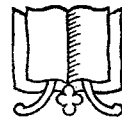


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## Armageddon--When and Where Will It Be Fought? And Why?

(Concluded)

The "battle of the great day of God" at Armageddon foretold in the prophecy of Rev. 16:12-16 seems ominously near. It is in sight. The great war now raging in Europe and Asia Minor is preparing the nations for Armageddon. So great and so terrible is this war that it is being called the war of Armageddon.

As dreadful as this devastating struggle is coming to be we do not think it is the Armageddon of the Apocalypse. There are some specifications of the prophecy yet to be fulfilled before the "battle of the great day of God" can be fought at Armageddon. One of these is the utter overthrow of the Turkish empire not only in Europe but in Asia as well. The disintegration of Turkey has been going steadily and surely on for a hundred years. Now its downfall is definitely decreed by the great powers of Europe and the decree is being executed. Its western boundary has already been pressed toward its center until it is within a few miles of Constantinople, the heart of the empire. Now the allies are steadily pressing the eastern boundary back toward the center.

### TRAGIC OBSEQUIES

The tragic character of what is now taking place in Turkey is expressed by Albert Bushnell Hart, Professor of History in the University of Harvard, as follows:—

"Tragic as are the obsequies of a soldier, how much more tragic are the obsequies of a nation, the last ceremonies over a proud empire which for half a millennium has caused its people to rejoice and its enemies to tremble.

"That is what the world is witnessing now. The "Sick Man" of Turkey is dying at last. The government offices are open; Constantinople is there; twenty millions of Turkish subjects still live;

hundreds of thousands of men are called soldiers, and a score of vessels name themselves a navy. Nevertheless Turkey is seeing its last days. It may live weeks, months, perhaps a few years, but the end is in sight; the country is dying."

Yes, "Turkey is dying," it is "seeing its last days." "That," says Professor Hart, "is what the world is witnessing now." And that is precisely what the prophets foretold. Daniel said, "he shall come to his end and none shall help him." Dan. 11:45. John said Turkey would be "dried up." And both of these prophets declared that Turkey's end would be accompanied by the greatest trouble the world has ever known. Said Daniel: "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation to that same time." Dan. 12:1. St. John declared that when the Turkish Empire should be "dried up" the way would be "prepared" made ready, for the deceived, war-maddened nations to gather at Armageddon for "the war of the great day of God Almighty." Rev. 16:13-16.

While Turkey is being "dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared," the "spirits of demons working signs" are "going forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God."

These predictions were written thousands of years ago, and now they are in process of fulfillment. The generation now living is watching the fulfillment as it is told each morning in the daily papers. How serious these daily events are. How full of meaning to the world. Oh that all living would see and realize their meaning.

The prophet Joel foresaw this time and the tremendously serious events now transpiring. He saw the war spirit, the anger of the nations. He heard the universal proclamation of war. He saw such colossal preparations for war that it ap-

peared as though the nations were turning their implements of agriculture into instruments of warfare and destruction. He saw the nations, awakened, aroused, maddened, gathering in the land of Palestine for battle. And there he saw their overthrow and utter destruction. His prophecy should be read with the greatest care by all the world just now. Here is his graphic description:—

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:9-14.

### THE TIME OF THE LAST STRUGGLE

This world-gathering of the infuriated nations for battle takes place when "the day of the Lord is near." The war they will wage will be "the war of the great day of God" foretold by John in the Revelation.

In this terrible time the "Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16. Daniel gives the same assurance. He says: "At that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12:1.

### PLACE OF LAST CONFLICT

These prophets all agree as to the time of this world-war—it is when the day of the Lord is near. They all agree, also, re-

garding the general place of gathering for the last great clash of the nations. They all name the land of Palestine as the storm center around which the nations will gather. Daniel points to the "glorious holy mountain." John names "Armageddon," and Joel points to the "valley of Jehoshaphat."

These places are all in the land of Palestine. The "glorious holy mountain," to which Daniel points (11:45) is Mount Zion on which Jerusalem stands. Dan. 9: 16; Zech. 8:3. Armageddon, named by John (Rev. 16:16) is also in Palestine. Of this place Johnson, in his *Universal Cyclopaedia* says:—

"Armageddon (mount Megiddo): the Plain of Esdraelon, the great battle-field of the Old Testament."

The definition given in the *Encyclopaedia Americana* is as follows:—

"Armageddon, the great battle-field where occurred the chief conflicts between the Israelites and their enemies. The name was applied to the tableland of Esdraelon in Galilee and Samaria, in the center of which stood the town of Megiddo, on the site of the modern Lejjun" the Roman Legio.

According to these definitions Armageddon embraces more than the town and mountain of Megiddo. It stands for the whole Plain of Esdraelon in which Megiddo stood. Of the Plain of Esdraelon Hastings gives an excellent description. Although somewhat lengthy it is worth reading. He says:—

"Esdraelon.—This is the Greek way of writing the Hebrew name Jezreel—'God saweth'—the royal city of Ahab and Jezabel, which, standing on the eastern edge, gave its name to 'the great plain' of central Palestine. . . . It may be described generally as triangular in form. It is bounded by irregular lines, drawn from the foot of Carmel, along the northern edge of the low hills which join Carmel to the Samaritan mountains to Jenin; from Jenin to the base of Mt. Tabor; and thence under the Nazareth hills back to Carmel. The southern boundary is the longest, extending some twenty miles; the other two are nearly equal, being each about fifteen miles in length. . . . We have practically one continuous plain from the sea-shore to the lip of the Jordan valley. There is the plain of Acre, running up to gorge at the eastern end of Carmel; the great central plain spreading north and south, and rolling east to the base of Gilboa and Little Hermon, the general elevation of which is about 200 feet above the sea-level; then the vale of Jezreel, which in the twelve miles from Zerin to Beisan, sinks 600 feet before falling steeply into the Jordan valley. . . .

