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Importance of Our Literature... Special Magazine Day

Sabbath, April 27, will be special magazine day in the Columbia Union for the consideration of the importance of our magazines and other literature.

This has been justly styled "A reading Age," and it has been such especially since the outbreak of the present war. Morning, noon, and night, people everywhere are eagerly seeking for any news in regard to the war, or any light on the solution of this awful conflict problem.

The Lord expresses it in this way, "A spirit of inquiry is abroad in the land . . . God, in His providence, has prepared an abundance of literature dealing with these vital, living questions." Review, Feb. 22, 1917.

Since the world is groping in the dark, and men and women everywhere are spending money for magazines and other literature "that satisfieth not," "may a sobering sense of our solemn responsibility rest upon us in this time of opportunity." May the Lord help us to take advantage "of this time of opportunity," by taking our truth-filled magazines to the souls who are crying out for "the Truth and nothing but the Truth."

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning, but the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us."

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken." Vol. 9:23-29.

"A messenger from heaven stood in

our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off." Vol. 9:67.

There are members in every church who could circulate from 10 to 100 copies of our magazines regularly every month. Brother, Sister, ask the Lord to burden your heart for this work and make clear the number of magazines you should subscribe for and distribute monthly. Then give your order to your church missionary secretary. If we will not give the light of truth to others while we have the light, what will happen to us? John 12:35; Matt. 5:13-17.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

Our Co-laborers at the Front

Did you ever climb Pikes Peak? If you did, you know that most of the climbing is done in the night that you may be able to see the sunrise. As you climb you groan and grunt, pull and sweat, stumble and regain your footing until you reach the top and then you sit down, look at your worn shoes, torn clothing and bruised hands; wondering after all if the effort has been really worth while. But when at last the golden beams of the morning sun shoot up through the fleecy clouds; and finally as the glorious orb of day appears over the eastern horizon you exclaim, "It was a grand old climb!" "It is worth all it cost."

This is the way we feel as we assemble here in this large auditorium from day to day listening to the splendid reports of God's ambassadors from the four quarters of the earth. Many years we have been sending millions in treasures and hundreds in men out into the great world to herald the news of the soon coming Saviour. I dare say many have had the thought flash across their minds, "Does it pay?" "Is it really worth while?" As our advance guards of the message bring in their stirring reports of victories gained in winning the poor lost heathen, this great delegation as one man

has by its unanimous "Amens" testified that to its conviction that it has paid! That it has been a grand old climb! That the results are worth all the cost!

Pioneer Evangelists

With the exception of a few countries that the message has entered the colporteur work is being carried forward in a strong way. Practically every report from the leaders of the various fields brings word concerning the importance of this branch of the work. When speaking of the Publishing work in Asia, Elder Daniells said, "Our Publishing work is just as important to the cause in Asia as it is to our work here in America." Elder Maxwell of the South American Division said, "The colporteur has been indeed the pioneer worker in South America." As the pioneer blazes the trail in which civilization follows, so does the colporteur blaze the trail in which follows converts to the message, churches, publishing houses, schools, sanitariums and organized missions or conferences. The colporteur may properly be termed the "Pioneer-Evangelist." ". . . Our canvassers are to be God's evangelists, going from house to house, opening up the scriptures to those whom they meet." Manual for canvassers p. 75.

Great Sacrifice

"I would rather die in India than live in America," said a frail woman to Elder Daniells when he was encouraging her to return to America because of failing health. "I would rather ride on a wheelbarrow in China" said Fred Lee "than in an automobile in the United States." We can understand this spirit of sacrifice only in the light of 2 Cor. 5:14. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." Our colporteurs in other parts of the world do their work under much more difficult circumstances than we do here in the United States. In many places the quickest way to get an order of books is to start out for the publishing house or branch, on foot. Then have your choice of carrying your order back with you on your back or pushing it on a wheelbarrow. How thankful we should be for the conveniences our heavenly Father has placed at our disposal here in America for carrying forward this colporteur work.

One of our colporteurs recently said,

when he had seen fourteen dear souls sign the covenant after three days' effort only, on the part of a minister following the canvass work of scattering "Bible Readings," "I am now ready to work on in this work until Jesus comes." Some of our men at the front are going through difficult places we know. Some feel that they have been pretty well hammered up by the enemy but today as we write out to you we would say, "Hold on!" "Hold on!" Soon, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings and as you behold the precious fruit of your labors you will cry out, "Heaven is cheap enough!" "This has been a grand old struggle," I am glad now that I stuck on until the end," "And let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. C. V. LEACH.

The Greatest Question

When at the zenith of his power, W. E. Gladstone, England's most renowned statesman, was asked on one occasion what he considered the greatest question that ever challenged his personal consideration. In reply he said, "It is that of my personal relation to Jesus Christ." What a wonderful answer from the heart of one of the greatest leaders of thought England ever produced! And yet how true it is. Men may look out upon the future, and with the vision of a finite mind plan for the attainment of all that heart could wish in the things of this world. And yet beyond this finite vision, at the end of life there comes this question of personal relationship with Christ, and the prospects for the future world.

