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Important Notice Religious Liberty Day

Remember Religious Liberty Day comes on Sabbath, March 3. We trust that every church will carry out the program this year and take the religious liberty offering and not fail to renew the "Liberty" Magazine clubs as well as individual subscriptions to the magazine.

According to present indications, the Lankford Sunday bill before Congress is going to receive consideration early in March. A big demonstration is planned to take place in behalf of this bill on February 29 when delegates from all parts of the country representing many religious organizations, are going to besiege both Congress and the White House demanding that Lankford's bill be enacted into law. No doubt, at that time hearings will be demanded and the real fireworks will be opened.

The fight is on and our people, we are sure will give a liberal contribution to the Religious Liberty Fund so our conferences can increase the "Liberty" subscription lists going to the lawmakers, judges, editors, lawyers, and other prominent people in their territory. Let us do an unusual thing as we are facing an unusual crisis.

C. S. Longacre, *Gen. Conf. Sec. Relig. Lib. Assn.*

Helps for Church Elders

A recent announcement through the daily press indicates that the United States Government has established a "Reading Course for Soldiers," the purpose of the plan being to enable the soldiers to become fully informed, not alone by drill and field demonstrations, but also by reading literature along lines fundamental to successful service in defense of the nation. It was of particular interest to note that the Government has adopted the Reading Course plan, as it affords another evidence that specialized, systematic reading plays an important part in the attainment of efficiency—that quality which is so desirable in the character of Christian workers.

In the interests of increased efficiency on the part of church elders and leaders, the General Conference Committee has authorized the selection of an annual Reading Course. This church elders' course is known as "The Auxiliary Ministerial Reading Course" because it is closely allied to the Reading Course for ministers and conference workers which has been in opera-

tion for fourteen years and has proved of inestimable value. Usually, one book is the same in both the Ministerial and the Auxiliary Courses, the other books in the latter course being adapted to meet the needs of the busy church elder whose time for reading is generally quite limited. For instance, the book which is included in both the Ministerial and the Auxiliary Course this year is entitled "Every-Member Evangelism," and this is what one city pastor writes concerning it:

"I have never found a better Reading Course book than 'Every-Member Evangelism.' I hope all pastors and church elders will read it, for I believe it will put new life into their bones. At any rate, that is the way it affected me, and as I read portions to the church, it affected the church members the same way, as evidenced by the remarks after the service. I cannot stress too much the value of this book. I expect that it will give me material for about three more sermons. It is possible to read from this book without wearying the audience, for it is intensely interesting and each sentence contains a message. It will do the soul good, and is right along the line in which every pastor is interested—enlisting every member of the church in soul-winning work.

The other books in the church elders' reading course this year are: "Christ Our Righteousness", (a compilation from the writings of the spirit of prophecy). "The School of Obedience," and "The Adventure of Prayer." A special combination price on the four books makes it possible to secure them through the book and Bible house for \$2.60, postpaid. There is ample time for reading and re-reading these books during the balance of the year, and all who have not secured them will find it well worth while to do so without further delay. Registration card and information as to the advantages of enrolling as a member of the Auxiliary Reading Course Circle will be furnished by addressing: The Ministerial Association, General Conference, S. D. A. Takoma Park, Wash, D. C.

Midnight Cries

It was a cool night, the stars were shining. The moon had not yet appeared, though the mellow light on the horizon told of its approach, when a little village in the heart of the forest was rudely awakened by the cries and yells of an invading foe.

Who could it be, for had they not only a week ago defeated "Lilayi" their neighbouring chief? The Lamba people were away on an expedition to the West, while friendly treaties had long been entered into with "Mungule." However, though these thoughts all passed rapidly through their minds, there was no time now to discuss them.

A scramble was made for their spears and a few old guns that had been received in barter for their ivory and skins from the traders at Fort Johnson two hundred miles away, and "Chilwana" their chief, a man six feet high, agile and fearless, and as cunning as the beasts of the forest in which he lived, led them forth into the fight. Behind him followed his brother, also a warrior of no mean repute. The fight was hard, but day break saw the enemy retreating over the Mwembeshi river, when a stray shot brought down the brother and companion of the chief.

These days are past. The native chiefs no longer engage in these tribal wars, nor do the Arab raiders in search of slaves disturb their peaceful slumber, as in the story just related. The mission house now stands on the site where the Arab camp was pitched on that notable occasion. The old centenarian chief, though now a leper, is also a church member in good standing. He sends his children to the school, and helps us in every way possible.

This is no doubt a great improvement over past days yet there is still a great need, for even though advancing civilization has had its effect, and broken up these ancient customs, their present condition is far from gratifying. The need of this section of the great world field is great. I certainly trust that this appeal on behalf of these ignorant, superstitious people, sick in body and in soul, will surely touch the hearts of God's children who have been favored with better conditions and Christian homes.