"The plain owed its importance chiefly to its central position, and to the great highways that lay athwart it. The main

gateways of entrance were five in number.

(1) That coming down from the north between Tabor and the Nazareth hills, guarded by the fortress on the mountain. (2) That from the east, up the vale of Jezreel, commanded by the city. (3) The approach from the south by Jenin. (4) That up Wady Arah into the plain by the old stronghold Megiddo, now Lejjun. (5) That through the pass under Carmel, from the plain of Acre. . . .

"During the long period of the Jewish wars, the plain often resounded with the tramp and the noise of battle. In the vision of the Jewish-Christian seer, Rev. 16:14, 16, the most fitting place whither 'the kings of the whole world shall be gathered together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty,' is the level reaches, so often drenched in blood, which take their name from 'the place which is called in the Hebrew tongue Hor Magedon.'" —*Dictionary of the Bible* by James Hastings M. A. D. D.

#### JEZREEL

Esdraelon, Hastings tells us, is the "Greek way of writing the Hebrew name Jezreel." Of Jezreel the Schaff-Herzog *Encyclopedia* says:

"Jezreel is the largest plain in the mountain land of Israel, and is therefore called the 'valley' Judges 5:15; 1 Sam. 31:7 and 'the great plain' Macc. 12:49. It was of great significance in commerce, and the road from Egypt led by three branches to the southern edge was crossed by the road from Samaria to Galilee. This made it a continual cause of strife.

"The Israelites first gained possession of it by the victory of Berek and Deborah Judges 5 though the Canaanites retained possession of Megiddo, Ibleam, Taanach, and Dor until the time of the kings." Judges 1:27.

The valley of Jehoshaphat is explained by Fausset as follows:

"Valley of Jehoshaphat, Joel 3:2, 12, parallel to Zech. 14:2-4. . . . A Jehoshaphat means 'the judgment of Jehovah,' 'the valley of Jehoshaphat' is probably the general name for the scene of His judgment, Jehoshaphat's victory every the godless horde that sought to dispossess Judah typifying the last victory over the anti-Christian host that shall seek to dispossess restored Israel. That this shall be the Holy Land seems likely from Zechariah's definite mention of Olivet. . . .

"The words of Joel is Emek which means a spacious valley, not a narrow ravine (for which the term is nacha) such as the valley of Kedron. In Joel 3:14 'the valley of Jehoshaphat' is called 'the valley of decision,' or 'excisions' where the foes shall meet their determined doom.

"Armageddon in Rev. 16:16 corresponds: from har a mountain, and Megiddo the valley of Jezreel the great battlefield of

Canaan, where godly Josiah fell before Pharaoh Necho. Some great plain antitypical to the valleys will probably be the scene of the last conflict."

From the scriptures to which reference has been made, and from the definitions and explanations given by reliable scholars, it seems plain that the general gathering place of the nations for the War of Armageddon is in Syria and Palestine along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

A. G. DANIELLS.

## U N I O N

### The Monster Theater Meetings At Pittsburgh

The auditorium of the Carnegie Library, Homewood, Pittsburgh, Pa., a splendid hall, mahogany finished, and seating about 600, was hired for the Columbia Union Conference March 13 to 20. This was used for the day sessions of the union and for some ordinary night work. There was a splendid enrollment, about 250 delegates and visitors, to say nothing of the local Pittsburghers, for our business sessions. In addition we had special night sessions.

We had planned to get one of the big auditoriums in the city for the two Sunday nights, the one preceding the session and the one on which it closed, for the presentation of the truth. After much searching around the city we were considerably disappointed until we took up a list of theaters. The last one we telephoned to was the Pitt Theater, which is considered the largest and most modern in the city. Mr. Patch, the manager, made an appointment to meet us the next day at eleven o'clock. We went down to his suite of rooms; one of the "subs" was not going to let us in until we told him we had an appointment with the manager. Mr. Patch was greatly surprised that we should want the theater for a Sunday night meeting as he said his regular price was \$100.00. He asked us what we wanted it for. We tried in a general way to tell him, and then he put the question point blank to us whether or not we wanted it to pound other denominations. We replied, "Mr. Patch, you know about this colossal war which is going on in Europe. Well we believe that this is a subject of prophecy in the Bible. And we believe the people of Pittsburgh ought to hear about it. That is why we want the theater." Then he broke loose immediately. He said, "I am glad of that because I think the people of America need awakening, and if they need awakening on any subject it is this one." He said he was an American born and had traveled all over the world, but thought Americans were the most luxurious, pleas-

ure-loving, indifferent nation on the face of the earth; and if war should break out against this country the United States would be beaten into a shapeless pulp; that there was no cohesion, no esprit de corp, and that every man was running his own show. We said to him, "Mr. Patch, do you know that you yourself are fulfilling prophecy? The very things that you are saying are what the Bible says men at this time would be saying and it is because of you and a lot of other men in this city who ought to know these things that we want to present the subject next Sunday night."

