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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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### An Individual Soul Winning Campaign for 1914

God has opened before us a new year. It ought to be to every Seventh-day Adventist the most important year of his life. We are one year nearer the finishing of the work, the close of probation, the judgment, and the coming of our Lord.

What can we do to make this year the most blessed year of our experience and the most glorious year in the history of this message? We can set for ourselves the definite aim of winning at least one soul for Christ and for his cause. Let every member of this denomination make this his aim for this new year. We love this cause, we love the message committed to us, we love the souls for whom Christ died. And now to us who own him as our Saviour, he has committed the work of bearing his final witness to the last generation of men.

Can God expect less of us than that we win one soul for him during the year? If each Seventh-day Adventist will take that as his or her aim, laboring and praying earnestly to that end, we shall double our membership within the year. Such a consummation would bring joy to each individual in the denomination, and to heaven itself. And if we, by God's help, can do that during 1914, we can do it again in 1915, and so on till the work is finished.

There is absolutely nothing impossible or visionary about the proposition.

To double our denominational membership within the year means only that each member shall win one soul to the truth in twelve months. Is that impossible with all heaven interested in our success and with the unlimited power of God behind us?—Surely not. It is possible, and if possible, should it be considered unreasonable for us to set it as our aim?

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," he was

not speaking to ministers only. He was speaking to every individual member of his church. It is true that each individual Christian cannot go into all parts of the world to carry the gospel in person. But he can carry the gospel to all parts of the earth without going in person. He can carry it there by his letters and by the printed page he sends. The great commission is therefore to every individual that has accepted Christ as his Saviour. It is to me who write these words, and it is to you who read them. When God looks upon the record of our lives, he will look for fruit—for souls saved through our instrumentality. If we have no such fruit to show in the record of our life work, it is certain that we shall be classed among the barren, unfruitful, and unprofitable.

When salvation came to us and we accepted it, all heaven was rejoiced; but it was not in God's purpose that it should stop with us. There is no such thing as stagnant Christianity. Health-giving water always flows. The lamp that is fulfilling the purpose for which it was made is the lamp that shines. It is God's purpose that each soul to whom the light of truth comes shall pass it on to another, and that other to another, and so on. We love the truth; but do we ever think what it would mean to us if the one who brought us the truth had done as so many of us are doing, and had not passed it on? We would still be in the world, and perhaps of the world.

But if the denomination, as a band of individual workers, will move forward in unbroken rank in this matter, the year 1914 will be the most glorious year in the history of this message. We accepted the truth with glad hearts and rejoice in it today. Others will receive it as gladly as we and rejoice in it also.

Let us consider a moment what this will mean. We have been struggling with our institutional and denominational debts. We have found ourselves face to face with a perplexing situation; with a depleted treasury; with as many missionaries in the field as we can support; and have actually found it necessary to put a break on the wheels

of progress in all our mission fields lest we should incur debts that would swamp us. In the effort to relieve the financial situation, we have tried to spring the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund to twenty cents a week, and have been only partially successful. But if every member of the denomination will determine at once that he will be a part of the new program, the financial problem will solve itself automatically.

That means more than a mere matter of finance. It means that the entire organization will spring free from its handicap and go forward not only to fill present openings, but to invite new ones. And we shall always find God ahead of us. Then, instead of having something behind us holding us back, we shall cut loose from that and have something ahead of us drawing us on.

If we take up this work now and carry it through to success, it will mean the doubling of all our receipts. There will be twice as much tithe turned in to our treasuries, twice as much Sabbath-school contributions, twice as much for foreign missions, twice as much for home work, twice as many to support the cause, twice as many to enter our schools to prepare for the work, twice as many to draw from for foreign mission recruits, and twice as much to support the work at home and abroad. It will mean also the doubling of the work of all our institutions. This will be most quickly noticeable in our publishing houses; but our sanitariums and our schools will also know of it without delay. But it will mean more than this. It will mean that soon the work will be finished, and our blessed Lord will come.

#### HOW SHALL WE GO ABOUT IT?

In the first place, every person who reads these lines should become a center for the propagation of the idea, and should agitate the program among his associates, and go to work at once to put the program into operation. Every conference officer should adopt it, and pass it on to every minister in the conference; every minister should adopt it, and faithfully set it before

every individual member with whom he comes in contact, and before every church he visits. Every church elder should adopt it, and by example and precept and influence secure its adoption by every member of his church. Every school should adopt it, and leave no effort untried until every converted attendant is doing his part. Every sanitarium and every publishing house should adopt it, and seek to induce every member of its company of employees to enter whole-heartedly into the campaign.

We have done much missionary work in the past, but a great deal of it has been done in a more or less haphazard manner. In this campaign we set before ourselves the definite aim of at least one soul for this message during the next twelve months. We will work for that, we will pray for that, and we will hold on for it until we get it. We will have to make more than one person the object of our endeavors, and we will have to follow up our work with earnestness and with much prayer. But if we do, God will give us the victory, and we shall have souls for our hire. Let no one fall back in the harness now. Whoever does so may know that to just that extent he is interfering with the success of the whole undertaking. But whoever, in this matter, comes up to the help of the Lord may have the satisfaction knowing that the success of the undertaking is due in part to him.

