

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## UNION

### The Union Rallies

The Columbia Union Conference Committee meeting held June 12 was a most important one. The subject which all felt keenly and which called for the greatest consideration was the condition of the College Fund for the new building. What can we do to bring in the last remaining amount needed, and to encourage those who have pledged in the past to come forward with the material fulfillment of their pledges?

These were great questions. Although every member of the committee is feeling the pinch caused by the continual rise in prices without any rise in wages, and although each member of the committee has already subscribed liberally to the College Fund, nevertheless the brethren dug down into their pockets again, and the Union Committee in one session raised the amount of \$200! These dear brethren feel that this fund will not be raised by leaning upon one or two people who have means to give large gifts, but will be raised by each one contributing what he can. Up to the present we have in pledges \$34,000. The amount called for in the fund was \$50,000. Already \$17,000 in cash has come in, and we expect we shall get on the remaining pledges about \$13,000 more in cash. That will mean \$30,000 raised, with \$20,000 yet to be obtained. We would ask our brethren to whom these lines may come, if they will not join us in a new rally throughout the Columbia Union to bring in the \$20,000.

We believe it can be done. Though prices are high, yet there are those of our brethren in business who are able to receive larger wages or recoup themselves in business by also a rise of prices. This is practically impossible for the ministers to do whose salary remain the same from year to year. Nevertheless the spirit of self-sacrifice and co-operation runs through us all.

Need I say anything about the need of this building? The fact is we are trying to run a school for 300 pupils upon an equipment and facilities for 150. Even listing the colleges of the denomination,

to say nothing of the colleges of the world, this important educational institution of ours at Washington stands eleventh in the list of our schools which are better equipped than it. And what shall we say when we think that Seventh-day Baptists and Mormons, who do not commence to have the great message we have, never think of establishing a college without not only starting it well but giving it an additional endowment fund of not less than \$500,000?

In addition to this, Elders Daniells and Knox return from the Orient, their hands full of demands for more men; but where will they get these men? Certainly they cannot be trained anywhere else than in our schools. Dear brethren, what shall be our record this coming year? Shall we be obliged to go backward this coming year, hampered on every side in this institution? We can't help but believe that the cause of education lies near to your heart. We would ask, therefore, that all our brethren who come to camp-meeting be prepared to give a splendid donation to the college. We expect soon to send out individual letters to all the members situated in this union conference, giving them a chance for a personal donation. Why could we not have a self-denial week upon this subject? Why cannot those who have already pledged seek the Lord earnestly in prayer to see if they cannot by some means, as soon as possible, send in their payment which is so much needed to encourage our hearts to get ready and to go ahead?

One thing the Union Conference and College Board have decided upon, and that is this: We will not begin to build when such a beginning is going to place us in the probability of creating a debt, without funds in hand to meet the bills.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Some False Rumors Denied

Recently there has come to my attention the rumor that someone is circulating that Elders Daniells and Knox had sent a cable from the Orient asking that the building at the College be held up for further consideration, and some have been perplexed as a result concerning their pledge. I am passing on this word

of denial and trust it will reach all those who may have been placed in perplexity by the false report.

Elder Daniells came to me two years ago at Loma Linda when I had made all preparation to return to my work in India, and showed me that the only way to arouse our people to the magnitude of the task ahead was to have some missionary remain from the field and tell the story in the churches. He said that the great problem of the future was not so much money as the enlisting and training of an adequate army of laborers. I was then asked to remain at home and both recruit our young people and arouse our older members to come forward with the means to quickly build and equip our training schools so that this army of young people could be housed and trained speedily for the finishing of the work. I was asked to work in the East and in the South because our College here at Takoma Park had accommodation for 150, while more than 300 of our young people were already knocking at its doors for admission. The brethren then laid upon my heart the burden of raising about \$50,000 in our Union and a similar amount in the South for our schools. The reason for this was because while the schools in the West were well equipped with room and facilities, our schools in the East and South were not. I had supposed that every Adventist would have seen the point at once, and that there would have been such a hearty response that the 1000 shares at \$50 a share would have been gladly subscribed within the year. But it has been necessary for us to extend the time three months. September 30 is the limit. I am sure that not one of us will be deceived by any such false rumors as the one referred to here. Those brethren who have held me for two years from my work in the Orient, that these schools might be built up so that the work might be speedily finished, have sent no telegram of the purport referred to above. They supposed we were well along with our building. But we have not started and that because there is not quite sufficient cash in hand yet to warrant us going ahead. But the way the money is now coming in, we will soon be able to begin.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

## OHIO

## Geneva

It was my privilege to meet with the little company at Geneva, Sabbath, June 9, and at that time a church was organized at that place with a full set of officers. They have a church of eleven members all of whom are grown and well established, while others will join in the near future. Professor R. G. Ryan, who is spending a somewhat prolonged furlough at the home of Mrs. Ryan's parents, C. P. Haskell and wife, was chosen as Elder. The meetings are held at the home of Brother and Sister Wright in the village of Geneva. Several of those making up the membership of this little church were formerly members of the Jefferson Church, which was recently disbanded on account of the scattered condition of the membership.

