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Camp-meetings

The Lord gives very definite instruction in regard to camp-meetings in Vol. 6, pages 31 to 86. The object of camp-meetings is given in the following words on pages 31 and 32:

"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money-making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut. It is our work to give to the whole world,—to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people,—the saving truths of the Third Angel's Message. But it has been a difficult problem to know how to reach the people in the great centers of population. We are not allowed entrance to the churches. In the cities the large halls are expensive, and in most cases but few will come out to the best halls. We have been spoken against by those who were not acquainted with us. The reasons of our faith are not understood by the people, and we have been regarded as fanatics, who were ignorantly keeping Saturday for Sunday. In our work we have been perplexed to know how to break through the barriers of worldliness and prejudice, and bring before the people the precious truth which means so much to them. The Lord has instructed us that the camp-meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the finishing of this work.

"We must plan wisely, that the people may have an opportunity of hearing for themselves the last message of mercy to the world. The people should be warned to make ready for the great day of God, which is right upon them. We have no time to lose. We must do our utmost to reach men where they are. The world is

now reaching the boundary line in impenitence and disregard for the laws of the government of God. In every city of our world the warning must be proclaimed. All that can be done should be done without delay.

"And our camp-meetings have another object preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. The world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the loveliness, the goodness, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel through which it shall come to the world. The church has been constituted that channel. Christ reveals Himself to us, that we may reveal Him to others. Through His people are to be manifested the riches and glory of His unspeakable gift.

"Our camp-meetings should be so conducted as to accomplish the greatest possible amount of good. Let the truth be properly presented and represented by those who believe it. It is light, the light of heaven, that the world needs, and whatever manifests the Lord Jesus Christ is light.

AN OBJECT LESSON

"Every camp-meeting should be an object lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. We must give careful regard to economy, and must avoid display, but everything connected with the grounds should be neat and tidy. Taste and tact do much to attract. And in all our work we should present the discipline of organization and order.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of the truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly

can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. To these holy convocations the children of Israel came, bringing to the house of God their tithes, their sin-offerings, and their offerings of gratitude. They met to recount God's mercies, to make known His wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to His name. And they were to unite in the sacrificial service which pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service, they were to be bound closer to God and to one another.

"In the days of Christ these feasts were attended by vast multitudes of people from all lands; and had they been kept as God intended, in the spirit of true worship, the light of truth might through them have been given to all the nations of the world.

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

"This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honor His cause and advance His work."

Let all heed the instruction and attend. Let nothing hinder. Worldly conditions will soon prevent the holding of these holy convocations.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

Smithsburg Home Missionary Convention

The Hagerstown and Pondsville Churches united with the Smithsburg, Md., Church in holding a Home Missionary Convention, Sabbath and Sunday, May 17 and 18. There was a good attendance. Elder Paap of the General Conference, M. S. Pettibone and Elders A. S. Booth, S. T. Shadel of the local conference, and the writer were present and took a leading part in giving instruction.

Sabbath was a day of revival. The spirit of the Lord came in in a remarkable way. There was deep, heart confession and a putting away of sin, and a re-consecration to the finishing of the Lord's work. A foundation was laid for instruction along practical lines; which was given during Sunday. All present seemed to appreciate the meetings and the practical instruction given.

While the members of the Smithsburg Church have been doing considerable work, they were systematically organized into working bands for more aggressive work. One sister said she had been out a few hours the week before, and gathered in over \$13.00. When asked what she used in her soliciting, she replied, "Oh, just anything I could get hold of, 'World War,' magazines, 'Present Truth' or anything at all. I just gave them away

and told the people to give just whatever they chose to. It didn't seem to make any difference what I used, the people seemed so willing to give. Many times they would hand me the money before I was through saying what I had to say."

God has been telling His people that "the wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto them." This experience of this sister proves that the Gentiles are willing, —more willing to receive the truth, and to contribute to the cause of God, than are the people of God to carry the truth to them, and give them an opportunity to return to God that which He has made them stewards of.

During the convention, a successful farmer said, "I can hardly keep my seat when I hear you tell about this great work, and these wonderful experiences our people are having in spreading the truth. I just feel that I must get right out into the work. The other evening after my day's work, I took 'Heralds of the Morning,' and made a few calls on my neighbors, and sold two copies, and gave out ten 'Liberty' and 'Life and Health' magazines." This was his first experience.

If the 8,000 members in the Columbia Union had done "likewise," 16,000 copies of our large books would have been sold, and 80,000 magazines would have been distributed in a single evening. Think of it! Think of the great possibilities! Think of what might be accomplished during a few spare moments each day if all had the burden of souls resting upon their hearts, and would make the most of these swiftly flying moments! Think of the joy which would be brought to the hearts of those receiving the truth! Think of the blessings which would come to your own heart! Think of your accountability to God for neglected opportunities! Then respond to the voice of God, "Go work in My vineyard."

The kind hospitality extended to the visiting brethren, by the dear people of the Smithsburg Church, was greatly appreciated. May the inspiration of this good convention last till the work is finished.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

NEW JERSEY

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

The Revival of the Book Work in New Jersey

"The angels are constantly, earnestly, and actively seeking to bring every child of God to work in the vineyard of the Lord" . . . "The work which the church has failed to do in times of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances." Vol. 5, page 463.

