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# A Final Appeal

The picture which accompanies this article is a photograph of our new building which has just been erected to give Washington Training College its needed facilities. We are glad to report to our brethren that we have reached the final stretch of the journey. What is needed Those, however, of competent authority, who have looked the building over, compliment us on having done as well as we have, and as speedily as we have, in nearing completion.

At the present time we have practically paid all bills. There are only two large ones outstanding. To meet this situation we have selected the last Sabbath in January as a time in which to ask our brethren to give as a donation the equivalent of \$1 per member. We need just about the amount that such a into a greater cataclysm than that into which it was thrown by the World War. The plan is a good one; the best perhaps that can be devised in the human mind, but we know full well from the prophecies of God that it will not be able to withstand the gathering tempest. There is not enough Christianity in the world to erect a bulwark sufficient to keep the nations from again overflowing in disaster. But we do know that the blessed hope of the soon coming of Christ will "be the hope of His people, and the strength of



now is onelast hard cooperation together. We do not wish to fail now that success is within sight after our long earnest efforts. The new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000. We have been unable to keep within our first estimates owing to the rapid and soaring advances in the prices of material in the last months of the war, but more especially owing to the difficulty in securing labor. I need not speak further on these items, because all our brethren throughout the field are acquainted with just such difficulties.

#### Columbia Hall

call as this will bring to us. Therefore, we would ask that all our brethren to whom the notice comes would make it a matter of earnest prayer, careful organization, and sympathetic appeal, and we know that our brethren will respond to the needs of this important branch of work.

President Wilson is urging all Europe to form a League of Nations. He understands full well that the forces of darkness, apparently quiet for the moment, will soon recombine to throw the world the children of Israel."

Now is the time to work. Never before has such opportunity been open for the people of God as now. The Columbia Union Conference is laying new plans to reach all our youth in the Union. We expect to labor for their salvation. We plan to get these all into our schools; but we must have schools into which to get them. We are planning to open many church schools. But we must have buildings in which to form a well qualified Normal Department. Will our brethren

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hesitate to help in this moment of our need? The building is now open, and the students are using it. We expect to put the finishing touches to it so as to be able to dedicate it the night of February 20. We gladly invite all our brethren to be present on the night of the dedication. You will see that we have laid the foundation for a greater and more successful work in the future. If we fail to be able to dedicate on the night of February 20, it will be because this last amount of money is lacking. Will you not help us? Will you not summon all your energies to say, "the work of God shall not be hindered in the slightest when by my effort and devotion I can contribute to its advance."

To this end that the full amount might be realized, some ought to give more than \$1, especially those more prosperous. Churches stronger financially, should aim to total their amount, to make up for weaker churches. We pray that the call of this Sabbath day may be unusually blessed. B. G. WILKINSON.

#### **Our Church Schools**

Just now the Columbia Union is planning things for the advancement of the work in our elementary schools. We have come to look upon the elementary in our education as the foundation stone of our whole system, and every effort is being put forth in this Union to give permanancy and stability to our church schools. This is the only logical way to work if we expect our academies and colleges to function as they ought. A great work has been done in providing suitable building facilities at Washington Missionary College, where young men and women may receive a definite training for service. But we have looked farther than merely equipping our training school. We recognize that the students who are sent here for their final preparation for an active place in the Lord's work must be furnished by the church school, and great emphasis is now being laid on the importance of making our church schools function as feeders of our academies and college.

To facilitate the work of advancing our elementary schools, the Budget System was adopted at the September Rally. The superintendents are preparing, and will soon have completed a Conference Budget, showing the needs of each church, and also what each church will do toward providing buildings, equipment, and maintenance of a church school. When these budgets are completed, a Union Budget will be compiled, showing the educational situation of the Union. Plans will then be put into operation to create an educational fund for the purpose of supplementing the work of the local church. In this way we will have the Union and local conferences working in harmony with the local churches to bring the benefits of a Christian education to the children now deprived of it.

Not only have we recognized that our children should have a place in which to receive their training, but they should have teachers thoroughly qualified to give the instruction desired in a Christian school. We recognize our teacher shortage, and are doing all possible to arouse our people to the need of recruiting our Normal Department to its fullest capacity. Since the raising of the influenza ban, seven rallies have been held with the objective in mind of raising the enrollment in the Normal Department of our college.

With all our churches supporting our schools. and with every worker in the Columbia Union interested in Christian education and working definitely to make the work here a success, we believe that a stream of youth will go forth from our church schools into our academies and college, and from there into the broad field already ripe for the harvest.

A. W. WERLINE.

### **Columbia Hall**

One of the most beautiful monuments that a Union Conference could erect stands on the point of the campus of the Washington Missionary College; a gift to God from a generous people for the education of its children for His service.