I will not take time to go into detail regarding the house I live in, with its mud walls, and floor on which nothing is safe because of white ants, regardless of the fact, that most articles are standing on sheets of iron. All mats must be taken up every night. These things are only mere details and form part of the "light afflictions" spoken of by Paul. However, as a vision of our school building passes before my eyes, which I would despise having as a barn or cow shed were I a farmer, and I think of the approach of the wet season, with the rain pouring through a hundred holes in the grass roof laden with dust accumulated during the dry season, bespattering our books, chairs, papers, and seats, when I see the smoke rising from villages in the distance, that have never heard the saving message for this time, as I contemplate the numbers of sick turned away because of lack of medicine and appliances, and a building in which to care for them, I am not so readily appeased, and wonder if the brethren really realize the conditions under which we must labor in some of these Central African fields. Personally I feel confident and find some consolation in the belief that they do not.

Brethren the time of the end is now here, the last minute of this last hour will soon be past. Let it not be said of us that we laid up our treasures during the last days. Soon there will be another midnight cry, not of Arab slave raiders, but of those that have failed in their stewardship. "Take heed, for in an hour when ye think not," surely applies to us who are living in these last days. Let us be ready.

W. Mason.

"The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess, man; but in love there is no excess, neither can man nor angel come in danger by it."



Missionary Volunteer Spring Week of Prayer

In harmony with the action of the General Conference, March 10 to 17, has been set aside throughout the Columbia Union as a Week of Prayer for our young people. It seems fitting and appropriate that at this season of the year we should dedicate a definite time for a well-organized plan of evangelism in behalf of the younger members in our ranks. Winter is passing rapidly, and in a little while we shall face new conditions, and a new atmosphere, so far as the things of the material life are concerned. At a time like this it is a matter of supreme importance that, as young people, we catch a clearer vision of the ideals of the better life, to the end that we may appreciate more fully the importance of the things around us.

"We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth." *General Conference Bulletin*, 1893.

This impressive statement, written by the servant of God many years ago suggests the reasons for a special season of evangelism in behalf of our youth. The boys and girls of Adventist parentage in the Columbia Union Conference constitute an army of more than 6000 persons. In looking over a recent census compiled from our churches in the various conferences we discover that more than forty per cent of this army have not yet affiliated themselves with this movement in a definite way through church-fellowship. This is the situation that presents a mighty challenge to the leadership of our churches everywhere, and we should avail ourselves of every opportunity to direct the attention of our youth to the things that make for success in the realm of spiritual life.

"We want our children to believe the truth." Without a doubt this statement expresses the longing and great ideal of every parent in our churches. We are living in days of skepticism, when the great army of those who constitute the rising generation are being indoctrinated with the principles of infidelity and atheism. We are all convinced that the Third Angel's Message is the final and only answer to the challenge of an overwhelming tide of evil that is bidding for supremacy everywhere. While the

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Summary of the Missionary Volunteer Work in the Columbia Union Conference
For Quarter Ending December 31, 1927

	Societies	Membership	Reporting Members	Conversions	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings	Hours Christian Help Work	Treatments Given	Food Given	Clothing Given	Boquets Given	Subscriptions Taken	Papers Distributed	Books Distributed	Tracts Distributed	Scripture Cards Given	Letters Written	Letters Received	Society Offerings for Missions	Mission Funds Through Society	Offerings for Local Society
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N. J.	28	469	310	50	975	94	2852	95	213.45	640	277	85	11539	1758	493	218	317	116	71.58	3247.95	79.20
Ohio	45	878	515	26	473	718	5883	333	176.22	2005	682	494	14838	1636	17898	75	1047	275	132.49	4421.47	104.58
Poto.	38	964	551	76	1586	242	2906	100	297.65	671	282	101	2033	251	6756	1000	509	143	76.55	6566.84	202.57
W. Pa.	12	197	84	4	334	79	552	21	28.90	90	20	40	3112	180	97		87	11	5.94	1195.15	45.60
W. Va.	4	54	46		105	12	22		9.10	73	3		736	75	150	26	26	12	33.25	275.00	1.63
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mentality of the youth of the world is being submerged in a great wave of infidelity, we should determine to indoctrinate our youth with the glorious principles of the faith once delivered to the saints. In this way, and this alone, they will be able to stand as beacon lights amidst the moral chaos of our present society.

"We want them to be blessed of God." This should be our supreme objective. This blessing far transcends in importance the blessing of every earthly attainment. Riches, might, honor, reputation are not to be compared with the glory that comes to our youth whose lives meet the approval of God. We recall, with feelings of admiration, the experience of young David, who became one of the greatest leaders of God's people in all the years of Israelitish history. When a great crisis was pending, and a former leadership had proved untrue to the plans and purposes of God, the Lord sought a "man after His own heart." In these evil days, when wickedness and sin are rampant everywhere, God is looking for a youthful leadership after His own heart. And we are not assuming too much when we entertain a hope that our youth will be blessed of God.

We want this coming Week of Prayer in behalf of our youth to be the most fruitful season of evangelism we have ever had. The situation and times demand it. Unless we reach out a strong hand, and cast a sheltering influence around the lives of our boys and girls, many of them will be lost in the ruination of the coming storm. In every conference, and in every church, we should rally the forces for a united effort during the week of March 10 to 17, and not rest satisfied until every boy and girl within our sphere of influence has been brought under the spell of this special season of prayer and evangelism.

