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### Christian Education, the Bible and the Testimonies

In the last verse of Malachi four we have the following words: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite thee with a curse." In the verse preceding, the setting of this movement is "just before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." If one reads the entire book of Malachi, he will easily see that the first and the second comings of Christ are frequent topics for prophetic utterance, and that the preparation for the first coming has much in common with that of the second.

By reference to the work of John the Baptist and especially to the interpretation of his work as recorded in Matt. 17: 11-13, it is clear that John in preparing the people for the first advent of the Messiah aroused mightily the parents in the welfare of their children. Moreover, these children took a conspicuous part in the demonstrations on that triumphal day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Even the chief priests and scribes trembled at the impression made upon the children and bade Jesus to stop their enthusiastic hosannas.

Malachi lived after the day when every family in Israel was an efficient school. In the days of Samuel it became necessary to supplement the efforts of parents by establishing schools. The instruction to parents had been clear and impressive, "These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." In the days of Samuel some parents were not fully qualified to carry the responsibility properly and this condition has prevailed more and more even to the present hour.

The prophecy, then, in forecasting the care for the children and youth of those who were true to God in the last generation has been reinforced many times through the spirit of prophecy in more recent times. Not always can reasons be

seen for God's plans in prophetically arranging for His people in any generation; but light has been given and reasons assigned in respect to this move within the chosen people of the last generation.

"The mother should be the teacher, and, home the school where every child receives his first lessons. Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. Parents and teachers do not estimate the magnitude of the work given them in training the young. The experience of Israel was written for us, 'upon whom the ends of the world are come.' As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our schools, where the Word of God is made the foundation of education."

"If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church-members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express.

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## OHIO

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### Relation of Parents and Teacher

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

In 1 Cor. 3:8,9 the apostle Paul, in speaking of Christian workers says, "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God. This is indeed a beautiful relationship and one that should exist between parents and teachers; for both are working to the same end. We read in "Counsel to Teachers" p. 156, Let parents and teachers take hold of the work together, the parents remembering that they themselves will be helped by the presence in the community of an earnest God-fearing teacher." Education p. 283 gives us this

sentence, "In all that concerns the well being of the child, it should be the effort of parent and teachers to co-operate." Writers who have not had the Christian school in view have recognized the advantage of this oneness. Milner says, "Any expedient that is effective in bringing home and school into close and harmonious contact should be used to the fullest extent." The Teacher, p. 56. Another word from "Counsel to Teachers" will suffice to show us the ideal relationship of parent and teacher. "If parents faithfully act their part, the work of the teacher will be greatly lightened. His hope and courage will be increased. Parents whose hearts are filled with a love of Christ will refrain from finding fault, and will do all in their power to encourage and help the one whom they have chosen as teacher for their children. They will be willing to believe that he is just as conscientious in his work as they are in theirs.

"The teachers in the home and the teacher in the school should have a sympathetic understanding of one another's work. They should labor together harmoniously, imbued with the same missionary spirit, striving together to benefit the children physically, mentally and spiritually, and to develop character that will stand the test of temptation." p. 157.

As our minds are led out on this parent teacher relationship, we sail smoothly over our sea of trouble and all is sweet harmony. But this is all theory. How is it in practice? Yet though theory it is a grand ideal—one that can and must be reached in practice by the Christian school.

But now the question arises, how can this be brought about? How can the perplexing problems that continually arise be settled without friction? There is only one answer to this question, and that is both the parents and teacher must maintain a living Christian experience. But even then there are misunderstandings and differences of opinion.

In the first place let the teacher and the parents become acquainted, and let them work together in making plans for the school. In most cases the parents will depend upon the teacher to lead out in this, and he should take the responsibility. A few words from "Education,"

p. 284, give us a thought on this point. It reads, "Since parents so rarely acquaint themselves with the teacher, it is the more important that the teacher seek the acquaintance of the parents. He should visit the homes of his pupils and gain a knowledge of the surroundings among which they live. By coming personally in touch with their homes and their lives, he may strengthen the ties that bind him to his pupils, and may learn how to deal more successfully with their different dispositions and temperaments." As much of this work as is possible should be done before the school opens that the work may be begun with every one full of interest and good cheer.

