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

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## The Cross

By Rena L. Wharram.

I caught a glimpse of gates ajar  
By faith, and eager cried,  
"Lord, grant to me an entrance there,  
Whatever may betide.  
Send any thing that's needed,  
To purge away my dross."  
I heard in accents tender,  
"Wouldst live? Take up the cross."

I took the cross so gladly,  
Its weight seemed less than air,  
Until the ones I thought were friends;  
Perchanced to spy it there.  
They laughed. (It was an echo  
That came in scornful pride:  
A damsel's at the judgement hall,  
When one his Lord denied.)

A coward, I laid down the cross,  
But all the inward peace  
Had left my heart. I sought the Lord  
In prayer, and found release.  
Again the cross was given,  
And angels hovered near,  
To guide my wayward footsteps  
And make life's duties clear.

Ere long the world held to my view  
Its pleasures, glittering, fair:  
My vision of the gates ajar  
Grew dim. I ceased to care,  
Until I found the glitter  
Came not from Opher's gold,  
But worthless dross and tinsel:  
(For naught the cross I sold.)

The magic key to heaven,  
That I had learned was prayer,  
I tried, when lo, God's presence  
Brought peace all glorious there.  
I pleaded for the cross again,  
That I had left behind;  
The cross I once thought worthless,  
I longed again to find.

Again the Lord all merciful,  
Took pity on my grief,  
And gave me back the cross I craved:  
The gift brought sweet relief.  
The light that shown from heaven,  
Made bright my pathway dim;  
New courage and new hope were given,  
To bear the cross for Him.

Alas! how frail, unworthy,  
I found my worthless heart.  
Could I again despise the cross,  
And gladly from it part?  
I did. (In shame I say it.)  
However, not for long,  
For happiness I sought in vain,  
Whene'er the cross was gone.

Oh wondrous cross of Jesus!  
Thy story it appears,  
Will be the theme of angels  
Throughout eternal years.  
Thy fame will spread to worlds afar;  
The science and the song,  
Of all created beings,  
Of love that suffers long.

## NEW JERSEY

### An Unfounded Rumor

An evil disease, they say, cleaveth fast to him; and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.—Ps. 41:8.

My attention has been called to a report in circulation among students and others, that the state of New Jersey has been so infected with an evil condition, that for some time it has been impossible for a colporteur or canvasser to sell our denominational literature at a profit. This condition is said to have prevailed for several years, and the report has had the effect of placing a stigma upon the name of New Jersey in book circles, so that when individuals are approached with an invitation to come to the conference to assist in placing the good books in the homes, some of them will hold up their hands in horror, as though even the suggestion were contaminating, and the sen-

timent seems to be that, because of the alleged condition, New Jersey is dead for the colporteur, and will never be alive again.

While it is true that a part of the state (southeast of center) is largely sand dunes and Jack-pine trees, and that in this part there are areas of swampy land, called "meadows," it is also true that in the coast towns of this section some of the very best records have been made by such colporteurs as D. W. Percy, A. R. Sherman and W. F. Schmidt. This population is ever changing, and is virtually new each year.

Beginning with Atlantic and Cape May Counties, in the extreme southern part of the state, good rich farming land is found all along the eastern shore of the Delaware Bay and River the full length of the state, and scattered through this territory are many villages and towns of fifty to twenty thousand inhabitants, bright progressive people, who will buy and pay where value is given. North of a line drawn across the state from Cam-

den to Asbury Park is a territory filled with fairly well-to-do people, and the homes are furnished with conveniences and luxuries equal to those seen in other prosperous communities.

The people in the northeastern part of the state are largely commuters, that is, those who live in New Jersey, but who do business in New York City, riding on commutation tickets. These require tactful handling in order to make them responsive, but as the men are away from home, and the colporteur invariably meets the ladies, this is a matter of course.

The one great drawback to the colporteur work in New Jersey is supposed to be the almost continuous chain of cities, many of them more cosmopolitan than New York City itself, as almost every nationality is here represented. These cities extend almost continuously from New York to Philadelphia, and the people work in the mills, factories and potteries, receiving good wages. Good business may be done with these nationalities

if literature can be secured in the different languages. The Dutch, French, German and Scandinavian people are always ready for literature in their own vernacular.

Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Hunterdon, Morris, Warren and Sussex Counties, in the north, are all good and have not been worked for a number of years, and the same condition prevails in Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties in the south. These counties are now open.

The writer has demonstrated, by actual test, in different parts of the state, that the deplorable condition mentioned above does not prevail, but that books can be sold and delivered with a degree of readiness that is surprising. In Morris County, while the paralysis scare was on last fall, sales were made ranging up to \$27 a day, and little difficulty was experienced in getting entertainment for the night. In Passaic County two days' work resulted in \$20 worth of orders. In the city of Newark \$9 worth of orders represented one afternoon's work. These were all good orders, and delivered without difficulty.