It was my privilege to meet with the little Ashtabula Church in the morning of this same date, accompanied by Brother C. E. Hooper. E. K. SLADE.

## An Encouraging Report

Only a few days ago an encouraging report from the little church in Canton reached us, and feeling that possibly its contents may serve as an incentive to others, we are passing it on. Our hearts are stirred many times as we learn of the faithfulness of some of our people in different parts of the state. We can only wish that this were universal, and that everywhere God's people were working unaidedly to help stem the tide of human wickedness, and win souls for the kingdom.

In speaking of the work that is being done by our little church in Canton, the Missionary secretary says, "With the Lord's help we are trying to place with the people of Canton the truth for this time. We are distributing two hundred copies of "Present Truth" every two weeks among our neighbors and friends, and as a result are finding access to many homes for Bible studies. One dear woman accepted a "Review Extra" sometime ago. Upon returning to her home a short time ago I found her keeping the Sabbath. Out of respect for her husband she was keeping two days, but found it rather difficult. She is now desirous of having Bible studies, and is asking her friends to join her.

"We are also using one hundred twenty-five copies of the "Signs of the Times" each month. These are being sold by several of our sisters in the open thoroughfares each week. The people respond very readily, and the success encourages us to look for results from this effort.

Having a desire to enlarge our work, we are going to use one hundred twenty-five copies of the "Signs of the Times" among our less fortunate brethren of other nationalities who must hear the warning message.

"Our large reading rack placed in the waiting room of the Court House is another incentive to our work. We are glad to report that many thousands of pages of our literature go out annually to the people from this source. We hope thereby to reach some honest souls with the Third Angel's Message. We realize as never before that now is the time to work with our publications; to get the truth before the people; to enlighten them as to what is just before us, and prepare them for the soon coming Kingdom."

How inspiring it is to read such reports as this from a few who feel deeply burdened to see the work succeed! Truly we are in the sowing time, and in a little while we will be ushered into the harvest. Should we not ask ourselves, dear reader, what will my harvest be? Paul admonishes us in Gal. 6: 9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." May the Lord help us to enjoy the reaping time with the faithful few when the Master comes.

H. K. CHRISTMAN,  
Home Miss. Sec.

## News Notes

Have you read that new book, "World War," by Elder Daniells? Three thousand copies have already been ordered. Are you helping to circulate it? Do your bit. Order a supply today. Four copies 57 cents. Seven copies for one dollar post-paid.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, Elder G. F. Enoch and Brother C. E. Hooper spent some time at our office this week in attendance at the Ohio Conference Committee meeting.

Elder R. S. Lindsay, pastor of our Cleveland Church, attended the conference committee meeting this week. Mrs. Lindsay accompanied him, visiting her sister in Mt. Vernon.

The new quarter is right upon us. If you are not supplied with a Sabbath School quarterly, order one today.

We regret to learn from Elder W. W. Miller of the death of his mother, and extend to him our sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Brother P. A. Franks, our assistant field agent, has moved his family from Wooster to Academia, near the conference office. This will be much more pleasant and convenient for him.

## District of Columbia

## Home Missionary Work

The Takoma Park Church has entered into a strong missionary enterprise in connection with the city tent effort. A large portion of the South-east section of the city of Washington has been apportioned to the Takoma Park Church, whose members have undertaken to place literature each week in every home in this territory. The two hundred blocks of buildings have been sub-divided into sections containing from one hundred to two hundred homes. A call was made at one of the Sabbath services for volunteers to become responsible for the distribution of literature in these sub-divisions of territory. This met with so good a response that nearly all the territory was taken at once, and during the week ending June 2, twenty-six hundred copies of No. 1 of "Present Truth Series" were placed in the homes of the people in the vicinity where the tent will be located.

No. 2 of the "Series" will be used during the coming week in a similar way, only more extensively, and attached to this number will be an announcement of the opening of the tent meeting on Sunday evening, June 10.

In addition to this work the church is carrying on an extensive missionary correspondence from which good results are being seen.

ALLEN MOON.

The Washington City tent effort opened Sunday evening, June 10, with an attendance of some 500, most of whom have not yet become acquainted with the details of our message. That they are seeking after truth is evidence by the fact that the attendance continues good even on the nights usually considered unfavorable, some 200 or 300 having been present each evening thus far during the week. At the start it is the most promising effort that has yet been held in Washington, and, by the Master's grace, we trust that the results will bear at least similar proportions. Elder R. E. Harter is in charge of the effort. Associated with him are Elder N. W. Philips, Brother Walter A. Nelson and Sister Janet Morris, with Brother A. L. Kienhoff in charge of the music and Brother Greiner in charge of the tent and grounds. The members of the various churches of the city are assisting largely in the distribution of literature and announcements, in making strangers feel at home among us and in constant and earnest prayer that many souls may be won to Christ in return for the efforts put forth. The tent is situated on a high corner lot at the intersections of Seventh and D Streets and North Car-

olina Avenue Southeast. Visiting members are always gladly welcomed.

