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Virginia Camp-meeting

The Virginia camp-meeting was held in a beautiful grove in Gordonsville, May 21 to June 1. While the attendance was not large as compared with some of the larger conferences, yet it was the largest for years in that conference.

A beautiful spirit of peace, harmony and good will prevailed. The convicting and converting power of the Holy Spirit was manifestly present from the very first. It seemed to be one continuous revival from beginning to end. A shout of complete victory over sin went up on the last day. On that day, Sunday, the last soul, with a broken spirit and a contrite heart surrendered, and said, "I do want a change of heart." The desire was realized after earnestly seeking the Lord in faith and repentance.

The people met together as the Lord's family, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, and longing to know how to do better service in the Lord's vineyard. There was comparatively little preaching done. Most of the time was devoted to the giving of instruction along all lines of Christian Missionary endeavor. Elder F. W. Paap was present most of the time and led out in the instruction given in the interest of the Home Missionary Department. Much time each day was given to teaching and training those present in practical missionary work. Church officers were given special instruction in regard to their respective offices. Many expressions of appreciation came from those in attendance, such as:

"I thank the Lord for the rich instruction that I have received here."

"This is the best camp-meeting that I ever attended. The instruction has been so precious."

"This is just the kind of instruction that we have needed for a long time."

"I am going to be a better Christian and take more of an interest in my family, friends and neighbors, when I go home."

The people left the grounds with their arms filled with literature. Regardless of the fact that only 75 people were present, they took more than 1500 "World

War," stacks of tracts, and many of the larger books. Elder Moffett, president of the conference, said, "I think we disposed of three times the literature usually sold at our camp-meetings." The colporteur work in Virginia shows marked improvement. There was a large representation of resident colporteurs present. Brother Hankins has charge of this branch of the work. He and Brother C. V. Leach, the Union Secretary, held some very interesting and inspiring meetings, in which all were deeply moved and made to realize as never before what an important work is being accomplished by the faithful, evangelistic colporteur.

Professor C. L. Stone and Brother R. Farley had charge of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. The talks and instruction given by Professor Stone and others were greatly appreciated by all. A foundation was laid for a broader and stronger work in this important department. Much of the strength in our ranks is represented in our young people, and all should take a deep interest in them and seek to develop all their talents for usefulness in the Lord's work.

Dr. D. H. Kress gave several talks on the Testimonies and healthful living, which were as meat in due season. Those not of our faith expressed their appreciation of the health talks. Elder B. G. Wilkinson and Brother L. A. Hansen gave some interesting stereopticon lectures on "Miracles of Modern Missions," "Astronomy," etc. Brother L. W. Graham of the Review and Herald, represented the publishing work, and gave some interesting statistics concerning the wonderful growth of this department. Professor S. M. Butler represented the interest of the Washington Missionary College, and co-operated in the regular services.

Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the Review and Herald, and Elder C. S. Longacre were present the last days of the meeting and rendered very valuable assistance. Elder Wilcox's presence and heart appeals added much to the spirit of revival and consecration. Elder Longacre stirred the hearts of the people as he related the civil and religious issues which are confronting us.

The ordination of Brother I. D. Richardson to the gospel ministry, on the last

Sabbath afternoon, brought a sacred solemnity into the camp. Very little business was transacted. Some important resolutions were passed and it was voted to move the conference office to Gordonsville, which is more centrally located, and where rents and the cost of maintaining the same will be much less than in Richmond.

The outlook for a rapidly growing work in Virginia is very encouraging. It was truly inspiring and uplifting to attend this holy convocation. Elder Moffett said, "Our people universally recognize this as the best camp-meeting Virginia has ever had." So grateful were the people for the blessings received, that they made a free will offering of over one-thousand dollars.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

VIRGINIA

Virginia

Virginia's largest canvassing report in its history as a conference appears with this issue. A total of \$2037.45 with helps and small books delivered of nearly one hundred dollars. This is excellent and likely will inspire others to the noble work. Brother and Sister Trummer take the palm for the week. They are working in Wise County and are making a good start. Already they have sent in book orders which call a halt of surprise in the office regime, then we regain our breath and record the orders and send them on to the publishers. It looks like we will see things on a different scope ere the season is over at the rate it is starting in. May we live close to the Lord so that He can use us all as He cuts short the work in righteousness and power.

Virginia camp-meeting for 1917 is past, but its beautiful camp site experiences will live in the hearts of those who attended and had a part in its blessings for many months. An account of it all will appear later in these columns.

We can supply the reading course books for 1917-18. Our supply is received and we will be glad to send them out soon. They were hindered so we could not supply the orders at camp-meeting.

"Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

Waited Five years for "Bible Readings"

The other day I came up to an old man and when I brought forth my prospectus for "Bible Readings" and had no more than started to give the canvass, his face brightened up and he turned to me and said, "Let me tell you young man, I have been waiting for that book for five years." He said that five years ago he saw a cloth bound copy of "Bible Readings" in a home and after looking it over offered \$5 for it, but the man said, "You cannot buy it, for I may not get another."

