

Special "Review" And "Signs" Day Sabbath,  
January 26 --- Last Opportunity

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## UNION

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### Gone Forever

All churches in the Columbia Union will observe Sabbath, January 26 as Special "Review" and "Signs" Day. That day will be the last opportunity of getting the "Good old 'Review' into every Sabbath-keeping home," and of making up large clubs of the weekly "Signs" at such low subscription prices.

Beginning February 1, a club of 100 "Signs" will cost \$20 more; a club of 50, \$10 more; 25, \$5 more; 10, \$2 more; and a club of only 5, \$1 more. This great saving is worth considering. A club of 100 "Signs" may result in ten or more souls accepting the truth, and the cost would be only \$80. Are ten souls worth that much,—only \$8 each? A club of five or ten may result in the salvation of five or more souls. Are they worth it?—A small investment of only \$4 to \$8! And remember that you need pay quarterly only one-fourth of the price of the club; for example, on a club of 100, the price would be \$80, but you would pay only \$20 per quarter; on a club of 50, costing \$40, you would pay only \$10; on a club of 25, costing \$20, only \$5; a club of 10, only \$2; and on a club of 5, you would pay only \$1 per quarter.

It is simple, easy and effective. "The 'Signs' does bring souls into the truth," and it is the cheapest and most effective means or medium we have of establishing souls in the truth. Try it! TAKE A LARGE CLUB, AND SEE YOUR CHURCH GROW. Don't be satisfied with a small club. "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God" and the salvation of souls. The "Signs" is for those outside the church. Its object is to bring those outside, inside.

The "Review" is for those in the church. The "Signs" brings souls into the truth, and the "Review" keeps them in. Aside from the Bible and the "Testimonies," we have nothing equal to the "Review" as an anchor to the souls who have accepted the truth. It keeps them informed concerning war, peace and other important movements. It makes them

love His cause and people more. It keeps them strong in faith, loyal to the message, and faithful in tithes and offerings. You can get it this month for only \$2.05, by taking two of the following-named papers and magazines with it, making a club of three:

Review and Herald	\$2 05
Youth's Instructor	1 30
Sabbath School Worker	50
Christian Educator	85
Life and Health	85
Church Officers' Gazette	50
Liberty	30
Present Truth	15

Three papers constitute a club. All clubs must go to one name and address.

After January 30, 1918, the price will be \$2.50 per year, and your opportunity to get the "Review" at the present low prices will be GONE FOREVER. The profits on the sale of only one magazine a week will more than pay for the "Review." The profits on a few hours' sale of magazines will pay for a year's subscription. There is no excuse for being without the "Review." SUBSCRIBE NOW!!

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.  
R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

### The Missionary

Every Seventh-day Adventist is a missionary, either at home or abroad. The great message entrusted to us, is to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

A "missionary" is one sent to propagate religious doctrines. Each member of the Christian family has been sent of God to labor in His vineyard, to propagate the doctrine of the "Three-fold Message to the people of this world.

Some may think in order to be a missionary they must go to some far away place where they are not known, then they can tell the love of Jesus, and do great things for God; but this is not so; for our missionary work should begin at home first, then on to others.

"If you cannot cross the ocean  
And the heathen lands explore,  
You can find the heathen nearer,

You can help them at your door;  
If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Offering life and peace to all;  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what heaven demands  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.

While the souls of men are dying,  
And the master calls for you,  
Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do!"  
Gladly take the task He gives you,  
Let His work your pleasure be,  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
'Here am I, O Lord, send me.' "

There is so much to do all over the world, so that all may have an opportunity in doing something for God, in winning souls to Christ for His soon coming kingdom.

While it is true that a greater missionary spirit is being manifested among the people of God, yet I truly believe that we as a people are not doing an hundredth part as much as we ought to be doing, living so near the end of this world's history.

Many more people in the District of Columbia Conference took an active part in the Harvest Ingathering work this last year, than ever before. Nearly \$3100 have been reported received for the year 1917, while during the year 1916 there was received \$2,149. How much more could have been received if all had taken an active part.

The three colored churches in our conference more than reached their goals, something they had never done before. These churches all are rejoicing over the blessed experience they have had in this good work. They are now devoting their time to other missionary endeavors.

The Sligo Church was the only one of our large white churches to reach their goal in the District. All did much more than they did last year for which we praise the Lord.

Now we have great opportunities in taking the printed page into the homes of the people, and wherever opportunity affords, do not neglect to study the Bible with the different families. Sister White has said in one of her testimonies, that in the closing days of God's work on the earth, that we will see hundreds of people going from house to house, giving this message, where we are now only seeing just one, or a few.

Let all take advantage of the special prices on the "Review and Herald" which is now \$2.25 per year until February 1, 1918, after which it will be \$2.50 per year. Also we should take advantage of the "Signs of the Times," which will increase in price after February 1, 1918. The "Watchman" magazines are splendid for home missionary work, and at the same time, earn a little money to keep the wolf away from the door. Then, too, there is the "Signs" magazine, and the "Life and Health," which can be sold easily.

