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Columbia Union Conference Summer School

It is understood that the Columbia Union Conference will conduct a summer school for teachers and others who may wish to do school work through the summer vacation.

June 12 is the opening date of the summer school for 1918, and the usual announcement will be printed and ready for mailing after the close of the General Conference Meeting.

In the meantime it is hoped that superintendents and school boards will do their utmost to have a teacher in sight for every school in the conference and others in sight for the schools that should be started this fall. Almost always there is a shortage of teachers when schools open in the fall, so be sure to provide yourselves with enough.

If you find it impossible to get good material to send to the summer school please notify the undersigned and all the resources of the Union will be drawn upon to supply good teachers for the coming year. Now is the golden time to plan.

An excellent faculty has been employed to care for the needs of the summer school students and all are expecting a profitable and pleasant eight weeks together.

C. L. STONE.

Three Splendid Conventions

During the past three weeks three successful church missionary conventions have been conducted in as many places.

The first of the three was held in Harrisburg, Pa., the capitol of the state and has been reported. This was one of the most interesting and the largest attended conventions especially on Sunday that the writer has ever attended. Brother T. H. Barritt, home missionary secretary of the East Pennsylvania Conference, gave a most interesting and profitable program. Practical lines of work were demonstrated, and all present had their vision of the work greatly broadened.

The second convention was on the

semi-convention order and was held in the Wilmington Church. This church has taken some long strides in advance along missionary lines, under the leadership of Elder G. A. Stevens. Something over \$400.00 was brought in during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign last year, as against \$117.00 in 1916. During the past few months eleven or twelve have been baptized and several more awaiting baptism. Souls saved is the best part of all missionary endeavor.

Tithes and offerings are increasing as a result of deeper consecration and greater missionary activities.

The last convention was held in the Stanley, Va., Church, which is located in the beautiful and famous Shenandoah Valley. This is the second church which was organized many years ago in the state of Virginia. Headstones of various descriptions, mark the resting place of many sleeping saints and friends of that vicinity, in the rear of the church building.

Elder R. D. Hottel, home missionary secretary of the Virginia Conference had prepared a generous program which was quite fully carried out. We had two full days of convention work. The attendance and interest was very good throughout, and we believe the Stanley Church has taken on new life. We shall look for good reports from this church in the future.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

The Khaki "Steps to Christ"

The following from a Conference Missionary Secretary expresses the sentiments of all who have seen this Special Edition of "Steps to Christ."

"The little Army and Navy edition, of 'Steps to Christ' has just been received; and I cannot refrain from writing you just a word of appreciation of the little volume. It seems to me it is just what is needed to help our boys day by day in the terrible struggle that they must constantly face. It is just the right size, and so light that it can be carried without any burden at all; and best of all, it is continually pointing the way to Jesus and teaching them His great love. I will do all that I can to increase the funds in helping to scatter this little treas-

ure among those who need it most."

Our Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries and the Camp Pastors who have been appointed, are undertaking to supply all of our own boys with copies.

Then we want to supply just as many others as funds will permit. What we have done so far is nothing compared to what we should do for the hundreds of thousands of men who are enlisted in this great world war. Shall we not swell the Soldiers' Literature Fund, so that another edition can be quickly prepared? Men are going down to eternal death every day. Shall we not do what we can to point them to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world?"

Send your offering to W. T. Knox, Treasurer, Takoma Park, D. C.

M. E. KERN

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

What Can Young People Do?

Paper read by Mrs. Virbrook Nutter, at Harrisburg Convention.

First of all our young people can heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy, a young man, as recorded in 2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The beloved disciple John, also says, "I write unto you young men because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." It is the study of the Word of God that gives strength and courage to our young people of today.

The plan outlined by our young people's leaders,—to read the Bible through this year, the nine volumes of the Testimonies half through, of taking the reading course and by faithful observance of the Morning Watch texts and daily prayer, gives our young men and young women visions of the great work to be done in this world of sin in these days.

We have Bible examples of young men like Joseph, David, Daniel and many others who believed God's word and trusted Him fully and were used to accomplish great things for God and humanity. Esther, Ruth, Miriam and the

little Hebrew maiden, examples of young women who through prayer and faith in God's mighty power, brought healing and salvation to a king and saved an entire nation. By the study of these noble characters our young people are led to attempt great things for God in these days.

Our truth-filled literature, such as the "Signs of the Times," "Watchman," "Life and Health," and the Present Truth series sold and given away by our consecrated youth, will bring conviction and salvation to many of our leading representatives at this time in our world's history.

By reading books and tracts while waiting for a train, or when riding on the street cars, we ourselves gain knowledge and interest others; thus opening the way to give the Third Angel's Message.

We have read perhaps, in the good old Review and Herald of the effect of this line of work upon a Lutheran minister who was given a copy of the "Signs of the Times." He was on the train and the paper was handed to him by two young ladies. When he returned it after seeing what it contained, they politely said, "You may keep it and then pass it on to someone else." "He said, They were refined, educated, and courteous, well dressed young women, who were doing missionary work without pretending to be doing it." And the reason they did it was because they believed in it with all their hearts.

