to operate upon sinful hearts and transfer the character of men lost in sin. Today he is preaching regularly in prisons and on the street corner, and God has blessed his efforts. It is not uncommon for this brother without one cent of remuneration from the conference to hold large Sunday night meetings. God is prospering him financially, so that he does not need a salary.

We are convinced that there is similar talent rusting through inactivity. Let those who have this ability use it to the glory of God, not with the object of getting on the conference pay roll, but as their contribution to the layman's movement.

E. R. Numbers.

## West Virginia

## Colporteurs' Institute

CHARLESTON

March 5-15 at Church Number One

1534 Washington Street

Welcome!

## CHARLESTON NO. 2 CHURCH

On Sabbath, January 17, we were pleased to have Elder Thirlwell and his family with us for Sabbath school and the preaching service. His inspiring message was taken from Mal. 3:16. At our Sunday night service Elder Thirlwell and Elder Lippart were here and Elder Thirlwell spoke on the "Seven Seals." Many visitors were present and enjoyed the subject very much. The Sabbath school, young people's society, home missionary department, and Dorcas society are going forward with the help of the Lord in the work assigned. The Dorcas society is about to finish paying for our church piano besides contributing much to our church debt. We have a good attendance at our Sunday night services which are conducted by the writer. H. P. Woodson.

## NEW BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

We are glad to announce another group of new books in foreign languages just off the press and ready for the field. They are as follows:

"Our Day," Slovakian.

"Steps to Christ," Roumanian.

"Hymn Book," (word edition) Serbian.

"Bible Made Plain," Polish.

"Bible Made Plain" Portuguese.

These books have been wanted for a long time and we know they will fill a long felt need within our respective language groups.

Slovakian "Our Day" is the first subscription book issued in this language in America and we certainly trust, that a number of our Slovakian believers will consider it a privilege as well as a responsibility to search out their countrymen with this splendid book. Do you not have one or several Slovaks in your churches, who would want to take up the sale of this book in a definite way. Surely it deserves a large circulation.

We have many believers in our foreign, as well as English churches who, while unable to devote full time to the circulation of our truth filled literature, can become a great blessing to others by devoting just a few hours each week to the sale of these truth filled books in different languages.

The above list will carry the same prices and discounts as similar books already published in other languages. For further information write to your tract society or the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois.

H. W. Sherrig, Mgr. Book Dept.

## New Jersey

### INSTITUTE NOTICE

Word has been sent in to the office by several colporteurs stating that they are planning to attend the colporteurs' institute from the first to the last. We are looking forward to one of the best institutes ever held for the New Jersey and East Pennsylvania Conferences. The date is February 26 to March 8, at 3256 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. We are anxious to know who will be present at this institute and are asking those who are engaged in the colporteur work as well as those who expect to enter the work to make application for their rooms in advance by writing to the Field Missionary Secretary of their conference. Board and room will be provided for all who are regularly engaged in this work as well as those who are planning to make definite arrangements to go out in the colporteur work. Regular colporteurs will receive railroad fare to and from the institute, others will receive their fare after they have worked six months in the field.

Elder Longacre will have the Sabbath services February 28 and Elder C. K. Meyers will have the services the following Sabbath, March 7. There will be other General help. Send your application to the writer at 1600 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Floyd D. Myers.

## West Pennsylvania

### NEWS NOTES

Have you sold your copy of "Christ's Object Lessons"? One for every member is the quota. West Pennsylvania must do its share. This plan of helping our institutions is heaven appointed. Nothing but success follows God's plans when we do our part. Books have been mailed to every church. Isolated members should order direct. Everybody lift during February 14 - 28.

The Pittsburgh members of the English church are courageously going after money for their building campaign. Every member is in a band with a capable leader and is doing something to raise their quota. Many are selling magazines or small books. In this plan they not only get financial help but give the message, too. We wish them the best of success.

The tract society has a number of slightly damaged books they are offering at very reduced prices. If you are interested write them for a list, or state what books you would like. You won't regret getting some of these bargains.