The city problem is the same in New Jersey as it is in other localities, and requires skilled, trained workers to make a financial success of it. It is believed that these are best developed by actual experience in rural sections and small towns.

After an experience of twenty-three years in connection with the publishing work, covering parts of the states of Pennsylvania, Iowa, Minnesota, Ontario (Can.) Virginia and New Jersey, the writer has no hesitation in stating that the people respond to the appeal of the Christian colporteur in New Jersey with the same degree of promptness found in any other part of the country. That if he is faithful to his obligation, putting in proper time, and is continuous in his efforts, taking advantage of his opportunities, be he student or regular worker, he need not fear that his work for the message will be unrewarded. It is only the "slacker" who shirks his work, who need fear the outcome.

We invite colporteurs, students and others, to come to New Jersey to test out the field, and will personally demonstrate that the statements herein made are true.

T. D. GIBSON.

*Field Secretary New Jersey Conference.*

"Praise goes farther than blame."

Scatter blessing in thy pathway!  
Gentle word and cheering smiles  
Better are than gold and silver,  
With their grief-dispelling wiles.

—Holland.

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

A very interesting and we believe profitable Worker's Meeting was held in Baltimore, May 22-24. There were present Elders Dowsett and Hirlinger, Professor Stone, and Brother C. V. Leach of the Union Conference; Brother W. W. Eastman of the Publishing Department of the General Conference. The counsel of these brethren was very much appreciated and we were glad to have them with us. Elder G. A. Stevens of the West Virginia Conference was also with us and rendered valuable help in the meetings. Of our own conference there were present our ministers, Bible Workers, departmental secretaries, except Miss Ellwanger, who could not be with us because of the illness of her mother, two of our church school teachers and one of our colporteurs.

The following subjects were given careful consideration:

"How to Advertise Our Meetings."

"How Can the Colored Work be Advanced."

"What Can be Done for the Germans this Summer."

"Methods of Church and Pastor's Cooperation in Cities."

"How Can we Liquidate the Debts on the Churches."

"How to Institute and Maintain Church Schools."

"Methods of Teaching 'Health and Temperance' in Evangelistic Work."

"A Successful Bible Worker."

"How to Increase the Book and Magazine Sales in the Chesapeake Conference."

"Young People's Missionary Volunteer Work."

"Home Missionary Work."

As these various papers were read and discussed we were made to feel more than ever the seriousness of the times, and the need of thorough consecration. The work before us becomes more complex each year. Existing conditions make the work for our foreign population a very perplexing one. But the workers all feel that the work is the Lord's and that He will go before us to prepare the way for His willing co-workers.

The conference committee met in connection with the workers' meeting. Some very important matters were considered and settled. It was voted to invite Elder G. A. Stevens to connect with the Chesapeake Conference and labor in Wilmington, Del. Elder Stevens expects to be in his new field about the middle of June, and if nothing happens, will conduct a tent effort in that city. Miss Alice Miller, who recently returned to her home

from Washington Missionary College, was invited to take up Bible work in connection with the tent effort of Elder A. S. Booth. Mr. J. Leroy Long of Lancaster, Pennsylvania arrived in Baltimore in time for the workers' meeting. He will act as tent master for Elder Booth this summer.

Miss Irma Baus of the Washington Missionary College arrived in Baltimore today and will also connect with the tent work in Baltimore as Bible Worker.

Mr. Harold H. Yingling, one of the young men of the Baltimore No. 1 Church, and Mrs. Laura Miller, one of our Bible workers, were united in marriage by Elder A. S. Booth, May 24.

Elder J. O. Miller visited the Cheswold Church last Sabbath and found quite an interested company of people there. Good reports are coming from this church.

Professor Shaw of Washington spent last Sabbath with the church in Wilmington.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Elder Parsons visited the Huntington Church last week, then spent the Sabbath with the church at Clarksburg.

Brother McElphatrick met with an accident while canvassing a week ago, which resulted in a badly sprained ankle. He is improving the time while unable to work, by learning his canvass for "Practical Guide" and familiarizing himself with that book, so that he will be able to work with it as soon as he is able to get around again.

Misses Edna Embleton and Katie Geisinger of Charleston are spending some time at Washington Sanitarium.

Brethren Guy Corder and Raymond Vincent were in Parkersburg last week enroute to their field of labor. Brother Corder will canvass this summer with his brother in Raleigh County, and Brother Vincent will canvass in Roane County.

Mr. A. Lessner of the Washington Missionary College is one of the student colporteurs who will work in West Virginia this summer. He is already in the field.

We have asked the different Sabbath Schools in our conference to set a goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Several of the schools have already informed us of the amount set as their goal. While the goals are quite high for the membership, all are working enthusiastically to reach them and we have every reason to believe they will. The offering this time goes to the work in Central China. Let us each and every one make our offering as large as possible.

