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The Union Committee Brings New Life to the College Fund

At the Union Conference Committee meeting recently held in Takoma Park plans were laid for the completion of the College Building Fund by September this year. The brethren of the Committee although burdened with many heavy financial burdens of their own and having already subscribed liberally for the fund, still came forward and gladly subscribed \$200 more towards starting the subscriptions that will close up the Fund.

\$30,000 have been promised during the last year of which a little more than \$17,000 have come in in cash. We are sure that the pledges are all good and that all will be paid within the next few months. But there must still be found somewhere the sum of \$20,000 to complete the Fund. In order to accomplish this, plans were laid to inaugurate a vigorous campaign to reach every believer who has not yet contributed and enlist his active co-operation. Only about 1500 of the 8000 members of the Union have as yet had any share in this great campaign. Our slogan is for every one to do something; ask not to be excused. So we want to enlist every cash subscription possible between now and September 30. We chose for our standard for a Share, the same amount as has since been chosen by our government for the Liberty Bonds, that is \$50. It has been an inspiring sight to see the people of the United States come forward and over-subscribe this great amount by nearly one billion dollars.

ONE THOUSAND, FIFTY DOLLAR SHARES
REQUIRED

It has been said that the children of the world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. With the stirring reports coming to us from the Orient telling of the waiting millions groping in the dark and not finding the light for the want of a hand stretched forth to save, and the appalling international situation pressing our hearts with fear for the future, hundreds of our young people volunteer for service with neither room, nor adequate facilities for their training,

surely not one will hold back from subscribing their share towards meeting this great demand. Only about 600 of the 1000 shares are fully subscribed. September has been fixed as the time limit when the full 1,000 shares must be subscribed. Have you done your part? While earth's teeming millions wait, will you leave them to perish for the want of the trained worker that your investment might educate?

If you have not the money to invest, we have had an edition of 10,000 "Christ's Object Lessons" printed that you might take this excellent book out and give your friends and neighbors an opportunity to buy. Or you can take that splendid new book of Elder Daniells, the "World's War" and sell it in your locality. You should sell thousands of these books. Your town should be filled with them. They sell like hotcakes. Will you not take advantage of the great anxiety of the present hour to know the meaning of these things and get out with this book and then turn the proceeds into the College Fund? Order of your tract society.

May the Lord bless His people and help us to quickly finish up this Fund.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

OHIO

Preparing for the Crisis

In 2 Timothy 3:1 we read, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." As we take a retrospective view of the events of the last few months we are impressed with the truthfulness of these words that in the last days perilous times shall come. Within the short space of two months our own country has become involved in the almost universal struggle that is daily leading the nations of earth to destruction; this government has enacted legislation that places a ban on every young man for service of some kind in our national crisis; Russia has been torn by Revolution; and from one end of the earth to the other new situations have developed among the nations which only tend to hasten the close of earth's history. All these things have happened in the short space of two months, to say nothing of the hundreds

of thousands that have been killed or wounded on the battle-fields of Europe, and the millions who have been brought face to face with the horrors of starvation. Truly we are facing perilous times, and this prophecy which God inspired the Apostle Paul to write has become an actual reality.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

We look out upon a sin-sick, a war-maddened world, with its seething millions on the road to destruction. We feel deeply in our own hearts that only a little time remains at best for the people of God to accomplish the work that lies before them,—that of warning earth's inhabitants of its impending doom. Many times our hearts ache as we see the apparent lethargy and listlessness that seems to have taken hold of those who ought to be the most active people in all the world.

"Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. What are we thinking of, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while all around us souls are perishing? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Can we not see and understand that we have a work to do in behalf of others? My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of His will? Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning of the nearness of the end? Do you believe the declarations of His word concerning what is coming upon the world? Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the inhabitants of the earth? How then, can you sit at ease, careless and indifferent?" Test. Vol. 9, pp. 26, 27.

ORGANIZATION

The nations of today are organizing all the hidden resources within their boundaries for the purpose of acting their part in the present international struggle. This is for the destruction of human souls. Is it not fitting and proper that at this very time the people of God should organize every resource in men and women who, with the fear of God in their hearts, and an undying passion for souls, give themselves to the work of helping to stem the tide of human wickedness, and of saving some souls out of the present, aw-

ful calamity that has come upon the world?

At a recent meeting of our conference committee, advanced steps were taken for the organization of the churches in this field during the first two weeks in July. The field was districted among the ministering brethren in different parts of the conference, so as to give each worker the several churches in his particular section. July 1 to 15 was set apart as the organization period for all the churches in the entire conference. Special organization plans have been prepared for each church which will help materially in the work of preparing our church members for united, aggressive Home Missionary work. We believe that this is one step toward the ideal of putting our Home Missionary work on a permanent footing in this field.