Brethren and sisters in New Jersey, I plead with you to work while it is no worse than it is. Jesus is sending the angels to your door knocking, knocking, seeking every child of God to bring them into the field of labor. "How long halt ye between two opinions, if God be God, serve Him; but if Baal, then follow him; choose ye this day, whom ye will serve."

We have over three millions of people in New Jersey, and so there are over three million reasons why we should have at least fifteen colporteurs in this field. Surely we should have five to each million. We are thankful for the five we have, but have there not been fifteen called? Where are the ten? Are you one of them, dear reader?

Those who are in the field are having good success. Brother McElphatrick took \$190.00 worth of orders in a small town in his first fifty-nine hours. One day in Clayton, Brother Zimmerly and I took \$29.00 worth in five hours. Here are some extracts from a letter I just received from Brother Schmidt: "Since November, I have sold \$626.75 worth of books for cash. I have worked about eighteen hours per week. I sell all for cash. I take my grip full of books and sell them out. I have done fine and can truly say, 'I never sold books so readily as I have recently.' Homes are opening daily. Today, (Sunday) in two and one-half hours I sold \$11.75 worth of books and Bibles for cash, not one order. How is that?" Dear reader, you may have similar experiences if you will just go out with us.

Ah! what would it mean if some soul is lost, lost for eternity because of our neglect! If you hear the voice of Jesus calling you, say as did Isaiah of old, "Here am I, send me."

I want to thank all who are supporting us in our work here with their prayers.

"The sunset burns across the sky;

Upon the air, its warning cry.

The curfew tolls, from tower to tower

O children, 'tis the last, last hour!

The work that centuries might have done

Must crowd the hour of setting sun;

And through all the lands, the Saviour's name

Ye must in fervent haste proclaim.

The fields are white to harvest. Weep

O tardy worker, as ye reap,

For wasted hours that might have won

Rich harvest ere the set of sun.

We hear the footsteps on the way!

O work, while it is called today.

Constrained by love, endued with power

O children, 'tis the last, last hour!"

—Selected. H. F. KIRK.

News Notes

The churches in Burlington and Woodbury were glad to welcome Elder Heck-

man among them last Sabbath. This meeting was greatly appreciated by the brethren, and very helpful services were held in both places.

Many of the church schools of the conference have closed for this year. The Trenton school held their closing exercises in the church Monday evening. Considerable talent was manifested by both teacher and pupils before a large gathering of parents and friends. Brother Warren embraced the opportunity of this occasion to emphasize a revival in Christian education.

A number of our boys went out on the streets of Trenton Saturday evening, and in a short time sold more than fifty of Elder Daniells' new book, "A World in Perplexity." We predict a very successful future for this book in our conference.

Elder H. M. J. Richards, formerly of Ontario, but recently transferred to the Texico Conference, spent last Sunday in this city, making quite an extended call at the conference office.

We are glad to report that Elder R. L. Shoemaker, of California, has been secured to take up work in this conference, and that he has located in Camden. We assure Brother Shoemaker our support and best wishes for his work in this field.

While canvassing recently near Clayton, New Jersey, Brother Kirk incidentally came in contact with the deacon of the Baptist church of that place. Becoming very much interested in what Brother Kirk had to say and to sell, the deacon invited him to come and hold meetings in their church. So at two different times this invitation was accepted, and some very well-attended and much-appreciated meetings were held. Canvassers do have some interesting experiences.

What plans are you making for camp-meeting? Are you arranging your other matters so that you can attend these meetings a part or all of the time. Plans are being laid to make this the best and most spiritual camp-meeting in the history of our conference, and with the co-operation and prayers of the brethren to support it, these plans will be a success.

Camp will be pitched on the Anderson Estate on Greenwood Ave., Trenton, the grounds used last year. The meetings will open on June 27 and continue for ten days. All orders for tents and other camp furniture, if sent in at once, will receive prompt and adequate attention. May this gathering be made the central

thought and chief subject of prayer of all the brethren, that the blessing promised for such meetings may be realized at this time.

Notice

The New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its annual meeting in connection with the camp-meeting on the Anderson Estate, Trenton N. J., June 27 to July 7, 1918, for the election of a board of trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Association. The first meeting is called for July 1, at 9 A. M. W. H. HECKMAN, President.

CLARENCE LAWRY, Secretary.

The first biennial session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the camp-meeting on the Anderson Estate, Trenton, N. J., June 27 to July 7, 1918 for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held Friday, June 28 at 9 A. M.

Each church is entitled to one delegate irrespective of membership and to one delegate for each of its ten members.

W. H. HECKMAN, President.

CLARENCE LAWRY, Secretary.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.

A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Our conference committee met on May 20. Definite plans were laid for the summer's work.

Brother M. S. Pettibone was chosen to fill the vacancy on the conference committee. Brother Pettibone is our Field and Home Missionary Secretary.

The camp-meeting will be held in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 5-15. Let every one plan to attend. Baltimore is about the most central location for a meeting of this nature, and is easily reached from any part of the conference. Your presence will be needed. And you will need the spiritual uplift such meetings bring.

Elder C. E. Andross, who is expected to arrive in a few days from California, will have charge of a tent effort in Salisbury, Md.