So he let us have the theater for \$75.00 a night for the two weeks. Moreover, he offered us the use of his theatrical newspaper, a little booklet with many pages descriptive of plays, actors, etc., and gave us a couple of pages in which to advertise our meeting. We advertised our meeting pretty thoroughly in the newspapers and asked Elder A. G. Daniells to present the subject of the evening, which was entitled, "The Call to Arms; Is America yet to be involved?"

Needless to say we had the theater packed. Elder A. V. Parsons had done thorough work in advertising while Elder F. H. Robbins carried forward full preparations for the coming union session. The theater seats two thousand but that night there was out fully 2,500. We had little cards distributed in the audience asking all who wanted to give their names for this lecture to write them on the card and give it to the ushers as they passed out. Before the lecture we took up an offering and they gave us \$131.45. When the meeting closed and we looked over the cards, we found that 700 people had left behind their cards to receive a copy of the evening's lecture. Amongst these were three ministers, one of the leading lawyers of the city, and other prominent men.

A meeting was advertised for the next Sunday night. By this time Dr. Morgan of Philadelphia, the pipe organist for the big John Wanamaker store, offered to come and play for us. He sent us word, saying that if we wished he would come up the next Sunday night and give a special pipe organ recital on the big pipe organ in the theater. Dr. Morgan used to be professor of music in the Pittsburgh University, as well as organist of the Trinity Episcopal Church. He has hosts of friends in the city and those of the best class of people. Wanamaker called him after he had purchased the big pipe organ at the St. Louis Exposition which is today considered the biggest in the world.

Some said it was the biggest religious meeting they ever had in Pittsburgh. Over 3,000 people packed the theater with every available space as well as seating room packed. Hundreds of Dr. Morgan's

special friends were turned away that night, unable to get seats. Over one thousand people were turned away that night, unable to be accommodated. Dr. Morgan also brought with him from Philadelphia a new piece to which he has set music, entitled, "Come Out of the Trenches, Boys." A double quartet of our young men attending the Union Conference sang it. The words were written by Mr. Bloom, a lawyer of Philadelphia, who is deeply interested in the war question. As the music is still in the proof sheets, I was at Philadelphia yesterday morning and Doctor Morgan showed me a little line additional which he had put on the front page of the proof sheets, at the bottom saying,—"As sung by the Double Quartet at the Monster Mass Meeting Pittsburgh, March 19, 1916, on the occasion of the presentation by A. G. Daniells, entitled, 'Changing the Map of Europe'."

We have about 1,500 names of prominent people to follow up in the way of literature and giving Bible Readings, etc.

The third meeting was held in the Pitt Theater Sunday night, April 2. The meeting had been well advertised and a good audience was out. The third gallery had only a few in it but the main auditorium and the second gallery were filled, in all about 1700 people. An usher, who knew Pittsburgh people well, said that the boxes were occupied by some of the best people of the city.

The Lord blessed Elder Daniells in the presentation of the message. The subject was: "After the War, What?" Many expressions of appreciation were heard after the service. The collection amounted to \$84.63. Many more names were handed in for reading matter on the lectures.

It was with deep regret that Elder Daniells could not be secured to carry on the Sunday meeting. However, as he had previous appointments throughout Maine, the West Pennsylvania brethren decided to select a substitute speaker and see if the work could in some way be carried on. An effort is being made to get in touch with those who handed in their names, in hopes that some interested ones may be found.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### The Summer School

No doubt the primary teachers and others will be anxious to know something more definite about the summer school at the Washington Missionary College. It was planned to have the calendar ready for mailing by this time, but a member of the faculty has been called to China and it has taken further time to secure another.

Please get in touch with your conference Educational Superintendent and have definite plans laid for attending. The ex-

act date of opening has not been announced, but the opening day will be about June 1.

Send in your name for a calendar.

C. L. STONE.

## OHIO

### Progress in Ohio

The campaign in behalf of missions and the educational fund for our academy and college is making splendid progress.

At the date of this writing (April 9) I have visited 16 churches in Ohio. The campaign has proven a most interesting and profitable one. Three things are being accomplished.

1. We are adding fuel to the missionary flame so that the mission funds in every church will exceed 20 cents a week per member for 1916.

2. The hearts of the young people are being touched as they see the situation in all the world and many are reconsecrating their lives to God for service and are getting in line so that they may find their place at home or abroad.

3. The educational fund which is being raised so as to put our schools where they can quickly train the young people within our borders, is rapidly growing.

The last week there have been two specially bright experiences. In Toledo in spite of the street car strike and a stormy morning \$600 were subscribed. One brother in that church subscribed for five full shares or \$250, the largest single subscription yet made by one individual to this fund.

In Cleveland, the Spirit of the Lord came very near, and in just a few minutes of busy work by the ushers among the congregation card to the value of \$1362.50 were brought up and laid upon the altar, and there are a number of cards yet to come in from that church.