Sad indeed is the situation when school opens with such a feeling as that of one mother which she expressed when she said, "No, I can't stay any longer. Church school opens today and I suppose my husband is kicking because I am not there with these kids. He has to pay the tuition and no kids there to get the benefit of it. But then I don't care. Church schools don't amount to anything anyway. The older boy there got along all right, but the other one is no farther along than he was when he began last year. He won't study, and the church elder's wife teaches and she's too easy. She did not make him study so he didn't learn anything. And then she doesn't teach music at all. I don't want to bother my head with those kids. I thought they would get the principles of music in school then I would get after them and make them practice on the organ." This sister's husband was not a Christian, and these words with many more were uttered in the hearing of her boys. The elder's wife was doing her work and carrying eight grades at school. Do you wonder that she did not teach music? And do you imagine that those boys would appreciate what she was doing for them? How different the picture might have been had this sister called upon the elder's wife and said, "I should like to have my boys get a little music, and I know they will take more interest in it if they have some one to study with them. If you are willing, I believe we can make arrangements to have the children come fifteen or twenty minutes early two mornings in the week and I will go to the school house and give them a drill in music."

That perplexing question of discipline often comes in to estrange parent and teacher. The child is punished and goes home and tells his parents. He probably does not explain matters to give a correct idea of the situation and the parents are wounded. Much depends upon the attitude of the teacher at this time. Many times the parents are justified in feeling that the teacher has erred, though at first they

were willing to bear patiently what they believed to be an injury. Perhaps the duty of punishing the child was very painful to the teacher, then he may have had a feeling that the parents would not see the justice of what he did, and instead of going directly to them with the whole matter, he avoids them. They go to prayer meeting, but he does not speak to them. Sabbath comes, still he finds something to do until they have left the church and he has not greeted them in the usual way. He may feel a little condemned, but excuses himself by saying that it is no more his place to hunt them up than it is theirs to come to him. Nevertheless the mischief is done and the teacher has lost his hold upon at least one family. Had he sent a kindly note to the parents and embraced the first opportunity to speak to them about the matter all trouble might have been avoided. Even if the parents were unreasonable, he might have so conducted himself that a closer union would have been formed. Milner says, "If the parent is angry, impassionate and rude, the demand upon you (the teacher) for quiet courtesy is the more imperative. Strident tones are soon modified by quiet answering ones. Anger and irritation will yield to evident kindly feeling."

But parents do not feel that your duty is done and that you have co-operated with the school to the fullest extent when you have bought the children's books, paid their tuition, and refrained from unkind criticism of the teacher. You have just taken your first step (and an important one it is) toward co-operation. Though the general plans for the school have been laid before the parents, no wide awake school can go through the year without making some little plans on the inspiration of the moment. Perhaps something has happened to inspire the school to give some special study to birds. Plans are quickly laid and teacher and pupils go home full of enthusiasm. The teacher spends much time in preparing for the study and in planning to avoid taking time from the regular school work; and comes to school the next morning to find that two or three of the children have "backed out." Before the day is over he learns where the trouble lies; for Johnny says, "Father said they didn't have such nonsense when he went to school." And Kate piped up, "Ma said, she had to work pretty hard to pay my tuition and she did not want me to spend my time with such foolishness." Parents did you ever hear of a like experience? And you can imagine the disappointment that weighed down one corner of the teacher's heart that day, and the difficulty he had in carrying out his plans?

There is one more thing that should be emphasized before closing, and that is the

teacher's need of help from the parents to arouse in the children an interest in their regular school work. Parents, you can double the efficiency of the school by talking with your children in the right way about their school work. If you find that some subject is especially difficult for your child, give him a little help. Learn some game to play with him that will help him to grasp the subject. The teacher would gladly make suggestions to help you along this line if he only knew you were willing to do something to help your child.

Read to your children, and tell them stories. When they are old enough to read, let them read to you. If you have never watched the children from different families develop, you cannot realize the advantage a child who has thus been helped at home has over the one who has received no attention.

Another actual experience may serve in helping us to get a better grasp of this thought. Frank and Henry attended the same school. They were of the same age, and apparently were equal in intellectual ability. With ease Henry held his place at the head of the class, while Frank was always at the foot, though he worked very hard. The teacher was puzzled over these two boys and took special pains to arouse Frank. She could see from his work that the powers were there if they could just be awakened. At last she succeeded in getting him interested in a book from the school library which he took home to read. His eyes sparkled and he walked off like a man as he left the school room with the book under his arm. The teacher happened to call at his home that evening and was entertained in a room adjoining the one in which the mother sat patching. Frank came in, took his book and began reading. In a few minutes he ventured to say, "Ma, this is an awfully interesting book. Here it says,—"and he began reading to her. She sat there patching away as though nothing had been said. In a moment Frank said, "Ma, are you listening?" To which she replied, in an indifferent manner, "Well, I can't listen if you don't read." Just then the father came into the room, and she began talking to him. Frank hesitated until there was a lull in the conversation, then began reading again. But the indifferent atmosphere was more than he could stand, and after repeatedly asking his mother why she did not listen, she said, "Well go on." Frank had not finished his paragraph before she called into the other room to tell the teacher a bit of news. At this Frank laid his book down, and slunk into the corner of the other room. The teacher began to understand, and her heart was farther touched when a very sober little face came to her side one recess and said,

"I wonder why my pa don't read to me? Henry's Pa reads to him, and his ma tells him stories, and Henry says sometimes he reads to them."

