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## UNION

411 Cedar St., Washington, D. C.  
B. G. Wilkinson, Pres - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

### An Urgent Request

It has been some time since developments in the present world crisis commenced to call into military service scores of young men from Adventist homes. We have been endeavoring as far as possible to keep in close touch with our boys in a personal way while they are in the various training camps preparing for service in France. On account of many changes and transfers during the last few weeks many of the addresses of our boys in camps recently sent to us from the churches are out of date. For this reason we are making an urgent request for the name and present address of every young man from an Adventist home who has entered the service of his country from the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Possibly some of the boys have been sent to France. Do not fail to forward their addresses, if possible, as we hope to be able to get in touch with them. We would be pleased to know whether those whose names are forwarded are members of the church or not.

Since the original information was sent to us some weeks ago, a large number of boys have been called into service. We wish to include them in our present list, and shall appreciate any information that can be furnished concerning their present address.

This work in behalf of our boys has been most fruitful thus far, and we feel very desirous of continuing it without any further interruption. Some of the experiences that have come to us showing the leadings of Providence in their behalf have been most encouraging. Kindly forward the desired information as soon as possible to C. L. Stone, 411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D. C.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Camp-Meeting

Our coming camp-meeting at Allentown, beginning June 13, will be the largest ever held in Eastern Pennsylvania. In past years we have been able to accommodate the people in the small cottages that go with the ground, but already these have been all taken and twenty-two tents have been ordered, and still requests come in for more tents. Arrangements are being made to furnish all who apply with commodious tent room and therefore we hope that our brethren and sisters will send in their orders as early as possible.

Elder DeWitt Gauterau of California, who has lately come to our conference, will have charge of the dining tent. Elder Gauterau has had much experience in this line and he has been requested to sell food to our brethren at as near cost as possible.

No doubt, the coming camp-meeting holds in store for us great blessings, for we are certainly living in a time when God is blessing His people as never before. Elder J. W. McCord, one of the strongest workers on the Pacific Coast, will join our laboring force in this conference and will be here in time to give valuable help in the preaching services.

D. A. PARSONS, President.

### Reading Sabbath School Report

The Reading Sabbath School has been striving hard for a long time to reach a higher mark. Only about one third of its members live in the city, the rest are scattered through the country a distance of from three to eighteen miles. The report of the first quarter of 1918 shows that by persevering and praying we finally win. Out of a membership of 87 with several Home department members we had twenty that received perfect attendance cards, many of those living in the rural district having a great distance to come. Our offerings were an encouraging feature of the school; the offerings for the twelve Sabbaths were \$111.21, for the thirteenth Sabbath, \$81.78, a grand total

of \$192.99. We mean to surpass that amount this quarter.

In the mission device sent to us by the conference secretary the school was requested to make up \$150 through the quarter, rating the bricks at \$1.50. The school voted that we raise the price to \$2.00 per brick.

#### A Birthday Offering Plan or Suggestion

Because many do not wish to place the amount of money in the birthday envelope that would show their age and, therefore, fail to give a birthday offering, it has been suggested by the superintendent that they place a brick on the mission device. Several have taken bricks and quite a few more will be taken before the end of the quarter. While doing this for the Sabbath School, the members are all lifting heavily with the \$1200.00 repairs that are in progress on the church building at this time.

We desire the Reading School to become all that the Lord designs it to be, not only in giving to missions, but in bringing us all nearer to God and in bringing our youth into the fold and preparing them for service in His vineyard.

H. J. H. ALBRIGHT, Supt.

### News Notes

In preparing for camp-meeting, come prepared to take advantage of the bargains that will be offered on the book counter. You will find there a splendid assortment of our publications - from the smallest leaflet to the beautiful leather edition of our large books. Camp-meeting will also be a good time to procure a new Bible at the special price offered for the ten days. Here are still other splendid investments for your money in the book line. Reading courses for the young people including the Senior, Junior, and Primary. The Testimonies and The Conflict Series by Mrs. E. G. White.

In the final summing up of the Sabbath School reports for the first quarter of 1918, we find that the Thirteenth Sabbath offering in our conference was \$611.88. This is more than double that given one year ago. Will it be possible to keep on advancing at this rate as we sacrifice to give the message quickly?

We are planning a big week for the colporteurs in our conference beginning May 12 to 18. We are asking all of our colporteurs and all who ever did sell books, all who would like to sell books, and all who ought to sell books, to make a special effort to get in from 40 to 55 hours. This should not be done to make a big show, but it will be what we call a "Big Spring Drive." Brothers and sisters, let us pray for this drive that we may make a deep impression upon the enemy's camp.

Everywhere souls are ready to grasp at a straw, as it were, to rescue themselves from the terrible calamities in the world. The spirit of God is impressing hearts to look upward. Angels are waiting to co-operate. Good reports are coming in from every direction. God is blessing the work. So let us unite in making the week, commencing May 12, the biggest week yet. For any information along this line, write to C. E. Reichenbaugh, Mohnton, Penna.