This thought has been emphasized in the devotional hours of the conference from day to day, and we believe that it is vitally important that at this time God's people, who are preparing for translation, face it in such a way as to determine their destiny on the side of Christ. Things are moving along rapidly in the world about us, and as has been expressed in the conference many times "God's people may never witness another meeting of this kind." This is no time for us to pass in idle speculation, but rather to heed the injunction of the prophet of old when he said, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12.

Study of the Word and Prayer

These two phases of Christian experience have been forcefully impressed upon our minds as the most essential preparation for the perfection of Christian character. "If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks

out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way." Test. Vol. 7, page 42. Yes, Brother, Sister, iniquity abounds; but the promise has been given that grace doth much more abound. God is speaking to His people today, just as He spoke to Israel of old through the prophet saying, "Come, my people; enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hid thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isaiah 26:20. During these hours of crisis that are facing the world the Lord admonishes His people to enter into their chambers until the storm is passed. Herein lies our only safety, and we believe firmly that were every child of God seeking Him earnestly He would work still greater deliverance for His people.

In regard to the study of the Word we would quote from the pen of the servant of God a few words that should burn themselves into our hearts. "If we would live a true Christian life, the conscience must be quickened by constant contact with the word of God. All the precious things which at infinite cost God has provided for us, will do us no good; they cannot strengthen us and produce spiritual growth unless we appropriate them. We must eat the word of God,—make it a part of ourselves." Vol. 7, page 195. The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11.

The word of God will unfold to us the mysteries of the spiritual life; it will strengthen us for the conflicts with the tempter in daily experience; it will serve as an unerring compass to guide us safely to the harbor of eternal rest; and it will implant within us a hope that will grasp by faith the realities of the future world. The message comes to the people of God now, while the world is preparing for its final plunge to eternal destruction, to study the Word, and keep in close communion with Him.

"Take time to be holy,
The world rushes on,
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus
Like Him thou shalt be,
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see."

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

I want no other place than to sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him—no other occupation than to be in the service of my heavenly Father—no other delight than the peace of God which passeth all understanding. G. S. A. M. p. 315.

Our Magazines a Powerful Influence in City Work

Today the modern magazine is the busy person's library. Of a truth this is a magazine-reading age. On trains, aboard steamships, in street cars, in office and home, you will find magazines in evidence. So great is the demand for magazines that there are more pages of magazine literature published within any given month than any other form of publication.

Magazines are popular for the following reasons:

1. They are always up-to-date.
2. They carry forceful illustrations.
3. They generally have appealing and attractive covers.
4. You can pick up a magazine one minute, lay it down the next minute and yet learn something of interest.
5. They do not require introductions, explanations or special study.
6. Magazines are easy to carry.
7. They cost a trifle and yet give much valuable and interesting reading matter.
8. They keep one posted on current events and afford mental recreation.
9. The wide range of contributing writers suits every turn of mind.
10. Every member of the family can read a good magazine with lasting profit.

The foregoing characteristics make magazines exceptionally adaptable for city work, and brethren and sisters, our cities must be worked as never before—let me say, will be worked as never before. The servant of the Lord has said, "Behold the cities, and their need of the gospel! The need of earnest laborers among the multitudes of the cities has been kept before me for more than twenty years. Who are carrying a burden for the large cities? A few have felt the burden, but in comparison with the great need and the many opportunities, but little attention has been given to this work." Vol. 9, pp. 97-98.

In 1900 sixty per cent of the population of the United States was suburban and only forty per cent dwelt in the cities. In 1910 the pendulum had swung across showing fifty-two per cent suburban and forty-eight per cent in cities. But in 1915 we are informed that fifty-eight per cent of our great American population dwells within the city limits and only forty-two per cent live a suburban existence. With fully seventy-five per cent of our denominational literature going where now less than forty-two per cent of the population lives, it is time for us to heed the admonition of God's servants and go with the tide of immigration to the cities and give our popular magazines bearing the message a wide circulation.

Think of it, friends there are over three hundred cities in this country with a population of 25,000 upward. Will preaching alone ever accomplish the work that the church laity is to do? Never! For in New York City alone, it would take 7,000 preachers to give the gospel each with an audience of one thousand. We haven't that many ministers but we do have unlimited thousands of silent preachers in the shape of magazines and thousands of willing hands, willing feet and willing hearts to take these message-laden publications to the waiting millions in our great American cities. Let us rise and do the work that has been so long neglected; and may God bless every individual who will now become responsible for a few magazines every week. C. E. HOOPER, Circulation Manager, *The Watchman Magazine*.

