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EDUCATIONAL.

"Wisdom is the principle thing: therefore get wisdom." "The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright." True education imparts this wisdom. It teaches the best use not only of one but of all our powers and acquirements. Thus it covers the whole circle of obligations,—to ourselves, to the world, and to God.—"Christian Education."

A REPORT OF PROGRESS.

It is with a sense both of duty and of pleasure that I am prompted to send out this report to the friends and patrons of our Conference Training School. It is generally true that the thing most dear to us is the thing we have sacrificed or labored most for. Among the enterprises of the Ohio Conference, I presume the Academy stands first when measured by the efforts of the people to establish and to maintain.

The Past.

Its history of eleven years is familiar to all. Its growth has not been rapid, but nevertheless sure and steady. Year by year it has established itself not only in the hearts of the Ohio people, but also among the schools of the land. It has won appreciative patrons in all adjoining States, and its work is already being felt in many parts of this country and a goodly number of foreign lands. Its students and teachers are now numbered among the standard bearers in nearly every line of our denominational work, and are rapidly pressing into the front ranks of missionary efforts in the regions beyond. England, Germany, Egypt, India, China, and Japan are represented in its roll of honor, and even little Korea has been recently added in a special way to the ever lengthening list of our school's interests.

Every live, growing thing takes on changes, expands, develops, in-

creases its resources and equipment, and takes on new aspects and prerogatives. In fact these are the signs of virility and growth. This is as true of an institution as of any thing else. We rightfully expect just this in our own work, and should be disappointed did it not appear. And so as the Academy has pushed on its work, we have rejoiced to see it taking on those characteristics that indicate a foundation well laid, and a development along lines of solid worth. The Ohio people may rightfully rejoice in the results of their labor; for the fruits of their efforts will become more and more manifest till the world is fully warned and the gospel mes-

weakest instrument when submitted to him can be used to his glory. So with new members in the Faculty, and with new responsibilities laid on old members, we have labored gladly, have been a unit in every move, and have enjoyed the manifest blessing of the Lord from the very beginning.

The enrollment this year has reached a total of 143, and still others are making application for entrance. Perhaps a larger percentage of unbelievers have been present than at any time before. In some respects this has complicated our work considerably, but we know the Lord had a purpose in their coming, and we trust that his will has in a measure at least been fulfilled. We have been blessed with the faithfulness of many former students who found it possible to be with us again this year and thus help both themselves and the institution by their presence. Altogether, a good grade of work has been done, a strong missionary spirit that speaks much for the progress of the cause in the future has been maintained, and progress is apparent in all lines.

The Financial Side.

While the spiritual and literary features of our school are of prime importance, the finances of such an institution have to be reckoned with just as faithfully and everlastingly. And especially is this so when a heavy incumbrance from the very start has to be dealt with. This debt has been gradually reduced, until two years ago the united effort made at Mount Vernon Camp-meeting changed the figures from \$12,000, to about \$9,000, and pledges made at that time are still being paid. A small profit was made last year, which, with the income from "Christ's Object Lessons" reduced the debt to about \$8,000.

Notwithstanding unusually heavy expenses during the current year, we are glad to report financial progress also. An additional full paid teacher



MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

sage reaches its full fruition in the kingdom of God.

The Present.

The present year has proven to be a period of change: not so much of choice as of necessity. With the removal to Washington of our former Principal, who had so well and faithfully directed the work of the school for so long a time, we very naturally felt some anxiety lest unskilled hands should inadvertently mar the work already accomplished, or in some way hinder its progress. But again we have been taught the lesson that it is God who calls his workers and appoints to each his place. His hand is over all his works; and even the

has been maintained on the faculty; a brick chimney for our boilers, costing about three hundred dollars has been built; a number of much needed repairs and improvements have been made; and current bills have been paid to date. In addition to this, upwards of a thousand dollars have been paid on the debt since the opening of the school year, and no further obligations have been taken on, save a small sum in deposits without interest.

The Credit.