These parents were devoted Christians and supported the teacher in every way, but they did not understand. At the close of the school the mother, in a disappointed tone, confided to a trusted friend, "I do not see why it is, but we never had a teacher that helped Frank as they do Henry. I suppose it is because Henry is more forward." May God help us. Parents and teachers let us re-consecrate our lives anew to God today and resolve that by His help we will reach the ideal set before us. Then there will be no parents saying, "Church schools don't amount to anything, no teachers voicing the same sentiments, and no children saying, "I might have known something if I could

have gone to a public school." Then our schools will be the best. They will be an honor to God, and the means of saving souls from eternal destruction.

Lottie Gibson.

### The Cincinnati Church

The year just closed has been one of blessing to the church in many ways and our courage is good in taking hold of the Lord's work for the coming year. Every goal set by the conference for the church, and by the church otherwise, was fully met, and new goals for the new year have been carefully adopted, and with the help of our blessed Leader, will, we believe, be fully met by the end of the year. The following are a few of the items of work by way of comparison with last year.

	1916	1917	Gain
Total funds sent to conference	\$ 3619 89	\$ 5086 43	\$ 1466 54
Total tithe sent to conference	2285 56	3314 68	1029 12
Per capita tithe	23 42	34 90	11 48
Per capita funds for home work	3 63	13 55	9 92
20-cent-a-week fund	21	32	11
Literature sales by church	120 50	245 63	125 13
Literature sales by individuals	None reported	122 15	122 15
Baptisms	20	20	

J. H. BEHRENS.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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T. B. Westbrook, Pres.  
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

### The Work Is On

We are glad to note the enthusiastic way in which the members in West Virginia are taking hold of the 25 cent-a-week fund for 1918. For the first month a number of our churches exceeded their amount on this fund, and we feel assured that from the way the work is starting out, we shall not be so far behind next December as we were last.

We are also glad to report that a deep interest is being taken in the sale of our literature by the church members. In the Parkersburg Church alone fifteen members have each ordered 250 of the "Southern Watchman," and besides this they are selling the "World War" and others of our smaller books.

The effort in Parkersburg is still continuing. Although we are now in our fifth week the attendance is keeping up well and last Sunday night, being the eighth Sunday night, our tabernacle was again full.

In studying the prophecy relative to our own nation and war we have tried to be very careful in our teaching and it is a good thing that we have been, for we have received definite and reliable information that 14 men under direction of the

government have been on my trail constantly since this effort opened. It behooves us to be careful in our public work that we do not give the enemies of the truth any chance to take the advantage of us in the things which we teach.

Many new ones are now rejoicing in the truth and a class of more than 15 members has been organized for special instruction preparatory to baptism.

Good reports are also coming in from the effort in Cumberland, Md., which is being conducted by Elder T. M. French. We are of good courage and feel to praise God from Whom all blessings flow for what He is doing for us, and feel to re-dedicate our lives to His service for greater progress in the work in West Virginia throughout this present year.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### Book Work in W. Va.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed the book work in West Virginia during the past year. We know of some who are rejoicing in the truth from reading the books sold to them. I am sure if we are faithful in our work, when we reach the kingdom, we shall find many others there as the result of our sowing.

Perhaps we colporteurs are, in a special

sense, the sowers. Very few of us reap results of our sowing, but some other man enters into our labor. But one thing sure the Lord is keeping a record of our work and of our faithfulness and some time when the work is finished we shall see the full result of our labors.

Our sales for 1917 exceeded \$30,000. The general average of sales per hour for all those who worked over thirty days was \$2.57. While we feel that this is a splendid record, yet we do not want to be satisfied with past attainments, but strive for greater things. Brethren, let us not hesitate to enter this branch of the Lord's work because of financial reasons. God has surely fulfilled the promise in Phil. 4:19. "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, forever and ever, Amen."

We are planning for big things for this year. This will be an exceptionally good year to work among the farmers as they now get good prices for their products and are well able to buy.