Elder A. S. Booth has again secured the lot on the corner of Calvert St., and North Ave., Baltimore Md. It will be remembered by some that this is the same lot on which a series of meetings

was held two years ago, and where such a splendid interest was manifested. The people in the community are favorable to another effort there, and we look forward to a very successful series.

Elder J. H. Wierts will hold an effort in the city of Baltimore. Although he is the German pastor, the meetings will be conducted in English at this time. Miss Pauline Schilberg of the Washington Missionary College will connect with this effort as Bible worker. Miss Schilberg has been teaching the German language at the college.

Elder M. C. Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church, will conduct his tent effort on the same lot on Pennsylvania Ave., where Elder G. P. Rodgers had such successful meetings one year ago. Brother Pinkney, who is now at the Oakwood Training School in Huntsville, Ala., will act as tent master for Elder Strachan.

We bespeak for each one of these efforts the hearty support of the brethren and sisters in the cities in which these meetings will be held, and ask for the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference that the Lord will in a special manner, be with those who speak to and work for souls this summer in these tent efforts. Each company will have one or more Bible workers and other necessary assistants.

Good reports of the work done by our colporteurs and home workers during big week are coming in, and we hope this is but the beginning of a splendid work to be done during the summer.

Our new colporteurs in the ranks are Brother Leroy Huffaker, in Howard County. Brother Stewart who will work in Somerset County, and Brethren Robert and Emanuel Wilkens, who have done some work in Anne Arundel County.

Miss Harriet Medairy who has been at the Washington Missionary College returned to her home in Baltimore Monday

Elders A. S. Kellogg and S. T. Shadel will have charge of a tent effort in Hagerstown, Md.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Sistersville

We opened our effort in Sistersville Thursday night, May 16. The attendance was fair for mid-week service. Deep interest seemed to be manifested as we studied the Prophecy of Daniel 2.

We are looking forward anxiously now to our camp-meeting which will convene June 6. We sincerely hope that every one who possibly can will plan to be in attendance from the very first. We hope to start this meeting off with the Spirit of God from the very first. We are glad to know the prospects are good that Dr. Wilkinson can be with us from the very first and remain throughout the entire 10 days. We have surely fallen upon the perils of the last days and no one but God is able to tell how many camp-meetings we shall still have the privilege of attending.

In 1904 God said through the Spirit of Prophecy, "Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations,—troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes. As never before we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His Throne in the Heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people, and our strength lies in not forsaking Him. The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, says clearly that the time of trouble which is to increase until the end is very near at hand. We have no time to lose, the world is stirred with the spirit of war. The Prophecy of the 11th of Daniel has almost reached its final fulfillment."

Now, brethren and sisters, come prepared to receive the fullness of God's blessing. We shall try to have everything arranged as comfortably for everyone as we possibly can and we hope that all will feel contented and satisfied and we shall have an upper room experience that will fit us up for the time of trouble which is still ahead. We are living in the time of the loud cry and the "Latter Rain" and we need to be much in prayer and the study of the Bible if we hope to participate in this final out-pouring of God's blessing to prepare us for a home in the kingdom of heaven.

We earnestly solicit a part in your prayers for our work in Sistersville and the coming camp-meeting.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder T. B. Westbrook spent Sabbath morning with the Parkersburg Church, leaving at 1:50 for Salem, where a baptismal service was held.

Have you finished the "Reading Course for the past year? Remember that the new Missionary Volunteer Reading Course will be launched at our camp-meeting.

Is there any one who has decided not to come to camp-meeting? If so, recon-

sider the matter and decide to come to this Spiritual feast.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

Elder W. F. Schwartz has moved from 2402 Penna. Ave., to 644 West Eighth St., Erie, Pa.

West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the corporation of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to meet at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1918 at 1 P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the corporation.

F. H. ROBBINS, President.

J. S. NEELY, Secretary.

West Pennsylvania Conference

In connection with the camp-meeting, the biennial session of the West Pennsylvania Conference will convene at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pennsylvania, June 20 to 30, 1918, for the election of officers and such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening.

F. H. ROBBINS, President.

J. S. NEELY, Secretary.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

A Message from Herbert Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator

I have just received a letter from Mr. Fred C. Croxton, Federal Food Administrator of Ohio, in which he has inclosed a message from Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator. Mr. Croxton desires that the message from Mr. Hoover be made known to our people in Ohio. I take this means of having it reach our people by placing it in the VISITOR. We find some things in this article which do not effect our people. I refer to what he says on the meat diet. However, there are other things that it would be well for us to heed.

F. H. ROBBINS.

The confidence of the U. S. Food Administration that the people of the country would respond enthusiastically

and whole heartedly upon presentation of the facts, to any necessary requests for reduction in consumption of food has been fully justified. We have demonstrated our ability not only to think together but to act together. This response of the people is the reason for this present appeal.

Our work is not yet complete. In spite of the encouraging results of our efforts, in spite of the fact that our exports of food stuffs are constantly increasing and are approaching the minimum requirements abroad, the need for renewed devotion and effort is pressing. While all of the requirements of the Food Administration should be constantly observed, there are certain matters which I desire to stress at this time.

In the case of meat and meat products, the necessities for shipment abroad are very great. Whereas the allied consumption has been reduced to an average of about one and one-quarter pounds per person per week, we are today enjoying an average of about three and one-quarter pounds per person per week. This difference is inequitable and an understanding of these facts will justify our request that the consumption of all meats, including poultry, as nearly as possible, be reduced to two pounds per week per person over four years of age.