COLLEGE FUND CAMPAIGN

The work which will challenge our attention in an organized way between this and September 30 will be the completion of Ohio's quota for the Washington College Fund. In view of the urgent need of trained workers to meet the demands of the Mission fields, and on account of a lack of proper facilities in the college at Washington, it is urged that the amount required to complete the fund be raised before the last of September. We feel sure that our people in the Ohio Conference will rally to this call, and help to bring the work to a successful completion.

Following the summer's campaign in the interest of the college fund, we desire to plan for definite soul-winning efforts on the part of our people throughout the conference. May the Lord help us to gain an experience in the present line of endeavor which will help us to come into closer touch with souls, and win them to the truth which will mean salvation to them.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.
Home Miss. Sec.

News Notes

Word reaches the office of an encouraging nature in the Hamilton tent effort, where Elder T. B. Westbrook with a corps of workers is holding a series of meetings. They had an attendance of one thousand at the last Sunday night meeting.

Elder Slade spent a day in Newark during the past week, in the interest of the tent effort to be opened by Elder Muntz in that city.

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

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

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Work in Bradford

No doubt all the VISITOR readers will be interested to know how God is prospering the work in Bradford, Pa.

Elder G. L. West began work in this city October, 1916, when the church was greatly in need of help. Work was begun with the "Review Extras," several thousand being distributed. People were deeply stirred by reading the meaning of the conditions in the world today and eagerly sought to know more of God's message for this time. A theater was rented, where for two months meetings were held Sundays, both afternoon and evening, and many who attended requested Bible readings.

March 1, Miss Ethel White began holding readings with interested ones, there being eleven homes open for studies. All manifested deep interest in studying the truth. However, the ministers of various churches publicly denounced the Adventists and visited those attending the meetings or receiving readings. Many false accusations were made and as a result several homes were closed. But God's work can know no failure, for the stir caused by the ministers made it possible to find others longing for truth.

In spite of the strong effort to have everyone turn against us, the honest in heart searched for themselves and there were several classes of six and eight members. All acknowledge the seventh-day Sabbath and although some have not fully realized the importance of keeping it, others have expressed their determination to obey all of God's precepts.

During the winter the church became more active, and the members set about to have done some much needed repairing. Through the efforts of Sister Elder over \$300 was solicited which provided for a new roof, inside painting, and for lifting the \$160 debt. We feel deeply grateful for these material benefits, yet with more joy we can report over \$450 tithe for the first six months of 1917. This is an increase of about \$250 over the tithe of the first six months of 1916. All other offerings have also increased. In like manner the church and Sabbath School attendance is increasing.

Sunday, June 24, about 50 persons witnessed a very impressive baptismal service. Four followed their Lord in baptism and united with the church. A number of others expect to be baptized in the very near future and quite a few will unite with the church by letter. G. L. WEST.

"Love never forgets the little things."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

A very important meeting of the Chesapeake Conference Committee was held at the conference office on June 26. A full committee was present. The following recommendation in regard to the College Fund was passed:

RESOLVED, That in harmony with the Union Conference resolutions in behalf of the College Fund, we encourage at as early a date as possible, the payment of the pledges already made in behalf of this fund, and that we encourage each member of the conference to sell at least one copy of the book "Christ's Object Lessons" at the rate of \$1.50 per book, by Sept. 30, 1917.

It was voted to begin at once the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. It is greatly desired that each church shall do better along this line than last year, and we see no reason why they should not.

Brother M. S. Pettibone was chosen by the committee to take the work of Field Missionary Secretary in connection with his work as Home Missionary Secretary. Brother Pettibone, who was present with the committee, accepted the position.

The Mid-Summer Offering, to be taken July 14, received some consideration and it was urged that our people make a liberal offering on this date.

Elder J. H. Wierds baptized five persons last Sabbath in the Baltimore No. 1 Church, as the German chapel has no baptistry. We are glad to see the German work growing in these troublous times.

Elder A. S. Booth will have baptism the coming Sabbath. The tent meetings conducted by Elder Booth continues with growing interest. Thus far 140 names have been secured of people who are desirous of reading matter.

A card from Miss Knudson received today says of the work in Salisbury, "We are getting along nicely in the work. Had a tent more than full last evening."

Miss Newcomer received an interesting letter from Mrs. R. T. Baer and the children last week. They are all getting along nicely in their work, and send their love to all the brethren and sisters in the conference.

Elder G. P. Rodgers opened his effort last Sunday evening with a full tent. His tent is located on Pennsylvania Avenue between Lafayette and Lanvale. Brother F. L. Peterson of Louisville, Ky., is here to assist Elder Rodgers by leading out in the music and by doing Bible work. A splendid orchestra of twelve pieces has been formed in the Baltimore No. 3 Church and this company is doing good service in these tent meetings.

Brother H. E. Wagner has gone to Wilmington, Del., to assist in the work there under the leadership of Elder G. A. Stevens.

Elder J. O. Miller spent Sabbath with the church at Dover, Del., and with the little company of believers at Middletown, Del. He reports having had good meetings at both places.

