

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

EDUCATIONAL NUMBER



Workers Prepared by Our Schools

REPORTS have been received from all parts of the Union of the good work being done by those who have attended Washington Missionary College, Mount Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Elder C. V. Leach, President of the Ohio Conference, writes under date of January 13, 1930:

"Six of our workers were students at Washington Missionary College, a member of the faculty of the Academy would make seven from this institution. No doubt as time goes on we will find that a still larger proportion of our workers will come out of that college. We are sending a nice lot of our young people on to Washington from our Academy. The Mount Vernon Academy has furnished a large per cent of the church school teachers for the Union during the past decade."

I am sure that other presidents could write letters of a similar nature, showing that a good percentage of our workers has come from the schools of this Union, and that without the education and inspiration and vision received in the schools, they would be doing work for the world instead of doing work for the Lord.

Elder D. A. Rees, President of the West Virginia Conference, writes under date of January 7, 1930:

"Verna Wagner, our stenographer, spent several years in Mount Vernon Academy. Brother G. A. Carter, our Field Missionary Secretary, received inspiration there to take an active part in the Lord's work. Brother C. M. Paden, our Conference treasurer and secretary, qualified for his work in Mount Vernon Academy. As for myself, had it not been for the kind interest taken in me in persuading me to go to Mount Vernon Academy, I never would have taken an active part in the Lord's work; for it was while in Mount Vernon that I received the vision, took my stand for the truth, and was finally baptized, for which I have been very grateful ever since."

Professor A. J. Olson, Principal of Mount Vernon Academy, writes under date of January 17, 1930, regarding a few of the graduates of the Academy and Mt. Vernon College. He mentions Elder H. H. Votaw, of the General Conference Religious Liberty Department; Roy F. Cottrell, missionary and writer; Dr. H. W. Miller, Superintendent of the Shanghai Sanitarium, J. H. Smith, Professor of Bible at Shenandoah Valley Academy, C. G. Clymer, of the Educational Department Northwest; B. L. House, Dean of the Bible Department Union College; Dr. V. L. Fisher, Superintendent of Melrose Sanitarium; R. B. Thurber, Editor of the *Watchman Magazine*; Harold Cobban, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference; Orva J. Gibson, missionary in China for seventeen years; Harry F. Benson, missionary to Japan; W. C. Moffett, President of East Canadian Union Conference; S. L. Frost, Educational Secretary of the Far Eastern Division; J. E. Shultz, evangelist, writer, missionary; S. C. Rockwell, Principal Hawaiian Academy; L. C. Metcalf, Professor of Music, Walla Walla College; C. C. Belgrave, pioneer missionary to India; H. J. Detwiler, President New Jersey Conference; J. Z. Hottel, Principal Holly Academy; C. C. Morris, Superintendent South China; H. K. Christman, Young Peoples' Secretary Columbia Union; H. G. Gauker, minister Richmond, Virginia; J. L. Holder, missionary Costa Rica; J. W. Salisbury, Professor of Science, Atlantic Union College; E. F.

Hackman, Home Missionary Department General Conference; Louis Lenheim, minister Kentucky; C. W. Guenther, minister Ohio; George F. Rebel, missionary Mexico; Nicholas Pappas, minister Chicago; F. E. Gibson, minister Southern New England; C. T. Redfield, minister Michigan. The names of many other students now holding responsible places in the work, might be mentioned. Among these are the present presidents of the Ohio and West Virginia Conferences.

"The total number of graduates to date is 541. The number of graduates working in the Columbia Union Conference is about fifty. As far as I can discover, 260 of our graduates have entered the work of the denomination. Last year our students raised something over \$1100 in Harvest Ingathering, and \$400 in Institutional Relief. The enrollment in 1927-1928 was 167; 1928-1929, 171; 1929-1930, 185 to date."

Professor Hannah, Principal of Shenandoah Valley Academy writes:

"We have endeavored to count the number of workers in the Columbia Union who at some time or another attended Shenandoah Valley Academy, and have been able to count nine, including about three church school teachers. We have not taken into account young folks who have taken the nurse's course or students in the College. Should we have followed these through, of course, the number would be much larger. But the nine referred to above are those who directly entered the work from Shenandoah Valley Academy without taking courses at our other institutions."

SOME PROPHECIES

Our educational institutions are to do much toward meeting the demands for trained workers for the mission fields. Workers are needed all over the world. . . Let us in our educational work embrace far more of the children and youth, and there will be a whole army of missionaries raised up to work for God. *Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 545.

Upon Christian youth depend in a great measure the preservation and perpetuity of the institutions which God has devised as means by which to advance his work. This grave responsibility rests upon the youth of today who are coming upon the stage of action. *Never was there a period when results so important depended upon a generation of men*; then how important that they should be qualified for the great work, that God may use them as His instruments. Their maker has claims upon them which are paramount to all others. *Vol. 4 page 434.*

Many a lad of today growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. The whole world is opening to the gospel. *Education*, page 262.

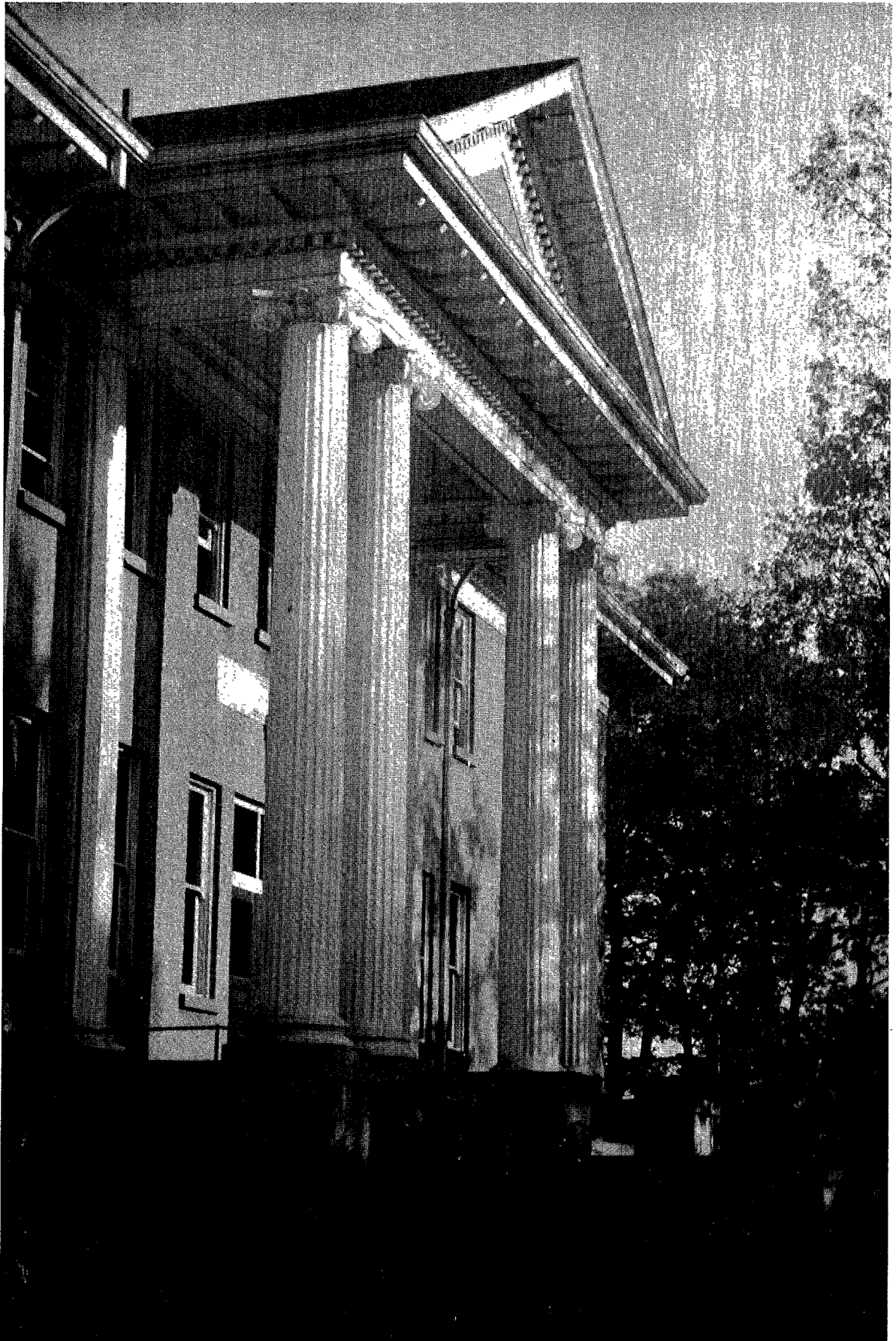
It was as a means ordained of God to educate young men and women for . . . missionary labor, that colleges were established among us. *C. to T. page 514.*

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WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE ENTRANCE — "THE GATEWAY TO SERVICE"

Foreword

God desires His institutions to be free from the reproach of debt. In the rapid growth of our denomination it has been necessary for our institutions to go into debt in order to partially meet the tremendous demands placed upon them. The institutions have done their part well as the steady outward flow of trained workers so wonderfully proves. Second to their marvelous living demonstration of the worth of our institutions is the encouraging word that has just been received from Brother Stipeck, our Union treasurer, that every institution in the Union is now operating on a substantial basis and is showing a good gain financially each year. Truly God is wonderfully blessing this movement.