Five years is a long time to wait for a book. I believe there are many such people waiting for our book. Let us not make these people wait any longer.

M. A. MALONEY.

News Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports three persons baptized and eight taken into the church at Basic and Mount Vernon Furnace.

CHESAPEAKE

To the Churches and Isolated Members of the Chesapeake Conference

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Sister White, in Vol. 4, says: "The Review is a valuable paper; it contains matter of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. . . . Our people should make greater effort to extend the circulation of the Review."

If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper. And if they would deny themselves their darling luxuries, many who do not now have its weekly visits might pay for the messenger of light to come into their household. . . . Those who consent to do without the "Review and Herald" lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them as the bread of life."

Can any one say that we are not now living in a time when we need "This counsel of warning?" The "Review and Herald" being our official church organ, it is the only true source from which we may expect to receive the proper warning and advice. And most assuredly now is the time that every loyal family of Sev-

enth-day Adventists should be a reader of the "Review."

In our conference we have a goal of 247 families that should now be receiving the "Review," but our present list is only 127 subscribers, just half of what it really should be.

To those who are really enjoying this valuable paper I need not urge to Renew when the time expires, for I feel confident, this you will do. But to those who are not now enjoying these weekly visits of the "Review," let me urge upon you the importance of not delaying longer, but at once hand your subscription to the Home Missionary secretary of your church. The price is only \$2.25 a year, or \$1.25 for six months. Could you invest your money to a better advantage? Think!

M. S. PETTIBONE, *Home Miss. Sec'y.*

News Notes

Elder S. T. Shadel, and Mr. Philip Schank from the Washington Missionary College went to Salisbury, Md., last week and have begun the tent effort there. The first meeting was held Sunday night, with a fair sized audience for the first meeting. The force of workers were increased Sunday morning, by Miss Esther Knudson joining the company for the summer, and H. E. Wagner, our former stenographer, who will be with them for a short time only to assist with the music.

Austin Babel, one of our young men in the Baltimore Church, and who has been taking a business training at Baltimore City College, will assist in the office this summer.

Elder A. S. Booth, with his company of workers, and volunteers from the church are busy getting the big tent pitched so that he may begin his meetings Sunday night, June 17. The tent will be located on Edmonson Avenue and Bentalou Street in the western part of the city. It is a very prominent location, as Edmondson Avenue is quite a thoroughfare.

Elder G. P. Rodgers began work on the pitching of his tent today. His tent will be on Pennsylvania Avenue and in a very good location. This street is also a very public one. We solicit the prayers of the people in behalf of the tent work in our conference this summer. This is a very important year, especially for our large cities.

Brother G. Medairy spent last Sabbath with the Wilmington Church.

The Wilmington No. 2 Church will hold a Sabbath School Convention and a Church Missionary Convention next Sabbath.

Elder Booth baptized four persons last Sabbath.

Elder J. H. Wierts is planning to have a baptism soon.

While it has been thought best to not hold a tent effort for the German people this summer, because of certain restrictions in the city due to the world war problem, Elder Wierts and Miss Buchner, the German Bible worker here, are doing what they can to give the message in the homes of the people.

Elder Wierts went to Hagerstown Sunday and held a meeting with the church there Sunday night. His visit was appreciated by the church, as this company has been somewhat broken up by the removal of some of its members to other places and the call to their pastor, Elder Shadel, to conduct the tent effort in Salisbury this summer.

Elder and Mrs. J. O. Miller, and their daughter, Miss Alice, spent a part of last week visiting relatives, interested ones, and churches in the western part of the conference.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has again organized into bands, for the raising of money for the church debt. Last quarter there were 14 bands. There has been a little more thorough organization this time and every member of the church is being drafted into service, as well as those who attend the meetings but are not members. A correspondence band has been organized. This is for those who are members of the church, but who live at such distance that they cannot attend the services.

The Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies are on hand. Let all the schools order early.

"Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy enough to tread any path."



WEST VIRGINIA

Made use of a Good Opportunity

I wish to relate an experience I had recently. I had been invited to a fine large church to speak on the subject, "War and its relation to the Second Coming of Christ." It surely gave me great pleasure to speak in regard to the "blessed hope." I had a fine audience and all seemed to enjoy my short talk. One young man came to me after service and said; "I believe just as you do in regard to the end of time."

Two ministers were present. This meeting was held in a vicinity that has been very much opposed to us, but God is working on the hearts of men as never before, this is an indication that God is going to make a short work in righteousness.

This was my first effort in giving a public discourse, but I feel sure God's Spirit was with me. I expect to continue giving the message in my weakness until every home and person is warned in my vicinity to flee the wrath of God that is soon to be visited upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Dear brethren, we need to get busy and study the message again. I fear many have not gone deep enough into this message to receive a full blessing. We are living too much on the surface of the message, when we should explore the region of the sanctuary, and the 2300 days, and then we would see the commandments of God with their binding force more clearly, and thus be enabled to live purer lives.