District of Columbia

News Notes

Mrs. Earl Wilcox and Miss Alma Kibler have entered upon a summer's campaign in Montgomery County with "Bible Readings" and "Coming King." They are traveling by automobile and anticipate a pleasant time as well as a strenuous one. Sister Wilcox worked in adjoining territory last year with excellent success. Miss Kibler has been working with the "Watchman" in Washington during the past winter and is now entering the book work with enthusiasm. We bespeak for them the protection and blessings of God in their faithful efforts to spread the message.

Elders Willis and Seeney are preparing their ground and erecting their tent this week on a fine lot at 22nd and E Streets Northwest, preparatory to opening their tent effort for Washington's colored people next Sunday evening. Conditions at this time appear very favorable for a successful effort and a bountiful harvest.

After two weeks of earnest effort Brethren Rees and Richards report a good number of interested ones attending the tent meetings at Ballston regularly every evening and, by earnest questions and conversation with the workers, manifesting a sincere desire to know more of Bible truth.

The Washington effort continues, under the hand of God, to prosper very encouragingly. The attendance continues to average about 200 during the week and last Sunday evening every one of the 600

chairs was occupied and a number of interested listeners stood outside. A fact of vital import to our workers is that many are in attendance every night and are inclined to talk matters over and manifest a very friendly feeling toward the message and our work. Not least among the influences working together to make the effort a success stands the campaign of personal distribution of "Present Truth" with the tent circulars weekly from house to house, being carried on by the members of our churches. Many interesting experiences are reported by them and it is almost surprising to find how many are inclined to stop and listen and read our papers and talk freely in favor of the messages of truth we bear.

With the return of Brother Hennage to Zacata, the little church building at Chiltons has again been opened and Sabbath meetings are being conducted. The company is small but earnest and "Like a candle set upon a candlestick" it giveth light in the community and we hope soon to see additions and a substantial company accumulate as the "Little leaven leaveneth."

Elder Harter visited the church at Kilmarnock, Va., a few weeks ago, being called there to baptize three new members into the church, who had been won by the personal efforts of the believers there. While there, he held a series of four meetings in the opera house which awakened quite an interest. He has just been informed that a lady member of the Baptist Church, who attended the four meetings and witnessed the baptism, has now taken her stand for the truth. Following her attendance at our meetings, she received a severe letter from several members of the Baptist Church berating her for her interest, which only served to make her stand the more firm. Following Elder Harter's lecture Sunday night on "The World War," which brought out a packed house, the members of the church undertook to dispose of a large order of our little book of the same title, and this lady is actively engaged in helping sell the books. "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

The Kilmarnock Church, without a conference worker, has won eight souls to the truth during the past year, thus increasing its membership from 16 to 24. This shows the possibilities and opportunities of our lay-members. Others can doubtless do as well if they make the effort as trustingly, as faithfully and as persistently. Our Saviour has promised, "Lo, I am with you always," how then can we contemplate failure if we make the effort? Let us each start now to win some soul to Christ.

We are badly in need of two or three lady magazine canvassers for Washington City. Last year Miss Rachel Salisbury sold "Watchman" and "Signs" magazines here all summer, averaging about 2,000 magazines each month, making a profit of 6 cents on each magazine. This year, as a direct result of last summer's success, she is in the employ of the "Watchman" publishers as their traveling representative. Washington now has the reputation of being one of the best cities in the country for selling magazines. Can you find a more profitable employment for the summer? Can you find an opportunity to distribute our literature more widely than here where it can reach at least 2,000 homes per month? Figure it out and let us hear from you.

VIRGINIA

The Summer Campaign

Our people who are supporting the work with their offerings and prayers will be interested in what we are undertaking for the summer.

Some thirty colporteurs under the leadership of Brother F. E. Hankins and Miss Madge Miller are placing regularly over a \$1000 worth of truth filled literature in the homes of the people. In two weeks Brother Max Trummer and wife had taken over \$800 worth of orders. In this way thousands of people are being reached with the truth who might never be reached otherwise.

Five tent companies, three white and two colored, are now in the field. Elder I. D. Richardson and Brother George Lawrence at Newport News; Elder W. E. Bidwell, C. E. Overstreet and Miss Elsie Pollard at Winchester; Elder L. O. Gordon, R. F. Farley, and Sister Anna C. Rice, with assistance as the writer can render at Richmond; Elder J. B. Mallory and A. J. Evelyn in the Richmond colored tent effort, and Elder W. H. Sebastian and R. H. Watkins at Norfolk. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of these efforts.