Notable Facts

1. The debts for the most part were incurred for necessary buildings and equipment. The students are enjoying the benefit of these provisions. The money has not been wasted nor unwisely expended in this respect.
2. The schools are operating within their incomes. Every school not only lives on its income, but makes a profit to apply on its indebtedness.
3. The total debts have been reduced each year since we began the debt reduction campaigns. We have paid off and thereby liquidated about one half of the original indebtedness.

An Appeal for The Relief of Our Institutions

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached to all the world for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

The promulgation of the gospel to all nations is the most important work in all the world. To proclaim this message it is necessary to have ministers, Bible workers, doctors, nurses, departmental workers, and many other workers of different types. In order to train these workers for the cause, there must be the establishment and maintenance of schools.

It is encouraging to note that the enrollment this year is good in Mount Vernon Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, and Washington Missionary College. The enrollment in the College is the largest in its history. The spiritual condition of the students this year is good in all three institutions. Many seem to have a serious purpose and strong desire to finish their preparation as soon as possible and enter the Lord's work. In the College there is an increased interest in the theological course. This is very encouraging, as preachers, Bible workers, and other evangelical workers are needed. The Normal Department of the College is making excellent progress in preparing teachers for our church schools.

All three of the schools in the Union last year operated without financial loss, the College running ahead in operating a little more than \$22,000. The Columbia Union Conference Committee and the Washington College Board promised the constituency that if

the field would rally to the program of the Institutional Relief and pay off the indebtedness of the College, the institution would operate within its income. We are happy to see the College making as good financial gain this year as it did last, and thus be true to the promise made to the people that we would operate within our income. The indebtedness on these institutions is being materially reduced as a consequence of careful management on the part of those who are operating them.

The reduction of debts on these institutions and their financial standing is more definitely presented by Brother E. J. Stipeck in another article in this issue of the VISITOR.

We appeal to every worker in the Union to promote the Institutional Relief campaign strongly this year, and we also appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist member in our churches to rally to the call and enable the Union Conference to reach its goal of \$2.50 per member on an average for the en-



tire constituency.

The goal can be reached by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," "Ministry of Healing" and Elder F. D. Nichol's book on the New Calendar or "The Lost Day," and also by gifts from the people. The book just written by Elder Nichol should receive a wide circulation, as the people need to be informed on the calendar revision, and also what it may mean to us as a denomination.

The Lord has spoken through His servant relative to the liquidation of indebtedness on our institutions, and said:

"There are, in the divine providence, particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul and spirit in fulfilling His requirements. The present is such a time as this. The interests of God's cause are at stake. The Lord's institutions are in peril. Because of the terrible burden of debt under which our schools are struggling the work is hindered on every side. In our great necessity, God has made a way through the difficulty, and has invited us to cooperate with Him in accomplishing His purpose. It was His plan that the book 'Christ's Object Lessons,' should be given for the relief of our schools, and He calls upon His people to do their part in placing this book before the world. In this He is testing His people and His institutions, to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice." —*Testimonies, Volume VI, page 469.*

Again we read:

"The Lord has means for His work in the hands of His stewards; and as long as our schools have debts which were incurred in their establishment, in the erection of necessary buildings, and in providing necessary facilities, it is our duty to present the case to our brethren and ask them to lessen these debts. Our ministers should feel a burden for this work. They should encourage all to labor harmoniously and to lift in proportion to their ability. If this work had been taken hold of with fidelity and diligence in past years, the debts

on our schools could have been lifted long ago." —Id. Volume VI, page 207.

May the Lord impress each one of us that a great work is to be done in a short time, and may we, as Joshua and Caleb, have faith that this task can be accomplished, and thus receive the blessings which God has in store for His people.

F. H. Robbins.

President Columbia Union Conference.

Debts Are Being Reduced



Four years ago the outlook in the Columbia Union was far from what it is today. Then 215,236.92 was due our creditors from our three educational institutions. Year after year we had steadily but rapidly gone farther into debt. Our people throughout the Union did not feel like plunging into a relief campaign and at its conclusion find that their obligations had increased.

Finally a debt lifting and a debt stopping campaign

was launched. Marvelous has been the result thus far. Courage has gripped the field; our constituency is assured that our schools are paying as they go and instead of owing over two hundred thousand and more we find that we now owe less than half that amount.

"How has this been brought about?" one asks. Our faithful people have sold "Christ's Object Lessons", magazines and made gifts of money. \$33,000 a year has been clipped off our obligations until we feel sure that it is only a matter of a short time until we will be able to sing the song of jubilee.

What are our educational institutions doing for the cause? Just look around the Union and see the fine class of workers that are a product of these institutions. Read the *Review* and list the names of leaders in foreign lands and note how many have been trained in the Columbia Union. These burden bearers are demonstrating to the world that institutions that stand for the fundamentals of this message are putting out a product that is going at the many problems in an apostolic fashion and success is apparent everywhere.

Just now we are in another one of the proposed series of campaigns to rid our institutions of debt. We enter the effort with courage and know by past years of experience that God will help us in finishing the task assigned us.

We are sorry that the debts were ever made but as a result of the literature sold many thousands of people not of our faith have had the printed page placed in their hands.

Eternity alone will reveal the number won to the message as a result. Now with courage and a deep love for souls let us go forward. "In every church let every member of every family make determined efforts to deny

self and to help forward the work. Let the children act a part. Let all cooperate. Let us at this time do our best to render to God our offering, to carry out his specified will, and thus make an occasion for witnessing for Him and His truth in a world of darkness." *Vol. 6, p. 470.*

E. A. Manry.

Home Missionary Secretary Columbia Union Conference.

Three Years of Debt Reduction

When our three major schools, Washington Missionary College, Mt. Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy, closed their books, May 31, 1926, the indebtedness of these institutions amounted to 215,236.92. As the first step to remove this burden of debt, all workers in the Columbia Union Conference were called in to lay plans for a debt reduction campaign. This meeting was held in Columbia Hall, November 16-18, 1926. At this meeting the following resolution was passed:

"Voted, That we hold a campaign to raise \$200,000 to liquidate the indebtedness on the educational institutions in the Columbia Union Conference, and that this campaign extend over a period of four years, raising \$50,000 each year.

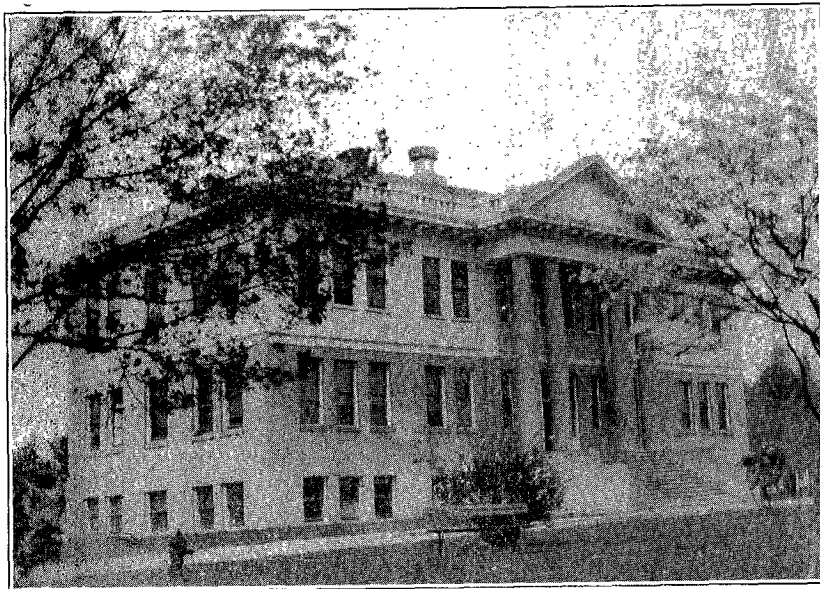
That the goal for Conference workers, school faculties, and leading institutional workers each year for four years be \$25 or more, and \$5 per member for the church members.

We are very happy to be able to report that at the end of the third year, we have reduced our debt \$101,151.18, or at the rate of \$33,717.06 each year. This money has been raised through the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and other books and periodicals and by donations.



SCHEDULE I

<i>Washington Miss. College</i>	<i>Notes Payable</i>	<i>Annuities</i>
	<i>Debt</i>	
May 31, 1926	\$ 119,255.22	\$ 9,600.00
May 31, 1927	109,205.00	10,300.00
May 31, 1928	78,064.13	31,300.00
May 31, 1929	52,489.13	31,300.00



COLLEGE HALL, WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE

In Schedule I we show the progress made in debt reduction for Washington Missionary College covering the first three years of our campaign. Our debt in this school has been reduced \$66,766.09. In this same schedule we are showing the annuities. While they are not a part of the debt, in some instances notes have been transferred to annuities, and in this way the debt has been reduced.

We are glad to report that during this same period the College has been operating on a sound basis as the following figures in Schedule II will reveal.

SCHEDULE II

<i>Washington Miss. College</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Gain</i>
May 31, 1927		\$ 2,645.53
May 31, 1928		2,341.62
May 31, 1929		22,077.99

The gains shown above in Schedule II for Washington Missionary College include \$10,000 subsidy which they receive each year from the Columbia Union Conference.