We need to use the Testimonies, as they act as a great magnifier when studied in connection with the Bible. How thankful we should be for the light of prophecy! We can learn God's will before a great crisis if we only heed divine Revelation.

ARLEY MCNEMAR.

Wedding Bells

A very pretty wedding took place on Thursday evening, June 7, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Chapel at Morgantown W. Va., when Miss Marguerite Tippet of Baltimore, Md., was united in marriage with Mr. Jesse R. Medlin of Washington, Pa. Elder G. A. Stevens officiated, and was assisted by Brother Thomas Thirlwell.

After the ceremony a very enjoyable reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bartges. Mr. and Mrs. Medlin will make their home at Parkersburg, W. Va., where Mr. Medlin is engaged in business. Mrs. Medlin will plan to assist Mr. Medlin in his business.

We wish them many blessings of the Lord as they take up the burdens of life together. MRS. GEORGE H. BARTGES.

OHIO

Camden

Sabbath and Sunday, June 2 and 3, Elder Slade and the writer visited the Camden Church. We believe this meeting was a profitable one. Many hearts responded to the instruction given during our stay with them. Elder Slade gave two timely discourses, showing our relation to God and each other.

The LaGrange Church were present on Sabbath. The regular Rally day program was carried out and all seemed to enjoy the day. Sunday forenoon nearly the entire church met at the home of Sister Gibson,—Cora Gibson's mother, and had a short service. From there we went direct to a nearby river, where our aged sister Gibson and three of her grandchildren were buried with their Lord in baptism by Elder Slade. After refreshments we drove across the country to the Camden Church. This our last service, was enjoyed by all. The Camden Church is a country church. Our brethren are scattered far and near. The church has passed through many trying experiences, but most of the brethren are of good courage. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless our people at Camden and, as we near the end of time, may the Lord help us to press together and with heart and hand enter heartily into His service, and help finish the fast closing work of God in the earth.

May we lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

As Brother French and I had spent the greater part of the day in the field, we thought it about time to find a place to stay over night. We stopped at several places, but it seemed to us as though the hearts had turned almost to stone, however, we did not get discouraged, as the Lord has always found a place for His servants to rest. We finally found a place where we got our supper, but could not stay there all night, as the people did not have room to keep us.

We stopped a few more places, but without success. It was getting quite late, so we thought it time to call upon the Lord. We found a quiet place and sought the Lord with an earnest prayer, then went on. The very next home we came to, we could see how the Lord had softened the hearts of the people, but they were unable to keep us because of sickness. They directed us to a home

where we could stay. When we got there, every one had retired, but we awakened them and told our mission and were received into the home. They would take nothing for the night's lodging and ordered a copy of "Bible Readings" in the best binding. So you see if we depend upon the Lord and when we get in trouble, call upon His name, He will hear and answer our prayer, and also pour us out an extra blessing.

P. A. FRANKS, Asst. Field Sec.

News Notes

Brother H. D. Holtom and family left Mt. Vernon June 12 for a ten days' visit among relatives and friends in Akron, Toledo, Mansfield, and Bellville.

Elder E. K. Slade spent a number of days in Washington during the past week in attendance at the Columbia Union Committee meeting.

P. A. Franks has been spending some time with the colporteurs in the southern part of the state and reports that their courage is good.

Elmer French has taken up the colporteur work in Champaign County, and sends in a very good report for his first week's work.

C. R. Fairchild has gone to Cleveland for a few days and then will spend some time with the colporteurs in the western part of the state.

Special

THE DRAFT

Congress has enacted, and the President has approved, a selective conscription law. While many citizens were apparently opposed to conscription, yet Congress and the President were united in making a law which drafts men within defined age limits for military duty. This law is now being, and will continue to be, enforced by the Executive and War Departments of the United States. Sections of the law read as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in view of the existing emergency, which demands the raising of troops in addition to those now available, the President be, and is hereby, authorized . . .

"Third. To raise by draft as herein provided, organize, and equip an additional force of five hundred thousand enlisted men, or such part or parts thereof

as he may at any time deem necessary, and to provide the necessary officers, line and staff, for said force and for organizations of the other forces hereby authorized.

"Fourth. The President is further authorized, in his discretion and at such time as he may determine, to raise and begin the training of an additional force of five hundred thousand men organized, officered, and equipped, as provided for the force first mentioned in the preceeding paragraph of this section.

"Fifth. To raise by draft, organize, equip, and officer, as provided in the third paragraph of this section, in addition to and for each of the above forces, such recruit training units as he may deem necessary for the maintenance of such forces at the maximum strength.

"Sixth. To raise, organize, officer, and maintain during the emergency such number of ammunition batteries and battalions, depot batteries and battalions, and such artillery parks, with such numbers and grades of personnel as he may deem necessary. Such organizations shall be officered in the manner provided in the third paragraph of this section, and enlisted men may be assigned to said organizations from any of the forces herein provided for or raised by selective draft as by this act provided.