One soul for this message during 1914! No one will say that is too many. May God depend on you to do your part? What do you say?

C. M. SNOW.

## What If Jesus Should Come Now?

(Concluded)

God's work in ancient as well as in modern times, has always met with obstacles, and perils, and suffered from lack of financial adequacy; but in every instance worthy of notice, our Father has always been equal to the situation, and has always, through his own people at times, and at other times through even unconsecrated channels, come to the rescue of his cause.

In the days of Ezra, when the fulness of the time had come for the Jews to return to Jerusalem, and rebuild the city, and re-establish the worship of God, the Lord moved upon the heathen king, Artaxerxes, who made provision to meet the entire needs of the cause, with "silver and gold" and "whatsoever" was needed. Ezra 7.

Also in the days of Nehemiah, when the "treasuries" were depleted, and the house of God forsaken, and the Levites had fled to the farm, because many of God's people had been robbing him of the tithes and offerings, Nehemiah was raised up, as a reformer in every sense of the word, to show God's people their sin. The Spirit of God was near to work upon hearts, and the people responded loyally, and thus the cause was saved from reproach. Neh. 13.

Again, in the days of the apostles, when the message of a crucified and risen Lord was due to the world, they that had, "sold their possessions and parted them to all men, as every man had need." Acts 2.

The Reformation following the Dark Ages was vindicated by the rich, and also by the poor, who always form the majority of God's flock, and who are always ready to "make a covenant with him by sacrifice."

And to come nearer, our own blessed cause of the third angel's message has not come behind any other heaven-sent movement, up to this time; for our good people, though but a "remnant weak and small", and not having much of this world's goods, have always, more or less, stood by the cause we so dearly love.

And now when we seem to be facing a crisis, though it may not be "alarming" is serious enough to demand attention (See Financial Policy report of North American Division Conference Council, in *Review* of November, p. 11); when many of our institutions are burdened with financial obligations, and needing help; and our Foreign Mission Board treasury fell short of \$93,000 in nine months, and cannot, from its monthly receipts meet its obligations, without deficits, in trying to sustain the hundreds of workers in the far off lands (See Eld. W. T. Knox's "Our Mission Funds" report, page 12 *Review* of Nov. 20); is it not time for every believer in the message to give serious thought to this matter, and prayerfully ask God for help, and wisdom that he may help to relieve the situation?

God has certainly enough wealth in this world. He says: "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Psa. 24:1; 50:8-11. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord." Haggai 2:8. Why then should his cause languish? Why should the leaders of his work be unduly burdened? But one answer seems to force itself upon us, in the words of Malachi: "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." It is evident that there is a lack of devotion

to the cause on the part of many, and this makes it doubly hard for the true and faithful.

The conditions seem to demand that every worker be a Nehemiah. Dear reader, let us remember the following facts: (1) the earth and its fulness belong to God; (2) it is God who "giveth thee power to get wealth. Deut. 8:18; (3) he permits us to get wealth that we may sustain his cause. See Matt. 25:14-30; (4) Heaven's approbation rests upon us when we give liberally without grudging. 2 Cor. 8:12-14; 9:6-8; Prov. 11:24-26.

The time is almost here, when God's cause will no more need money; when God will have no use for our offerings, if we keep them until then. The servant of God has said: "Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice . . .

I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh that we had let it go, and laid up treasures in heaven.' " *Early Writings*, page 47

Maybe the time has now come for some who have not been doing much, to dispose of property, and means long withheld. The conditions certainly demand a big lift. Let not those who have been bearing the heat of the day for years, now become faint and weary. "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

The Harvest Ingathering and the week of prayer offerings, ought to bring relief to the situation, and bring the kingdom of God near. Can Jesus come now with his cause so burdened? Would all his professing people be ready? Shall we not unitedly pray, work, and give as never before, and thus prepare the way for the coming of Jesus?

A. N. DURRANT.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Thank God for the man who is cheerful  
In spite of life's troubles, I say;  
Who sings of a brighter to-morrow  
Because of the clouds of to-day.  
His life is a beautiful sermon,  
And this is the lesson to me—  
Meet trials with smiles, and they vanish;  
Face cares with a song and they flee."

for coming our way with such a splendid book to sell. Moreover, both my husband and I were impressed quite favorably with you. I cannot think of a better thing for a young man like yourself just starting out in life to be engaged in than trying to be helpful to all mankind.

"I feel that after reading this great book carefully that some of my friends may like to buy a copy. You will please let me know which will be cheaper, to order of you or direct from your publishers. So if you will kindly send me your home address, I can let you know. If you ever happen to be in our part of the country, do not fail to visit us.

"Most respectfully,  
"MRS. M. W. ANDERSON."

