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A Good New Year's Resolution

"Self-sacrifice is the keynote of the teachings of Christ. Often it is presented and enjoined in language that seems authoritative, because God sees that there is no other way to save man than to cut away from his life the selfishness, which, if retained, would degrade the whole being. We are to practice the same self-sacrifice that led Him to give Himself up to the death of the cross, to make it possible for human beings to have eternal life. In our expenditure of means we are to strive to fulfill the purpose of Him who is the alpha and omega of all Christian effort." Vol. IX, p. 49.

1917 promises to be the critical year in the great war now being fought out in Europe. That war may not be finished this year, but it seems clear that the matter will be settled this year as to who will eventually win. Now is this not also a critical year for you and me in our relation to the cause of God? It seems to me that this year is freighted with solemn responsibilities that no other year has ever brought. I believe that it will be the deciding factor in the lives of most of us.

We are living in a time of great prosperity, and in a land given over to pleasure and luxury. Extravagance is written opposite the names of the majority of the American people. This year has opened with a number of voices in leading periodicals calling attention to this fact, and calling on the people generally to halt and consider.

A THRIFTLESS NATION

This is the most prosperous nation in the world. The financial center of the world has shifted from the old world to the new. Wages are far and away higher here than any other country under the sun. Millions of dollars are spent here by the common people for those things which the wealthy of other lands do not enjoy. While this is all true, this nation is fifteenth among all the nations of earth in its savings-bank account. Fourteen countries outrank us in the amount of money their people lay up in the Savings Banks. In our land 66 out

of every 100 leave absolutely no estate at death. 97 out of every 100 who reach that age lose their earning power at 65 and become dependent on some one else. 25 out of every 100 leave only \$1300 at death and but nine out of every 100 leave as much as \$5000 at death. One and one-quarter million people are now dependent on the care of others who might have laid up sufficient to care for themselves had they not been so thriftless. 10,000,000 people spend \$1,000,000 on the movies every day of the year. One and one-fourth million families whose income is less than \$1500 per year, have automobiles. One bank alone in a certain city holds 1200 mortgages on automobiles.

It seems to the writer that these facts and figures furnish food for solemn and sober thought at the beginning of the new year. Dimes are the germs of dollars. Somebody is sowing a great crop, and someone else is reaping a golden harvest. Am I sowing this seed that is bringing fruitage in somebody else's garden?

Should I not resolve then to profit by the principle laid before us in the quotation from Vol. 9 that heads this article? Self-denial is a fundamental virtue, and our happiness does not depend on how much we have, or how much we spend, or how much we gratify the desires of the natural heart, but rather on the wholesome restraint that we place on our desires. The prevailing principle is to gratify our desires and whims unchecked. If we want a thing we just get it, regardless of whether we really need it, or can get along without it. As a leading periodical said, it is not really the high cost of living that is troubling the American nation, but the cost of high living.

The people in the war stricken countries of Europe are learning a great lesson. They are eliminating the luxuries; they are learning to live on only a fraction of what they used to live on, and are better off for it. For years after this war is over the lesson will be remembered and no doubt our cause in Europe will rally financially and become a great factor in the finishing of this work as a result.

But why can we not each one make a resolve that for 1917 we will bind about our wants, and spend no more than we really need? Ungratified desires and un-

restrained pride will no longer bear rule over us, but after spending the minimum on ourselves, we will plan to bring the largest possible amount to lay on the altar of the Lord for the finishing of His work on earth. All that we put now in the cause of God becomes ours forever. It is the only way we can lay up our money in heaven. GEO. F. ENOCH.

CHESAPEAKE

Work in Baltimore

The work has been prospered by the blessing of the Lord in the city of Baltimore.

Altogether, the past six months, three tent and theater meetings have been held by the city workers connected with the Baltimore Church No. 1. The attendance at these services has varied from 100 persons in the tent on rainy nights to 1500 at the largest theater meeting. The offerings have run from one or two dollars to \$50 nightly. Our tent services came out more than \$100 ahead on expense, aside from the salaries of the workers. The theater rents being so high, we fell some behind on the theater services.

Seventy-five have signed the Sabbath covenant during the time of the meetings. Forty of these have been added to the church. Others will follow later.

The five newspapers of the city have printed for us 150 articles varying from a news item one or two inches in length to an article a column and a half in length. The circulation of these papers amount to more than 500,000 copies daily. The interested ones have come from all parts of the city. Some that are keeping the Sabbath, and others who have united with the church, first heard of the meetings through the papers.

