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## UNION

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### What Is the Columbia Union Doing With our War Service Fund

Many questions have come in to the Columbia Union Conference Committee asking whether, since peace has been declared, we will continue to gather in the pledges that were made throughout the Columbia Union Conference to our Soldier Boys' Fund. We invite the attention of our brethren to some very important and serious consideration in connection with this question.

It is of great necessity that we understand that the dangers of peace just now are greater than the dangers of war. All Seventh-day Adventist boys, who by the war have been disjointed in their plans and purposes, we ought to, at once, step in and take care of them. This, the Columbia Union Conference Committee has taken definite steps to do, and to this end we expect the present War Fund will not only continue, but that we shall have greater need of liberality from our brethren in helping our boys on their feet. This fund in connection with other moneys that will be raised to help out will be offered to our soldier boys who wish to attend the schools in the Columbia Union Conference. Each case will be decided upon its merits. To most of them, in all probability, will be given their tuition; and in a number of cases, no doubt, more than their tuition will be necessary; and we intend that this provision will not be for this year alone. Therefore, we would ask all our brethren who made pledges on this fund to pay in liberally, and if they can, to carry it further; for so far as the great plans of the Third Angel's Message is concerned, the war is not over.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Help for our Soldier Boys in the Service

The Columbia Union Conference Committee at its executive committee meeting a week ago took action looking for-

ward to providing immediately for our soldier boys who are or have been in the service.

We feel that the least we can do for them is what the Government is doing in general. We have appointed a committee of which Elder H. K. Christman is chairman to visit all the Columbia Union boys who are in the camps nearby and to get in touch with those who are in service in camp or field outside of the territory of the Columbia Union. The Columbia Union Conference intends to continue its War Fund, and will offer financial assistance to all the boys who wish to attend Washington Missionary College or any other educational institutions in the Columbia Union Conference.

We would ask all our brethren to whom these lines may come, and all our boys to whom this information may come to write at once concerning any case or prospect which you may have in mind to Elder H. K. Christman, 411 Cedar Street, Takoma Park, D. C.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Free Tuition for our Soldier Boys

We ask all the brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference to send us at once any information concerning our soldier boys who wish to go on with their training for the Third Angel's Message. In the majority of these cases, the Columbia Union Conference will stand ready to offer them their tuition; and in some cases, more than this will be needed to be done.

We, therefore, ask all our brethren, and all our soldier boys who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, and co-operate with us in helping the boys plan for their educational work for the future, to write at once to Elder H. K. Christman, 411 Cedar Street, Takoma Park, D. C.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Two Big Home Missionary Con- ventions

It has been only a few years since the Home Missionary Department experienced a real revival in connection with our world-wide movement. The progress made in the work during the past few

years has gone far beyond our expectations. As soon as the program was launched to enlist the talent of the members of our churches throughout the land in active soul-winning service, there was a general rallying to the standard. For the purpose of unifying and strengthening the Home Missionary work a General Conference Convention was held in College View, Nebraska, November 25 to 28. Delegates from Main to California were present at this important meeting, and the three days passed all too soon. The Home Missionary secretaries from the various Union Conferences were there to act their part in formulating the plans for the future work of the department.

Elder Daniells was present during the entire session, and gave much valuable counsel on questions of leadership and organization as related to the Home Missionary work. Presidents from the various Union Conferences were numbered among the delegates, and their interest and co-operation proved to be a valuable aid in the convention.

Careful study was given to every phase of the Home Missionary department with the object in mind of giving new life to the movement, and reaching the ideal of making every Seventh-day Adventist throughout the land a personal soul-winner. Resolutions were adopted which will give a broader scope to this department, and pave the way for the speedy finishing of the work of God in the earth. In this connection Elder L. H. Christian was asked to take the general secretaryship of the Home Missionary department, and in order to give strength to the movement Brother W. L. Adams of the Southwestern Union Conference was asked to take the field secretaryship of the United States west of the Mississippi, while Elder F. W. Paap will confine his efforts largely to the territory east of this line.

Following the adjournment of the convention, all who were present returned to their respective fields with a new, clearer vision of the limitless possibilities in the path of our Home Missionary movement. We feel confident that the pulse of this important meeting will be felt from one end of the country to the other, and that its inspiration will strike a responsive chord in the missionary activities of our people in the homeland during the coming year.

## COLUMBIA UNION CONVENTION

One of the resolutions adopted at the General Conference Home Missionary Convention urged that a similar meeting be held at some central point in each Union Conference as soon as possible. In harmony with this resolution a Columbia Union Home Missionary Convention was held in Pittsburg, Penna., December 9 to 11. A workers' meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference was in session at the same time. Opportunity was thus afforded for joint meetings for the consideration of topics pertaining to the Home Missionary work in the local conference.