### A Colporteur's Experiences

My experiences the past week have been interesting, a few of which I will relate. First, I have to thank the Lord for the good weather the whole week and for his guidance, and protecting care. You will notice by my report, on Monday, I did not take a single order for "Great Controversy," after eight hours' plodding work, but as I had worked faithfully, I had the peace of God in my heart.

The following morning I set off on the road at 7 o'clock, with my heart full of courage believing the Lord would bless my labors and surely he did, finishing the day with \$20.00 in orders, eighteen of these being for "Great Controversy." I could see in one of these orders clear evidence of God's guidance. It happened I went into a farm house and after canvassing the lady she said she would very much like to have such a book, as they were trying to lead a Christian life, but as her husband was away to bring home a load of lumber, she did not feel free to order it. I left the house keeping her name in mind, and after walking about half a mile, I saw a man with a load of lumber coming towards me. I asked him his name and he happened to be the husband of the lady above mentioned. I told him my business and of my visit to his house, and after mounting the lumber, I canvassed him and took an order.

On Friday morning, I was in the town of Clover, having stayed there over night, and with my heart uplifted to God, I started in at eight o'clock. About half an hour after I started I saw three men erecting a barn. Two were on the roof and the other man, who happened to be their father, was below superintending. I approached

him and told him my business, and when I started in to canvass, the young men ceased to hammer, and listened to the end. The father who was old looked up at the boys and asked what they thought of the book. They replied it was a good one, and straightway the father gave me an order. Then the older boy asked me the price of the book and when informed he ordered one and also a good Bible. He happened to be a Bible teacher. Later in the afternoon I canvassed two men who were working in the open. After finishing one said to me, "That's a good book and if you go to my father-in-law who is the Baptist minister, of this town, I believe he will take it." Having found him I gave him a canvass and secured an order.

Such experiences as these make one's heart rejoice as we see how the good Lord directs his children and to him only is due all the praise, for of ourselves we are nothing.

### Roanoke and Lynchburg

It was a pleasure to me to meet with the brethren and sisters at Roanoke, December 11 and 12. A meeting had been appointed at the home of Sister Perdue for Thursday night, and several of the neighbors came in by invitation of our people. All seemed deeply interested, and especially one middle aged man who had studied for a Baptist minister, but who is now a traveling salesman. From my conversation with him at the close of the services, I should consider him a very favorable subject to labor with.

I was glad to visit the beautiful home of Sister Wilkins, and others, and become acquainted with their surroundings. I was very much pleased with the general appearance of the city and the prosperity that seems to exist there in different lines of business and the interest being taken by the people in building up the city and beautifying their homes. It shows a ~~town~~ not seen everywhere.

I see no reason why, with the proper effort, that a number of souls should not be added to their little company at Roanoke.

Sabbath and Sunday, December 13 and 14, I was at Lynchburg. On Friday afternoon, I went with Sister Rice to West Lynchburg where her greatest interest is now centered. There is a church building there recently vacated by the Baptists, because of their new new structure several blocks distant, that can be secured in which to hold services. If we had a minister who could go

there soon, we believe a few souls might be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

Sabbath was the beginning of the week of prayer, and in the forenoon, we had the reading for the day. A number of prayers were offered and a short talk was given. In the afternoon I spoke to those assembled and all seemed to appreciate the words spoken.

Sunday was also a good day. We had the reading also a sermon. As I had taken cold, I felt it was best not to remain any longer, but go where I could take some effective treatment.

The remainder of the week of prayer I learn was a profitable one for the church at Lynchburg.

This church has been the most faithful of any in the conference in making offerings to missions during the past year. They have raised the whole amount of their quota of twenty cents a week for the full year. I hope that every church in the conference will set its mark high at the beginning of the year 1914 as did the Lynchburg church, and then endeavor to reach the standard. The records of the Lynchburg church also show a good tithe paid for the year 1913, so these gifts to missions did not cripple our general work at home. We are now entering upon the New Year under favorable prospects for business, and our spiritual lives will be whatever, we determine by God's help to make them. Let us heed the admonition, "press together, press together," and unitedly we may make 1914 the best year in our own experience, and in the experience of the work of God in the Virginia Conference. May the Lord grant that this may be our experience when the year shall close.

W. J. STONE.

### Alexandria

It was the privilege of Mrs. Herrell, and myself to attend the quarterly meeting at the above place, Sabbath, December 27. The meeting was held in the home of Brother George W. Roat. There were just seven members present. The little church membership has been reduced from time to time, mostly by removals, until only a few remain. We all had a very precious meeting owing to the presence of our Heavenly Father, who never disappoints, if we come in faith believing.

Just a few words concerning our family. Our two eldest children, Naomi and William, are married, and living away from home. Paul is with us, and is nearly 13 years of age. My gen-

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Report of Meetings During Week of Prayer

The week of prayer was a strenuous season among the companies and churches that I had pleasure of visiting in the West Pennsylvania Conference.