## VIRGINIA

### Doubting the Testimonies

"If you lose confidence in the Testimonies, you will drift away from Bible truth. Vol. 5, p. 674. "It is Satan's plan to weaken the faith in God's people in the Testimonies." "Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon the minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned, then of course, they have but little weight, and instruction through vision is disregarded."

"Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to predication. When the Testimonies, which were once believed, are doubted and given up, Satan knows the deceived ones will not stop at this, and he redoubles his efforts till he launches them into rebellion, which becomes incurable, and ends in destruction."

"By giving place to doubts and unbelief in regard to the work of God, and by cherishing feelings of distrust and cruel jealousies, they are preparing themselves for complete destruction. They rise up with bitter feelings against the ones who dare to speak of their errors and reprove their sins. Vol. 5, p. 672, Vol. 4, p. 211, Vol. 1, p. 236, Vol. 3, p. 328.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

### Best Year at S. V. A

It was my privilege to be present at the closing exercises of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, May 18 and 19, ending the most successful year in the history of the school. The unusually good attendance of those not of our faith indicated the growing prestige of the school in the community. One factor contributing to the success of the school during the year has been the hearty co-operation of our own people in the vicinity.

During the year steps have been taken to stock the farm, special equipment has been secured for the laboratory; the school library has been raised by the enthusias-

tic efforts of the Students' Union to the required standard of 500 volumes, and the work in every department has been brought up by Professor Forshee to meet the strictest educational standard, so that the credits are recognized by our advanced schools.

The academy has met its running expenses from the current income and by means of the twenty-cent-a-week surplus and special donations has reduced its debt \$3,000 during the year.

Every graduate plans to take advanced work at Washington College, and every remaining student plans to return next year, a number of these undertaking to earn a scholarship during the summer by the sale of our truth filled literature.

The faculty remains unchanged for the coming year, save by the probable addition of another teacher to help care for the anticipated large increase in attendance, satisfied students proving a far better advertisement than printer's ink.

Situated in the quiet of the inspiring scenery of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley on a fertile farm whose lavish bounties provide a material reduction in the students' expenses; remote from the allurements of city life, and entirely free from the evil influences inevitably associated with Adventists colonizing, the academy is a safe place for our immature youth.

W. C. MOFFETT.

### Bible Readings

#### Success

"Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart." G. W. (old edition) p. 340.

#### Another Successful Way

"The most effectual. To bring their Bibles, pointing to the chapter and verse, seeing for themselves that the things are so." Id. p. 410. Many cannot succeed, because they have not a large crowd. In connection with this idea, remember the "one soul audience" at the well with the Great Master Teacher.

#### His Success

He found the way to her heart. The result "Many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him." The interview with the humble Samaritan was not in vain. G. W. p. 338. The words that fell from the lips of the divine Teacher stirred the heart of the listener. She acknowledged Him. She felt the power of His holy character, and the heavenly influence that went with His words of truth. Perfect trust filled her heart. Forgetful of her errand to the well, she hastened to publish her fame to her townsmen. Many left their employment to come to the

stranger at Jacob's well. Many plied Him with questions and eagerly received the explanation of many things that had been dark to their understandings. The perplexity of their minds began to clear away. They were like people in darkness, tracing up a sudden ray till they found the day, and the result of the work of Jesus, as He sat weary and hungry at the well, was wide-spread in blessing. The one soul for whom He had labored became a means of reaching others and bringing them to the Saviour of the world. This is ever the way the work of God has made progress in the earth. Let your light shine, and others will be kindled. Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Do not be too hasty and kill your patient with too strong medicine. Know the kind of medicine (not that I advocate this) to give them and let that work. Do not urge upon your readers everything that you believe; by this method you kill them and the access to their heart you have closed. Why not be as Jesus has said: "Be wise as serpents and simple as doves." Study their natures. Many souls have been hindered in this way. Presenting doctrinal points. These are essential too, but not every one has this skill, and they injure themselves, the work and make it hard for the Bible worker and minister. Speak of Jesus and of His soon coming and such topics, that will pave the way for strong meat. Give milk. Strong meat is for strong men. Remember the words of the Master: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye can not bear them now."

It is not wise sometimes, even to answer the doctrinal points when asked to, after you have presented a subject. Often, souls have been weakened in this way. When the minister visits these he has discovered that the patient has been given too strong medicine. Then he is obliged to give some remedy to throw off that poison effect that the unskilled workman had given. Study your patient. Know the ailment and apply the remedy.

"Helps to the Bible Study" contains subjects and make the wise selection for your readers. Leave off the strong points until their heart is reached, when they have decided on what you have presented. Obedience to your subjects is essential.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Our thoughts, good or bad, are not in our command, but every one of us has at all hours duties to do; and these he can only do negligently like a slave, or faithfully like a true servant.

"Do the duty that is nearest thee"—that first, and that well; all the rest will disclose themselves with increasing clearness, and make their successive demand.

—Carlyle.