Will God accept the gift? To those who have watched the turning of cement, sand, tile, lumber, steel, and mortar into a magnificent structure in a time when these elements of the builders' art were well nigh priceless and almost unobtainable, the question seems impertinent, for the work could not have been done had not God set the seal of His approval upon the project by supplying all the needs.

Money, men, and material were required, and God set His hand to help. Men and women made great sacrifices to give to the cause of Christian educationnot great gifts, but as God had prospered them they brought of their means. Then the great question of where to get men to do the work presented itself, but, in answer to the call, men came from the east and the west, the north and the south. A builder, who was a patient at the Sanitarium, asked the writer how men could be secured at such a time, and he was told that, as this is the work of God, these men came in response to His call. He replied, "It must be so, because I personally can testify that men are not to be found for ordinary work." When it seemed that the work must stop because men left the job, the Lord sent others, and at no time was the work allowed to suffer for lack of help. One day the man who had charge of the cement mixer was compelled to leave, and it seemed that our force was to be severely handicapped. However, within an hour there came along a young man who was an expert in the work of running a mixer, and he at once put on his work clothes, and proved his efficiency. We thanked God for this Christian brother, and took courage.

age. The question of materials was a most perplexing one. How to get gravel and sand was a daily perplexity, but, though all the output of the large dealers was commandeered by the Government, the Lord supplied our daily needs.

When it came to erecting the steel trusses which were to support the roof, it seemed that our work must come to a standstill. The contractor could give us no assurance that the work could be done within six weeks, and it seemed that we should be compelled to let our men go. However, after much importuning, and although it resulted in a loss to the contractor, he brought a crew of men on a Sunday morning, and, when six o'clock came, every bolt was in place, and we were rejoicing at the goodness of God.

The writer could continue reciting such experiences, but it is sufficient to say that even the men who cared nothing for Christianity were convinced that a higher power than man was at work in Washington Missionary College.

Brethren, these experiences have strengthened our faith, and given us great courage. God has wrought for the youth of this college constituency. The Sligo Church, the faculty, and the students have worked earnestly; and they are still working to help in securing money to finish the work. Two large bills yet remain to be paid, but we believe that, as God has worked for us in the past, so will He continue until all the money is in and the work finished. God pays a heavy dividend on the investments of His people. The man who gives to the cause of Christian education will be greatly blessed in his deed. Let us all now rally to His standard, and have a part in finishing this work. B. F. MACHLAN.

# The End of the Race

The runners in a race are nerved into action by the goal, or reward, of their endeavor. After training and preparation, they enter the race with determination. They run the first quarter splendidly; the half-way mark is reached with comparative ease; the three quarter-distance is more difficult; the real effort, however, is the home-stretch. Here every power of the being is brought into action, as the contestant presses forward to reach the goal and carry off the crown of victory.

It is nearly a year since the Columbia Union set a goal and started the campaign to raise the means to erect on the College campus, free of debt, the longtalked of, and greatly needed building to accommodate the increased attendance and rapidly advancing work. It was agreed that the work should advance only as the money came in to carry it forward. Our people rallied nobly to the enterprise, and sufficient means has been constantly coming in to keep the building in process of construction. As we near the completion of the task, word comes to us that because of high prices for material, and advance in wages, the cost of the building will be more than was at first expected. This calls upon us to double our efforts, and make a grand rally to finish the work. We, therefore, ask all of our people in the District Conference to come prepared Sabbath, January 25, to give, if possible, \$1 per member. Let us be inspired by the old hymn, "Arise, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on." R. E. HARTER.

# Needed! What? Why?

A few thousand dollars MUST be secured to complete the work and enable the new Columbia Hall to be dedicated free from debt. Only two or three large bills stand between us and success. We can look only to God's people to carry on all phases of His work.

If all our people in the Columbia Union Conference could really understand what part the Washington Missionary College is yet to play in the closing message, by way of training men and women for the foreign and home fields, I am sure that every heart would be afire with a desire and a willingness to contribute his quota to help finish the building.

Sacrifice! No! It would not require any great sacrifice on our part to do this. ONE DOLLAR per member would accomplish it, and the building could be dedicated free from debt.

Now is the critical time in the effort to raise the necessary amount. Will you do your part? New Jersey, the classiest conference in the United States, always reaching every goal she is asked to make, will, I know, send in her dollar per member to this worthy enterprise.

REMEMBER, that on January 25, the fourth Sabbath of the month, a special program will be given in all the churches of the Union, inviting every member to contribute his quota toward this fund. God is calling upon every child of His in the New Jersey Conference to do his duty. W. H. HECKMAN.

# An Urgent Appeal

I wish to make a special appeal to our brethren and sisters of the Chesapeake Conference to remember the offering to be taken in all of our churches January 25. This offering will go to aid the Missionary College at Washington.