We are encouraged to expect great things from the Lord from the fact that already in five months as many people have accepted the truth as in all of 1916, and the tithe has increased \$1000 over the first five months of last year.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Lynchburg

The Lynchburg Church was encouraged Sabbath, June 23, by the baptism of seven candidates, all the result of the work of the church members. Four of these were daughters of one of our sisters, whose prayers of many years were answered.

were when these young women out in the world and in homes of their own, took their stand to obey their mother's God, fulfilling the Scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

When the husband of one of our members went into the dairy business, she declined to answer the telephone business calls on the Sabbath. He arranged for a sister-in-law to attend to the Sabbath calls, and her baptism is the result of our sister's loyalty to principle.

The Lynchburg Church without a conference laborer has paid off its debt, is always up on its mission quota and through the harmony and activity of its members is growing steadily.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Encouraging Report from Alexandria

Just a few words in reference to the Lord's work in Alexandria, Virginia.

This is an old historical place, and has several places of interest, which all people visiting Washington, D.C., do not fail to see. Alexandria is a very old city, one of the oldest in the United States, and she takes pride in keeping as near it as possible. Most of the sidewalks are made of brick, and many of these bricks are worn in two as a result of so much traffic and continual use for so many years. They do not seem to want the old bricks taken up, and up-to-date side walks put in their place. Until a year ago many of the sewers ran on the top of the ground, on the side, or in gutters of the streets.

The people are a very conservative class of people, and still cling to their southern ideals. They are very slow taking up anything new, which applies to religion as well. The great majority of the people are church members, and are a church going people. It takes them some time to get acquainted with new people who come to their city, but when once acquainted, they treat you with all due respect.

Mrs. Gibson and I have been living here a little over one year, and have made many friends, and have gotten the good favor of the people, as well as that of our little church. We have tried to live and practice the truths which we love among the people, so that now prejudice which once existed is broken down. One official of the city came to me on the street last night, and said that he had come to the conclusion that the message I preached in the tent last summer was true, and he thought now that the Bible was fast being fulfilled. He is not the only one who came to me of late. I have made friends with United States Congressman C. C. Carlin and his family,

and have been invited to their home several times; and have a standing invitation to come any time I can to visit them. I have had the privilege of opening up the Word of God to them, and have already taught them some of the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

Mr. Knight, the head of the police department, said to me some time ago that he believed that the end of time was drawing very near, and that what we were teaching was truly being fulfilled.

The Lord's Spirit is at work, and good results have already been seen. Satan is also working with all signs and lying wonders to hinder the progress of God's work like he always has; but thanks be unto God that giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When we came here there were eight members in the little church, and they were quite scattered. During the year 1915 there was received in tithes and offerings \$128.70, and during the year 1916 there was received in tithes and offerings from the church over \$1200.00 and the membership increased to 25, since three have asked for their membership by letter to other churches where they are now living. During the year 1917 there have been thus far two baptisms. At the first only one person was baptized. We had another baptism last Sabbath, when four people were buried with their Lord by baptism in the watery grave. There are four others who will soon be ready to take this step. Two of these would have been baptized last Sabbath, but were sick and were not able to attend this service. I could not help but praise the Lord when I was baptizing these dear souls to know that they had come out of darkness into this wonderful light and truth for this time. During the year 1916 I had the privilege of baptizing eight and receiving them into the church with others who had been immersed in another church and felt satisfied with their baptism at the present. At the present writing several others are very much interested in the truth for this time.

I am now holding open air meetings from seven till eight o'clock each evening at a beautiful place in the city called "Fort Hill." An average of about 100 people are attending these services, hearing the truths for this time. We have the heavens above for our tent, and the beautiful green grass as a seat for the people to sit on, and it is certainly picturesque to see men, women, and children sitting on the green grass listening to the Word of God. I know that God's Word will not return to Him void from these services. If Jesus taught the people this way, I am sure He approves of our following His example. Brethren and sisters, we ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord may continue to bless the

work here in this old city, and that a number of others may soon take their stand with God's remnant people, and be saved in His kingdom. Pray that God may use us in winning precious souls for His kingdom, and let us not forget to remember the Lord's work everywhere, so that it may soon be finished, and then Jesus will come to take us to the mansions which He has been preparing for those who love Him. F. E. GIBSON.

Virginia

Likely if we were permitted to be envious, we would wish we were a book-worker these days. When we read over the canvassing report for the week and see how wonderfully the Lord does bless the workers, it makes a longing within us to share in the blessing too. It seems that all the workers are doing splendidly. Some sell more than others, but they seem happy in their work be it much or little. Brother Hankins is spending this week with the student canvassers over in the far western part of the conference, and it brings help and cheer to the laborers there to have him come. He sends in very encouraging letters to the office of his findings among the canvassers in that district. Also Sister Madge Miller, who is helping some half dozen young ladies into the art of book-selling, finds them all of good courage and doing nicely in their work.

The Richmond tent effort for this season will be conducted on the Church-Hill part of the city. Meetings will begin July 1, Sunday evening, and the outlook is good for the work. Elders Moffett and Gordon will have charge of the effort, assisted by Brother and Sister R. F. Farley and Miss Anna C. Rice, Bible Worker. These are anxious days for the laborers as they begin their summer's work, but their strength is not in themselves, yet sufficient help is at their right hand. Let all remember them in their work.