Please do not forget the "Present Truth" series which the Review and Herald are getting out each month. These are splendid helps for missionary work.

May the Lord bless us so that not one may say, "there is nothing I can do."

F. E. GIBSON.

(To be continued.)

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.  
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

### Harvest Ingathering--\$5,000 Goal Realized

Truly we can all sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Our hearts rejoice at what the Lord has accomplished through us, and to Him be all the praise.

Last year's total was about \$2500 and we extend our very best thanks and appreciation to the dear brethren and sisters of East Pennsylvania for their hearty co-operation and faithfulness in helping to make this year's total over double that of last.

Many who thought it impossible for them to do anything, are now praising God for the many experiences and blessings received and for the privilege of gathering in means for His cause. The promise made to Moses recorded in Ex. 4:12 that God would be "his mouthpiece," has been fulfilled again in God's people today.

Special mention must be made of our dear Sister Butts who worked faithfully through sunshine and rain, wind and snow, and gathered in \$464. May God richly bless this dear sister in Israel and as a result of her work may she have the joy of meeting some precious souls in God's kingdom and enjoy spending eternity with them.

The churches of Tioga County with Elder Detwiler as the captain have done remarkably well, although it has meant much hard work, and earnest prayer. \$1000 is their total for the county. Congratulations to Tioga County.

Harrisburg under the leadership of Elder Nutter has gone away beyond all expectations. Their original goal was \$300, but they came very near doubling this amount. Only a few more dollars were needed to make \$600. Naturally the thermometer BUSTED.

Both Wilkesbarre and Allentown went beyond their mark, much credit being due to Miss Jessie Weiss and Mrs. R. M. Fried as leaders.

I greatly enjoyed my visits and experiences with many in this campaign, and I can truthfully say that in spite of all the efforts put forth by the world organizations such as the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., etc., larger donations were received than heretofore.

Let us continue to pray for the blessing of God to be upon the homes where the papers have entered, and don't forget to follow up the good work that has been done.

I pray that God will help us all to be faithful home missionaries during the year, and thus hasten the coming of our blessed Master.

"But I must have Jesus with me

All the way, every day.

I will go with joy and gladness,

If my Lord with me will stay.

Here am I Lord for thy service

I will give up all for Thee;

I am ready, I am willing

Lord, if Thou wilt go with me."

T. H. BARRITT,

Home Missionary Secretary.

### News Notes

We are thankful to the Lord for His goodness and mercy toward us. We are often careless and indifferent, yet in the midst of it all the Lord is blessing the colporteur work here in East Pennsylvania.

In the beginning of 1917 we started with five colporteurs, and several of these were new in the business, so, when we were asked to set our goal for 1917, we very hesitatingly fixed it at \$15,000 which was nearly double the sales for 1916. After we had the institute, our work began to grow until we reached our goal about the middle of the summer. We then raised our goal to \$25,000 and by the end of the year our sales amounted to \$25,834.46. Eternity alone will reveal the good that will be accomplished through this department. Besides this our conference sold \$13,773.72 worth of literature, making a grand total of \$39,608.18. May the Lord have all the praise.

C. E. REICHENBAUGH.

Brother J. L. Gearhart of Mohnton Penna., met with an accident while in the work by slipping on the ice and was hurt internally. Our sympathy goes out to this faithful old war horse in his illness, and we hope that he will soon be back in the harness.

Brother Reichenbaugh, our field secretary, is spending a few days in the office making arrangements for the coming Colporteur's Institute, which will be held in Philadelphia shortly.

The Garrick Theatre meetings are continuing with success. Only a few seats were vacant in the top gallery. Many expressed their belief in the Sabbath by standing in answer to the call made by Dr. Wilkinson.

Only 323 families in East Pennsylvania are taking the good old "Review." Will you not order yours at once before the new price goes into effect?

Now is the time for the church to order large clubs for the "Signs" monthly. Prices advance in February. Order quickly. "Signs" does bring people into the truth. Try it.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. S. Brown, Sec.

### News Notes

Elder Gaedie is slowly improving from the injuries which he received in the street car accident. His broken arm has given him much trouble. Many prayers have been offered in his behalf and it is hoped that he will be able to be about soon.

The Missionary Volunteer Society of Pittsburgh No. 2 has 16 members who are taking the reading course. These young people are striving hard to reach the mark of the high calling that is in Christ Jesus.

Returns from the Harvest Ingathering show that the neat sum of \$4,300 has been turned over to the mission board. This is \$1300 more than the goal set for West Pennsylvania.

Brother Manry reports that the M. V. Society at Washington just selected Mrs. Grace Guthrie as leader, and Miss Hazel Read as secretary. These able leaders will be a great encouragement to our young people there.

The call of the hour will be answered by the coming of the man. Colporteurs Institute will be in session soon. We hope to see many new faces at that time.

The Sabbath School offerings for 1917 amounted to \$6470.66. This is a gain over the previous year of nearly \$2,000.

### VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

W. F. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

### Institute and Training School Portsmouth, Va., Feb. 6-16

Arrangements have been completed for the Institute and Training School for missionary colporteurs which will convene at Portsmouth, February 6-16. We are planning for a most profitable and instructive meeting, and we trust all those to whom we have been talking and writing will plan definitely to attend, and any others that feel they should have a part in this branch of the Lord's work.

"Let no business enterprise be allowed to absorb the time and talents of workers who ought to be engaged in preparing a people for the coming of the Lord. Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the very work that needs most to be done. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul saving."

Canvassing is one of the most successful ways of working for the salvation of souls. Will you try it? This Institute will afford you an excellent opportunity to get a training, thus equipping each one to go into the field and succeed as a colporteur.

Our church, where the Institute will convene, is located in the 1600 Block County Street. Plan to be there on the fifth, or early on the morning of the sixth. On the evening of the sixth we will have an address of welcome by Elder W. C. Moffett, president of the conference. The school room on the back of the church building will be fitted up and used for the dining room. F. E. HANKINS.

### Alexandria

The church at Alexandria, Va., feels that it has sustained a great loss in the removal of Elder F. E. Gibson to a wider field of usefulness.

During his short stay here he won not only the love and respect of his own church, but of the entire community by his faithfulness and untiring efforts as pastor and evangelist. Working constantly night and day, he has sown the seed for a large harvest, and we feel sure the Lord in His own time will abundantly

bless his efforts. The prayers and loving interest of this church will follow him wherever he goes.

Brother Chas. Patterson, a very talented speaker, has been chosen to continue the work here and will meet with hearty co-operation from this church.

Mrs. M. R. REDD,

Church Clerk.

### News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffett opened his Sunday night meetings in the John Marshall High School Auditorium in Richmond Sunday night, January 6, with about 700 persons in attendance.

Much interest was manifested among those present.

Brethren S. N. Wilmer and Harry Wright are now located in Norfolk where they are canvassing for "Our Day in Light of Prophecy."

You will notice by the Mission Statement for this month that Virginia has made its goal. Many of the churches have far exceeded their goal, thus making up for some of the weaker churches which come short. What will your record be next year?

Do you have your Morning Watch Calendar for this year? If not there are a few left at the office. We wish that every member could have one and use it faithfully every day.

Elder I. D. Richardson has just returned to Norfolk from a visit to some of our northern cities in the interest of his evangelistic work, and is well prepared for his effort in Norfolk, having visited with many of our successful evangelists.

### OHIO

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### Colporteur Notes

A splendid report has just been received from Brother F. E. Wagner who has commenced the sale of the new book "Our Day." Although the weather has been severely cold and the snow deep; Brother Wagner took orders for over fifty-one dollars worth of books, most of which were "Our Day." Surely this is an attractive book and will be a good seller.

Herbert O'Harra, who until recently was a student at the academy, is now in the colporteur work selling "The World's Crisis Series." He is having good success.

Evidently the institute has helped Brother Ingersoll to get a new "grip." His first week's work since that time shows up fine in the report, and we are sure will be good at delivery time.

Brother Geo. Harvey sends in a report for over one hundred dollars delivery the past week, and along with this report he sends word that next week will find him in the field, with renewed zeal to work for God.

Colporteurs' Institute which was held in Columbus this year has closed. A complete account of this good meeting will be given a little later. Watch the "Visitor" for the same.

Brother P. A. Franks is visiting and working with some of the new colporteurs in Columbus this week.

The present outlook is very good for a large number of colporteurs to be in the field this year. We are expecting several from W. M. C., as well as from our school here in Mount Vernon.

### Mount Vernon Academy

### Ministerial Band Quarterly Report

The band was organized for the ensuing year of 1917-18, with the usual election of officers for the quarter. As the plan of work was laid out, the organization was developed to carry it into effect. Besides the usual corps of officers and the program committee which select the subjects and speakers for all public meetings held by the band, a local leader was appointed over each meeting place, the band holding these leaders responsible for the building up of the work in their location. These local leaders met with the leader of the band, forming an advisory committee to consider the general welfare of all the public meetings carried on by the band as a whole. There are five of these local leaders at present, whose individual reports follow. Mr. Clyde Newmeyer had charge of the meetings conducted for the prisoners who work on the Ohio State Farm.

"When we opened our meetings at the power house this year, we found some very interesting men among the prisoners. With the Lord's help we obtained a Bible for each one of them. As the meetings developed, they began to find the different books and chapters with ease, some have become so interested they tell us that during the day they get their Bibles out and read different portions of them. The last meeting I held with them was a testimony meeting.

One man said that the Bible was clearer to him than ever before. Another said that the meetings had done him much good. Another, who is leaving, asked us to send him tracts and papers and pray for him. Still another said, that we were the only ones who had shown any interest in his soul's welfare. They all held up their hands and requested that we pray for them at the close of the meeting, and were anxious that we continue our meetings with them."