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An Error

A few days ago I sent a letter to each church and conference worker. This letter was gotten out for the purpose of getting the aid of all of our people in the state during the week of May 12 to 18 to make it the best and biggest week we have ever had in the sale of our books. This letter contained some errors which were not noticed until after it was mailed and, therefore, could not be corrected. The first statement that was wrong as found in the letter was, "Where there is one colporteur in the field at the present time there should be twenty." It should say, "one hundred." Another, "Send reports in later than the 19th;" should read, "Not later than the 19th." I trust that all who received these letters will read this notice and act accordingly.

C. R. FAIRCHILD.

News Notes

Brother P. A. Franks spent Sabbath, April 13, with the Dayton Church, while the writer visited the white and colored churches of Springfield in the interest of the colporteur work and BIG WEEK. We met with a very hearty response at each church. Nearly everyone made himself responsible for at least one book.

C. E. Taylor is now moved to his new field of labor in Marion County, and says, "Full time from now on" for him.

Brother Franks is spending the most of this week in the field with E. C. Alexander. He spent Sabbath, April 20, with the Cincinnati Church.

Brother E. E. Goodrich left Springfield and has gone to Cleveland, where he will spend a few days before entering his new field in Noble County. We are sure the Lord has many blessings in store for him in that field.

Sister Marietta of Cleveland is preparing to enter the work soon. She will handle "Our Day." Her place of labor has not yet been assigned.

W. H. Smith and family have been "laid up" with severe colds but are much better now.

Brethren McCarthy and Brandstetter are doing a splendid work in Cincinnati.

We are looking for a good report from Brother C. R. Dotson this week.

Brother Hannah reports a good delivery and many pleasant experiences during his labors in Guernsey County.

Our colporteurs in the school here at Mount Vernon are getting anxious to be in the field, and are looking forward to a successful summer's work. Let us not forget to pray that they may go beyond their expectations.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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Harrisburg Effort

The Chestnut Street Auditorium was again filled on Sunday night. Elder Nutter's theme was, "Will Peace Continue between Japan and America?" A splendid supply of up-to-date slides were secured from Underwood and Underwood, and Loma Linda, and were thrown on the screen, showing the rapid progress of the Eastern nations.

The undersigned spoke of the book "World War" from the platform, which resulted in 35 copies being sold. Over 60 copies of the "World Crisis Series" were sold during Sunday and Monday night meetings.

Meetings are being held every night, and a splendid interest is being manifested. The song service is a special feature; all enjoy the illustrated hymns, and solos, some of which are loaned to us from the museum of the Capitol Building.

The church is very active in giving out the announcements, (10,000 being distributed weekly.) Also the "Present Truth Series."

The newspapers are very liberal, they giving us good space in reporting the meetings. The offerings are good, nearly

\$60 having been given already.

T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

We always enjoy reading the experiences our colporteurs are having out in the field, and so pass them on to others for their encouragement. The following is an extract from a letter sent in by E. S. Tolliver who is working near Wilkesbarre.

"While canvassing in a thickly settled Catholic territory this week, I was tempted to give up working here and leave for a place where there were more Protestants. To encourage this temptation, Satan caused one person to drive me out of his home because I was selling Protestant books. I guess I became very much discouraged for a time and as a result of this rebuff, I stayed home Thursday, thus losing a blessing. When I would start thinking of working some other town, I was always especially impressed to finish this one I had started to work. So I commenced again, and as a result the Lord touched the hearts of the people, although all of them were Catholics, and I secured nearly \$30.00 worth of orders for our books in the short space of five hours. Surley the Lord is lifting the cloud of darkness from the minds of the people, for many told me that day they were very glad I had visited them with such good books and also confessed they were reading the Bible and their eyes were being opened. Many times when things seem to start all wrong, they end well in this work, if we will just do our little part.

Brother T. H. Barritt met with the German Church last Sabbath, and on finding that the Kindergarten class needed supplies and furniture such as little chairs, etc., he presented an easy plan whereby these could be secured very easily. 1000 Temperance Instructors were ordered, and after selling these, the profit on same, (which will be \$60,) will be ample to furnish the little folks with a splendid outfit.

Let other churches in need of funds, use the "Temperance Instructor" and devote the profits to these funds.

Brother S. M. Bond of Williamsport has been sick, but we are glad to say he is now improving.

Brother Paul Shakespeare, a member of the Y. P. M. V. Society of Harrisburg, met with a serious accident last Sunday, and, while in the hospital, he handed his nurse an announcement, urging her to

attend the meeting. She came that night, and in conversation with Sister Nutter and others, she said, "I just had to come. It is so unusual for a young man to be so interested in religious meetings." She enjoyed the meeting very much, and is coming again.

The colored work in Philadelphia, under the leadership of Brother Oswald, is progressing rapidly. This church can now be called "A Missionary Church."

Those who are not getting the good, old "Review and Herald" are surely missing the information needed, in order to keep in touch with the progress of this movement.

Subscribe for the "Review" at once, profit on the sale of 50 "Life and Health" or the "Liberty" magazines will furnish you with the "Review" for 1 year and give you 50% over.