### News Notes

Brother D. P. Corbett spent three days last week making his delivery and reports \$142.00 worth of "Bible Readings" successfully placed in the homes of Loudoun County citizens. May the Lord bountifully water the seed thus sown and cause that an abundant harvest shall appear in the kingdom from this brother's efforts. He is still advancing in the face of the enemy and asks our prayers that he may avoid temptations and be successful beyond even his present experience.

Locally we have been very unfortunate in losing Brother J. D. Haynes from the field, he having been called to assume the duties of field secretary in the Georgia Conference. It is all in the Master's great family, however, and while we are sorry to lose him from our home field, we are glad of the opportunity to spare him for larger service in another part of the vineyard. That the Lord's richest blessings may accompany his efforts and experience in his new field and capacity is our ardent hope and prayer.

The Ballston, Va., tent effort opened with a good attendance on Sunday evening June 3, with Brother Harold Richards and Brother and Sister D. A. Rees in charge. A beautiful locatoin is occupied by our tent and it bids fair to attract the attention of the best of Ballston's citizens. The interest has been encouraging from the start, and with God's continued blessings, we can already see the nucleus of a fine company of believers which our faith tells us will develop into an enthusiastic harvest by the close of the season.

During the United Confederate Veterans Encampment held in Washington last week we were favored with a call by Brother E. W. Crawford of Arkansas, he having served that state during the Civil War. Brother Crawford has been a believer for more than forty-two years and was one of the first five to accept the gospel message in Texas. He mentioned that he heard Elder Daniells preach his first sermon and recalls acquaintance with many of the old timers in the work. He has spent a large part of his time in colporteur work and is now actively engaged in it when at home. In fact, he scattered a few "World War" and "Watchman" and considerable other literature among his comrades while the encampment was going on. He exhibited to us a letter just received from one to

whom he had sold a "Bible Readings" a number of years ago, stating that as a result of reading that book he had accepted the truth, was now in the colporteur work, and had just completed a delivery of of some \$150 worth of books.

The tent efforts in the city are under way with prospects of large results. Brethren Richards and Rees located at Ballston, Va., are now in the third week of their effort and are expecting with the Lord's blessing to reap a harvest of souls.

The tent on Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street, S. E., in charge of Elder R. E. Harter, is drawing good crowds every night. Many strangers are in attendance and some requests for private studies are being received. Members from all the churches are working hard for their meetings. Soon the night will be here when no man can work.

Our financial report is published in this issue of the VISITOR. Study it and see what your "BIT" is helping accomplish. Our tithes are increasing considerably over last year, but our twenty-cent-a-week fund or Foreign Missions Offerings is falling behind. If the report is not exactly as you would like to see it, we shall appreciate any contribution you have to offer to assist in fixing it.

### CHESAPEAKE

#### News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens reached his new field, Wilmington, Del., last Friday evening. He is casting about for a place for his family. Elder Miller spent the Sabbath with him at the church. A very interesting children's day exercise was held in the church that day.

A very interesting and we believe profitable Sabbath School and Church Missionary Convention was held in the Wilmington No. 2 Church on Sabbath, June 16. Brother M. S. Pettibone, and the conference secretary spent the day with this church. Elder Miller was with them in the afternoon.

Brother J. E. Cox, pastor of the Wilmington No. 2 Church baptized seven persons on Sunday, June 10.

Good reports are coming from the tent effort at Salisbury, Md. There has been a growing interest from the first, and it was impossible to accommodate all who came on last Sunday night. Some are wanting Bible studies, and the workers are of good courage.

Elder J. H. Wierts will have baptism Sabbath, June 23.

Elder A. S. Booth opened his tent effort in the city of Baltimore last Sunday night, at the corner of Bentalou and Edmondson Avenues. The tent was crowded, every chair, of which there were 530, having been taken and many people had to stand. Others came and saw there was no chance for a seat and turned away.

We urge our brethren and sisters in the conference to pray for the tent work and workers this summer. People are anxious about the conditions in the world and this should be our banner year. We would also urge all to be faithful in the payment of tithes. Our expenses will be heavy with the four tents in the field, but we believe souls will be won for Christ and the investment of our means will be a safe one.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### News Notes

From present indications our next camp-meeting will be one of the largest ever held in the West Pennsylvania Conference. There will be no business session this year as the election of officers last year and the business transacted was to cover the period of two years.

Elder F. A. Harter baptized four persons last Sunday night in the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church. It was a solemn occasion as the Holy Spirit witnessed the scene.