Total number meetings held 9  
Total number assisting at meetings 15  
Average attendance 12

Mr. James Lippart, who is in charge of the meetings held in the auditorium of the Ohio State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, reports: "When school opened the patients at the sanatorium were anxious for our ministerial band to hold meetings. We hold meetings every other Sunday night, and the pastors of Mount Vernon on the other nights. The last local pastor who held a meeting had only seventeen in his audience, while about an average of seventy attend our meetings. I would not have known this had not one of the patients told me. After our last meeting a lady inquired about the text in Rev. 13: 18; she wanted to know if the 666 did not refer to the Kaiser. I presented the Bible version in a few minutes and she seemed satisfied. After each meeting there are always a few who wait to discuss some point of the evening talk with us; it is hard to know just who is interested, but the general reports that come to us, and the large attendance together with the general attitude maintained toward our meetings, encourages me very much. May the Lord bless the seed that we have tried to sow."

Total number of meetings held 5  
Total number assisting at meetings 25  
Average attendance 70

Mr. Guy Corder is in charge of the effort on the north side of the city of Mount Vernon and reports: "Shortly after the opening of school several students who were anxious to do real missionary work were requested by the ministerial band to hold Bible readings in the northern part of the city of Mount Vernon. From the very first an encouraging interest has been shown on the part of the persons attending, such subjects as, Second Advent, Millennium, and the Prophecies of Daniel have already been presented.

For the most part those in attendance have been our own people, however, we have some from the outside with us and the interest taken by these and our people is an evidence that God is leading out in this work. We rejoice that God through His opening providence has given us so many opportunities to do work for Him. As we continue, we earnestly solicit your

prayers in behalf of our band, and that we may be quickly fitted for service."

Total number meetings held 8  
Total number assisting at meetings 6  
Average attendance 5

Mr. H. S. Weaver, who has charge of the "Mission" in the city of Mount Vernon, reports: "The assistance of members of the ministerial band has been greatly appreciated by those attending our meetings. They have led our prayer meetings, taught in our Sabbath School, reviewed our Sabbath School, conducted some of our Sunday night meetings, and in other ways they have assisted in our Mission work. While this experience has been a blessing to those who have helped along the mission work, it has also proved a blessing to the Mission and its work and workers."

Total number of meetings held 25  
Total number assisting at meetings 95  
Average attendance 45

Mr. John Bee, secretary of the mailing and home missionary committee, reports individual work as follows:

Letters written 33  
Letters received 9  
Missionary visits 81  
Bible Readings 69  
Papers mailed or given away 225  
Magazines sold 698  
Books sold 14  
Books lent 19  
Tracts lent or given away 194  
Christian help work (hours) 15  
Meals provided 13  
Treatments given 3  
Wall mottoes given 3  
Song books given 12  
Bibles given 10

The band also has a committee on improvement, formed by members of the school faculty, who offer valuable suggestions and improvements to our various speakers on delivery, grammar, etc., and keep us informed and in harmony with the rules of parliamentary law, so that when we leave school we will be properly trained in how to conduct business meetings, organize and carry on public meetings in general.

The band has carried on in the past three months 96 public meetings, giving real practical experience in every phase of public work and have enjoyed the confidence and good will of the people in every community in which they have labored.

We certainly thank the Lord for the part He has given us in His great work, and especially because He has opened our eyes to see how we can help Him and at the same time prepare ourselves for a greater work while here at school. We ask an interest in your prayers that our ministerial band may be the means in God's hands to guide some sin-sick soul to the land of no more sighing and eternal joys.

ALBERT I. BAKER.

## The Devil's Testimony

Lucifer before his fall was the wisest angel in heaven and was of the highest rank of created beings. The Scriptures say of him: "Behold thou art wiser than Daniel; and there is no secret that they can hide from thee." In the courts of glory he sat by the mercy seat and had insight into the mysteries of God. When he fell, because of the sin that germinated in his own heart, he made this world the place of first attack in his war against right and truth. By subtlety he overcame man, robbed him of his dominion, and made himself the ruler of earth. The first great deception that Satan planted in the heart of man and instilled into his very blood was that notorious untruth, "Thou shalt not surely die." This fraud Satan has never allowed to rest. It is his masterpiece for all ages.

Man has invented or has been taught many schemes to satisfy the cropping out of this untruth which still vibrates in his fibre. He can not by his own philosophy prove that death is the silent inactive rest of his spirit as well as the rest of his clay body. He therefore accepts what seems more favorable. Man, carnal, sold under sin, slave of the usurper; from his birth being swayed by the legacies which he has received from the wicked generations of six thousands of years; reared with propensities of evil and sinking into oblivion because of his guilt—such the man and he believes his teacher and by rote says: "I shall not surely die, I am immortal, I possess a mote of infinity—God." Satan planned it so and as long as man remains his subject he will cause him to believe that his great fraud is truth. The zenith of his success as an inventor of schemes is expressed through a sect whose doctrines claim that by rightly relating himself, man can commune with the spirits of departed ones which inhabit the other world,—the under world: for they call the spirits up.