Do you have your Missionary box on your table, dropping a penny at each meal? If not try it and see how you can swell your Missionary offerings and help your Sabbath School to reach its goal.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

Virginia Camp-Meeting

The Virginia Conference will meet in bi-ennial session in connection with the camp-meeting to be held in Richmond, May 24 to June 2.

It is hoped to make this meeting especially helpful to our people. We have the promise of Elder and Sister S. N. Haskell to be present with us on this occasion. Elder Haskell is the oldest pioneer of this message still in active service, and this may be the last opportunity that we will ever have of hearing this aged servant of the Lord who has been so intimately associated with Sister E. G. White.

We are endeavoring to secure an especially strong corps of workers to lead out in the camp-meeting, and trust that our people in Virginia will begin at once to plan to attend. Owing to difficulties of transportation, it seemed at one time that it would not be possible to hold a camp-meeting. We should make the most of this opportunity. Further information will be given later.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Book Work in Virginia

The book work in Virginia is onward, we have made the largest sales of any

March in the history of our work. The report alone from the regular colporteurs was \$3,335.15. The average sales per hour was \$2.76, this is an average of \$22.08 per eight hour day for the worker. The colporteur's share of this would be \$11.04. Now let us allow 25 per cent for expenses which is very liberal, such as horse hire at delivery times, railroad fare, etc., we still have left for the colporteur's wages \$8.28 per eight hour day, or \$165.00 for a four week month of 20 working days.

The Lord says "Go work," "and whatsoever is right that will I pay you," so He is just raising the wages of the worker to meet the demands of the high cost of living, and if you would still raise the wages, just a few more hours each day in the field will do the work.

Brethren Wilmer and Saunders have just finished a 100 per cent delivery; this is the fifth delivery of 100 per cent and over that Brother Wilmer has made in succession in Madison and Culpepper Counties.

Extract taken from a letter written by H. A. Wright.

After canvassing a lady I asked her to direct me to a certain place I wanted to go. I had not gone far when I felt sure I was going in the wrong way, but felt impressed to go on, so kept on up the mountain. Soon I came in sight of a house; after making my business known, explaining that I was not a Mormon, as the people here are very prejudiced against that sect, I was invited in. Here I got my dinner and secured two orders, one for leather, and one for cloth. Now I had thought I would come to that house from another way, but the Lord knows best. That morning as I was looking at a beautiful waterfall on the mountain side I felt impressed to pray, and as I prayed I felt the presence of the Lord. I asked Him to guide me through the hours of the day, and I know He heard and answered that prayer. As I was finishing up the week and on my way back, I felt impressed to turn up the mountain again, and as I did, soon I came to a stove mill where there were some men standing around, I got them together and gave a canvass upon my book and secured orders from five of them, and so the Lord has blessed me these three days. I am obliged to get in home so I can move yet this week. I have over \$153.00.

Brethren Williams and Lawrence who have been working in Gloucester County write very encouragingly of their work; they have just completed their first delivery with splendid success. Brother Lawrence writes, "A Mr. Hudson (minister) spoke to some against our book with little or no results; he did not see the book, while Mr. Albright (minister) saw the book and gave his order, knowing

at the time that it was an Adventist book. He greeted me with a hearty hand shake, and said, "I am glad to get that book."

Scarcely does a week pass that we do not receive a letter from some in the state asking the prices and term to our agents that handle our books, stating that they would like to be our agent. Brethren, the time is here when the Lord will use the Gentile to hasten on the work unless we step in and fill up the openings. We have about 15 colporteurs to carry books to every family in 90 counties; how long do you think it will take them to do it, besides the many cities! If you feel that God is calling you to service, we will be glad to help you get started in this work of the Lord.

F. E. HANKINS, Field Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

News Notes

Elder W. L. Adkins and Brother Pettis were in the conference office last Tuesday. They gave a very encouraging report of the work at Elizabeth. The citizens of the town voted for them to continue the meetings one week longer than they had planned.

Brother W. P. Ledbetter, of Gladys, W. Va., has recently moved to Cumberland, Md.

Brother C. G. Mays is taking treatments at the Washington Sanitarium.

The pledges made to the Washington Missionary College Building Fund are now due. They should be paid to your church treasurer, or if you are an isolated member send them to the conference treasurer.

The 1918 Temperance Annual is now ready for distribution. Shall we not place thousands of these in West Virginia? Send your order to the book society.