## OHIO

## Cleveland German Work

It is not many months ago that I had a report of the German work in the Visron, but since our very esteemed president, Elder E. K. Slade, in one of his letters recently very kindly appealed to the workers to report oftener, I will by the grace of God give in writing what good the Lord has done for us since January 1, 1917. Thinking of the blessings in the words of the poet, and "name them one by one," I am unable to give account of them all, and can only say, let the name of the Lord be glorified. Adding to our number by baptism since new year, we have thus far gained five dear souls and a number whom we have given instructions in the message are in the valley of decision and we hope they will take their stand for the truth in the near future. The Lord is with us in His work.

A number of our dear members have been doing noble missionary work during the past three months in selling our magazines, such as the "Signs of the Times," "Watchman," and others, with good success, and by so doing, they find honest souls here and there, and thus we find access to give Bible instructions. Likewise in finances, our German brethren, as a rule are doing noble. While we, on an average run, all belong to the working class and the cost of living is high, yet we are zealous to help the dear cause of our Lord with our means to the best of our ability. On Sabbath, May 5, we celebrated the young people's day, according to request of our denomination, and while having the exercises in German and part in English, they proved a great source of inspiration to all present. The good Lord permitting us to live, next Sabbath, we are to have our Sabbath School Rally Day. Translating of all the readings into the German language gave me a lot of extra work, yet I am of good courage as long as I can see the prospering hand of our Lord to be with us. We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren in behalf of the German work.

C. W. WEBER.

## Colporteurs Please Remember

THAT *German* "Bible Readings" comes in cloth and half morocco bindings only.

THAT we have no *Holland* "Bible Readings" but may before the close of the summer; we may have definite announcement to make regarding this.

THAT we can still furnish the *French* "Bible Readings" in three bindings. This is the old edition but sells for the new prices.

THAT there are plenty of German, Danish and Swedish "Daniel and Revelation" to be had and we have notice from the Pacific Press that they expect to have *Holland* "Daniel and Revelation" about August 1.

THAT *German* "Heralds of the Morning" will be ready in the new edition sometime in August so the student workers will be safe in taking orders for it.

## Special

## Greater Earnestness Our Need

If the church is ever stirred up to greater earnestness, it will be through the greater earnestness of its individual members. There is a fatal propensity to get rid of individual responsibility and to think of the responsibility of the body. In reality, there is no such thing as a collective conscience; bodies, as such, cannot be accountable. God will not, as regards eternity, deal with nations, or churches, or families.

It was a fine purpose of an earnest worker which he thus entered in his diary: "Resolved, that I will, the Lord being my helper, think, speak, act, as an individual; for as such I must die, stand before God and be damned or saved forever. I have been waiting for others; I must act as if I were the only one to act, and wait no longer." This is just the view and the purpose to be taken by us all.

It is as individuals we must act for ourselves, and he who acts for himself in this matter will certainly influence others. Every man acts upon some other man. "Example is influence." The diffusion of the message is like the kindling of a fire, or the lighting of so many torches; one original flame may, by contact, communicate itself to a multitude of other points.

"If the church is ever made more earnest, it must be by an increased earnestness in its members. I am one of these members, and am as much bound to advance in the divine life as any other member. It is but hypocrisy, gross hypocrisy, to lament over the low state of religion in the church, and to desire a revival, while I am not deeply concerned about the state of my religion, and do not seek a revival of that. I will begin with myself. I will wait for no other. I must be more in earnest, and God helping me, I will be."

Let us reject excuses which our own deceitful hearts, and lukewarm, self-centered members, will be ever ready to suggest, for self-defense, and be thoroughly convinced that nothing can, or will, be admitted by God as an apology for a low standard of personal religion. Let us set ourselves vigorously to the work of denying the flesh, watching against sin. Let us plan to give more time to the study of

the Scriptures, to meditation and prayer. Let us, in short, intelligently, resolutely, and unalterably, make up our minds to enter upon a new course of personal godliness, so new that past attainments shall seem as if they were nothing.

There is such a thing as starting afresh, as forgetting the things that are behind—and so must it be with him who would really be in earnest. He will wake up from his slumbering, dreamy profession, saying, "I have slept too long and too much; I must throw off the spirit of sloth, and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure." When the spirit of hesitation gives place to the spirit of readiness we shall see greater things accomplished for the cause we love. "Then the work will move forward with solidity and redoubled strength." God has better things in store for us if we will but have them. Let us only be in earnest in prayer, in faith, in labor, and in hope, and who can tell the day of awakening, of blessing is near? May God help us to be in earnest about delivering His message to those about us during the present year, attempting greater things for Him and expecting greater things from Him.

ERNEST LLOYD.