About three days before the week of prayer began, I visited the church in Erie. I found a hopeful, encouraging spirit resting in the hearts of the brethren and sisters in that city. Elder Schwartz is getting hold of a number of interested parties, and God has opened the way before him. New courage seems to be coming to some that had become more or less discouraged. Erie is a city of 80,000 people, and one of the nicest and cleanest cities of the state. It is planned to have Sister Bowen, who has been doing more or less canvassing, and giving Bible studies in Bradford, unite with Brother Schwartz in his efforts in Erie.

From Erie I visited Union City. A little company organized a number of years ago numbering something like eleven or twelve by Elder Lukins and Baierle, have become much scattered and some have given up the truth.

We had a little meeting in the evening at the home of Sister Burgess. I shall long remember the kind entertainment and the cordial welcome extended to me, not only by Sister Burgess, but by her good husband. I visited a number that had given up keeping the Sabbath, and I did all I could to encourage the company there.

Beginning Friday evening, the 12th., we began meetings with the Corry church, and I spent three days with this company. We had excellent meetings. Four united with the church when I was there. On Sunday I rode into the country eight miles, and returned by team with Brother Humphrey to visit an isolated family who had not attended the meetings. The Corry church are somewhat behind on the offerings, but they are doing possibly as well as could be expected owing to the fact that a large number of the membership are either sisters or aged persons. They gave us the assurance that they would do everything they could to bring up the offerings as large as possible.

From Corry we next visited North Warren. The church members here are quite scattered. I held one meeting on Tuesday with what members could get together; then on Wednesday I went to Russell and held meeting in Brother Adam's house. The

Room was full of neighbors, and I think the meeting accomplished good results.

The next day we came in to the village of Russell, and held a meeting with our good aged Sister L. M. Russell. Sister Russell is mother of Fred Russell who many years ago was employed in the counting department of the Review and Herald. Brother Fred was induced to leave the Review and Herald office and to accept a large salary with a Chicago firm, and as a result he gave up the truth, and for many years has been disconnected from our work. The poor man has found that the path of disobedience has been a hard road to travel. Something over a year ago he lost his wife, lost all of his means, and returned to his mother broken down in health, and has been living with her until recently. He has been taken to the state hospital at North Warren where the physicians say he must soon die. This has been a great grief to Sister Russell, as well as to our brethren and sisters who knew Brother Fred. The poor mother requests that the Lord's people shall pray that God may have mercy on him in his last days and save his soul.

From North Warren I went to Bradford where I spent the last Sabbath of the week of prayer, continuing meetings till Sunday with the Bradford church. The church at Bradford is among those that fully made up the twenty-cent-a-week quota. I had not visited there for about thirteen years. I was sorry to find that some had given up the truth; others have accepted the message we love. Sister Addie Bowen has been laboring here, and God has blessed her effort in bringing a number to accept the truth. Oh, how we need laborers to work in all towns and cities like Bradford!

During the entire week there was a feeling in every place where I visited that led to earnest prayer and self examination, and a spirit of consecration. The readings had a good effect, and the meetings and instructions outside of the readings were along similar lines that would bring spiritual help to the brethren and sisters.

Encouraging reports come from Brother West, Brother Ulrich, and the brethren in Pittsburgh.

We do not know how the conference will stand as a whole on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for missions, but we do know that a number of churches are already in the advance guard. Some of those who will not be able to meet the whole amount, have shown just as great a willingness, and per-

haps in some cases a greater spirit of sacrifice, than those that will be able to reach the goal. We may give our bodies to be burned, and give of our means, and yet fall short of the high standard of Christian experience which Heaven prizes above all earthly trophies.

May God give our dear brethren and sisters, not only in the Bradford church, but in all our churches, the spirit of unity and Christian fellowship in all their efforts to win souls.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

## VIRGINIA

### Week of Prayer

The week of prayer was thoroughly enjoyed by the majority of the Portsmouth church.

From twenty to thirty met each evening in the new school room in the rear of the church. Much earnestness was shown in prayer and testimony. The readings were greatly appreciated and all appeared impressed with the shortness of the time left to us and the need of a speedy preparation and a full surrender to the Spirit of the Lord.

A children's meeting was carried on each afternoon, led by Sisters Annie Watkins and Eekhout. The children entered right into the spirit of the work praying and testifying freely.

Many good resolutions were made by these young people and a desire to do right was expressed all the way through. The average attendance was about ten.

"The pocket book tells the tale;" our Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$20.64.

W. B. EEKHOUT.

### An Encouraging Effort

By consent of Brother L. A. King, we print below a letter he received from a lady who purchased "Great Controversy" while he was selling this book in Pittsylvania County. This certainly is encouraging, and if we knew the real feelings of many others, I think that we would find that there are many honest souls who are looking for the truth as contained in our books.

"Dear Sir:— When I received your book, "Great Controversy," on yesterday, I was in doubt whether I cared to read it or not. So I hasten to try to find you in order that I may inform you that after reading some and looking over the other parts of the book, I want to thank you again and again

eral health is good, and I am in hopes it may be, "the Lord willing," that I can take up the work again. The Lord has been very good to us, for which we feel to praise his holy name.