When we read of the hardships and determination of Abraham Lincoln to get an education, it should be an inspiration to our young people to get an education, which has been, and can be done so easily through the sale of our books and magazines.

By faithfulness in little Christian duties and privileges, by giving a tract or paper at every opportunity, truly our great army of young people when properly trained and encouraged can speedily hasten this "Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

Let Your Light Shine

"Twas only a few years ago, sir

I was crossing the ocean deep

One night—'twas a dark one we noticed,

A cry roused us, quick, from our sleep.

This cry it was that awoke us,

Man Overboard! lower the rope

Arose on the night air.

With shouting and cries, of despair, there's
no hope.

I thought to fly swift to the rescue,

My service was useless, I knew

But I longed to do something to save him.

This fellowman, What could I do?

One thought in that brief little moment

Flew swiftly to my mind as the light.

I seized just my own little lantern,

And held it above the dark night.

'Twas only a glimmering track

That shone across the dark wave,

But soon came the shout, he's saved, he's
saved,

A chorus of loud glad acclaim.

Next morning I sought him, this stranger,

He told of his peril so great,

And said, "I was just going under,

I felt that all help was too late.

When out from a far little window,

A ray from someone's shining light

Shot to me across the dread distance,

It showed me the rope plain and bright.

I seized it and soon was safe landed,

To this little light do I owe

This life, which is saved and I wonder

Who's was it? O pray do you know?"

I turned straight away from the stranger,

This thought came to comfort me, grave

In doing the little we can do

May just be the work that will save.

At last when earth's night shall be over,

And morning of heaven be mine,

Shall I find that someone has been rescued

Because I had let my light shine?

NORA E. NUTTER.

A Call to Service

It has been truly said, "No man can from the heart pray 'Thy kingdom come, and be a loafer in Christian work. If it becomes the real cry of his soul it will give him steady employment for life. It will put fire in his bones, and iron in his blood. The blessedness of doing is an experience, not a theory."

Dear Brother, dear Sister of East Pennsylvania, do you hear the trumpet call to service? Have you been drafted into God's great army under the leadership of Prince Immanuel? Now is your opportunity to 'Do your bit.' Thousands upon thousands in this part of the Lord's vineyard are groping in darkness, and many going down into hopeless graves. Will you not do something to help warn these precious souls? God loves them just as much as He loves you, but in His goodness has seen fit to bestow upon you the precious light of truth first. In so doing He has placed upon you a great responsibility.

Several regiments have vacancies such as the "Magazine Regiment," "Small Book Regiment," "Present Truth Regiment," "Tract Regiment," and others. For further particulars apply to headquarters, 4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Penna. Brother Mohr or I will gladly do all we can to place you in one of these regiments, and land you in the front line trenches at once.

We pray and hope that every man, woman, and child in East Pennsylvania

will rally to the call, and that there will be no slackers in this state, but that every Sabbath keeper will be a worker for God.

T. H. BARRITT, Home Miss. Secy.

Taking an Order and Leaving the Customer

The colporteur who goes from home to home has a responsible position. Not only does he carry the light of the Third Angel's Message, but it is he that has been made a fisher and hunter of men. The minister has a definite field and gives the message to those who come to hear, but the colporteur is God's great means of hunting them out in the highways and hedges, and comes in constant contact with the millions that are perishing, and learns their daily spiritual needs. As he hears their despairing cries above the roar and din of Babylon, and sees the approaching Armageddon, it should stir his heart to the very depths of his soul. In order that he might be a source through which heaven can send its blessing, he must first be thoroughly consecrated to his high calling; then he must realize that he represents the government of heaven, and a representative from the government of heaven, or as the apostle Paul calls us, the ambassadors of heaven, must be able to thoroughly expound the Scriptures and guide unstable souls through this awful mid-evil darkness; he must be the restorer of the paths, and close up the breach that the arch deceiver made in God's holy law. The closer one comes in contact with heaven, the more he reflects Christ's image, and then as he presents the truth-filled literature, the angels will impress his customers that truth is within their grasp. As he approaches their homes it should be with a prayer upon his lips that God will help him to appreciate the value of the price paid for their souls. Success will all depend upon his attitude in presenting the work; to act unconcerned and listless and give a mechanical or sing-song demonstration will instill the same spirit into them, but when he works realizing that he must give an account of the souls in his charge, who may never hear this gospel from a minister, he will so speak and so do as if that soul's destiny were almost sealed, and that enthusiasm will produce the desired effect, and an order will be taken. There is not anything that he can do to help the angel, but must look to God that the guarding angel might help him, as the Scripture says, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

The order taken and the messenger about to depart, knowing that when he

will have gone "the wicked one will come to sow a crop of tares," places that soul in the charge of their guardian angel, for it was not while the "sower was sowing," (spoken of in the parable of Matt.) that the wicked one sowed his tares, but while the sower slept. God's colporteur should be a faithful watchman and able to discern in the face of his customer either worldliness or a sincere desire for a closer walk with God, and as a result, when the world in its dire need is lacking of more prayer, he has an opportunity to offer a fervent prayer in many homes before taking his departure.