Those planning to attend camp-meeting from other states are, Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell, Elders B. G. Wilkinson, C. S. Longacre, F. M. Wilcox, K. C. Russell, D. A. Parsons, N. S. Ashton, E. K. Slade, J. W. Hirlinger, Professor C. L. Stone, Dr. D. H. Kress, Brother C. V. Leach, and probably Elder A. G. Daniells and others.

Those who will live in tents or booths at camp-meeting should bring all bedding needed, and especially ticks for straw, as the conference cannot furnish any bedding. Cots and straw will be provided on the camp ground.

We quote the following paragraph from a letter just received. "The elder of Erie Church, Brother Foy Wilkinson and wife had a bad accident near Niagara Falls. Their motor cycle came in contact with an automobile; one man was killed, and several were badly injured. Brother

Wilkinson may recover. Sister Wilkinson was quite badly hurt. They are in Memorial Hospital at Niagara Falls."

## VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Miss Florence N. Swan who has passed a very successful season's school for the Richmond Church, is spending the summer with relatives in Ohio. She hopes to gain much in health and be able to teach again in the "Old Dominion" the coming year.

Roberta Ellis, of Richmond, is attending the Summer School at Takoma Park.

### Virginia

It is doubtful if those of us who are confined at home or working at other lines, are not tempted to be envious of the good bookman who is privileged to go from house to house carrying the good news of the Third Angel's Message. How it makes our hearts tingle within us as we read their good reports in the VISITOR. Virginia is keeping pace with the field at large, and I think our report this week containing the excellent work of Brother and Sister Trummer over in Wise County, will make a new record for the bookman. They certainly carry the palm for Virginia this week, and at this rate they are sure of a good winter's work ahead of them at college. Brother F. E. Hankins is now in the southwestern part of the conference helping the workers there. He reports finding Brother Baker sick in bed with measles, but getting along well. It seems like this summer finds colporteurs every way we may look over the map. Brother Richard Cross has also been sick this past week and hindered in his work, but has a good sized delivery to come off this coming week and is of good courage to handle it.

## NEW JERSEY

### News Notes

Mrs. Carlyle B. Haynes and son, Donald, left Trenton last week for Knoxville, Tenn., after spending three months at the home of Mrs. Haynes' mother, Mrs. Hulda Weber.



## Special

### Exemptions in the Selective Draft Law

Congress has passed a law, approved by the President, providing a national army with which to meet the present emergency. This army is to be composed of volunteers, who augment the regular standing army, also men called out by selective draft, to serve their country in the present crisis.

This same law exempts certain classes from draft. The exemptions are set forth as follows:

"Sec. 4. That the Vice-President of the United States, the officers, legislative, executive, and judicial, of the United States and of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, regular or duly ordained ministers of religion, students who at the time of the approval of this act are preparing for the ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools, and all persons in the military and naval service of the United States shall be exempt from the selective draft herein prescribed; and nothing in this act contained shall be construed to require or compel any person to serve in any of the forces herein provided for who is found to be a member of any well-recognized religious sect or organization at present organized and existing and whose existing creed or principles forbid its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principle of said religious organizations, but no person so exempted shall be exempted from service in any capacity that the President shall declare to be non-combatant; and the President is hereby authorized to exclude or discharge from said selective draft and from the draft under the second paragraph of section one hereof, or to draft for partial military service only from those liable to draft as in this act provided, persons of the following classes: County and municipal officers; custom-house clerks; persons employed by the United States in the transmission of the mails artificers and workmen employed in the armories, arsenals, and navy yards of the United States, and such other persons employed in the service of the United States as the President may designate; pilots, mariners actually employed in the sea service of any citizen or merchant within the United States; persons engaged in industries, including agriculture, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the Military Establishment or the effective operation of the military forces or the

maintenance of national interest during the emergency, those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable; and those found to be physically or morally deficient. No exemption or exclusion shall continue when a cause therefore no longer exists: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the exemptions enumerated herein, each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia shall be required to supply its quota in the proportion that its population bears to the total population of the United States.

"The President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to create and establish through the several States and subdivisions thereof in the Territories and the District of Columbia local boards, and where, in his discretion, practicable and desirable, there shall be created and established one such local board in each county or similar subdivision in each State, and one for approximately each thirty thousand of population in each city of thirty thousand population or over, according to the last census taken or estimates furnished by the Bureau of Census of the Department of Commerce. Such boards shall be appointed by the President, and shall consist of three or more members, none of whom shall be connected with the Military Establishment, to be chosen from among the local authorities of such subdivisions or from other citizens residing in the subdivision or area in which the respective boards will have jurisdiction under the rules and regulations prescribed by the President. Such boards shall have power within their respective jurisdiction to hear and determine, subject to review as hereinafter provided, all questions of exemption under this act, and all questions of or claims for including or discharging individuals or classes of individuals from the selective draft, which, shall be under rules and regulations prescribed by the President, except any and every question or claim for including or excluding or discharging persons or classes of persons from the selective draft under the provisions of this act authorizing the President to exclude or discharge from the selective draft 'Persons engaged in industries, including agriculture, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the Military Establishment, or the effective operation of the military force, or the maintenance of national interest during the emergency.'