Associated with the writer were the following named workers: Brother and Sisters M. Pettibone and Miss Nora Ackerman have been with us during the time of the services. Elder S. T. Shadel labored with us until the tent season was over. Brother Glen Medairy has taken his place as Bible worker and director of music. Miss Edith Kimber was with our company until the first of October when she returned to Washington to take the nurse's course. Her place has been filled by Mrs. Laura E. Miller.

These workers have been kept more than busy calling on and giving Bible studies to the interested ones. Some 800 names of persons desiring literature and Bible studies have been handed to us during the services.

With a membership of 189, including the 40 new members, which have been added from time to time, the Baltimore No. 1 Church has carried 175,000 announcements to the homes of the people.

We were able to make a payment of \$500 on the church building debt besides the interest of \$90 and also raise our goal on the Ingathering of \$500.

The church is now divided into bands, all to do something to reach a goal of \$1250 as payment on the church debt May 1. This will mean hard work, considering the fact that the church building cost originally \$13000, and the members have been working for some years to get the debt reduced to its present amount of \$4,950.

Tonight, Jan. 7, we will begin another series of meetings in a hall on West Baltimore Street. We trust by the blessing of the Lord to be able to establish more fully some that have been keeping the Sabbath, and also to interest others that will unite with us.

The German and Colored Churches of Baltimore have also been blessed by a number of converts. Elder J. H. Werts reports eight additions, and Elder G. P. Rogers, who is in charge of the Colored work in the city, thirty-three, making 81 who have been added to the Adventist churches of Baltimore the past six months.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people for the work in this city.

A. S. BOOTH.

News Notes

Elder J. O. Miller spent several days in Rock Hall last week. While there he conducted the funeral of Sister Coleman, the oldest member of the Rock Hall Church. The same day Elder A. S. Booth conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Josephine Pettibone of Baltimore. We are sorry to record the death of these two sisters, but we believe they have both fallen asleep in Jesus, and simply await the call of the Life Giver.

Elder A. S. Booth began a series of meetings in the Moore Institute, 1230 West Baltimore St. The house will accommodate about 400, and it was well filled at the first meeting, Sunday night, Jan. 7.

Mrs. F. E. Hankins has gone to Washington to spend a few days with friends.

We have two colporteurs reporting this week. Both have done well and both have begun the year with the determination to work 1800 hours this year. They are O. C. Weller of Thurmont, and C. W. Jenkins of Hagerstown. We feel they deserve honorable mention.

Elder Miller will visit Whiteleysburg and perhaps some of the other churches on the Eastern Shore this week.

At the home of the bride's parents, in Rock Hall, Md., on Jan. 2, 1917, Harold McCaskey Britton, and Lillie Ella Coleman were united in marriage by the writer. They had intended to leave for their future home in Camden, N. J., the same day, but on account of the death and funeral of the bride's grandmother, they were detained till on Friday the 5th. Brother Britton is engaged in the carpenter work at present, but they both hope to be found working in some department of the Lord's work before long.

J. O. MILLER.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

Mrs. Helen M. Williams, who has charge of the Bible Worker's Training class in Washington Missionary College, spent the holiday vacation in Philadelphia, conducting an Institute for East Pennsylvania Bible Workers. Many helpful instructions were given and those young in the Bible Work were greatly benefitted by this institute. Those attending the studies were: Misses Jessie M. Weiss, Ida Poch, Maude Belmont, Sadie Detwiler, Mary Myles, Anna Speidel, Ruth Sterner and Reba Gardner.

Brother T. H. Barritt of the New Jersey Conference has been secured to take the position of Home Missionary Secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference. We ask for him the hearty cooperation of all our churches and Home Missionary Secretaries. His address for the present will be 4810 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Elder Thomas H. Brauch, our colored minister, is attending the Colored Workers' Institute at Huntsville, Ala.

Elder Virbrook Nutter held quarterly meeting services at Harrisburg, Jan. 6.

Miss Sadie Detwiler, one of our Bible workers, is visiting her mother and sisters at Takoma Park.

Brother Barritt will have large responsibilities with the music at the great Theatre meetings that are to commence in the Garrick Theatre in Philadelphia, Feb. 11. Pray for the success of this effort that is to be made by the Columbia Union and the East Pennsylvania Conferences to give the trumpet one long, loud blast in this great city. Philadelphia is the largest city in the Union and second largest in the East, being next to New York in size of all eastern cities. The Spirit of Prophecy has told us to work this city with strong efforts. It is time this should be done, for the time is near when we will have to leave the large cities preparatory to leaving the smaller ones, the Spirit of Prophecy tells us. The signs of the times clearly indicate that the large cities will before long be so full of unrest and trouble that it will be impossible to warn them. Now is the time to shake these great cities with a loud blast of the trumpet before we shall be compelled to leave them and before their day of grace shall have forever passed by.