From the moment that he is within observation of people, he is closely scrutinized from undetected sources, and he being unconscious of it, his attitude must always have a telling effect. Sometimes it is not always possible with different temperaments to kneel in prayer, then it is, that they must catch from his life that holy consecration, and when once a good impression is thoroughly imbedded in their mind, the tares which may be sown later will not choke the wheat.

To demonstrate this fact, a faithful colporteur, Brother Gloor, had taken orders to the amount of \$1100 for "Bible Readings," but the ministers of that place advertised and preached that the people should not take the book as it was Seventh-day Adventist teaching. Our faithful field secretary, C. E. Reichenbaugh, took the situation to the Lord in prayer and went to Brother Gloor's assistance, the result being, they delivered all but four books; even one of the ministers after reading one of the books said it was all right: There isn't the least doubt in my mind but that Brother Gloor's faithful attitude toward God had made a lasting impression, and convinced those people that the secret of his life was not commercialism, and the seed which he had sown was in soil deeper than just strong ground.

Invariably the colporteur is watched as he departs from the homes just as closely as when approaching, and after bidding them all adieu with a good, hearty handshake and a big "thank you," and wishing them a blessing from heaven, should prove to them by his agile stride and sincerity that he has a definite work laid out for that day and must fulfill his appointments with God and man.

R. WALTER GARRATT.

News Notes

Every family should have a full set of the Testimonies. Earn them by selling our magazines. Profit on 85 magazines will secure you a full set in Cloth.

Elder D. A. Parsons and Brother T. H. Barritt attended the dedication of the Blossburg Church, Sabbath, March 2,

Brother Barritt spent Sabbath at Stroudsburg. He reports a splendid meeting. Several ordered the good old Review and 500 of the new tract "Fall of Jerusalem" were ordered.

Camp-meeting will be held at Emmanuel Grove, Allentown, June 13-23. Order your cottage as soon as possible, because this is expected to be the largest gathering known in this conference.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

News Notes

Brother John Keys of Newark, West Virginia, who has been spending the winter away from home, returned this week and on his return visited the conference office.

Brother C. G. Mays, who has been canvassing in Logan County since the institute, has just completed his delivery there and stopped off at the office Wednesday on his way home. He will visit his parents at Thorton, West Virginia, for a few days.

N. D. Fisher, wife and son, have been canvassing in our conference since last September. About two months ago Mrs. Fisher was taken ill and went to Indiana for treatment. Everything that could be done was done for her recovery, but without results. She fell asleep February 17. Her last request was that her husband and son return to West Virginia and continue in the colporteur work. The bereaved have our deepest sympathy at this time.

The office enjoyed a call from Sister Caplinger from Kanawha Station last Tuesday.

Brother Frank Bentz, who united with the Parkersburg Church about a year ago, is now engaged in the colporteur work. Brother McHenry helped him get started last week. His report shows \$125.00 worth of orders taken.

Brother John McHenry, our field missionary secretary, is in the southern part of the state this week starting two new colporteurs in the work, namely, W. T. Dishman and Alonzo Ward. These brethren are members of the Huntington Church.

Brother C. E. Will, who has been canvassing for some months in Marshall County, has been on the sick list, but we were glad to receive word that he is recovering and is able to put in some time in the field again.

Mrs. J. R. Medlin of Parkersburg is visiting her parents in Baltimore.

Mrs. G. E. Snyder returned this week from a tour in the interest of the "Watchman Magazine." On this trip she visited Salem, Clarksburg, Shinnston, Fairmont and Morgantown. She reports splendid success.

Mr. G. E. Snyder who is connected with the tabernacle company in Elizabeth, came to the office Monday for a supply of literature. He reports a large attendance and splendid interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snyder of Parkersburg have recently moved to Akron, Ohio.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
E. K. Slade, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Enroute to California

The delegates and visitors attending General Conference from Ohio have all left in time to arrive there Friday, the 29th, to be on hand for the evening meeting of the conference.

In addition to the writer those attending this meeting are W. W. Miller, J. H. Behrens, A. R. Bell, R. S. Lindsay, H. D. Holtom, S. A. Wellman as delegates, Elder Wellman going as the delegate for the Asiatic Division Conference to which field he yet belongs. In addition to these delegates there will be the following visitors: J. I. Cassell, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayman, Mrs. Rachel Rice, Miss Fannie Emmel, Miss Carrie Askey, Mrs. J. H. Ely, Mrs. J. H. Behrens, and Mrs. S. E. Wolf.