We have plenty of good territory and only a few workers. Now the Lord says this is the very work He would have His people do at this time. I should be glad to hear from all those who desire to enter the book work now, also those who plan to enter a little later.

JOHN McHENRY.

### News Notes

Elder Lindsay of Cleveland, Ohio, stopped in Parkersburg to take a look at the tabernacle and spent a few hours in Clarksburg visiting relatives one day last week.

Brother H. I. Pettis of Nebraska, has accepted a call to make West Virginia his field of labor.

Miss Jennie Burdick, secretary and treasurer of the conference, has been on the sick list, but is able to resume her duties again at the office.

Last Saturday night at 8 o'clock 2 gas mains broke, giving Parkersburg a heatless night. Practically all were without breakfast until after 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. This reminds us of the suddenness with which probation will close one of these days, when many will be left out of the kingdom forever.

"God's ideal for His children is higher than the highest human thought can reach."

"The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. As the Son of man was perfect in His life, so His followers are to be perfect in their life."

**CHESAPEAKE**

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**News Notes**

We wish to call attention to an error in last week's issue of the paper. We gave the wrong number for the address of Elder A. S. Kellogg. It should be 2798½ West North Ave., Baltimore, Md. He is not far from the conference office and his mail can be addressed to 2901 Brighton Street until further notice.

Brother J. E. Jones was the only colporteur who seemed to brave the storms of the past few weeks in the country. He writes again of his experience of last week. He says, "I had to wade through deep snow again this week." But he is having good success. He took seventeen dollars worth of orders on Thursday. So the Lord is blessing him in his endeavors.

Elder J. O. Miller spent Sabbath with the church in Wilmington. Sunday night he preached to a good sized and appreciative audience in Dover, Del.

Elder G. P. Rodgers will move to Washington this week. A splendid meeting was held in the Baltimore No. 3 Church on Sunday night, Elder Rodgers still officiating, although the new pastor was present and rendered valuable assistance in the way of music. A special effort is being made at this time by the church for the raising of funds on the church debt. The reports from various bands, with the donations received from the visitors, amounted to \$204.45. The large congregation, which filled the church, was much pleased with what had been accomplished.

Sister Marshall, one of the oldest members of the Cambridge Church, died recently. A fuller report will doubtless be given by Elder G. A. Stevens who officiated at the funeral.

Brother O. C. Weller of Thurmont called at the office last week. He spent the Sabbath in Baltimore, visiting friends.

We wish to say a word in regard to our filling of orders. Some of the people in the conference are complaining about not receiving their orders on time. We wish to beg their indulgence during these days of abnormal conditions. We are doing the very best we can, and the publishers are doing the best they can to fill the orders. But many of the trains carrying mail have been laid off. There are em-

barges on freight and on express, too, at times, and it is impossible to get books from the various publishing houses on time. These are days when we as a people must learn to be patient. Things are entirely different to what they were six months ago, and we must be considerate of our brethren who are trying their hardest to please the people.

Elder A. S. Kellogg has gone to Smithsburg, Md., where he is holding a short series of meetings with the church.

Elder W. A. Spicer spoke to the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath morning on his trip to Africa. This was greatly appreciated. He will speak next Sabbath morning to the Baltimore No. 3 Church.

Elder C. S. Longacre will speak next Sabbath morning to the Baltimore No. 1 Church.

The interest in the meetings held by Elder Booth in Hagerstown still continues.

Elder J. O. Miller is spending a few days in Washington, attending the various constituency meetings being held there this week.

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the company in Salisbury, and reports a very good interest there.

Brother M. S. Pettibone and wife passed through Baltimore last week on their way to Washington, where he was planning to attend the Home Missionary meeting.

We are sorry to record the death of Sister Adda Stelfox. She was a consistent member of the Baltimore No. 1 Church. She was buried in Gardenville last Sunday. Elder Miller conducted the funeral service.

**NEW JERSEY**

St. Francis & Columbus Aves., Trenton  
W. H. Heckman, Pres. C. Lawry, Sec.

**News Notes**

Brother Kirk spent last Sabbath with the Newark English and Jersey City No. 2 Churches, speaking at both places in the interest of the book work. This branch of the work in New Jersey is attracting considerable interest and results are beginning to be realized.

Brother Warren met with the Jersey City Swedish Church on Friday evening last, and reports a good meeting. He

also reports good meetings held in Newark on Sabbath.

Representatives from New Jersey were in Washington last week attending the meetings being held there by the Union Conference.