The church school at Ariel has just closed after a successful year's work. Word has also been received that the school at Mohnton has closed early on account of the teacher, Mr. H. C. Baumgartner, being called to the service of our country.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God rightly dividing the Word of Truth." If this be our motto, then every Missionary Volunteer should either be a Standard of Attainment member or studying to become one. With the month of May, the time for the semi-annual tests arrives once more. Which subject will you try? Bible Doctrines or Denominational History? Preparing for these tests will aid us to better stand the great test that will prove that we are loyal subjects of Christ's Kingdom.

Several of the East Pennsylvania Sabbath Schools were not satisfied with the mission goal set for the present quarter. Owing to war conditions, they feel that the price of building material used in the mission home should be advanced. Accordingly the price of each brick has been raised. This is encouraging, for it means more for missions. In order to raise the money for this purpose some are selling our small books and magazines, others are using the self-denial box. How are you working to increase your gifts? Pass the word on to others, that all may be encouraged.

Have you noticed the colporteurs' report for this week? The combined amount of sales reaches \$1358.30. If our "big week" exceeds this, everyone will have to work with a will.

## CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.  
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

### An Invitation

To everyone in the Chesapeake Conference, from the youngest to the oldest, we extend a hearty invitation to have a part in the colporteurs' BIG WEEK, May 12 to 18. This means YOU. The idea of the BIG WEEK, which has undoubtedly proved a success in the past, is to see just what can be accomplished when we center our energies on this one thing, the sale of truth-filled books, for just one week. We invite all to enlist in "The Bookman's Army" for this short period; and see what wonderful things you will be able to accomplish for the Lord, and for yourself, (for the profit from the sale of this literature is your own) if you will only put forth the effort.

To our tried and faithful colporteurs, we appeal to you to do your very best during BIG WEEK, and see if you cannot break all previous records in the number of hours you put in, feeling that if you do, God will bless you with sales for the effort you put forth. To our ex-colporteurs we come with the urgent request that you buckle on the harness again, for just one week, and see if you do not feel the "new life" trickling through your veins as you see the look of intense interest on the faces of those you canvass, as God's Holy Spirit impresses their hearts.

While we urge those who have had experience canvassing with the larger books to use these during big week, we extend the invitation to every member of the church to go out during BIG WEEK, and sell or take orders for our 25 cent and 50 cent books of the World Crisis Series. If you have not time to get your books to sell for cash, order at once from the tract society a fifty cent cloth bound book of this series, and take orders for about June 10 delivery.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, will you not plan to devote as many hours as you possibly can to the sale of our literature, from Sunday morning May 12 to Saturday night, May 18? All who take part in BIG WEEK, will kindly report the number of hours you work, the name of book, and the amount of your orders or sales, the following Monday, to M. S. Pettibone, Field Miss. Secy., Dover, Del.

### News Notes

Elder and Mrs. A. S. Booth returned to Baltimore from the General Conference April 25. We are glad to welcome them back to the conference. Elder Booth is now ready to take up the business of the conference and has been hard at work since coming home.

We are glad to welcome Brother C. R. Hare into the "Bookman's Army" again, and to note how the Lord is blessing his return to this noble calling, by giving him orders in nearly every home.

Brother O. C. Weller is back in the thick of the fight again, and though he is covering a section that was burned over a couple of years ago with the same book, "Bible Readings," he reports \$91.95 worth of orders and \$2.75 cash sales, for 35 hours. Does not this show the importance of our colporteurs working their territory thoroughly? See what the other fellow lost.

Sister Vanzant and Sister Mabel Witt, who have been working together, but not having worked the past month, report that they are ready to enter the conflict again.

Brother J. E. Jones has been wonderfully blessed since he returned to work, which brings forth the inquiry from one brother who wants to know whether Brother Jones is retailing or wholesaling books in Caroline.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has been doing splendid missionary work for quite a long time, but at a business meeting held last Sunday night plans were laid for more aggressive work. At this meeting Elder Booth was again chosen as pastor of the church.

Elder G. A. Stevens reports continued interest at Mt. Cuba, near Wilmington, Del., with many souls in the balance.

Now is the time to sell our literature. One of our young colored brethren, who had never before tried to sell any of our publications, went out last Sunday with some of the 25 cent books, and in about one hour's time had sold nine copies. His brother who was with him, and who had sold quite a number of books before sold seven in about the same time.

Mrs. Bertha Barber of Baltimore, Md., sold 100 World War, paper, in three days' time, and with them sold 70 copies of the "Liberty Magazine."

Mrs. Myrtus Parks, Fords Store, Md., sold 100 copies of the World's Crisis paper, in a few days' time and ordered another hundred. Will not others in the conference join this army of home workers and do something to get the truth to the people?