The credit for this favorable showing is due in a large measure to the earnest prayers and loyal support of our brethren and sisters, also to the faithfulness and united labors of both teachers and students and especially to the constant blessing of God in it all. We are glad to share in the work of salvation, and constantly look forward to the time when it shall be said, "It is finished," "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

N. W. LAWRENCE.

CANVASSING IN INDIA.

KHANDWA, INDIA, FEB. 23, 1905.

It was with many misgivings that I bid my friends in Calcutta good-bye and, accompanied by one of our young sisters, I started out to canvass the railway towns in central India. Our workers here travel third class as this costs one fourth what it does to go first. Very few Europeans travel third class, and as we went to buy our first third class tickets we had to pick our way between the natives who were sitting in groups before the third class ticket office waiting for it to open.

While we were considering how to reach the office a kind man came to our rescue. He secured our tickets, then accompanied us to the train, had a third class carriage swept out for us, and secured coolies to help us in with our luggage. This was the first, but not the last, time God sent some one to help us. As the train moved out of the station, we knelt and thanked God for this evidence of his care, and asked him to go with us and give us success in our work.

Every one who travels in India carries his bedding. No matter where you put up for the night you are expected to furnish your own bed. Our workers in India also carry a small stove for cooking. These things with clothing to last several months necessitates your having a number of parcels. We count our parcels every time they are placed in the train by the coolies to see that we have all. You can hire these natives for a few pice to carry your luggage to and from the

train. A native woman will pick up a trunk, put it on her head and walk off with it.

After a few hours' ride we reached our first town. My companion can speak the language; and when the train stopped she at once called the coolies giving them orders where to take our luggage. There was nothing for me to do but to stand and look on, for I did not understand one word that was being said. We secured a room in a building called the Dak Bungalow, a public building belonging to the railroad. All of the houses are called bungalows. The railway people are English, Eurasians and English speaking natives. We decided to canvass together the first day as my companion had never canvassed, and I did not know how to enter the homes with servants at the doors who could not speak English. Everybody, rich or poor, has servants. They nearly always meet you at the door. With trembling hearts we called at the first bungalow. My friend gained entrance through the servant, and I canvassed the family. We were treated very cordially which gave us confidence to go on. We are taking subscriptions for *The Oriental Watchman* and *Good Health* and selling "Story of Daniel the Prophet." God gave us success this first day, and when we returned to our room after our day's work we had only praise to offer God. My first evening was spent in learning a few words that were really necessary to gain admittance to the homes. After three days we were ready for our next town.

Among others that we canvassed was the station master who was very kind to us. When we bought our third class ticket of him, he accompanied us to our train, and as we would have to travel all night he put us in a second class compartment, which was empty, telling the guard to look after us. If you could know the difference between the two compartments you could understand how much we appreciated this kindness. To our surprise on reaching the next town we heard that the plague was on in the native city one mile away, and all Europeans had fled. By the time we had learned this our train was pulling out of the station, or we would have gone on at once. Finding that we must remain there for several hours before we could get another train we decided to canvass the bungalows nearest the station. We felt, too, that God had some purpose in taking us there, so we started out to see what could be done. We went to the nearest bungalow and after canvassing for our literature and taking an order we made inquiries concerning the plague

and learned that it was only the people in the city that had fled. All the people living near the station were at home. We believed God led us to this family, for they would have us stop with them while we were canvassing the town, and would not take anything for their trouble. God gave us wonderful success the two days we spent at this place, and at the close of the two days we could understand why we were not permitted to go on the day we entered the town. Just before taking our train we canvassed a gentleman who has become much interested in the truth. He followed us to our compartment, asking questions in regard to the truth. He said he was so sorry he did not know we were in the town; for he would have liked to have had a talk with us. The people of India breakfast at eleven o'clock. We are always canvassing at this hour, and very often we are invited to take breakfast with the family. The canvasser receives a warm welcome in most of the homes.