Elder Richards was with the Williamsport Church Sabbath, Jan. 6, and conducted the annual business meeting as the minister in charge of that district could not be there at that time. Evening after Sabbath he went to Northumberland and visited with members of that church, counselling with them concerning the Home Missionary work. Sunday morning, Jan. 7, he was at Danville making arrangements concerning the care of the work there. Sunday afternoon he met with the Wilkes Barre Church and conducted their annual business meeting, assisted by Elder F. A. Harter who is just leaving that North East District to take up work in Pittsburgh, and by Elder V. Nutter, who has temporarily been given charge of that district until another minister can be secured to take the work permanently. At this meeting the church elected its officers for 1917 and made further plans, looking toward the building of their new church. These plans are now taking new life and look very encouraging. This will be the first church building owned by our people in that whole Wyoming Valley. Monday was spent in looking at available lots and in council with those having the enterprise in charge.

We wish you all "A Happy New Year" and many rich blessings from the Lord every day of it.

I'm called away by particular business, but I leave my character behind me.

—Sheridan.

VIRGINIA

The Week of Prayer Spent
with the Churches

"And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to waken out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof." Rom. 13:11-14.

These verses seem to voice the sentiment of the three churches I visited during the Week of Prayer. While the text of Rev. 12:17 is clearly proving true, yet with all the testing and shaking it is good to know that there "Shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." Amos 9:9 and "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13. The power of God and His gospel is much stronger than the adversary, and as it has its way in the hearts and lives of men and women, we see them growing more affectionate for the brethren, the things of God, and His remnant church.

The Portsmouth Church manifested a very deep interest in these readings. A short time before the Week of Prayer the Home Missionary Society was largely responsible for having the church building painted and decorated both inside and out. This new, clean appearance had an inspiring effect upon the members that their hearts should be in correspondence with the building, so the cry of David was re-echoed: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

The Bethel Church at Ford are realizing that solemn fact that we are indeed nearer that great and dreadful day of our Lord than when we believed, and are manifesting their love for God, their fellow men, and this glorious truth by offering \$100.00 cash and new stakes toward a new tent that a tent effort might be held in their vicinity next summer.

The Oak Ridge Church at Republican Grove enjoyed a spiritual feast during this Week of Prayer. This little church, with only about fifteen of its members present at the last reading, made a cash offering to the cause they love so dearly amounting to exactly \$20.00. The last Sabbath of the year was a joyful one for them as they saw their missionary ship sail into the foreign harbor, floating the flag of victory upon the spicy breezes and carrying their twenty-cent-a-week quota

for missions. Their church school is doing nicely. They have kept up the teacher's salary and have two months' salary in the treasury.

Yes, it is indeed high time for us all to awake out of our sleep and put on the Lord Jesus Christ. L. O. GORDON.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

The week of prayer was a season of rich blessings at the Shenandoah Valley Academy. The writer, after making a visit both to the Stanley and Rileyville Churches, arrived at the school on Friday afternoon of December 8. He found the students in an expectant attitude, they had been praying for a blessing.

On Friday evening the usual social meeting was held, in which everyone present took part. Surely this was a good start. During the Sabbath the usual services were conducted, special emphasis being laid upon the necessity of preparing for the Lord's soon return to this old, sin cursed, sorrow laden world. New consecrations were made at the close of the meeting.

Each day during the week, the meeting was held at the chapel hour. Throughout the week the attendance of our brethren was very good. Besides the regular services, two cottage meetings were conducted for those living at a distance. One source of strength during the week, was the young men's prayer band, which met each day about fifteen minutes before the service, and again at the evening worship hour.

The school this year is doing excellent work. The school work is going very satisfactorily, as is the practical missionary effort of the students in behalf of the outside people of the neighborhood. The young men are organized into a ministerial band for the express purpose of holding evangelistic efforts for those not of our faith. One Sunday, when the writer was present, the entire school divided up into two companies. The one company went to a school house built on the spot where Elders Corliss and Lane first pitched their tent at New Market. This was many years ago when both were just young men. The school house was crowded to its capacity.

The other company went to the old Liberty Church in which Virginia was first organized. This was likewise filled. Surely things are being stirred up at New Market!

No one who has the opportunity to attend the Shenandoah Valley Academy can afford to throw aside this opportunity. This school is doing a work for God in the training of workers that few other schools of the same character can surpass.

We are all looking forward to the time when it will be free from debt,—and that time is to be in the near future.

R. L. FARLEY.

Portsmouth

The Portsmouth Church rejoiced in seeing their mission ship sail into the foreign harbor carrying their full quota for missions. They have also kept up their monthly payments on the church debt, so that some day they will have a building free from debt, but the best part of all is that the power of God is working, prayers are being answered, and a real haven of rest is found by the weary souls that "assemble themselves together in the spirit of meekness." L. O. G.