Ballston

We began our tent meeting in Ballston, Va., June 3, with a good attendance, nearly every chair being filled. Opening sermon, "The Old Guide Book;" offering, \$4.70. During the week our attendance is not large, but there are a number who show a real interest. Our offerings have averaged practically two dollars a night thus far.

We believe there are honest hearts here, waiting for the truth. Pray that the honest everywhere may be found and the Lord's work soon finished in the earth.

H. S. RICHARDS AND D. A. REES.

The Endowment of the Holy Spirit

Webster tells us that this word signifies that which is given or bestowed on the person or mind by the Creator; to enrich or furnish.

"And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The American Revised Version gives us, "to clothe with power." In this text is an unfailing promise. It is for you reader, it is for me. The Master has said: "Behold I send the promise." Whereby are given unto us (or granted. A. R. V.) His precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers (sharers) of the Divine nature. How God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good. If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. The promise that He will give us the desires of our heart. Our delight must be to do what He asks us to do. Then He furnishes us with this heavenly endowment to do of His good pleasure. The burden of the Master's heart was to finish the work of His Father. He will finish the work and will cut it short in righteousness. Then for us to finish the work with which He has entrusted us, we must be as willing and ready to receive the same power as He was to receive. I must work the work of Him that sent me. As My Father has sent Me, even so send I you.

He has prepared the way for all, even the children. God has moved mightily upon our publishing houses to print literature of all subjects, and at reasonable prices. A few I will mention: "Present Truth Series, The Armageddon, World's Crisis," and our other late books. Our publishing houses cannot go into the field and sell the books and also publish them. No, no, the church, every member, with the children must take up this great work. So to do it, strife must be laid aside, and each clothed with this endowment from on high, the church busy in sending orders to our tract societies, the tract societies busy filling the orders, the trains busy in bringing them to us, and the words of the servant of the Lord fulfilled. "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families." When clothed, your business will be forsaken, the sisters leaving their washtubs, some from one occupation and some from another. What has happened? Clothed with power! Every house will be visited. Where a twenty-five cent book cannot be sold, a five-cent or ten cent paper. Where these cannot be sold, leave them a leaflet. All must hear. Pass none by. The love of Christ constraineth us. A necessity is laid upon us, and we be to

the slothful churchmember. "Go," saith the Master, "into My vineyard and work, and what is right I will give (or pay) thee."

"Where you are working you do not get that which is right, and you are not satisfied, then why not obey the Master's call? Go and work in His vineyard and get what is right. What a promise! Faithless one; He will give thee strength. Ask and it shall be given. Have you asked Him for the thing that He wants you to have and do? Why not ask Him according to His will? He will give it you.

And they went forth and preached everywhere, (with our literature) the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Special

Growing Opportunities

The set of twenty-five cent books on topics of vital interest is growing steadily. The latest addition is, "The Return of Jesus," which will give us a new book on this vital part of our message, really the objective of it. The set now comprises four on the war—"World's Crisis," "Armageddon," "Vatican and the War," "The World War,"—three on doctrines—"The Other Side of Death," "The Christian Sabbath," "The Return of Jesus," and one on temperance—"The Shadow of the Bottle." These books are just the thing to send to our relatives and friends who are not in the truth, to sell to our neighbors and others we may be able to reach and to circulate in every possible way.

One minister takes two or three with him whenever he goes on a journey, and sells them on the way. When taking his ticket recently, he laid one on the desk while the clerk was getting his change, and in a moment it was sold to the clerk. This minister's wife keeps some in her home and canvasses the callers.

Here are further illustrations of the readiness which the people manifest to buy these books:

"I ordered ten of 'World War' and the day they came I opened the package in the post office and sold six before I left the office. The merchant of the place bought one and sold it to one of his customers and came to me for another one. Another man who had bought one gave a friend standing near by a canvass for the book, and he came to me for a copy. Still another man took his book and stepped over to the blacksmith shop and gave a friend of his a canvass for the book, and as a result the blacksmith came to me for a copy. I sold the ten and could have sold more if I had them with me. The book sells itself and should be sold in large

numbers by all our people."

"Today I have been out among the residences with the new book, 'The World War' and sold fifteen. It sells readily. One woman could not let me in, but she looked through the glass door while I shouted out a canvass, and the book was sold."

"A little girl, aged seven and boy, aged eight, are having wonderful success in the sale of our literature. Louise has disposed of a number of the twenty-five cent books such as 'World's Crisis,' 'Vatican and the War,' and 'Armageddon.' What these children can do, others can do, and if the parents and teachers will encourage them the Lord will use them in a wonderful way."