We read, "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Over and over in the testimonies we are urged that arrangements should be made that our children and youth might have the benefit of a good education that they may go forth and present the message for the time with power.

It is indeed providential that the headquarters of the denomination is established in Washington. In view of the influence that the United States is having in the world peace movement, any one going to other countries from Washington will no doubt have a hearing that some others will not. Therefore our young people who finish their education at Wshington College will be favored in mission fields going to  $\mathbf{the}$ beyond.

With the taking of the offering, it is hoped that the new building will be completed free of debt. It is desired that we do as much as one dollar per member throughout the conference in order that this may be accomplished. It is to this college that we must look in the future for our church school teachers and other workers. Shall we not all at this time express our good will and interest in this training center by doing more than usual in the special-offering Sabbath, January 25, that the conference may do its share of one dollar per member?

A: S. BOOTH.

### **Completing Our Task**

With the close of the war, countries hitherto closed are open to the message. Calls are coming from all parts of the world for someone to give the last message of mercy. The Mission Board has combed the conferences for men, and is compelled to turn to the schools for recruits. Men able to warn our cities effectively are so scarce that when one develops, seven conferences get after him as earnestly as Isaiah's seven women laid hold of the Jew. Our conferences, too, are looking anxiously to the schools to produce men who can deliver the goods.

With a rapidly increasing church membership in our Union, and the hearts of our young people turning to the schools for a training, a new building has been erected to accommodate the increasing attendance of Washington College. The building is there,—its large investment a monument to the loyalty and sacrificing spirit of our people. Let us each put in the \$1 on Sabbath, January 25, that will complete this task, and speed on the finishing of the work. W. C. MOFFETT.

# Washington Missionary College

Since Washington school has become the training college for the Columbia Union Conference, it became apparent that the old chapel was too small and the increased attendance made an urgent demand for more room. This necessity led to the erection of the new school building. The relation of Washington College to the work in the mission fields makes it necessary to provide ample room in which to accommodate and train workers.

It was thought that sufficient means would come in through the call that has already been made, but on account of the war, prices have increased to the extent that the building has cost considerable more than the original estimate, so that it is necessary to make another call and ask each member of the Columbia Union Conference to give an offering of \$1 in addition to what has already been paid or pledged. As the Ohio Conference is deeply interested in our school at Washington and all its work, I believe that each one will enter heartily into this call and contribute at least \$1 to assist in paving off the indebtedness which remains on the new building. Why not make a cash offering to this extent, meet the need and avoid further pledges for this fund?

There is no better investment that we can make than to provide facilities and assist our young people in acquiring a Christian education. F. H. ROBBINS.

# Our College in Distress

The fourth Sabbath in January has been set apart by the Union Conference and leading brethren at Washington to help our Missionary College out of a desperate situation. It will be "Dollar Day" throughout the whole field. We send this special S. O. S. call to our faithful brethren with an earnest request that a good strong response be given at the appointed hour.

\$1800 has been pledged by individual members in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, which has not been paid by those who pledged themselves. These delinquent obligations ought to be, if possible, paid at once. Over and above these pledges it will be necessary to raise about \$1 each on "Dollar Day" to complete our college building. Until it is finished our students are greatly hampered, and thus the preparation of our young men and women to preach the message is delayed.

We are sure that our brethren will not

forget, nor delay, in this crisis of our school. Never have our brethren failed in the past to come up to the help of the Lord, nor will they fail now! May the Saviour strengthen us in this last great drive—then the college building will be completed, free from debt.

D. A. PARSONS.

#### The Demand of Our Time

In the pioneer days of this great advent movement one of the leaders was asked why the adventists were building a college in Battle Creek if the end was so near. His reply was as follows: "If the end is fifty years hence, we need not be in a great hurry about building schools. If it is only twenty-five years, we should bestir ourselves and build and educate; if we thought that no more than five or ten years were left us in which to give this message of the coming of Christ, and the end of the world, we should bend every energy, and build and educate as fast as possible."

The winds of strife have been blowing ferociously, but it would seem that Revelation 7:1-3 is being fulfilled, when the four angels should hold the winds while the servants of God were being sealed in their foreheads. Certainly this is the time to build and educate. We must cut loose our earthly possessions, and let them be transferred to the eternal treasury by investing in the education of our young people to carry the Third Angel's Message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Let us build up the base of supplies that we may safely launch into the regions beyond the seas.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

# The Tabernacle at Charleston

I am sure that the brethren of the Columbia Union Conference will want to know how the tabernacle meetings are progressing at Charleston, W. Va. I am pleased to say that though when we began, a week ago Sunday night, the tabernacle was in an unfinished condition, and there was a big strike on in the newspaper and printing establishments which compelled us to begin with a very small audience, nevertheless the audience has steadily built up. Last Friday night we had an audience of 500. No meeting Saturday night. Then Sunday we had out 1500 people with a donation of \$75. In the congregation was the United States Senator, three state senators and members of the legislature, for Charleston is the capital of the state. The legislature is now in session. You may understand how thoroughly aroused the city is when I tell you that the ministers have four big revivals, sending off to a distance for four big evangelists in four

different churches, and are commanding their members to stay away from the meetings.