No meeting of such a character has been held under such circumstances in the history of the denomination. We are in the midst of a world calamity which opens the way for developments of the most serious nature at any moment. An awful intensity is taking hold of every earthly element beyond anything that we have ever seen before. Rapid developments and stirring changes are seen on all sides as the months are passing. In the face of all of this, we, into whose hands the giving of this last warning message has been committed, are confronted by the vast unwarned population throughout the world. A great work is to be accomplished as yet and the difficulties confront-

ing us will be much greater than ever before. As we go to this important meeting it should be with sincerity and an earnest desire that the Lord will clearly indicate in such a time as this what Israel should do and that we may have the strength and willingness for the task before us. Not only is the enemy seemingly having his way in the awful spectacle seen in the nations, but we may be certain that he will do his utmost to bring about conditions in the hearts and in the minds of God's people that will cause anxiety, perplexity, and defeat if possible. May this not be a time in which we who attend this important meeting as well as all of our brethren and sisters at home shall earnestly seek the Lord for His guidance and intervention in this important time.

E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

We were very much pleased to have Brother V. O. Punches, Ohio's former field secretary, give us a short call at the office enroute to General Conference. He has promised us a longer visit on his return.

Some splendid reports are coming in this week from the field.

The eastern part of Knox County is proving to be a fruitful field for Brother Kline. He is selling "Bible Readings" there while Mrs. Kline is convalescing from her recent operation.

Brother Henry Nelson is finding Springfield a more fruitful field in which to labor than in the past. He is sending in some nice reports.

Wanted

At once, twenty-five good Christian people who have a love in their hearts for souls, and who would like to make a good living and receive good wages; to work in the Master's vineyard by selling our message filled books. The people are waiting for them and the Saviour will be your "paymaster."

Watch the reports from those who are in the field and see if they are not being well paid for the time put in.

C. R. FAIRCHILD

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.
J. O. Miller, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

The Chesapeake Conference committee met on Wednesday, March 13, and considered some very important matters.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union Conference met with the committee, and gave some appreciated counsel. At this meeting Elder A. S. Booth was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Elder Miller. Elder Miller's term of office would not have expired until our coming conference meeting.

We know many of the people in the various parts of the conference are beginning to wonder about the camp-meeting. It was decided to hold the camp-meeting Sept. 6-16.

Elder G. A. Stevens was in Baltimore at the office the other day and reports a splendid interest in the work in Wilmington and suburbs.

Our next conference meeting will be held in connection with our camp-meeting. The place has not yet been decided upon. We trust every one will begin to plan to attend the camp-meeting.

Elder and Mrs. Booth left to attend the General Conference to be held in California.

Elder J. H. Wierds had baptism last Sabbath in the English Church.

The meetings held by Elder A. S. Booth in Hagerstown have closed. As many as thirty have begun to keep the Sabbath. The services in the theatre were well attended to the last.

The three daily papers of Hagerstown were liberal in granting free space in printing the sermons. Altogether for forty-eight sermons 1450 inches or 72½ columns of free space was secured.

Elder Booth had a baptismal service in Hagerstown Sunday afternoon.

The work in Baltimore No. 3 Church is progressing nicely. The people seem to be taking hold of the work with a will and are doing what they can to assist their pastor, Elder M. C. Strachan, in the good work.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our field missionary secretary, has been attending the institute in Washington, looking after recruits for the canvassing work for our field.

The Sabbath School lesson Quarterlies for the second quarter are on hand. Do not delay your order, but be sure to have

them for the first Sabbath in the new quarter. Much is lost by ordering late.

Our missions offerings are quite a little short of what they should be. Let every one do what they can to bring an offering to the Lord and thus hasten the coming of the time when the strife and turmoil in this world shall cease.

VIRGINIA

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

Home Missionary Convention at Stanley, Virginia

A short Home Missionary Convention was held at Stanley, Virginia, March 8-10, 1918. The preaching services, which were held each night, were of such a nature that laid a good foundation for the work for which the convention was called. Friday night the subject was "Pure and Undeified Religion;" Saturday night, "The Call of the Hour," and Sunday night, "The World-wide Message."

Sabbath was a good day. Elder Hirlinger, the Union home missionary secretary, gave a stirring talk, both in the morning and afternoon session. The brethren were aroused and all re-consecrated themselves for greater service for the Master. We trust that this consecration will lead the Stanley Church to higher ground, and that the year 1918 will record not only great things accomplished, but greater blessings received. Sunday was also a day of blessing. Instruction as to the lines of work for the individual and the church, and how to perform this work acceptably to the Lord, was given.

The following instruction from the Testimonies is applicable to us all:

"Go to work, whether you feel like it or not. Engage in personal effort to bring souls to Jesus and the knowledge of the truth. In such labor you will find both a stimulus and a tonic; it will both arouse and strengthen."

Appointments for Virginia

Elder R. D. Hottel, Home Missionary secretary, will meet the following appointments in Virginia, nothing preventing.

Rileyville,	March 27, 28.
Brother Via's neighborhood,	March 29-31.
New Market,	April 5-7.
Stanley,	April 12-15.
Buena Vista,	April 17.
Roanoke,	April 18.
Lynchburg,	April 19-21.
Republican Grove,	April 26-28.
Chase City,	April 29, 30.
Ford,	May 1-5.