Elder Daniells spent the last day of the convention with us, and in his spirited studies on the real object of the meeting and the need of the hour gave a spiritual mould to the meeting which, above everything else, will be carried into the field.

Dr. Wilkinson's devotional studies each morning opened avenues for the deep movings of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of all present. We feel that the spiritual interests of the work constitute the first essential to its success, and as the days of our meeting passed, the influence of this morning devotional hour was felt in a marked manner. Much consideration was given to the serious times that have come upon the world, the demands of the present world situation, and the imperative need of a heart preparation as a stepping-stone to successful service.

Elder F. W. Paap, Field Secretary of the Home Missionary department east of the Mississippi River, contributed a valuable service to the convention during the entire session.

The conference presidents who were present included Elders W. H. Heckman, D. A. Parsons, F. H. Robbins, I. D. Richardson, T. B. Westbrook, A. S. Booth, R. E. Harter, and W. C. Moffett. The Home Missionary secretaries were, — T. H. Barritt, E. R. Numbers and Earl F. Hackman of Ohio; Mrs. T. B. Westbrook of West Virginia; E. A. Manry of West Pennsylvania; H. G. Gauker of East Pennsylvania; G. H. Clark of New Jersey; M. S. Pettibone of Chesapeake; and R. C. Taylor of the District Conference.

A further report of this important convention will be given next week, and also some of the resolutions adopted for the future development of the Home Missionary department in the Columbia Union.

H. K. CHRISTMAN, *Home Miss. Sec.*

## VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond  
W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

## Get a Training for Service

When we consider that nearly \$40,000 worth of subscription books alone, totaling close to a billion pages, have been

placed by our self-supporting evangelistic colporteurs in 20,000 homes, to be read by 50,000 people during the past year, we must recognize the importance of this means of reaching the masses, especially when it is estimated that our hall and tent efforts were attended by only 1,500 people. The preaching often goes in one ear and out the other; the books are there to stay. The preaching is not always what might be desired, the books are carefully prepared by chosen men and get the message before the people effectively.

Men with families are making a good living at this work, often giving up their trades. This time of prosperity and returning peace is our time of opportunity. We have only six colporteurs in the field at present to warn ninety counties. There ought to be five times that many men and women in the field. This means that somebody must give up lucrative positions for the love of souls. Brother, sister, have you truly placed everything on the altar? Are you really willing to do what the Lord would have you to do, to go where He will have you go?

W. C. MOFFETT.

## Guinea Mills Church

On November 19, at the request of the Conference President, I began a series of meetings with the Guinea Mills Church. The use of the Saratoga school house was granted to us. From the start there was a good interest; the meetings were continued up to December 8, when suddenly the flu entered the neighborhood and in forty-eight hours nearly every family was stricken, in some cases the entire family was taken ill at once.

As a result of the meeting, five were baptised and added to the church and a debt of \$68.14 was paid off. This debt had been standing a long time, although much larger when the church was first built. We talked it over with the brethren at their homes, so when we came together to consider it, after a few well chosen remarks by Elder Moffett, followed by a good social meeting, the money was promised and about \$22 was raised and nearly enough pledged to pay the debt. The writer collected the same, and now the church stands free from debt and would have been dedicated by the writer if sickness had not prevented.

We rejoice with the brethren who have at last freed their church from its burden of debt. We were glad to have Elders Moffett and Gordon, with the latter's family with us over Sunday, each of the brethren speaking to an interested audience. If the meetings could have continued for another week, we believe others would have taken their stand.

I now return to the western part of the

state, to continue the interesting work begun earlier in the year. Later we expect to report this work for the VISITOR.

W. E. BIDWELL.

## Institute February 6-15

That those who expect to engage in helping to place in the homes of the people of Virginia more of this literature that contains soul-saving truths, plans are being laid for the best institute for Missionary Colporteurs ever held in the state.

Surely the time has come for us to "Arise and Shine." The work of God in this world is soon to close. Probation hours are swiftly passing by, and as the hour draws on, shall we be found giving our time and strength to things of the world? Or shall we without delay put on the "whole armour of God" and be found devoting all our time in the service of Him who gave up all for us?

If you feel impressed with the thought of helping in this soul-saving work, we invite you to drop us a line and we will be glad to furnish you all the information and tell you how you may attend this institute and receive this training without cost.

F. E. HANKINS, *Field Sec.*

## NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton  
W. H. Heckman, Pres. - Cora Felker, Sec.

## News Notes

Have all your Harvest Ingathering funds been turned in to the church treasurer? This should be done at once if you have not, else your church will not get credit for same this year.

Elder Heckman made a business trip to Washington last week.