"The 'World's Crisis' was sent to a man who had known something of the doctrine of Seventh-day Adventists, but at the time of receiving the book he was a staunch Presbyterian, and as he says very prejudiced against the truth held by our people. He had been a Christian for years. After reading the 'World's Crisis,' in spite of prejudice, he could not help seeing the truth. At once he went to the superintendent of the institution where he is employed, telling him of his convictions and intentions. At first the superintendent said perhaps he could work on Sundays, but later informed him that he could not allow that. He rests every Sabbath. His wife accepted the truth with him, and as they express it were never before so happy. He wonders why he did not see this light before."

"I received your card telling about the little book, 'The World War,' I have been using this card and have taken a number of orders to be delivered to some of the business men here. Please send me twelve of the paper covers by mail as soon as possible. One of the leading dentists here is much interested in the second coming of Christ, and as soon as I called his attention to the card, he said, 'I want that book.'"

"A missionary leader decided he would try his hand at selling our small books. In about one hour he sold fifteen, and the next day while hauling lumber he sold ten more. He has since sent in an order for two hundred of these books, and is now thinking of taking up the colporteur work."

"A sister is making a tour of the large towns in her conference, selling 'The World's Crisis.' She has already disposed of 1,600, and has ordered 500 more. She is doing a good work, one worthy of imitation."

"It seems good to be selling books again. I sold ten I had in less than twenty-four hours. I sold these in the passenger station of the Southern Railway before I left. 'The Other Side of Death' is a seller. I sold one to a passenger, one to

a conductor of the Southern Railway, one to a traveling salesman, and one to a doctor. I will continue to push the sale of the small books, and sow the good seed."

"I am enjoying my work immensely, and having pleasant experiences as a result of selling 'Armageddon.' I have sold but sixteen, yet I praise God for the privilege of placing even that many before the public. My milk man (a young man) came along one morning, and I sold him a copy. Shortly after I inquired how he enjoyed it, and he said, 'Quite well, but I have little time to read it.' I said, 'Perhaps your people would like to read it.' He answered, 'I have not let them see it yet. I keep it in my room and read it there.' A few days later his brother came with the milk, and I sold one to him. I was anxious to know how the two brothers came out, so I repeated the question to him. He told me he was enjoying it very much, and that he took it right into the house for all to read." "I am sending for twenty-four more copies of the book, 'Armageddon.' The Lord is helping me wonderfully in this work. This is the first book for which I have canvassed, and I like the work. I have orders for these and hope to send for more soon. I have sold forty-eight before this."

"A brother in the dairy business says, 'I have sold fifty or more of 'Armageddon.' They sell easily. The only hindrance is that I am too busy. I have sold many of these among the customers, but sell to others with equal freedom."

"One sister sold seventy-two 'Armageddon' in about five hours. Another day she sold seventy-nine in a day and eighty in another day. She has sold as high as forty 'Armageddon' in one hour."

"Recently while working in a State Capital I received twenty-one orders in one day for 'World's Crisis,' and 'The Shadow of the Bottle.' The people were much interested in the books, especially that part which speaks about the end of the world. Thinking men want to know what these things mean. Wherever one goes with our books he gets a hearing. A county official sent me word to come and see him, as he wanted one of those 'temperance books.' It took about half a minute to write out his order for 'The Shadow of the Bottle.' A presiding elder here eagerly bought 'The Shadow of the Bottle,' as did also the local pastor. A lawyer who is reading 'Liberty' magazine, when approached with 'World's Crisis,' laid hold of it, saying, 'I read about that book in 'Liberty.' What else have you? He was told that 'The Shadow of the Bottle' was a companion book. 'All right, I'll take them both.'"

"I saw the advertisement for 'The World's Crisis' and decided that I would like to sell some, so I ordered two hundred. I started out one day at about 9

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending June 22, 1917									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.	BR	5	73	94	383	50	36 00	419 50	
W. H. Wilcox and wife, Orange Co.	BR	7	43	24	94	00	15 85	109 85	
H. G. Leeland, Tazwell Co.	BR	10	145	68	260	00	14 75	274 75	
H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co.	BR	10	87	61	225	50	5 65	231 15	10 50
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.	BR	5	43	25	89	50	3 75	93 25	2 50
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.	BR	4	45	15	58	00	50	58 50	
S. N. Wilmer, Orange Co.	BR	3	28	20	75	00		75 00	
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.	BR	4	32	10	37	00	25	37 25	
E. M. Dye, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	40	12	45	00	3 00	48 00	
Hazel Leach, Pittsylvania Co.	BR	5	46	18	60	50	1 25	61 75	
Glenna Mears, Warren Co.	BR	4	29	15	52	50	7 50	60 00	
Annie Childs, Clark Co.	BR	4	41	13	49	50	3 00	52 50	
Irma Geheart, Frederick Co.	BR	5	36	12	44	00	1 50	45 50	
Elden Lockwood, Bland Co.	HM	5	47	35	95	00	50	95 50	
David Percy, Bland Co.	HM	5	47	31	77	50		77 50	
Ida Elder, Rockbridge Bo.	HM	2	14	8	20	00	2 00	22 00	
Agnes Walker, Nottoway Co.	BF	3	10	7	14	00	1 75	15 75	
Malena Williams, Pittsylvania Co.	BF	5	45	13	29	50	3 25	32 75	
Hilda M. Rockey, Pittsylvania Co.	BF	5	36	15	30	00	2 50	32 50	
Totals	22 Agents		95	787	496	\$1740 00	\$103 00	\$1843 00	13 00