News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffet and Brother F. E. Hankins, the new field missionary agent spent the first Sabbath and Sunday of the year with the companies at Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Brother Hankins spent the entire past week assisting our veteran canvassers, Brethren Harry Wright and S. N. Wilmer in field work. Brother Hankins is putting in the present week with Brother B. F. Purdham, who is starting in to canvass Albemarle County.

Miss Madge Miller has just begun to canvass in the fertile, prosperous Shenandoah Valley.

On account of the interest created by the canvassers' institute at Stanley, Brethren Farley and Moffett are continuing the meetings. During Elder Moffett's absence, Elder Heber Votaw, of Washington College, filled in several nights, the house being unable to hold the people.

Elder Bidwell reports nine new Sabbath keepers at Basic and as many more at Mount Vernon Furnace, these two places having been his field of labor during 1916.

The auditing committee, school board, and conference committee met at New Market, January 17. A report will appear later.

Elder Gordon celebrated the ordinances and assisted in the election of officers at Yale last Sabbath and Sunday.

Two new students joined the academy family after the holidays.

The academy students Union has purchased a fine compound, double objective microscope and is now securing books for the library.

Eighteen Virginia students at Washington College sat down with Elder Moffett at a Virginia table. The after dinner speeches were the best part of the feast. Our young people at the college are all planning to enter the work.

Virginia has 134 pupils in her six church schools, 26 at the academy, 19 at the college and 3 in the Sanitarium nurses course—a total of 182.

On the thirteenth Sabbath, the Richmond Sabbath School gave \$45 and the Stanley Sabbath School gave \$54, the highest records for Virginia schools. In addition to this, Stanley's Sabbath School expense offering was four times larger than usual. The more our people give to missions the more we also give to the home work.

Shenandoah Valley Academy News from the Rhetoric Class

The students of the academy, who went home for their Christmas vacation, have returned. All are glad to be back to begin their new year's work with better zeal. Some stopped at Stanley, to attend the canvasser's institute, and received such an inspiration that they have decided to go canvassing during the summer months. They also visited the beautiful Luray Cavern near Stanley.

Margaret Tuohey and Howard Seipp from Washington, have joined the school family since the Christmas vacation.

The students are glad to welcome Mrs. Forshee back after a month's illness.

Elder Paap, from Washington, spent Sabbath, December 23, at the New Market Church.

Mr. C. E. Overstreet, a student from the academy gave a very interesting sermon on the subject of "Paradise Home" at Liberty, near Quickburg, on Sunday evening, January 7. The S. V. A. orchestra furnished the music.

Miss Madge Miller of Mount Vernon has come to Virginia to work in the inter-

est of the canvassing work. She is spending a few days with her sister at the academy.

Brother W. H. George, who has been Field Missionary agent of Virginia for nearly four years, has left to take charge of the same work in Greater New York Conference. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

Brother F. E. Hankins, formerly the Field Agent from Maryland, has come to take charge of the work in Virginia. We hope Brother Hankins will enjoy his work in this section.

From the looks of the library, Professor Forshee has busied himself during vacation making a twelve shelf book case and a library table to match.

The botany class can hardly wait to begin their study since the new microscope has arrived, which the students gave to the academy.

NEW JERSEY

Bridgeton Missionary Convention

The missionary convention held in Bridgeton from January 4 to 7, at which the Bridgeton, Ramah and Vineland Churches were represented, was generally conceded to be, in all respects, the best that was ever held in that place. Elder Sandborn gave most interesting and timely instruction, which was much appreciated by all who heard it. Brother V. D. Gibson, our field missionary secretary, rendered valuable assistance by conducting the singing, explaining our missionary work from the standpoint of the conference office, explaining the recently adopted cash policy (which policy, by the way, was supported by all who were present at the convention), elaborating our local missionary organization, etc.

On Sabbath forenoon, as Elder Sandborn presented in a most touching manner the final home-coming of God's children to their Father's house, as he portrayed the infinite love of God in making such ample provision for the eternal welfare of the believer, the spirit of God touched the hearts of those present. The tearful eye, the quivering lip, and the assuring testimony, showed how much the theme was appreciated. The call to a deeper consecration to the service of God was promptly and quite generally responded to.

At this convention, special attention was given to the development of our

young people's work; and the organization in the Bridgeton Church of about a dozen of our noble youth into a senior Missionary Volunteer Society, was decided upon. The day of promise for this important part of our work has evidently dawned in the Bridgeton Church.