Don't fail to take advantage of the special club offer when sending in your subscriptions for our periodicals during January. You should especially have the "Review and Herald." If you are not already a subscriber, by sending in your subscription before the last of January the "Review" will be sent to your address for fourteen months for \$2.50. Also upon request a copy of the new book, "After The War, What?" will be mailed to your address free as soon as it is off the press providing you order the "Review" for one year. You should by all means subscribe for the "Review" and keep pace with our message.

Brother G. H. Clark has returned to the office after spending several days among the churches in the interests of his department.

Elder C. S. Baum made a pleasant call at the office last week. He reports that many new subscriptions for the "Review" are being secured among the Newark Church members.

There is a great demand for the 1919 Morning Watch. We expect to circulate more than 1000 in this conference during the year 1919. Already we have received orders for more than were circulated during the whole year of 1918. You can't appreciate it until you see it.

Brother L. D. Warren visited the Woodbury Church last Sabbath.

## OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

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

## Toledo

Last Sabbath the church here went "over the top" in the Harvest Ingathering. Our report totalled \$1012, and we are "carrying on."

Our Sister Kummer raised about \$225, and the others of us who had set our goals at \$100 each, have all reached them. Brother and Sister Dye raised about \$150. Brother Belden's family raised \$120 and Brother Shaw went over his \$100 goal. Others have done nobly. Some have not raised so much, but we have been very grateful for all that has been done and for what has been gathered in. Little Esther Belden, a child 10 years old, raised \$12.30. Another little girl, Rhonda Leach and her smaller sister raised about \$6. We are still at it, some intending to continue, or "carry on" until the end of the year. We have raised, including our next report, over \$10 per member. We have had the presence and blessing of the Lord during the Week of Prayer.

A. R. BELL.

## A Neglected Privilege

As we bid adieu to the old year and step over into the new, the marvelous openings in the regions yet unworked justify us in looking forward to a period of unusual prosperity in the year that is opening before us. At the same time there is doubtless in the minds of every Seventh-day Adventist a mingling of apprehension and anxiety as to what the immediate future holds in store for the church, as regards her relation to civil government. The conflict between the forces of good and evil has nearly reached its climax, and if there ever was a time when our people needed not only to keep informed upon the conditions that exist in the world, but to receive the very best instruction and help in meeting such con-

ditions, it is at this time. For this reason no home can afford to be without our church paper, the "Review and Herald." We are hoping to see it in every home in the Ohio Conference, and will not be satisfied until this is accomplished. If you are not receiving its weekly visits, send in your subscription at once.

The publishing house is making a special offer as an inducement to our people to subscribe at once. The yearly subscription rate is \$2.50, but to those who subscribe before January 31, it will be sent for fourteen months for this price, and in addition, the new book, "After the War, What?" will be given as a premium; this applying to new subscribers only.

January 4 will be Review and Herald day, and we hope to receive hundreds of subscriptions then, but you need not wait. As soon as you read this article, sit down and order it before you forget it, if you are not already a subscriber. As the government restriction on paper has been removed, it will be much larger than it has been during the past year, and the contents will be such that no family can afford to miss a single number.

E. R. NUMBERS.

## M and S Sanitarium Festivities

A company of about fifty gathered in the M and S Sanitarium parlors on the evening of December 23, to hold their usual holiday festivities. The company was made up of Dr. Fisher's family, a number of patients, the nurses and helpers, friends from Columbus, Academia, and Mansfield. An excellent program of music, songs, and recitations was rendered. The gifted elocution teacher, Miss M. F. Crump, from the academy, and Miss Mable Butler, pianist, added largely to the interest. Master Gaylord Fisher and Mildred Hall recited some excellent recitations. Master Ralph Christman presided at the piano with accompaniments to Miss Crump's elocutionary selections. A beautiful Christmas tree graced the occasion with its burden of presents, useful and amusing. About its base were many larger packages. The entertainment began with a prayer by Dr. Fisher. Before the distribution of presents, the Chaplain, Elder D. E. Lindsey, in a few words told the story of Bethlehem's Manger Babe. The basket was passed for a first-fruit gift and resulted in the sum of twelve dollars for the Lord's poor in mission fields.

Following the many presents and distribution of candies, nuts, popcorn, and cakes, and the social hour, we sang, "Till We Meet Again," and closed with a benediction of thanksgiving and praise by the chaplain.

D. E. LINDSEY.

## News Notes

It is with deep sorrow that we write of the affliction that visited Brother Edward Searles' home in Bucyrus, Ohio. Within one week's time four loved ones were taken by death; the wife, two sons and the young woman whom Edward was soon to marry. The obituary of Edward appeared in the last issue of the VISITOR, and the others will come out in the next issue. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Searles and family.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## Wedding Bells

On December 22, at Venedocia, Ohio, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, a quiet wedding took place. Mr. Joe Shellhaas and Miss Jennie Nichols were united in marriage. About forty guests were present. Following the ceremony dinner was served, which all enjoyed.