A daily Bulletin of the proceedings of General Conference will be published this year as has been the custom in the past. The thirteen issues of the Bulletin may be had for the remarkably low price of 50 cents. Please send your order in at once that you may receive the first issue on time.

The "Signs" campaign that was recently launched throughout the country has met with some excellent results in this state, several churches placing subscriptions for as high as 150 copies each week. This is only an indication of a general awakening in our ranks all along the lines. The greater the things we attempt for God, the greater things we may expect from Him.

Elder G. E. Langdon is carrying on a series of Sunday night meetings in the Camden Church. Last Sunday evening he spoke on the "Crash of Nations" and reports a full house, good offerings, and splendid interest.

**VIRGINIA**

Gordonsville, Va.  
W. C. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

**News Notes**

The colored mission committee met at the Portsmouth Church last week to lay plans for the year's campaign. Tent efforts at Danville, Norfolk, and Richmond are contemplated, if suitable arrangements can be made.

Elder Moffett attended the annual meetings of the institutional constituencies at Washington last week, and spent some time with our students at the college.

Over twelve hundred were in attendance at the third Sunday night meeting in the Colonial theatre at Norfolk, when Elder I. D. Richardson spoke on "The Home of the Saved." The offering was over \$68.00. The World's Crisis series books are offered at a reduced price to those who leave their names and addresses and 150 names have already been obtained in this way.

Elders L. O. Gordon and W. C. Moffett

are making as high as twenty-five calls a day in connection with the Sunday night auditorium meetings in Richmond, and are finding many honest seekers after truth who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

The Canvassers' Institute which was held in the Portsmouth Church February 6-16, was well attended. More than twenty young men and women were present and who plan to enter the work. Brethren Leach and Hankins had charge of the meetings, assisted by Elder I. D. Richardson. More will appear in these columns later regarding this institute.

W. H. Jones, our tract society secretary, spent several days visiting our churches in Newport News and Portsmouth and attending the Canvassers' Institute.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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### Good Report of a Seventh-day Adventist Soldier

A few days ago I was introduced to a returned soldier from one of the army camps, and after learning that he was in the same company as Mr. Lee Weaze, a new convert and member of the Blossburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, I was pleased for the following excellent report:

"Lee Weaze! Yes, I am very well acquainted with him. Say! he is a very religious fellow. He tried hard to get me to quit smoking. He holds prayer meetings and Bible studies with the boys. They all like him very much. He is doing a fine work. He told me that this is not the last war, and explained his reasons from the Bible, telling where the last battle would be fought."

H. J. DETWILER.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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### Good Meetings

The writer in company with Brother E. A. Manry, the volunteer and church missionary secretary, visited the Johnstown Church, also the company at Greensburg, on Sabbath, January 19. We had some very encouraging meetings with the brethren. Although the weather was extremely cold, we found that almost every member was present at the young people's meeting, which was held on Friday evening at Johnstown. When the church again came together on Sabbath morning, the Lord blessed us with a good meeting. We found that the church is

already working on the 1918 Harvest Gathering, and have several dollars.

R. M. SPENCER.

## SPECIAL

### Sending Literature to the Soldier Boys

Are we wasting our postage? The January issue of the United States Official Postal Guide has the following to say regarding magazines for soldiers and sailors:

"Magazines for soldiers and sailors should be current and clean. It has come to attention that many of the unwrapped, unaddressed magazines mailed by the public at the one-cent postage rate for soldiers and sailors are useless for the purpose intended, some being so old as no longer to be of any interest, some are torn and soiled and unfit for further use, while others are of such character as to be wholly unsuited for reading matter for soldiers and sailors.

"Postmasters are requested to give this matter publicity and impress upon their patrons that the publications mailed under the arrangement referred to should consist of clean copies of current or comparatively recent issues of magazines devoted to literature or containing matter of general interest."

We are informed (by men who know) that large quantities of literature, secular and religious, sent in the manner indicated in the above statement, have been hauled to a convenient spot on the camp and burned, or disposed of in other ways. Our periodicals deserve better care and attention.

Is there a better way of getting our literature into the great cantonments of the country? Yes. Most of the conferences in which army camps are located have a worker appointed to keep in touch with our boys there, and we are hearing excellent reports from some of these brethren. Here is a little of a recent message from Brother Helligso of the Nebraska Conference, who gives a portion of his time to keeping in touch with Camp Funston:

"I took with me 100 copies of the February "Signs" Magazine (Soldier Number), giving some to the boys, and then going to the camp libraries where I met the librarian and had a good talk with him. He accepted the magazines, promising to send them at once to the twelve Y. M. C. A. and the four Y. W. C. A. Hostess Houses, where the men can read them. He was very favorably impressed with the paper and remarked especially that the paper was beautifully illustrated, which made it appeal more to the soldiers. He also said he would be glad to put into circulation books that I might

send him, so I have sent ten copies of the 'World War' in cloth binding, expecting to send more books and papers in the future."