H. W. HERRELL.

Oakton, Va.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### The Colporteur Work

The beginning of a new year is the time in which many make new resolutions. Dear reader, do you not think that we should resolve right here in the beginning of this new year, to make it the most profitable one of our life in winning souls for Christ?

We see the determined efforts of the Federal Council of Churches in the United States to enforce the Sunday laws. We see the persecution of our colporteurs in different places, and how they are threatened already if they continue to sell our literature. We see our ministers forbidden to preach this message. O, how short the time is to work! It seems to me that we should all have realized this during the week of prayer. Perhaps some are saying to themselves, "The time is short, and after a while I am going to take up the canvassing work." Well, my dear friend, it may be too late after a while. "To-day if ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We are told in the spirit of prophecy that the canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order. "It is as we give ourselves to God for the service of humanity that he gives himself to us."

Perhaps you are undecided about the place where you should labor. I want to give you four reasons, why you should come to West Virginia.

1. It is a needy field.
2. We have nearly all kinds of industries. In the cities there are many manufacturing concerns of different kinds. In the country we have the large oil fields which are bringing forth money from mother earth the year around. In several of the counties we have many large coal mines. In other sections, we have large forests, where you will find large lumber camps. It is fine territory, for it has been proven. Then we have some splendid farming land. Just last week Brother McElphatrick a man of nearly seventy years of age, took orders for \$88.05 in a little lumber camp.
3. The membership of this conference is small, and it is necessary to call for colporteurs from some other source.

4. What workers we have in the field are well established in the work, and if you come to West Virginia I can give you plenty of my time in helping you to get established as a permanent worker. I will spare no means possible in helping you make a success of it. The only way a failure could be possible is to be disconnected with the powers of heaven.

Before I came here, I heard that only about one half of the books were delivered in this state, but I have found by investigation, that the deliveries are as good, if not better in this state than in any place I have labored, or know of. If the spirit directs your mind this way, I shall be glad to correspond with you.

H. F. KIRK.

630 Lulu St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

### Chester

The week of prayer here was one of the best in the history of our company. It was better attended and all testified to having received great blessings and felt spiritually uplifted. When the offering was taken at the close of the meetings, it was not very large as we are all poor in this world's goods. We were interested in the missionary endeavor and anxious to see the mountain removed, so all prayed earnestly that the thirteenth Sabbath offering would be a large one. After Sabbath-school was over and the time came to take up the collection, one sister read the piece from the VISITOR of the little girl giving her crutches as an offering to missions. She also made a plea that those having jewelry might give up these things. One sister gave two rings which she had laid away, and another sister gave a bracelet which had been given to her little girl. Others promised to give up pieces of jewelry which they had. While there are only eight of us in number, our collection in cash amounted to \$19.16. While we were some in advance on our portion of the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, we never felt like relaxing our efforts, and we all feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father for the blessings of the year which has just closed, and for a part in his great work.

JOHN MCHENRY.

We are glad to report that West Virginia has reached its quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, and has a few dollars over.

J. S. BARROWS, Secretary.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

## CHESAPEAKE

Mrs. Abraham Carrick of Ohio is visiting her daughter Mrs. F. E. Hankins, Baltimore.

Miss Bertha Reynolds of Smithburg has accepted a position as church school teacher at Portsmouth, Va.

On December 27 Elder I. D. Richardson of Washington, D. C. visited the Baltimore church, and gave a very interesting address on the missionary work.

Elder R. T. Baer and family are continuing their visit to Whitleysburg church, and he is holding a series of meetings after the dedication of the new church, and reports a splendid interest with several already keeping the Sabbath, and others very much interested.

Elder G. P. Rodgers is preparing for the general meeting of all the colored brethren in the Chesapeake Conference, which will be held in the hall, 1901 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, January 14 to 18. All should plan to come and enjoy the blessings which God is always ready to pour out upon his people when they come together to seek his help for greater consecration and power.

Brother Hankins, field missionary secretary, is planning for the colporteurs' institute which will be held at Fords Store, Md., March 1 to 15. All who would like to get a thorough training for canvassing should attend this meeting. Entertainment will be provided for all who attend. Plan to come and get ready for an active summer's work.

The Outlook for 1914 as presented in the February Signs Magazine is a most interesting study. It deals with the situation to-day in a prophecy-filling setting, and is a strong presentation. This one article is worth the price of the magazine, and there are some of your neighbors who ought to have it.

This winter season is a real boom for the Signs Magazine. Every month is going ahead of last year. Usually the winter months drop quite low, but sales are holding up splendidly. Surely it means a good year ahead.

## COLLEGE NOTES

The following students have enrolled the past week: Miss Mary Minnich, Charleston, W. Va.; Miss Maggie Hannah, Lakeville, O.; Mr. Harold Langdon, Chicago, Ill.; and Mr. Raymond Weick, Buffalo, N. Y.

We are glad to say that all the students who went home for vacation, returned. All seemed glad to be back again and entered into their school work heartily.