SCHEDULE III

<i>Mt. Vernon Academy</i>	<i>Notes Payable</i>	<i>Annuities</i>
	<i>Debt</i>	
May 31, 1926	\$ 60,470.70	
May 31, 1927	66,350.00	
May 31, 1928	58,750.00	\$ 3,500.00
May 31, 1929	53,050.57	3,500.00

In Schedule III we show the debt reduction for Mt. Vernon Academy. During this period Mt. Vernon has had some very unfortunate experiences. In the winter of 1925-26, their printing plant was destroyed by fire, and in December 1926 the dormitory met with the same fate. These two experiences made it impossible for the school to make much headway in debt liquidation. However, we are very glad to show a reduction and we believe from now on greater progress will be made in Mt. Vernon Academy in this respect.

SCHEDULE IV

<i>Mt. Vernon Academy</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Gain</i>
May 31, 1927	\$ 2,543.89	
May 31, 1928		\$ 112.84
May 31, 1929		355.35

In Schedule IV we show how the School has been operating during the past three years. Owing to lack of dormitory space, in consequence of the fire, many students have been kept away from Mt. Vernon. This

I believe, has been the chief reason for not making a better showing in the operation of the school. The last two years show a slight gain and the prospects for the year ending May 31, 1930 are very good.

SCHEDULE V

<i>Shenandoah Valley Academy</i>	<i>Notes Payable</i>	<i>Annuities</i>
	<i>Debt</i>	

May 31, 1926	\$ 35,511.00
May 31, 1927	9,983.00
May 31, 1928	9,052.47
May 31, 1929	8,546.04

Schedule V shows the progress made in debt reduction for Shenandoah Valley Academy. At the beginning of the campaign the Potomac Conference canceled an obligation which they held against the Academy for the amount of \$21,500 which has been a very great help to us in our debt reduction program.

SCHEDULE VI

<i>Shenandoah Valley Academy</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Gain</i>
May 31, 1927	\$ 1,499.71	
May 31, 1928	1,583.18	
May 31, 1929		\$ 1,756.39

In Schedule VI we show the operating gain and loss for Shenandoah Valley Academy for the three years ending May 31, 1929. Lack of students is the reason for the school showing a loss for the school years ending May 31, 1927-1928. There is a larger enrollment this year and the school should show a gain as they are operating on a very economical basis.

Perhaps I should say a word about the distribution of the funds raised. At the beginning of the campaign it was voted to distribute the funds on the basis of the indebtedness of each school, so that the debt would be lifted on all three schools at the same time. Because of some special gifts which came direct to Washington Missionary College and Shenandoah Valley Academy, which could not be distributed among the schools, you will notice a greater reduction in the debt of Washington Missionary College and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

When we closed our books May 31, 1929 the indebtedness of the three institutions was \$114,085.74, with excellent prospects for a substantial reduction in all our schools for the year ending May 31, 1930.

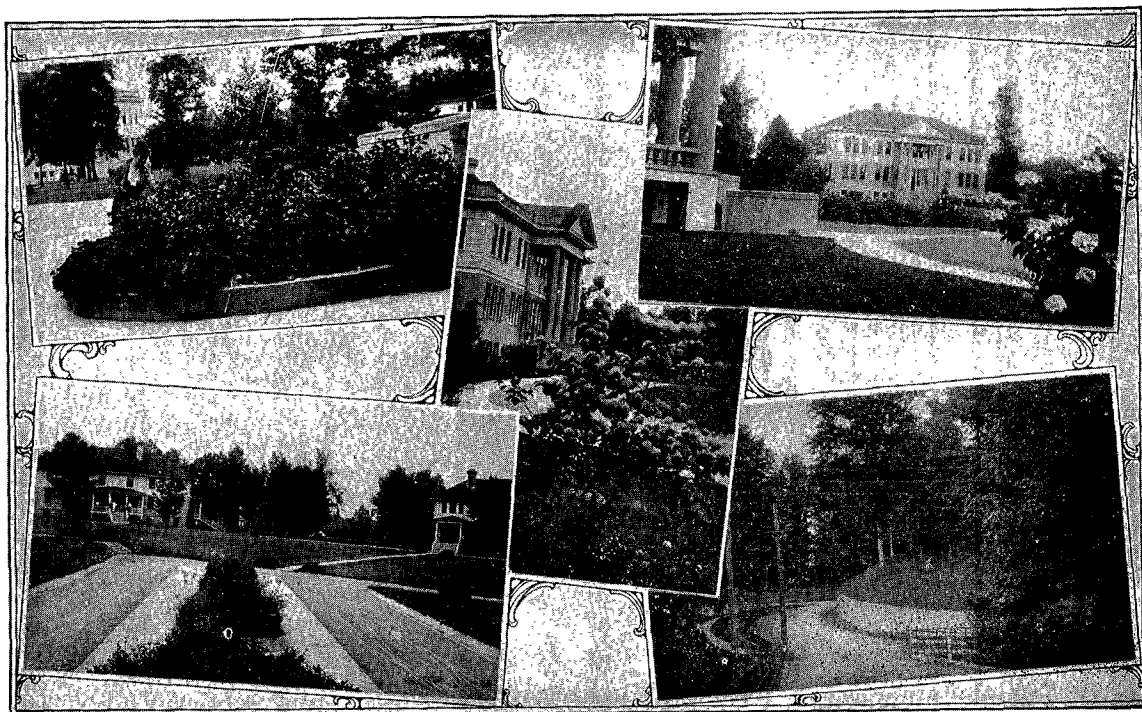
E. J. Stipeck.

Treasurer, Columbia Union Conference.

Missionary Volunteers in Institutional Relief

With the opening of the New Year our young people in the Columbia Union become active participants in another campaign in behalf of our schools. No institutions lie closer to the hearts of our young people, or have made a nobler contribution to their success, than our colleges and academies.

Recognizing our responsibility in this present effort, our Missionary Volunteer secretaries in the Union in a recent council decided to make the Institutional Relief campaign among our Missionary Volunteers for 1930 the most intensive effort of its kind we have ever conducted. It is suggested, therefore, that our senior



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societies set their goal on the basis of \$2.50 per member, and the junior societies at \$1 per member. The individual goal for senior societies is adopted on the same basis as the adult membership of our churches.

In harmony with this action the goals for the various conferences in the Columbia Union for the Missionary Volunteers is as follows:

Conference	Senior	Junior	Total
Chesapeake	\$312.50	\$170.00	\$482.50
East Pennsylvania	405.00	199.00	604.00
New Jersey	545.00	259.00	804.00
Ohio	1,380.00	384.00	1,764.00
Potomac	1,270.00	476.00	1,746.00
West Pennsylvania	420.00	31.00	451.00
West Virginia	112.50	37.00	149.50
Columbia Union	4,445.00	1,556.00	6,001.00

This sets before our Missionary Volunteers a financial objective of approximately \$6,000 in behalf of our college and two academies. That figure looks large when considered in its totality. Reduced to an individual consideration, however, it is comparatively easy of accomplishment, and we fully expect that our young people throughout the conferences will reach this objective by the close of the campaign. It is only a matter of interesting observation that practically every task undertaken by our Missionary Volunteers in this Union, numbering almost 3500 strong, has been successfully attained during recent years.

Ammunition for Battle

The question of supplies for this intensive effort on the part of our young people is an important consideration. And we are glad to pass on the assurance that ample provision has been made for an abundance of materials which we can use. In this connection we wish to emphasize three different types of literature, all of which can be used very successfully by Missionary Volunteers in their efforts in behalf of the schools.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS". Paramount above any other item of supplies we feel impressed to urge the

use of this wonderful volume. This is the "Lord's plan." More than a quarter of a century ago the counsel came to this people telling us that the book "Christ's Object Lessons" is heaven's gift to our schools. How sadly the adoption of the "Lord's plan" has been neglected through the years that have passed! The time has come for a great revival in the use of this inspired volume for this purpose, and we naturally look to the ranks of our young people, in whose hearts there throbs the spirit of the reformers, to inaugurate a movement for the revival of the Lord's plan.

LIFE AND HEALTH AND LIBERTY COMBINATION. In connection with the effort in 1929 current numbers of this combination were used by our Missionary Volunteers with unusual success. In many of the



societies throughout the conferences the papers were used in much the same manner as the Harvest Ingathering, and the suggestion was made to the people that for every offering of twenty-five cents or more given to the cause

of Christian education a set of these magazines was presented to the donor. In some instances our young people were able to distribute as many as fifteen and twenty sets in the course of an hour. Sunday is an excellent time for work of this kind. By approaching the people in their homes in this manner there is less danger of being refused on the basis of selling magazines on Sunday. This set of magazines can be secured through your Book and Bible House for ten cents, thus providing a profit of fifteen cents to apply on your Institutional Relief goal.

"THE STORY OF A LOST DAY." This new book, just about to make its appearance, is one of the Crisis series. It deals with the proposed calendar change, and presents in most excellent logic the question of the Sabbath in its relation to this proposed legislation. It sells for twenty-five cents per copy, thus providing fifty per cent toward the campaign. It has been suggested that this book be used extensively in connection with this effort due to the fact that it deals with a very vital current issue that is pressing for attention before the public.

We trust that our Missionary Volunteers, both senior and junior, throughout the conference will concentrate their united endeavors during January and February toward reaching this objective of \$6,000 as their contribution to the cause of Christian education. We shall watch with interest the reports that come to us from time to time from the various societies, and shall be happy to participate with our young people in the prosecution of the effort wherever possible.