We canvassed a town in the jungles of India where the tiger and panther come into the town at night. Many of the deadly snakes of India are killed there. The gentleman with whom we stopped at this place gave us a letter of introduction to a family living in the next town. Upon arriving there we presented the letter and were given a hearty welcome to their home. We went back to the station to get our luggage which we had placed on a tongo, a two wheeled vehicle drawn by oxen. We walked by the side to see that nothing would be lost, and imagine our surprise on reaching the bungalow to find my friend's small handgrip gone. The police were notified, but it could not be found. Among other things in it was her Bible which she prized very highly. We were six hundred miles from Calcutta and a Bible could not be purchased in the small stations. You cannot buy anything but eatables, which are sold by the natives. She took it to God, in childlike faith asking him to send her a Bible. The morning we boarded our train to leave this place a strange thing happened. After we were seated a native came to the car window with a Bible for sale. This sister at once recognized it as the hand of God; for in all her travels in India she never knew or heard of a native selling Bibles. There was no European store within four hundred miles of us and the man who bought it could not read one word of English. He came in direct answer to prayer. This sister always speaks of her Bible as the one God sent me.

DELLA BURROWAY.

(To be continued.)

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

WELCOME VISITOR: Our Institute has closed and a number have already entered the field; a number of others will go as soon as school closes. The two weeks spent in the Institute were certainly well spent. We were favored by having Brethren J. B. Blosser and C. A. Pedicord with us to give instruction in the theory and practice of canvassing. The missionary side of the work was kept prominently before us by each instructor, for this reason we expect to see every one going out from this Institute stand by the work and work diligently. There were twenty-three in attendance while there were several who could not get here but expect to go into the work any way.

Elder Kirkendall conducted a Bible study each day, which was much appreciated by all. Many valuable lessons were learned in this study. With so good a corps of workers and good times, accompanied by God's blessing, we certainly can count on much good being accomplished this year by the spreading of the printed page.

Pray for the workers who go from house to house that God's good angels may go before them, preparing the way and the hearts and minds of the people with whom they may come in contact.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

Morrow.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR READERS: I spent Friday, Sabbath and Sunday with our little company at Morrow and know you will be glad to hear of the comfort wherewith I was comforted.

I reached Morrow at 3:30 P. M. and my first call revealed what I had before heard,—that one family had come to a standstill in searching for "what these things mean" and "had gone back to the heaven on one side, and hell on the other side with a great gulf between" idea. Two other families are somewhat influenced but are still hopeful. Three other families are growing in grace and I was made to realize more than ever what it will mean when the Saviour sees the travail of soul and will be satisfied.

If I could talk with you I could tell you more than space will permit me to write. I can say here, however, that the lessons on health reform have done much good. I hope all our people have been as much benefitted as our little company at Morrow. On Sabbath I met with four adults and three children of our number, all eager

to hear, and walk in the ways of truth. Brother Payne has been sick but is out again.

Our friends at this place are doing missionary work by distributing papers and talking the truth. Though Satan has been among them and somewhat scattered some, still the Lord has revealed himself and shown each one that the work of salvation is an individual matter. There are openings now presenting themselves in homes which were closed. These we hope sometime soon to enter and thus a work that will strengthen the little company can be done. Readers, let us all be faithful, and work and pray together.

L. K. MORGAN.

PATIENT CONTINUANCE IN WELL-DOING.

ETERNAL life is granted by him who will render to every man according to his deeds, to those only "who by patient *continuance* in well doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality." All the blessings of the gospel are for those who "*continue* in the faith." Hope may be deferred, but "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Jesus endured the cross, and we are exhorted to "consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Are there some who, because of a lack of this "patient continuance in well-doing," have not yet received the fullness of the blessings promised to those who would faithfully do their part in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons"?

J. S. WASHBURN,

Sec. of the Relief of Schools Com.

FROM an encouraging letter recently received regarding the "Object Lessons" work in Wisconsin, we quote the following:—

"The churches and members that have done their work faithfully have been made happier and stronger because of the experiences which they have gained. Some have missed a great blessing by withholding themselves from this good work. There are many fields yet waiting for this book, and rich experiences may be gained by those who will go forth with courage and work for them.