"The President is hereby authorized to establish additional boards, one in each federal judicial district of the United States, consisting of such number of citizens, not connected with the Military Establishment, as the President may determine, who shall be appointed by the

President. The President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to establish more than one such board in any federal judicial district of the United States, or to establish one such board having jurisdiction of an area extending into more than one federal judicial district.

"Such district boards shall review on appeal and affirm, modify, or reverse any decision of any local board having jurisdiction in the area in which any such district board has jurisdiction under the rules and regulations prescribed by the President. Such district boards shall have exclusive original jurisdiction within their respective areas to hear and determine all questions or claims for including or excluding or discharging persons or classes of persons from the selective draft, under the provision of this act, not included within the original jurisdiction of such local boards.

"The decisions of such district boards shall be final except that, in accordance with such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, he may affirm, modify, or reverse any such decision.

"Any vacancy in any such board or district board shall be filled by the President, and any member of such local board or district board may be removed and another appointed in his place by the President, whenever he considers that the interest of the nation demands it.

"The President shall make rules and regulations governing the organization and procedure of such local boards and district boards, and providing for and governing appeals from such local boards to such district boards, and reviews of the decisions of any local board by the district board having jurisdiction, and determining and prescribing the several areas in which the respective local boards and district boards shall have jurisdiction, and all other rules and regulations necessary to carry out the terms and provisions of this section, and shall provide for the issuance of certificates of exemption, or partial or limited exemptions, and for a system to exclude and discharge individuals from selective draft . . .

"The President may provide for the discharge of any or all enlisted men whose status with respect to dependents renders such discharge advisable; and he may also authorize the employment on any active duty of retired enlisted men of the Regular Army, either with their rank on the retired list or in higher enlisted grades, and such retired enlisted men shall receive the full pay and allowances of the grades in which they are actively employed."

From the above we see that the following are exempt from draft: Certain national government and State officials; ordained ministers of religion; those who

at the time of approval of the act of Congress were students preparing for the ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools; and all persons in the military and naval service of the United States. The law further states:

"Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to require or compel any person to serve in any of the forces herein provided for who is found to be a member of any well-recognized religious sect or organization at present organized and existing and whose existing creed or principles forbid its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organizations, BUT NO PERSON SO EXEMPTED SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM SERVICE IN ANY CAPACITY THAT THE PRESIDENT SHALL DECLARE TO BE NONCOMBATANT."

It will be seen further from the law quoted how applications for exemption from bearing arms are to be passed upon by those having jurisdiction over exemptions.

Seventh-day Adventists in the United States are law-abiding citizens, and will never refuse to obey any civil law that does not compel them to break the law of God. They have ever been noncombatants, and have truly and faithfully adhered to this practice throughout their entire history.

At a late meeting of the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference, held last April, at Huntsville, Ala., the following was adopted:

**"A PRONOUNCEMENT BY THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING BEARING ARMS**

**"TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES:**

"In behalf of the Seventh-day Adventists in the United States of America, the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, respectfully submits the following statement:

"We believe that civil government is ordained of God, and that in the exercise of its legitimate functions it should receive the support of its citizens. We believe in the principles upon which this government was founded. We are loyal to its Constitution, which is based upon the principles of democracy, and guarantees civil and religious liberty to all its citizens.

"We deplore that our nation has been drawn into the horrors of war, and shall continually pray that the God of heaven may speedily bring peace to our country.

"We have been noncombatants throughout our history. During the Civil War our people officially declared:

"That we recognize civil government as ordained of God, that order, justice, and quiet may be maintained in the land, and that the people of God may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

"In accordance with this fact, we acknowledge the justice of rendering tribute, custom, honor, and reverence to the civil power, as enjoined in the New Testament.

While we thus cheerfully render to Caesar the things which the Scriptures show to be his, we are compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed, as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind.'

"We hereby reaffirm the foregoing declaration. We petition that our religious convictions be recognized by those in authority, and that we be required to serve our country only in such capacity as will not violate our conscientious obedience to the law of God as contained in the decalogue, interpreted in the teachings of Christ, and exemplified in His life."