H. K. Christman.

Miss. Vol. Sec. Columbia Union Conference.

Taking Advantage of an Opportunity

The subject of calendar change is a live one just now. The press has had much to say about it, the United States Chamber of Commerce has called for a referendum on the subject, lectures have been given, and are being given both in favor of and against the change. Is it not our duty to place literature in the hands of men and women that will answer the many inquiries that arise in their minds, and at the same time give to them the message that God has called this people to give in this generation? May it not be that this question has been permitted to come up to give us an opportunity to meet with the Sabbath truth many whom we could never have met in any other way?

Realizing the situation and this opportunity, a little book like those in the Crisis series, a twenty-five cent book, has been prepared that fully sets forth the reasons for our opposition to this change, and at the same time gives a beautiful exposition of the Sabbath truth. It is convincing in its argument and interesting in its style. If bought by any one it will be read.

Just now we are in the campaign for Institutional Relief. Cannot we use this book to good advantage right now? The world needs to know the effect the change in the calendar will have. It needs to know the Sabbath truth. It will help, if we use this book in this way, to free our institutions from debt. The book sells for twenty-five cents, and can be purchased from your Book and Bible House, so you can make fifty per cent, and have these funds to turn in on your Institutional Relief goal. The book will sell, and will do a great deal of good to those who read it.

A. J. Clark.

Sec'y. Religious Liberty Dep't. Columbia Union Conf.

A Word from Washington College

The teachers and administrative officers of Washington Missionary College realize that to them has been committed a very great responsibility. They appreciate the trust that you fathers and mothers have in their ability to help prepare your youth for the business of living the life and doing the work in these last days.



The college appreciates the many gifts of money made to it in times past by its friends in the Columbia Union, and it does not forget the labors of teachers and helpers who have in other years labored so faithfully to build up God's work in this school. We are today enjoying some of the fruits of their labors. They contribute much to the physical equipment of the place, and the field has been the beneficiary of the services of the young people whom they taught. Teachers and students here now are thankful for all contributions to this noble work.

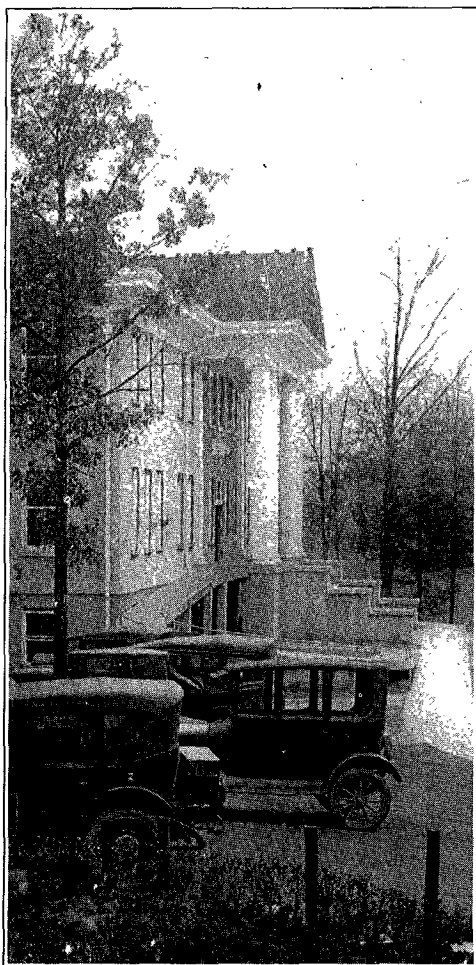
The spiritual power pervading a school is the test of its prosperity rather than great numbers; however, God has blessed us with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution. The number today is 381.

The president of this college has been connected with the school work of this denomination for nearly twenty-five years, and he feels free to say that this school has a student body just as consecrated as may be found in any other school with which he has been associated. The great majority of students here are too busy with self support to create much of a disciplinary problem.

If you should search through the faculty of every college in this great work you would not find Bible teachers of greater zeal, nor would you find teachers of other lines who are more devoted to God, or more efficient in their work. There are thirty-seven children and youth in the homes of the faculty of this college. This fact I mention because of the criticism that sometimes comes that teachers are unsympathetic with the youth under them because they do not understand them at first hand. This cannot be said of the faculty here.

The members of the faculty have been chosen because of their special fitness for the work to which they have been called. Each is a specialist in this field. This makes for high standards of scholarship. They are praying men and women who do personal work with their students, and they have that character that suffers long when it is necessary to suffer and is kind.

In other columns of this paper will be found a statement of the gains and losses, gifts, etc. and a complete report of institutional relief which has been applied on the debts of the college. It is most gratifying to note that the indebtedness has dropped since May 1926 from \$119,255.22 down to \$52,489.13. Surely God has blessed us with material things as well as spiritual. By the time the General Conference comes it is the hope of the authorities of the college that the debt which now hangs over the college may be wiped out. Please allow Washington Missionary College to thank its friends for



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their benefactions and their moral support in helping to reduce this debt. Surely God will give the proper reward. Many facilities are needed in addition to what we have in way of equipment in the institution, but we have set ourselves to the task of living within our means.

The elimination of all debt comes preeminently first. Our needs—well they can wait until we get out of debt, or until somebody gives the cash for special purposes. The plan for Institutional Relief is now being organized. In faculty meeting last week, pledges to the amount of \$150 were made by those present. It is hoped this year to secure one thousand dollars through the efforts of faculty and students.

H. H. Hamilton.

President Washington Miss. College

Figures on the Debt of W. M. C.

It must be evident from the following figures that the college has been endeavoring to help itself in the matter of the reduction of its own debt:

In May, 1926, the debt on the college, incurred almost entirely by the construction of the dormitories for the housing of the students, amounted to \$119,255.22. By May 31, 1929, this debt had been re-

duced to \$52,489.22. This means that the debt on the college has been reduced during the three years that have passed since the special debt reduction campaign was started in this Union, to the extent of \$66,766.09.

One very interesting feature of this is that during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1929, the college itself gained \$22,077.99. The total that came in that year on the Institutional Relief Fund amounted to \$25,568.27. Of this sum, at least \$12,500 was contributed by the Washington Sanitarium, and the remainder, \$13,068.27, came in from the churches of the Columbia Union. Thus it is seen that the college itself raised during that year, an amount almost equal to the combined sums raised by the membership of the Union Conference and the donation by the Washington Sanitarium.

This sum of \$22,077.99 is the result of the careful business management of the institution, combined with the very successful industrial departments of the college, particularly the college press and the woodworking mill. When an institution is being operated on such a sound basis, and is making such a splendid showing in the reduction of its own debt, it would seem worthy of the assistance of our people everywhere.

The debt is actually being lifted in large sections. Let us complete the task!

Richard F. Farley.
Pastor, Sligo Church.

The College and Institutional Relief

At a recent faculty meeting plans were laid that presage the greatest relief campaign in the history of Washington Missionary College.

Not only are the students enthusiastic and raising their quotas, but they are writing home such courageous letters that even remote churches are taking a livelier interest than in other relief drives.

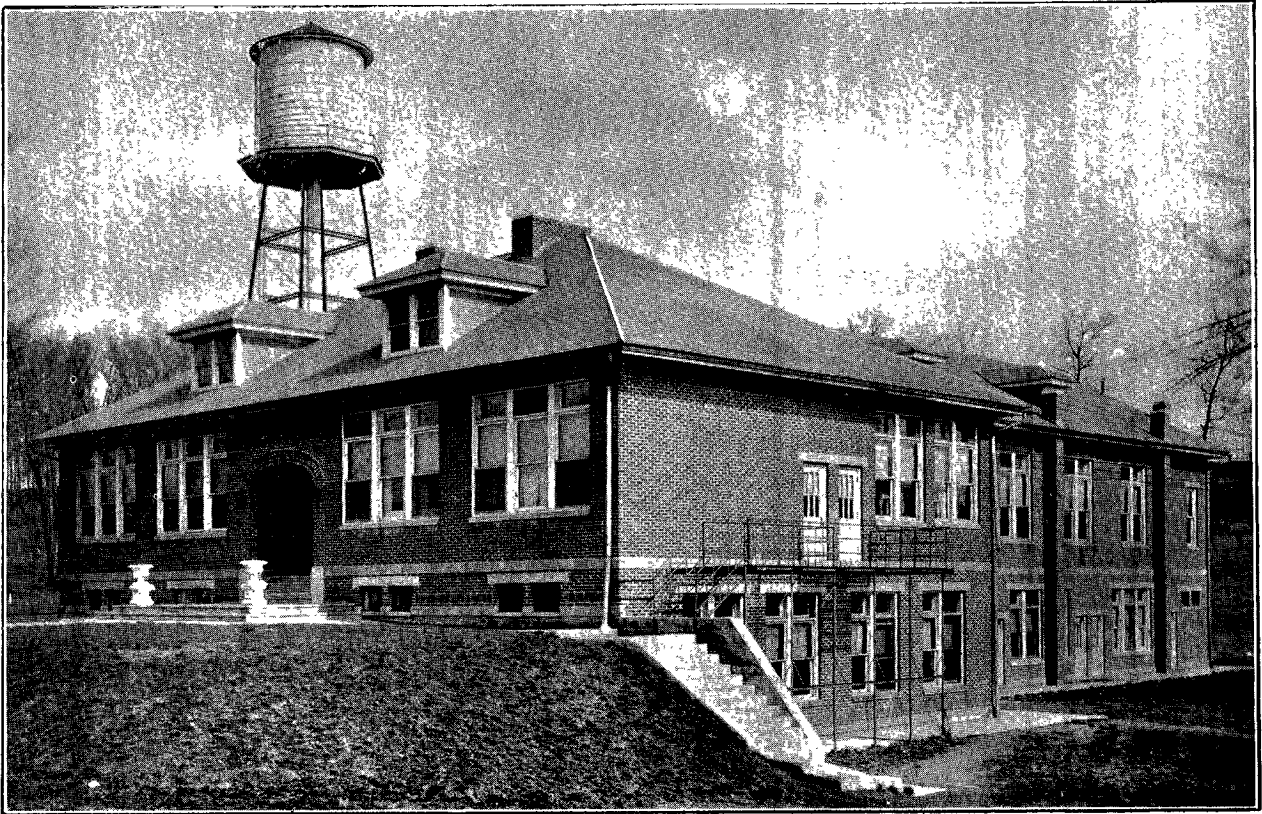
If all the churches follow the lead of their educational center, we will see the indebtedness on our institutions fast melting away.