In the case of sugar we are embarrassed by the necessity of using ships for carrying our soldiers and feeding the allies, and, in consequence, *we must use sugar with great economy.* We must emphasize the importance of canning and preserving on a large scale among our people this summer and our available sugar must be conserved for this purpose.

But the situation with regard to wheat is the most serious in the food supply of the allied world. If we are to satisfy the minimum wheat requirements of our armies and the allies and the suffering millions in the allied countries, our consumption of wheat in the United States until the next harvest must be reduced to approximately one-third of normal. It is inconceivable that we should fail in this crisis. For each of us who can personally contribute to the relief of human suffering it is a privilege, not a sacrifice.

All elements of our population cannot bear this burden equally. Those engaged in physical labor need a larger bread ration than those in sedentary occupations. Because of the constant daily employment of women and the lack of home baking facilities, many households in large urban centers require a food ration already prepared such as the bakers standard Victory bread loaf. Furthermore, we must constantly safeguard the special requirements of children and invalids,

To meet the situation abroad and to prevent serious suffering at home it is imperative that all those whose circumstances permit shall *abstain from wheat and wheat products in any form until the next harvest*. It is realized and deeply appreciated that many organizations and some communities have already agreed to follow this plan.

It is hoped that you will communicate this to your organization and your community, urging those whose circumstances will permit to join with us and take this stand.

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Suggestive House to House Canvass for the Temperance Instructor

Good morning! I am devoting my time this morning to the worthy Temperance cause. This is the year we are looking for victory, and I know you are in sympathy with this movement, and willing to help the government secure National Prohibition. I take pleasure in handing you a copy of the 1918 Temperance Youth's Instructor (here place copy in hand) and we are anxious to place one in every home in —. It contains articles from some of our leading men, and statistics on this important question. The price of the magazine is only 10 cents, but if you would care to give more to help along this great forward movement, it will be thankfully received. Thank you.

News Notes

133 have been baptized in the city of Philadelphia since last camp-meeting and we hope for several more before the coming conference in June. This is almost as many as were baptized in the entire conference during the year that preceded our last annual gathering, which certainly speaks well for our Philadelphia efforts.

Well, the "Big Week" is a thing of the past, but may its record show more souls saved in the kingdom of God than the record of any past week in the history of the Union. Personally my one regret is that on account of limited railroad facilities, I was compelled to leave the field at a very early hour Friday morning in order to get to my home before Sabbath.

For me the week was crowded with wonderful experiences, one or two which I pass on with the prayer that through them the readers may see the overruling of our General Manager, Christ Jesus.

In this locality Monday was a very bad day to be out. All day severe showers kept coming up and as a result the roads were in bad shape. While giving a canvass in a home, a little girl came in with a large bouquet of pansies and as I admired them, she gave me several for my button hole, at the same time informing me that the lady living in the next house had given them to her from a large bed she had of them. After leaving this home I prayed earnestly that God might use me as a humble mouth-piece by which to bring Present Truth into the next home. As I knocked at the door, the lady appeared and after introducing my work I asked if I might step in for a few minutes to which she answered, "No, thank you." The following conversation as near as I can remember took place:—

"I am introducing a work that is proving of great interest among your friends and neighbors."

"No, thank you."

"If you could spare me only five or six minutes of your time, I would be glad to explain it to you."

"No, thank you."

"This work (introducing my prospectus) is to show us the great need of personal Bible study and will make our Bible an open book to us."

"No, thank you."

But just here another shower broke loose and the rain came down in sheets accompanied by a fierce wind that drove the rain even up under the porch where I was standing and through the screen door on the dress of the lady. She at once unhooked the screen door and invited me in. After getting comfortably seated, I every now and then took occasion to smell my bouquet of pansies and finally mentioned the fact that I am very fond of flowers and that a child next door had given them to me. She at once smiled and said the child had received them from her and invited me to a window overlooking a fine large bed of them. The result,—an order for a book in half leather.

I was invited to spend the night with a young couple, both graduates, and the lady a graduate of Wyoming Seminary where she had completed a course of Bible study. But she had never heard of the United States in prophecy, and after a brief study on that subject and the Millennium, they ordered the book and paid for it at once.

The following day I met a family and after showing them the book was invited to return and stay over night with them, and they were so impressed with the work that they insisted that I should come back and spend each night there while working that portion of my territory.

And thus the work goes on. God deigning to use mankind to bring this

gospel of salvation to the world when He might have used angels to proclaim it. May we all sense the great responsibilities resting upon us in these closing hours of probation and hasten to give the message of life to those who are judgment bound.

S. J. MACK.

E. J. Kesselmyer of Mohnton, has left us to go back to Battle Creek, Mich. We are sorry to learn that he will not be actively engaged in the Lord's work after his success in Lebanon County. He has just finished a hundred per cent delivery.

All singers and instrumentalists are requested to report to Brother T. H. Barritt upon arrival on camp-grounds. A large chorus choir is anticipated. Bring "Christ in Song."

We hope to be favored with the presence of all elders and church officers in the conference, to receive instruction, which will be very beneficial to them in their future duties.