At the recent Union conference session, we were quite impressed with a report from one of our ministers who spoke of a recent Week of Prayer in behalf of the youth in his church, and the parents cooperating, he directed the work of the entire week toward bringing the youth to Christ. We were happy to learn that, as a result of this special effort 16 young people were baptized. This experience can and should be repeated in all our churches during the week of March 10 to 17. Shall we not rally, as ministers, church officers and parents during this Week of Prayer, and save our youth to the cause of God?

A closing word to our young people should not be forgotten. Dear fellow young people, this is your supreme

opportunity. The world needs your example of a noble, conquering life. The cause of God needs your consecrated talent and energy. And you need the glorious experience that comes in sincere, loyal devotion to the principles of this wonderful faith. We would urge that, during the coming Week of Prayer, you avail yourself of every opportunity afforded for your spiritual development. Seek God earnestly for a special endowment of that heavenly inspiration that will strengthen you for a heroic experience. Seek Him for a passion for your unconverted associates, and determine that, during this week you will bring at least one with you to the foot of the cross of Christ. Make March 10 to 17 the best Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer we have ever had.

H. K. Christman, *M. V. Sec'y.*, Columbia Union Conf.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

W. M. Robbins, President H. E. Garrarde, *Sec'y-Treas.*
506-508 First National Bank, Greensburg, Pa.

A Testimony on Sunday Labor

Dear Brother:

I will try to answer your question as to what you should do in the case of Sunday Laws being enforced.

"The light given me by the Lord at a time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching, was, that when the people were moved by a power beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from their ordinary work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort.

"To defy the Sunday laws will but strengthen in their persecution the religious zealots who are seeking to enforce them. Give them no occasion to call you law-breakers. If they are left to rein up men who fear neither God or man, the reining up will soon lose its novelty for them, and they will see that it is not consistent for them to be strict in regard to the observance of Sunday. Keep right on with your missionary work, with your Bibles in your hands, and the enemy will see that he has worsted his own cause." *Test. Vol. 9, 6. 22.*

"When we devote Sunday to missionary work, the whip will be taken out of the arbitrary zealots who would

be well pleased to humiliate Seventh-day Adventists. When they see that we employ ourselves on Sunday in visiting the people and opening the Scriptures to them, they will know that it is useless for them to try to hinder our work by making Sunday laws.

"Sunday can be used for carrying forth various lines in work that will accomplish much for the Lord. On this day open-air meetings and cottage meetings can be held. House-to-house work can be done. Those who write can devote this day to writing their articles. Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. Sing genuine revival hymns, and speak with power and assurance of the Saviour's love. Speak on temperance and on true religious experience. You will thus learn about how to work and will reach many souls." *Id.*, pp. 232, 233.

"Sunday is a child of the papacy, exalted by the Christian world above the sacred day of God's rest. In no case are God's people to pay it homage. But I wish them to understand that they are not doing God's will by braving opposition when He wishes them to avoid it. Thus they create prejudice so bitter that it is impossible for the truth to be proclaimed. Make no demonstration on Sunday in defiance of law. If this is done in one place, and you are humiliated, the same thing will be done in another place. We can use Sunday as a day on which to carry forward work that will tell on the side of Christ. We are to do our best, working with all meekness and lowliness." *Id.*, p. 235, par. 1

Read carefully on "Sunday Labor" *Test. Vol.*, 9, pp. 232-238.

W. H. Sebastian, Marietta, Pa.

News Notes

Elder C. S. Prout, associate Home Missionary Secretary of the General Conference, Elder E. A. Manry, Home Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference and Brother Mead, Home Missionary Secretary of the Potomac Conference were recent visitors at the Pittsburgh No. 1 church and were successful in securing a club of seventy-five *Signs* for the coming year. In the afternoon they joined Brother C. B. Newmyer, our home missionary secretary at the Greensburg church, raising up a club of sixty *Signs*.

Monday morning, after the close of the colporteurs' institute, a large band of colporteurs were again at their post of duty. The returns of that week were splendid. The colporteur work has the brightest future that it has ever had before.

Elder E. R. Robbins and Brother H. E. Garrarde have been out of the office for the last week, attending the Columbia Union Conference meeting, which is being held at Cleveland, Ohio.

Word was received at the office from the convention at Cleveland, Ohio, telling of the good spiritual meeting which was being held there.

Who Did It?

Last week three splendid orders for the No-Tobacco *Little Friend* came to the Pacific Press, totaling 3,100 copies—one from a public school in the southern part of California, another from the pastor of a large Evangelical Church in Ontario, Canada, and the third from a high

school principal. Probably two or three thousand boys or girls will read every paper. And who can estimate the saving influence from the terrible slavery to tobacco to the six or eight thousand plastic minds receiving this early impress for good?