Remember, the place for camp-meeting

has not yet been decided upon, but you will want to be there, no matter where it may be held. There will be great blessings for all who will come.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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

#### Notice

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held on the camp ground in Sistersville, W. Va., at ten o'clock on the eleventh day of June, 1918. At this meeting all business will be transacted that can properly come before an annual meeting. T. B. WESTBROOK, President.

JENNIE BURDICK, Secretary.

#### News Notes

W. A. McElphatrick who has been doing very successful colporteur work in West Virginia for a number of years has recently gone to New Jersey to help out in the sameline of work in that conference.

Brother McHenry spent Sabbath, April 27, with the Clarksburg Church.

Brother Moser of Washington, Pennsylvania, has taken up the colporteur work in Mingo County, W. Va. He reports having worked seven and one half hours in one day last week and took \$32 worth of orders.

The Parkersburg Young People's Society and church school children gave Miss Hazel Leach, the church school teacher, a very pleasant surprise at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Medlin, April 25. The church school closed April 30.

Elder T. M. French of Cumberland, and John Meredith of Berea, were in Parkersburg, April 29, to attend the conference committee meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Earl Snyder have returned from their visit to Ohio, and are busily engaged in the work again.

Orders are coming for rooms for camp-meeting. Have you ordered your room yet?

"Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their cases before Him, just what course to pursue."

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

#### Clarendon

On Sunday night March 17, the writer opened a series of meetings in Follansbee's Hall at Clarendon Va. This was the first effort ever conducted by Seventh-day Adventists in this place and the outlook has been very encouraging. The first night the hall was well filled and the interest has been steadily increasing. Services have been conducted six nights a week and thus all of our main doctrines have been presented. Several have acknowledged that they believe the things taught at these meetings and some have already announced their intention to obey all the commandments of God.

Last Sunday night when the "Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast" was presented, the house was filled to overflowing, several being unable to obtain seats. One special feature of this effort has been the use of a new stereopticon. Several slides on the war have been obtained from the War Department of the Bureau of Information at Washington, D. C. Mr. J. A. Chesnutt from Washington Missionary College has rendered very valuable assistance by leading the music. Pray for the work at this place.

CHARLES PATTERSON.

#### News Notes

Our workers who attended the General Conference have returned with inspiring reports. A new and vital Spirit has returned with them and is permeating our churches. We anticipate the most effective year in all our history in the work of saving souls.

The increased and abundant blessings of the Lord are being manifest in our financial reports this year. We are also inclined to accredit some of the excellent showing made to an increased faithfulness on the part of our members. Our tithes for the first quarter, 1918, amount to \$10,521.10, being a 50 per cent increase over the amount for the same period last year. Our 25 cent-a-week Missions Offerings to March 31 total \$2,448.99, about 33 per cent increase over one year ago. These figures are encouraging, and inspire us to attempt greater things for God, and expect greater things from God.

Plans are being made for our summer tent efforts. A burden of responsibility is being felt by our workers, and a feeling that our work is rapidly drawing to

its close and what we are going to do must be done quickly and with greater zeal and earnestness and consecration than ever. As conference officers and workers, we feel the need of the sincere and whole-hearted prayer-support and cooperation of every member to bring the fullest results in the time that is left us to work.

A small company of members congregated at Memorial Church last Sabbath afternoon to hear reports of the General Conference, were so inspired by the experiences related that pledges to the amount of \$440.00 were freely given for the support of our Foreign Missions work. A feeling that we are nearing the end of our pilgrimage seems to be gripping throughout our ranks, and hearts everywhere are being stirred to greater sacrifices in support of our mighty work as it approaches its closing hours. Have you done your part?

Ephesus Church members are raising \$75.00 for the purpose of placing a baptismal pool in their new church building. A large part of the amount has already been secured through the sale of magazines, mottoes, and small books.

Elder Gibson spent a week with the Colonial Beach people during April. The Methodist church was secured and some excellent meetings held. The interest at the Beach is good and prospects for adding some souls are favorable.

Several students at Washington Missionary College have been meeting with success and good experiences selling World War and other small books in the residence section of Washington.

Brethren Culveyhouse and Huffaker are having some encouraging experiences in the lower section of Charles County where they are placing "Our Day" in many homes and spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom among the populace.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
F. H. Robbins, Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

#### Camp-Meeting

Our next camp-meeting will be held June 20-30. After making investigation concerning a place in which to hold the camp-meeting, and taking into consideration every phase of the question, the conference executive committee decided that the park at Homestead would be the most suitable place. The superintendent of the park has given us the same privileges

which we have had other years. That is, the park, electric lights, gas for cooking, places piano in the auditorium and other considerations all free.

We trust that all will be pleased with the arrangements, and begin at once to plan to attend, and make this the best camp-meeting that we ever have had.

One important feature of the meeting, is that we will have good help from the General and also from the Union Conferences.

No one can afford to miss this meeting as our brethren will have much information and help for the people. The great spiritual wave from the General Conference meeting, which was just held in San Francisco, California, will without a doubt reach the camp-meeting this summer.