All reports indicate that this tabernacle effort is the biggest thing in an evangelistic line which has ever struck the city of Charleston, W. Va.

It was great yesterday to look into the faces of about 600 of Charleston's business men. B. G. WILKINSON.

# The Educational Rallies

In connection with the drive to secure fifty normal recruits to obtain a preparation for immediate service as church school teachers, a number of rallies were planned. One of these washeld at Stanley, Virginia, where an interesting program was given, setting forth the need of elementary schools being established, and provided with teachers trained for service through the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College. Professor S. M. Butler, who represented the college at the rally, dwelt especially upon the value of training for this field of labor, and the matter of recruiting the department by interesting theyoung people in taking up training for church school work. Miss Eloise Williams, superintendent of the Virginia Conference, set forth the need of having a corps of teachers thoroughly qualified and trained for this service. The interest that the Columbia Union is taking in the education of her children was shown by the secretary. All present felt that the time had been profitably spent, and we expect to see results follow the effort here.

#### THE NEWARK RALLY

At the rally held at Newark, New Jersey, it was not the privilege of the writer to be present. Professor E. G. Salisbury was here representing the college, and he very clearly showed the benefits to be obtained through a training at the Normal Department of our college at Washington. The purpose of these rallies is to interest our young men and women in receiving an efficient training along normal lines that the best results may be obtained in our schools. As the result of the effort here, a list of names of interested young persons was sent to the office. An effort is being made to secure these as Normal recruits for the second semester.

Professor L. D.Warren, superintendent of the New Jersey Conference, showed the need of having trained teachers in our schools. The secretary being absent, the latter read his article showing the interest which Columbia Union is evidencing in regard to a Christian education being provided for the children of Seventh-day Adventist parents at the present time.

We look for definite results to follow this rally. Let us keep the ball rolling until the goal is reached, of having every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in our own school, and every student in our schools a worker. A. W. WERLINE.

**NEW JERSEY** 200 Columbus Ave. Trenton W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

# **News Notes**

Elder Heckman met with the Burlington Church on Sabbath, at which time Brother George Wilkins was ordained elder of that church.

Elder Heckman, also, conducted an unusually interesting service in the Camden Church Sabbath afternoon. The attendance was excellent. After the regular meeting, the congregation was given a very agreeable surprise. Brother George Lord, an energetic young farmer, and Miss Olive Boynton, one of our church school teachers, both of Swedesboro, were united in marriage. Elder Heckman officiated. Good wishes and compliments from their many friends are profuse.

On Sunday, January 5, the funeral services for Brother England, of the Jericho Church, were conducted by Brother G. W. Holman.

Elder Baun began his Sunday night meetings January 12, in the Newark Church.

This is the "Big Week" for the New Jersey colporteurs. Brother Kirk is working with some of his men in and around Camden.

Elder Heckman was called Tuesday to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Irving, who was about to become a member of the Dover Church.

Brother Clark spent the week end with the believers in Annandale, in the interests largely of the Home Missionary work.

A large and enthusiastic Young People's society has just been organized in the Jericho Church. Under their able leader, Brother Clarence Peacock, this group of Missionary Volunteers are planning a big year's work during 1919.

The tract society has on hand a large supply of Elder Haynes' new book, "Our Lord's Return." Send in a substantial order.

Elder Richard of Paterson, was in Trenton one day last week, and together with Elder Heckman, visited two German families of believers ten miles out in the country.

Miss Anna Wrigley of Woodbury, has aken charge of the Paterson church school; and Brother Sparks of Vineland, the Bridgeton school. We are confident that some good work will be done in these schools.

A plan is on foot to double the membership of our conference during the next year. We believe that this can be accomplished, not only through energetic tent efforts, but by the earnest dedication of every individual member to this purpose. The little leaflet with a prayer list, which has been prepared will enable each one to work and pray effectively. You should secure one of these.

#### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

# The Relation of Parents To Their Children

While there is much instruction to parents in the scripture regarding the discipline of their children, there are but few direct commands to children, showing their duty to parents.

Do we ever consider why this is so? The whole duty of the child seems to be included in the text, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." But the parents with their broader experience and more developed judgment, are under the most sacred obligation, as instruments in the hand of their Creator, to train and mould in their children characters that may enter heaven and enjoy the reward of eternity.