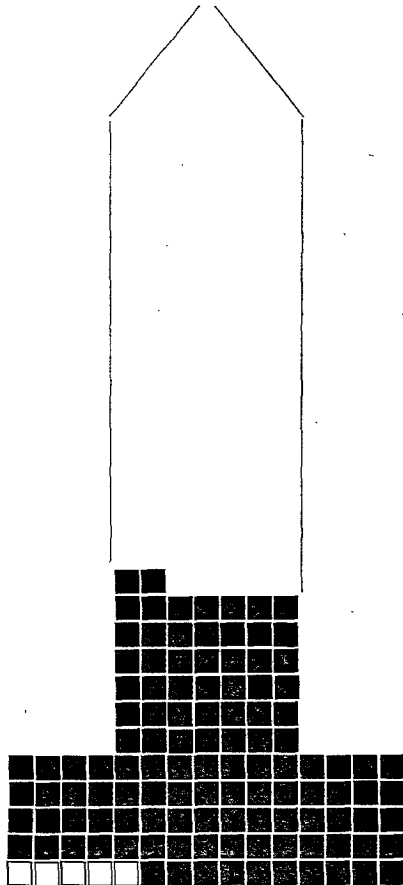
At Springfield a gentleman who was not an Adventist signed a card for a full share, \$50 and a day or so later sent over his check for the same. In several churches those not members of our church have taken hold and lifted with us. More than \$300 has already been given in Ohio in this way.

The fund at present stands as follows:

Wash. M. C. and Church	\$ 5000 00
Balance Dist. of Columbia	2000 00
Mt. Vernon Academy and Church	2700 00
Balance Ohio to date	4626 75
Total to April 9	\$14,326 75

I have four more churches to visit in Ohio. Other workers will visit the remaining churches in the conference. In my next letter I will give a list of the churches visited in Ohio with amounts pledged by each.

The hand of our God is still with us for good. Any who read these lines who have not yet had part or lot in this matter, send at once to conference office for a pledge card and invest in your share of this fund as it grows. GEO. F. ENOCH.



A MONUMENT FOR THE FINISHING  
OF THE WORK  
THE W. M. C. and M. V. A. EDUCATIONAL  
FUND

Entire Amount Required	\$27,000
Amount Pledged April 9,	\$14,326.75
Cash Paid to April 20	\$497.92

Each square represents \$100. Black squares  
pledges, white squares cash received.

WATCH THE MONUMENT GROW.

## NEW JERSEY

### Sabbath School News Notes

What would you think of a Sabbath school of forty-one members which raised \$143.31 for missions for the quarter? Wouldn't you call that doing well? Jersey City German Sabbath school has a record like this.

There were six Sabbath schools in the conference which set goals this past quarter and more than reached them: Bridgeton, Camden, Cape May Court House, Newark, Paterson, Swedesboro.

One little New Jersey Sabbath school member was asked recently by her day teacher to make sentences containing the words humble and created. Quick as thought she wrote, "God resisteth the proud; but giveth grace to the humble," and "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth". The teacher seemed quite impressed, and asked where the small girl learned these texts. She was able to answer, "In Sabbath school".

About one hundred and fifty Perfect Attendance Cards were issued this past quarter; though this number is not large, it is a beginning, and let us plan to have a much better record for the coming three months.

One teacher of the childrens' division used the little devise of a small boy climbing a ladder, to indicate the weekly progress of offerings to missions. The children were wonderfully interested, and as week by week the climber drew nearer and nearer the top of the ladder the interest climbed higher too. The needs of the mission field were kept before them, and when the thirteenth Sabbath came, how much do you suppose those children had raised during the quarter? Over \$18.

Another Sabbath school made good use of the mission barrels, and on the thirteenth Sabbath the children brought in very nearly sixteen dollars for the Philippines. It pays to plan for the thirteenth Sabbath.

Watch out for news of Rally Day. It is coming. We want it to be a grand success in New Jersey. Carefully preserve your May numbers of the *Sabbath School Worker*, for every available copy will be needed.

### News Notes

Within the last two weeks over three thousand pounds of books have arrived at the office. These are books procured at a bargain for the purpose of helping our colporteurs.

Elder Sandborn is in Burlington at the present time, completing final arrangements for the dedication of the new church, which will take place April 23.

Sister Iden was in Camden last Sabbath, and visited the Young People's society there. The young people are making quilts for the needy South as one special enterprise.

Recently Elder G. W. Spies of Bridgeton made a pleasant call at the office. The same day Elder T. H. Branch of Philadelphia also stopped here.

Last week we received an excellent report from Brother Andrew Hansen, who has again entered the colporteur work.

Brother Lawry went to Newark this week to check up the church treasurer's books of the Bohemian church.

Brother Barritt is in Sussex for a few days assisting Brother Hansen in the colporteur work.

Elder A. G. Daniells was in Paterson last Sunday evening. News has just been received that the hall where the services were conducted was full.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### The Work in Pittsburgh

I will send for many fishers

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the Land of Egypt." Jer. 16:14. It seems that the experience of the people of God will at the time referred to in this prophecy be a living present one. To them it is not so much what the Lord did for their fathers and forefathers, but what he is doing for them personally and collectively as they engage in his work of soul saving. This is what they rejoice in, and relate as they gather together for worship or as they meet each other on the street or in the home. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard", "and they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Mal. 3:16,17.

We are living in the gathering time; the time of harvest; the time of which it is said, "Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Ezek. 16:16.