"In some localities churches have been organized as the result of work introduced by the sale of 'Object Lessons.' One of our licentiates and his wife selected a new field, and proposed to begin work there by canvassing it thoroughly for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' They disposed of about fifty copies in the neighborhood, and then followed the interest with the *Signs of*

the Times, and this by giving Bible readings. After a time they called the people together, and held meetings with them until a company of commandment keepers was developed. Then followed the organization of a church. The brother who went there first writes, 'We now have a beautiful congregation here. . . . Our church school is becoming established, and is proving a great blessing to the church. We have a good teacher, and a good work is being done.'

"Success in the 'Object Lessons' work is not confined to those who devote the whole or a large portion of their time to the effort. During the time of the principle 'Object Lessons' campaign, a brother living in one of our cities started out from his home at 11:00 A. M. one day, carrying with him twenty copies of 'Object Lessons' for sale. Although he had no orders to fill and the territory where he was to work had but recently been canvassed for the book, he told his wife to wait about dinner until he had sold out his stock. He disposed of the entire lot for cash, and got home to eat his dinner at 5 P. M. Another time this brother sold eleven 'Object Lessons' in going from his home to the church, and did not spend much extra time on the way.

"Another brother, who has learned and accepted the whole truth since the sale of 'Object Lessons' began, has during the last two years endeavored, as far as possible, to devote one day in a week to the sale of our books. He has not been able to find time every week to do this, but he has sold nearly five hundred copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and has turned over all the money thus obtained to the tract society. He has also sold other of our books to persons who purchased 'Object Lessons' from him. The commission which he gets on all books and papers except 'Object Lessons' he donates to different interests connected with the Third Angel's Message which call for money. His sales on 'Object Lessons' have averaged fully ten copies a day for each day that he has given to the work. He has often sold as many as twenty copies a day. He writes about the excellent favor with which the books are received, and hundreds of missionary visits which he makes with individuals and families. The work he has done was not to get money for himself, but because he wished to help the Lord's cause, and also desired to save souls. The experience that the Lord gave him in selling 'Object Lessons' has made this brother strong for various lines of missionary and evangelistic work."

WILLIAM COVERT.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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ELDER C. A. SMITH had the misfortune to break his foot last Sunday evening.

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

MRS. LUCINDA STEINBAUGH of Delphi, Ind., attended the funeral of her son at this place last Sabbath.

PROF. N. W. LAWRENCE has sold his property to Mr. N. Donnelly of St. Clairsville, O. Prof. Lawrence will occupy the Alec. Skeen homestead.

CORRECTION.—Owing to a typographical error Brother George Behnfeldt's name appeared in the announcement of his marriage, as Belinfeldt. We beg pardon.

MRS. MARY J., MRS. KATIE and MRS. ANNA TRAWIN, sisters-in-law of Brother Steinbaugh, were also in attendance at his funeral; the first two from Delphi, Ind; the latter from Grafton, W. Va.

THE April number of *Life and Health* came to our desk too late to receive mention in last week's edition, but it is not too late to enjoy the good things it contains. It is full of excellent suggestions for the care of the body, the sick, and the home. Every one should read it. Price, 50 cents a year. Address, Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O.

THE first Presbyterian church of Wichita, Kan., is worth studying as one studies an experiment station in agriculture. Eight years ago it was heavily in debt and discouraged. The experiment was tried of impulsively following the drawings of love to Jesus Christ in taking up work for him abroad. The tide turned at once. Since then the church has paid out \$50,000 for its Wichita work, \$15,000 for home missions, \$15,000 for foreign missions, and now supports two mis-

sionaries and twenty-five native workers in the foreign field. There is some talk in the newspapers of the "Puritan microbe" in developing our nation. The experiment at Wichita shows that the microbe of faith makes churches grow—and men grow, too.

NOTICE.

IT has been necessary for me to move into the country near Academia. Though I am only fifteen minutes walk from the Ohio Tract Society's office, yet it is more convenient for me to get my mail by rural delivery. My address hereafter will be Mount Vernon, O., R. F. D. No. 1. I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

THE STATE MEETING.

THERE will be a general meeting of the Conference laborers April 20-27, 1905, at Cleveland. An invitation is here extended to all the ministers, licentiates, Bible workers and canvassers to attend so far as practicable.