We are all interested in what the future holds in store for us. The books "Daniel and Revelation" and "Great Controversy" will satisfy your desire. Your library should not be without a copy of each. They are published in several bindings. Prices will be quoted on request of the tract society.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association is making a special offer on all their periodicals. This is called the "Review Family Group." The regular price is \$7.65. The special price until March 1 is \$6.35. It includes—

Review and Herald  
Youth's Instructor  
Sabbath School Worker  
Life and Health  
Liberty  
Church Officers' Gazette  
Present Truth  
Just order "Family Group" from the tract society.

Our tract society business has increased materially for January over the same period of 1924. This is entirely due to the good colporteur work being done. Our gain was 85 per cent for January. Ohio was first and West Pennsylvania second.

## Ohio

### NEWS NOTES

The Youngstown colored church of fourteen members ordered eighteen copies of "Object Lessons" which it expects to use in the Institutional Relief campaign. The members of this church are of good courage. Their Sabbath school is a wide awake one and full of interest.

Last year Ohio's Present Truth orders amounted to 223,890. Just think of the sermons these papers must have preached, and are still preaching. For 1925 let every church conduct another strong, systematic effort with Present Truth. The conference pays for half the papers used in faithful, systematic, house-to-house work.

Ohio's Harvest Ingathering receipts for 1924 amounted to \$20,095.19. Of this amount, the office force gathered in \$2,100. As soon as all of our last year's church missionary secretaries send in their Harvest Ingathering Questionnaire cards, a report of each church will be given.

The Alliance church is supplying literature to a tract rack in each of the following towns: Alliance, Beloit, Damascus, Salem and Sebring. For one church of thirteen members to keep five literature racks supplied with truth-filled literature, this is the best record we know. To our knowledge, no church in Ohio has more than two racks and few churches, comparatively, have any. Sister Patterson, the Alliance missionary secretary, says that the people take the literature eagerly. Christian Scientists are far ahead of Seventh-day Adventists in the work of placing literature racks in public places. In a ten-story hotel in Ohio, there is one or more Christian Scientist literature racks on each floor. We see their racks in steam railway and interurban stations and other busy places. The Alliance church is using the rack designed by Elder E. R. Numbers and manufactured by Mount Vernon Academy. The missionary committee of every church in every large town or city should appoint one or two people to place literature racks and keep them well supplied with literature.

## NOTICE

Doctor H. W. Miller has promised to make two more visits to the Mount Vernon Hospital-Sanitarium. The first one will be March 5 or 6. All who wish his services should write at once to Charles E. Welch, Mount Vernon, Ohio.



## SOMETHING ATTEMPTED, SOMETHING DONE

The Lakewood, Ohio, Sabbath school composed of 121 members during the year of 1924 heeded the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" and as a result of this call, we set our goal for the year at \$1500. It meant toiling, praying, hoping, watching, but always with His word as our counsel and strength to go "Forward" we pressed on to the end and on the Thirteenth Sabbath, we brought our offering \$164.70 which helped us to go over the top with \$1537.28 for the year reaching our goal for the great needy fields. We also gave \$95.67 for home missions.

All our supplies for the year 1925 are ordered and we have a balance in the expense fund of \$29.26. Thanking God for His wonderful guidance and blessing the past year, we have taken for our motto "Higher Ground" and the call is on for 1925. To the work, to the work let us labor till the Master comes.

Mrs. Edna Schenck.



## SPRINGFIELD CHURCH

As a result of the spreading of the truth through the Present Truth the way was paved for an effort which was held and several have signified a desire to come with us, some already taking their stand, others requiring further study.

The Aid Society has been working faithfully this winter to add to our building fund. We are sorely in need of larger and better quarters. They have gone out several days and worked giving their entire time to this fund making as much as \$25 in a day.

Through the untiring efforts of Elder and Sister Shultz, a splendid work is being done in reviving Bible study and church activity among our members and especially is this true with the young people, over whom Sister Shultz has charge. We are proud of the year's results. Eighteen Standard of Attainment Certificates have been awarded us, nine Reading Course Certificates, two have read the Bible through and the mission goal for the young people which was set at \$50 was reached and swelled to \$132. They have also added three converts, their goal being two.

In general a fine spirit prevails among our members and God is preparing us for a greater work. We are not satisfied by any means with the achievements of the past, but pray for greater things.