"In the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the rearth," verse 19. We have reached the time here predicted. We are living in the "day of affliction" of the Gentiles, when hearts will be touched by the Spirit of God, and will turn to him for help. At that time God will send forth "many fishers" and "many hunters," "and they shall fish them", "and they shall hunt them." The work referred to here, the work which is called for, is personal work.

Most of the fruit that is gathered from this time forth will be hand picked.

Every consecrated church member will have a part in it.

The question has often come up, "how shall we reach the people of our large populous cities?" In the verses here quoted we have the answer. What God is calling for today is *many* fishers, and *many* hunters, to go into the high places occupied by men of prominence, and into the holes, occupied by business men, and into the homes of the people. "This is the work now before us. All our praying and abstinence from food will avail nothing unless we resolutely lay hold of this work." Vol. 2:34

In the city of Pittsburgh a beginning has been made to do this work and results which bring courage, and good cheer to the hearts of the workers are already witnessed. The name of those who requested reading matter after listening to the addresses given at the Pitt Theatre have been divided up among the workers. These people are being sought out. We are surprised to find how willing these men and women are to listen and how attentive they are to all that is said. This affords opportunity to hand them other literature in which they manifest special interest. We see wonderful possibilities before us, as this work is taken up in the spirit of Christ, by the leaders and by members of the church.

This is what may be termed true medical missionary work. We go out in the fear of God to do as occasion may serve. It was evidently to this work Sister White referred when she said, "I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work."

To do this work it is necessary for workers to meet together frequently for prayer and counsel, and to learn in the school of Christ the best methods to adopt in helping the people. "The message from the Lord is, that the long neglected cities, which have had so little attention, are now to be entered. God says, 'Enter the cities. Give the inhabitants in the cities the call to prepare for the coming of the Lord.'"

"My message is let companies be organized to enter the cities. Seek proper locations for holding the meetings. Circulate literature, make earnest efforts to reach the people." We are told, "If our cities are to be worked, *everyone of us* who knows the truth must put on the gospel armor; and through sanctification of the truth we shall receive from the Lord the help that we must have."

The workers in this city request the prayers of our people everywhere. We are assured that results will be seen as this work is taken up.

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

"Great talkers, small doers."

## An Experience

"The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvassers, and walking with them, is the chief worker." How comforting and encouraging are these words! Many times in his experience the faithful colporteur is especially reminded of this fact.

Perhaps at a time when conditions bring a feeling of gloom into his heart, Providence permits the sunshine to dispel the gloom and darkness from the path of his faithful worker.

Last week an experience was related to us by Brother Buttermore, which shows that the Lord Jesus not only walks beside the worker, but oftentimes sends his angels before him to prepare the way. We quote from his letter.

"God has manifested his guiding hand in the work to me this past week. I entered a home in Millsboro where we had been working two weeks ago. While there I met a young man about twenty-one years of age who requested some information about baptism. He had asked the minister to immerse him, but was refused. I explained the Bible mode of baptism, and found him to be in perfect harmony.

"The mother of the home seemed to be intensely interested. They seemed to have light on many of the points of our faith. But the peculiar, or rather miraculous part of it all is that upon coming up to the house, the young man told his mother the preacher was coming. 'No,' his mother replied, 'this is the man whom I saw in my dream last night.' After exhibiting 'Bible Readings', she said it was the very same book she saw in her dream. When I reached the house I was invited in as an expected guest.

"I feel our faith is too weak many times. We do not expect enough of God's help. This experience is worth much to me. Those people certainly will accept the truth. This is only one of the many evidences of God's directing power."

There must be many more who would like to taste of these experiences which will help them individually in their warfare with the enemy of souls.

The night is at hand. Let the church arise and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message." Vol. 9 page 26. Through the medium of the printed page all can do something in this great work of warning the world of Jesus' soon coming. I should be glad to hear from anyone who wishes to utilize his talent and capabilities in this important branch of the Lord's work.

H. K. CHRISTMAN, 508 Green St., Greensburg, Penn.

"Those who feed on the Bread of Life will never suffer from spiritual indigestion."

## VIRGINIA

### Portsmouth

On April 1 and 2 was held a general meeting at Portsmouth, Va. On account of the death in the New Port News church it was not possible for many from that company to attend. A good attendance from the Portsmouth and Norfolk companies marked the meetings throughout.

Aside from the general instruction and sermons upon topics of the hour, special attention was given to the Sabbath-school work and the temperance work. Papers had been prepared on topics relating to the Sabbath-school, and these were discussed freely by all, thus contributing the various experiences that could be gathered in a wide field of work.

On Sunday afternoon, the temperance rally was held. The special interest in this was the attendance of the members of a temperance league from Port Norfolk. This league is maintained by Mrs. Roach, a member of the Portsmouth church. She has much prejudice to meet in her vicinity, but through the effort to organize and instruct the youth of her neighborhood, she has been able to give much valuable instruction and has made material progress in allaying prejudice.

The series closed with a stirring sermon by the president of the conference, Elder W. C. Moffett. Hearts were stirred as he brought the evidence from the Word that the final struggle is almost upon us and with it the judgment of all men. Soon the reign of peace will be ushered in and the Prince of Peace will come to his own.