E. A. Manry

"Faith cannot stand alone; it holds to the hand of Works."



CENTRAL HALL, WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Clouds of Debt Clearing Away

The providence of God led in the General Conference call in 1926 asking our educational institutions throughout the world to set their stakes to liquidate the heavy indebtedness resting upon them. A hearty response from the field and an earnest endeavor on the part of officials and laymen, enables us today to give a most encouraging report in debt liquidation. Elsewhere in this special number of the VISITOR, statistics will be given with respect to the reduction of debt on the educational institutions of the Columbia Union. Here we would state in just a word the situation at Mount Vernon Academy.

Our Academy has been the most heavily indebted of any of our academies in the denomination. The fires that destroyed our printing shop and our dormitory were heavy contributing factors in the growth of our debt. This debt reached its high point in 1927. At that time, May 31, 1927, our books showed an indebtedness of \$66,350. Two years after, May 31, 1929, our indebtedness stood at \$53,050.57, which shows actual reduction of debt of \$13,299.43. This good start in debt reduction will bring courage to the hearts of the rank and file of our people in the Ohio Conference. We have taken a good, long step in the program of debt liquidation. The debt clouds are clearing away. Let us arise, dear brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference, and roll entirely away the reproach of debt that rests upon us. As long as there is a dollar of debt upon our Academy, we will all be in debt. The debt rests upon our shoulders collectively. I am sure that every forward-looking man and woman in our conference stands for this program of clearing away the debt that rests upon Mt. Vernon Academy, as well as for a program of no more debt.

Every Dollar Raised in Debt Liquidation Program Pays a Dollar of Debt

We are happy to tell you that during the past two years our Academy has operated within its income, a slight gain having been made each year in the operation of the institution. In 1928 we had a gain of \$112.84 in operation, in 1929, a gain in operation of \$355.35. These are not large amounts but they are very precious. They show that the institution is operating within income and that every dollar that has been raised in debt liquidation the past two years has canceled a dollar of debt. The administrators of our Academy have held to a program of operating within income. Your Academy board spends all the time necessary to balance the budget from year to year. The entire Board, in counsel with the administrators of the school work out the budget and determine the financial policies of the institution a year in advance. Early in March the Academy Board will meet and one of the big things we will consider will be the formation of the budget for the years 1930 and 1931.

One Dollar for Two

We have good tidings to bring to you this year. At the Fall Council last year in Columbus, we presented the great need of Mount Vernon Academy to the General Conference brethren. They not only sympathized with us in our situation but they took definite steps to give us substantial help. The Fall Council voted for the General Conference to give us, up to \$10,000, one dollar for every two dollars we reduce the debt of Mount Vernon Academy. This means, brethren and sisters, that every time you give \$1,000, the General Conference will add \$500 to your gift, making a total of \$1,500. If you give \$500, the General Conference will give \$250,

which would make a total on debt liquidation of \$750. If you give \$100, they will add \$50, which would make a total sum of \$150 toward debt liquidation. If



you give \$10, they will give \$5, which would make a sum of \$15.

Never Again

We cannot censure many of our brethren and sisters for holding back in times past in their support of the Institutional Relief Program. Many times in years gone by we have had to come to you and say, "We have raised so much for debt liquidation, but the institution has fallen back in its operating and it has been necessary for us to apply debt liquidation money on the deficit in operating the school." This has brought discouragement to many of our brethren and sisters and they have not given the support on the debt liquidation program that they might have given. Undoubtedly, brethren and sisters, we as leaders in the program have learned our lesson in the matter of permitting our institutions to go into debt. We have felt that the very difficulties we have encountered in removing the reproach of debt, have been good for us as leaders. By being required to go through this long, tedious process, we have been impressed with the terrible nature of the debts resting upon us. All of our conferences, from the General Conference down to the last conference leader, have determined never to permit our educational institutions to go into debt again.

Joined Together in Counsel

You say to me, "What assurance can I have that we will not be plunged into debt again?" I answer, "Because we have pledged ourselves in counsel from the smallest conference up to the General Conference not to purchase or erect

a building, either church, dormitory, or administration building, or building of any kind for that matter, which will cost more than five thousand dollars, without first submitting all of our plans to the local conference committee and then jointly with the Union Conference committee, and then to the General Conference committee. So you see, brethren and sisters, that we have in a most effective way bound ourselves together as a group of counsellors, determined not to allow a situation to arise again that will involve our educational institutions in debt again. You will see from the above statement that no conference committee, school board or other group of individuals can construct a building that will cost more than five thousand dollars without taking counsel all along the line, up to the General Conference. This will safeguard our entire world program and will keep us from going into debt as we have been prone to do in times past.

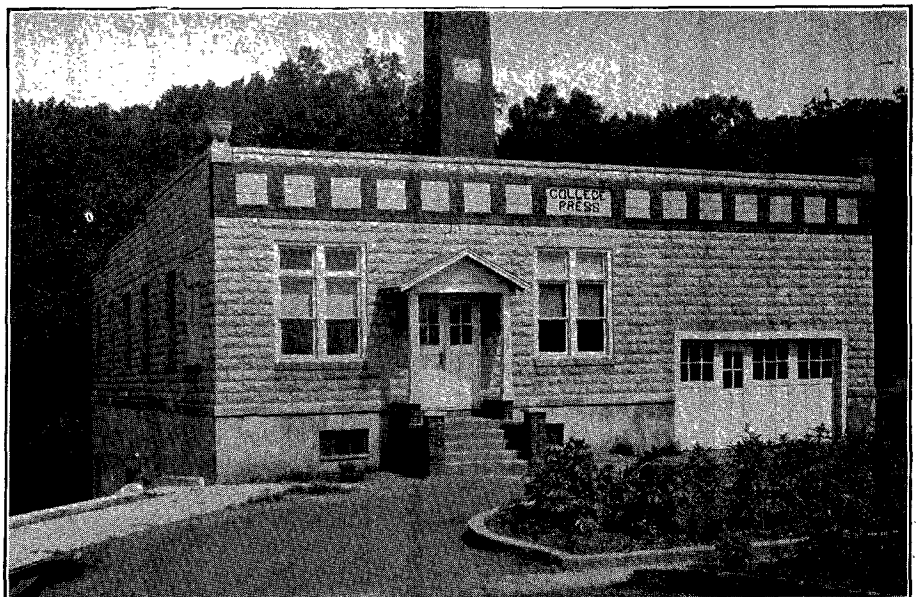
So, let us arise and clear away the reproach that rests upon us. We believe God is calling us as a people in this way to clear the deck of every hindering obstacle and get ready for the great translation day that is not very far ahead. We are counting on you, brethren and sisters, every one of you, to aid us in this program and you can count on us in safeguarding the future in the matter of debt.

Ohio's Goal

The goal set for the Ohio Conference is \$8,500. This is \$2.50 per capita. While we are launching our program for \$2.50 per capita, we will all keep in mind that many will have to give a much larger amount than this in order for us to reach our goal. The very minimum we are asking for is \$2.50. Those who are not in position to contribute cash, we remind that we have a most splendid line of literature in "Christ's Object Lessons", "Ministry of Healing", *Life and Health, Liberty*, and in two of our small books, "The Story of a Lost Day" and "Bible Made Plain", to be used in this work.

Our Day of Opportunity

We as a people should seriously consider the times in which we are living. The signs are thickening on every side, indicating that the end of earth's program is not far away. Before the end of the program comes,



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God's people are to pass through a time of trouble and distress, indicated in the Bible and outlined more in detail in the Spirit of Prophecy. It will be difficult work, Brethren and Sisters, to pay off debts that may hang over until we find ourselves in the grip of the time of trouble. It will be harder then to raise one dollar than it is now to raise ten dollars. Should we let the program of debt liquidation drag along until we find ourselves in the crisis and then frantically undertake to remove the reproach under much harder circumstances? I can hear a chorus of voices saying, "No, we shall not do that." Then let us arise and every one of us lift according to his ability.

We are sure that if each one of us lifts according to his ability we will quickly clean away the reproach of debt.

C. V. Leach.

President Ohio Conference.