After their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Shellhaas will make Lima, Ohio, their future home. Their many friends join in wishing them the felicities of heaven and the choicest blessings of earth.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

I. D. Richardson Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

## Work of our "Silent Preachers"

Sometime ago we received a credit memorandum from the "Review and Herald," showing that they had shipped to a man by the name of Chauncey Stiver \$20 worth of books. As we did not have this man on our isolated list, we knew he must be an outsider, so we wrote to Brother Holst, and had him call upon this party, with the result that he found Stiver keeping the Sabbath, and "Bible Readings" was the book that brought him into the truth.

Another family by the name of Whitting at Van, Pa., came into the truth from reading "Bible Readings." They are rejoicing in their new found truth, and are doing a great amount of missionary work in their sections. They have gone so far as to create an interest so that we sent Brother Manry to hold a series of meetings there, but on account of the influenza he had to give it up.

A few days ago we learned of a minister by the name of T. F. Sexton who has charge of four country churches, that he was interested in the message. Elder Richardson, our president, and the writer called upon him, and we found that several years ago he had purchased "Great Controversy," and later several of our small books. On account of this reading

matter he is practically a full fledged Seventh-day Adventist, and is preaching the message to his people, and made the statement to us that when he is stopped from preaching it, that he is going to join the church that will allow him to preach according as his conscience tells him. He also stated that he had a pile of theological books about three feet high. He stated that he could get more truth and knowledge out of "Return of Jesus" than all the theological books together. This minister is a young man, and will make a tireless worker for the cause.

These souls that we have just spoken of all came into the truth through the work of the colporteurs, and surely it is time that our people get their arms around these self-supporting missionaries and give them a lift along the way instead of holding back and discouraging them from keeping on and entering the work.

J. S. NEELY.

"As you have doubtless noticed by the circulars sent out, the prices of "Our Day" after December 31 will be \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50. Please notify your colporteurs accordingly. Any orders taken NOW, to be delivered after December 31, will be filled at the old rate, if so ordered."

REVIEW AND HERALD.

Last week Brethern Manry and Spencer called upon some of the business men of Johnstown with the Harvest Ingathering. In the short space of four hours \$46 was raised for missions. They report some very interesting experiences. A Jewish lady at first did not care to listen, but when she found out what was actually being accomplished in distant lands, she willingly contributed. The leading hardware man thanked them for coming. One manager of a syndicate stated that the management turned down a worthy cause. Should our ministers and church elders in the towns and cities call upon this class of men, much means would be brought into the treasury. Years ago the Spirit of Prophecy instructed us to go to the rich, some will not listen, but thank God, not all.

The work at Sharon is being blest continually, as many are willing to listen to the truth, and some are taking their stand to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Last Sabbath six precious souls were buried with Christ in baptism, the church was organized, and fifteen charter members were taken into the church. The officers for the coming year were elected, and the church was divided into bands for work.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

### Our Work For Today

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in My holy mountain: Let all the inhabitants of the land triumph; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

As I travel among our churches I find a settled conviction that we are passing a great crisis in the history of our world. This conviction is well founded upon prophetic utterances found in the Word of God and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. With other foundations crumbling and falling, the Advent believer can say with the apostle of old, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, ---" 2 Peter 1:16. Prophecy is rapidly meeting its literal fulfillment and will so continue until the Lord Jesus Christ appears in the clouds with all the holy angels to receive His waiting children.

The last days are thus described by the inspired apostle in his letter to Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times, shall come." 2 Timothy 3:11. Such utterances need no comment when placed in the light of present-day events. Last day conditions now confront the church of the living God and our work must now harmonize with our day.

"And ye should know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and none else; and My people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days, will I pour out My spirit."

"Be glad then ye children of Zion and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat." For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy off-spring: ---"

"I saw that none could share the refreshing unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action." E. W. page 61. This is the work for today. Let it begin right now. Many have neglected this work, thinking that God will work in

some miraculous manner in their behalf and thus take from them some long cherished sin. Such will surely be left without a shelter when the time of trouble dawns upon our unrepentant world.

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation needful and were looking to the time of "refreshing" and the "latter rain" to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight.

Oh! how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter: They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a Holy God." E. W. pp. 60, 61.

God's people are yet to be sifted even as wheat. Many will yet fall away. "All who preach the truth will not themselves be saved by it. Test. Vol. 1, p. 262. The work of today is an individual work. God is in the midst of Israel, so let us be strong in His might. Victory is ours today: Let the shouts of victory ascend on high from the camp of the saints for Israel triumphs gloriously.

LEE SUFFICOL.

### News Notes

A bright and happy New Year with the blessings of God to all the members of Eastern Pennsylvania.