C. L. STONE.

### Virginia Conference

The thirty-third annual session of the Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Richmond, Va., May 25 to June 4, 1916, in connection with the annual camp-meeting. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and to one additional delegate for each ten members. Delegates should be elected properly by churches, and credentials sent to F. N. Johnson, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va. A full delegation is desired from all our churches.

W. C. MOFFETT, President.

F. N. JOHNSON, Secretary.

### Virginia Conference Agency

The Virginia Conference Agency of Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated,

will hold its next annual session in connection with the Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Richmond, Va., May 25 to June 4, 1916. The first meeting of the session will be held at 10 A. M., Monday, May 29. The delegates of the Virginia Conference in session constitute the constituency.

W. C. MOFFETT, *President.*

F. N. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

### Yale and Danville

During the week of February 13, it was the privilege of the writer to visit the church at Yale, Va. This church is composed entirely of Russians, the Russian language being used exclusively in all services with the exception of the Young Peoples'. It was necessary therefore, to speak through an interpreter, an entirely new experience. Meetings were held each night beginning with Thursday. On the Sabbath there was continual meeting practically from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. At the close of the preaching service a testimony meeting was conducted. In this service, all of the testimonies were given in the Russian, but through the courtesy of Brother Olenic, the translator, some idea was gained of the import of what the brethren and sisters were saying.

The members of the church were so well pleased with the meetings that they insisted upon an extra meeting Saturday night. At the Missionary Volunteer meeting in the afternoon, a talk on the study of the Bible was given, at the close of which a large number pledged themselves to read the Bible through during the year. It does seem strange that people need so much urging to partake of the bread of life. Surely no one needs to be urged to eat physical food! Monday night was the last meeting. On Tuesday morning, a large number of the male members were at the railroad station to say farewell. The whole experience meeting with these whole souled brethren was very refreshing after laboring among the artificial classes of the cities.

After Yale the next place visited was Danville, where there is an African church and a lone white Sabbath keeper. Several good seasons were had together during which all received a rich blessing and renewed courage to press the battle.

Everywhere we find the people calling for the message. Who is helping to give it? Are you?

### WEST VIRGINIA

#### An Experience

While out canvassing, one of our col-porteurs saw a little home that did not look very inviting, so decided he would not stop there, as they would not be able to buy a book. He was driving a horse

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 7, 1916									
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	6	53	1	2 50	6 75	9 25	1 50
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	49					60 00
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	4	45	3	12 00		12 00	127 65
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		GC	5	45	11	34 00	5 25	39 25	7 50
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		CK	5	45	17	51 00	2 25	53 25	1 50
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		CK	5	43	7	21 00	6 75	27 75	30 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	43	2	6 00	5 95	11 95	81 50
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	41	12	38 00	2 50	40 50	45 50
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	5	40	4	12 00		12 00	69 50
A. Gackenheimer, Perry Co.		BR	5	40	15	45 00	50	45 50	3 00
Will Price, Perry Co.		BR	5	38	16	49 00	7 75	56 75	1 00
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	4	37	7	25 00	6 00	31 00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	4	36	15	25 00	2 00	27 00	4 50
Ira Rickett, Adams Co.		CK	4	35	7	21 00	4 50	25 50	1 50
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	4	35	10	31 00	6 00	37 00	75
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	5	30	6	9 00	2 75	11 75	13 25
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	4	26	16	60 00	2 75	62 75	1 00
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	2	22					60 00
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	4	27	12	39 00	9 25	48 25	16 00
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	3	23	4	12 00	19 60	31 60	3 00
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	5	22	6	16 00		16 00	4 10
J. I. Midkiff, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	4	22	11	37 00	14 25	51 25	75
G. W. Yingling, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	4	22	4	13 00	14 70	27 70	1 50
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	3	21	2	7 00		7 00	110 50
Mrs. M. Miller, Portsmouth		CK	5	20	3	4 50		4 50	13 10
H. O. Kohr, Dayton		BFL	4	19	21	32 50	5 25	37 75	8 25
Ira M. Rickett, Adams Co.		CK	2	18					32 50
C. J. Fritz, Hocking Co.		BR	3	15		7 00	75	7 75	
L. McDonald, Cincinnati		BF	3	14	7	10 50		10 50	
Totals	27 Agents		120	929	222	\$620 00	\$125 50	\$745 55	\$669 65
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 7, 1916									
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.		BR	5	33	11	33 00	10 00	43 00	72 35
A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.		PPF	5	43	6	15 50	15 55	31 05	66 45
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.		BR	3	16	8	25 00		25 00	6 35
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.		BR	4	24		30 00	4 50	34 50	54 95
W. H. House, Elk Co.		DR	5	32	4	12 00		12 00	35 65
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		Misc	4	36	24		7 05	7 05	7 05
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.		BR	5	29	15	57 00	7 25	64 25	60 00
John Morley, McKean Co.		BF	5	23	27	89 50	50	90 00	50
H. Riemann, Allegheny Co.		GC	3	19	7	25 00	2 50	27 50	4 25
G. Rager, Indiana Co.		RF	4	26	24	36 00	2 00	38 00	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		CK	5	43	38	33 00	10 00	43 00	7 10
Totals	11 Agents		49	324	174	\$356 00	\$59 35	\$415 35	\$314 65
West Virginia, Week Ending April 7, 1916									
J. S. Seal, Summers Co.		BR	4	28	15	49 00	9 30	58 30	2 10
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.		BR	7	56	20	65 00	9 60	74 60	1 20
J. S. Monroe, Wetzel Co.		BR	2	18					142 00
J. S. Seal, Summers Co.		BR	5	29	17	53 00	7 40	60 40	1 40
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	32	2	6 00	8 50	14 50	84 50
J. W. Brando, Marion Co.		BR	4	26	8	30 00		30 00	28 50
W. H. Wilcox, Hardy Co.		BR	2	13	4	13 00		13 00	
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.		BR	5	33	7	12 00	2 25	14 25	46 00
J. R. Medlin, Preston Co.		COL	5	35	19	23 75	22 00	45 75	15 25
Mrs. G. Earl Snyder, Clarksburg		Misc	3	9	18	20 30		20 30	7 60
Miscellaneous					10	16 00	5 45	21 45	1 50
Magazines						12 00		12 00	12 00
Totals	11 Agents		42	356	120	\$300 05	\$64 50	\$364 55	\$342 55
New Jersey, Week Ending April 7, 1916									
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.		BR	3	24	15	50 00	5 90	55 90	
Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co.		BR	5	43	8	24 00	25 00	49 00	
Edward J. Wood, Camden Co.		BR	5	41	6	20 00	7 50	27 50	28 50
Totals	3 Agents		13	108	29	\$94 00	\$38 40	\$132 40	\$28 50