F. H. ROBBINS.

### News Notes

No literature equals that put out by S. D. A. publishing houses. The May number of the Signs monthly is full of valuable information and should be a faction n saving many souls.

Several sets of testimonies were ordered by our people recently. Every home needs the valuable instruction contained in them.

One year ago only two Missionary Volunteer Societies reported. Now we have eleven societies. God is reaching out after the young. "The youth should seek God more earnestly. The tempest is coming and must get ready for its fury, by having repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Mrs. E. G. W.

The Sabbath Schools have shown a lively interest in saving souls in Mission lands. Offerings for last quarter were far above the corresponding quarter of last year.

A lady who had borrowed one of our books to read, is now keeping the Sabbath. God's Word will not return unto Him void.

A few weeks ago Brother Neely was given charge of the Young Men's Prayer Band in Pittsburgh No. 1. Church. Earnest prayers for guidance ascended to heaven. The class felt impressed to do active work for souls. Recently about 1100 magazines were distributed. The same territory will again be visited by these young men in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. This band also meets once a week with Bible in hand to study how to best give the truth for these last days.

### SPECIAL

#### Dead Yet Alive

He that is dead (hath died, R. V.) is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:7-11. Just preceding these words we read, "Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should be no longer in bondage to sin."—*Revised Version*.

The apostle goes on to illustrate this change by the law of marriage. If the first husband be dead, the woman is free to marry again. So he calls the first husband "the law of sin." Rom. 7:23. When this husband is dead, we are free to be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we "should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4. This result is obtained because "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (the natural tendencies of a sinful heart), for what the law (law of God) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, (by a sacrifice for sin, *margin*) condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Rom. 8:2-4.

We see that by faith in Christ a power above the natural power of man is obtained, working in us "both to will, and to do His good pleasure." This power, as we shall see, is called "eternal life," and the "divine nature." Peter, speaking of the promises of God, calls them "exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:4. Many fail to get this experience, because they plod along in their own strength, failing to grasp what is freely offered to them as a gift if they will accept it. Why not in simple child-like faith take that which it is our privilege to share?

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. "Yes," you say, "but that refers to the time of giving rewards and punishments,"

Do not be too liberal by placing in the future what is our privilege to obtain now: even to have life from the eternal dwelling in us, so that we may say; "It is not I that do it, but Christ working in me." Our Saviour, when presenting His wish in that wonderful prayer, said, "As thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:2, 3.

John, in his first epistle, chapter 3: 15, says, "Ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." This implies that there are those who have eternal life abiding in them. Still further on he says, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." I John 5:13. So it is emphatically true which Paul wrote to the Colossians, "Set your affection on things above and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead (died, R. V.) and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:2,3. So we see how a person may be indeed dead to the world, and yet be alive in Christ.

In this experience we can see how the apostle could say, "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh," 2 Cor. 4:10, and, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily." I Cor. 15:31.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH  
Bible Training School

### Don't

Forget that Primary and Kindergarten lessons for children's meetings on the camp-ground should be ordered from the Sabbath School Department, Takoma Park, D. C.

Forget that Senior M. V. Camp-meeting lessons and those for older Juniors from twelve to sixteen years of age should be ordered from the Missionary Volunteer Department, Takoma Park, D. C. Both sets of lessons are combined in one pamphlet.

Forget to order Standard of Attainment examinations in good season. The Union Missionary Volunteer secretary will supply you with these. All examinations are expected to be over by June first.

Forget to order the new Reading Course promotion leaflets from your Union Missionary Volunteer secretary instead of from the general Missionary Volunteer Department.

Order more of these supplies than you

need. Often people thoughtlessly order in large quantities, when supplies are free. This means that they receive more than they can use, and the surplus is thrown away.

Forget these DON'TS.

## Two Newcomers

"Good morning, Missionary Volunteers! You aren't yet acquainted with us, but we hope that you will be in the near future, for we are anxious to befriends with every one of you."

Two charming, daintily attired visitors called at the Missionary Volunteer office the other day, and were welcomed most heartily by the Department. One was attractively dressed in a delicate light blue gown with modest trimmings, while its companion was garbed in brown, which, though more subdued in shade, was equally becoming.

This afternoon, allow us to introduce you to these new arrivals. One is the beautiful little book called "The Bible Year" which has been prepared for the Missionary Volunteer Department. Every one will wish to have a copy of this helpful book. Those who are taking the Bible Year will be especially glad to receive it. The notes and comments and other valuable material which it contains will add interest to your Bible reading, and afford a fund of information which will greatly increase your knowledge of the Book of books. Order of your tract society. Price sixty-five cents.

And the brown-clad visitor? It is the long looked for and much desired "Senior Standard of Attainment Manual," containing studies in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History. We feel sure that it will be hailed with joy by our Missionary Volunteers far and wide, as the "something definite" for which they have been wishing ever since the Standard of Attainment plan was inaugurated. The future examinations in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History will be based upon this little book. Order at once from your tract society. Price, fifty cents.