"Sec. 2. That the enlisted men required to raise and maintain the organizations of the Regular Army and to complete and maintain the organizations embodying the National Guard drafted into the service of the United States, at the maximum legal strength as by this act provided, shall be raised by voluntary enlistment, or if and whenever the President decides that they cannot effectually be so raised or maintained, then by selective draft; and all other forces hereby authorized, except as provided in the seventh paragraph of section one, shall be raised and maintained by selective draft exclusively; but this provision shall not prevent the transfer to any force of training cadres from other forces. Such draft as herein provided shall be based upon liability to military service of all male citizens, or male persons not alien enemies who have declared their intention to become citizens, between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years, both inclusive, and shall take place and be maintained under such regulations as the President may prescribe not inconsistent with the terms of this act. Quotas for the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, or subdivisions thereof, shall be determined in proportion to the population thereof, and credit shall be given to any State, Territory, District, or subdivision thereof, for the number of men who were in the military service of the United States as members of the

National Guard on April first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, or who have since said date entered the military service of the United States from any such State, Territory, District, or subdivision, either as members of the Regular Army or the National Guard. All persons drafted into the service of the United States and all officers accepting commissions in the forces herein provided for shall, from the date of said draft or acceptance, be subject to the laws and regulations governing the Regular Army, except as to promotions, so far as such laws and regulations are applicable to persons whose permanent retention in the military service on the active or retired lists is not contemplated by existing law, and those drafted shall be required to serve for the period of the existing emergency unless sooner discharged: *Provided*, That the President is authorized to raise and maintain by voluntary enlistment or draft, as herein provided, special and technical troops as he may deem necessary, and to embody them into organizations and to officer them as provided in the third paragraph of section one and section nine of this act. Organizations of the forces herein provided for, except the Regular Army and the divisions authorized in the seventh paragraph of section one, shall, as far as the interests of the service permit, be composed of men who come, and of officers who are appointed, from the same State or locality.

"Sec. 3. No bounty shall be paid to induce any person to enlist in the military service of the United States; and no person liable to military service shall hereafter be permitted or allowed to furnish a substitute for such service; nor shall any substitute be received, enlisted, or enrolled in the military service of the United States; and no such person shall be permitted to escape such service or to be discharged therefrom prior to the expiration of his term of service by the payment of money or any other valuable thing whatsoever as consideration for his release from military service or liability thereto.

"Sec. 10. That all officers and enlisted men of the forces herein provided for other than the Regular Army shall be in all respects on the same footing as to pay, allowances, and pensions as officers and enlisted men of corresponding grades and length of service in the Regular Army; and commencing June one, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and continuing until the termination of the emergency, all enlisted men of the Army of the United States in active service whose base pay does not exceed \$21 per month shall receive an increase of \$15 per month; those whose base pay is \$24, an increase of \$12 per month; those whose pay is \$30, \$36, or \$40, an increase of \$8 per month; and

those whose base pay is \$45 or more, an increase of \$6 per month: *Provided*, That the increases of pay herein authorized shall not enter into the computation of the continuous service pay."

We have quoted the foregoing sections of the law in order that the readers of the Review may have the wording of the law before them for study.

It will be observed that all men within the United States, from the ages of twenty-one to thirty inclusive, who are not exempted, are subject to draft at any time deemed necessary by the proper authorities. It is estimated that the registration will show from 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 men of the prescribed ages in this country.

Not all who are drafted will be called to go to the front. Some must do mechanical work, and that of all sorts; some must serve in the commissary department securing and providing food with which to feed those engaged in other lines of service, others must perform hospital duty, caring for the wounded and ministering to the sick.

The law does not allow each man drafted to select his own line of service, and take what place he chooses. This selection is committed to the War Department, and the idea is that each will be assigned to the position in which his training will best fit him to serve.

To meet the possibilities of such conditions as now prevail, the North American Division Executive Committee, at its autumn session in 1916, among other recommendations passed the following:

"That as far as consistent there be given in connection with our colleges, particularly to the young men, instruction in simple treatments, fundamental principles of nursing, and 'first aid' to the injured; in short, such instruction as in times of emergency will enable them to render service in the care of the sick in either the home or foreign fields.

"That a suitable certificate stating the character of this instruction be issued by the Medical Department of the North American Division Conference to those completing this course of instruction."

Acting in harmony with these recommendations, some of our sanitariums, most of our colleges, including our medical college at Loma Linda, and some of our academies, have opened and are conducting special classes in emergency and first aid work for the wounded and sick. Hundreds of our young people have availed themselves of this training, which should stand the young men in good stead if drafted.

Thousands of our young men have been reared on farms and have a training in agriculture and horticulture, which means much in meeting the food supply of the

world today. They are, or should be, expert farmers, and can well serve their country, if permitted, in their regular vocation, helping to supply food for the nation.