December 17 to 22 inclusive Elder Parsons and Brother Gauker visited the following churches: Carlisle, Danville, Northumberland, Lebanon, Williamsport, and Wade, and found them of good courage. As a result of the epidemic, the work had been greatly hindered, but the members have again aroused to their active missionary work.

Mrs. L. Hibbs is again missionary secretary of the West Philadelphia Church, as Sister Lingo has left the conference to take up work in the state hospital in New Jersey. We are sorry to lose Sister Lingo, but glad that Sister Hibbs has again resumed this responsible position in this large church.

Sister Gladys Bowen of the office force spent last week end with Brother and Sister Mitchell of Birdsboro, Pa.

Miss Bessie Mount of the Washington Missionary College is spending the holidays with Sister Acton in Philadelphia.

Sister Acton spent last Sabbath with the Sellersville Church in the interest of the Sabbath School work. She reports a very profitable trip and from all that we can hear, her instruction and assistance was very much appreciated.

The North Philadelphia Church is now holding its Wednesday evening prayer meetings at the conference office.

We are still receiving such phrases in our correspondence from the field as, "I can't sell 'World War' and 'World in Perplexity' any more. The war is over now and no one wants the books." Dear reader, if this is your experience, I want to inform you that if ever there was a time when these books were needed it is now. Whenever was there a time when this world was in such perplexity--Truly it is this time.

By glancing over the chapter headings of these books you will find the fore part deals a trifle with the war, and the remainder takes up many points of the message and just what the people need. The publishers have a large supply of these books on hand and are depending on the lay members to "spread them as the leaves of autumn." If they were to change the cover and title on the books the demand I know would be heavy. Why? Because the books are appropriate for these days.

Such books as "The Vatican and the War" which deals with the work of the papacy at this time; "The World Problems," problems that are now arising; "Armageddon," which we know is to come, are just the books to circulate. Will you not do all you can to get these into the hands of those who know not of these vital things, but rejoice at receiving such?

Send your order to the tract society. We can also fill your orders for the revised edition of "Return of Jesus" under the new title, "Our Lord's Return."

"The work of the seed sower is a work of faith. He casts his seed into the ground and is apparently throwing away the precious grain that might furnish bread for his family; but he is only giving up a present good for a larger return. So with the servant of Christ who now labors scattering the seed before the harvest." C. O. Lessons.

Pretty bookmarks are waiting at the conference office for all who complete reading the Bible through during 1918. Don't forget to report.

Our dear Sister Butts who has set her Harvest Ingathering goal for \$500 has gone "over the top." She has solicited up to December 12, \$520, and is still busy. Besides this, she has helped the church at Lancaster in reaching their goal. The Lord is certainly blessing this aged sister in this noble work. When the reward will be given, we believe that Sister Butts will bring sheaves with her as the direct result of her faithfulness in the Harvest Ingathering Work.

Let all those who have solicited funds in the Harvest Ingathering Work pass in their gifts to the church treasurer at once, so that it may be included in this year's campaign. On account of the great obstacles this fall we have been hindered very much, and we need all funds on hand to make our quota. Do not fail to send all in by the first of the year.

Watch for the final report of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Have you had a share in it? If not, by sending in your check to the church treasurer or to the office, you may still, at the eleventh hour, have your name placed on the honor roll,--\$5 per member.

It has been demonstrated by several young people in the German Church that the use of a well prepared, brief, spicy canvass when working with the Harvest Ingathering will result in four times larger missions. Last year two children solicited \$5 each during the campaign. This year, the same children by using a canvass, solicited up to date \$20 a piece. They report that the work seems so much easier and that they just enjoy going out because they know what to say when they meet the people. Their work is leaving a good impression and they feel encouraged to continue.

If I were interested in worldly affairs and the making of money, there would seem to be no reason why I should subscribe for any publication that was instructing me differently. On the contrary, if I am interested in what the church stands for, it would seem I could hardly afford to do without the "good old Review."

If you have not placed your order with the tract society, do so immediately.

We were pleased to have Elder Leland pay us a short visit at the office this morning, while on his way to Washington where he will spend Christmas with his family.

Word comes to us that the eldest daughter of Brother Hess, one of our faithful colporteurs, has been seriously ill with the influenza. We have not heard the outcome at this time, but trust she is improving.

## SPECIAL

### A Day Meditation

In the Lord's charge to Joshua, Joshua 1:7, 8, we read: "Only be thou strong and very courageous that thou mayest observe to do according to all the

law which Moses My servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous and thou shalt have good success." And the psalmist found pleasure in meditating on the law of the Lord day and night, revealing the fact that the law of his God was in his heart. Ps. 37:30, 31, "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart and none of his steps shall slide."