## Those Mysterious Bundles

Just a moment, Mr. Expressman, you musn't forget to stop at the camp-ground and leave these bundles, for there would be a good many disappointed faces if their contents should fail to appear. Do you ask what is in them? Why, as fine an assortment of treasures as you ever saw. Just step into the book tent with me a moment and I will show you.

We'll open this package first. There, isn't that a pretty sight? Won't the tiny tots be happy when they see "Little Stories for Little People?" It is the new

1918-1919 Primary Reading Course book, and every little boy or girl who reads this book, or who listens to these stories, as they are read by some older person, will receive a neat card certificate on which is printed in miniature a beautiful picture of Jesus blessing the children of all nations.

I hope parents everywhere will get a copy of "Little Stories for Little People" for their children. The children will love to look at the pictures in the book and listen to the interesting stories and poems. The price is eighty-five cents.

Now, let's examine the contents of this bundle. Here are the Junior Reading Course books for 1918, four splendid books for boys and girls:

"The White Queen of Okoyong"	\$1.00
"Early Writings,"	.75
"The Land of the Golden Man,"	.50
"Outdoors, Indoors, and up the Chimney,"	.75
Club Price,	2.65
Camp-meeting Price,	2.45
"And what about the Senior course? Isn't there anything for them this year?"	
you ask. Most certainly. See here:	
"Makers of South America,"	\$ .60
"Making Good,"	.60
"The Days of June,"	.50
"The Story of Prophets and Kings,"	\$1.50 (plain cloth)
Club Price,	\$3.00
Camp-meeting Price,	2.75

Our Missionary Volunteers everywhere will enjoy these fine new books. A Reading Course leaflet may be had by writing to the Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. This will give a description of each book, and will make everyone want to buy them at once. "No entertainment is so cheap as good reading, nor any pleasure so lasting."

## What the Lord is Doing through the Signs

Inasmuch as we are, in a certain sense, a limited people, with a limited amount of money at our command, and a limited time in which to do the great work intrusted to us, it is important that we make use of time-tried methods and means that have actually produced results. Haphazard, indiscriminate methods are costly, discouraging, and tend to destroy the missionary spirit of our people. Adopt a good plan, select the best printed matter you know of, and then engage in your campaign in a systematic and persistent way.

It is a well-known fact that our pioneer journal, the "Signs of the Times," for nearly forty-five years has sounded forth clearly and distinctly the great truths of God's Word. It has given the trumpet a certain sound. Its chief advantages

are: the weekly feature, the application of prophecies to up-to-date events, and a variety of subjects treated in each issue. Thousands can testify to its efficiency as a soul winner. Results and cost considered, the "Signs" is second to no other agency in point of economy. The recent experiences which follow emphasize the oft-repeated claim that the "Signs" does bring people into the truth:

"A friend sent me your paper, which we are reading each week with great interest. We believe that your teaching and religion is right. . . . We want to move and locate in a Seventh-day Adventist settlement so that we may join them, and also get church and school privileges for our children, so we may educate them in the truth. . . ."

"You will find enclosed \$1.00 in postage stamps in payment for a year's subscription to your paper, the "Signs of the Times." We are Baptists, but through the kindness of a friend have been getting your paper the last six months, and have become so much interested in it, especially the prophecies on our Lord's coming, that we feel we cannot possibly give it up."

"Please increase my club of 16 copies per month. I am now taking 10. This club of papers belongs to our Young People's Society and we mail them all to our friends. We are seeing the results of our work as three have accepted the truth through reading the 'Signs.'"

"MORE SIGNS - MORE SOULS"

## Watchman, What of the Night?

There never was a time when the question was more pertinent. It is not alone the tremendous personal questions that the war is bringing to us - the tests of our fitness, our ability to sacrifice, our perception of truth, our unmoved faith in the midst of a thousand clamors. There are greater interests at stake than the world knows. The cause of God, the finishing of the gospel message, the settlement of eternal destinies, are matters involved in the present struggle, a struggle that embraces more than the battlefield. Unseen powers, both good and evil, are wrestling mightily with men. The last days of the world are near. The night is far spent. Can we let the precious moments go by without action to warn and inform men?

The June "Watchman" has an answer for the bewildered and the perplexed. We must not fail to circulate it widely. The cover page is very striking; a prophetic interruption more arresting than the hand that wrote upon Belshazzar's wall.

"That Impassable Barrier" is an editorial which settles the matter of world

empire; and that other. "The Spirits of Devils," draws aside a curtain from the stage whereon the world's drama is now being played. "Will Christ Come to This Earth Again?" is a question answered succinctly by Elder Evans. Other forceful contributions are: "Making Void the Law of God," by Sister White; "The Day of the Sabbath," by M. C. Wilcox; and "Is the Church Measuring Up?" by B. M. Heald. Nor do we forget that appeal to the home by Adelaide B. Evans, "An Old Time Practice for a Present Day Need," nor that short, crisp articlette, "Playing with Beans," that only Martha Warner could write.