But the question that immediately arose in our minds was, "Who visited these people with copies of this little paper and so impressed them with the needs of their boys and girls that send us these splendid records?" We do not know, but when the record books in heaven are opened, many who have labored on here unknown and unnoticed, will receive their proper reward for the souls they have saved from eternal ruin.

And the best part of it is that we all may have a part in this work of influencing others to help with the No-Tobacco *Little Friend* and other soul-saving literature ministry. If all who are interested will write their book and Bible house secretary, he will give them full information as to how they may do their part.

WEST VIRGINIA

D. A. Rees, President C. M. Paden, Sec'y-Treas.
1455 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

The Colporteur Institute

West Virginia's Colporteur Institute will be held at Charleston church, Washington St., near Thompson St., Charleston, W. Va., March 22 to 31 inclusive.

This year we feel we must meet together to study more efficient ways and means in order to win more souls. And in order to do this, we must have more power from above, more of the Master's leading in our lives and work. We shall tarry these ten days to study more successfully the work God has ordained, the colporteur work in West Virginia.

If God is calling you to help finish the work, and you want to receive a good training to become an efficient soul-winner, write me at once so that I can make proper arrangements for you to attend our institute.

A. G. Drott, F. M. S.

A Colporteur's Experience

"I have had an experience I shall not soon forget. After giving part of the canvass to a mother in a home, she interrupted me by saying that she did not have anything to do with the churches in her vicinity, as there seemed to be so much strife among them. As we were talking, her daughter came in, and asked her mother what I wanted. I told her, handing her my prospectus. She seemed interested. Finally she asked me the price of the book and told me she lived in New York and whether I would mail her such a book to her home. She told me she was expecting to take the 7:50 o'clock train that evening. I suggested that I could meet her at the station and bring the book so she could read it on the train. She readily consented. I met her that evening, and she was glad to get the full leather "Return of Jesus". We had a good visit, and to me it seemed providential that I had called at her mother's home that day, for the next day would have been too late. It seemed to me the Lord had arranged this meeting for she seemed to have an honest heart. She told me she did not belong to any church, but believed the Lord's promises and longed to know Him

better. As I bade her good-bye and went on my way to a prayer meeting, I could not help but lift my heart to my Heavenly Father for Him to guide the soul I had just left." G. E. Belcher.

Our colporteurs are doing a noble work, and God is calling for new workers to enter His vineyard. Is God calling you? "There is no higher calling than the Colporteur Ministry."

A. G. Drott, F. M. S.

Nineteen Points

Nineteen points on the law of God—the foundation of God's truth—are given in the special series of short articles on the Law of God, by Jesse F. Moser, beginning in the March 6 *Signs*. Sister Moser has furnished a number of her striking and helpful original illustrations, that go far toward impressing the points brought out in the articles.

The "Holy Spirit" will be the title of a series of eight articles by Elder Marshall B. Van Kirk, also beginning in March, and there will also be three articles on "Sun Worship" by Elder Alfred Koch, who has spent years of study on this great subject.

Everyone of these articles and dozens of others equally helpful will be secured in a year's subscription at only \$1.50. There's no better way of doing your part in soul-warning than by sending in the name of that interested friend, neighbor or relative, to your Bible house secretary. Ask to have the subscription start with the March issue, so that none of these splendid articles will be missed.

Oriental Eyes are Opening

is the title of Elder Frederick Lee's startling article on the new Far East, found in the March color *Signs*. Your neighbors would enjoy this illuminating study of conditions in the light of Revelation 16:12. In lots of ten or more to one address, only four cents each. Your book and Bible house secretary will gladly care for your order.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

C. V. Leach, President W. H. Jones, Sec'y-Treas.
3256 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Penna.

Silent Preacher Carries the Message

We are constantly coming in contact with individuals who are coming into or who have been brought into the truth through the reading of our literature. Hundreds and thousands are studying the message today through the printed page. The ministry of the truth filled literature that God has given us as contained in our tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, and good books, is now being blessed in heaven.

A few weeks ago we were called to the bed-side of a man who had accepted practically all of the message through reading the *Signs of the Times*. This brother lived in an isolated section of our conference. He had been a faithful member of the Lutheran church for many years. Through a friend who sent the *Signs* to him we found him keeping the Sabbath. While he could only live

a few days after the time of my first visit, he told me he had made his peace with his Lord and that if he was called to lie down in death, that he felt that he was one of our communion and that he was ready for the great beyond. The blessed ministry of our worthy periodical, *Signs of the Times*, visiting this man's fireside week after week, was the instrument that the Lord used in opening up to this brother's mind the message for this hour. What member of our churches throughout the East Pennsylvania Conference would not be the happy man that sent out this silent messenger to this brother. But we may all have similar experiences if we will be faithful in the circulation of the good literature that God has given us.

Our attention is now being called to the *Signs* campaign. This is an effort on the part of our brethren to encourage us to circulate a larger number of this good paper. Let us, Brother and Sister, take hold earnestly in our churches and set going a great multitude of these silent messengers of the kingdom. We trust that every church in our conference will not only renew the *Signs* program they carried out in 1927, but that the number of subscriptions may be greatly increased. Let us make 1928 the best year in our history of the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* and the other good literature that God has given us.