The drawing together of our people has made possible what has been done and we believe we are in the times of refreshing when God is preparing his people for the "mighty and quick" work which He is going to do in the earth. Pray for our success as we pray for you.

Homer O. Le Fever.

## East Pennsylvania

## NEWS NOTES

Our hearts were made sad when the news came to the office of the death of Miss Hazel Leach, Elder C. V. Leach's sister, in Wheeling. Our sympathy goes out to those who mourn.

A meeting of the conference committee with the auditing members was held in the office Sunday night, to audit the laborer's reports for the year 1924.

Information has been sent to all church officers concerning "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign which begins February 14. Books are being sent to our churches and can be secured from the local home missionary secretary. The books are to sell for \$2.50 of which 75 cents is to go to the missionary secretary for the book, and the balance to the church treasurer for Institutional Relief. Every member of our churches is asked to sell at least one copy.

Elder Numbers, our Union Home Missionary Secretary will assist Brother Applegate during the first week of our "Christ's Object Lesson" campaign in visiting and helping our churches with their books.

Our colporteurs institut will be held in Philadelphia February 26 to March 7. Those interested in this line of work should correspond with H. G. Lewis, care of the office, at once, if they desire to attend these meetings.



## COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

Since coming back to Nesquehoning I have had good experiences and have taken many orders. I visited the home of a Catholic woman who said she did not have 25 cents for "Steps to Christ." Her boy was sick and after I saw him I told her to ask the Lord to help him. She said He was the only one she trusted. She was discouraged so I asked her if I could pray for the child and she gladly consented. When I kn it she remained in a sitting position but when I arose she was kneeling also. She arose and said something to one of the girls, who immediately went to the neighbors. She asked me to wait until the girl returned. When she came she had some money and the mother offered me a bill. I told her I could not take the money as I was in the work to help where I could and not for the money. Let us all remember this child in prayer that the Lord may stretch forth his healing hand, if it will be to His glory and heal this child.

W. H. Smith.



"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the results of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power." "Gospel Workers," pages 254, 255.

## OBITUARIES

**BROWN**—Mrs. Amanda Aquila Brown, daughter of the late Harrison and Sarah Knappenberger, was born in Lehigh County, near Allentown, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1850. She passed away at her home in Fleetwood, Sunday, January 25. She was united in marriage to Jacob Brown in October, 1881. Both Sister Brown and her husband accepted the Advent message about twenty-six years ago and were faithful members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Brother Brown was laid to rest April 17, 1902. Sister Brown is survived by one daughter, Mary Ida, two sisters, Mrs. Uriah Sell and Mrs. Robert Beck, and one brother, Thomas Knappenberger. These sorrowing ones are comforted with the assurance that their loved one sleeps in Jesus. A. A. Cone.

**GEMLER**—Louis Gemler was born August 9, 1852, in Baden, Germany, and died in November, 1924, at his home near North East, Pennsylvania. He came to this country in 1886. The following year he was united in marriage to Alice Echart. In 1908 he embraced the third angel's message, and like the Master was always doing some act of kindness. He will be missed by a devoted wife, children, and many friends. D. A. Rees.

**MAGER**—Mrs. Rose Mager was born May 26, 1851 in Germany; and died December 24, 1924, at her home in Trenton, New Jersey. Mrs. Mager was a charter member of the Trenton S.D.A. church, and a devout follower of her Saviour, to whom she remained faithful to the end. She loved the third angel's message, and its advancement seemed ever to be uppermost in her mind. She now rests from her labors with the sweet assurance of meeting the Life Giver in peace. Three sons and many friends mourn their loss. D. A. Rees.

**EVERETTE**—Julia H. Everette was born in Queen Anne County, Maryland, March 28, 1862; and died in Massey, Kent County, January 19, 1925. In 1893 she attended a series of meetings held by E. E. Franke in Millington, Maryland, and embraced the doctrines taught by Seventh-day Adventists and remained a faithful member until the day of her death. Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thess. 4:13-18 by the writer assisted by the Episcopal minister of Massey. George R. Apsley.

Brother and Sister Lester F. Littell, of East Canton, mourn the loss of their little four-month old daughter, Dorothea Elois. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the S.D.A. church of which the parents are members. Interment was made in Westlawn cemetery. The parents have the heartfelt sympathy of the Canton church. L. O. Gordon.