## Virginia, Week Ending April 7, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	5	30	11	33 00		33 00	71 75
Harry Wright, Henrico Co.	BR	3	20	7	21 00		21 35	53 50
C. E. Overstreet, Bedford Co.	BFL	5	43	28	47 50	1 35	48 85	70
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.	BFL	4	30	13	21 00	3 85	24 85	35 10
B. A. Ellis, Warwick Co.	BFL	5	33	20	36 90	70	37 60	42 60
Mattie Jemerson, Pittsylvania Co.	BFL	4	21	20	20 25	2 50	22 75	
W. E. Carter, Middlesex Co.	BEL							15 00
W. D. Butler, Prince George Co.	CK	6	34	20	34 00	3 15	37 15	
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	38	8	12 00	6 80	18 80	1 30
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	40	4	12 00	4 05	16 05	4 05
Totals	10 Agents	42	289	131	\$237 65	\$22 75	\$260 40	\$224 00

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 7, 1916

W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.	PPF	5	46	17	37 00	1 50	38 50	4 75
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	29	9	16 00	10 75	26 75	129 25
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	41	6	13 50	1 85	15 35	71 00
F. A. Brownell, Montrose Co.	BR	2	17					137 00
Grant Friddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	32	21	10 50		10 50	4 00
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				10 15		10 15	10 15
Totals	6 Agents				\$87 15	\$14 10	\$101 25	\$356 15

## Chesapeake, Week Ending April 7, 1916

C. W. Jenkins, Hagerstown	BR	4	28	18	56 00	8 00	64 00	5 50
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	1	13			5 85	5 75	3 65
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	4	26	4	14 00	6 00	20 00	31 30
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co. Md.	BR	3	17	6	18 00	1 00	19 00	30 00
B. Hohensee, Worcester Co.	DR	8	58	20	62 00	11 10	73 10	1 00
Raymond Hare, Worcester Co.	PPF		20	23	46 00	5 55	51 55	50
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	3	24	1	2 00	2 25	4 25	80 75
D. W. Percy, Caroline Co.	PPF		60	7	14 00	13 00	27 00	94 25
M. S. Pettibone, Frederick	Mag							10 10
Totals	8 Agents	23	246	79	\$212 00	\$52 75	\$264 75	\$246 95

Grand Totals: 76 Agents Value of Orders \$1906 85 Deliveries, \$2182 45

and just as the horse came to that house it stopped and refused to go farther. The colporteur said, "Well, I suppose the Lord wants me to stop here." He went in, and found the husband of that home sick. He showed his book, and they readily gave an order. The colporteur said to them, "I am not a minister, but would be glad to have a word of prayer with you." With tears in their eyes, they both said they would be glad to have him do so. They told him to wait until they called in their hired hands. They called them in and the colporteur read a few texts of Scripture, such as Ps. 34:19; 46:1; Job 34:28, then he prayed with them. I am sure that family could say as Laban, "The Lord has blessed us for your sake."

Regardless of the appearance, never pass by one house without ministering to the needs of all. H. F. KIRK.

## OBITUARIES

WHITCOMB.—Lillian E. Whitcomb was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, February 12, 1874. She accepted present truth about ten years ago. She died at her home, in Ramah, N. J., March 21, 1916, after a lingering illness, at the age of 42 years. She was buried in Bridgeton, N. J., March 25. Sister Whitcomb will be greatly missed. Her husband, Guy M. Whitcomb, four children, two sis-

ters, and other relatives and friends, are left to mourn their loss. In her home, Sister Whitcomb was an affectionate wife and a devoted mother, in her church she was a faithful member and an untiring worker; in her community, she was a helpful neighbor, counselor and friend. She was laid away in the hope of having a part in "the resurrection of the just." The funeral was conducted from the home of the sister, Mrs. J. B. Callier, of Fairton, by the writer, assisted by the local Presbyterian pastor.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

MILLER.—Mrs. Caroline Miller was born in Perry Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1838. She died at Hamburg, Pa., March 23, 1916, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 17 days.