We were glad to see Mr. Frank Detwiler among those who returned at the close of vacation. Mr. Detwiler and sister were called home sometime ago on account of the death of a younger sister. We are sorry that Miss Detwiler cannot be in school the rest of the year.

The Ministerial Volunteers now number thirty-seven. We are glad to see the number increasing. The interest shown by the people of South Vernon in the meetings held every Sunday evening in the school house is very encouraging. The Volunteers all have the cause at heart, and much personal work is being done. A fuller report will be given in the next issue of the VISITOR.

JNO. S. LEMMER, Secy.

An impressive service was held Sabbath, January 10, when twenty-nine young people were taken into the Mount Vernon church. These were among those who were baptized at the end of the week of prayer. The others baptized at that time joined churches at their homes.

After this service a double quartet of young men sang "The Fight Is On". As the meeting was devoted to the home missionary and colporteur work, this hymn was very appropriate. As all know, it is the one that has been chosen as the colporteurs' battle hymn.

Brother Mc Eachern then gave a stirring talk in the interests of home missionary and colporteur work.

A mixed quartet rendered the closing selection. As the audience passed out, report blanks were handed to all.

"The world is our field of missionary toil, and we are to go forth to labor surrounded with the atmosphere of Gethsemane and Calvary."

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 2, 1914

| Name                           | Place     | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords     | Value   | Helps    | Total   | Del |
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| C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co. | ES        | 6    | 54   | 12  | 45 00    | 5 50    | 50 50    | 57 00   |     |
| A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.       | DR        | 3    | 26   | 13  | 33 00    | 5 25    | 35 25    | 2 80    |     |
| J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co. | BR        | 5    | 35   | 11  | 33 00    | 3 00    | 36 20    |         |     |
| C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.     | ES        | 2    | 16   | 8   | 26 00    | 6 60    | 32 60    |         |     |
| J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.      | ES        | 4    | 29   | 6   | 18 00    | 9 10    | 27 10    |         |     |
| J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.   | ES        | 3    | 24   | 6   | 18 00    | 4 25    | 22 25    | 15 50   |     |
| Helen Greunke, Lucas Co.       | PPF       | 2    | 6    |     |          |         |          | 7 50    |     |
| Tillie Gable, Cuyahoga         | ES        | 2    | 12   | 1   | 5 00     |         | 5 00     | 12 00   |     |
| J. W. Grout, Summit Co.        | HW        | 2    | 4    |     |          |         |          | 4 00    |     |
| W. E. Morgan, Columbiana       | BE        | 3    | 15   | 4   | 4 50     | 8 35    | 12 85    |         |     |
| Totals                         | 10 Agents | 34   | 221  | 58  | \$179 50 | \$42 25 | \$221 75 | \$98 80 |     |

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 2, 1914

|                               |          |    |     |    |          |         |          |         |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|----|-----|----|----------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| W. A. McElphatrick, Broxton   | DR       | 5  | 44  | 19 | 59 00    | 29 05   | 88 05    | 3 85    |  |
| Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co. | PPF      | 5  | 38  | 26 | 51 75    | 5 80    | 57 55    | 5 80    |  |
| T. M. Butler, Harrison        | PPF      | 5  | 38  | 30 | 53 00    | 4 50    | 57 50    | 2 10    |  |
| O. J. Belt, Tyler             | FS       | 3  | 23  | 8  | 24 00    | 6 75    | 30 75    |         |  |
| Totals                        | 4 Agents | 18 | 143 | 83 | \$187 75 | \$46 10 | \$233 85 | \$11 75 |  |

New Jersey, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

|                              |          |    |     |     |          |         |          |        |  |
|------------------------------|----------|----|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|--------|--|
| Edward Sterner, Trenton      | PG       | 9  | 60  | 14  | 42 00    | 3 25    | 45 25    | 12 25  |  |
| Wm. Schmidt, Newark          | GC       | 11 | 68  | 10  | 27 00    | 11 90   | 38 90    | 41 00  |  |
| G. W. Blinn, Trenton         | GC & DR  | 14 | 101 | 27  | 96 00    |         | 96 00    |        |  |
| S. R. Haynes, Trenton        | DR       | 10 | 32  | 10  | 32 00    | 3 15    | 35 15    |        |  |
| H. Lauterback, Warren Co.    | PPF      | 6  | 27  | 2   | 3 50     |         | 3 50     | 41 45  |  |
| Allen Boynton, Cape May C.H. | PG       | 4  | 30  | 6   | 18 00    | 9 65    | 27 65    | 4 50   |  |
| James Rea, Jersey City       | Misc     | 4  | 24  | 41  | 34 15    | 17 60   | 51 75    | 22 00  |  |
| Magazines                    |          |    |     |     | 81 80    |         |          | 81 80  |  |
| Totals                       | 7 Agents | 58 | 342 | 110 | \$334 45 | \$45 55 | \$298 20 | 163 00 |  |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan., 2, 1914

|                             |          |    |     |    |         |         |          |          |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----|-----|----|---------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| A. Brownlee, Washington Co. | PPF      | 9  | 81  | 48 | 85 50   | 27 05   | 112 55   | 56 45    |  |
| Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.    | BF       | 4  | 16  | 11 | 12 00   | 5 75    | 17 75    | 4 00     |  |
| F. W. Hall, Venango         | GC       | 5  |     |    |         |         |          | 242 00   |  |
| L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.   | ES       |    | 63  |    |         |         |          | 334 35   |  |
| Totals                      | 4 Agents | 18 | 160 | 59 | \$97 50 | \$32 80 | \$130 20 | \$636 80 |  |

Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 26, 1913

|                          |          |   |    |  |      |        |        |         |  |
|--------------------------|----------|---|----|--|------|--------|--------|---------|--|
| R. W. Constable, Alberta | DR       | 6 | 1  |  | 3 00 | 1 25   | 4 25   |         |  |
| L. A. King, Ringgold     | GC       |   |    |  |      |        |        | 9 80    |  |
| C. K. Kirby, Norfolk     |          |   | 18 |  |      | 4 20   | 4 20   | 4 20    |  |
| Totals                   | 3 Agents |   | 32 |  | 3 00 | \$5 45 | \$8 45 | \$14 00 |  |

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 31, 1913

|                              |          |   |    |    |         |        |         |        |  |
|------------------------------|----------|---|----|----|---------|--------|---------|--------|--|
| M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co. | PPF      | 3 | 23 | 10 | 18 75   | 2 25   | 21 00   | 6 00   |  |
| G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.    | DR       | 3 | 23 | 9  | 16 25   |        | 16 25   |        |  |
| Totals                       | 2 Agents | 6 | 46 | 10 | \$35 00 | \$2 55 | \$37 25 | \$6 00 |  |

Grand Totals: 30 Agents Value of Orders, \$837 20 Deliveries, \$931 55

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

"Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it."



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"Smiling Christians are the best advertisement of the gospel."

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### Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College will be held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, beginning January 27, 1914, at 2 P.M. All members of the Board are requested to be present for the transaction of such business as properly comes before the Board at that time.

B. G. WILKINSON, President.

### Attention

A change has been made in the date for the College Board Meeting as you will see in the notice above. The date will be January 27 instead of 26 as stated last week.

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ist church. This sister might have thought half an hour a week too little to be worth giving, but was it? It will give eternal life to that young man and his mother, if they are faithful.

VISITED FIVE FAMILIES EACH WEEK.

A report comes from another sister that she, too, had had the satisfaction of seeing a young man and his family accept the truth as a result of systematically giving away tracts each week. Her plan was to visit five families each week.

What an impetus it would give to this message if the majority of our Sabbath keepers would visit five families each week!

### Incidents

During one of our home missionary meetings at the Stockton camp-meeting a lady gave the following missionary experience which had encouraged her in her work in the little church to which she belongs. "About two and half years ago one of our sisters invited a little girl to come to our Sabbath-school. She came quite regularly until a few months later the family moved away. During the time they were well supplied with literature, and after they left we kept sending them reading matter. As a result they saw their duty in regard to paying tithe and began sending their

tithe to our church. They have been paying tithe now a year and a half. They have also convinced one of their neighbours, and he has begun to pay his tithe. These people have not accepted the truth yet, however, they keep our tracts at hand, and are passing them out. One of the ladies has organized a Sunday-school where she is, and intends to use our supplies."

Another blessed result of some some Christian help work, and the giving of some literature was given me by a sister at the same camp-meeting, who for six years had been alone in the truth in her neighbourhood. She said "My children gave up the truth, and my husband became discouraged and gave it up, and it seemed as if all of my opportunities to do any good were closed. But I felt impressed some months ago that I must do something, and prayed for the Lord's help that I might. I went to call on a family living in the neighbourhood and found a very sick child. I offered to help them care for it, which was gratefully accepted. It seemed as if the way opened for them to ask me questions which I answered by leaving them literature; they became interested and wanted me to study, and it was not long before the man and his wife accepted the truth in full. This so touched the heart of my husband that he felt his lost love for the message returning, and he began keeping the Sabbath again, and is here with me at this camp-meeting."

Needless to say this sister felt happy and anxious to continue the labors for souls.

J. R. FERREN.

"This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented that this state of evil may be healed."

### OBITUARY

OSBORN:—Jesse Thomas Osborn was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, December 13, 1858. He died at his home in Wayne County, Ohio, December 25., 1913 at the age of 55 years and 16 days. Brother Osborn was a faithful member of the Rows Seventh-day Adventist church, and those who knew him well speak highly of his Christian experience. He had an ardent desire to see the truth he had learned to love made known to those about him. Of his near relatives, his faithful wife, two sons, one daughter, one brother, and two sisters survive him. Words of comfort were spoken at the time of burial from Matt. 5:4.

E. K. SLADE.

## Silent Messengers

"Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the message for this time." *"Words of Encouragement to Workers,"* page 1.