Many more helpful features there are. You must read them, and help others to read them. Every church should take a club. Remember: the June "Watchman Magazine," 10 copies at 8 cents each, 50 or more at 7 cents each; retail price 15 cents. Order through your tract society today.

A. W. SPALDING.

### Conference Bulletin

The greatest conference in the history of our work is now a thing of the past. Those who were fortunate enough to be present will never forget the occasion. Many who remained at home for one reason and another, learned the proceedings through the columns of the "Bulletin." They read the inspiring reports of our missionaries from different parts of the world. They know about the changes that were made in our organization and of the transfer of workers from one field to another. They know about the plans that were laid for the future. The details of those long-to-be-remembered closing Sabbath meetings are all known to them, for these details appeared in the last big thirty-two page issue of the "Bulletin".

Some complete sets of the "Bulletin" are still on hand and will be furnished to those who desire them at the postpaid price of 50 cents a set of twelve numbers. Order through your tract society.

### Battling for a Right Way

In his June Signs Magazine article, Elder Daniells quotes that the primary cause of the world war, and the present issue, too, so far as certain of the European nations are concerned, in the control of the great highway to the Far East. Great Britain is determined to block Germany's plan to build a North Sea-Persian Gulf railway. Germany seems equally determined to carry out her ambitious project and thus lessen Britain's supremacy which she holds through Gibraltar, Suez and the Mediterranean. For one side to yield to the other would mean the loss of influence, world trade, and stand-

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del		
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 26, 1918</b>											
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	5	53	23	103 00	7 75	110 75	9 35		
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	49	18	84 00	1 50	85 50			
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	45	22	93 00	34 75	127 75			
Wm. Frizzell, West Pittston		BR	5	44	39	200 00		200 00			
R. W. Garrett, Scranton		BR	10	82	45	263 00		263 00			
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	41	13	62 00		62 00	128 00		
E. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	40	23	109 00	3 50	112 50			
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	5	40	34	89 00		89 00	27 00		
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	5	30	5	6 75	1 50	8 25	50 05		
M. M. Sterner, Carbon Co.		BR	4	34	13	59 00	2 25	61 25	6 75		
C. F. Durr, Phila.		GC	10	63	17	75 00	3 25	78 25	110 00		
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	7	36	21	42 00	19 55	61 55	8 30		
C. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	1	1	2	10 00		10 00			
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	4	24	7	32 00		32 00			
W. C. Rahn, Wayne		WW	4	36	62	34 50		34 50	8 50		
Misc.						22 00		22 00			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15 Agents</b>			<b>80</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>74 05</b>	<b>1358 30</b>	<b>347 95</b>

<b>West Virginia, Week Ending April 26, 1918</b>											
Martha Ross, Huntington		BR	5	27	3	12 00		12 00			
Daisy Rollins, Huntington		BR	5	28	4	19 00		19 00			
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	5	41	12	50 00	5 95	55 95			
C. E. Will, McMechen Co.		PPF	4	32	23	52 00	14 10	66 10	7 55		
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	4	28	22	56 00	18 45	74 45	16 10		
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.		OD	4	34	27	66 00	14 60	80 60	2 50		
Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co.		OD	4	30	23	56 00	7 30	63 30	4 15		
Wm. A. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	5	43	38	80 50		80 50	2 70		
J. M. Morris, Mingo Co.		BF	5	35	38	80 50	20 15	100 65	3 75		
C. B. Mosier, Mingo Co.		BF	5	35	27	61 00	26 85	87 85	6 50		
N. D. Fisher, Mullens		Misc.	5	35		96 60		96 60	96 60		
H. J. Fisher, Mullens		Misc.	5	35		96 00		96 00	96 60		
Dale Reed, Mullens		Misc.		35		53 20		53 20	53 20		
Misc.						135 00		135 00	135 00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>			<b>56</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>107 40</b>	<b>1021 20</b>	<b>424 05</b>

<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 26, 1918</b>											
E. W. Chisholm, Irvona		BR	4	39	17	80 00	3 50	83 50	2 00		
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Somerset Co.		HM	5	35	38	97 00	17 00	114 00			
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	5	19	19	40 00	2 25	42 25	2 25		
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Irvona		BR	4	31	13	65 00	10 00	75 00	50		
J. Manuel, Paradise		BR	2	14	1	4 00	1 70	5 70	12 92		
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	6	42	15	66 00	7 80	73 80	7 80		
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		OD	4	14		5 20		5 20			
Geo. McKnight, Allegheny Co.		OD	5	32	26	56 00	3 85	59 85	40 35		
F. Price, Clearfield		BR	4	24	7	30 00	23 05	53 05	1 75		
Mrs. F. Price, Clearfield		BR	4	26	13	59 00	21 00	80 00	75		
Mrs. G. C. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	3	15	10	20 00	15 30	35 30	24 50		
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	6	48	15	73 00	4 50	77 50	151 00		
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	4	25	8	38 00	5 00	43 00			
Mrs. Dunn, Allegheny Co.						13 85		13 85			
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		OD	3	10	11	4 40		4 40	13 50		
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	48	33	62 50	52 20	114 20			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>166 65</b>	<b>880 60</b>	<b>257 32</b>