Education

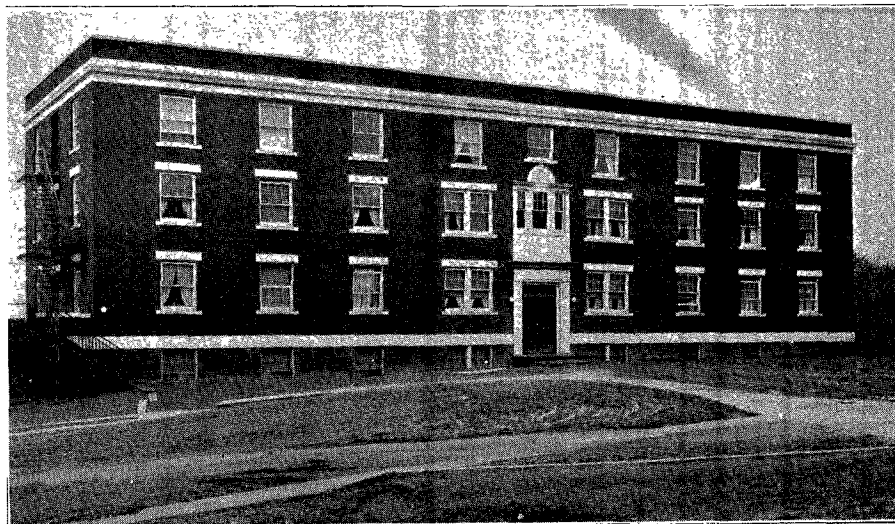
"One great object of our schools is the training of youth to engage . . . in different lines of gospel work. The people everywhere are to have the Bible open to them. The time has come, the important time, when through God's messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth comprised in the First, Second, and Third Angel's Messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people; it must dispel the darkness

of every continent and extend to the islands of the sea. Nothing of human invention must be allowed to retard this work." Volume VI, page 133.

Our educational institutions which have been founded in the providence of God to prepare our youth to carry the Third Angel's Message to the ends of the earth have been compared to munition plants during the war. In the heat of the world war, just before the armistice was signed the nations were operating their munition plants twenty-four hours a day sparing neither time, money or men, in their feverish haste to



make an abundant supply of ammunition and rush it to the front lines; and also the training of new soldiers to fill the ranks which were constantly depleted by the ravages of the war. The longer the war continued the more



LINDEN HALL, MT. VERNON ACADEMY
(Before improvement of grounds)

and more furious became the conflicts until victory was finally won.

So in this great conflict between the powers of light and darkness. In these last days God has called upon those who believe the Third Angel's Message to establish schools where our youth may be trained as quickly as possible to go out and finish the Lord's work. In response to this call, church schools, intermediate schools, academies, and colleges have been established in various countries throughout the world.

Our hearts were recently thrilled as the report came to us from Washington that at the present time we have 1523 schools with a present enrollment of 61,774 of our boys and girls who are receiving a preparation to help finish the Lord's work. When we think of the marvelous work that is now being done under the blessing of God and the leadership of 18,866 evangelistic and institutional laborers throughout the world, surely it will mean the swelling of the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message when the 61,000 boys and girls now in our schools have taken their places out on the firing line.

I will always be grateful for the privilege accorded me of attending one of our schools. Had it not been for this experience I am sure I would not have been active in the Lord's cause. While attending school in Mt. Vernon, Ohio and being thrown with Christian young people I was lead to take a definite stand for the Lord and go forth in baptism receiving a vision of the Lord's work and a desire to have a part in the Lord's service. I am sure a great many other young people have had a similar experience. The value of our schools to our boys and girls and to the cause cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

"There are, in the divine providence, particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God and make use of our means, our time, our intellects, our whole being, our body and soul and spirit, in fulfilling His requirements. The interests of God's cause are at stake. The Lord's institutions are in peril. Because of the terrible burden of debt under which our schools are struggling, the work is hindered on every side. In our great necessity, God has made a way through the difficulty and has invited us to cooperate with Him in accomplishing His purpose. . . in this He is testing

His people and His institutions to see if they will work together and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice." *Vl. 6, p. 469.*

Provision has been made whereby our people may sell literature, giving the proceeds to relieve the debts of our institutions and also by making personal gifts of money. In the whole Union Conference the faithful people have been making splendid progress along this line. Let us vow eternal allegiance to the Lord, determined to be faithful in every line of activity, assuming every responsibility and doing all in our power to carry out God's desires for us until His work is done. The goal suggested by the Union is two and one-half times the present membership which makes our goal in West Virginia nearly \$1100 and as we are now in the midst of our Institutional Relief Campaign for 1930 let us decide without any delay that we are still 100 per cent on the Lord's side, working to advance His cause in the great struggle between the forces of light and darkness. Realizing that the enemy is centering his attacks upon our educational institutions let us do valiantly our part in their behalf and not only raise or give \$2.50 but \$5, \$10 or \$20 as the Lord shall impress us as we seek him to know what He would have us do in this hour of crisis, when the destiny of the world is about to be decided forever.

D. A. Rees.

President West Virginia Conference.

Freedom from Debt

We are glad for the opportunity of extending Christian greetings at the beginning of another Institutional Relief Campaign, and we pass on the encouraging report that every year the old debt on our schools is being reduced, and that we are operating within our income, which is bringing courage to the whole field.

It is expected that the conference committees will give the same careful attention to the Institutional Relief Campaign as we give to all other campaigns. The same organization will be followed as is used in promoting the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week, such as band arrangements and districting territory.

Trouble is threatening on every side. Matthew 24:14 is rapidly being fulfilled. The Third Angel's Message is finding its way into all parts of the world. Surely, before the work can be finished and Jesus come, our schools must be free from debt. We read in Volume 6, page 207, "That our schools may nobly accomplish the purpose for which they are established, they should be free from debt. They should not be left to bear the burden of paying interest: . . . The Lord has means for His work in the hands of His stewards; and as long as our schools have debts which were incurred in their establishment, in the erection of necessary buildings, and in providing necessary facilities, it is our duty to present the case to our brethren and ask them to lessen these debts. Our ministers should feel a burden for this work. They should encourage all to labor harmoniously, and to lift in proportion to their ability."

Souls Our Ideal

Our greatest burden should not be the raising of money, but the sal-



vation of souls. As we place in the homes the two good books, "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing", we are afforded a splendid opportunity of helping the people spiritually.

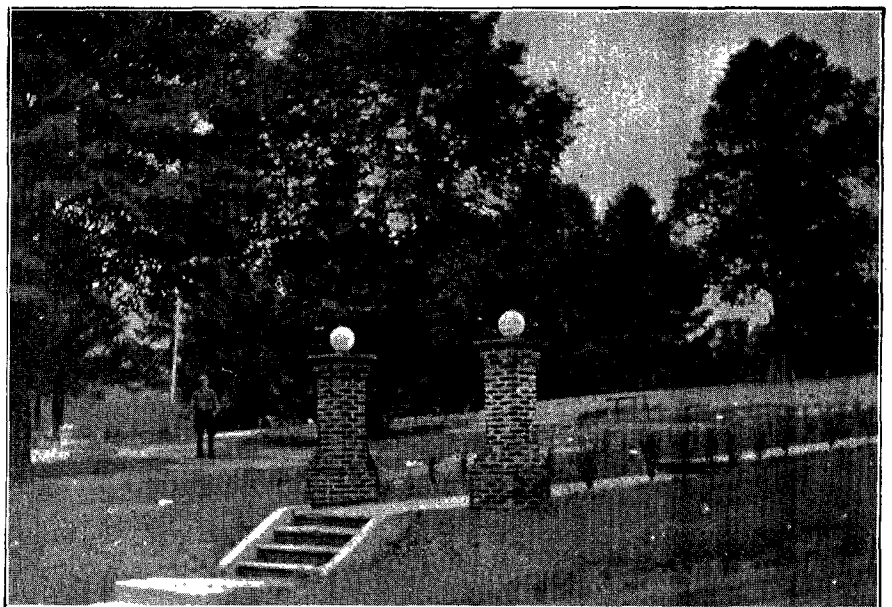
"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability." Acts of the Apostles, page 111.

W. M. Robbins.

President West Pennsylvania Conference.

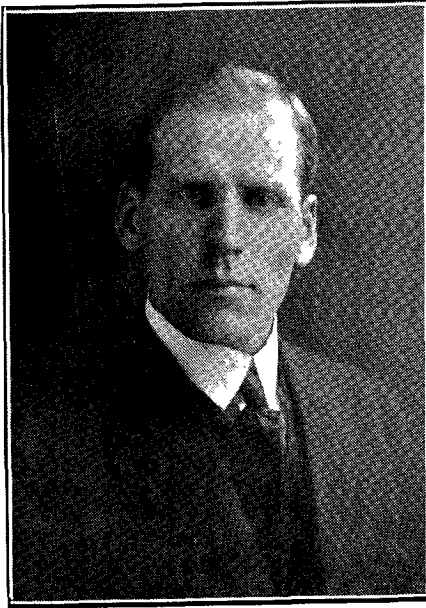
Mount Vernon Academy

Mt. Vernon Academy, our oldest Academy, is located on a wooded hillside, a mile out of Mt. Vernon and in the very heart of the good old Buckeye state. It serves the three fine conferences of Ohio, West Pennsylvania and West Virginia. During the 36 years since it was founded it has been a "Haven of Refuge" for thousands of our young people. Nearly 550 graduates have gone out from this school. Most of these have en-



Campus Entrance, Mt. Vernon Academy

tered our work and a large number are filling some of the most responsible places of leadership in our work.