Existing conditions present to our people in the United States special difficulties because we are noncombatants in religious belief, and further because we conscientiously observe the seventh day as the Sabbath. We have always tried faithfully to obey the divine injunction concerning the duty of Christians toward those who bear rule over them. The Word of God plainly sets forth this duty. When the Saviour was asked, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" He said,

"Why tempt ye Me, ye hypocrites? Show Me the tribute money. And they brought unto Him a penny. And He saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto Him, Caesar's. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Paul wrote in his epistle to the Romans, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. . . . Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

In the epistle to Titus we find these words:

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men."

Peter wrote:

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well."

But while the Christian must submit "to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake," he must never forget his duty to his Creator and Redeemer. His service to God must come first. He obeys with fidelity the laws of his country when those laws do not compel him to violate his duty to God. He must be true to his honest convictions in obeying God, but beyond that he holds himself subject "to the powers that be."

It is quite probable that some of our young men will be called to serve their country. While we earnestly hope that they will be exempted from the bearing of arms, they will be required to serve in other capacities. Let us all pray that heaven may give them favor with the authorities whereby they may be en-

abled to serve God in an acceptable manner while still doing their duty as citizens. We know that wherever they are placed, and to whatever noncombatant work they may be assigned, they will prove themselves true representatives of the Master, serving with faithfulness and fidelity, commending to all their associates the holy religion of the Lord Jesus.

Next week we will consider the provisions made by the law for the granting of exemptions.

I. H. EVANS.

President North American Division Conference.

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Another "Signs of the Times" Story

"Good Morning!"

The young man who entered the office was well dressed and seemed pleased to have reached the place. He had come from Kansas City, Kansas, and at once inquired if we had the Signs of the Times magazine. At the same time he took from his pocket a little slip on which he had written "Christian Science Pamphlet and Thoughts on Revelation"—publications which we wish to get.

We surmised that in some way he had come in touch with our literature, made his acquaintance, and was glad to hear the little story he told as to how his interest was aroused.

"About two years ago I bought a copy of the Signs magazine from a girl in Kansas City, Kansas, who was working for a scholarship. I took it to my room and threw it up on the shelf. After about a year I took it down one day and found that it pictured exactly the things that were transpiring now, and I got interested."

"After I had read that copy I sent it to my mother and did not keep the address. I kept watching for a chance to get another copy, and one day, it happened that there came a copy of the weekly Signs through the mail to my boarding place addressed to a man who had lived there before but had left. I got that paper and read it and soon after had a chance to buy another copy of the magazine on the street." From this he learned the address of our office here and began to read our books.

On this trip he purchased these two pamphlets mentioned, a copy of the last Signs magazine and World War and told us quite enthusiastically he was planning to take all of this literature with him to his people whom he expected to visit in another state soon.

It is truly an inspiration to meet people who have thus become interested in the truth and to note the eagerness with which they are planning to tell it to others. Surely these things should influ-

ence our people at times like this to scatter the seeds of truth as never before.

J. R. FERREN.

What About the Magazines?

What is your church doing to circulate the magazines and are you helping in this? Some are doing excellent work, as the following experiences show:

"An interesting incident occurred on the train the other day. When I boarded the train I handed the 'Signs' to a passenger, asking him if he would like something to read on the way. 'Certainly,' he replied, taking the magazine and beginning to read. On reading the first article, he became so interested in it that he had to read it to three of his friends, after which he sat down and continued reading. I noticed that he was reading every article from the beginning. Finally he turned to me and said, 'Where do you get these papers? Can I buy them at the news stand?' I told him where and by whom the magazine was published and that I had a few of them with me. 'Well,' he said, 'may I buy this one?' I told him he might, so he took the paper and continued his reading. He told me that it was certainly a grand paper."

"I am selling the 'Signs' and 'Life and Health' magazines and others. Never were these magazines more attractive and forceful. It gives one an inspiration and strength to go out with them. I opened a door to enter a tailor's shop on a certain avenue and the woman exclaimed to her husband, 'Here's your man!' I handed him a 'Signs' which he said he had been looking for. He took it and at once turned the pages to look for an article promised in the preceding number."

"The Lord has helped me to sell 750 magazines here, including some foreign ones such as French, German, Jewish, Russian, and Italian, also Chinese tracts. We should help these foreigners more. I have also sold a Polish and Italian Bible to men who saw this holy book for the first time. I feel I should praise the Lord for something done. I have learned to depend more on prayer. 'They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.'"

"One sister writes that her husband, who is not an Adventist, has become very much interested in 'Liberty.' He sold almost fifty copies to his fellow workmen. He also sold some to the leading business men of the city. He finds that they are much interested in the magazine. Another interesting feature is that he turns the money he receives into the conference for missions. Are there not some of our church members who will follow this example?"

"One of our younger members began the magazine work a short time ago. He

found many of the business men anxious to read our papers. After working only a few days he wrote that he had been able to save about fifty dollars besides paying his expenses."