## NOTES

## Remember the Student this Summer

Eighty-three thousand copies of the June number of "The Watchman Magazine" have been printed. The prospects are bright for a hundred thousand circulation of the July issue of this good magazine. Two hundred students have left the different schools to take up work this summer with this magazine. Most of them will work for a scholarship, many of them on the new subscription scholarship basis. Let us remember these workers as they go from place to place with these truth-filled pages. Let us pray that many souls may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth by their work.

## Non-Adventists Show Their Appreciation

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE is growing in popularity with Non-Adventists throughout the field. Nearly six hundred people who read the April number answered the free copy advertisement that appeared in that issue and sent for a copy of the May or June issue. Many of them have since subscribed. A large number of them took the time to write us that they were deeply interested in the contents of the magazine. Many of them purchased their first copy from WATCHMAN agents.

## Good Results

A recent communication from a field agent says:

"One of our lady colporteurs had the pleasure of leading a family,—father, mother, son and daughter, into this blessed truth after selling them THE WATCHMAN for two years. The daughter is in the academy now and has nine others interested and ready for baptism."

## Only One Magazine Did It

A tract society secretary writes:

"In one of the suburbs of Atlanta a Presbyterian elder purchased a copy of THE WATCHMAN dated November, 1914. He preserved this magazine for many months, and by carefully reading it he became convinced of the importance of keeping the true Sabbath, though he did not know of any Sabbath-keepers. About two months ago one of our Bible workers opened a class for Bible study in this neighborhood, with the result that the elder, his wife and daughter and two other adults have agreed to keep next Sabbath, May 5, holding Sabbath School and prayer service at the elder's house. Others are deeply interested."

## Read The Watchman--Traveled Over a Hundred Miles for More Truth

The following note appeared in a recent issue of the Southern Union Worker. It is an interesting experience and a little unusual, so we pass it along for the readers of THE VISITOR.

"Several weeks ago we gave as a note in this column an account from an individual who had become deeply interested in the truth through reading THE WATCHMAN, he stating that he was living, preaching, and teaching the truth. Much to our surprise, this individual came to our office in the Lyric Building recently, having traveled over one hundred miles for the purpose of learning more about the truth and coming in closer touch with our people. It pays to circulate THE WATCHMAN."

## Was This Just a "Happen-So?"

"It is remarkable to see how our literature is in demand since the war. Not only can we gain a hearing, but people ask us for our books and magazines. While out one night with one of our magazine workers, a lady came across the street and said, 'Is that THE WATCHMAN?' and when she was informed that it was, said that she wanted one, that it was the best magazine that she could get

hold of; and this is now the testimony of many regarding our literature."

A FIELD SECRETARY.

## The Haynes Trio

### The Christian Sabbath

Is it Saturday or Sunday?

In the Christian world there are two sabbaths. During the past fifty years the question of which is the true Sabbath has been pressing itself with ever increasing urgency upon the attention of Christian people. This new book has been written with the hope of solving this perplexing question for the reader.

### The Other Side of Death

Death—what does it mean? Does it mean to go to heaven? Does it mean to go to hell? Does it mean to go to purgatory? Does it mean to go anywhere? When a person is dead, is he alive? And, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" These and many other questions regarding death and the future life are answered in this book.

### The Return of Jesus

This is the latest book by this forceful writer. It contains an earnest review of the scriptural evidences which establish the great Christian doctrine of the second coming of Christ, together with a close study of the prophecies relating to the glorious event and the fulfillment of these prophecies in the present generation. It is without a shadow of a doubt the greatest treatise on the second coming of Christ that has ever been published.

Each of these books contains 128 pages and is well illustrated. Practically all of the illustrations were designed and made especially for these books. The prices are as follows:

Cloth bound, per volume, 50 cents, postpaid. Paper cover, per volume, 25 cents, postpaid.

Liberal discount on quantity orders. Address our nearest agency, or Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; Fort Worth, Texas.

## Some Questions for "Scientists" to Answer

Were Job's boils real or were they merely imaginary? Is it possible to sit on an iceberg or hot stove for any considerable length of time without experiencing discomfort? These and others, are answered in the July Signs Magazine. "Christian Science Under the X-Ray" is a great article. Don't merely order a single copy; get a good supply for selling or giving away.

## What About Your Foreign Speaking Neighbors?

If you had some attractive, interesting, message-filled literature to place in the hands of your foreign-speaking "neighbors," would you take it to them? Well, just such literature is now available in the foreign editions of the *Signs of the Times* magazine published by the International Branch of Pacific Press Publishing Ass'n at Brookfield, Ill. What nationalities are represented in your neighborhood? Are there Bohemians? Danish-Norwegians? French? Germans? Hungarians? Italians? Poles? Roumanians? Russians? Swedes? Jews? You can get one or more periodicals or magazines in each of these languages. They are all well illustrated and brimful of the truth for this time.

You can sell magazines to any of these nationalities even though you do not speak a word of their language. The table of contents in each is printed in English, thus giving a good idea of what subjects are treated. Since, in many of these languages, nothing so attractive is published elsewhere in America, it is easy to arouse an interest.