In her childhood she was reared under the religious instructions of the Reformed Church. Later she united with the Methodist Church. After further study of the Bible she accepted the faith as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, uniting with it and remaining a faithful member for about 17 years until the day of her death. Her membership was at Reading, Pa., where we have a large church. A few believers meet every Sabbath at Hamburg and Sister Miller has ever been most faithful in her attendance at these meetings, and also when able, going each quarter to Reading to par-

take of the communion with the large assembly.

Her death came very suddenly one day while she was sitting in her easy chair. She had for a few hours complained of what appeared to be a slight cold. Her daughter, Mrs. S. D. Bausher, who lived across the street, was present trying to make her comfortable. As Mrs. Bausher put her arms about her mother suggesting that she help her from the chair to the couch as it might be more comfortable, Sister Miller expressed herself as not desiring a change. Her daughter then gently placed her head back against the easy chair, and behold—the mother was dead! It was a shock to the daughter to have her mother die in her arms. But there is something sweet in its sadness. Thus without a struggle Sister Miller instantly fell asleep in Jesus. This is the way she had desired to fall asleep if she should not live to see the Master comes in glory. He granted her desire.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer at her residence in Hamburg. Elder C. S. Baum was present and the Methodist minister of the place offered the first prayer. Our text was Rev. 14:12-14. We outlined the faith and hope in which Sister Miller lived and died. Her life had spoken for itself concerning her being ready to close her record. The funeral was largely attended. We laid her away in the cemetery in Hamburg to rest until her Lord shall come to call her forth with immortal life and eternal joy to meet him in the air and thus "ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 3:13-18.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

## Mount Vernon Academy

## A Letter from Tennessee

Perhaps some of the readers of the VISITOR have been thinking of the sunny Southland. I came to Madison, Tennessee the fifth of July and will give a little report of things in general as they appear to me. The evenings last summer, with the exception of two or three, were cool enough to sleep with comfort. The days were bright and sunny and the more one worked the less he noticed the heat, and the long, beautiful autumn filled with sunshine, was indeed a delight.

We have had quite a little rain here this winter and snow a few times, but it soon melted away. Before coming South I wondered if I could stand the heat, now I feel that perhaps the mild weather is better for me than the cold of the North.

Last summer the Madison School raised an abundance of fruit; strawberries, plums, peaches and grapes, also a great variety of vegetables such as are raised in the North and some peculiar to the South that I have grown fond of. The school was very thankful for the abundance of fruit, as it was the first year with such a



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production. This shows what persevering faith, toil, and sacrifice will do on land that has produced little but rocks. Many busy hands were employed in the cannery. Several classes were excused that both teachers and students might assist. Thus the busy summer soon passed away.

One thing that attracted my attention on arriving at the school was the variety of industries offered for three weeks at the end of each term. I was especially interested in the boxwood furniture. In the young women's rooms I saw such nice looking furniture that they said they had made. I was delighted to know that women could make such tables, stands, windowseats, screens, dressers, bookcases etc, just out of boxes. There is quite an enthusiasm here for the ability of all kinds of work. This will prove a means of support when out in this needy mission field and also in foreign lands.

I love the South. We seem to need each other and my enthusiasm as a worker for the Master increases with the coming days. I will not tell you of the work among the mountaineers as doubtless you have read or are reading, "The Men of the Mountains."

In 1909 Sister White said, "The Lord expects far more of us than we have given him in unselfish service for the people of all classes in the southern states of America. This field lies at your very doors, and in it there is a great work to be done for the Master. This work must be done now, while the four angels continue to hold the four winds. There is no time to lose. . . . Shall we not hear of many, many volunteers who are ready to enter this field?"

"God will pour out his spirit upon those who respond to his call. In the strength of Christ they may do a work that will fill heaven with rejoicing."

I am glad to be in this southern field where there are such opportunities for pioneer work. Pray for the Southland.

CLARA PETIT.

Mrs. Gray of Coshocton, Ohio visited friends in Academia last week.

Miss Hazel Leach, a former student of the academy returned home recently. She has been canvassing in Pennsylvania for some time.

We were made sad to receive word of the death of Mrs. J. B. Clymer, wife of Professor J. B. Clymer, of Sheridan, Illinois. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Eleven students were baptized Sabbath afternoon, March 15.

Florence Ethel Sauder arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sauder, March 4.

Mr. Elmer French made a visit to his former home at Indiana, Pa., a short time ago.

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath, April 8 with the believers in Cleveland, Ohio.

Elder N. S. Ashton spent Sabbath, April 8, at Toledo, Ohio.

The new hen-house on the hill is progressing nicely. The frame work is already up.

Mr. John Holder enjoyed a visit from his father recently.

C. V. Leach, V. O. Panches, H. K. Christman, and H. F. Lirk, are here conducting a Colporteurs' Institute at the academy this week.

Elder Roy Cottrell and wife, returned missionaries from China, spent a few days at Mount Vernon Academy last week. He spoke to the students Friday night and to the church Sabbath morning. Elder Cottrell was a former student at the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christman are visiting friends and relatives here this week. Mr. Christman is also here to attend the Canvassers' Convention.

## Advertisements

STUDY AT HOME.—The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calander. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

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