Ohio, Week Ending June 22, 1917									
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull Co.	BR	5	61	39	148	00	6 05	154 05	
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.	BR	5	56	15	60	50	2 00	62 50	
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.	BR	5	54	33	138	50	4 50	143 00	3 75
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.	BR	5	51	39	157	50	6 00	163 50	3 00
M. B. Ingersol, Erie Co.	BR	5	51	9	32	50	3 50	36 00	3 50
J. H. Stafford, Franklin	BR	5	47	15	57	50		57 50	
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	45	7	26	50	19 00	45 50	41 25
Mrs. Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.	BR	5	44	19	74	50	12 00	86 50	75
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.	BR	5	44	9	33	50	3 00	36 50	12 00
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	5	44	11	39	50	5 00	44 50	2 00
Martha Hottes, Dayton	BF	5	41	28	58	50	4 00	62 50	
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	5	40	3	11	50	5 50	17 00	2 00
Mrs. W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.	BR	5	40	3	10	50	4 00	14 50	
Elsie Haughey, Fulton Co.	BR	5	39	19	70	50	1 00	71 50	1 00
Elmer French, Champaign Co.	BR	5	39	22	84	00	4 50	88 50	4 50
Mabel Cassell, Fulton Co.	BR	5	39	6	23	00	4 50	27 50	75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton	BR	5	35	9	36	50	21 95	58 45	19 55
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton	BR	5	33	6	23	00	7 85	30 85	35 10
*Daisy Wheeler, Lake	BF	13	95	24	52	00	5 00	57 00	4 50
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	4	31	14	52	00	3 00	55 00	1 50
D. McCarthy, Youngstown	BR	5	30	19	69	50	13 40	82 90	3 50
Clara Weber, Dayton	BR	5	26	5	17	50	4 25	21 75	24 75
Zita Hannah, Knox Co.	BR	3	25	8	28	00	6 25	34 25	
Anna Mooy, Knox	BR	3	17	4	14	00	7 25	21 25	
E. C. Alexander, Adams Co.	BR	2	12	3	12	50	5 00	17 50	3 25
Mrs. G. Yingling, Warren	BR			2	8	00	3 00	11 00	8 75
G. W. Yingling, Warren	BR	3	12	4	15	00	1 75	16 75	18 75
W. C. Series	Misc					247 00		247 00	
Totals	27 Agents		128	1052	374	\$1601 50	\$163 25	\$1764 75	\$194 15

West Virginia, Week Ending June 22, 1917									
S. C. Groff, Spencer	DR	5	41	3	11	00	70	11 70	
W. E. West, Burnsville	BR	3	27	2	7	00		7 00	97 45
Andrew Lessner, Burnsville	BR	4	24	16	58	00	2 20	60 20	
T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.	BR	5	48	11	37	00	2 50	39 50	1 50
John Fahrner, Charleston	BR	3	26	1	3	50	2 00	5 50	57 65
E. R. Corder, Beckley Co.	CK	5	35	57	117	50	9 75	127 25	8 25
Guy Corder, Beckley Co.	CK	5	42	40	81	00	17 50	98 50	6 00
J. M. Morris, Charleston Co.	HM	5	38	9	23	50	12 25	35 70	14 75
C. G. Mays, Greenbrier Co.	HM	5	33	11	28	50	75	29 25	50
Totals	9 Agents		40	314	149	\$367 00	\$47 60	\$414 60	\$186 10