C. V. Leach.

The Holy Spirit

is the theme of Elder Marshall B. Van Kirk, president of the Southwestern Union Conference, in his series of eight articles which will begin in the March 20 *Signs*, and will fill a long felt need for positive Bible teaching on this important truth.

Beginning with the first March issue there will be another series, on the Law of God, by Jesse F. Moser. These are nineteen exceptionally strong articles, and Sister Moser has furnished a number of her striking and helpful illustrations.

Dozens of other equally gripping articles will be secured in a regular subscription at only \$1.50 a year. There's no better way of doing your part in warning souls than by sending in the name of that interested friend, neighbor or relative to your Bible house secretary. If you ask to have the subscription begin with the March issues, none of these splendid articles will be missed.

Notice

The *Present Truth* large quantity rates have been withdrawn. The original small quantity rates remain as before, namely: 25 copies, 25 cents; 50 copies, 45 cents; 100 copies, 85 cents; 1,000 copies, \$7.50. In the future the thousand rate will be the lowest price at which *Present Truth* can be purchased. At these prices the publishers have been donating, and will continue to sacrifice, \$1.50 on every thousand order. The cost of the production of *Present Truth* is \$9.00. *Present Truth* never makes any financial profits. Its gains are in the form of service and new members.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—Goethe

WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE

H. H. Hamilton, President
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

News Notes

The second semester has started off with earnestness and enthusiasm. The enrollment is now 293 with the entrance of 13 new students. A new two hour class in methods of teaching history is being offered by Professor A. W. Werline.

The teaching of modern languages is now under the direction of Professor Edmund Miller. French, German and Spanish are taught. Miss Virginia Hoelzel was formerly in charge.

With few interruptions in view the new semester promises to be a term of good hard work and Christian endeavor to prepare workers for the cause of Christ.

Each Monday night the girls of South Hall, Washington Missionary College, gather in the worship room for a few minutes to praise God in song and word. After a number of brief prayers the girls go to their various Prayer Bands in groups of ten.

Presenting phases of activity never used at the college before the Theological Department, under the supervision of Doctor B. G. Wilkinson, is becoming a very important and successful branch of college life. The beginning of the second semester found pastoral students giving forty Bible readings a week in connection with the public lectures given in Washington. The Theological Department has a much larger enrollment than last year and it is expected that this year's activities will draw a much larger enrollment next year.

An interesting class in Home Management is being conducted by Miss Marie Rogers, assistant teacher in the Home Economics Department, this semester. The girls taking this class actually live in the pleasant, home-like Domestic Science suite, for six weeks, and are instructed in the arts of housewife. The class is divided into groups of four, each group spending six weeks in this "little home, where each girl must take her turn as hostess, cook, assistant cook, and housekeeper. The meals are prepared on the budget plan, at 13c or 15c per meal, and the girls also have experience in buying. Nine girls have enrolled thus far.

The Review and Herald orchestra, under the leadership of Robert Edwards, an alumnus of Washington Missionary College, is making speedy headway since its re-organization last fall. The thirty players represent the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the Washington Sanitarium, the Washington Missionary College and the community.

Every week at Doctor Wilkinson's lectures, the orchestra, co-working with soloists and singers, gives a musical program preceding the lecture.

"Seventh-day Adventists Believe That"

is an excellent study of the high points of our belief, by Elder Nels P. Neilson of Brazil. You will enjoy this study yourself, and it is just the thing to pass to inquiring neighbors and friends. In the March color *Signs*. Your book and Bible house secretary will gladly supply you in lots of ten or more only four cents each.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

A. J. Olson, Principal
Mount Vernon, Ohio

News Notes

A goodly number of delegates and leaders of the young people of Ohio and West Pennsylvania and West Virginia attended the Young Peoples Missionary Volunteer Convention recently held at Mount Vernon. The many good inspirational talks given to the young folks in the Academy chapel were a great help to all in attendance. Let us pray that the high standards and splendid new goals set by the young people of our conference may all be reached this year of 1928.

The third number of the Academy lecture course was given a few weeks ago, and the general comment on the part of all who were there was, "That was the best yet". The number was a musicale given by members of the faculty of school of music of Denison University. The next and last number on the lecture course for this year is to be given Sunday March 25. "The Plantation Singers," (Redpath) a colored male quartet, featuring chiefly negro spirituals, southern songs and plantation melodies, will be with us at that date.

Mount Vernon Academy's enrollment this year is 167 students. The present attendance is just ten more than we had last year at this time.

Everyone is pleasantly surprised with the neat appearance of our new diningroom in Linden Hall, and folks who patronize that place daily say, "it's a good place to eat."

Recent visitors at our school were Professor H. H. Hamilton from our college. His good chapel talk was enjoyed by both teachers and students. "The memory lingers," Professor, and we bid you to call again.