"Do something; do it now. Remember the angel bearing the closing message of mercy to this world flies swiftly." *Unpublished M. S. S. Mrs. E. G. White.*

These messages from the Lord are most urgent. They call for immediate and wide-spread action. How can we best carry out the Lord's wishes?

Besides the system of loaning tracts from door to door, there are many ways in which these little messengers of truth may be used to excellent effect in spreading a knowledge of this message.

A supply of small leaflets may be kept on hand and one slipped into every letter we write to those not of our faith, business letters included. Who knows which will prosper? The safe way is to sow beside all waters.

Besides putting them in our personal correspondence, we may obtain names from the tract society office of persons who have purchased large books, and open up correspondence with them, sending a letter with some helpful tract, perhaps asking if the book bought has been read, and calling attention to some chapter in it that appeals to us. Care should be taken not to send tracts that would arouse prejudice. Select a practical, spiritual tract and endeavor to establish confidence and a spirit of enquiry before venturing further.

We give below a letter by a church worker to a man who had purchased a copy of "Desire of Ages." We do not give this that it may be copied, but that it may suggest ideas, and ways of approaching people.

"Dear Sir:

"Please find enclosed a tract, *Origin of Evil*. I believe you will read it with interest as it deals with a subject that has proved a perplexity to many. We frequently hear the question asked, 'If God is love, as Christians say he is, if he is all powerful, why does he permit so much sin and suffering to exist in the world?' We are glad to know that God has anticipated this enquiry, and in the Bible answered this, and every other question pertaining to man's best interest in this life, as well as his eternal salvation, in such a clear way as to show perfect harmony in the Scriptures.

"My object in sending out reading matter in this way, is that it may be

the means of helping others, as it has me, by creating a deeper interest and confidence in the Word of God, as it calls attention to, and brings light to bear on, features of the gospel not usually touched upon by the churches, but that nevertheless are of vital importance at this time.

"I believe the enclosed tract will be the means of showing that, as the author says in her excellent work, the 'Desire of Ages' page 22, 'The plan for our redemption was not an after thought. God did not ordain that sin should exist, but he foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency.'

"When you have read this tract, kindly pass it on to some one else. I shall be glad to hear from you and to know if there are any subjects in which you are especially interested, on which I may be able to send you reading matter.

"Yours respectfully,"

Tracts may be used in missionary correspondence with others than those who have purchased books. There are parts of the country which are sparsely populated, where the people do not have so much reading matter as in the towns and cities. If names and addresses of people living in such localities can be obtained, they are excellent for missionary correspondence, as it is difficult to reach them in any other way. This work is especially adapted to those largely confined to their homes. The busy mother may find time to write one or two letters a week and the effort will be a spiritual refreshment.

E. M. GRAHAM,

*Secretary Home Missionary Dept.*

"Do not pass by the little things and look for a large work."

## Experiences in the Home Missionary Work

THE PAPERS CREATE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

"On entering a home, a magazine colporteur found a lady who has not only been a subscriber for *Life and Health* for some time, but has for years been the recipient of our good paper the *Signs of the Times*. She had a large bundle of these papers tied up in a parcel ready to give to one of her neighbors. The papers are always carefully sewn together in book form, and in this way they are passed on from one to another of her friends. These papers are given to her by a member of one of our churches where this lady lived at one time. While

there she received such a good impression of our people, and especially of the missionary efforts of a little girl, that she never ceases to speak of it to her friends." How little we realize what a good work our periodicals are doing among the people, and how far some of them travel.

### DESIRED BIBLE STUDIES.

A brother writes:— "A young man, who is taking music lessons from me, often stayed after his lesson, when I was not busy, to talk. One day I talked with him about the Sabbath. He seemed interested and the next time he came, he had looked up the references, and told me he was sure now we were right in keeping Saturday. We had another talk on Bible subjects and the first of this week he asked me if it would be possible for me to give one evening each week to study the Bible with him, as he wanted to know more of its teachings. I told him I should be pleased to do so, although I am very busy, still we must never be too busy to do the work that God shows us we should do."

RESULTS OF HALF AN HOUR EACH WEEK DEVOTED TO SERVICE.

Some time ago a sister in one of our small churches felt she would like to do something to advance the cause of God. She was a busy woman, with the care of her home and three children. However, after careful thought and much prayer, she felt that she could spend at least half an hour each week in doing something for the Master.

Remembering that three families had recently moved into the neighborhood, she decided to pay them a friendly call, and to improve the opportunity by leaving a tract with each one. The sister was cordially received. Who does not appreciate a kind welcome when moving into a new neighborhood?

She was invited to come again, and she did so, calling week after week with other tracts. She also gave the people an opportunity to ask questions, which were generally answered by giving a tract on the subject under consideration.

In one of these homes lived a young man with his widowed mother. They belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, and for years this young man had been an altar boy in the church. In less than four months that good sister had the satisfaction of seeing this young man and his mother both members of the Seventh-day Advent-

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