West Pennsylvania Week Ending June 22, 1917

M. Bateman, Butler Co.	BR	3	22	10	39	00	2	50	41	50	
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland	BR	5	35	14	49	00	11	00	60	00	40 00
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.	HM	3	18	11	29	50	6	00	35	50	
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	PPF	25	219		116	05	97	65	213	70	202 25
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	14	110	24	90	00	27	60	117	60	92 60
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.	BR	9	74	33	128	50	6	95	135	45	
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	7	85	20	27	25	10	50	37	75	
Mrs. Dunn, Allegheny Co.	Misc			6	13	70			13	70	
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	6		8	34	00	3	25	37	25	21 25
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	14	83	24	99	50	7	75	107	25	91 25
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	14	96	28	115	50	3	00	118	50	90 75
G. W. James, Westmoreland Co.	WW	2	20	100	25	00			25	00	25 00
Louis Jacob, Westmoreland Co.	WW	4	26		8	00			8	00	7 50
W. H. Jack Warren, Co.	DR	2	13	4	10	50	5	00	15	50	15 50
Earnest Laing, Indiana Co.	HM	6	36	12	30	00			30	00	
John Kmetz, Westmoreland Co.	Misc	3	27	63	22	80			22	80	22 80
Jas. E. Lippart, Lawrence Co.	BR	9	95	33	124	50	5	00	129	50	5 00
Clyde Newmyer, Mercer Co.	BR	10		32	114	50	10	25	144	75	5 00
Goldie Rager, Cambria Co.	HM	3	22	14	35	00	3	60	38	60	
G. Rager, Cambria Co.	HM	4	36	26	96	00	2	50	98	50	1 00
Hazel Read, Butler	BR	3	24	8	30	00	2	50	32	50	
Geo. Rapp, Lawrence Co.	BR	7	66	45	176	50	7	00	183	50	2 50
A. B. Schmidt, Butler Co.	BR	5	36	16	63	00	4	50	67	50	2 25
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.	Misc	7	32	15	8	00			8	00	12 35
Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.	Misc	4		18	9	00	4	50	13	50	4 60
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.	PPF	9	79	17	34	50	33	65	68	15	71 85
Totals		26	Agents		781244	491\$1529 30	\$254 70\$1784 00		\$745 95		

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 18, 1917

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	1									81 25
Totals		1	Agents		1						81 25
Grand Totals: 85 Agents				Value of Orders	\$5237 80		Deliveries,	\$1220 45			

a. m. and worked till 4 p. m. canvassing the business houses, and sold nineteen books. I made it clear that it was not a charitable enterprise I was engaged in, but that I had something instructive and entertaining for them to read. I am sure that all who bought the books wished to read them."

"The proprietor of a cigar and fruit store wanted to know what kind of a book it was and said if it were an Adventist book he would take it. He was not a Christian, he said, and had no use for any of the churches in the town, for they did not help anyone. But he had confidence in the Adventist people and liked their reading matter. I was surprised to hear him talk so. I had passed by his place and then retraced my steps to canvass him; and I may say that there was not a place I passed and returned to canvass but where I sold a book."

"I intend to keep on as steadily as I can until I sell every book. I realize that it is just the steady regular plodding that will accomplish results. These books are as good as any sermon, and I have quite a congregation studying these truths. It is only the thought of sowing the good seed of truth and the good that it will do that will hold me steady to my purpose, for I dislike and dread to canvass as much as anyone possibly can. I have placed 'World's Crisis' with the district judge, lawyers, merchants, doctors, dentists,

Catholics, and Protestants, and eternity alone will reveal the good that these books will do."

What these members have done others can do. The country should be flooded with these books. Why not order a few and show them to your friends and neighbors? When you have sold them, order more.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Shall the Press be Free

There is great discussion and agitation at the present time concerning the movement to abridge the freedom of the press. "Liberty" for the third quarter, which is just printed, treats fully the principles which underlie free press, free speech, and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience. This number of "Liberty" should be circulated widely. It will be mailed to a list of names, direct from the publishing house, for 5 cents each. The bulk rates are as follows:

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That many first-day people fear,
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Yet hope to find some other way.

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

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting at the academy.

Mr. Ferdinand Green left last week for his home in Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Professor A. C. Robbins is spending some time in the northeastern part of Ohio in the interest of the school.

Mr. Earl Hackman left last week and will enter the colporteur work.

Mr. Joseph Craig is helping on the farm since Mr. Hackman left.

Elder N. S. Ashton spent some time in West Pennsylvania in the interest of the school. He has taken his family over in the machine to the camp-meeting at Du Bois.

Mr. G. M. Scott, after spending a week with his parents in Cleveland, went to Du Bois, Pa., where he will be engaged for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wells spent several days in Mount Vernon last week.

Miss Elsie Tatman reports having taken \$93.00 worth of orders two weeks ago.

Encouraging reports come to us from the Misses Hazel Leach, Hilda Rockey and Malena Williams, who are canvassing in Virginia.

The College Press is extremely busy these days.

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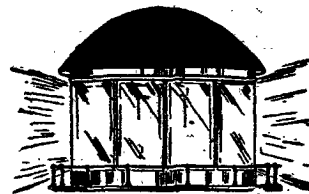
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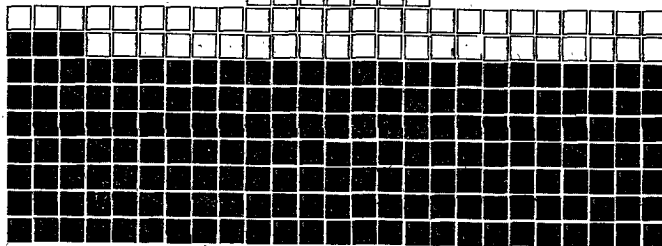
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