But now let us reason together. All people who call themselves Christians believe that there are two distinct rewards for the children of man; a good reward for the righteous—life everlasting, and an evil reward for the wicked—eternal destruction. But all do not believe that either or both lay silent and inactive from the moment life ceases until Christ, the herald of the resurrection, comes to mete out to every one his reward. A great many believe in an intermediary station where the mediocre Christian can perfect righteousness by enduring fiery tortures. According to these ideas and schemes we can at least concede that a righteous one, favored and blest of God, and a wicked, perverse and rejected of God person, would spend no time together in the enjoyment and suffering of their separate

rewards. Paradise and hell do not fill the same lot.

Though the Devil is the author of all these schemes he once testified against himself. It was not to his immediate disadvantage. His great delight is to torture fallen man. Even his most ardent followers are not free from his taunts. The fact that he is so inconsistent is evidence against him, but let us leave that now, we will hear his testimony in regards to death.

Saul, the son of Kish, was anointed king over Israel by Samuel the prophet. For a time he walked before God and did wisely; he then did evil and became worse and worse until God forsook him and withdrew His spirit from him. When Saul came to his last crisis he wanted instruction. He could get none from God, for God had long since ceased to reply to the sinful king by either dreams, prophet or Urim. In his great distress and fear he asked for a witch that would call up Samuel, his former counselor, from the dead. The witch of Endor was found. King Saul informed her of his desire and this muttering necromancer called up from the lower world a spirit—satanic agent—in the likeness of the prophet Samuel. Saul recognized it as his old guide. He was in the Devil's power now and a lost man. This we concede on the strength of Saul's own words, "God is departed from me," and besides no murderer shall enter heaven. Rev. 21: 8. Saul committed self murder from which there is no redress, Samuel (?) informed the king of the outcome of the coming struggle and added: "Tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me." Where? Would righteous Samuel and wicked Saul dwell together in a world of spirits? would they by that act plant heaven and hell on the same mountain? No, not so, yet they each have a place in the city of the dead, there to reside physically and spiritually inactive until Jesus comes.

EARNEST L. LUTZ,  
Mt. Vernon.

## SPECIAL

### Man's Moral Mission in the World

By D. E. LINDSEY.

"I will stand upon my watch and sit me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and make it plain upon tables that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab. 2:1-3.

The life of this prophet is wrapped in obscurity. All that we can gather concerning him is that he lived and prophesied about the time of the Chaldean invasion and probably prophesied in Judah during the reign of Jehoahaz and Jehoakim that this book is his production. Amidst the terrible and thickening perils to which the prophet and his country were exposed by the incursions of the Chaldeans he turns for safety and protection to Him who has ever been the refuge of His people, "a present help in time of trouble." "I will stand" he says, "upon my watch," like as a sentinel on the walls of a besieged city, not to mark the approach of the enemy, nor look for deliverance from man; but to consult with the infinite God, to seek counsel from Him, "to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd."

Wherefore are we in this world? Here we are, the tenants of a magnificent and well-furnished district of God's glorious creation. We came not here by choice; we had no voice in the matter; no voice in determining whether we should be or not be; be here or elsewhere. Manifestly we are not here by chance. There is an obvious purpose in our existence on this planet. The fitness of our organization to the scenery and circumstances in which we are placed shows this. But for what purpose did infinite Wisdom send us here? This is the problem!

We eat and drink, we use our senses and physical bodies as do the lower creatures of God's creation around us; we buy and sell and get gain; we observe and reason and get knowledge, and yet we have a profound and constant impression, an impression we cannot shake off—that these operations form but a very subordinate part of our mission. The involuntary conclusion of our reason and the dictates of our conscience assures us that we have something far higher and nobler to accomplish. The answer of the assembly catechism is, "To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." But this answer involves two questions which admit of much debate. What is it to glorify God and what is it to enjoy Him forever?

Man's mission as a moral being may be defined as consisting, FIRST, in receiving communication from the Eternal Mind, that is, in doing what the prophet now resolves to do, "to watch and see what he will say." That man is constituted for, and required to receive communications from the Infinite Mind, and that he cannot realize his destiny without this will appear evident from the following consideration:

(a) From his nature as a spiritual being.

Man has a native instinct for it. His being naturally cries out for the living God: "Oh that I knew where I might

find Him!" Is not this the prayer of the human heart in all ages and climes? It is only the logic of infidelity that makes a revelation from God appear impossible. The moral sentiment instead of believing in its impossibility, so deeply yearns for it that it accepts the forgeries of imposters instead. Like Saul at Endor, the moral heart will resort to the darkest haunts of superstition and imposture for a revelation from the Eternal. The soul expects the Almighty to speak. The soul is as truly made to receive into it, as its breath and life, thoughts from God, as the eye is made to receive the light, as the earth is made to receive the sunshine and shower. There is a craving in it for divine utterance.

(b) Man has a native capacity for it.

The human mind can take in ideas from God; ideas of His power; His wisdom, His independence, His truthfulness, His goodness, and His love. You will find ideas about Him, either true or false in every human soul. This is one of the distinguishing features of our being. Unlike the lower creatures around us, we can rise to a conception of the great First Cause. On the wing of thought we can pass beyond the remotest boundaries of the material Universe into the very presence of the "Fountain of Life."