We are experiencing much of the Lord's blessing this year. Our enrollment is the largest it has been for some years, being 187 at present. Our students and teachers, though very fully occupied with their school duties, are loyally sharing in all the financial campaigns. This year the Lord richly blessed us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and we are glad to have been able to raise about \$1100. \$565 of this was raised by about twenty girls and lady teachers at a detour fifty-five miles from the school. Considering the large church here and our limited territory this was a most blessed detour of opportunity. The Week of Sacrifice meant a real sacrifice to many of our number but the Lord blessed us with \$213. Students and teachers also entered enthusiastically into the Institutional Relief Campaign last spring and raised \$400 and we plan to do our part again this year.

Aside from these necessary financial campaigns our students and teachers are taking a real interest in other lines of service. Each Friday evening at 6:45 the young men's and young ladies' seminar, under Elder Warren's able leadership, meet in the Bible room where the forty members study and practice the principles of preaching and giving Bible readings. Each Sabbath about half a dozen cars take from twenty to thirty young people down town to give out literature, give Bible readings and extend invitations to the people of the city to attend the Bible lectures which are being conducted by the Bible teacher, Elder Warren, in Mt. Vernon's largest theatre. Miss Kirk, the music director, with a choir of about fifty voices and a growing orchestra is rendering valuable help in connection with these meetings.

A few words should be said about the school plant

and finances. During the past thirty-six years much has been done by our people, in building up a good school plant. The teachers through all these years have also labored and sacrificed for the upbuilding of the school and those who are here now are grateful for what has been done. We have now some very fine buildings. The administration building, the press building and equipment, and the girls' dormitory, Linden Hall, are equal to similar buildings in our junior colleges. Our library and laboratory equipment are rated very high by the educational department of the General Conference. It is true that we need a boys' dormitory and that we have a debt. Two fires and other things account for this condition. Even though we have debt, we should remember that we do have, in most respects, perhaps the finest school plant and equipment of any of our academies. Also while there are things we need, yet we are determined to get along without most of these things until the school debt can be eliminated.

I trust it will bring courage to all to know that, the past few years, we have been able, with the splendid cooperation of our people, to operate within our income. We have also been able from our regular school funds to improve our equipment and grounds.

The institutional relief campaigns the past two years and some gifts of our people have proven a real blessing in reducing the indebtedness and liabilities of the school from \$82,018.67* in May, 1927 to \$58,377.51 in May, 1929. Several thousand dollars of this is provided for in annuity contracts.

The Lord has blessed in many ways and there has been progress both in improving the school plant and in materially reducing the indebtedness. We are grateful for this. We are also grateful for the spirit of consecration and service which prevails in the school. Our teachers are consecrated, hardworking and experienced men and women. Yesterday, during a consecration service held by Elder Bond of the General Conference, it did our hearts good to see practically the whole student body dedicate their young lives to God. With you we dedicate our strength to the task of soon clearing away the indebtedness of our institutions.

A. J. Olson.

Principal Mt. Vernon Academy

*\$79,018.67 according to audited statement + \$3000 on intertype note not listed.



MT. VERNON ACADEMY ORCHESTRA

The Place Our Schools Find in Finishing God's Work

"With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come,.... the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! How



soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where 'the righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever;' where 'the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick,' and 'the voice of weeping shall be no more heard'. Psalms 37:29; Isaiah 33:24; 65:19." Education, page 271.

"The cause of God needs efficient men. Education and training are rightly regarded as an essential preparation for the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the world!" Counsels to Teachers, page 538.

"The third angel is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, showing that the message is to go throughout the length and breadth of the earth. It is the most solemn message ever given to mortals, and all who propose to connect themselves with the work should first feel their need of an education, of a most thorough training." Counsels to Teachers, page 500.

In these quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy the value and place of our schools in the finishing of God's work is clearly set forth. Our schools are the training camps or recruiting stations for this, the greatest religious movement of the ages. To us has been committed the task of evangelizing the world with the Third Angel's Message in one generation. This is the requirement that God has made of the remnant church. In His providence He has made us His agents for the accomplishment of the most far reaching and important work that is to be carried on in the world at this time, the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. After the accomplishment of this solemn task, the actual coming of our blessed Lord will take place.

In our endeavor to discharge this God-given responsibility, this denomination voted the largest budget for 1930 ever voted in its history, ever voted by any missionary organization or society.

The message of the Advent Movement is fast reaching the nations of the earth. Consecrated armies of sturdy, loyal young men and women are responding to the Master's call. After a short period of training in our denominational schools, they are prepared to go to the ends of the earth in response to the Master's call for service. To qualify our youth for this missionary soul-saving effort is the supreme objective of our training schools, and the work that has been committed to us will be finished in the ends of the earth by the response of God-fearing young men and women who have received their training in our denominational schools. With this thought in mind we can understand the prophecy made years ago that just before the end all schools among us will be closed up.

May God help us to do our part faithfully in supporting these centers of light and influence and blessing while the day lasts and thus contributing faithfully our part in the finishing of the work of the Lord in this the last generation of mankind.

H. J. Detwiler.

President New Jersey Conference.

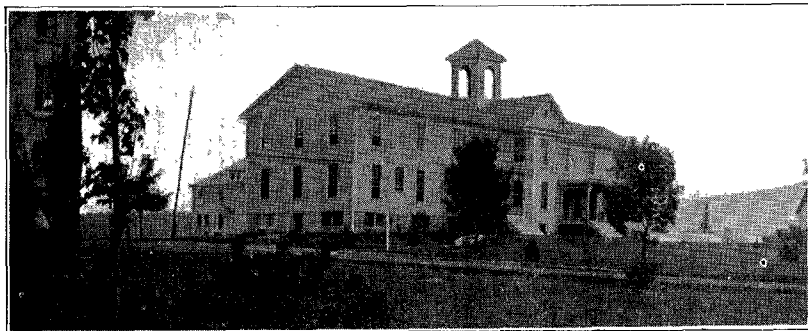
The Place of Institutions in Our Work

In order for the farmer to carry on his work profitably it is necessary for him to have a good farm, good buildings, good implements, and the help necessary to complete his work at the proper time. In order for the carpenter to work profitably he must have proper tools to work with, he must know how to work, and he also must have a job. The professional man must be trained for his work, and he also must have a case. We might increase the list, but the requirements are the same in any case. There must be preparation for the task and then there must be a task.

Applying the argument to our own work we find that we have a great task to perform. It is so great that it requires the help and sympathy of every Seventh-day Adventist. To do it profitably requires training. The training must be secured either on the ground or else in some institution.



As the farmer who desires to farm profitably must make use of the best methods and the best implements, so the gospel worker must make use of improved methods of labor. In "Christian Service" p. 110 we find these words, "We must study improved ways and means of reaching the



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people." The farmer cannot work his farm profitably using the old time crooked stick for a plow and a tree top for a harrow. He must work the soil deeper in order for it to pay a profit. He could no longer afford to reap his fields of wheat with the old-fashioned sickle. He would not find it profitable to thresh wheat by driving a herd of horses or cattle over it, nor by using the old time flail. But in order that there may be up-to-date implements it is necessary that there be large factories where farming implements are made. It is necessary that there be colleges where the science of agriculture is taught, and where young men can be trained in the best methods of farming.

In order that the carpenter's work may be profitable to himself and to his employer he must have proper tools, and this also calls for large factories where such tools can be properly made. In order for the physician to work to the best advantage it is necessary for him to have the best instruments, and the most reliable chemical preparations, and these also require large institutions where such instruments and such chemicals can be prepared. So also for the gospel worker to work profitably it is necessary to have the proper implements to work with. He must have literature in the form of Bibles, Testaments, books, tracts, magazines, leaflets, text cards, picture rolls, lantern slides, etc. He must also be trained in the use of these things. He must have knowledge that is helpful and essential to make his work profitable. So there has grown up among us a demand for institutions. And the demand cannot be met by small, poorly equipped houses. With all our large publishing houses it is necessary at times to work day and night in order to supply the demand.

Now let us look at the other side of the picture. Whence comes this demand? From the army of workers who have been trained for the most part in our schools and institutions to go out and distribute profitably the literature produced by the trained army of workers in the publishing houses.

Then again the increasing tide of human ailments constitutes a great demand for workers who are trained to combat diseases. Our missionaries go out to the vast heathen fields and see the great number of sufferers and the call is made for some one trained in medical lines to go out to alleviate the suffering. So this call constitutes a demand for institutions where the sick can be properly cared for; where medical workers may be trained. And all this call and demand is like one great system, all interlined and interlocked together so that one could not profitably function without the others. All are necessary for the completion of the great task that is given us to perform. May we all be faithful to perform our part until it is finished.

J. A. Leland.

President Chesapeake Conference.

Institutional Relief

The burden of debt rests heavily on the hearts of conscientious Christians. We have been admonished to "Owe no man anything," and Sister White has warned us time and again of the malignant nature of the debt disease. She has told us that debt is to be shunned like leprosy.

There is also another serious danger in connection with having debts upon our institutions, and that is the one which faces us, as the Time of

Trouble comes upon us, in our relation to the business concerns of the world. As the curtain drops upon this sin-cursed world and Probation's doors are closed, how happy will be the people of God as they realize their institutions are all free from encumbrance.