This is not an easy task, nor is it accomplished in a short time, but begins with the life of the child, and continues as long as he is permitted by circumstances to be under the influence of the parents.

In Deuteronomy 6:7 is shown the diligent way in which instruction is to be given to children. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou sittest down, and when thou riseth up."

Farther, in Ministry of Healing, page 380, is the statement, "Too much importance cannot be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed during the years of infancy and childhood have more to do with the formation of the character, and the direction of the life, than have all the instruction and training of after years."

The relation which parents sustain to

their children is taught in the Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 2, page 259. "Your children are the younger members of the Lord's family, brothers and sisters entrusted to your care by your heavenly Father for you to train and educate for heaven." And very helpful would it be if this relationship were kept in mind all through the years of child training. From this instruction we must conclude that the parent's full duty to his children is not done when he has provided for them a home, food, clothing and an education. It involves all this and more, the daily diligent training which calls out for himself development in patience, perseverance, firmness, tact, resourcefulness and many other qualities the value or the importance of which he had not before known.

The thoughtful parent, like theteacher, while training his child, will often find himself the learner.

In Volume 6, page 199, we read, "Fathers and mothers should co-operate with the teacher, laboring earnestly for the conversion of their children. Let them strive to keep the spiritual interest fresh and wholesome in the home and to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Let them devote a portion of each day to study, and become learners with their children."

We find on this same page, "Parents are giving to their children an example either of obedience or transgression. By their example and teaching the eternal destiny of their household will in most cases be decided. In the future life the children will be what their parents have made them. If parents could be led to trace the results of their action, and could see how that by their example and teaching they perpetuate and increase the power of sin, or the power of righteousness, a change would certainly be made."

But while we learn from the study of the relation of parents to their children that the parents bear the greater responsibility, yet we must not overlook the fact that children are under obligation to respect the authority of parents, and this the parents must teach them. In learning to obey father and mother, they learn obedience to God.

MRS. I. D. RICHARDSON.

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

#### A Word to Our Sabbath Schools

Once again let all those who taught in our Sabbath Schools during the year 1918 look at the December Sabbath School Worker. On page two we read "How to secure a Training Course Certificate." Have you done as this suggests? A few have responded, but not as many as we had hoped. There were a number who started but have not sent in their papers yet. Let all who have these books complete the course at once, if you have not already done so; in case you did not meet with the class finish at home. Write a paper on the subject of the year's study and send it to me. Your name will then be sent to the General Conference Sabbath School Department and you will receive from them a certificate of which you may well be proud for having completed this splendid course.

In Luke 9:62 we read, "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." While we may not apply this text in all its detail to this work, still we do believe that it is pleasing to our Saviour for us to study this important part of our Sabbath School work, and to finish the Training Course each year.

In the January "Worker" we read that 1918 was the best year ever enjoyed in the Training Course work. 1919 is here and the new course will be outlined in the March Worker. There are two books to be used. The first, "The Teacher" by Luther A. Weigle. The second, "The Devotional Life of the Teacher" by J. R. Miller. The two books will cost 60 cents. This is surely reasonable and every teacher and Sabbath School officer in our conference should respond. Order from the tract society and be all ready to start on time, March 1.

MRS. T. B. WESTBROOK.

# News Notes

Brother David Haddix, a member of the Parkersburg Church, and of the early pioneers of our work in West Virginia, died Sunday morning, January 12, at his home on Putnam Street. Elder Westbrook was called from Charleston to conduct the funeral services. Obituary later.

G. W. Ellers, who left our conference last spring for one of the army camps, has returned and is assisting in the effort at Charleston.

Brother B. P. Wright, who was called home on account of illness in his family, has returned to Kanawha County where he is giving the message, by putting our splendid books into the homes of the people.

Frank Bentz of Parkersburg has again taken up the canvassing work. He is now in Charleston and will remain there until the effort is over. We are glad to have. Brother Bentz in the work again.

Samuel Bertolet is doing good work in Mingo County and is rolling up some big orders.

Several families in our conference are suffering with the Influenza at this writing. We extend our sympathy to all and are praying that the Lord will spare His people and that each one may be drawn closer to the Saviour.

We have just learned of the death of Sister Edna Byrd of Kanawha Station. We extend to Brother Clarence Byrd, her husband, our sympathy. A few weeks ago these young people lost their babe and now the wife has laid down her life.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA	
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# **News** Notes

The churches at Wilkes-Barre and Scranton were glad to welcome Elder J. A. Leland back after several weeks of absence as a result of sickness. Elder Leland stopped at the office on his way from Washington to his field.

Miss Anna Cately of the Chesapeake Conference, spent a few days visiting Brother and Sister Mohr in Philadelphia while on her way to Newark, N. J., where she will engage in Bible work.