(c) Man has a native necessity for it.

There are germs of power and susceptibility within us that can never be quickened and developed without communications from God. The soul without thoughts from the Infinite will be as an eye without light, having the power of receiving wonderful impressions of beauty and grandeur, but dark withal. The earth is filled with germs of every species of life, but they remain dormant forever without the sunbeam. An intelligent being apart from communication with God, is a globe without a sun, dark, cold, chaotic, dead. You may as soon think of cultivating the earth without the rays of the sun as to think of educating the human soul without ideas from God. That man requires communication from God will appear, from his condition as a fallen being. His spiritual constitution shows that had he continued in a state of innocence, he would have required communication from God. The highest seraph in glory requires such, but as a sinner, man has a deeper and a more special need. As fallen creatures, we want answers to various questions. A deep haze has settled upon our pathway. The conflicting theories proposed by the world's great sages show that philosophy cannot answer these questions. As a sinner, man is oppressed with guilt; he feels that he has offended the Creator, and justly deserves punishment, and asks for the way of reconciliation and pardon.

"Wherewithal shall I come before God?" Neither priests nor sage have been able to solve the problem. As a sinner, man is mortal. He ascertains from history that numerous generations lived on the earth before he appeared, and are gone; he follows to the grave friends and relatives; he feels the sentence of death himself, and he looks at the grave with an anxious heart, and asks, "If a man die shall he live again?" No satisfactory answer can be given to the question. The reply must come from Him on whose sovereign will all life depends. As a sinner, therefore, communications from God are of infinite moment to man. Man's need of communications from God is evident.

(d) It is evident from the purpose of Christ's mediation.

Why did the Son of God descend to this guilty world to suffer poverty, degradation, and death? In one word, it was to bring man to God. His cross is the meeting place between man and his Maker. It is the great moral magnet by which those who are "afar off" are to be "brought nigh." Ask me why He did this, or why He suffered that, and the answer is, that the Lord God may "dwell among men." He is a mediator between God and man; His blessed work is to bring the holy mind of God and the depraved mind of man together in sweet intercourse and intimate friendship. Man's spirit apart from God is as a star that has lost its center, and wandering from its orbit, is going every moment into deeper darkness, hastening on to ultimate destruction. The work of Christ is to arrest that wandering star, bring it back to its orbit, link it to the divine center, and cause it through all its future to cast and reflect the influences of eternal truth, rectitude, and bliss.

(e) Man's need is evident from the special manifestation of God.

I say *special*, for nature, history, reason, heart and conscience are the original and regular organs of communication between the human and divine. But we have something more than these. We have in this book, the Bible, extraordinary communications which the great God made to various men in different ages. What is the Bible but a history of God's communications to some men in order that all men may communicate with Him? Here we find Him in olden times "speaking to the fathers by the prophets, and in these last days speaking to us by His Son."

(f) Man's need is seen throughout the teaching of the Bible.

In this Book men are called to an audience with God,—"Come now let us reason together." "Behold I stand at the door and knock." In this Book communion with God is not only inculcated as

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 11, 1918									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	2	9	4	14 00		14 00	3 50
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	3	21	8	11 75	6 75	18 50	20 25
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	63	34	161 10	8 00	169 00	19 00
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	34	4	17 00	9 25	26 25	
Geo. H. Gates, Erie		OD	5	35	9	18 00	7 75	25 75	1 25
Totals	5 Agents		20	162	59	\$221 75	\$31 75	253 50	44 00

Ohio, Two Weeks Ending January 11, 1918									
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.		BR	4	34	3	13 00	9 00	22 00	9 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	4	29	9	40 00	2 10	42 10	46 10
Ceo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	3	25					212 25
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	4	20	12	39 50	11 70	51 20	74 55
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	20	8	30 00	5 00	35 00	5 00
H. W. O'Hara, Crawford Co.		WCS	5	19	48	12 00		12 00	1 25
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	2	16	1	3 50	8 00	11 50	32 00
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	6	27	10	42 00	18 25	60 25	25 00
J. W. Bowling, Hamilton Co.		HM	4	14	5	2 50	1 50	4 00	
C. J. Fritz, Lancaster		OD	2	10	1	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 25
Totals	10 Agents		39	214	97	\$184 50	\$56 55	241 05	406 40

Virginia, Week Ending January 11, 1917									
S. N. Wilmer, Norfolk Co.		OD	5	17	20	45 00		45 00	
H. A. Wright, Norfolk Co.		OD	4	14	18	42 00	50	42 50	
Totals	2 Agents		9	31	38	87 00	50	87 50	