Elders F. W. Paap and J. W. Hirlinger will be present and will render valuable help at the home missionary meetings which will be held daily in one of the department tents.

All desiring instruction and assistance in any way in the sale of our magazines and small books, don't miss the camp-meeting.

Brother T. H. Barritt stopped off at Mifflin for a few hours, and called on Sisters Pipher and Lee. We are sorry that Sister Pipher will not be able to be with us this year at camp-meeting owing to the recent accident of her husband. He fell from a ladder and was fortunate in not being killed. We are glad to report he is improving, but slowly.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society, Inc., will hold their business session in connection with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference camp-meeting, June 13 to 23, 1918, at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa. The first business session of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society will be held at 9:30 A. M., Monday, June 17.

D. A. PARSONS, Pres.

W. B. Mohr, Sec.

"True greatness is to take the common things of life and walk bravely among them."

Education Campaign

SLOGAN

Every S. D. A. Home Personally Visited

GOAL

Every S. D. A. Boy and Girl in Our Own Schools
Every Student in Our Schools a Worker

A Call to Action

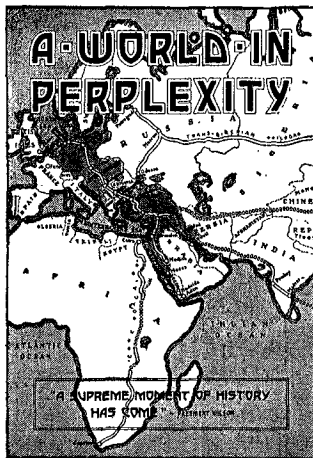
This is the first call to every reader of the "Columbia Union Visitor" to pray for the success of our Educational Campaign and to join actively in carrying it on.

We are face to face with two solemn facts that inspire us to undertake the campaign;

1. The Mission Board is unable to respond to more than half the Macedonian calls for help in our undertaking to preach the gospel to every creature.

2. As yet only about one half our Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls are attending our own schools.

The scope and goal of the campaign are indicated in the block heading used above. Will you not join us actively in this work? Your union educational secretary and his associate educational officers are organizing the campaign in the union and local conferences, and will keep you informed in this column of the "Columbia Union Visitor." W. E. HOWELL.



"A World in Perplexity"--Elder Daniells' Latest Book Now Ready

What could hold the attention of the people more at the present time than a book with the title "A World in Perplexity?" Show this new book to anyone and the involuntary reply is "How True!" No argument is necessary—not one in a thousand will dispute the assertion. The people are groping in darkness; the shells of confusion are bursting about them and they know not which way to turn for relief. From thousands of trembling lips

Canvassers' Reports

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
|---|-----------|-------|------|-----|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 17, 1918 | | | | | | | | | |
| E. W. Chisholm, Hastings | | BR | 5 | 58 | 38 | 185 00 | 9 00 | 194 00 | 4 50 |
| Mrs. F. Price, Boggs Township | | BR | 4 | 35 | 32 | 147 00 | 12 10 | 159 10 | 2 75 |
| Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cairn Brook | | HM | 5 | 34 | | 137 50 | 14 00 | 151 50 | |
| F. Price, Boggs Township | | BR | 4 | 35 | 24 | 103 00 | 6 00 | 109 00 | 6 00 |
| A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh | | SD | 5 | 50 | 16 | 24 75 | 43 10 | 67 85 | 89 50 |
| R. C. Lewis, Pittsburgh | | OD | 5 | 28 | 34 | 75 00 | 75 | 75 75 | 142 00 |
| Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Westover | | BR | 3 | 21 | 14 | 68 00 | 4 50 | 72 50 | |
| J. Manuel, Anita | | BR | 4 | 30 | 14 | 64 00 | 6 40 | 70 40 | 8 00 |
| D. P. Evans, Genesee | | WW | | | | 50 00 | | 50 00 | |
| Myrtle Bateman, Sandy Creek | | OD | 4 | 21 | 21 | 43 00 | | 43 00 | 70 00 |
| A. H. Snyder, Westville | | BR | 4 | 28 | 9 | 39 00 | 2 00 | 41 00 | |
| G. C. McKnight, Wilkinsburg | | OD | 4 | 33 | 16 | 36 00 | 50 | 36 50 | |
| A. E. Holst, Indiana | | BR | | 45 | | 23 00 | 2 00 | 25 00 | 101 00 |
| J. Mary Stocker, Johnstown | | HM | 2 | 9 | | | | | 23 45 |
| D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co. | | OD | 5 | 12 | 9 | 18 00 | | 18 00 | 64 25 |
| Millie Smith, Pittsburgh | | OD | 5 | 20 | 1 | 16 60 | | 16 60 | |
| Mrs. G. S. Buttermore, Mt. Brad. | | OD | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 00 | 4 10 | 14 10 | 10 35 |
| F. Price, Boggs | | BR | 4 | 26 | 17 | 73 00 | 5 35 | 78 35 | 4 50 |
| Mrs. Price, Boggs | | BR | 4 | 26 | 14 | 64 50 | 6 50 | 71 00 | |
| A. Dunn, Pittsburgh | | Misc. | | | | 23 40 | | 23 40 | |
| Totals | 18 Agents | | 69 | 518 | 264 | 1200 75 | 116 30 | 1317 05 | 430 80 |