The East Pennsylvania Conference constituency joins with the other sister conferences in the Columbia Union in an endeavor to roll away the debt from the Washington Missionary College, Mt. Vernon Academy

and Shenandoah Valley Academy. We believe that our people will take hold with a new spirit this year.

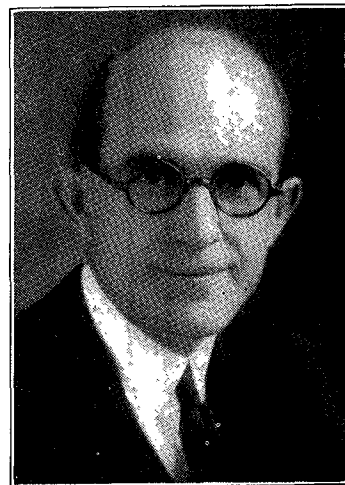
We are exceedingly anxious to do all in our power to reduce the debt against these schools, and thus make possible other attainments which we have in mind.

The Institutional Relief campaign is moving along with good speed in our

field and all are taking hold of it courageously.

C. S. Prout

President East Pennsylvania Conference.



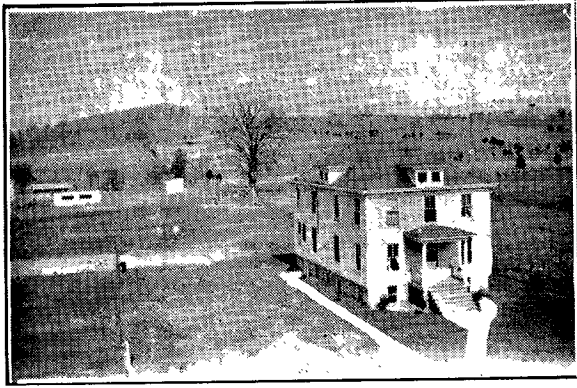
Loyalty to the Advancing Work

The Adventist people are essentially missionaries with a field of labor embracing the entire earth. What a slogan we have! "This gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation." We carry not only the good news of the sacrifice on Calvary but also the good news of the coming kingdom wherein dwelleth righteousness and which shall never be destroyed.

This heaven born objective and this blessed hope have called forth the consecration and earnest efforts of the Adventist people for three quarters of a century. It is most cheering to review the progress from those early days until now. Self, sons, daughters and means have been generously and loyally given to meet the ever increasing need.

As the task was first undertaken back in those pioneer days great faith and trust must have swelled the hearts of God's children. The world was large and their children were few. They had little money, no schools, publishing houses or sanitariums, yet they pledged themselves courageously to the great task which it is our glorious privilege to finish.

We should gather great courage today as we count



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our 1523 schools with their more than 61,000 students, and our 56 publishing houses putting forth nearly five million dollars worth of message filled literature annually in one hundred and forty-one languages. Yes! and to think of our 30 sanitariums with a host of consecrated doctors and nurses, and our force of nearly 10,000 evangelistic workers and missionaries who are proclaiming the message in 347 languages.

Really brethren and sisters, the progress is most cheering and we should all find the keenest joy in putting our shoulders to the wheel as we press forward. It is not to be expected that all this advance should be made without an occasional mistake or an unwise move. Perhaps we are tempted to feel that our schools should not have been put under feet. No doubt we would all feel clear in saying in some instances at least that it was unwise. But in fairness we must not forget that our schools do not have the income from large endowment funds to use in making up an operating deficit as do the majority of other schools. Nor do they have such funds from which to provide buildings and equipment. And it was in providing buildings and equipment that most of the indebtedness on our school plants has been incurred. Our educational workers have been struggling with a hard problem. How happy we should feel then as we learn that our institutions are now operating within their incomes. These schools are so essential in the closing work. We might almost say they are the hope of the cause.

So let us praise the Lord for His divine guidance which enables the brethren to carry on our great educational program without increasing debt, and brethren and sisters let us joyfully devote ourselves to the task of lifting the debts of the past. The work is onward both afar and near, and we want to be as loyal to its every need as were those who have gone before, and continue until the Master of the house returneth.

W. P. Elliott.
President Potomac Conference.

It is important that we should have intermediate schools and academies. To us has been committed a great work,—the work of proclaiming the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. We have but few missionaries. From home and abroad are coming many urgent calls for workers. Young men and women, . . . should . . . prepare to meet these calls. *Counsels to Teachers, page 209.*

Shenandoah Valley Academy

We have just reached the half way mark in the school year of 1929-30, and as we look back over the past few months we cannot but be thankful for the blessings of God which have been with us. We have had little or no sickness.

Our enrollment this year is considerably larger than it was last. To date we have enrolled ninety-six. We have had no major disciplinary problems, and the student body as a whole has shown a decided attitude of cooperation. The teachers have worked tirelessly to make the school more like what it should be, and we feel that in a large measure their effects have been satisfactory.



Last year with a smaller enrollment we were able to pay all our bills, and show more than one thousand dollars gain. This money was put into improvements during the past summer, which were much needed and appreciated.

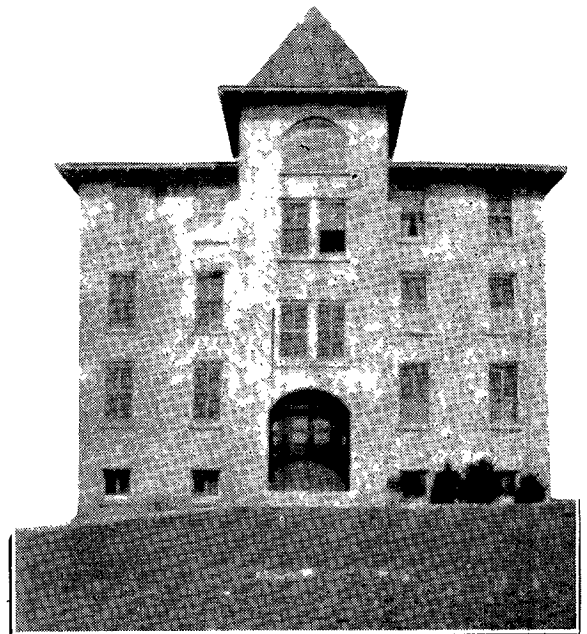
At the present time we are busy planning our Institutional Relief campaign, and can assure the readers of the VISITOR that S. V. A. will do its part in raising the goal. Since the Institutional Relief Campaign was launched Shenandoah Valley Academy has each year been successful in reaching its quota.

In this beautiful quiet place, we feel that our school is ideally located to do the best work for these fine young people, and our faculty consists of consecrated efficient teachers.

Years ago our people were warned to separate their children from the world, and place them in these havens of refuge; how much greater we find the need today.

W. C. Hannah.
Principal, Shenandoah Valley Academy.

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"God has designed that our schools shall be an instrumentality for developing workers for Him."



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
SHENANDOAH VALLEY ACADEMY

Let Us Reach the Goal

Columbia Union has set an average of \$2.50 per church member. The number of members in each church



multiplied by \$2.50 will give the goal for the church. Likewise the number of members in each conference multiplied by \$2.50 will give the conference goal.

No member can feel that \$2.50 is his goal. There are some who can give \$500, some \$250, some \$100, some \$50, and there are others who cannot give \$2.50, but only \$1 or 50 cents. The goal for a church is an average of \$2.50 per member.

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J. P. Neff.

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The above is the title of a new book recently printed by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, written by Francis D. Nichol, associate editor of the *Review and Herald*. The manuscript was read by many of our leading men, and without exception has been heartily endorsed by them. Elder W. A. Spicer, after reading the manuscript, wrote Elder Nichol as follows: "I am glad to put my O. K. on this manuscript. It

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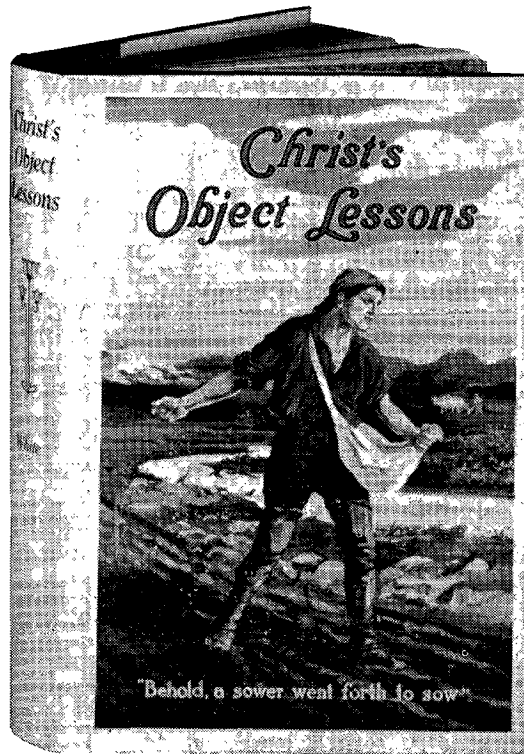
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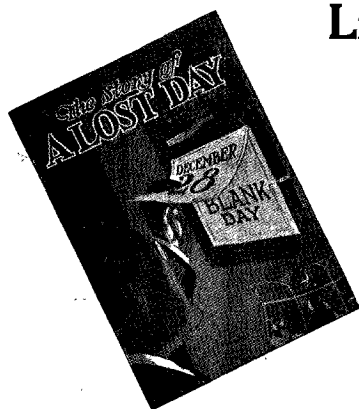
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