Send \$1.00 for 20 copies (17 copies if in Roumanian or Polish) of these magazines in one or more of the languages represented in your community, and sell them at 10 cents each. This effort will bring you a new experience, and if the work is followed up, may result in the salvation of some of these foreigners to whom you are debtor because of the light which has come to you.

Order today from your tract society, specifying how many copies and in what language.

## Have You a Friend Who Reads French?

If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor who reads the French language, why not give such a person an opportunity to read the truth, presented in an attractive way, in his mother tongue? It will surely appeal to him more forcibly than in any other way. A sister in writing about a woman who became interested from the reading of the first issue of the Hungarian magazine says, "Many foreigners who cannot read or understand English will be willing to learn about the truth in their own language."

You can have the French quarterly magazine—*Les Signes des Temps*—sent to any person in the United States for a year for 40 cents or to Canada for 50 cents. It's worth while to do this kind of missionary work, whatever else you may be doing, for these silent messengers are bearing fruit "while you sleep." Order through your tract society.

## How About the Italians

Is it not true that the Italians in America are more easily reached by the truth for this time, because of their new environments, than those who still live in their native land? But how many are working in behalf of these people in America? Many call them "Dagos" and seem to think, or at least to act as though they had no responsibility for them. Do you feel that way? But you will say, "I don't speak the language and so I cannot work for them." But this excuse is now removed because we have the "Signs of the Times" magazine (I Segni Dei Tempi) in Italian. Its table of contents is printed in English in each issue, and this gives sufficient knowledge of what the articles treat on, so that you can show them, even though you cannot speak a word in Italian.

Send \$1.00 to the tract society for 20 copies of the latest issue of this magazine and give your Italian neighbors a chance to read the truth in their own tongue. Perhaps there are other nationalities in your neighborhood for whom you would like reading matter. If so, there are similar magazines in ten other languages which you can secure through your tract society secretary. Order now and get busy in foreign mission work at home.

## Work for the Jews Now

The second quarter's issue of the Yiddish magazine—*The Messenger*—is now ready. It is called the "What Do These Things Mean" number. The first article is entitled "If Thou Hadst Only Known" and is calculated to catch the attention and arouse the interest of a Jew. Then the article "Why Do Not the Jews Still Regard the Sabbath?" will be appreciated by many, especially the orthodox Jews, and every Jew will be pleased, although surprised perhaps to learn of "A People Who Respect the Holy Sabbath" as presented in another article in the same magazine. It's a fine number and the Jews in your vicinity may never know "what these things mean" unless you hasten to tell them the "good news" through these publications.

There are still on hand some copies of the previous issue, "The World on Fire" number. You can get 10 copies of each of these splendid numbers, or 20 copies of either for \$1.00. Order through your tract society today, specifying what you want.

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you."

"Hope is that which sustains the soul in the delay of a promised blessing."