It was decided at the convention that the entire year should be regarded as a favorable harvest time—with no danger of drought interfering for gathering in the "wealth of the gentiles" for missions.

The meetings closed with a stirring sermon by Elder Sandborn on the theme, "After the War, What?" The church was well filled. Many who were not Adventists, were present and were much impressed with the evident fulfillment of prophecy in the development among the nations of today.

It was much regretted that so many from the Ramah and Vineland Churches were prevented from attending the convention on account of sickness. Much good will doubtless result from this general gathering.

G. W. SPIES.

Another Glimpse of Our Schools Belated! Six Weeks

It was one Wednesday evening. I had been listening expectantly to hear the conductor say, "Next station Cape May Court House!" At last the train stopped with a puff and a pant, and I presently found myself upon the station platform in the crisp autumn darkness, wishing very much that I had informed someone of the time of my arrival. I was soon on my way to Sister Hand's house and upon reaching there, I was ushered into the cheerful sitting room where I found Miss Gray, the church school teacher, at Cape May Court House. I spent Thursday with her in the school room, and enjoyed the day, you may be sure. The little church building does service as a school house also, and it makes a neat and attractive one. When school was called, the children lined up outside the school house and marched in to their seats. Everything about the school was done, in an orderly way. I could see, too, that courtesy was being cultivated, for the little acts of thoughtfulness which I observed during the day revealed that. There was an atmosphere of cheerfulness and industry in the school room, and I never visited a more quiet school. At the close of the day I listened with interest while the teacher called the roll, and took the record of the deportment. Instead of each pupil answering for himself, the whole school answered, and everyone was "good." I learned afterward that such a good record was not at all the exception, though now and then some one does get a "half-medium" or a "medium."

After spending Friday and Sabbath in Pleasantville, I went to Ramah, and as I left the trolley on Sunday afternoon, I was delighted to find a smiling company of Ramah school children waiting for me at the corner. They had been down to Fairton giving out papers, and they reported that the people had treated them very nicely. We had a pleasant walk out to Sister Rambo's, stopping on the way to exchange greetings with the Leslie and the Whitcomb families.

The Ramah school consists of two sections. Miss Rambo has the first three grades and the eighth grade, and she conducts her school in a cozy bungalow near her home. About a mile farther down the Road Miss Whitcomb teaches the other grades in the regular school house, which is used also as a church. I spent Monday morning with Miss Rambo's section, and found that she has quite a novel school room. She has a fine, home-made blackboard, and here is the recipe in case you care to try it: Two layers of newspaper pasted smoothly on the wall, a layer of manila paper over that, a coat of shellac, and two coats of liquid slating as a finish. Try it and see if you don't like it.

I was especially pleased with the plain, legible writing done by Miss Rambo's pupils, also their good reading. The beginners' class in Bible had a review the morning I was there, and it was really wonderful to see how well the little folks knew the Bible stories studied.

Miss Whitcomb's school had opened when I reached there in the afternoon, and I found the children busily making maps as I entered the room. I was much interested in the drawing and stencil work which was shown me. When we went out at recess I noticed a large wood-pile near the school house. The children are getting exercise each day by carrying the wood to shelter and piling it neatly. Such lovely autumn days these are in the country, with all the country-side robed in brown and gold. How I wish that all of our church schools might be as well located as the Ramah school.

On my return to Trenton I took a day to visit our school here which has just recently opened since the quarantine is lifted. Miss Tarbell has eighteen children in the school, and is doing faithful work. This year white curtains make a great improvement in the appearance of the room, and the new teacher's desk and chair which Elder Sandborn's little daughter Martha and Miss Tarbell secured through a \$20 Larkin order, is a fine addition to the school equipment. A new dictionary is also in evidence, which the children seem to enjoy using.

Dear friends, let us remember our faithful church school teachers at the throne of

grace. They are carrying forward a work which means much to the cause of God.

ELLA A. IDEN.

OHIO

Value of a Commercial Education

Synopsis of Chapel Talk Given by Elder E. K. Slade January 8, 1917.

Only a short time ago Thomas Edison said that everything worth while had been found out during the last fifty years. Going back over these fifty years, we find that this is practically true if we apply the statement to the field of invention. Nearly all the great inventions have come into use recently. Take for example the harvesting of crops: the introduction of modern agricultural implements has made farming comparatively easy. The oldtime post carrier has been supplanted by an up-to-date postal system. The telephone, telegraph, and wireless practically annihilate distance—often things which happen in New York are known in San Francisco several hours before they happen, according to our present method of reckoning time. We now have more rapid means of transportation than in earlier years. Men are traveling at a tremendous speed in the air, on the land, on the water and under the water.