During the week, where it is possible, isolated members, will be visited.

News Notes

At a meeting of the Conference Committee at New Market, with representatives from all parts of the state, careful consideration was given to the location of the conference office. The people of Gordonsville have absolutely rejected the message and although the office rent is only one-third that of what it will be in a larger city and other expenses are low, all agreed that the headquarters should be located in a vicinity of a large church, where the administrative force, when at home, could lend strength to the work. After careful consideration of other available places, it was unanimously decided to remove the office to Richmond in the spring, locating it in the central section of the town. A very favorable location has been secured at No. 12 West Main St. along side of the Jefferson Hotel, one of the leading hostleries of the South. Possession will be taken of the new quarters April 15.

It was also voted at the same council to hold a Conference session in the Richmond Church, May 24 to June 2.

About the first of April at the close of the Norfolk Theatre meetings, Brother R. F. Farley will be transferred to Roanoke to open up the summer's campaign in this long neglected city.

Plans are on foot to place a tent company in Harrisonburg in the northwestern part of the state, and with the continuation of the work now being done in Norfolk and a possible effort in Petersburg, together with a colored effort in Danville and another colored effort in the eastern part of the state, we hope to see the greatest ingathering of souls in our history.

Elder R. D. Hattel, who is touring the state in the interest of the Home Missionary work, called at the office last week to counsel with the office force, considering plans for the spring campaign.

Where the secretary formerly carried the packages of magazines and "World Crisis" books to the post-office, it now requires the service of a dray to handle the output, as result of the activity of our members.

We are pleased to note this early in the season our canvassers are hitting pretty close to the thousand dollar mark in the value of orders, and others whose hearts are being stirred are planning to enter the work. There is every prospect that

this will be the most successful year in the history of the conference work in Virginia, and Brother Hankins has his hands and time completely filled. Everyone of our canvassers, even the youngest, is meeting with excellent success.

The meetings which have been conducted in the John Marshall High School for the past ten Sunday nights closed last Sunday night. There are a number of interested persons with whom Elder L. O. Gordon and Sister Anna C. Rice will hold Bible studies.

After closing his Sunday night meetings in Richmond, Elder Moffet visited the workers in the southeastern part of the state and immediately started for the General Conference in California. He plans to stop over at Mount Vernon where Mrs. Moffett will join him.

At a baptism held in the Lynchburg Church Sabbath, March 9, two souls were buried with their Lord in baptism and united with the church.

Three souls were recently baptized by Elder L. O. Gordon in the Richmond Church. Another baptism of four will shortly follow.

Hundreds of the small 25 cent books are being sent by parcel post from our office each day. A dray wagon is often necessary to take the many packages. We trust this will continue and that other members will take up this important line of work.

SPECIAL

1918 Temperance Instructor

The new 1918 Temperance Instructor, the ratification number, has just come to the "Visitor." It bears a message that is, indeed, "meat in due season" for this critical year, during which the die will be cast either for or against national prohibition.

Now is the time to prepare the voters of the nation for next November's election, at which time the representatives of forty-five state legislatures will be elected, and these newly elected men will have the power to ratify or to reject the federal prohibition amendment.

The liquor forces are working hard, and spending large sums of money to secure the election of men who will vote against the ratification of the amendment when it comes up in the state legislatures. The presence of the new Temperance Instructor in the homes of the

voters will mean more for temperance reform this year than ever before, and it is greatly needed to annul the influence of the liquor forces.

A real crisis in the temperance movement is at hand, and our opportunity, as a people, to deliver the fatal blow to the nation's greatest enemy has come. Loyalty and true patriotism may be preeminently evident through this work at this time of the nation's greatest need. Let us be loyal in the Temperance Campaign this year.

Are We Neglecting the Germans?

In this awful time of stress and strife, when hatred is lauded and encouraged what are the messengers of the King of Peace doing in behalf of those who sorely need the help and the comfort of the gospel? The last generation message, in all its saving power, is now due to every nation, kindred tongue and people. Is there any class of people you are neglecting? What about the Germans in your vicinity? Just now the gospel appeal can be made to them with even greater power and effectiveness than ever before, and now as always our literature offers the easiest, the best means of approach.

The "Christlicher Hausfreund" (Christian Friend of the Home) is our German pioneer missionary paper. It is published weekly and filled to overflowing with good articles which appeal to Germans. You can have five or more copies sent in a club to your address at the rate of 90 cents (\$1.15 in Canada) per copy per year. Or, if you desire the papers mailed to individual addresses furnished by you, the rate is \$1.00 (in Canada \$1.25) per copy per year when five or more names are sent at one time.