Wm. A. Galloway, of Virginia, is canvassing in the southern part of the state. His first report which appears in this number of the "Visitor" is a good one, and his letter which accompanied his report shows that he is of splendid courage.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

CHESAPEAKE

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Special Magazine Day

In response to a request from the Home Missionary Department, Sabbath, April 27, has been set apart as "Magazine Day," in which we earnestly request that all the churches will join heartily, and do all they can to make this day a success. Is not this a true statement? "But few realize what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher, will take up a tract or a paper, and peruse it; many things they read meet their ideas exactly, and they become interested to read all it contains. Impressions are thus made upon the mind which they cannot readily forget. Again, many read these papers and tracts, and their combativeness is aroused, and they throw the silent messenger from them in a passion. But ideas all new to them have, although unwelcome, made their impressions. Again the hand takes up the neglected paper or tract, and the eye is tracing the truthful lines, and again in passion it is thrown from them as their path is crossed. But the mind is not at rest; the abused paper is at last perused, and thus point after point of truth begins its convincing work; step by step the reformation is wrought, self dies, and the warfare against truth is ended."

Will not YOU become a channel through which our magazines can reach those about you? The "Signs," and "Watchman," are making a specialty of questions connected with this great World War, and of other momentous signs of the times. "We are living in an age when history is made rapidly. The sure word of prophecy itself emphasizes this thought, again and again, as it touches the latter days, that events toward the very end will follow one another so swiftly that the unwatchful will be overtaken with the scenes of the end, unaware and unprepared to meet God." "Life and Health" is another monthly magazine that is full of up-to-date items of interest, and people are always interested in the vital question of life and health. "Liberty," which is issued quarterly, has no lack of items of unusual interest at this time and should be placed in every library, reading rack, and barber shop, as well as to be sold freely on the streets.

Our "Instructor Temperance Annual," has always come boldly to the front with its many interesting items on the temperance question, and this year's number

surpasses any previous year, which will find a ready sale. Our foreign magazines are published in German, Swedish, Hungarian, Italian, French, Bohemian, and Yiddish, all of which can be used to good advantage by our city churches. Brethren and sisters, pray earnestly, will you not, that God will bless this special Magazine Day, April 27, and impress hearts to feel a burden for this important work?

M. S. PETTIBONE, Home Missionary Secretary.

Work in Maryland

I wish to add an encouraging word to the many messages sent through the *Visitor* to its readers, of the excellent work our heavenly Father is doing through His Spirit here on the eastern shore of Maryland. Truly we can say it is no more than we receive through our papers from all over the world, when in reading the stirring reports of the laborers from distant fields with their earnest appeals for help not alone of means, but of more workers, so that the open doors of homes all around them may be entered, not alone is this so of the foreign fields, but it is also true here in the homeland. Indeed we can see in this stir throughout the spiritual world that God has put His hand to the work "to cut it short in righteousness." This in itself, let alone witnessing the mighty conflict going on between the nations of earth, together with the heathen nations preparing for war, all in the fulfillment of the word of God, should drive us to our knees in earnest supplication "to the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest," for, in all these conditions we see the omens of our coming Lord.

Salisbury is a natural center for the location of a church, as farmers for miles around come here to trade and ship their products to the larger cities. It has two railroads, together with a steamboat service to Baltimore. All these tend to excellent advantage for local work to a far-reaching extent throughout this locality. We were called to Hagerstown last January to assist Elder Booth with a strong city effort, continuing for eight weeks and remained for several weeks longer, thus cutting short plans that were laid for aggressive work in this locality, so on returning, we opened meetings five miles east of town in a home of an interested family. One meeting a week was appointed, because of lack of time. We have held but two meetings at which twenty were present, and the result is the man and his wife have started to keep the Sabbath, and intend to unite with us when the church is organized. He has thrown away his tobacco, also tea and coffee. Last fall he decided to sell

his hogs and never raise more, which he did. This is a successful young farmer. Many of his neighbors are greatly interested in the truth.

In a locality south of here about seven miles, where one of the brethren live, is another excellent opening. We held one meeting at his house on a rainy evening, but there was a house full of neighbors very greatly interested. This place is calling for a series of meetings where the people are only waiting for a worker to present the truths more fully before they will step out in humble obedience to the Lord's commands.

The prayers of all are requested for the work in this field. G. MEDAIRDY.

News Notes

One of our workers received a letter from his son, who is a sergeant at one of the forts, which reads in part: "I received your letter a few days ago, and the papers you sent me. Our detachment commander — saw me with the papers and in a conversation which followed he told me that he received all his medical training in Adventist colleges. He was one of the staff doctors at the Battle Creek Sanitarium for two or three years. At present his nephew is president of the South American Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. My commander is not an Adventist now, but was interested in the papers you sent." Who knows but that these papers, (Signs and Watchman) may be the means of causing this doctor to return to the fold?

A sister who receives the "Signs Weekly" left home for a visit. When the post man could not get any more under the door, he took them to his own home and read them, becoming so interested that when the sister returned, he told her how much he enjoyed those papers, and paid for a year's subscription.

While canvassing in Caroline County several years ago, Brother J. E. Jones had the privilege, as his custom is, of praying with a number of sick people, one a little girl ill with typhoid fever and thought to be dying. After Brother Jones prayed, she immediately began to improve, and thoroughly recovered. As a result of this, he was able to place a number of books in this neighborhood. After two years he is again canvassing in this section of the county, and is met with the question, "Are you not the one that prayed with that little girl, also with Mr. —?" The Lord is certainly rewarding his faithful efforts in this county, as he has already delivered \$757.70 of our truth-filled books since the first of the year, and has \$225.00 worth to deliver in May.