West Virginia, Week Ending May 17, 1918

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| John Fahrner, Lewis Co. | BR | 6 | 42 | 9 | 37 00 | 15 80 | 52 80 | 18 40 |
| B. P. Wright, Wirt Co. | BR | 4 | 44 | 6 | 26 00 | 3 25 | 29 25 | 3 35 |
| Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co. | BR | 5 | 44 | 6 | 27 00 | | 27 00 | 35 00 |
| Wm. Ross, Doddridge | DR | 2 | 17 | 2 | 10 00 | 3 00 | 13 00 | |
| C. B. Moser, Mingo Co. | BF | 4 | 27 | 12 | 31 00 | 9 15 | 40 15 | 43 00 |
| S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co. | BF | 5 | 40 | 39 | 79 50 | 20 70 | 100 20 | 40 80 |
| W. A. Galloway, Mercer | OD | 2 | 18 | 12 | 28 00 | | 28 00 | |
| Albert Byrd | OD | 2 | 15 | 16 | 38 00 | 5 75 | 43 75 | 2 50 |
| Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co. | OD | 4 | 40 | 12 | 26 00 | 10 75 | 36 75 | 2 00 |
| Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co. | OD | 4 | 41 | 27 | 67 00 | 27 10 | 94 10 | |
| Roscoe Bee, Ritchie Co. | OD | 3 | 31 | 24 | 40 00 | 7 65 | 47 65 | |
| W. T. Dishman, Cedar Grove | OD | 5 | 37 | 34 | 60 00 | 76 50 | 136 50 | 46 00 |
| Louisa Russell, Clarksburg | OD | 4 | 20 | 13 | 38 00 | | 38 00 | |
| Maude Wade, Spencer | OD | 1 | 7 | 8 | 20 00 | 1 00 | 21 00 | 1 00 |
| C. E. Will, Benwood | PPF | 4 | 36 | 15 | 37 50 | 8 00 | 45 50 | 21 00 |
| N. D. Fisher, Mullins | Misc. | 5 | | | 112 60 | | 112 60 | 112 60 |
| Cumberland Church | WC | | | | 76 00 | | 76 00 | 76 00 |
| Lillian Zimmerman, Huntington | Misc. | | | | 8 85 | | 8 85 | 8 85 |
| Misc. | | | | | 341 32 | | 341 32 | 341 32 |
| Totals | 17 Agents | | 60 | 459 | 235 1103 77 | 188 65 | 1292 42 | 751 82 |

Ohio One Week Ending May 17, 1918

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| Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co. | OD | 10 | 105 | 55 | 133 00 | 5 55 | 138 55 | 136 00 |
| Robert Kline, Knox Co. | BR | 5 | 52 | 27 | 122 00 | 41 40 | 163 40 | 33 40 |
| W. H. Smith, Marion Co. | PPF | 5 | 45 | 11 | 29 00 | 4 00 | 33 00 | 36 75 |
| O. E. Taylor, Marion Co. | PPF | 4 | 42 | 8 | 20 00 | 75 | 20 75 | 15 75 |
| P. A. Franks, Perry Co. | OD | 4 | 43 | 95 | 203 00 | 19 25 | 222 25 | |
| M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co. | BR | 5 | 41 | 3 | 12 00 | 4 20 | 16 26 | 167 70 |
| F. E. Wagner, Akron | OD | 5 | 40 | 53 | 106 00 | | 106 00 | 42 00 |
| Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co. | BR | 5 | 38 | 15 | 66 00 | 2 25 | 68 25 | |
| Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont | OD | 5 | 38 | 12 | 24 00 | 4 35 | 28 35 | 10 05 |
| H. C. Nelson, Springfield | OD | 5 | 35 | 6 | 15 00 | 3 35 | 18 35 | 10 30 |
| D. McCarthy, Cincinnati | OD | 5 | 34 | 19 | 40 00 | 8 20 | 48 20 | 26 70 |
| F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati | BR | 6 | 32 | 8 | 22 00 | 16 50 | 38 50 | 56 00 |
| H. C. Nelson, Xenia | OD | 5 | 30 | 25 | 54 00 | 7 75 | 61 75 | 8 50 |
| Alfrida Larsen, Cincinnati | OD | 3 | 22 | 16 | 32 00 | 1 70 | 33 70 | 1 70 |
| C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co. | OD | 3 | 21 | 25 | 65 00 | 6 80 | 71 80 | 4 25 |
| Ed. Searles, Crawford Co. | WCS | 1 | 8 | 36 | 9 00 | 12 80 | 21 80 | 3 55 |
| Misc. | | | | 65 | 57 00 | | 57 00 | |
| Totals | 15 Agents | | 76 | 691 | 502 1009 00 | 138 85 | 1147 85 | 552 65 |