Grand Totals: 17 Agents Value of Orders, \$493 25 Deliveries, \$450 40

## Virginia Conference, Tithes and Missions Report for year ending December 31, 1917

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1916	Tithe 1917	Per Cap.	20% a week	Per Cap	Amt. Short	Amt. Over
New Market	42	817 07	1190 92	28 35	1084 97	.50		648 17
Newport News No. 1	18	381 27	1240 41	68 91	342 48	.37		155 28
Bethel	15	160 49	96 40	6 43	288 50	.36		132 50
Portsmouth No. 1	18	476 80	819 69	45 53	331 72	.35		144 52
Gordonsville	10		326 79	32 69	147 73	.29		43 73
Lynchburg	22	528 02	615 46	27 98	299 84	.26		71 04
Norfolk No. 1	18		600 19	33 34	239 70	.25		52 50
Oak Ridge	21	496 85	948 71	45 18	252 63	.23		34 26
Richmond No. 1	108	2371 33	2813 32	26 05	1126 01	.20		2 81
Charlottesville	10	139 87	125 44	12 54	74 14	.14	29 86	
Conference No. 1	43	519 53	1005 45	23 38	246 90	.11	200 30	
Yale	34	179 20	233 32	6 87	178 19	.10	175 41	
Roanoke	8	153 71	235 41	26 93	29 18	.07	54 02	
Rileyville	17	58 92	97 84	5 76	48 76	.06	128 04	
Stanley	88	438 52	423 80	4 81	188 29	.04	726 91	
Guinea Mills	15	72 75	100 03	6 67	22 34	.03	133 66	
Winchester			119 62		130 18			130 18
Richmond No. 2	23	433 37	548 35	23 84	340 77	.28		161 37
Danville	7	48 31	104 81	14 97	68 81	.19		14 21
Newport News No. 2	20	284 79	386 50	19 32	169 40	.16		13 40
Norfolk No. 2	20	209 60	425 92	21 30	159 51	.15		3 51
Conference No. 2	8	90 68	62 61	7 82	62 40	.15		
Portsmouth No. 2	20	196 45	253 79	12 68	126 18	.12	29 82	
Spencer	6	17 75	50 92	8 50	27 88	.09	18 92	
Thelma	8	21 67	52 19	6 52	18 93	.05	43 47	
News Ferry	12	40 85	52 26	4 36	34 40	.05	59 20	
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Per capita colored at 15% a week .15



a duty but exhibited as the highest privilege of man. "In thy presence there is fullness of joy." Truly our fellowship is with the Father. This Book represents all its good men, the men who are held forth as having most faithfully fulfilled their mission, as men in the habit of intercourse with heaven. But how are these divine communications to be received? Two things at least are necessary, and they are in the text.

(To be continued.)

## Doing Missionary work By Correspondence

Did you ever hear of Cripple Tom, the little lad, who, although confined to his bed in a dingy room above a busy street in a great city, made himself happy by writing scripture texts on bits of paper, and dropping them out of the window, with the hope that some one might be led to Christ? And more than one life was changed because of Little Tom's "speaking leaves" that dropped on the sidewalk below his window.

One of his bits of paper floated down from his attic room on a certain day, and dropped just in front of a wealthy gentleman walking along the street. He picked it up, and the words he read carried a timely message home to his heart. He became acquainted with the little missionary and through the remaining of the lad's life the gentleman supported him in his humble, yet far-reaching work. Tom simply had a love for souls. And did what he could for them. Our profits for such work are far greater, as we have texts and comments upon them already printed in convenient form to accompany our written invitation to read.

### The First Letter

One of the best methods of opening missionary correspondence is to send copies of our periodicals, or tracts, and accompany them with an earnest invitation to consider certain articles or paragraphs. Reasons for sending first letter at time of (or soon after) mailing the first paper:

First, It lets person know at once why paper is received; Second, It draws attention to it from the first; Third, Removes any thought of receiving a bill.

### In Private Correspondence

Think of the opportunities in private correspondence. One lady in correspondence with a friend in Canada, mentioned the *Signs*, and began sending a copy each week. The answer to the letter contained the encouraging news that the paper was gladly received and read by her friend, and that each week's issue was passed on from home to home in her neighborhood and read with interest.

Another sister in renewing her club of the *Signs* tells of a reply to a missionary letter she has received:

"I have been sending one copy of the *Signs* to a lady in Mississippi. After sending several, I wrote her and she replied: 'Just send me that little California paper right along, as it is brim-full of good things. I did not know that Jesus was coming so soon. Pray for me that I may get ready.'"

### By a Missionary Society

We know of one missionary society whose members are taking up missionary correspondence work in this way:

A list of names—of persons, perhaps, who have purchased copies of our books or have become interested through evangelistic meetings—are secured from the conference missionary secretary. For convenience, the names are kept in a small card list, each name, with spaces for record of letters written, etc., on a separate card. Here is a sample of the card from the list before any records are made.

Name (and address).....  
 Date of paper sent.....  
 First letter written by..... Date.....  
 Second letter....."  
 Third letter....."  
 Reply .....

Correspondence with each person is carried on by the members under the direction of the church missionary secretary, who keeps the list and sees that records are made properly. Each reply is reported, and recorded on the card. This simple system keeps the secretary in touch with the work, makes reporting easy, and is a help in planning for continuous and aggressive efforts.

The members of this society are very busy people. One evening each week is taken for wrapping, addressing and mailing a large club of papers.