Don't forget BIG WEEK, May 12 to 18. Let everyone plan to put in as many hours during BIG WEEK as possible, and see if we cannot break all previous records in taking orders for books and magazines.

Professor C. M. Sorenson of the Washington Missionary College spoke to the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath morning. His words were very timely and impressive and greatly appreciated.

Elder J. H. Wierts is conducting a series of stereopticon lectures in the chapel of the German Church here. These are interesting and quite well attended.

Word was recently received by Elder Wierts from Brother Benjamin Hohensee who is now in California. By the nice amount of tithes and offerings he sent he is evidently being prospered of the Lord, and has been having a good experience with his Master.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our field and home missionary secretary, is laboring with Brother J. E. Jones this week in the canvassing work. Brother Jones is very glad to have this help and encouragement, although he is an old and experienced man in the field, and has had marvelous success.

Brother C. C. R. Hare called at the office this week, and expects to enter the colporteur work as soon as he can make arrangements with our field secretary for book and territory.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing His people in the Chesapeake Conference as a few figures will show. December 31, 1908, when the conference secretary, Miss Newcomer, made up her first report for the conference, just having entered the work that summer, the tithes totaled \$6800.88. The report for the first quarter of 1918 shows tithe receipts \$6895.34. December 31, 1908, the General Trust Funds receipts for the year were \$1337.53. March 31, 1918 the General Trust Funds receipts for first quarter are \$1530.59.

Some of the people in Chesapeake Conference, we know, are faithful in bringing their tithes and offerings to the Lord. We trust all are, and if any are not, begin now to do your duty. Do not let another day go by.

Encouraging reports are coming from the General Conference. We believe the blessings they are having there are reach-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 12, 1918									
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	45	21	90 00		90 00	16 00
Wm. Frizzell, Scranton		BR	10	78	62	316 00		316 00	51 00
R. W. Garrett, Taylor		BR	4	35	27	160 00		160 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	35	12	53 00		53 00	100 00
M. M. Sterner, Carbon Co.		BR	3	20	12	53 00		53 00	12 00
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	4	18	9	18 00	35 58	53 58	3 80
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	2	18	5	6 75	3 42	10 17	
E. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.		BR	2	14	8	39 00		50	39 50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	3	14	13	26 00		85	26 85
Misc.						104 35		104 35	
Totals	7 Agents		37	277	164	866 10	40 35	906 45	194 95
West Virginia, Week Ending April 12, 1918									
Norman Haye, Cumberland		BR	4	23	24	101 00	85	101 85	
Daisy Rollins, Huntington		BR	2	10	10	43 00	2 15	45 15	
Martha Ross, Huntington		BR	2	10	4	17 00	85	17 85	
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	2	16	4	17 00	2 85	19 85	7 25
Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co.		OD	3	23	8	21 00	1 90	22 90	1 50
Frank Bentz, Richie Co.		OD	4	36	9	22 00	6 30	28 30	2 60
W. A. McElphatrick, Cumberland		OD	1	3	2	4 00		4 00	90
Wm. A. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	4	26	26	61 00		61 00	
C. E. Will, McMechen Co.		PPF	5	34	8	20 00	10 30	30 30	16 60
H. J. Fisher, Mercer Co.		Misc.	1	4		8 25		8 25	8 25
N. D. Fisher, Mercer Co.		Misc.	2	7		21 71		21 71	21 71
Dale Reed, Mercer Co.		Misc.	2	7		11 20		11 20	11 20
Totals	12 Agents					347 16	25 20	372 36	70 01
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 12, 1918									
Geo. H. Gates, Youngsville		OD	3	18					104 05
A. Brownlie, McKeesport		SD	5	49	24	36 50	38 60	75 10	69 00
A. E. Holst, Ernest		BR	7	42	6	28 00	18 40	46 40	27 40
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Johnstown		HM	4	14		30 00	7 50	37 50	
R. C. Lewis, Turtle Creek		OD	2	13	12	31 00	1 00	32 00	
J. Mary Stocker, Johnstown		HM	5	13	8	24 00	10 25	34 25	2 50
Geo. McKnight, Turtle Creek		OD	1	4					18 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		OD	4	12	11	14 00	1 70	15 70	5 25
J. A. Kimmel, Lincoln		Misc.	1	8	4	8 00	75	8 75	75
A. Dunn, Pittsburgh		Misc.				10 50		10 50	
E. W. Chisholm, Rosebud		BR		29	22	64 00		64 00	7 00
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Rosebud		BR		14		16 00		16 00	
Totals	12 Agents		32	216	80	\$262 00	\$ 78 20	340 20	234 45
Ohio, One Week Ending April 12, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Geurnsey Co.		OD	5	50	9	18 00	4 00	22 00	134 00
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	5	39	21	48 00	2 00	50 00	28 00
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	3	31	8	37 00	8 25	45 25	9 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	5	30	9	18 00	4 50	22 50	10 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	4	23	12	26 00	3 40	29 40	11 50
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	5	25	6	13 00	19 77	32 77	7 00
Robert Kline, Knox Co.		BR	2	19	4	18 00	12 25	30 25	12 25
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	2	14	5	19 00	4 75	23 75	10 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	2	14	9	38 00		38 00	
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		OD	2	10	4	8 00	1 00	9 00	17 00
Totals	10 Agents		35	255	87	243 00	59 92	302 92	239 50
New Jersey, Four Weeks Ending April 12, 1918									
Jas. Wilds, Cumberland		OD	5	23	17	37 00	3 50	40 50	
Ph. Broeckel, Mercer and Cumberland			8	52	31	55 00	5 75	60 75	
Totals	2 Agents		13	75	38	\$92 00	9 25	101 25	