<b>District of Columbia, Week Ending April 26, 1918</b>											
Chas. Dunham, Washington, D. C.		OD	5	45	31	60 75	3 25	64 00	66 75		
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.		BR	5	34	16	70 00	11 05	81 05	15 05		
W. D. Culveyhouse and L. B. Huffaker, Charles Co.		OD	10	78	21	50 85	1 25	52 10	38 65		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15 55</b>	<b>197 15</b>	<b>120 45</b>

Virginia, Week Ending April 26, 1918

Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.	OD	3	59	34	100	00		100	00	
F. E. Butler, Elizabeth Co.	OD									96 00
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White	OD	5	45	40	85	00		85	00	
W. A. Toler, Princess Ann Co.	OD	5	22	31	77	00	50	77	50	
J. Thompson, Warwick Co.	OD	4	13	26	69	00	3 00	72	00	2 50
W. E. Saunders, Lee Co.	OD	5	33	29	60	00		60	00	
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	5	36	25	58	00		58	00	
Luther Williams, Gloucester Co.	OD	2	16	23	52	00		52	00	
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.	OD	5	38	13	26	00		26	00	
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.	BR	5	36	26	88	00		88	00	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.	BR	4	33		65	00		65	00	
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.	BR	4	25	6	26	00		26	00	
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Warwick Co.	CK	1	3	3	6	00		6	00	6 50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13 Agents</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>3 50</b>	<b>715 50</b>	<b>105 50</b>

Ohio One Week Ending April 26, 1918

F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati	BR	11	127	41	126	00		126	00	46 00
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.	BR	5	48	17	77	00	8 10	85	10	7 10
Robert Kline, Knox Co.	BR	4	42	12	51	00	27 15	78	15	18 10
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.	PPF	5	38	21	52	50		52	50	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton	OD	5	35	23	51	00	1 50	52	50	
O. E. Taylor, Marion	PPF	9	51	15	40	50	50	41	00	116 20
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson	BR	3	28	8	37	00	2 60	39	60	16 60
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati	OD	5	27	28	60	00		60	00	19 50
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	OD	5	21	3	6	00	8 02	14	02	14 10
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont	OD	4	17	4	8	00	1 75	9	75	3 75
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	OD	2	16	11	22	00	1 25	23	25	
Mrs. C. Carter, Bowling Green	WW	3	9		17	75		17	75	17 75
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12 Agents</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50 87</b>	<b>599 62</b>	<b>259 10</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 26, 1918

J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.	BR	5	43	18	76	00	33 65	109	65	
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.	BR	4	35	18	77	00	14 95	91	95	2 75
C. R. Hare, Somerset Co., Md.	OD	3	22	34	81	50	1 10	82	60	25
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3 Agents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>49 70</b>	<b>284 20</b>	<b>3 00</b>

Grand Totals: Agents 73      Value of Orders \$4584 85      Deliveries \$1516 87

Present Truth, Nos. 29 and 30

In the published list of the Present Truth Series, Nos. 29 and 30 are to be transposed. No. 29 is now ready to mail, and is entitled, "Christ's Second Coming," and No. 30 being ready to mail June 1, will be "Signs of the Times." It will be better, therefore, for all to order these two numbers by title rather than by number. In fact, it is ever better to order all the issues by titles, and thereby avoid the possibility of getting the papers not wanted. It does not take much more time to write the title in the order, and it saves much time and confusion in filling the orders, and the risk of getting the wrong issues.

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Little Known Facts

But few of our people realize how much is being done with our excellent magazines. Something like a thousand persons are devoting part or all of their time to circulating these comparatively easy selling periodicals. More than a million and a half copies, not counting the Harvest Ingathering Watchman and Temperance Instructor, were put into circulation during 1917. Their retail value at the old ten-cent price was in excess of \$150,000. If stacked up in a single column these magazines would reach twelve to fifteen times higher than the Washington Monument. The blessed good thing about it all is the added fact that souls are being warned and won as a result. Perhaps the beauty of the June Signs Magazine and the definite message which it bears suggests a reason why our magazines are so popular.

"Search thine own heart. What paineth thee

In others, in thyself may be;  
All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;  
Be thou the true man whom  
Thou dost seek."

—WHITTIER.

ing among the nations. Because Elder Daniells discourses intelligently on this question of paramount interest and in the final analysis produces scripture to show that the condition is fraught with meaning, is one reason why our people should circulate the beautiful June number far and wide.