Professor Neff on his way home from the convention just concluded in Cleveland stopped off at M. V. A. last Friday and his good talk on "What is truth" will long be remembered. This school is favored in a special way by having our leaders visit us, and we are glad to welcome all.

Elder Leach passed through Mount Vernon Thursday and paid us a hurry-up call at the Academy, and Printery. Friends were glad to see his smiling face.

The 1928 Senior Class with a membership of twenty-five is ready to claim honors just now, and a splendid group of young people they are.

Sprays are now installed in Linden Hall - just another feature to cater to the comforts of those who live in the girls dormitory. (Prospective students for Mount Vernon Academy, please note.)

A campaign led out in by the entire student body and teachers of M. V. A. to furnish the girls' parlor in Linden Hall is being organized. About \$600 are needed. We invite our readers to "lend a hand," and we thank you, kindly, for your help.

Our good principal, Professor A. J. Olson, just returned from the Cleveland Convention and needless to say we are glad to have him back again.

Several substantial orders for our College Mill have come in and a goodly number of the boys keep the wheels humming in that part of our establishment.

OHIO

N. S. Ashton, President

A. E. King, Sec'y-Treas.

Box 517, Mount Vernon, Ohio

"Liberty Caused Me a Loss of Twenty Thousand"

"Your Liberty magazine caused me to lose twenty thousand dollars." These words came from a prominent lawyer of an Ohio city, and were spoken to me and a local church elder as we were doing missionary work in the attorney's office last fall. You may be sure that we were a little startled by this charge which was brought against our champion of religious freedom in America. The church leader and I quickly asked for an explanation, and the lawyer told us the following interesting story:

Several years ago, when a popular priced news stand story magazine was in its infancy, and before it had been given a name, a price of twenty thousand dollars was offered by the publishers for the most acceptable title for their magazine. Our lawyer friend chose *Liberty*. Just about the time that he would have sent the name in, a friend informed him that the Seventh-day Adventists, in Washington, D. C., were already publishing a magazine called "*Liberty*." Upon receiving this news, the attorney dropped "*Liberty*" and chose another name. When the prizes were awarded, our friend, the lawyer, learned that after he had sent his second choice to the publishers, a man in another state submitted the name "*Liberty*" and got the grand prize. "Thus you see," said the lawyer good-naturedly, "Your magazine "*Liberty*" caused me to lose twenty thousand."

In our estimation, our *Liberty* magazine itself is worth far more than the amount which the man received from the mere name. Its contents have been of inestimable value to the cause of truth. Its articles have enlightened thousands of prominent Americans on the great principles of religious liberty. It has helped to hold open the doors of our denominational buildings in Takoma Park. *Liberty* has contributed its part of stemming the tide of religious oppression which seeks to engulf the land, and has stayed the reddened hand of persecution. Our *Liberty* has given God's message a new impetus, added many to the ranks of true Protestantism, and encourages us all to "stand like the brave."

Sabbath, March 3, is our annual Religious Liberty Day. Because of the increased demand for Sunday laws in our state and in the National Capital, more money for ammunition is needed to fight the powers that would stifle the voice of freedom. We must place *Liberty* again in the hands of our most prominent citizens. The special offering for March 3 will be used in the cause of religious freedom. Let all our churches plan well for that day, and give liberally for the cause for which our forefathers gave their lives.

E. R. Corder.

Special Notice

Have you sent in your subscription to the *Spirit of M. V. A.* One Dollar will establish a definite contact between you and us the year around. We are willing to do our part. Are you willing to do your's?

COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

Name Place Book Hrs. Orders Del'd

Ohio, Week Ending February 17, 1928

I. M. Evans, Field Missionary Secretary

E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati	Misc	44	130.00	29.20
C. W. Beach, Warren Co.	RJ	37	52.00	5.50
J. R. Britt, Springfield	BR	29	68.50	47.50
Mrs. J. R. Britt, Dayton	RJ	38	31.25	32.50
Mrs. Brewer, Cincinnati	RJ	34	46.15	7.00
J. Booth, Toledo	PP	40	13.25	2.75
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	PP	43	134.50	63.50
Wm. Centers, Springfield	PP	38	95.75	29.25
Frank Cooper, Springfield	PP	32	39.50	
S. E. Curry, Cleveland	PP	50	90.75	43.75
Frank Cole, Youngstown	Misc	32	14.00	14.00
J. E. Clise, Bryan	RJ	30	7.00	3.50
J. Cheripko, Cleveland	OD	40	85.00	19.50
C. J. Deavers, Fayette Co.	PP	58	117.50	8.25
Tilford Daily, Scioto Co.	WC	26	103.00	
H. W. Gigax, Toledo	PP	33	18.25	7.25
Edith Hall, Akron	RJ	23	32.75	16.25
Fred Hannah, Steubenville	PP	42	34.50	30.00
James Hannah, E. Liverpool	RJ	14	11.00	4.50
J. C. Hughes, Columbus	RJ	33	17.25	.25
Edith Hanvey, Wood Co.	RJ	34	43.05	1.50
Mrs. H. Kinkead, Columbus	RJ	23	17.50	1.50
Mrs. C. Kelley, Akron	RJ	21	32.00	19.25
Paul Lipscomb, Delaware	GC	39	40.00	
Mrs. Geo. Lang, Dayton	PP	5	6.50	
Wm. Leiby, Alliance	RJ	36	60.25	.75
Virgil Masters, Findlay	RJ	40	17.00	.50
C. McCampbell, Cleveland	RJ	42	41.00	7.25
E. Morris, Steubenville	BR	31	37.50	
D. W. Percy, Scioto Co.	WC	39	122.50	
J. S. Randolph, Knox Co.	ES	29	30.50	7.00
Edwin Reed, Chillicothe	PP	32		
Mrs. Edwin Reed, Chillicothe	RJ	22	59.50	1.50
R. Schoonard, Fayette Co.	PP	60	95.00	13.25
W. W. Slusher, Warren Co.	RJ	37	61.25	.50
Mamie Telchow, Defiance	RJ	12	.75	.75
Mrs. H. Wilson, Youngstown	RJ	16	12.05	23.55
York Wimberly, Springfield	BR	41	60.50	12.50
Norma Young, Columbus	RJ	19	14.00	17.50
W. McWilliams, Elyria	BR	21	72.25	
Mrs. McKenzie, Cleveland	Misc		1.00	