**PENN**—Ezekiel C. Penn was born June 26, 1841; and died July 12, 1924. In 1862 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Winand. To this union were born one daughter, who died in childhood, and two sons, L. C. Penn, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and John R. Penn, of Richmond, Virginia. He served his country in the Civil War. In 1873 he joined the Seventh-day Adventist church. He is survived by his wife, two sons, their wives, five grandchildren, and other relatives. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder A. G. Haughey. L. A. Spring.

**Peterson**—Mr. Earnest V. Peterson was born in St. Thomas, British West Indies. He accepted the third angel's message there and came to this country about twenty years ago. He died September 7, 1924 with unshaken faith in this message. Brother Peterson came from Norfolk, Virginia, about three years ago to Camden, New Jersey, and was a member of the Camden No. 2 church until the time of his death. He was an earnest and zealous worker in the church and was gratefully loved by all. He is survived by his wife. N. J. Grant

**WILLIAMS**—Mrs. Dora Williams was born in Newbern, North Carolina, March 7, 1875; and fell asleep Sabbath, January 24, 1925. She accepted present truth and was for several years a member of the S. D. A. church in Newbern before coming to Asbury Park, New Jersey. She was a faithful and sincere Christian, and manifested great patience and cheerfulness in her suffering. A sister, brother, niece, and many friends mourn. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14: 13. N. J. Grant

**COMP**—Thomas Comp met a most tragic death by drowning Friday afternoon, December 26. Together with his brother, both fishermen, he went up the Great Egg River in a small boat, preparing for an afternoon's work. The ice in the river came together against the frail boat, and the two men were thrown into the water. They were utterly unable to save themselves. Brother Comp's body remained in the water until Monday. He leaves a wife and four small children. He was a devoted Christian who had demonstrated his devotion to his Master. At the time of his death he was serving as leader, deacon, and Sabbath school superintendent of the Pleasantville, New Jersey, church. Richard F. Farley.

**KLOSTER**—Sarah Jane Kloster was born in Sylvania, Ohio, August 1, 1860; and died at Toledo, Ohio, January 14, 1925. From early childhood she was identified with the Methodist church. About five years ago she became a member of the Toledo Seventh-day Adventist church and remained faithful until the end. She leaves a husband, two sons, two daughters, two brothers and one sister. E. C. Townsend

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placed ten thousand copies of Present Truth, and had just received the next thousand as the old year closed. Her gratitude and her abiding faith in God is expressed in the following words: "I am thankful to God I am well, and that He keeps me living, and gives me strength from day to day to sow the message seed."

We number over one hundred thousand members in this country alone. Take a pencil and figure out what could be done toward finishing the work God has given this people to do were every member doing as much as this sister is in "sowing the seed." In addition to the doing of all the other work we have the exalted privilege of doing for God and humanity, each of us would be doing a missionary work equal to circulating ten thousand copies of Present Truth—a work totaling ten thousand strong, convincing lectures, or sermons, on the converting principles of the message God is sending to the world in the present, short generation. This would total one billion sermons in one year to at least as many people. Such a work would stir the world and bring the special blessings of heaven upon the churches. It is within the power of our members to do a work of this magnitude if they would only set their hearts to do it. Taking everything into candid consideration, our people are now abundantly able to speedily finish the heralding of the great advent message to the world. Will it be done? There can be but one remnant church in the earth. That remnant is going to do God's bidding. Individual members will fail, but the church, never.

D. W. Reavis.

### TO CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED TO SERVE DURING 1925

With the beginning of the new year, many of our churches elected new officers to serve as elders, deacons, Sabbath school superintendents, and in other positions. These officers may not be thoroughly familiar with the duties that will devolve upon them in their new positions.

Have you been appointed for the first time in the capacity of church treasurer? or were you newly elected as church clerk? or are you the Missionary Volunteer leader for 1925?