As I meditate in the law of the Lord, my mind is drawn to James 4:12, where we find that there is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and destroy. "There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy; who art thou that judgest another." On further searching of the Scriptures, we learn that the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, He will save us. Isaiah 33:22. The nature of the law is revealed in Romans 7:7, where we read "What shall we say then, is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin but by the law, for I had not known lust except the law said, Thou shalt not covet" and in verse 12 we read, "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, just, and good." The trouble is found to be with the carnal or natural mind, and not with the law, for we read in Romans 8:7, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." We find that the gospel does not make void the law, but establishes it, the gospel being the remedy for sin and its results. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid. Yea we establish the law." Romans 3:31. The purpose of the law is to define sin, which it does, as found in 1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law." We are not justified by the doing of the deeds which the law requires, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." The reason is set forth in the text as, "for by the law is the knowledge of sin" and in Galatians 2:16, we read, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Also Colossians 3:11, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident, for the just shall live by faith."

## Christ's Attitude Toward the Law

A remarkable prophecy is found in Jeremiah 31:31-33, which reads as follows, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Jacob, not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, which my covenant they break, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I shall make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their heart, and will be their God, and they shall be My people." As Jesus is the embodiment of the new covenant, a light to the Gentiles, Isaiah 42:6, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand and keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles." We would expect Christ to have in His heart the law of God, which the psalmist David declares to be the case. Of Christ, David writes, Psalms 40: 6, 7, 8, "Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire, mine ears hast thou opened; burnt offering and sin offering hast Thou not required; then said I, Lo I come. in the volume of the book it is written of Me, I delight to do thy will, O my God, yea Thy law is within my heart." Christ in the wonderful sermon on the mount, Himself declares, Matt. 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy but to fulfill." The mind of the Bible student will at once revert to Daniel 7:25, where we read, "And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws, and they shall be given in his hand until a time, and times, and the dividing of time," attempting to do that which the Lord would not think of. The text affords much profitable thought to the meditative mind. Isaiah anticipating with the mind of the seer, the snaring, the stumble, the fall, and being broken, admonishes Israel, Isaiah 8:16, "Bind up the testimony and seal the law among My disciples." In verse 20, he turns our mind to the law and the testimony and assures us that there is no light in familiar spirits and wizards that peep and mutter. In Isaiah 8:20, 19, the sorry experience of Israel was that they too often turned their ears from the hearing of the law, and their prayers became abominable—Prov. 28:9, "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination," and we read in Isaiah 1:10-20, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom. Give ear unto the law of our God, ye

## Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 13, 1918									
A. E. Holst, Cookport Co.		BR		40					271 55
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	5	36	23	79 00	1 00	80 00	70 00
A. Brownlee, Pittsburg		SD	13	98		100 00	91 15	191 15	120 45
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	12	66	35	155 50	46 75	202 25	
John LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR		5	49				153 20
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	5	38	24	60 00	2 75	62 75	100 75
Anna LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR		5	49				153 20
E. W. Chisholm, Oil City		BR	9	60	32	140 00	1 00	141 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	8	20	37	85 00		85 00	4 00
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		OD, BR	10	65	32	90 50	2 00	92 50	2 00
Winifred Wagoner, Clearfield		WW		20		22 20		22 20	5 30
Totals	11 Agents		73	531	183	732 20	144 65	876 85	880 45
West Virginia, Week Ending December 13, 1918									
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	9	80	1	2 50	74 60	77 10	71 30
S. G. Bertolet, Wagne Co.		BF	6	32	22	55 50	15 50	71 00	71 50
N. D. Fisher, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	28	28	123 00	35 55	158 55	9 50
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	3	24	40	95 00	36 60	131 60	
B. P. Wright, Kanawha Co.		BR	3	17	9	44 00	12 10	56 10	7 10
Misc., Tyler Co.		OD	4	25	17	39 00	11 40	50 40	2 50
J. McHenry		BR	2	13		254 00		254 00	
Totals	7 Agents		32	219	117	613 00	185 75	798 75	161 90
New Jersey, Week Ending December 13, 1918									
George Blinn, Trenton		OD	6	41		148 00		148 00	
Esther Lull, Atco			8	62		35 25	2 25	37 50	
Clifford L. Moore		BR	5	27	16	70 00	3 00	73 00	4 67
Mr. & Mrs. Otto Westerhoff		BR	5	36	27	114 00	19 50	133 50	12 00
Totals	4 Agents		24	166	43	367 25	24 75	392 00	16 67
Chesapeake, Week Ending December 13, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	5	33	15	66 00	27 70	93 70	17 00
J. W. Taylor, Somerset Co., Md.		BR	4	13	3	13 00		13 00	4 50
W. Swope, Washington Co., Md.		BR	5	29	28	71 75	2 50	74 25	7 75
Totals	3 Agents		14	75	46	150 75	30 20	180 95	23 25
Virginia, Week Ending December 13, 1918									
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.		OD	3	9	2	4 00	4 80	8 80	12 00
F. C. Butler, Jr. Lee Co.		OD	1						18 00
Misc.						100 00		100 00	100 00
Totals	2 Agents		4	9	2	104 00	4 80	108 80	130 00
New Jersey, Week Ending December 20, 1918.									
Allen Boynton, Jr.		OD	8	48	29	78 50	2 25	80 75	2 25
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brownel		BR	3	25	16	74 00	12 32	86 32	12 32
Fred Krall		OD	4	28	12	33 00		33 00	
Esther Lull			7	52					24 75
C. L. Moore		BR	5	33	22	103 00	7 50	110 50	6 50
Wm. Vahrenkamp		BR	3	18	9	41 00		41 00	
Otto Westerhoff		BR	4	30	21	85 50	4 75	90 25	112 90
E. G. Wrigley		OD	4	19	22	69 00	6 75	75 75	
Fred Zimmerly		OD	6	32	32	97 50	9 50	107 00	9 50
Totals	9 Agents		44	294	163	581 50	43 07	624 57	232 22
East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending December 13, 1918									
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	8	37	11	26 00	5 50	31 50	47 70
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	8	3	15 00	4 05	19-05	16 55
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	7	56	15	63 00	3 00	66 00	36 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	6	51	3	6 00	3 50	9 50	89 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	10	64	24	114 00	14 70	128 70	69 70
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	42	16	67 00	5 60	72 60	29 60
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	3	10	22	8 50	6 35	14 85	2 25
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia		BR		11		46 00		46 00	
Misc.						26 00		26 00	
Totalt	8 Agents		43	268	105	371 00	42 70	414 30	290 80