We find it is much better to send literature to the boys either through these special workers assigned to camp service, or direct to the names of soldiers. Recently one order came to the "Signs" office directing that 97 copies of the weekly be sent regularly to as many young men. Their names and camp addresses accompanied the order, and there is no doubt about their receiving the papers promptly and in good shape. When our boys leave their present location, to be transferred, or sent "over there," those knowing about the change should inform the office promptly, that the papers may reach the boys as quickly as possible. The "Signs" office brethren desire to cooperate in every way that will facilitate rapid transit of their periodicals.

East of the Mississippi and South we have brethren giving considerable time to our boys in Camps Lee, Devens, Custer, Grant, Harrison, and others. In the Middle West, workers are in touch with Camps Funston and Dodge, and other training centers. On the Pacific Coast, certain brethren are appointed to similar work at Camps Lewis, Fremont, and Kearney. From nearly all of these centers we have had urgent calls for extra supplies of the "Signs of the Times," both weekly and magazine. And we are very glad to send them out to the workers to help in their splendid service among the soldier boys. But our "Soldiers' Literature Fund" has frequent sinking spells, and needs constant treatment and attention. We know you would like to help. Just send your "bit" through your conference treasurer to the "Signs" office, mention the "Soldiers' Literature Fund" and give the name of the camp to which you desire literature to go, if you have a preference, perhaps to the one in your own field.

The February "Signs" Magazine—the Soldier Number—contains some gripping articles that our soldier boys need just now. One sister, evidently impressed with Dr. Thomason's article on "The Blight of the Great Red Plague," appearing in the February "Signs" Magazine, sent an order through her tract society for 100 copies to be sent to one of the large camps. At this writing, orders for the February "Signs" Magazine—that Soldier Number—are coming from all sections of the country. We ought to get at least 25,000 copies into the hands of soldier lads in American camps before the month closes. What will you do to help accomplish it? As stated above, kindly send your donations to the "Signs" Soldiers' Literature Fund through your conference treasurer. Thank you.

## General Conference Bulletin

The next General Conference will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, March 29 to April 14, 1918. A daily Bulletin of the proceedings will be issued as has been the custom for a good many years. The Bulletin will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is now less than two months until the conference convenes, hence none too early to place orders for the Bulletin. This will be the most important General Conference ever held, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read the Bulletin. The price has been placed exceedingly low, only 50 cents. Send orders to your tract society office.

Pacific Press Publishing Association  
JAMES COCHRAN, Circulation Manager.

## Things Worth Knowing

Do you know that there are three drastic Sunday bills pending before Congress now?

Do you know that you ought to write a letter to your senators and representatives in Congress, protesting against the passage of these bills?

Do you know that the representatives of sixteen denominations waited upon President Wilson February 1 and urged him to use his influence to get these bills passed by Congress?

Do you know that the president told these churchmen that his sympathies were with their efforts in behalf of Sunday legislation?

Do you know that the president issued a military order concerning Sunday observance in the army camps?

Do you know that the current issue of *The Liberty Magazine* deals fully and clearly with these great questions before congress and the whole country, and ought to be placed in the hands of the public at the present time?

Do you know that you can get a bundle of 50 copies, postage prepaid, for \$2.00?

Do you know that Religious Liberty Day comes on Sabbath, February 23, and that you ought to give a liberal offering for the religious liberty work in the year to come?