The beautiful German quarterly magazine "Zeichen der Zeit" (Signs of the Times) is just out for the second quarter, and contains the following articles: Have You Opened Your heart to Him? The World's Moral Thermometer Nearing Zero; In the Grip of Pleasure; Sunday and the Resurrection of Jesus; What Has the Future in Store? The true Israel; God's Emancipation Proclamation, God Reigns; and in addition there is a Home department and a Health and Temperance department; each of which is filled with good, practical instruction. The price of "Zeichen der Zeit" is 10 cents a copy, 40 cents a year (50 cents in Canada). Fifty or more copies of any issue sent postpaid at 6 cents a copy (7 cents in Canada). For less than 50 copies, the price is 7 cents a copy (8 cents in Canada). Don't delay. Order today from your tract society. Pacific Press Publishing Assn., Brookfield, Illinois.

Ho! Scandinavians!!

Our Danish and Norwegian people are always ready for any good word or work and here is a work that every one can do for other Scandinavians.

A fine, special number of Evangelists Sendebud, our Danish-Norwegian missionary paper, has just been published. It treats on the "Return of the Jews in the Light of the Bible." The leading article is by L. H. Christian, and is entitled, "Will There be a Jewish Republic in Palestine?" There are also articles on other phases of this subject by Elders P. E. Broderson, C. Edwardson, and F. C. Gilbert.

Great interest is manifest these days in discussing the question of whether or not the Jews will ever return to Jerusalem and be established again in Palestine. This furnishes an excellent opportunity to offer people something authoritative on this subject, and Scandinavians will greatly appreciate the privilege of reading these important articles in their native tongue, even though they are also able to read in English. Never has our literature, treating these present-day topics from a Bible Standpoint, been in such demand as it is today.

This Special Number contains 8 pages, bears date of March 20 and is now ready. It is attractively illustrated, printed on good paper, and furnished at the low rate of \$1.50 per hundred copies if sent in bulk to one address, or \$2.00 per hundred if mailed to individual addresses. If you are interested in circulating this paper and wish to pay for more copies than you can use personally, we will arrange so that several thousand copies can be conscientiously distributed in some of the large cities where the local Scandinavians cannot afford to pay for as many papers as they can wisely use. So orders for 500 or 1000 copies for this purpose will be greatly appreciated. You can order this Special Sendebud through your tract society. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois.

Five Questions of Public Interest

Go where you will, talk to whom you may, and you will find people everywhere asking if the occupation of the Holy Land by allied troops is significant; they want to know about Armageddon, they view with concern the declension of piety; they wonder if famine is facing the world; they marvel at the demonstrations of psychists, and ask if all these things is not a prelude to some impending event of the first magnitude. Get a copy of the "Signs Magazine" and see how beautifully it explains these very questions. Let it not be a question of whether or not

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending March 15, 1918.									
Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.		OD	5	34	30	64 00	2 00	66 00	
Luther Williams, Gloucester Co.		OD	5	34	36	76 00		76 00	
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.		OD	2	12	5	10 00		10 00	
F. E. Butler, Elizabeth Co.		OD	4	21	16	32 00		32 00	
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.		OD	3	18	13	33 00	8 00	41 00	
R. E. Pleasant, Amherst Co.		OD	5	43	36	114 00		114 00	6 00
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White		OD	5	40	33	74 00	25	74 25	
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Warwick Co.		CK	3	9	5	13 00	50	13 50	1 20
W. E. Saunders, Culpeper Co.		OD	5	27	14	28 00	3 90	31 90	
S. N. Wilmer, Culpeper Co.		OD	5	25	17	45 00		45 00	
F. E. Butler, Elizabeth Co.		OD	5	40	24	53 00		53 00	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	3	17	22	99 00		99 00	
Totals	11 Agents		50	320	251	641 00	14 65	655 65	7 20
West Virginia, Week Ending March 15, 1918									
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	4	22	28	124 00	8 40	132 40	6 70
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR	4	17	14	63 00	8 00	71 00	
Norman Haye, Cumberland		BR	4		8	37 00	1 80	38 80	17 85
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	3	26	3	12 00	1 90	13 90	95
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.		OD	5	44	42	112 00	13 00	125 00	73 00
Louisa Russell, Harrison Co.		OD	5	24	16	44 00	7 00	51 00	2 95
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	4	38	2	5 00	15 30	20 30	28 45
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	4	14	12	18 00	7 05	25 05	17 70
N. D. Fisher, McDowell		Misc.	4	32		53 35		53 35	53 35
H. J. Fisher, Northfork		Misc.	4	31		71 60		71 60	71 60
Totals	10 Agents		41	248	125	539 95	62 45	602 40	272 55
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 15, 1918									
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	3	17	5	23 00		23 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	27	37	65 60	22 50	88 10	22 50
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	4	37	9	38 00	5 75	43 75	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	7	32	12	28 00	25 65	53 65	10 80
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	40	17	80 00		80 00	
Wm. Frizzell, Old Forge		BR	4	32	21	98 00		98 00	
M. M. Sterner, Mahany		BR	4	21	12	50 00	1 00	51 00	11 00
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	6	46	13	54 00	1 00	55 00	39 25
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	5	38	5	20 00	7 35	27 35	9 65
C. F. Durr, Phila.		GC	2	11	5	22 00	1 25	23 25	1 25
Totals	10 Agents		44	301	136	478 60	64 50	543 10	94 45
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 15, 1918									
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	15	131	35	55 00	96 05	151 05	197 00
L. M. Yohe, Allegheny		WW	2		44				22 00
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		OD	3	6	9	12 50		12 50	8 75
Geo. McKnight, Green Co.		OD	6	37	24	51 00	3 50	54 50	
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	41	9	39 00	7 65	46 65	
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.		OD	5	37	16	35 00	1 50	36 50	
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cambria		HM	5	24	25	63 50	11 00	74 50	
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	41	25	110 00	2 50	112 50	2 00
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	31	9	44 00	3 00	47 00	
Totals	9 Agents		51	348	196	\$410 00	\$125 20	535 20	229 75
Ohio, One Week Ending March 15, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	43	13	18 00	5 00	23 00	105 00
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	5	36	12	26 00	13 65	39 65	1 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	6	32	18	72 00	18 25	90 25	16 00
Chas. Carter, Bowling Green		BR	4	31	9	44 00	18 85	62 85	12 25
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	4	31	21	52 00	19 55	71 55	2 00
E. C. Alexander, Winchester		BR	4	27	11	51 00	7 25	58 25	11 50
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	5	25	11	56 00	10 50	66 50	54 75
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		OD	5	23	17	35 00	4 25	42 50	2 25
C. J. Fritz, Shawnee			2	18					175 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Freemont			3						6 00
Totals	10 Agents		43	266	112	\$354 00	\$97 30	454 55	385 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 15, 1918