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending April 12, 1918

J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.	BR	4	33	11	14	00	5	95	19	95	216	00
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.	BR	3	20	3	46	10	12	70	58	80	4	35
Totals	Agents	7	53	14	60	10	18	65	78	75	220	35
Grand Totals: Agents 44	Value of Orders	\$1870	26	Deliveries	\$959	26						

ing even to us who cannot be there, but our prayers have been ascending for the success of the meetings and for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. We understand several good men are being secured for our field, and we believe the work will make even greater advancement in 1918 than any previous year in its history.

The Baltimore No. 3 Church is doing nicely under the leadership of our colored Bible Worker, Brother Ernest Atkinson, while Elder Strachan, their pastor is at the General Conference. The church treasurer just sent his report, tithes \$234.74, and Sabbath School Offering \$132.76 for the month of March.

Elder and Mrs. A. S. Booth expect to arrive in Baltimore from the General Conference about April 23.

Elder Kellogg and family will also reach our conference in the near future.

In writing of the conference Elder Strachan says, "I am glad to say this is the most spiritual conference our people have ever held." He and Mrs. Strachan will soon be back to their post in the Baltimore No. 3 Church again.

Elder Booth reports he has definitely secured two young men with their wives for our conference. One is Brother C. E. Andross, son of Elder E. E. Andross, and the other is Brother J. R. Dieffenbacher. These young men come well recommended, and will come to our field as soon as they can arrange to get here.

Elder Stevens reports a baptism of three last week. Others are very much interested, and the attendance at the meetings being held at Mt. Cuba is very good.

Brother G. Medairy called at the conference office today. He reports a deep interest at Salisbury, and is very anxious that a worker be located there.

Brother H. E. Wagner of the Washington Missionary College spent Sabbath with his parents in Baltimore. Brother Lincoln Jones, also of the college, visited

his mother for the week end. Mrs. Emma North and Miss Harriett Medairy, who are also in the college, have been spending a few days in Baltimore. We are glad to see all of these young people and we have noted their keen interest in the college paper, the "Sligionian."

NEW JERSEY

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Mrs. Carlyle B. Haynes and son, Donald, of Atlanta have been visiting Mrs. Haynes' mother, Mrs. Hulda Weber in Trenton, N. J., while Elder Haynes has been attending the General Conference. They will remain in Trenton several months.

SPECIAL

The Dress of the Christian

Before me is a copy of "The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church," edition of 1855. From page 88, chapter 5, section 1, I quote:

"Question.—Should we insist on the rules concerning dress?

"Answer—By all means. This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel. Therefore receive none into the church till they have left off superfluous ornaments. In order to do this: 1. Let every one who has charge of a circuit or station read Mr. Wesley's 'Thoughts upon dress,' at least once a year in every society. 2. In visiting the classes, be very mild, but very strict. 3. Allow of no exempt case; better one suffer than many. 4. Give no tickets to any that wear high heads, enormous bonnets, ruffles, or rings."

Since this was the stand that the Methodist Church most sensibly and Scripturally took on the dress question as late as 1855, it is not at all strange that back in 1842, when the late Mrs. E. G. White was received into that church alongside of a bejeweled and bedecked candidate, such clerical laxness caused her no little perplexity. From "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. I, page 20, I quote:

"The same day in the afternoon, I was received into the church in full membership. A young woman stood by my side who was also a candidate for admission to the church. My mind was peaceful and happy till I noticed the gold rings glittering upon this sister's fingers, and

the large, showy earrings in her ears. I then observed that her bonnet was adorned with artificial flowers, and trimmed with costly ribbons arranged in bows and puffs. My joy was dampened by this display of vanity in one who professed to be a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus.

"I expected that the minister would give some whispered reproof or advice to this sister; but he was apparently regardless of her showy apparel, and no rebuke was administered. We both received the right hand of fellowship. The hand decorated with jewels was clasped by the representative of Christ, and both our names were registered upon the church book."