Totals 41 colporteurs 11316 \$1959.00 \$476.25

Potomac Week Ending February 10, 1928

John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

N. B. Hagy, Saltville Va.	BR	37	54.00	
W. H. Gray, Franklin, Va.	GC	48	43.50	.50
Mrs. J. A. Bee, Washington	HW	21	36.75	20.00
A. H. Antisdale, Washington	IH	20	9.00	9.00
**H. G. Knight, Washington	MB	64	73.50	73.50
Bess B. Reese, Washington	HW	25	40.50	11.75
H. C. Wilcox, Washington	DA	42	53.75	33.75

Totals 7 colporteurs 257 \$311.00 \$148.50

West Virginia, Week Ending February 17, 1928

A. G. Drott, Field Missionary Secretary

E. G. Belcher, Kanawha Co.	RJ	47	30.00	79.50
F. A. Cadle, Kanawha	RJ	42	12.75	40.50
C. A. Lashley, Clarksburg	RJ	27	9.70	20.25
L. R. Mansell, Sutton	RJ	17	15.00	48.00
*N. Marriott, Allegheny Co.	RJ	61	101.75	.25
F. B. Maynew, Ritchie Co.	PP	42	91.50	
J. H. McHenry, Mingo Co.	WC	40	177.50	
G. Missbaugh, Morgantown	MH	50	45.00	
C. F. Robinson, Raleigh Co.	RJ	27	62.50	74.25
J. W. Walker, Murray Ky.	DR	49	39.25	105.50
Paul Wenger, Sistersville	RJ	30	26.25	
Fred Wenger, Gilmer Co.	RJ	50	135.50	

Totals 12 colporteurs 482 \$746.70 \$368.25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 17, 1928

L. W. Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary

J. W. Siler, Oil City	RJ	41	104.75	
R. Haight, Washington Co.	RJ	45	90.50	8.00
Dallas Youngs, Erie	RJ	41	86.60	6.00
E. J. Hughes, Washington	RJ	52	84.60	4.75
C. E. Schultze, Fayette Co.	MH	44	76.25	160.50
David Summers, Mifflin Co.	OD	43	59.00	1.25
W. Christoph, Ellwood City	RJ	42	54.00	3.75
Lloyd Lener, Allegheny Co.	RJ	29	45.75	3.75
*G. Buttermore, Lawrence Co.	RJ	22	42.60	19.00
D. S. Reid, Clearfield Co.	GC	30	35.75	59.50
Miss E. Troupe, Elk Co.	RJ	34	33.00	
C. L. Wiltsie, Venango Co.	RJ	30	50.60	10.10
Mrs. R. Meyers, Cambria Co.	RJ	10	25.75	
C. B. Burket, Blair Co.	HW	38	22.25	9.50
G. Schuerger, Allegheny Co.	RJ	35	20.25	11.60
*G. C. McKnight, Beaver Co.	OD	15	17.00	18.00
Lillie Adams, Indiana Co.	RJ	6	4.50	1.50
H. M. Justice, Allegheny Co.			3.50	2.50

Totals 18 colporteurs 597 \$856.65 \$319.70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 17, 1928