J. E. Jones, Federalsburg, Md.	BR	5	36	18	76	00	19	60	95	60
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Virginia, Week Ending March 8, 1918

H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.	BR	5	46	37	162	00	25	162	25	
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.	BR	5	38	17	36	00	50	36	50	
S. N. Wilmer, Culpeper Co.	OD	5	38	39	87	20		87	20	
W. E. Saunders, Culpeper Co.	OD	5	36	28	58	00		58	00	
L. Williams, Gloucester Co.	OD	3	23	26	53	00	50	53	50	
W. A. Toler, Elizabeth Co.	OD	5	33	39	85	00		85	00	
R. E. Pleasants, Amerst Co.	OD	5	39	58	110	00		110	00	
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White	OD	5	40	44	99	00	50	99	50	
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.	OD	5	41	31	64	00		64	00	
Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.	OD	3	21	20	44	00	1 25	45	25	1 31
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Warwick Co.	CK	2	13	5	27	50	75	28	25	
W. A. Toler, Warwick Co.	OD	5	33	37	83	00		83	00	
Mrs. W. A. Toler, Warwick Co.	CK	3	12	11	25	50	1 00	26	50	

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Make Friends of Editors

As the result of the work of the Press Bureau and of our men and women who are writing so efficiently for the newspapers in various places, articles concerning the work and doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists are appearing more and more frequently in the public press. If all our brethren and sisters who see such articles would write to or call on the editor or publisher of the paper and express appreciation of these articles, it would help to open the way for other similar ones. In this way, too, an acquaintance might be formed with the editors and publishers which would prove mutually helpful.

It would also be a real help to the Press Bureau if all who see articles concerning our work and doctrines would send a copy to us for our files. If the article is clipped out and enclosed in an envelope, the name and date of the paper in which it appeared should be written on the clipping.

Those connected with the Press Bureau at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., will greatly appreciate your co-operation in these matters.

B. P. FOOTE.

Mount Vernon Academy

Working for Others

In and about Mount Vernon there are a number of dear souls who are being taught the message for this time. Some of these who listen, joyfully drink in the thoughts presented, and seem anxious to learn more.

At the Sanatorium engine room, on the evening of March 20, Brother Earl Hackman earnestly discussed the "World War

and its Meaning."

In the city on the same evening, Brother Leslie Taylor gave an interesting talk on "Sin."

In our regular band meetings held every Sabbath morning, opportunities for better service are taken hold of by different members. The more we do, the greater seems the demand for an intelligent preparation in order that we might do with success what we do. Here in Mount Vernon we learn to do. This is the training camp. Some day we hope to be expending our effort in telling others what has been so graciously told us. Pray for the work of our band.

GUY CORDER.

News Notes

Mr. Wallace Kay spent the week end visiting friends in Canton, Ohio.

Elder W. C. Moffett, president of the Virginia Conference, stopped at Mount Vernon enroute to the General Conference. The students enjoyed his chapel talk on Tuesday.

The Bible Workers' Band is doing good work this year. The last two Sabbaths we were favored with good instruction given by Elders N. S. Ashton and E. K. Slade. We hope to give a complete report of the work done by the band this year.

Mr. Lloyd Christman spent several days at his home. He will be engaged in tent work during the summer in the Kentucky Conference.