Plans for future work and other important matter will receive attention. I very much desire to see all present at the very first meeting, Elder E. H. Gates will be with us at this meeting, and we expect valuable instruction from this experienced and tried servant of God.

Come, brethren and sisters, and let us pray, study and plan to hasten the closing Message.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 24, 1905.)

Kittie M. Halstead, East Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 8 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$8.25; total, \$2.25; deliveries, \$10.50.

E. R. Numbers, * Lancaster.—Coming King: 70 hours; value of orders, \$49; helps, \$4.25; total, \$53.25.

*Two weeks.

FOREVER singing as they shine,
The hand that made us is divine.

—Addison.

OBITUARY.

STEINBAUGH.—Died of typhoid pneumonia at his home in Academia, O., March 29, 1905. Philip S. Steinbaugh, aged 47 years, 8 months, and 15 days. He was united in marriage to Mary J. Trawin, Sept. 19, 1878, and to them was born one daughter. Until the last five years they lived on a farm near Delphi, Ind. But casting about for a place to educate the daughter, they decided to come to Academia where they erected a handsome and convenient residence and lived ever since. In early manhood he united with the Baptist church and later under the ministry of Elder

J. M. Rees, now president of the Southern Illinois Conference, he with his wife joined the Seventh-day Adventists, of which church he was a consistent member to the last, as those who knew him best can bear testimony. Brother Steinbaugh was industrious, economical and honest. He was both careful and successful in business. In his death the community has lost a good neighbor, the church a true member, the wife a devoted husband, and the daughter an affectionate father. Besides the wife and daughter, he leaves a mother, who was present at the funeral, three brothers and three sisters; also a large circle of sympathizing friends to mourn his death. On Sabbath afternoon, April 1, the remains were borne to the Academia chapel where an impressive funeral service was held, conducted by the writer assisted by Prof. N. W. Lawrence. A choir composed of students furnished appropriate music and words of comfort were spoken from Ps. 116:15 to a full chapel of attentive listeners. At the close of this service, calmed in the assurance of faith, and in anticipation of a soon coming re-union, we buried our dead out of sight in the hope of a joyful resurrection and eternal life in the world to come. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

SAUDER.—Joseph K. Sauder departed this life at his home in Akron, O., March 17, 1905, aged 58 years, 5 months, and 9 days. He was born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Oct. 8, 1846. Brother Sauder's health had been failing for several months but death came suddenly, due to enlargement of the heart. Sept. 9, 1869, he was united in marriage to Lydia A. Moore, sharing with her the joys and sorrows of life for more than thirty-five years. They were blessed with eight children who were all present at the funeral. When about sixteen years of age, he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, remaining a faithful member until 1882 when he heard the Third Angel's Message presented by Elders H. A. St. John and R. A. Underwood at a tent meeting held in Akron, O. He gladly embraced this Message and became a charter member of the church organized in October of that same year and ever remained true to its principles. Though persecuted and called to pass through great trials, his faith was unwavering. For more than twelve years he was elder of the Akron church leading the flock God had entrusted to him until called to his last rest. In the different offices he held in the church and Sabbath-school he was faithful and ever at his post. His desire to see his church settled in a house of worship of their own, after meeting so many years in a private house and public halls, was granted, and for more than two years meetings have been held in our little chapel. Some of his last work was in helping to more fully complete the building. Though the call came to him suddenly he was fully ready to respond and is now sleeping in Jesus, resting from his labors, and his works are following him. He leaves a loving wife, six sons, two daughters and several grandchildren, also six brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. Our chapel was filled to overflowing at the funeral, many who had opposed him in his religious belief were present to pay a last tribute of respect, among them a man who some years ago burned his Bible. To this audience Elder Kirkendall spoke timely words of comfort and admonition based on Isa. 40:1, 2. Brother and Sister Chalmers, our only charter members remaining, with their family rendered appropriate music for the service. The six sons carried their father to his last resting place where he awaits the coming of the Life Giver. May the devoted, unselfish life of this dear father lead them all to more earnestly seek a preparation to meet him on the resurrection morn.

ELLA M. TALMAGE.