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del	
<b>Ohio, Week Ending May 25, 1916</b>										
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	5	45	20	84 00	4 25	88 25		
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	45	15	55 50	5 00	60 50	11 00	
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	4	44	16	59 00	2 25	61 25	2 25	
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.		BR	5	44	7	27 50	1 75	29 25	5 50	
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	40	27	98 00	3 30	101 30		
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	4	40	11	43 50	75-	44 25	75	
*H. O. Kohr, Columbus, O.		Arm	12	75		150 00		150 00	150 00	
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	36	17	63 50	4 00	67 50	4 25	
*Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	8	69	21	75 50	3 25	78 75		
J. D. Fellbaum, Hancock Co.		BR	4	30	10	38 00	1 00	39 00	5 50	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	28	9	32 50	8 00	40 50	12 25	
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton		BR	5	26	7	25 50	7 00	32 50	7 50	
Clara Weber, Dayton		BR	5	22	8	29 00	5 00	34 00	9 55	
F. L. Rogers, Auglaize Co.		BR	2	17	5	18 50		18 50		
N. Oancea, Akron		Foreign	4	17			13 75	13 75	13 75	
Miss Kuebel, Dayton		CK	5	17	2	4 00	1 25	5 25	1 25	
Mrs. Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	2	17	3	11 50	1 50	13 00	1 50	
Anna Oancea, Akron		Foreign	2	8			5 60	5 60	5 60	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18 Agents</b>			<b>87</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>\$815 50</b>	<b>\$67 65</b>	<b>\$883 15</b>	<b>\$229 65</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending May 25, 1917</b>										
F. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.		BR	5	42	16	57 00	1 30	58 30		
Norman Haye, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	30		116 00	13 20	129 20	4 75	
J. S. Seal, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	16	10	35 00	3 00	38 00	75	
John Fahrner, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	41	8	28 00	8 15	36 15	72 75	
W. E. West, Brayton Co.		BR	5	32	3	10 50		10 50	73 50	
J. M. Morris, Kanawha Co.		HM	4	27	12	30 00	7 60	37 60	2 45	
C. G. Mays, Greenbrier Co.		HM	5	48	13	32 50	20 25	52 75	1 25	
John McHenry, McDowell Co.		BF	5	32	64	128 00	33 30	161 30	3 15	
John McHenry, McDowell Co.		BF	5	34	66	135 00	30 15	165 15	3 50	
Miscellaneous							1 25	1 25	18 25	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>			<b>43</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>\$572 00</b>	<b>\$118 20</b>	<b>\$690 20</b>	<b>\$180 35</b>
<b>West Pennsylvania Week Ending May 25, 1917</b>										
Paul Baroudi, Bell Vernon		BR	4	22	16	57 00	6 50	63 50		
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		PPF	5	46		62 85		62 85	43 00	
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	5	44	9	31 50	11 85	43 35	55 20	
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		HM	4	21	15	37 50	8 00	45 50		
G. Rager, Cambria Co.		HM	8	49	41	103 50		103 50		
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	5	34	13	49 50	4 75	54 25	4 50	
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.		PPF	2	18	7	18 50	9 80	28 35	33 50	
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	23	5	19 50	4 00	23 50	9 50	
Goldie Rager, Cambria Co.		HW				10 00		10 00		
An Agent		HW			70	17 50	8 50	26 00	22 50	
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP		17		2 75	1 95	4 70		
Nellie Smith, Pittsburgh		A			4	2 00		2 00	4 00	
Mrs. Thurman, Pittsburgh						7 00	2 20	9 20	5 95	
Mrs. Thurman, Pittsburgh				12		13 50	2 10	15 60	4 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>			<b>37</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>\$432 45</b>	<b>\$59 65</b>	<b>\$492 30</b>	<b>\$180 65</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 25, 1917</b>										
W. P. Hess, York Co.		BF	5	42	14	27 50		27 50	32 00	
L. W. Mase, Lycoming				40					99 00	
R. W. Garrett, Lycoming Co.				40					132 00	
C. F. Durr, Philadelphia		Misc	5				12 40	12 40		
J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co.		BR	5	46	11	43 50	14 10	57 60		
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	40	20	75 00	75	75 75		
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	5	35	12	44 00	1 90	45 90		
S. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	4	25	3	10 50	2 50	13 00		
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		Misc	5	41		52 50		52 50	34 50	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BF	5	23	16	34 00	5 50	39 50		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>			<b>39</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$287 00</b>	<b>\$37 15</b>	<b>\$324 15</b>	<b>\$297 50</b>

## Chesapeake, Week Ending May 18, 1917

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	3	27	9	35	50	4	50	40	00	1	10
Totals	1 Agents	3	27	9	35	50	4	50	40	00	1	10
Grand Totals: 50 Agents of Orders		Value \$2142 45				Deliveries, \$889 25						

## The "Signs" in Burma

"During a tour of my field last month I secured the photographs of two Burmese families which I am enclosing to you. These are additional evidences that your paper will bring people into the truth, even in foreign fields. The first one is Dr. Mg Po Pwe, Judge of the Subdivisional Court. This family has become deeply interested in the truth, and a number of others are asking for literature as a result of this one paper. They live in a beautiful village of ten thousand people and they are very anxious that we open up work among them."

Brother Lowry is superintendent of the Burma Mission, and in his letter, from which the above paragraph is taken, makes a strong request for a club of 50 weekly "Signs" to go to his address for one year. His request was promptly cared for.

## A \$200 Donation

A letter from Elder Paap to the "Signs" office the other day tells of interesting meetings he is holding in Southern California. In each service he gives attention to the Signs of the Times "100,000" Campaign work and encourages the increasing of clubs. He writes, "Yesterday, March 3rd, I spoke at the Long Beach Church and took up the "Signs" questions. We received 205 new yearly subscriptions, and at the close a good brother whose heart was touched gave \$200 cash with which to purchase literature. Praise the Lord! We received over 130 new subscriptions at Loma Linda in a rather small meeting."

## For Your Encouragement

One of our leading brethren in a recent letter to the publishers of the "Signs" says: "It occurred to me that you might be interested to learn that Sister J. Scroer has six adults keeping the Sabbath from sending them the "Signs." They have never met one of our ministers. They live in Montana and I am trying to get the president of the conference in touch with them.

The "Signs" in its ministry of forty-three years has won hundreds, perhaps thousands, to the Truth, and unlike most of us mortals it grows stronger and more

efficient with the passing years. Give it a *Weekly* circulation of 100,000 and it will make a stir in the land.

## Home Nursing and Simple Treatments

This is the title of a series of lessons based on Amy E. Pope's "Home Care of the sick" and Dr. G. H. Heald's "Colds, Their Cause, Prevention, and Cure." They have been examined and endorsed by the General Conference Medical Department. They are designed to meet the needs of mothers in the home and of others who wish to do missionary nursing, but are unable to take a full course of instruction at one of our sanitariums. The total cost, including textbooks, is \$5.50. Those who are interested should write at once for full particulars to —

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C. C. LEWIS, Principal.