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## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, One Week Ending February 8, 1918</b>									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	39	22	48 00	2 95	50 95	2 95
C. J. Fritz, Shawnee		OD	5	35	32	73 00	50	73 50	4 75
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.		OD	5	30	17	45 00	3 00	48 00	2 25
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	5	22	6	24 00	3 50	27 50	36 00
Chas. Nettleton, Franklin Co.		DR	5	20	5	26 00	1 50	27 50	1 50
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		OD	7	37	20	48 00	2 50	50 50	1 75
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	1	10					41 25
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	2	9	8	34 00	3 25	37 25	10 75
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	1	9					57 50
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.		BR	3	6	1	4 00	11 00	15 00	49 00
Mrs. C. R. Dotson, Lorain		Mag.	4	15		67 45		67 45	67 45
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>\$369 45</b>	<b>\$28 20</b>	<b>397 65</b>	<b>275 15</b>
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 8, 1918</b>									
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	6	31	10	42 00	2 55	44 55	63 55
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.		OD	4	27	9	20 00	6 00	26 00	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	8	68	27	40 00	37 95	77 95	89 65
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	2	13					20 00
D. J. Hoover, Connellsville		OD	5	13	22	45 00	25	45 25	25
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		OD	3	11	5	10 00	1 75	11 75	3 75
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	30	4	16 00	1 65	17 65	75 75
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Johnstown		HM	4	19					70 75
Geo. H. Gates, Warren		OD	4	29	9	19 00	1 00	20 00	3 50
J. Mary Stocher, Johnstown		HM	2	10	9	23 50	75	24 25	
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	1	7					2 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>\$215 50</b>	<b>\$51 90</b>	<b>267 40</b>	<b>330 05</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 8, 1918</b>									
R. Garret, Luzerne Co.		GC	2	27	11	55 00		55 00	
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	2	8					71 35
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	4	31	7	30 00		30 00	243 50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	2	5			8 55	8 55	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	2	11	1	6 00	1 25	7 25	1 25
H. G. Lewis, Wilkesbarre		WC	5	34	48	40 00		40 00	40 00
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	4	21		11 25	2 00	13 25	13 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>142 25</b>	<b>11 80</b>	<b>154 05</b>	<b>369 35</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending February 8, 1918</b>									
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	4	10	7	34 00	2 35	36 35	8 00
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	5	35	8	18 00		18 00	156 50
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	1	10		17 00	6 00	23 00	1 00
Norman Haye, Cabell Co.		BR	6	40	17	72 00	3 00	75 00	3 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>					<b>141 00</b>	<b>11 35</b>	<b>152 35</b>	<b>168 50</b>
<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending February 8, 1918</b>									
J. E. Jones, Preston, Md.		BR	5	35					305 25
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Rock Hall, Md.		OD	2						11 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2 Agents</b>								<b>316 25</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending February 1, 1918</b>									
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	4	38	43	45 00	12 25	57 25	12 50
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	3	17	11	47 00	3 95	50 95	1 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2 Agents</b>					<b>92 00</b>	<b>16 20</b>	<b>108 20</b>	<b>13 75</b>
<b>West Virginia, One Week Ending January 25, 1917</b>									
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	5	40	8	20 00	28 30	48 30	32 20
Louisa Russell, Harrison Co.		OD	3	22	16	43 00		43 00	
H. J. Fisher, McDowell Co.		Misl.	5	30		49 50		49 50	49 50
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	2	15		25 00		25 00	85 00
Jno. E. Meredith		Miscel	5	35		26 00		26 00	26 00
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.		BR	1	10					72 00
Miscel.						202 38		202 38	202 38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>					<b>365 88</b>	<b>28 30</b>	<b>394 18</b>	<b>467 80</b>

## After the War--What?

"Is this terrible conflict the prelude to general amity and lasting peace? Will the nations of men learn from their terrible baptism of blood the futility of fratricidal strife? What does the future hold? What conditions will exist after this great war has been brought to a conclusion? What will be the end of the present conflict? Will it be the last war?" In the light of prophecy and the general teaching of the Bible, what is to follow this great war?

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## The Return of the Jews

Present Truth No. 26 takes up briefly, yet forcibly and conclusively, "The Return of the Jews," under the title of "The Gathering of Israel," showing that the restoration of Israel as taught in the Bible is the gathering of spiritual Israel into the kingdom of Christ, and not the gathering of the Jews to literal Palestine.

## OBITUARIES

**MARSHALL.**—Mrs. M., nee, Margaret A. Holland, was born January 2, 1845; and died January 31, 1918, of heart trouble and pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Snow, at Cambridge, Md.

She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1902, under the labors of Elder V. H. Lucas. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, his text being Amos 4: 12. She died in the hope of the resurrection. G. A. STEVENS:

**BICKNELL.**—Clifford, was born July

12, 1886, and died January 25, 1918, age 31 years, 6 months, and 13 days. The cause of death was heart trouble and other complications from which he suffered more or less severely for the past three years. He was a member of the church for about a year and a half, but owing to his physical condition was not able to attend services very much. He seemed to take special pleasure in the study of the Bible during the last days of his life and seemed to realize that at all times he must be ready. His father and two sisters are left to mourn. The services were conducted at the home by the writer. J. H. BEHRENS.