This declaration is in harmony with the principles of this people from the beginning of their denominational history. The law provides a course of procedure to be pursued by conscientious noncombatants who may be drafted for service. Section four, above quoted, outlines how the government will proceed to give each case consideration. Speaking of this section of the law and how the War Department plans to carry it out, the *Official Bulletin*, under date of May 24, declares:

"The War Department authorizes the following:

"Provost Marshal General E. H. Crowder finds that many persons confuse registration with draft. Each is a distinct process. Exemptions will be granted after draft and not before. Even convicts and alien enemies are obliged to register. There is little difficulty in answering the questions which are asked in regard to registration, for there are no exceptions to the rule that all male persons in the United States between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, inclusive, must register, except those already in the federal military or naval service. It is impossible at present, however, to answer most questions in regard to exemptions, as the rules for exemption are only outlined in the selective draft bill and must in many cases be drawn by the President. . .

"From the list of persons so registered names will subsequently be drawn by lot by the fairest system that can be devised. Persons whose names are drawn and other persons interested will be given an opportunity to present claims for exemption, exclusive, or discharge from the draft and to support such claims by evidence.

"The determination of whether a particular claim for exemption, exclusion, or discharge shall be granted will be made by boards to be appointed by the President. These boards will function under the law and under regulations prescribed by the President. The only regulations that have as yet been prescribed are those governing the registration alone. The determination of exemptions, exclusions, and discharges is a second step quite separate from the registration.

"Regulations governing the determination of exemptions, exclusions, and discharges will, when promulgated, be made available to all concerned at the office of the local boards. Until such registrations have been promulgated, further information cannot be given, as it might later prove misleading; and even after the regulations have been made public, decisions concerning exemptions, exclusions, or discharges in individual cases cannot be made by this office, since the law provides that all such cases shall be heard and determined by the boards to be established for that purpose."

Observe that the law exempts from the bearing of arms only those who are able to convince the exempting board that they are noncombatants because of their religious belief. These will be exempted from the bearing of arms, but will be assigned other work in noncombatant lines.

Those who are drafted among our young men will have the prayers of all our people. Let us pray that God will help them to exert a saving influence on those about them. Our mission to the world is to preach Christ and Him crucified, and to proclaim good tidings to all. God still lives. His throne is accessible to every Christian. He has promised to give wisdom to those who ask in faith. Let the church not forget its source of strength, and whence its help cometh.

I. H. EVANS, *President North American Division Conference.*

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### One Hundred Copies of "Present Truth" to Friends

A few weeks ago a lady came into our Kansas City office with a copy of a war Extra of Present Truth entitled Armageddon and inquired if she could get a number of these to send away. In talking to her we learned she was a Baptist school teacher, and that through a conversation with one of our members who afterward sent her literature, she had become deeply interested in the subject of the second coming of Christ. We found out for her that she could get these and notified her.

Last Sunday she came in and paid for

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Virginia, Week Ending June 15, 1917</b>									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	88	98	387 00	34 75	421 75	
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.		BR	5	50	32	117 00	75	117 75	75
H. A. Wright, Nelson Co.		BR	6	53	24	105 50		105 50	174 00
S. N. Wilmer, Orange Co.		BR	5	30	22	79 00		79 00	12 50
Elsie Nelson, Clark Co.		BR	5	43	15	52 50	13 00	65 50	
Hazel Leach, Pittsylvania Co.		BR	6	54	11	42 50	2 00	44 50	
Annie Childs, Clark Co.		BR	5	43	8	28 00	1 00	29 00	
Irma B. Gerhart, Frederick Co.		BR	5	34	14	52 00	75	52 75	
R. W. Cross, Fluvana Co.		BR	2	12	3	10 50	2 30	12 80	
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BR	5	35	9	33 50	1 50	35 00	
Agnes Walker, Nottoway Co.		BF	5	20	13	27 00	50	27 50	
Hilda M. Rockey, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	3	17	10	24 00	1 00	25 00	
Malena Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	6	57	20	40 00	75	40 75	
David Percy, Bland Co.		HM	5	47	35	89 50	1 75	91 25	
Elden Lockwood, Bland Co.		HM	4	36	35	91 50	50	92 00	
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond, Va.		Misc	8	40	175	43 75		43 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16 Agents</b>			<b>80 659</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>\$1223 25</b>	<b>60 55</b>	<b>\$1283 80</b>	<b>\$187 25</b>