## Mount Vernon Academy

### Wedding Bells

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. French of Academia, on the evening of May 31, when their daughter Florence was united in marriage to Mr. Otto S. Hershberger.

Miss French was a student at the academy for a number of years. Mr. Hershberger was president of the class of '17. He has been called to the educational and young people's secretaryship of the Ohio Conference.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hershberger join in wishing for them the blessings of health, happiness, and prosperity, and great success in their service for the Master.

The ceremony was performed by Elder N. S. Ashton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Taylor left last Thursday and will visit relatives and friends in New Jersey and Pennsylvania,

and then attend the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wells have returned from College View, Neb., to take up work in the Ohio Conference.

Last Friday night Elder N. S. Ashton spoke in Memorial Hall in Utica, Ohio, and on Sabbath he spoke at Newark. A number from the academy accompanied him.

Elder and Mrs. N. S. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, Mrs. M. A. Billington and Mr. Joseph Craig drove to Columbus with their machines last Tuesday.

Mr. Otto Hershberger has left the printing office to take up the educational work in the Ohio Conference. He visited the Springfield school last week.

The Misses Mabel Cassell and Elsie Haughey have returned to their homes from Washington College.

Miss Alice Miller, who had been matron of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, returned to her home last week.

Messrs. W. A. Ralls and E. Miller are employed in the printing office this summer.

The academy family consists of the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, Mrs. Billington, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stipeck, Miss Ethel Bell, Mr. J. G. Wolf, Mrs. R. Wharram, Miss Olive Skillings, and Mr. Earl Hackman.

## SOME OTHER WAY

**"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."**—John 14:6.

(Read texts given to answer each line.)

The Scripture is so plain and clear,  
That many first-day people fear,  
The seventh is the Sabbath day,  
Yet hope to find some other way.

2 Tim. 3:15-17. Hos. 4:6. Ex. 20:8-11. Jno. 10:1.

The cross seems hard, so they refrain,  
And hope the Lord may not complain,—  
At least, "He'll not bar me from heaven,  
If I but keep one day in seven.

Ps. 55:22. Mark 8:38. Rom. 2:12-16. Ezek. 22:26.

"If God would let me disobey  
That law about the Sabbath day,  
And follow more in popular trend,  
My influence might farther lend.

Prov. 28:9. Luke 23:54, 56. Ex. 23:2. Luke 6:22-26.

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"I'll make it up some other way,  
But pray do let me keep first day;  
Who keep the seventh are so few,—  
It makes one so peculiar, too.

Lukel4:27. 1 John5:3,4. Matt.7:14 Titus 2:14

"I'll serve the Lord with all my might,  
Do all things else besides that's right;  
I'll go, exhort, and preach, and pray,  
And ease my conscience in that way.

Zech. 4:6. Jas. 2:8-12. 1 Cor. 13:1-3. Matt. 15:9, 13.

"'Keep Sunday well,' some prophets teach,  
'Been kept so long, 'twill heal the breach.  
Well, now! that prospect looks so bright,  
I think I'll risk it wrong or right.'"

Ezek. 13:6. Isa. 58:12, 13. Hosea 10:13. Lev. 10:1-3.

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The pope did think to change the day,  
To compromise with heathen sway;  
He claims he can "of wrong make right,"  
And change God's law by holy might.

Dan. 7:25. 1 Kings 18:21: Isa. 5:20. 2 Thess. 2:3, 4.

Our Saviour no such claims ere spake,  
Nor change in God's just law did make,  
But died to stablish every word,—  
Man can't set self above his Lord.

Matt. 19:17. Matt'5:17, 18. Rom. 3:31. Eccl. 12:13, 14.

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**Camp-Meeting Dates**

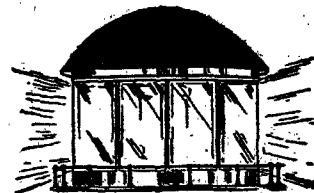
East Pennsylvania:—EmmanuelGrove, near Allentown, June 21 to July 1.

New Jersey:— Trenton, June 28 to July 8.

West Pennsylvania:— Du Bois, July 5 to July 15.

Ohio:—Bellefontaine, August 16-26.

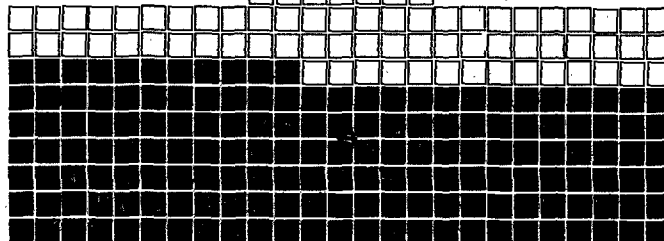
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