"Not long ago a sister consented to do a little experimental work with the 'Watchman,' and asked that five copies be sent to her to see what she could do with them. In a few days she wrote, 'I have received the first five 'Watchman' you sent and have sold them. I am sending you fifty cents to pay for the first five I have sold, and for five more. Please send them at once.' Who else would like to try this?"

"The publishers of the 'Liberty' magazine recently received a three-years' subscription from a gentleman who said that he picked up a copy of 'Liberty' on a trash heap. This he read and so admired the principles that he wished to become a permanent subscriber."

"While canvassing with the 'Signs' I had finished one side of the main street with this magazine and some cross streets, and had sold all but five. I was across the street from the post-office in a small building, and just as I started my canvass, a gentleman walked in and heard me give the canvass and saw the man purchase the magazine. He went out ahead of me and when I reached the entrance he was standing out in front of the doorway. I had just pulled out a magazine to give him a canvass when he said, 'I have been waiting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?' I replied that it was a dollar a year. He said, 'Come to my office this afternoon and I will take it. Call for the manager,' and gave his address. I went and was shown in. He said, 'I am very glad to get that magazine. In 1914, when I was in Philadelphia, I saw that magazine in a business office. I picked it up and read it and was impressed with the prophecies on the Eastern question. I have not seen one since and did not know where to get it. Now I want a year's subscription to it.' I called his attention to two books advertised in it, 'The World's Crisis' and 'Armageddon' and he took particular note of them."

"To show how wonderfully the Lord brings the message to souls, I will tell how he brought it to this man. His office was on the opposite side of the street from where I was canvassing and I did not have enough 'Signs' left to canvass that side of the street. So the Lord sent that man to that building just in time to get in touch with this last great message again, the first opportunity he has had in two years. I have been told that none of our magazines have been sold there in six years. This man is the president of the Bell Telephone Company of that city and a man of prominence and wealth."

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 8, 1917									
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	5	44	18	66 00	2 00	68 00	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	4	23	1	3 50		3 50	122 75
J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co.		BR	2	20	4	14 00		14 00	
R.W. Garrett, Carbondale Co.		GC	5	36	15	52 50	6 75	59 25	
L. W. Mase, Lacka Co.		GC	5	37	17	60 50	8 25	68 75	
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		Misc	5	40		49 40		49 40	
Eugene Gloor, Dauphin Co.		BR	5	63	28	121 00	4 50	125 50	
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.		BR	5	56	28	132 00	4 50	136 50	
W. P. Hess, York Co.		BF	4	35	12	34 00	4 00	38 00	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	4	26	12	47 00	1 25	48 25	
Miscellaneous						2771 04		2771 04	
Totals	10 Agents		44	681	135	\$3350 94	\$31 25	\$3382 19	\$122 75
Virginia, Week Ending June 8, 1917									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	8	84	107	547 50	44 25	591 75	
H. A. Wright, Nelson Co.		BR	9	87	86	309 00	50	309 50	
Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, Orange		BR	3	17	3	10 50	85	11 35	
W. H. Wilcox, Orange Co.		BR	4	17	6	25 00		25 00	
Irma B. Gerhart, Frederick Co.		BR	15	103	69	247 50		247 50	
Elsie Nelson, Clark Co.		BR	10	73	27	94 50	12 00	106 50	
Annie Childs, Clark Co.		BR	10	40	21	77 50	1 25	78 75	
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BR	6	42	22	81 00		81 00	
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.		BR	4	28	9	32 50	1 85	34 35	
S. N. Wilmer, Louisa Co.		BR	3	23					79 50
Agnes Walker, Nottoway Co.		BF	6	23	34	68 00		68 00	
Elden Lockwood, Tazwell Co.		HM	10	60	19	49 50	15 00	64 50	
David Percy, Tazwell Co.		HM	10	81	76	198 50	9 00	207 50	
Ida Elder, Rockbridge Co.		HM	12	88	52	131 00	11 75	142 74	
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		GC	2	14			2 25	2 25	2 25
Mrs. Russell, Henrico Co.	WW&OSD	10	50	200		50 00		50 00	50 00
Geo. W. Lawrence, Warwick Co.	Mis	2	9	67		16 75		16 75	
Totals	18 Agents		124	849	798	\$1938 75	\$98 70	\$2037 45	\$131 75
West Virginia, Week Ending June 8, 1917									
J.S. Seal, Charleston		BR	4	40		140 50	11 35	151 85	
T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.		BR	5	41	20	72 00	2 20	74 20	71 70
Andrew Lessner, Burnsville		BR	4	19	10	42 00		42 00	
Norman Haye, Kanawha Co.		BR	3	19	11	40 50	3 05	43 55	1 05
John Fahrner, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	21	9	31 50	8 50	40 00	3 70
W. E. West, Burnsville		BR	5	37	4	14 00	5 45	19 45	1 45
C. G. Mays, Greenbrier Co.		HM	5	51					213 00
J. M. Morris, Kanawha Co.		HM	5	41					146 50
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	4	26	36	71 50	8 10	79 60	29 30
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.		CK	5	42	55	123 00	8 30	131 30	3 00
Guy Corder, Raleigh, Co.		CK	5	43	47	96 50	6 00	102 50	4 50
Totals	11 Agents		49	380	192	\$631 50	\$52 95	\$684 45	\$474 20
West Pennsylvania Week Ending June 8, 1917									
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland		BR	3	20	17	53 00	6 25	59 25	
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.	COL	4	27	19		28 50	2 50	31 00	63 00
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	7	47	12	43 00	8 60	51 60	30 50
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	3	25	15	20 25	3 00	23 25	
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	2		3	12 50	2 35	14 85	9 10
G. W. James, Westmorland Co.	WW	2	20	48		12 00		12 00	12 00
John Kmetz, Westmoreland Co.	HW	5	48	88		32 95		32 95	32 95
Jas. E. Lippart, Lawrence Co.		BR	4	40	9	36 50	25	36 75	25
Clyde Newmyer, Mercer Co.		BR	3	23	12	42 00	3 75	45 75	2 50
Geo. Rapp, Lawrence Co.		BR	4	40		42 50		42 50	
Goldie Rager, Cambria Co.	HW	2	15	6		15 00	2 40	17 40	
G. Rager, Cambria Co.	HM	2	14	18		48 00		48 00	
Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.	HW	6	24			11 00	8 10	19 10	
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.	PPF	4	34	3		7 50	9 00	16 50	38 40
Totals	14 Agents		51	377	250	\$404 70	\$46 20	\$450 90	\$188 70