Miss Dorothy Nothstine was compelled to leave school last week on account of illness.

Mr. W. A. Ralls was called to Coshoc-ton, Ohio, last week to attend the funeral of his uncle.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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German Papers brought many Blessings

Enclosed please find \$3.00 for my papers "Hausfreund," "Arbeiter" and "Zeichen der Zeit." These papers have brought me many blessings and much light. By reading the "Hausfreund" I accepted the Adventist faith. God be praised for showing me the way of life through this means. I can truly say that since I learned these teachings, the Word of God has become a living Word to me! From a sister in New Jersey!

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OBITUARIES

PAYNE.—Grandville, was born March 14, 1886, at Wilmore, Kentucky, and died March 5, 1918 at the General Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was thirty-one years, eleven months, and twenty-five days old. The cause of his death was dropsy.

During his days of health, he made a nominal profession of Christ, but later strayed away, and when upon his bed of affliction said he was trying to trust in Jesus.

To mourn his departure are three brothers, two sisters, and a number of relatives and friends. Words of comfort to the relatives and friends were spoken by the writer.

H. A. ROSSIN.

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Amount Required	\$50000 00
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Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	45482 15
Cash Paid	30,744 00

Camp-Meeting Dates

Virginia	May 24-June 2
West Virginia	June 6-16
East Pennsylvania	" 13-22
West "	" 20-30
Ohio	Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake	September 7-17
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21
New Jersey	June 27-July 7

Turn Backward

(With apologies to Elizabeth A. Allen for adaptations from her poem, "Rock Me to Sleep Mother.")

Backward, turn backward, O Time in
 your flight,
 Back to old M. V. C. just for tonight.
 Memories, come from the days of the
 past

Bring back the years which have sped by
 so fast;

Bring back the friends which we see now
 no more;

Bring us those pleasant hours just as of
 yore;

Blot out the scenes which would now in-
 tervene,

Let not the veil of the years come be-
 tween.

Backward, flow backward, O tide of the
 years,

We are so weary of toil and of fears
 Lest all our striving at length be in vain,
 Lest to the goal we may never attain.

We oft grow weary of work and of play,
 Wearied at eve by the cares of the day.

Give us our youth as gay, care free as
 then;

Back to old M. V. C. take us again.

Take us again to the tall oak trees' shade
 Close by the lakelet where bright sun-
 beams played.

Many a summer the grass has grown
 green

On thy loved campus, but miles are be-
 tween.

Yet with fond yearning we picture once
 more

All the loved scenes of those days, as of
 yore

With our young comrades we paced to
 and fro,

Bring back again all the faces we know.

Back to our mem'ries in days that are
 flown

Oft have come spots, in the past so well
 known;

How to the spring we our steps often
 bent

Sipped its cool water or—well we oft
 went;

Walked through the lane on the hill, bar-
 ren now,

Clothed then by oaks and the fair dog-
 wood bough,

Climbing the bars through a pasture we
 came

Changed now by time, but in mem'ry
 the same.

Through the bright autumn the woods
 all around

Painted their leaves e'er they fell to the
 ground.

When the cool breath from the north
 brought the snow

And chilling breezes about us did blow

Forth to the coasting and skating with
 glee

Youth never merrier fared forth than we;
 Swiftly we glided upon the sharp steel,
 Never a hint of the cold did we feel.

Then when the spring brought the birds
 and the flowers

Long seemed the class time, unending the
 hours.

Pleasanter far beneath cedar and pine
 Or the veranda where ivy did twine.
 History, Algebra, Chemistry, all
 Seemed in our minds to have suffered a
 fall.

Sweeter by far to watch robin and bees
 With our cheeks fanned by the odorous
 breeze.

There's not a spot but around which there
 seems

Hov'ring some mem'ry of our youthful
 dreams;

Some which have vanished as air castles
 fair,

Others grown tangible through toil and
 care.

Treading the same path as trod by us
 then,

Only we pass not the same spots again.
 Life weaves her web to the pattern we
 drew

When of the weaving but little we knew.

So, Alma Mater, though years have been
 long

Since we last heard the clear vesper song
 As from the hilltop it floated away

From warm September till gay budding
 May,

We still remember the lessons you taught,
 Precept on precept you moulded our
 thought,

And all the friends of those fast fleeting
 days

Scattered so far in their devious ways.

So we turn backward swift time in its
 flight,

Back to old M. V. C. turn for tonight.
 Smile at the pranks that as youngsters
 we played,

Recollect fondly what never will fade;
 Teachers who guided our young steps
 aright

Classmates who always were cheery and
 bright,

Cluster around, and as in days of yore
 Time has not sped—we're together once
 more.

JANETTE BIDWELL-SHUSTER.

Takoma Park, D. C.

(Janette Bidwell-Shuster, a former student of M. V. C., wrote the above poem for a reception held at Washington, D. C., sometime ago for old M. V. C. students and teachers.)

Before me, even as behind, God is, and
 all is well.—Whittier.