The year 1918 filled with its blessings and trials is now in the past. Reports of the different departments in Eastern Pennsylvania show a marked increase in all lines. Space is too limited to give a final report at this time, but we shall an. nounce that as a result of the faithfulness on the part of the members, this conference has given  $32\frac{1}{2}$  cents per week per member for missions. During the year it was thought we would not make our quota of twenty-five-cents per week. The final report for the month of December brought much into the storehouse of the Lord and has helped us to make this splendid report.

Have you noticed the thermometer recording our Review subscriptions? It seems to be rather cold in East Pennsylvania. Let us warm things up by seeing that others are subscribing for the Review. We are now short over one hundred subscriptions and with the end of January about 150 will expire. If your subscription has expired, order immediately; if it is to expire soon renew at once; and if you are not a subscriber, the time has come for you to start. Send your order to the tract society.

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Canvassers' Reports

The 1919 catalogs of our publications have been received at the tract society office. Among the many changes in prices are those of the books made up in red leather bindings, from \$2 to \$2.25. The Testimonies are now \$9 in the cloth binding and \$13 in the red leather. One of these catalogs will be sent upon request.

#### OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

#### A Touching Incident

The readers of the VISITOR have doubtless noticed in the "Review" of December 12, the account of the sad experience that came to one of our missionaries, Brother C. B. Sutton, and his family, consisting of his wife and seven year old daughter. The day before their arrival at their destination, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Sister Sutton took sick with pneumonia of which she died the next day after landing.

In a letter received by the writer a few weeks afterward, Brother Sutton told of the deep sorrow that had come into his and the little girl's life, but expressed his determination by the Lord's help to stay by the work and assist in its speedy completion. He then related a touching incident concerning the little girl. Although but seven years of age, she seemed to fully sense the situation, and realized that when the Lord came she would again get to see her mother, and that He could not come till the work was completed; so her childish prayers have been that the Lord would speed up the workers that the task might be soon finished.

One day her father gave her some money, about forty cents in all, telling hershe might use it any way she chose, and suggested that she put some of it into the Sabbath School. The next week, learning that her money was gone, he asked her what she had done with it, and received her prompt reply, "Why, I put it all into Sabbath School."

"But, little girlie, how did you come to put it all in at once?" he again asked.

"You see, papa," she replied, "this money is to go to finish up the work so Jesus can come back again, so I thought if I should put it all in He could come just that much sooner."

Should we not each be longing with this same degree of earnestness for the time of the return of our Lord? Does it mean much to us to see this reign of sin with its attendant train of misery and woe, degradation and sorrow, wars and bloodshed to come to a final end, and to see the eternal reign of peace and happiness ushered in?

Here is the allegory: The little girl

might have put in a penny, nickle, or a dime into the collection, but her .ntense desire to see the work accomplished and Christ's return, led her to put in the whole forty cents. Our people engaged in ordinary pursuits, but who make the most of their opportunities to do home missionary work, often find time to spend one, five, or even ten hours a week in the service especially delegated to us in Vol. 9, p. 19, but our colporteurs have a goal of forty hours a week before them continuously; thus they are spending the whole forty cents.

"The gift is acceptable according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." If the five or ten hours a week is the limit of our possibility to render service, that is all that is expected. Reader, would it be possible for you to give your whole time to the work of the proclamation of the message of the third angel, and does not your heart respond to the call of God to spend your all in His service,-the whole forty cents? The colporteur work furnishes an abundant opportunity. Whatever may be your ultimate plans in the service of our King, the colporteur work will give you an excellent preparation for that work and get you into it much sooner, possibly, than you could get there in any other way. Will you not pray earnestly over the matter and see what the Lord of the Harvest is expecting of you? M. W. SHIDLER.

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# Will Their Blood Be Required at Your Hand?

Are you burdened to see your friends in the truth? Are you praying for God to reach their hearts? If so, are you doing your part so that you can reasonably expect God to answer your prayers? If you simply pray, and do no more, does it not seem to you, like presumption to ask God to do what you have neglected? Has it ever occurred to you, that while you are praying for them, you might be sending them the weekly "Signs?" This is our old pioneer paper, and has blazed the way for the living preacher for nearly fifty years. The results that have followed its circulation, prove that God has ordained it to a definite purpose.

Thousands are now rejoicing in the truth, who were led to seek God from the reading of its pages. It is surely a silent preacher. If you have a brother, sister, father, mother, child or friend, who is not in the truth, God holds you accountable for what you can do, and expects you to do your utmost to warn them.

If you are not sending them the "Signs" do it now. Do not let them miss another number. The "Signs" can do as much for them, as it has for others. January 25, has been appointed as "Signs" Day. Pray over the matter earnestly, and be prepared to do your part when the matter is presented.