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 17, 1918

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| W. P. Hess, Berks Co. | BR | 5 | 49 | 20 | 83 00 | | 83 00 | 14 00 |
| J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co. | BR | 5 | 45 | 20 | 87 00 | 3 00 | 90 00 | |
| S. J. Mack, Bradford Co. | BR | 5 | 42 | 28 | 116 00 | | 116 00 | 4 00 |
| H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre | BR | 5 | 39 | 28 | 68 50 | | 68 50 | 25 00 |
| R. W. Garrett, Luzerne Co. | BR | 4 | 39 | 26 | 154 00 | | 154 00 | 24 00 |
| Wm. Frizzell, Luzerne | BR | 7 | 66 | 35 | 181 00 | | 181 00 | 193 00 |
| G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co. | BR | 5 | 35 | 10 | 47 00 | 5 25 | 52 25 | 3 50 |
| Sol. Diehl, Union Co. | SP | 3 | 28 | | | 75 | 75 | 40 35 |
| S. J. Mack, Bradford Co. | BR | 2 | 16 | 4 | 19 00 | | 19 00 | |
| C. F. Booth, York Co. | BR | 3 | 14 | 4 | 17 00 | | 17 00 | |
| W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co. | WCS | 3 | 27 | 33 | 16 50 | | 16 50 | 13 50 |
| Misc. | | | | | 72 25 | | 72 25 | |
| Totals | 10 Agents | | 47 | 400 | 208 | 861 25 | 9 00 | 870 25 |
| | | | | | | | | 317 35 |

Virginia, Week Ending May 17, 1918

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| F. E. Hankins, Russell Co. | OD | 4 | 41 | 150 | 355 00 | | 355 00 | |
| W. E. Saunders, Lee Co. | OD | 5 | 43 | 53 | 123 00 | | 123 00 | |
| W. A. Toler, Princess Anne Co. | OD | 4 | 35 | 56 | 122 00 | 75 | 122 75 | |
| S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co. | BR | 4 | 34 | 37 | 122 00 | | 122 00 | |
| H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co. | BR | 4 | 37 | 27 | 120 00 | | 120 00 | |
| Orion Lawrence, James City | OD | 5 | 17 | 20 | 62 00 | 1 50 | 63 50 | 110 00 |
| R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co. | OD | 5 | 44 | 22 | 45 00 | | 45 00 | |
| J. H. Ware, Warren Co. | OD | 5 | 46 | 20 | 40 00 | | 40 00 | 5 00 |
| Clyde Stevens, Isle of White | OD | 3 | 24 | 18 | 40 00 | | 40 00 | |
| Hugh Land, Rockingham Co. | OD | 3 | 20 | 7 | 33 00 | | 33 00 | |
| H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co. | BR | 3 | 24 | | | | | 185 00 |
| L. Williams, Gloucester Co. | OD | 4 | 21 | | | | | 150 00 |
| Totals | 11 Agents | | 49 | 386 | 410 | 1062 00 | 2 25 | 1064 25 |
| | | | | | | | | 480 00 |

Grand Totals: Agents 71 Value of Orders \$5236 77 Deliveries \$2532 62

fall the questions: What is the meaning of this break-down of modern civilization? Must the World live for ever either deluged in blood or under the dark shadow of impending war? Is there no deliverance or hope?

What Seventh-day Adventist can sit idly by while his neighbor and the public ask these questions? Nothing can answer these questions so well as a copy of this new book by Elder Daniells—*A World in Perplexity*. Let us work while there is opportunity. Great events and rapid changes are taking place. No one knows how long favorable opportunity for work may last.

The price of "*A World in Perplexity*" is 25 cents in paper binding, 50 cents in cloth. Shipped in full case lots of 500, these will be prepaid to your address. Let our churches club together and order a supply. Send all orders to your tract society.

OBITUARIES

WALTERS.—Dr. Reuben was born in Russell, Ohio, August 22, 1838. When but a small boy he moved with his parents to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where he resided until his death.

He received a good education in high class seminaries and in 1861 began the study of medicine. On August 15, 1861, he enlisted as Private in Co. "D" 7th O. V. I., and was promoted to hospital steward on March 14, 1864. He was mustered out of service on March 17, 1865, at Nashville,

Tenn. On returning from the army he again resumed the study of medicine in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. He attended his second course of lectures at Cleveland Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1867 and later commenced his practice in Chagrin Falls and vicinity. Of late years he had retired from real active practice because of his failing health.

On December 5, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Frances White of Conneaut, Pa., who died March 20, 1892. Two sons were born to this union, Dr. W. H. Walters of Fairfield, Maine, and Dr. A. F. Walters of Moose Lake, Minn. On January 21, 1904 he was married to Mrs. Mary J. Spencer of Genoa, Ohio, who with the two sons survive him. Dr. Walters was of a kind and loving disposition, ever ready to lend a helping hand. His kindly smile and warm hand clasp will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He accepted the Third Angel's Message some thirty years ago and remained steadfast and firm to the day of his death.

Being overtaken by the dreadful disease, pneumonia, on Tuesday, he fell asleep Friday morning, April 19, 1918, aged 79 years, 7 months, and 27 days. But we mourn not as those who have no hope. When the Life-giver shall call the faithful ones from their dusty beds, we believe our brother will come forth to receive his reward in the earth made new.

Funeral services were conducted April 21, 1918, at the M. E. Church, Chagrin Falls, by Elder F. H. Henderson of Akron, Ohio,

assisted by Rev. G. W. Huddleson, of that place.
Mrs. G. A. RARICK.