First of the Big Four

By the "Big Four" we mean the June, July, August and September numbers of the Signs Magazine. Judging from the June number, just to hand, we are led to conclude that the publishers intend to make these specials big enough to eclipse all former issues both from the literary and illustrative standpoints. Such articles as "Is the Peace Deadlock Breakable?" by A. G. Daniells; "A Religious Triangle", by C. B. Haynes; "Industrialism's Drive for Gold"; by Geo. W. Rine, and "The Catastrophe of 1918", by B. G. Wilkinson, are sure to "make people sit up and take notice", as we sometimes say. Whatever your line of endeavor in this great Cause may be you can serve it still further by enlisting our unemployed sisters in this resultful self-supporting business of selling the Signs Magazine.



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### Our World Today

I have a picture in mind today:  
Two little brothers together at play:  
One a selfish mean little brother  
Always taking advantage of the other.  
But the meek one didn't seem to mind,  
Always speaking in voice so kind.

Only a few years have passed away;  
'They no longer together play.  
One, so busy tilling the ground;  
The other, a keeper of sheep is found.  
More noble and gentle he's grown;  
His brother more selfish is known.

Tho each built an altar of clay,  
Their offerings as different as night and day.

The meek one offering an innocent lamb,  
Uplifted in prayer his face so calm,  
A holy angel darts from the skies,  
Touching with fire his sacrifice.

As the flame rises straight toward heaven,  
A view of Calvary's cross is given.  
By faith he sees the the lamb thus slain  
Whose blood shall wash away the stain  
Of sin which often made him start  
With grief and anguish in his heart;  
And as he prays with tear stained face,  
He feels that God is in this place.

Another picture comes to view:  
The other altar near it too  
With fruits and grains 'tis laden there,  
But no sweet voice is heard in prayer.  
This is a man-made offering,  
The only gift he chose to bring.

The uevil appears an angel of light,  
Cain sees not his heart as dark as night  
Who tempted in the garden mother Eve  
In the form of a serpent to deceive.  
Over the altar his head lowly bent  
As though he too from heaven was sent.

Touching the offering from the ground,  
No bright flame could he shed around.  
In pretended grief he began to complain  
Saying: "God loves Abel more than Cain.  
This world since the fall is mine;  
Go slay your brother and it is thine.  
Since man has fallen so low  
It is the best that you can do."

Then Cain with an angry look in his eye  
Vows that Abel now must die.  
Lifting a stick from his altar there,  
He halts; for still bowed in prayer  
With the light of heaven on his face  
Abel kneels in this holy place.

"Strike quickly," the evil one said.  
Then blows fell fast on an innocent head.  
A cry, a prayer, a voice forever stilled  
As on the ground his blood is spilled.  
Then from the awful deed that day,  
Cain took fright and ran away.  
When trying thus his guilt to hide,  
A voice spoke very near his side  
In awful solemn sound,  
"Thy brother's blood crieth from the ground."

He begged the Lord to let him live,  
Yet unrepentant, asked not, oh, forgive!

Oh Cain! you will awake some day  
From where the wicked dead lay;  
That voice will call to you again:  
"Where, where is thy brother Cain?"  
O'er all the world is spilled his blood,  
And man still turns away from God;  
And Cain will truly feel the guilt  
Of all the blood since spilt.

And Satan's lie is still believed;  
It seems man loves to be deceived  
As still he holds this world in view,  
And orders man just what to do.  
They follow in the serpent's trail:  
Christ's blood to them, of no avail.

The curse of Cain so broad has grown  
That Satan claims this world his own,  
And takes it captive at his will:  
The angry nations love to kill.  
So far has spread this awful woe,  
The blood of Armageddon soon will flow.

—MRS. REBECCA ROADMAN.

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Chesapeake	722 66
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### 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

### OBITUARIES

**SATTERFIELD.**—Jeremiah, departed this life January 31, 1918. He was sick for a number of months. After receiving treatment, he was able to attend our tent effort last summer, and visited the church several times and was fully persuaded in his mind that the seventh day is the right Sabbath. He was contemplating baptism, but was laid to rest before hand. He leaves a wife, children, grand-children and many friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

**BERG.**—Carry was born August 17 1886, and died April 5, 1918, age 31 years, 7 months and 18 days. She was married, to Fred Berg April 25, 1907. She is survived by her husband, mother, three sisters, and two brothers. She was baptized into the Third Angel's Message June 26, 1909 and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Reading. C. S. BAUM.

**HALE.**—The infant son of Brother and Sister William Hale was born in Wade, July 15, 1917, and died April 12, 1918, age nine months. C. S. BAUM.

**ECKENROTH.**—Edna was born in Shillington, August 9, 1894. She was the daughter of Jacob and Maggie Keller, and was married to Albert Eckenroth, December 13, 1913. She is survived by her husband, two sons, her parents, one brother, and one sister. She died in the Reading Hospital under an operation on April 6, 1918. Age 23 years, 7 months and 28 days. She was a faithful member of the Reading Church. C. S. BAUM.