In this great advancement the facilities with which the commercial world has carried on its business have not been neglected. Just as great improvements have been made in them. The amanuensis with his quill pen has given place to the rapid stenographer with his typewriter. The duplicating machine has relieved thousands of copyists of their laborious tasks. We would be seriously handicapped now if we did not have the modern filing systems. Were it not for the new office appliances and equipment which have been devised, it would be practically impossible for the world to carry on its tremendous volume of business.

It seems that when men engage in warfare they put forth their best efforts to adopt every new invention to the science of warfare. Practically all of the above mentioned inventions have an important place in the present war. Truly the Lord did not intend that all these wonderful inventions should be used alone to forward the selfish interests of men. Is it not reasonable to suppose that most of them were permitted that the Third Angel's Message might be heralded with a loud cry to the world? In the great Christian warfare we are to make use of every device that will enable us to finish our work quickly.

We as a denomination are growing rap-

idly; and in order to carry on our work with the greatest facility, we must be educated along commercial lines. This Cause needs a large force of trained bookkeepers. It also needs stenographers, operators of the typewriter, and men and women who have a general knowledge of business principles that they may judiciously and wisely manage a tract society or department. Good bookkeepers and stenographers are in demand everywhere in our ranks, but they are indeed hard to find. The time has come when we should become more efficient. For this reason we have established commercial departments in our schools. OUR COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT here at Mount Vernon is aimed toward the necessary efficiency to carry on this part of the Lord's work.

The second term commences the middle of January. New classes in any Commercial subjects will be formed. If you are interested in taking advantage of this excellent opportunity to prepare for this branch of the Lord's work, write at once to Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Special

Another Opportunity

One part of our home missionary work is to watch for opportunities for reaching souls. A new opportunity has come to us, in the new "Signs" weekly. Instead of raising the price, as has been done with most of our periodicals, the publishers have dropped it, and made the paper somewhat smaller in size, with fewer pages, but still an attractive, readable paper, nicely illustrated. This paper we can sell for five cents a copy. Is it possible to sell our periodicals? "There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls." *Testimonies for the Church*. Vol. IX. p. 63.

Selling periodicals, then, is seeking to save perishing souls. Are there not some in every church who will take a definite territory and on some regular day each week, take the "Signs" to every house to sell it? Surely there must be some who love these perishing souls enough to seize this opportunity of saving souls.

Before going out, read the paper carefully, looking out for a few good selling points. Have one or two for mothers, one or two for business men, one or two for young people. When you meet the people at the doors, size up quickly, and present your paper accordingly. At first, you may not sell many, but as you gain

experience, you will have better and still better success.

If you are refused one week, do not be afraid to try again, unless the refusal has been so definite that it would be impertinent to call again. In many cases the fourth call has secured a regular customer.

Speak cheerfully and earnestly, as one who is on the King's business should. Remember that you are no beggar, but a messenger from the King of Kings, bearing that which is of supreme importance. Be of good courage, for angels are by your side.

It has been said in regard to the war, that hands that are idle assist the enemy. This is equally true in the Lord's work; but on the other hand, hands that are busy carrying the "Signs" weekly to the people, or doing anything to give the message, are helping the Lord.

There is some profit financially in this work of selling the "Signs" for five cents a copy, and there will be profits in souls saved. Let each church work up a club and then arrange for certain members to sell them all over the territory of the church. With the proceeds buy more "Signs," and so, with the original investment of capital, do a big work with no further expense to the church. Why not?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The Christian Sabbath

"The Christian Sabbath, Is it Saturday or Sunday" is a new illustrated book of 128 pages by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. It is a companion volume to "The Other Side of Death" by the same author. The book is written in Elder Haynes' forceful style of which the following paragraph is suggestive:—

"Emphasis is placed on the Day. To illustrate: The writer was born on May 24. That is his birthday. Nothing that he can do, and nothing that all the nations of the earth can do, can ever change the fact that May 24 is his birthday. He might decide to celebrate June 24 as his birthday, or might even claim June 24 was his birthday, but celebrating June 24 or claiming June 24 as his birthday would not make it so. May 24 would still remain his birthday simply because of a fact that could not be changed, the fact that he was born on May 24. So with the Sabbath. On the seventh day God rested. That is a truth, a fact. It cannot be changed. I cannot change it. Congress cannot change it. The pope, cannot change it. And it follows, and must even remain true, that the seventh day, and the seventh day alone, is the Sabbath, the rest day, of the Lord."