## Ohio, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1918

John Manuel, New Phila.	BR	5	40		4 00	9 50	13 50	164 55
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	OD	10	68	21	43 00	5 10	48 10	45 10
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton	OD	10	86	41	90 00	11 90	101 90	103 25
R. R. Shank, Richland Co.	OD	5	29	18	45 00	1 50	46 50	49 50
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	BR	9	62	11	49 00	4 30	53 30	127 70
Mrs. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	OD	9	63	19	43 00	10 35	53 35	29 35
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert	OD	10	72	26	56 00	13 65	69 65	102 40
O. E. Taylor, Athens	OD	10	54	42	107 85		107 85	92 55
F. E. Wagner, Kenmore	OD	10	63	58	150 00	7 25	157 25	34 00
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton	OD	9	48	27	49 00	8 90	57 90	57 40
Mrs. C. E. Lacky, Jackson	OD	9	38	21	45 00		45 00	
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati	OD	4	26	1	4 00	26 55	30 55	107 60
Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Athens	OD	4	23	7	45 00		45 00	
R. Kline, Perry	BR	2	9	5	24 00	8 35	32 35	
Geo. Carter, Perry	BR	2	9	4	21 00	6 00	27 00	

Totals	15 Agents	108	690	311	775	85	113	35	889	20	913	40
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## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 20, 1918

Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co	BR	5	30	6	26	00	14	00	40	00	113	00
E. W. Chisholm, Rouseville	BR	5	40	15	66	00	4	00	70	00	4	00
Geo. Buttermore, Mt. Pleasant	OD	6	40	22	50	00	17	35	67	35	18	35
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	1	5								41	00
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh	OD	2	12	10	16	00			16	00	4	00

Totals	5 Agents	19	127	63	158	00	35	35	193	35	180	35
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Grand Totals	64 Agents				Value Orders	3853	55		Deliveries	2829	04
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people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me, saith the Lord. I am full of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts, and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me, the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with. It is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are a trouble unto me, and I am weary to bear them, and when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you. Yea; when ye make many prayers, I will not hear, your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do well, seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, let us reason together saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

We are admonished by James to look into the perfect law of liberty, and so speak as they that shall be judged thereby, James 1:25, "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" and James 2:12, "So speak ye and so do, as they that shall be

judged by the law of liberty" that we may behold wondrous things, "open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." Psalms 119:118.

The apostle Paul gives us a splendid definition of the nature of the law, in Romans 13:8-10, "Owe no man anything but to love one another, for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law, for this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law" and admonishes us in 1 Cor. 16:14, "Let all your things be done with charity." By the same inspiration we are assured of a blessing if we walk in the law of the Lord, "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Psalms 119:1.

D. E. LINDSEY.

## This is the Hour

We are living in the time,—in the half past eleven hour, if you please,—when the everlasting gospel, calling men to prepare to meet the eternal Judge, is fast encircling the earth. The hour of peace among the nations has come once more. With it comes added responsibilities and obligations to every Seventh-day Adventist.