An individual aid to church officers is a little 91 page

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# Colporteur Reports

Name	Place	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Del.
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**Ohio, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
E. M. Fishell, Field Missionary Secretary

E. C. Alexander, Madisonville	PP	36	32.25	182.45	
Asper, Newton Falls	PP	42	104.80		
Athey, Athens	PP	36	30.00		
Booth, Portsmouth	DR	36	36.95	22.75	
Mrs. Brewer, Cincinnati	OD	32	42.70		
B. C. Brewer, Cincinnati	OD	24	55.50		
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	PP	34	92.00	96.00	
A. G. Drott, Cincinnati	PP	34	121.00		
Dunnihoo, Hamilton	BF	33	6.00	2.00	
H. M. Eklund, Warren Co.	OD	40	63.75		
Edwards, Madison	OD	32	35.75		
V. Gibbons, Youngstown	OD	40	244.50		
Gackenheimer, Columbus	MP	88	127.50	127.50	
Harris, Akron	OD	35	82.00	13.00	
M. L. Howard, Mansfield	BR	38	64.50		
Johnson	OD	56	25.85	5.50	
Kelley, Akron	BR	26	59.50	5.00	
Paul Lipscomb, Kilbuck	GC	38	56.00		
C. McCampbell Cleveland	BF	42	14.40	74.85	
McKenzie, Akron	BR	31	63.00	5.50	
Newton, Dover	PP	40	60.25	29.75	
Randolph, Geneva	PP	32	61.90	57.00	
Stephens, Portsmouth	PP	15	24.00	.25	
Thomas, Columbus	PP	35	119.50		
H. C. Wilcox, Alliance	DA	40	53.55	44.95	
York Wimberly, Dayton	PP	5	22.52	4.00	
Edwards, Madison	OD	35	30.00		
Totals 27 colporteurs			975	\$1729.67	\$670.50

**Potomac, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
B. E. Wagner, Field Missionary Secretary

L. W. Belote, E. Radford	PP	41	216.95		
C. G. Mays, Bototant	PP	39	154.00		
R. C. Garrett, E. Radford	PP	41	149.50		
J. P. Spaulding, Richmond	DR	37	106.75		
F. L. Cushing, Washington	GC	24	81.25		
W. B. Powell, Covington	BR	24	64.75		
*H. O. Gumbs, Washington	PP	79	97.50	59.75	
Walter Munday, Roanoke	OD	4	7.00	56.00	
Mrs. E. Smith, Alexandria	OD	32	57.00	15.25	
A. L. Gary, Frederick H.	BR	28	47.80		
F. E. Wagner, Takoma Park	WH	16	36.50	24.75	
C. A. Blount, Alleghany	BR	25	29.50	4.50	
Wallace Taylor, Richmond	OD	14	11.75		
W. H. Groves, Arlington		15		49.50	
F. E. Briggs, Washington		15	11.00	22.00	
John Matthews, Norfolk, Va.		25		82.00	
Totals 16 colporteurs			449	\$1071.25	\$313.75

**New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending February 6, 1925**  
F. D. Myers, Field Missionary Secretary

Mrs. W. C. Harring, Teaneck	WH	7	7.00	28.00	
C. Hager, Paterson	OD	78	98.40	81.75	
**Frank Kiefer, Atlantic City	OD	118	308.20	15.45	
Mrs J. W. Jenssen, Newark	BR	44	64.50	54.50	
Miss Lingo, New Brunswick	OD	38	32.00	29.95	
Mrs A. L. Post, Newark	BR	74	79.40	25.40	
N. R. Pond, Woodbury	WC	16	19.20	19.20	
**W. F. Schmidt, Millville	GC	121	138.60	141.10	
Mrs. E. White, Camden	OD	23	35.00	1.50	
F. A. Brownell, Blackwood	BR	20	63.70	8.20	
J. M. Farrow, Camden	WH	40	39.00	3.50	
J. E. Jones, Bridgeton	PP	56	82.75	38.50	
Carrie Lauterback, Morrist'n	OD	24	44.00	32.00	
Totals 13 colporteurs			659	\$1011.75	\$479.05

**West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
L. W. Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary

Mrs. M. R. Allen, E. Warren	PP	12	14.50	4.00	
Henry Bauer, Washington	OD	8		40.00	
C. J. Beard, Fayette	PP	27	88.35	3.50	
Geo. Buttermore, Beaver Co.	OD	36	79.70	9.75	
W. P. Christoph, Fayette	PP	31	151.25	161.35	
Jennie Keeler, Westmoreland	BR	23	30.95	16.50	
H. E. Linss, Bedford	PP	38	45.75	118.25	
E. S. Miles, Erie	BR	28	36.25	7.50	
Paul Raymond, Bedford	PP	35	42.60	95.05	
Geo. Schuerger, Washington		20	3.00	41.50	
Totals 10 colporteurs			338	\$492.35	\$497.40

**West Virginia, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

J. H. McHenry, Wvomin?	WC	48	470.00	675.00	
Chancy Wood, McDowell	DA	66	259.75	147.00	
J. R. Ridenour, Raleigh	PP	47	80.25	147.00	
C. E. Russell, Raleigh	PP	54	68.75	89.25	
G. E. Missbaugh, McDowell	PP	25	92.00		
J. S. Marsh, Unshur	PP	22	36.50		
N. S. Marriott, Keyser				20.25	
J. W. Siders, Charleston	BR	2	53.50	17.50	
Iona Belcher, Logan	WC	3	10.75	10.75	
Totals 9 colporteurs			267	\$1071.50	\$1106.75

**Chesapeake, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
W. H. Groves, Field Missionary Secretary

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins, Baltimore	DA	62	85.40	3.00	
W. E. Holland, Lewes, Del.	PP	26	72.00		
Geo. Holland, Lewes, Del.	PP	26	56.25	11.00	
Ada Thomas, Baltimore	PP	21	58.25	3.25	
Nellie Baker, Baltimore	OD	30	46.50		
A. Petrucci, Townsend, Del.	BF	32	33.75		
W. H. Groves, Manchester	PP	8	18.00		
Totals 7 colporteurs			205	\$370.15	\$17.25

**East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 6, 1925**  
H. G. Lewis, Field Missionary Secretary

*B. Bell, Philadelphia	GC	58	204.75	18.25	
Geo. Cain, Jr., Kingston	OD	33	9.60	38.00	
J. L. Gearhart, Reading	CS	26	22.50	20.50	
Albert J. Mill, Reading	OD	6	26.50	1.50	
E. W. Smith, Avondale	WC	22	20.50		
*Wm. H. Smith, Nesquehoning	BR	26	152.75	24.00	
Totals 6 colporteurs			171	\$436.60	\$102.25

\*Two weeks. \*\*Three weeks.  
Grand Totals 88 Colps., Orders \$6,183.27, Del. \$3,186.95

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## MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

## News Notes

We welcome the new students who have arrived to take up the second semester's work and hope that many others are planning to attend the school in September 1925.

The school has recently installed a grist mill and is manufacturing its own whole wheat flour and porridge. There is quite a demand for these in the immediate vicinity. Those interested in such products should apply at the Academy for more particulars.

Professors Taylor and Ashton recently went to Columbus to attend the annual Bee Man's Meeting. We expect greater returns from this department in the coming year.

At the annual board meeting held a few weeks ago a motion was made to move the Annex north of the Science Hall and convert it into a boys' dormitory.

The Chorus, under the supervision of Professor Miller, is progressing very nicely.

A series of lectures have been planned for the students. The Nichola Orchestra entertained them on Saturday evening, January 24. The next numbers will be given March 3 and 4 by Dr. Fredrick Monsen.

The student body and faculty pledge their hearty cooperation during the "Christ's Object Lessons" campaign.

The first semester's cooking class held their banquet Sunday, February 1. The members of the class appreciate the efforts of their teacher, Mrs. Taylor and feel that they have been benefited by the work during the semester.

There is a steady demand for our whole wheat bread and there is quite a large circulation throughout the city of Mount Vernon and Academia.

## Gay Head Indian Chief Wants Meetings

Elder W. C. Moffett, President of the Massachusetts Conference, gives this interesting item:

"During Big Week on Martha's Vineyard, where nothing had heretofore been done at all, a company of us worked the island. Our field agent, returning from a trip down there to assist a worker in getting hold of the interested people, informs me that the head of the Gay Head Indians, to whom the Signs of the Times has been sent in the way of a follow-up, has become interested and has opened his home for meetings. There is a widespread interest among the Indians who are, of course, very modern in their ways of living."

A man can never move the world that lets the world move him.  
Martin Luther.