### Ohio, Week Ending June 15, 1917

M. B. Ingersol, Erie Co.		BR	5	54	5	17 50	25	17 75	25
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	46	15	59 50	1 75	61 25	1 75
E. C. Alexander, Adams Co.		BR	5	43	12	51 00	11 50	62 50	16 00
Martha Hottes, Dayton		BF	5	43	17	35 50	1 25	36 75	1 25
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	4	43	14	55 00	1 50	56 50	1 50
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	42	2	7 00		7 00	63 70
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	5	42	8	29 00	10 50	39 50	
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	41	7	31 00	13 50	44 50	17 50
J. H. Stafford, Columbus		BR	5	41	12	44 00		44 00	
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	4	39	8	28 00	3 75	28 75	35 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	32	2	9 00	14 70	23 70	11 45
Elmer French, Champaign Co.		BR	4	32	10	48 00	2 75	50 75	
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton		BR	5	28	4	15 00	8 45	23 25	7 45
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	3	28	12	43 00	75	43 75	7 00
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	5	27	18	69 00		69 00	18 60
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	3	26	12	45 00		45 00	
Mrs. W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	3	26	1	3 50	5 25	8 75	
Clara Weber, Dayton		BR	5	26	5	21 00	2 00	23 00	1 25
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull Co.		BR	2	26	8	31 00		31 00	
G. Yingling, Lisbon		BR	2	20	6	22 00		22 00	
Zita Hannah, Knox Co.		BR	3	15	6	21 00	3 75	24 75	
G. W. Yingling, Lisbon		BR	4	13			9 00	9 00	1 50
N. Oancea, Akron		Foreign	2	12			7 20	7 20	7 20
Elsie Haughey, Fulton Co.		BR	2	9	4	15 00	4 00	19 00	
Mabel Cassell, Fulton Co.		BR	2	8	1	3 50	3 20	6 70	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25 Agents</b>			<b>98 762</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>\$703 50</b>	<b>\$105 05</b>	<b>\$805 35</b>	<b>\$191 15</b>

### West Virginia, Week Ending June 15, 1917

T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.		BR	5	56	20	75 00	3 00	78 00	1 00
John Fahrner, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	15	2	9 00	14 85	23 85	14 70
Andrew Lessner, Burnsville		BR	4	21	8	28 00		28 00	
J. S. Seal, Charleston		BR	4	19	6	22 00	3 00	25 00	12 25
W. E. West, Burnsville		BR	5	32	3	10 50	2 05	12 55	
S. C. Groff, Spencer		DR	4			63 00		63 00	
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	36	73	156 00	18 80	174 80	4 90
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.		CK	5	42	64	135 50	8 25	143 75	6 50
Guy Corder, Raleigh Co.		CK	5	42	51	105 00	2 25	107 25	3 00
Marie Snider, Alderson		HM	4	18	11	27 50	8 25	35 75	75
C. G. Mays, Alderson Co.		HM	4	22	4	10 00	1 50	11 50	
J. M. Morris, Charleston Co.		HM	5	39	7	17 50	1 00	18 50	28 35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Agents</b>			<b>35 342</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>\$659 00</b>	<b>\$62 95</b>	<b>\$721 95</b>	<b>\$71 45</b>

### New Jersey, Week Ending June 9, 1917

T. D. Gibson, Paterson		MH	1	5	6	9 00	50	9 50	1 50
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District of Columbia Week Ending June 15, 1917

Otto Westerhoff, Stafford	BR	7	62	38	138 00	7 00	145 00	7 00
Ralph H. Gauker, King Geo. Co.	BR	3	30	3	11 50	2 75	14 25	2 75
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	5	42	23	82 50		82 50	
Miscellaneous	Misc					10 50	10 50	10 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>\$232 00</b>	<b>\$20 25</b>	<b>\$252 25</b>	<b>\$20 25</b>

District of Columbia, Week Ending June 9, 1917

D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	3	30	1	3 50		3 50	142 00
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	2	8	10	36 00		36 00	
Chas. Dunham, Washington	WW	10	70			41 25	41 25	31 00
J. I. Butcher, King Geo. Co.	BR	5	51	23	81 50	4 25	85 75	4 25
Ralph Gauker, King Geo. Co.	BR	5	48	25	86 00	4 00	90 00	4 00
Miscellaneous					30 00	39 55	69 55	69 55
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$237 00</b>	<b>\$89 05</b>	<b>\$326 05</b>	<b>\$250 80</b>

MAGAZINES

Augusta Iliff	10 00
Miss Alma Kibler	13 50
Miss Edna Bell	120 00
Mrs. Hattie V. Purce	5 00
Miscellaneous	19 70
<b>Total</b>	<b>168 20</b>

Grand Totals: 62 Agents of Orders Value \$3063 75 Deliveries, \$722 40

Report of Churches for Month of May, 1917

Church	Tithe	Total Tithe	20c-a-wk	Total 20c
Alexandria Church No. 1	38 77	252 81	8 86	61 17
Alexandria Church No. 2		14 00		
Arlington Church	35 66	146 75	1 46	72 95
Belmont Company	6 76	22 41	1 88	4 70
Capitol Hill Church	99 49	547 47	17 54	125 58
Chiltons Church		79 92		2 91
Colonial Beach Church		16 57	57	6 73
Conference Church	3 00	12 95	5 06	56 94
Ephesus Church	112 58	503 98	40 02	88 75
First Church	111 94	802 50	10 46	81 03
Kilmarnock Church	74 14	229 26	12 15	55 51
Memorial Church	348 93	1582 74	73 95	446 62
Mt. Gilead Company		37 83		10 00
Mt. Rainier Church	49 06	289 65	12 75	65 29
Sligo Church	381 51	2087 56	81 66	736 37
Takoma Park Church	1183 05	4986 03	105 73	848 85
J. W. Thompson Co.		20 37		9 42
	<b>\$2444 89</b>	<b>\$11632 80</b>	<b>\$372 09</b>	<b>\$2672 82</b>

Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund to May 31, 1917

Church	Members	Goal at \$4.33	Amount Received	Amount Ahead	Amount Short
Alexandria No. 1	8	34 64	61 17	26 53	
Alexandria No. 2	3	12 99			12 99
Arlington	31	134 23	72 95		61 28
Belmont Co.	4	17 32	4 70		12 62
Bapitol Hill	30	129 90	125 58		4 32
Chiltons	20	86 60	2 91		83 69
Colonial Beach	8	34 64	6 73		27 91
Conference Church	16	69 28	56 94		12 34
Ephesus Church	60	259 80	88 75		171 05
First Church	101	437 33	81 03		356 30
Kilmarnock	16	69 28	55 51		13 77
Memorial Church	156	675 48	446 62		228 86
Mt. Gilead Company	5	21 65	10 00		11 65
Mt. Rainier	29	125 57	65 29		60 28
Sligo Church	150	649 50	736 37	86 87	
Takoma Park	354	1532 82	848 85		683 97
Thompson Company	5	21 65	9 42		12 23
	<b>996</b>	<b>4312 68</b>	<b>2672 68</b>	<b>113 40</b>	<b>1753 26</b>
			<b>Net Shortage</b>		<b>\$1639 86</b>

one hundred copies to her address and will send these out to one hundred of her friends. She purchased a "World War", telephoned our S. D. A. sister thanking her again for her help and learned when she could attend another Bible study and called in her Baptist friend whom she saw passing on the street and showed her this literature she had found.

Incidentally she remarked that she had come over to our office instead of going to her church picnic and was spending her fifty cents this way instead of for a picnic dinner.

Such incidents should encourage our people in their seed sowing, in conversation and with literature. Thousands are now willing to read. Such enthusiasm as this will be shown by many in their eagerness to pass on the new-found truth to friends.

J. R. FERREN.

Camp-Meeting Dates

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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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Has your life brought disappointments,  
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Has the heavenward way seemed endless?  
Has your heart oft' felt despair?

Have the prayers that you have offered  
In an agony of tears,  
Seemed unheard because unanswered  
Through the slowly passing years?

Has a friend that you have trusted  
Proven false, untrue, unkind,  
And your faith was almost shattered  
In the rest of human-kind?

Has your nest, as of the eaglet,  
Been stirred up and you cast out  
To a world that's cold, unfriendly,  
And your plans been turned about?

Listen! Change your mode of spelling.  
Just discard the letter "d",  
For an "H" in disappointment.  
(It is different as can be.)

He who sees from the beginning,  
Who remembers we are dust,  
Off' permits the fiery trials,  
As to cleanse the gold, He must.

Should our prayers be always answered,  
It would sorrow doubtless send:  
Should earth's friendships be sufficient,  
We would not seek heaven's Friend.

Should our nest be always feathered,  
We would not seek homes above:  
We need clouds as well as sunshine,  
So fear not, "for God is Love."

Change the "d" of disappointment,  
To an "H" and all is well:  
We ourselves would choose the trials,  
After we learn how to spell.

RENA L. WHARRAM.

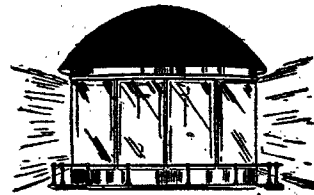
"GET BUSY"

Would you like to be a worker  
Not a jerker in the line?  
Do you feel yourself a shirker  
When some duty you decline?  
Then wake up, my friend, you're needed  
Out along the firing line,  
Where the battle all unheeded  
Goes against your cause and mine.  
You won't have to meet the rabble  
With a rapid-fire machine,  
You can conquer with the Bible  
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Are you waiting for a chance?  
Trust no idle inclination:  
Call a resolute advance!  
Heaven bids you wake from slumber,  
Make decision now and here—  
After selling by the "number"  
Now sell WATCHMAN by the "year."

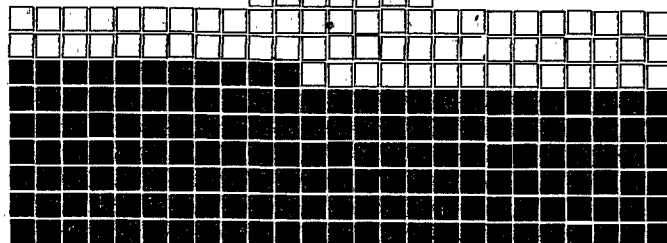
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Virginia		750 00
West Pennsylvania		3915 25
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