Ohio, Week Ending June 8, 1917

Elmer French, Champaign Co.	BR	5	50	16	63	00	10	50	73	50	7	50
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	5	43	8	32	00	13	20	45	20	9	00
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.	BR	4	42	6	27	00			27	00	72	00
J. H. Stafford, Columbus	BR	5	41	9	33	60			33	50		
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.	BR	5	40	3	12	50	2	50	15	00	16	00
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	5	40	9	31	50	2	25	33	75		
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	39	4	14	00	15	25	29	25	30	00
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.	BR	4	35	22	80	00	3	00	83	00		
Martha Hottes, Dayton	BF	5	35	19	40	50	2	25	42	75	1	25
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.	BR	3	32	19	74	50	1	50	76	00	1	50
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton	BR	5	29	2	7	00	7	70	14	70	24	65
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton	BR	5	23	3	10	50	5	60	16	10	19	85
D. McCarthy, Youngstown	BR	5	26	16	59	00	6	95	65	95	70	45
G. Yingling, Niles	BR	2	20	4	15	00	3	75	18	75	74	50
Clara Weber, Dayton	BR	4	22	4	14	00	2	00	16	00	2	05
E. C. Alexander, Adams Co.	BR	2	20	1	3	50	1	00	4	50	91	75
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	2	19								41	00
Miss Kuebel, Dayton	CK	4	18	1	2	00	1	25	3	25	1	25
N. Oancea, Akron	Foreign	3	17				17	00	17	00	17	00
Mrs. W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	3	18	4	14	00	3	00	17	00		
Anna Oancea, Akron	Foreign	3	15				15	95	15	95	15	05
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.	BR	3	14								70	25
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.	BR	1	13								148	00

Totals	23 Agents	89	656	150	\$533	50	\$114	65	\$648	15	\$713	95
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Grand Totals: 76 Agents of Orders	Value \$6859 39	Deliveries, \$1631 35
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Does it not seem too bad that six years should have gone by without anyone having a burden to place our truth filled magazines in the hands of the people?

"A sister carries copies of all our English magazines, and often sells a full set instead of one as many of our magazine workers do. She also explained to me that she always has her papers with her and sells to the ticket agent when she buys a ticket, to the grocer when she buys groceries, to the landlady and the roomers where she secures her room, and to any and everybody where opportunity presents itself. In this way she is placing hundreds of pages of truth in the hands of people who may never have other opportunities for getting it."

"A sister who decided to put in her spare time taking yearly subscriptions for the magazines, has been sick and unable to leave her home. But she has taken several subscriptions from those who called upon her; and that without having a sample of the magazine to show them."

"Two boys sold \$80 worth of magazines in one month. These boys are about ten and twelve years of age, respectively. The younger has fifty regular customers, and the elder has thirty-six. They work the business section of the city first, then the homes. They sold a thousand Temperance 'Instructors' last year, besides 3,600 'Watchman'."

"During one school vacation recently two sisters went out selling magazines. The Lord blessed their work and they disposed of 2,537 in seven days. This meant that the truth had been placed in many homes."