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary

L. S. Holdsworth, Susque. Co.	PP	44	103.25	4.35
*Norman Walk, Luzerne Co.	PP	41	91.25	1.00
Chas. Wise, Schykill	BR	39	15.75	46.00
W. Wilkinson, Chester Co.	PP	34	69.00	
V. Gibbons, Philadelphia	DR	34	66.75	5.25
McLain Lofton, Philadelphia	OD	32	31.00	.50
Mrs. A. Barley, Reading	RJ	32	66.50	4.75
George Sayre, Wyoming Co.	PP	40	25.75	45.00
W. H. Smith, Schykill	BR	37	77.75	177.00
Kathryn Smith, Berks Co.	RJ	29	46.75	6.75
C. W. Lorenz, Lackawanna	PP	36	75.25	98.50
R. J. Hislop, Pike	GC	25	37.00	5.25
E. Bange, York Co.	PP	24	76.75	.75
Mamie Harris, Philadelphia	OD	24	3.75	
L. G. Price, Chester Co.	RJ	22	92.75	
Mrs. R. Fegley, Berks Co.		11	8.00	17.75
Arthur Kocher, Susque.	PP	10	3.25	
Mrs. P. Steely, Berks, Co.	RJ	7	6.75	1.00

Totals 18 colporteurs 522 \$897.25 \$413.85

New Jersey, February 17, 1928

J. Lippart, Field Missionary Secretary

*John J. Hood, Chester	DR	64	49.50	5.00
*W. A. Widmer, Clifton	OD	24	60.00	
F. Frankel, Newark	OD	45	46.65	17.40
J. W. Jenssen, Haledon	GC	33	26.40	9.15
Mrs. Houston, Asbury Park,	RJ	20	7.75	6.00

Totals 5 colporteurs 186 \$190.30 \$37.55

*Two Weeks

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Married man, 41, with family (several old enough to work) desires work with our people. Handy, can do most any kind of work, or would rent farm convenient to good market. References given and desired address. D. C. Jenkins, Box 165, Kilmarnock, Va.

For Sale—Close to Seventh-day Adventist Academy; about forty acres of good land, with buildings, gas and plenty of good water, also some fruit. Address M. E. Knauts, Mt. Vernon, O.

For Sale—Forty acres of land joining school and small sanitarium. Thirty-five acres under cultivation. Fruits of all kinds. Four-room bungalow with good well at the door. Fifteen acres woodland with some timber. Seven miles from Morgantown county seat of Burt County, N. C. Address C. W. Maples, Owner, Nebo, N. C.

Experienced farm worker wishes work on farm, or as gardener. Thirty-two years of age. In this country from Germany, five months. Address: O. Reischuck, Care of Rahlke, 384 East 158th St., New York City.

Experienced farm worker wishes work on farm. One year in this country from Germany. Unmarried. Address H. Sickmiller, 314 East 159th St., New York City. 3t

Young German in this country one year, desires work on farm. Address: A. Schureb, 465 East 155th St., New York City. 3t

Wanted—Young man to work on farm by month. A good chance for one if he wishes to attend the Academy next year and work for board and room while doing so. State age, experience and wages desired. Address O. C. Panches, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Rt. 5

A teacher, alone, two miles from W. M. C., offers two large furnished house-keeping rooms, bath, phone; twenty-five dollars. Also six acres truck land, horse and outfit, manure, on share to small neat family. Market near. Address Mrs. McKeand, Silver Springs, Md. 3t

Wanted—Married man about fifty years old as caretaker. Address E. G. Buchsieb, 46 West Hoster Street, Columbus, Ohio. 2t

Notice: The Vegetarian Health Food Company, of Allentown, New Jersey, will continue to manufacture health foods at regular prices. Prices sent on request. We will appreciate the patronage of our people. 4t

S. A. Paul.

For Sale—A seven room brick bungalow and 4 acres of land. The house is modern in every particular. Situated in the village of Jackson Center, Ohio. Within five minutes walk of the center of town. In this village is a Sabbath keeping church. Will sell this place for two thousand dollars less than its actual value. For further particulars, write A. J. Bartlett, Jackson, Ohio. 4t

For Sale—Half interest in delicatessen and light lunch, soda fountain and small stock of groceries. Near union office on Flower Avenue. Must sell at once. Entire business can be purchased if desired. Address Forrest D. Kirk, 74 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, D. C. 3t

Wanted—Watches and jewelry to clean and repair. Satisfaction guaranteed. Reduced prices. F. L. Rogers, Jeweler, Decatur, Mich. Box 325. 3t

For Rent: Small Ohio chicken farm to old couple Seventh-day Adventist, Preferably former conference worker. Reasonable rent. Immediate correspondence desired. Mrs. Pearl Reed, 339 W. Grand Bld., Detroit, Michigan. 3t

Wanted—Mrs. H. Bradbury, 906 Porter St., Meadville, Pa. desires a Seventh-day Adventist woman to take care of her, and look after the home.

Wanted—Single man, as caretaker of large private place. Good home and wages with Adventist family. Give reference, age and experience in first letter. Mrs. Anna Park, Route 4, Hilliards, Ohio.

For Sale—Whole wheat flour in 100 lbs. lots and less. Prices quoted on application. L. A. Overstreet, Box 412, Hatboro, Pa.

Wanted—Seventh-day Adventist man and wife on farm. Man for general farming, wife working as house-keeper in family of three. Man must be ambitious, faithful Christian. Wife must be neat, healthy, and earnest Christian. Salary to right couple \$800 a year. Electricity and running water. John W. Biggers, Mellington, Maryland. 3t