E. R. NUMBERS.

# The Foreign Work in Dayton

In the work of giving the last message of warning to the foreign people in this city, and as we labor for them for whom Christ died and for whom we must give an account, my heart goes out after them, perhaps as for no other people. Yet more than that, they mingle with us that we may be better able to reach them. Brother Duvall and the writer have been engaged in this work for some time. We can see the hand of the Lord in this work. The angels do go before us and prepare the hearts of some at least. As we go from house to house and tell of the love of the blessed Master, of His power to heal their diseases, and see them reach out and take hold of the words of life, our hearts swell up within us. "Praise His name." The enemy is at work to stay it if possible, but angels are opening the way to many hearts. Sickness and death has brought much sorrow to this people. As I go to the bedside of some, and try to speak words of comfort to them, the longing comes also for the time when these things will all be past. We have labored faithfully in the last year, sowing the seeds of truth. With our tears they are watered. We look to our heavenly Father to give the increase, and as the result of our earnest labor. I trust souls may be saved in His everlasting kingdom.

C. S. ZEBOLD.

#### "Over the Top"

The Columbus Church entered the Harvest Ingathering campaign with several handicaps. For some time they had been without a leader, their pastor having been called to India. Then it was said that Columbus never reached anything and thus would not reach the present goal.

When the writer arrived, he had but two meetings with the church when the Spanish Influenza ban went on for six weeks or more. During this time all house-to-house work was strictly forbidden; being an absolute stranger, the writer could not work even in a personal way, and nearly six weeks were spent in looking for a house.

When the ban was lifted, we had scarcely more than six weeks in which to reach a goal of \$1000. A little over \$100 only had been raised up to that time, but we had set our hearts to make the goal and cleared all decks for action! The experiences of our people were rich indeed. It was a real treat for them.

Those who never could do anything in the past decided to make a try at it at least, and were usually the most successful ones; when once they got started they could not be stopped. On the average, these timid ones reached their goal of five dollars in four hours, some of them in two hours, and one sister who was certain she could do nothing, and never since the Harvest Ingathering campaign was instituted, did do a thing dicided. with a heavy heart, to make a try at least. That morning she gathered about four dollars in twenty minutes; she was so happy that she went home and cried, to think that she thought she could do nothing in the past.

We ran short of papers, but nothing daunting, we used the solicitor's card and others used the "Present Truth" papers. There is no question but that a church with such a spirit of determination must reach its goal, and succeed it did. So much so, that in a little more than six weeks on the tail end of the race, at a time when it is hard to arouse enthusiasm, the church came up from behind, and excellent quality thus shown, and went "over the top" to the sum of \$1113.

We are already working on our next goal. While I have gathered the largest sum, I have been warned by a number of the brethren to look well to my laurels on the next goal, as they have determined to outdo me the next time. I like that spirit. That is the spirit that wins. I told them that I was game.

Last Sunday evening I had my first stereopticon lecture in the church upon the theme, "A prophetic reason why the Kaiser could not win the war." While I anticipated a good audience, yet did not dream that such a crowd would attempt to fill the church which crowded the church's capacity to the very doors. Chairs were placed in the two side aisles and two rows in the center aisle and there were at least 50 standing. Not a person left until the service was over.

From the expressions made by the strangers, (and about three-fourths of the audience was made up of this class), and by the brethren, gave evidence that the theme of the evening was appreciated. The church never had such a record erowd, I am told; there were present abont 375 persons who gave the strictest attention.

We are of good courage in the Lord and mean by the grace of the Lord to be found faithful servants, watchful until the end. CHARLES F. ULRICH.

#### The Ohio Colporteurs' Institute

It has been decided to hold the institute for the Ohio colporteurs at Cleveland, February 27-March 8, 1919. It was the writer's privilege to meet with the Cleveland Church the last Sabbath of the old year. It was a time looked forward to with much interest by the different members, as it was to be determined at that meeting how they had come out with their goals: \$2100 for the year for missions and a dollar a member the thirteenth Sabbath from the Sabbath School, and \$1500 raised by the church for the Harvest Ingathering. By the way they went "over the top" with each goal. He was not surprised at the enthusiastic and affirmative response received when the question was asked as to whether they wished to entertain the colporteurs' institute again this year; so we look forward to a very pleasant time spent there.

This institute should be the largest and best ever held in the state. It is coming late enough in the season so that the worst of the winter will be in the past, and it is so late in the period of the world's history, and so near the time when Christ is to return, that "every sanctified heart is to be pressed into service." Just a little time remains for the work to be finished, a great work is yet to be done, and the hour has struck for its accomplishment. Can the Lord depend on you? M. W. SHIDLER.

#### **News** Notes

We are glad to learn that Columbus has reached its Harvest Ingathering goal. This is especially good when we consider the short time they have been working. Most churches were finishing their work before Columbus had hardly begun. As in days of old, great things can be accomplished for the Lord when "the people have a mind to work."