### Sample of Letters Written

The two samples of letters accompanying the first paper here given may contain suggestions which will help you in similar work:

"This letter introduces to you one of my very best friends, the *Signs of the Times*. I have been acquainting a number with the *Signs* during the past few months. As my list at present is not full, I am taking pleasure in giving you opportunity also of becoming acquainted with this friend of mine.

"I believe it will prove a true friend to you as well, as it tells about the very things that people wish to know today. It tells the meaning of the great events taking place in the world, not merely what men say, but as made clear by the Bible prophecies referring to our own time. This is only one special feature. It has many.

"I will be glad indeed to know how you

enjoy these papers. They will cost you nothing, as they have already been paid for in advance.

"Yours very truly,"

"Dear Friend:

"I take the liberty to address you in regard to the *Signs of the Times*, which paper I have had the pleasure of sending you for the past few weeks. Since I have been informed by a friend that you are interested in religious literature, I felt sure you would enjoy the splendid articles, especially those dealing with current events, and their relation to us and this time. This is the day of strife and commotion when we must all face the question 'What do these things mean?'

"If you are pleased with the paper and care to read other copies, I would deem it a favor to be allowed to mail them to you free of cost.

"Hoping to receive a reply from you at an early date, I am

"Yours truly,"

You will be equally interested in some of the replies received. Here is one:

"I received your letter and also the *Signs of the Times*. I appreciate reading the paper very much, and you may send it to me longer if you wish. Are you not the man I bought a book from a few months ago?"

"Yours truly,"

Note how this opens the way for another letter, and perhaps later, further literature:

Here are others:

"I sent the *Signs* to a Catholic man last year. He would not read it at first. I got a letter from him a few days ago asking for reading matter, just anything that I wanted to send him. He says he is now one of us and expects to be baptized in our faith."

"I think it is just great of you to write to me as you have, and to send that instructive paper, the *Signs of the Times*, so frequently. As little drops of water wear away the hardest rock, so has the influence of the *Signs of the Times* affected a change in my outlook on life and things in general."

"I have never known Christ until five weeks ago, I accidentally ran across one of these papers, *Signs of the Times*, and after reading it I was converted and at once subscribed for it, and Oh, what help I have gotten from the wonderful truths it contains."

"A dear friend of mine sent in my name to your paper for six months and I have received it about two months now and I wish to tell you I have never read a paper of religious message in my life that did me so much good as this: I hope I will never have to be deprived of it and I am going to try to have it in other homes I know of. I really think

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Let us think of Cripple Tom and his work. Think of the far greater facilities God has given us for bringing the truth to others. Contemplate what may be accomplished by writing encouraging missionary letters, accompanying them with our truth-filled literature. Shall we not make a special endeavor to improve our many opportunities along this line during 1918? Let us make it the best year yet in missionary correspondence.

## OBITUARIES

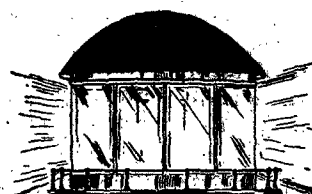
GATTEN.—Rebecca Jane Price was born in Belmont County, Ohio, February 20, 1846, and died at her home in Newark, Ohio, January 11, 1918. She united in marriage with Josephus Gatten, July 20, 1867, and of this union nine children were born, five of whom, with her husband, survive her, and mourn their loss. Two of the children, P. S. and Joseph were still at home; her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Reffner lived in the home city, Newark, and two sons lived at a distance, John in Baltimore, Md., and Sherman in Spokane, Wash. Sister Gatten accepted the message and united with the church in December, 1895.

She died in full confidence of the coming resurrection. As she was laid to rest, Sunday, January 13, words of comfort were spoken by the writer, S. A. WELLMAN.

WINTERMUTE.—Mrs. Martha, whose maiden name was Vandermark, was born in Galena, Delaware County, Ohio, September 6, 1841, and died at her home in Newark, Ohio, December 31, 1917. At the age of 19 she was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, 1860. In 1863 she was united in marriage with Dr. Alfred Wintermute. To this union four children were born. For about 25 years she was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

at Newark. She was a tireless worker in the cause of temperance, having been a charter member of the local W. C. T. U. She was the author of several books and a great amount of poetry which has appeared in current numbers of popular magazines and periodicals. Her high ideal of life was always maintained and, by her kindly, beneficent life, she had surrounded herself with a circle of warm friends. Her husband preceded her in death. Three sons, Willard C., John A., Charles A., one daughter, Mrs. W. D. Fulton, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren survive her. Rev. Don Tullis assisted at the funeral services.

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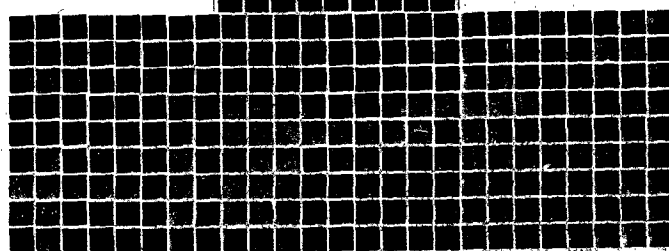
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