A far greater effort should now be made than ever in the past to extend the circulation of our literature everywhere. The last final warning of what is yet to come, and the invitation to the marriage feast must be given to all peoples. The printed page is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the

tidings of the gospel. It is the last bright flame manifesting itself just previous to the extinction of the world.

Now is the time when we must put forth a special effort to reach the millions of people of foreign speech in our own midst. This is the hour of which the servant of God spoke when she said: "Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters and enter the fields in America that have never been worked. There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to His church."

During the last year in particular, it has been a great pleasure to us to notice the increased interest that is being taken in this mixed multitude of nations. The interest manifested and the faithful efforts put forth in their behalf will surely some day bring eternal reward.

For the first time in the history of our publishing work in this country, we reached an edition of ten thousand copies of one of our foreign magazines for one quarter. Of another, we printed eight thousand copies. These magazines which are filled with the Third Angel's Message, clad in a most attractive and impressive garb, ought to have a circulation twice as big as they now enjoy. We believe they will have this in the future. Will you who read these lines help make this possible?

It is being demonstrated repeatedly by those who engage in systematic magazine work among these foreign speaking people that their last efforts are richly rewarded, both in a financial as well as in a spiritual way.

We desire to call special attention to the last issue of the "Signs of the Times" magazine in the Bohemian, French, Hungarian, Italian and Roumanian languages. This is the issue for the third quarter of this year. Great pain was taken to make this number the most attractive yet published. Among the special features, we might mention the front cover page, which in three rich colors represents America feeding the starving nations of the world. Each of these magazines contains from thirteen to nineteen beautiful illustrations, several of which are full page. Among the articles we will name the following: "Daniel II and Daniel VII," "Return of Jesus," "Fall of Satan," "The Bible," "Where are We in the World's History?" "Faith," "The Time of the End," "The Gospel Message for this Generation," "Secret of Victory," "The Judgment," "Great Controversy," "Rules of Health," "Question Box," etc.

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### Surprises Here and Hereafter

"Well, it was a glorious surprise."

The speaker was telling of the surprise that came to him not many months ago when he learned of the influence of the *Signs of the Times* that had been sent to the home of a good farmer in the middle West. He thought that particular farmer would perhaps need, as many seem to need, a special series of public meetings to "reach" him, but the "silent preacher" coming weekly to his home quietly led the man to right conclusions. That farmer, by the way, is worth \$100,000, and today is with us, money and all, helping to advance the cause of God in the earth. And the *Signs weekly*, our great missionary paper, started the man toward the light.

It is truly remarkable how our literature is finding and helping the seekers of light and hope in these days of perplexity and sorrow. Our brethren and sisters are scattering the printed pages as never before, and consequently, interests are springing up and results are follow-

ing. Seed-time and harvest-time is now. The plowman is overtaking the reaper. Fruit is garnered every week. But what a harvest is just before us! What surprises awaiting the faithful-to-the-end worker!

That word—"surprise"—reminds me of a good little story Dr. Farrar relates about John L. Clem, the famous "drummer boy of Shiloh." At the close of the war young Clem went to see General—then president—Grant, and asked him for an order of admission to West Point.

"But why do you not take the examination?"

"I did, Mr. President, but I failed to pass."

"How was that?"

Why, Mr. President, I lost four years from my schooling while I was in the war."

The president led him on to tell of his experiences, the long and honorable story of those four hard years. Then he gave the youth a sealed note, and said: "Take this to the secretary of war. I guess it will fix you up."

As young Clem handed it to the secretary, he said: "I hope that is an order to admit me to West Point."

"Well, it isn't," returned the secretary. "It's a commission as second lieutenant in the regular army."

When the president was asked why he gave young Clem such a position without a West Point diploma, he said: "I know." He well understood the boy's faithful service and valuable experience, and his opinion was well justified, for the youth became an honor to the service.

So our great Leader is marking our faithfulness. He has "counted me faithful." 1 Tim. 1:12. And if we cultivate "the gift of continuance" in well-doing, and faithfully "carry on" our work of witnessing by example, by word of mouth, and with the printed pages every day, a surprise will come to us, and as it was with the young drummer boy, it may be better than we had dared to hope for. May the Lord keep us faithful to our trust—sowing the seeds of truth beside all waters. And remember, dear brother or sister, that "More Signs means More Souls."

### Important Notice

Because of the holiday vacation it is necessary for us to hold over some of the copy which should be in this issue. We are entirely dependent on student help, and all our compositors went home during vacation. Next week we hope to get out a supplement to the *Visitor*, in that way using the copy we have on hand.

We also take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the paper the past year, and solicit your contributions for another year.

### Advertisements

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