**SEESE.**—Harry R., was born in Moundsville, W. Va. July 13, 1905, died Sunday, January 20, 1918, having reached the age of 12 years, 6 months. On Friday evening he suffered an attack of appendicitis and every effort was made to save his life, but on Sunday evening at 11:50 he passed under the power of death. The last moments of his life were spent in repeating the twenty-third Psalm and in an effort to pray. He was the first one in his family to pass into the yalley. Father, mother, four sisters and five brothers are anxiously awaiting the return of Jesus, as they expect to see his face among the redeemed. A. H. RULKOETTER.

**RAUB.**—Mrs. Ida Allwood, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, April 6, 1888. She was married to Clyde Raub, February 15, 1905. Unto this union were born five children, four of whom are now living. She was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist, Church November 1914, and was faithful until her death. She fell asleep in Jesus January 30, 1918, and awaits the call of the Life-giver. A sorrowing husband, four children, a mother, three brothers and four sisters are left to mourn her death. R. E. FRENCH.

**STREET.**—Helen L., daughter of William and Lillian Street, was born April 16, 1907, and died January 5, 1918, aged 10 years, 8 months, and 19 days. Helen was loved by all her associates, being of a loving disposition and kind to every one. She bore her suffering patiently to the very last. She leaves a father, mother and sister to mourn their loss. Notwithstanding the day was very cold, the house was filled with friends and relatives to pay their last tribute of respect.

The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Wilmington, Ohio. W. W. MILLER.

**TALMAGE.**—John Newton, was born February 14, 1830, and entered into rest at his home near Chesterville, Morrow County, Ohio, January 19, 1918. He was a patient

sufferer for many years, bearing his affliction with Christian fortitude and courage. On October 7, 1856 he was united in marriage to Sophia Alverson, sharing the joys and sorrows of life for 48 years when she was summoned by the messenger of death. Their home was blessed with two sons and three daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral service. One of the daughters, Miss Ella Talmage, will be remembered by many as one of Ohio's faithful Bible workers.

Early in life he was converted and united with the M. E. Church, remaining in this communion until 1873 when he cast his lot with the Seventh-day Adventist people continuing steadfast in this faith to the end. He will long be remembered by the Waterford Church where he held his membership as a careful, conscientious, devoted Christian. During the sixties when the life of this republic was in peril, he came to the rescue of the Union and served as a private in the civil war. He also lived to see his eldest son, Dr. J. Burr Talmage, don the uniform for service in the Medical Reserve Corps in the present world conflict. In addition to his five children he also leaves twelve grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn, but comforted by "that blessed hope." Funeral services were held at the family homestead where he was born, January 21, 1918, conducted by the writer. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

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Elder H. A. and Mrs. Weaver, of Galion, Ohio, accompanied by Mrs. Tuttle visited at the academy over the week end. Eugene, perhaps, felt favored above all others.

Friday evening at the students' prayer meeting and on Sabbath morning at the eleven o'clock hour Elder H. A. Weaver gave us some stirring talks.

Mrs. H. A. Weaver spoke to the young women of the Bible Workers' band last Sabbath morning. She emphasized the

importance of the Bible work and appealed to the young women to enter this needy field.

Miss Helen Beatty was called home because of her mother's illness.

Miss Earline Trapp spent several days at the Sanitarium.

Mrs. S. Miller of Springfield, Ohio, visited several days with her daughter, Mrs. James Smith.

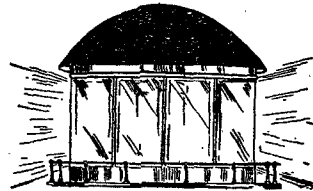
Mr. E. R. Corder of Washington

Missionary College spent some time at his home, his mother being ill.

Last Saturday evening Elder H. A. Weaver entertained the students with his violin.

Ellen Louise, weighing six and one-half pounds, was accepted on February 9, 1918 as a member in the home of Brother and Sister F. E. Gibson, 1925-14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

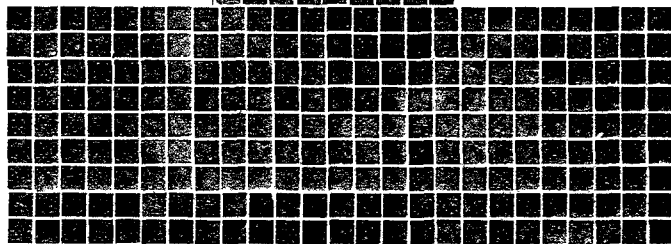
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