In addition to a thorough study of the Sabbath question from the viewpoint of the scriptures, it also contains valuable

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 5, 1917									
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	5	25	6	23 50	6 75	30 25	9 50
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		BF	4	19	15	27 00		27 00	
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C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	3	20			9 00	9 00	10 00
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West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 5, 1917									
John Fahrner, Cedar Grove		BR	4	27	9	32 50	12 50	45 00	2 25
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C. G. Mays, Moundsville			4	24	12	44 00	75	44 75	
W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville		BR	5	25	9	35 50	5 90	41 40	
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John McHenry, McDowell Co.		BF	5	36	65	131 00	21 00	152 00	10 50
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.		BF	5	40	10	29 50	6 25	35 75	15
Totals	8 Agents		36	217	139	\$348 00	\$68 40	\$416 40	\$182 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 5, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.		BR	4	33	15	56 50	2 75	59 25	2 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.		BR	4	30	12	44 00	6 00	50 00	5 50
Totals	2 Agents		8	63	27	\$100 50	\$8 75	\$109 25	\$7 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 5, 1917									
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		BF	4	31	5	21 00	5 00	26 00	
Chas. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	2	13	4	16 00	3 00	19 00	2 25
F. N. Stanley, Wayne Co.		DR	4	23	3	10 00	4 20	14 20	16 00
Totals	3 Agents		10	67	12	\$47 00	\$12 20	\$59 20	\$18 25

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data from both Protestant and Catholic authorities on the change of day, thus making it especially valuable to Bible Students. The price of single copies, cloth 50 cents, paper 25 cents postpaid. In lots of 10 or more 50 per cent discount plus transportation. Order of your tract society.

The new Temperance Instructor will be printed under the date of January 30, and will be ready to mail about January 15.

We can assure the many friends of the Annual that the coming issue will maintain its reputation in each number being an improvement of the preceding issue. Notwithstanding the necessity of reducing the number of pages in order to retain the old prices, the 1917 edition has been so skillfully arranged, it possesses merits that will more than make up for the loss in the amount of former space and bulk sacrificed because of the increased price of printing.

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A Missionary Volunteer leader had worked hard to make her society a success. She studied the needs of the young people and tried to have such programs as would meet those needs. She worked out Bible studies in the small hours of the night; and had still others in mind.

One day a copy of the "Church Officers' Gazette" fell into her hands, and "In it," she said, "I found the very thing I was planning for and in much better shape than I could possibly have prepared it. And then there were so many other things, such a richness of materials and suggestions, that it has lifted a great burden from my mind."

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It is perfectly proper to pay for the subscriptions out of the church expense fund, although many officers prefer to subscribe for themselves. It is 50 cents a year, or 35 cents when two or more copies are sent to one address. Order from your tract society. M. E. KERN.

OBITUARIES

SMALL.—Lillie Sauder died Dec. 16, 1916, at the Peoples Hospital, in Akron, O., after a critical operation.

In 1902 she was united in marriage to A. J. Small, who still survives her. At the age of twelve years she gave her heart to God and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her Christian experience grew brighter day by day, and her only desire to live was that she might win some precious soul to Christ. "Though not my will, but Thine be done." She awaits the consumation of "the blessed hope."

She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. F. H. HENDERSON.

GIBBS.—Pansy Mitchell died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Barrows, at Dayton, Ohio, at the age of 32 years and twelve days. She was united in marriage to Thomas Gibbs, May 29, 1907. In early childhood she was converted and united with the Dayton Seventh-day Adventist Church. Husband, parents, one brother and two sisters mourn their loss.

J. J. MARIETTA.

HYNSON.—Martha Ann, daughter of John and Charlotte Hynson, was born August 24, 1831, on Cooks Point Farm, Piney

Neck, Md. She was united in marriage to W. W. Coleman, June 7, 1849. She was the mother of ten children, seven of whom survive her; five boys and two girls. She fell asleep, to await the resurrection, Jan. 2, 1917, at her home in Rock Hall, Md. She was 85 years, 4 months and 9 days old. In her early life she joined the Methodist Church, and was a faithful member, when about 25 years ago she accepted the Third Angel's Message under the labors of Elders R. H. Hottle and E. E. Frank, who were the first ministers to bring the message to Rock Hall, Md.

During her long illness, she never became impatient, and died in hope of the soon coming Saviour, pleading with all her children to meet her in the first resurrection. The services were conducted by the writer, in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rock Hall, Md. J. O. MILLER.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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The New Yiddish Magazine

We are sure that our dear people in this Union Conference will be pleased to learn that the last Yiddish magazine which was published for the Jewish people was received with great interest. There were two editions printed, in all fifteen thousand copies, and the supply gave out before the demands were met.

Many letters have come to us from Jews and others, telling us of their interest in its contents, and asking for more literature for the Jews. In one city where some of our people had put the magazines in the letter boxes of the Jewish people's homes, several Jews came to a man who is not of our faith, but who is interested in the Jewish people, and asked this man if he would not send and get more literature. They said they were deeply impressed with what it contained, and desired more information.