"An editor to whom a sister sent a 'Watchman' and some tracts, responded as follows: 'Received the 'Watchman' and

tracts and am thankful to you for them; they are very interesting to me, especially the leaflet, "Have we come to Armageddon?" I received more information from that regarding the war in the East than all my newspaper reading had given me. If you have other 'Watchman' or other reading please forward it from time to time, and I will be thankful to you and will settle when you come again.'"

"While waiting for a train at a small town it occurred to me that some magazine subscriptions might be obtained there. At the fourth house there was a man busy reading. I told him that he was the kind of person I was looking for. As soon as he saw the 'Signs,' 'Liberty' and 'Watchman' magazines, he was interested, and soon gave me subscriptions for the last two. At the next house in a few minutes, subscriptions were received for 'Signs' and 'Liberty.'"

"It is with a thrill of joy that I think of the influence the magazine work has had upon my dear children. It makes me want to sell magazines too. One time our daughter wrote home that she did not feel herself alone, for she sensed the presence of the angels while selling magazines. I feel that the good Lord is richly blessing our children in the magazine work."

"I am truly glad that my daughter took up the magazine work last summer. She had some splendid experiences which helped her spiritually so much. I am sure that she will get much more out of school this year, for she knows just what effort her scholarship cost her. I believe the magazine work is an important one that must be done now, and hope many of our young people will engage in it."

Do not these experiences stir your heart with a desire to help in this good

work? The call of the hour is for the widest possible circulation of literature and the magazines have an important place in this. EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. E. J. Stipeck spent a week in Cleveland, visiting relatives.

Mrs. E. J. Stipeck is visiting her sister in Alliance, Ohio.

About one hundred quarts of fine large strawberries have been picked from our patch last week. This is only a start as the crop is exceptionally good this year.

The culinary department is busy canning fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. Rena Wharram has accepted a position as matron of the Mount Vernon Children's Home.

The Academy farm is doing well, although the wet weather has hindered us quite a bit, but with the Lord's blessing on everything, we hope to have a bountiful harvest. By looks of the potatoes we expect 500 or 600 bushels, and our 15 acres of corn is growing splendidly. Mrs. King has set her aim for strawberries at 1000 quarts, of which about 100 have been picked already. The garden is doing exceptionally well. We have more than we can use, and with the Lord's help we hope to open the next school year with a fruit laden storehouse.

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.

WANTED.—To correspond with several Christian boys and girls relative to taking the nurses' course. Address The Newark Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio.

WANTED.—At once, young or middle aged lady to learn to give treatments and care for patients, etc., in small sanitarium. Address C. R. Webster, First Street Sanitarium, Jackson, Mich.



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OBITUARIES

EVANS.—Daniel, aged 78 years, died at Ionia, Michigan, December 12, 1916. Brother Evans accepted the truth in 1887 under the earnest labors of Elders K. C. Russell and Frank Peabody. He served faithfully as elder of the Cherry Flats Church, Pennsylvania, from that time until his death. He died a firm believer in the present truth and looked forward with joy to the return of his blessed Master.

Dunn.—Mrs. Hattie M., was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 3, 1860, died at her home in Standing Stone, Pa., May 19, 1917. She accepted the Third Angel's Message twenty-one years ago and remained a faithful member of The Seventh-day Adventist Church until her death. The bereaved family hope to join her in the eternal joys to come when the Saviour claims His own.

HOWARD J. DETWILER.

HARBAUCH.—Myrtle Florine, born August 21, 1905, at Winber, Pa., and died at Johnstown, Pa., June 5, 1917. Death was due to a tumor on the brain from which she suffered much for many weeks. She underwent a serious, and delicate operation, but as it was impossible to remove the growth, she succumbed to the disease at the Memorial hospital. About four weeks before her death she requested baptism and was buried with her Lord in this sacred rite. She was a patient sufferer, and set an example worthy of adults to emulate during her affliction. Her faith wavered not until the end. We laid her away in Hillsdale, Pa., beside her mother, with the full expectation of her coming forth at the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

R. M. SPENCER.

NOTICE
To Conferences

Copy has been coming in very irregularly and late the past three weeks, and we kindly request you to send in your share each week by Thursday. Thank you.
EDITOR.

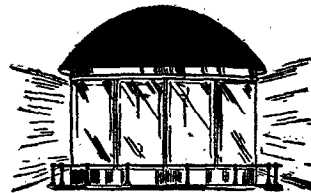
Camp-Meeting Dates

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

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

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

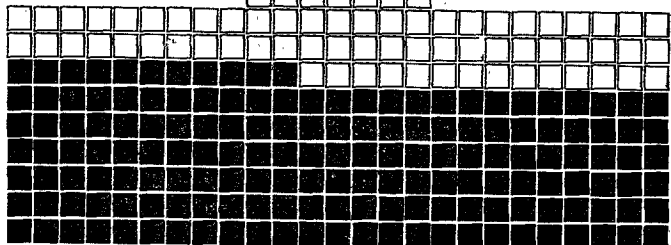
Ohio:—Bellefontaine, August 16-26.



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