JAMES.—Narcissus E. for many years a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Clyde, Ohio, died May 5, at the home of her grandson. Her anchor held till the last, and her hope of a soon coming Saviour never faltered. It was the privilege of the writer to hold the funeral service for many friends and neighbors in our house of worship in Clyde.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Mount Vernon Academy

Students' Sabbath School Report

We are glad to report that the blessings of God have rested on the Students' Sabbath School of Mount Vernon another year. The goal for each quarter had been more than reached. Totaling the goals for the three quarters, they amounted to \$380.00 and this had been doubled as the offering for the school year amounted to \$761.08. The average membership was 117 while the average attendance was 99. But that of most importance is the spiritual blessings received from the school, which proved an uplift to most. Surely God was in our midst and we would not fail to thank Him for it.
MARGARET SCHMIDT, Sec'y.

Wedding Bells

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Corder, Akron, Ohio, May 22, was solemnized the pretty wedding of Mr. Guy Corder, Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Miss Lily Sehar, Sardis, Ohio. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Corder, Mr. E. Ray Corder, and Mrs. Alice Stockum. After a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, and Niagara Falls, the happy couple will reside at Dresden, Ohio, Route 3, where they will teach school next year. Our best wishes accompany the young people in their work for the Lord.

F. H. HENDERSON.

News Notes

(Owing to a lack of space in last week's VISITOR, we had to hold over our academy notes.)

A number of our students left before the close, some to get an early start in the canvassing field.

Mr. Raymond Kraft gave a stereopticon lecture on Astronomy at the State Sanatorium. He is a member of the class of 1918.

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Brother M.W. Shidler, the new field agent for Ohio, spoke to the students in the Friday night prayer meeting, and in chapel on Monday morning.

Elder F. H. Robbins, our new conference president, occupied the chapel hour on Tuesday morning.

Last week was a very busy one for the teachers and students. Examinations, visitors, and the closing exercises demanded all their time. This strenuous time is usually intermingled with joy and sadness. While the students are glad to return to their homes, yet they dislike to part from those with whom they have become so intimate. Many will be engaged in active service for the Lord and our prayers for their success and rich blessings shall ascend daily.

As the students left on Tuesday, another large company came in to occupy the college building. All the workers and their wives were called together for a meeting on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22 and 23.

The Ministerial Band closed their meetings with a musicale at the State Farm on May 14.

The church school children gave a very interesting program in the academy chapel on Wednesday evening, which was the closing exercise for their school.

Messrs. George Carter and Earl Hackman, members of the Ministerial Band, went out two days selling "World War." They sold 133 copies or in other words they sold \$35 worth of books.

Thursday evening, May 16, was class night; Sabbath, May 18, Elder F. H. Harter preached the baccalaureate sermon; and on Monday night, May 20, Professor M. E. Kern gave the commencement address.

Elder E. K. Slade, former president of Ohio, left this field last Thursday morning to take up his work in Michigan. His address is P. O. Box 55, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Elder F. H. Robbins' sermon to the Mount Vernon Church on Sabbath morning, May 11, was greatly appreciated.

Professor H. A. Miller's mother, Mrs. F. R. Miller and her little granddaughter, Miss Bernice Miller of Batavia, N. Y., spent some time visiting with Professor and Mrs. Miller.

The following were visitors at the Academy during commencement week: Mrs. D. Rokey, Chatfield, Ohio, Misses Esther Hottes, Dayton, Ethel Opdyke, Audre, Reichenbaugh and Ruth Shriver, and Messrs. Robert Diegel and George Porter, Mrs. Sauder and Mrs. Murphy.

Miss Mable Cassell and Mr. Clifford Hubbell returned to their homes last Thursday from Washington Missionary College.

Mr. J. George Wolf who is in training at Camp Sherman, was given a few days leave, during which time he visited at the academy.

Monday morning, May 20, the new flag was raised with an appropriate service.

An Industrial program was rendered Sunday evening, May 19, and many made the remark that M. V. A. is far ahead of any other school along these lines. Booths, beautifully decorated, exhibited the various productions from the printing department, sewing class, hennery, carpentry department and cooking class.

A school picnic was held in Hiawatha Park on Monday, May 20.

The last Friday night prayer meeting was one which will long be remembered. The testimonies all bore a sound of victory and a determination to press forward.

Mr. Joseph Beach was united in marriage with Miss Martha Anna Mooy, on Thursday, May 16, in Tulsa Okla.

Camp-Meeting Dates

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| Virginia | May 24-June 2 |
| West Virginia | June 6-16 |
| East Pennsylvania | " 13-22 |
| West " | " 20-30 |
| Ohio | Aug. 15-25 |
| Chesapeake | September 5-15 |
| District of Columbia | Sept. 13-21 |
| New Jersey | June 27-July 7 |

Advertisements

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

STUDY AT HOME.—If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fireside Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniels, President of the General Conference, says, "I believe your school is conferring benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—Four barbers; first-class shop under management of Seventh-day Adventists. Close on Sabbath and open on Sunday. A good opportunity for the right men. Address C. E. Williams, 234 38th Street, Newport News, Va.

WANTED.—A settled white woman for housekeeper; will not object to one child. Must be a Sabbath-keeper. A good home and wages to the right person. Church privileges and tent meetings a few squares away. Plenty of time for missionary work. Address W. E. Vansciver 11th Street Wharf, Washington, D. C.

WANTED.—Adventist boy or man to work on farm. Address Mrs. Emma Spoor, Titusville, Pa., Star Route.

FOR SALE.—Modern bungalow located three minutes' walk from the academy. Address Mrs. E. R. Brown, R. No. 1, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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