We believe that God will do a great

work through the literature, and we hope that our brethren and sisters will remember this. We are glad to say that at a recent council of the North American Division Conference Committee the Pacific Press Publishing Association was asked to issue a Yiddish magazine. The Pacific Press has accepted the responsibility, and they have just issued the first number. The magazine is called, "The Messenger," and we expect that this will be its permanent name. It deals with the present European war, and we are sure that it will take with the Jews. We hope that our brethren and sisters living in the cities and large towns where Jews reside, will do all they can to place this magazine in the hands of their Jewish friends and neighbors. We have an outline which goes with every order for papers, and this outline tells you the contents of the magazine. You will be pleased to know that one of our canvassers sold five hundred copies of the last issue to the Jews. He had a splendid testimony to bear of experiences he had while at work among the Jews, and we believe that our literature will yet play a great part in this work. This is what the servant of the Lord has told us; and we want to co-operate all we can with our tract societies in placing this literature in the hands of the Jewish people.

Be sure to tell the Jews that you are a Sabbath-keeping Christian, that you do not eat pork, that you believe all the prophets teach, including the writings of Moses, and that this magazine is issued by the Sabbath-keeping Christians.

The price of the new Yiddish magazine is five dollars per hundred. Send at once to your state tract Society, and get a supply of them. May God help the poor Jews as they read this paper to realize that there is help and hope for them. The writer will be pleased to have our people send him any interesting experiences which they may have while distributing these papers among the Jews.

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Uncle Josiah's Logic

He and Deacon Spaulding, according to a story by Brother T. E. Bowen in the February *Signs Magazine*, were discussing some strange statements made by a minister at a funeral service that they attended a few days before. Wise old Uncle Josiah's logical conclusions about the state of the dead told in quaint way, will convince any seeker after truth.

Number of pages increased from sixteen to twenty-four and cover. Don't fail to see a copy. It surely is "one better" than ever before.

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For The First Six Months Of 1917

We have been working hard for nearly a year to find subscribers for 1000 shares at \$50 a share for our Missionary Training Schools, and at the same time not interfere with the mission funds. It has been an interesting and profitable year and our people have responded nobly. \$36,000 have now been subscribed, or about 700 shares. A full report will be made as soon as the returns up to Dec. 31 reach the Union Conference Office. Definite plans are now being laid for a little different plan for the raising of the balance of the funds. I am sure each member in the Union will be interested. We will announce them a little later.

In the mean time I wish to call attention of each one who has pledged something, and not paid, to the great disparity between the pledges and the cash paid in as revealed by our lighthouse. Have you done all you can? Now that the great effort for making up the funds at the end of the year is past, can we not determine that during the first six months of this year 1917, we will see that every cent promised is paid in full? We have promised not to go in debt for this new building, and we have not yet turned a sod at the College. But I am sure that those who have pledged do not want us to wait any longer. Will you not then make special effort to pay at once your pledge?

I pass this word on to the church treasurers, hoping that each local church treasurer will visit those who have made pledges, as you have the cards with you, and make definite arrangements for a speedy payment of all the pledges. Let

this be our task for the first six months of the year, and let not a single pledge be left unpaid at the close of this period.

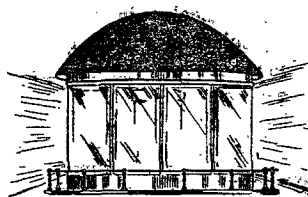
The writer has never engaged in a campaign that has been more profitable, and the brethren and sisters everywhere have rallied nobly to the call. The school has an enrollment this year of 300 at Washington, and Mt. Vernon is well filled, and the prospects are for a much larger enrollment next year. Never before in our history has so large a proportion of our young people been definitely planning and preparing for some part in the finishing of the Lord's work. We are

drawing near the time when every able bodied Adventist young man and woman will be definitely enlisted in one way or other in this great campaign. Let us then get the schools ready and equipped to train this splendid army that is marching up to the doors of our schools.

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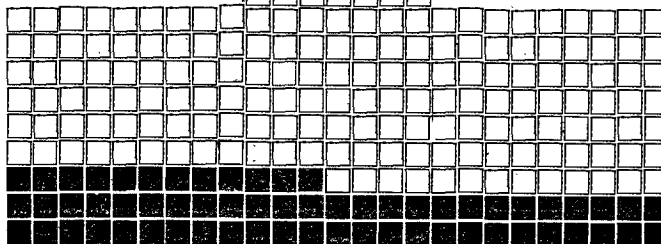
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