I believe it is safe to say that Mr. Wesley's "Thoughts upon Dress" has perhaps not been read once in 1917 in any Methodist church in all the world. Reader, have you read it? For years I vainly searched for this interesting sermon, which is today out of print. Finally, I ran across a copy of Volume II of John Wesley's sermons. This book was also published in 1855, and in it is a sermon or about 4,300 words on "Dress," delivered from the text, 1 Peter 3: 3, 4. Every Seventh-day Adventist worker and lay member who can obtain the book would do well to read this sermon. I can quote here but a few pointed paragraphs:

"Before we enter on the subject, let it be observed that slovenliness is no part of religion; that neither this nor any text of Scripture condemns neatness of apparel. Certainly this is a duty; not a sin."

"The wearing gay or costly apparel naturally tends to breed and to increase vanity. By vanity I here mean the love and desire of being admired and praised. Every one of you that is fond of dress has a witness of this in your own bosom. Whether you will confess it before man or not, you are convinced of this before God. You know in your hearts it is with a view to be admired that you thus adorn yourselves, and that you would not be at the pains were none to see you but God and His holy angels. Now the more you indulge this foolish desire, the more it grows upon you. You have vanity enough by nature; but by thus indulging it, you increase it a hundred-fold. Oh, stop! Aim at pleasing God alone, and all these ornaments will drop off."

"Why are you still so comfortable to the irrational, sinful customs of a frantic world? Why do you still despise the express commandment of God, uttered in the plainest terms? You see the light; why do you not follow the light of your own mind? Your conscience tells you the truth; why not obey the dictates of your own conscience?"

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"You answer, 'Why universal custom is against me; and I know not how to stem the mighty torrent.'" Not only the profane, but the religious, world run violently the other way. Look into, I do not say the theaters, but the churches, nay, and the meetings of every denomination (except a few old-fashioned Quakers, or the people called Moravians); look into the congregations, in London or elsewhere, of those that are styled gospel ministers; look into Northampton chapel; yea, into the Tabernacle, or the chapel; in Tottenham Court Road; nay, look into the chapel in West Street, or that in the City Road; look at the very people that sit under the pulpit or by the side of it; and are those that can afford it (I cannot hardly refrain from doing them the honor of naming their names) as fashionably adorned as those of the same rank in other places?

"This is a melancholy truth. I am ashamed of it; but I know not how to help it. I call heaven and earth to witness this day that it is not my fault. The trumpet has not given 'an uncertain sound' for near fifty years past. O God! Thou knowest I have borne a clear and faithful testimony. In print, in preaching, in meeting the society, I have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God. I am therefore clear of the blood of those who will not hear. It lies upon their own head.

"I conjure you all who have any regard for me, show me before I go hence, that I have not labored, even in this respect, in vain, for near half a century. Let me see, before I die, a Methodist congregation full as plain dressed as a Quaker congregation.

"I beseech you, O ye parents, do not hinder your children from following their

own convictions, even though you might think they would look prettier if they were adorned with such gewgaws as other children wear! I beseech you, O ye husbands, do not hinder your wives! You, O ye wives, do not hinder your husbands, either by word or deed, from acting just as they are persuaded in their own minds! Above all, I conjure you, ye half Methodists, you that trim between us and the world, you that frequently, perhaps constantly, hear our preaching, but are in no farther connection with us; yea, and all you that were once in full connection with us, but are not so now, whatever ye do yourselves, do not say one word to hinder others from recovering and practicing the advice which has been given! Yet a little while and we shall not need these poor coverings. Yea, to sum all up in one word, 'Put on Christ,' that when He shall appear, ye may 'appear with Him in glory.'"

Thus witnessed John Wesley. The Bible is as clear on these great and sensible principles of "modest apparel," from Genesis to Revelation, as on all other points of present truth. What reason can any one give in defense of a worldly custom of wearing a ring around the fingers, toes, wrists, ankles, head, neck, or body, or of suspending gold or other ornaments from the ear and the nose? Many try to hide behind the wedding ring, and Satan well knew they would, hence his introduction of the "ring" service, with the "engagement ring" as well. "Allow of no exempt case," said the Methodist Episcopal discipline of 1855, and that is the safe ground always. After carefully presenting Scriptural and sensible principles upon this question, I have learned in my experience that one is seldom found who refuses to lay all these ornaments aside.

I fear that many Adventists, like Jacob of old, have forgotten their solemn promises made at Bethel. God would have all such get back at once to their "first love." Jacob's advice to his household (Gen. 35:1-5), "Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments," is certainly as applicable to us as to them.

STEMPLE WHITE.

Review and Herald.

News Notes

Miss Maude-McDade of Verona, Pa., is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Baker.

Dr. Harry Miller of Washington Sanitarium stopped at Mount Vernon on his return from General Conference. He gave the students a very interesting and practical talk in chapel on Tuesday.

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