#### SPECIAL

#### How to Work for the Jews

It is apparent that as the Jewish people become acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventists, their bitter prejudices against the Christian religion weaken, and they look more favorably upon the Messiahship of Jesus. If our people will remember that when they approach the Jewish people they should meet them in a friendly way they will do much towards reaching their hearts.

When you first approach the son of Abraham, ask him if he is a Jew or an Israelite. If he looks at you somewhat suspiciously, as if wondering why you ask him that question, tell him: "The reason I ask you this question is because I understand that the Jewish people are taught to observe the seventh day of the week for the Sabbath. I am not a Jew; I am a Gentile; but I observe the seventh day for the Sabbath. I keep it from Friday night sunset till Saturday night sunset. I keep it according to the Bible." Then add: "Do you believe the Sabbath?" He will then probably say: "I never heard of Gentiles keeping the Sabbath. Are there many who observe this day?" Answer: "O, yes; we have thousands and tens of thousands who believe the same. We are called Seventh-day Adventists. Have you ever heard of this people?" He will doubtless reply, "No, I never have."

"You will be interested to know also that as a people we do not believe in eating swine flesh. This, too, we believe from the Bible. We do not think that a person who accepts the Bible as the Word of God has any right to eat any of the unclean foods which God forbade Israel to use. Our people are particular about this. Do you also know that we believe the tithe which God told Moses should be the portion of Aaron and his sons for the work which they were to do in connection with the sanctuary, should be returned to God in these days also? Our denomination teaches that it is obligatory upon us to return this tenth to the Lord."

The Jew by this time will have his interest aroused. He is likely to ask if you are a Christian, a Jew, or a mixture. If he has never heard of our people, and has never come in contact with them, he will ply you with many questions. You must tell him that what this people believe where you live is exactly the same that they believe wherever they are to be found, and this is in every part of the world.

Tell the Jews that you believe all the Bible. Do not talk to him about missionary work; for the idea of missions is repulsive. He believes that a missionary is a man or woman who seeks to pervert the Word of God,—a person who is hateful to the Jews, and who would do the Jews harm.

If he asks you whether you believe in the New Testament, tell him that since you believe all that Moses and the prophets wrote, you must believe the New Testament. Jeremiah said that God would make a New Covenant or New Testament with Israel and with Judah. See Jeremiah 31:31-34. Since God's Word can not fail, how can you believe God and not believe the New Testament?

The Jew will doubtless question you about Christ. If possible avoid controversy. Ask him if he does not believe in the Messiah. Tell him that you also believe in the Messiah, and are a thorough believer in all that was given in the law of Moses, and therefore you must accept the truth that a Messiah is to come. He will probably ask you if you have any books or reading matter that would give him further information. Then it is that you want to tell him you have a magazine or tracts published by this people, and these will give him what information he desires.

I wish to insert what was written a few days ago by a good sister who sells many of our magazines to the Jews.

"I love the Jewish people and want to do all the good I can, and I am sure that the Lord can help me and open the way . . . I find that the less talking I do, the better I sell the magazine. I let the book talk for itself. I ask them to look at it, and usually they will buy." This, I believe, is good advice.

Should you have any questions or should the Jews ask you any questions that do not seem clear to you, the writer will be glad to render you any assistance he can. Be free to write to the undersigned to South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Be sure to do what you can to interest the Jewish people in this truth.

F. C. GILBERT, Sec. Jewish Dept.

#### "We Have No Time to Lose"

"Brethren and sisters, would that I might say something to awaken you to the importance of this time, the significance of the events that are now taking place. I point you to the aggressive movements now being made for the restriction of religious liberty. God's sanctified memorial has been torn down, and in its place is a false sabbath, bearing no sanctify, stands before the world. And while the powers of darkness are stirring up the elements from beneath, the Lord God of heaven is sending power from beneath, the emergency by arousing His living agencies to exalt the law of heaven. Now, just now, is our time to work in foreign countries. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honor the false sabbath. the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning. Vol.6:18.

"While the angels hold the four winds, we are to work with all our capabilities. We must bear our message without any delay. We must give evidence to the heavenly universe, and to men in this degenerate age, that our religion is a faith and a power of which Christ is the Author, and His word the divine oracle. Human souls are hanging in the balances. They will either be subjects for the kingdom of God or slaves to the despotism of Satan. All are to have the privilege of laying hold of the hope set before them in the gospel; and how can they hear without a preacher? The human family is in need of a moral renovation, a preparation of character, that they may stand in God's presence. There are souls ready to perish because of the theoretical errors which are prevailing, and which are calculated to counter-work the gospel message. Who will now fully consecrate themselves to become laborers together with God?

"As you see the peril and misery of the world under the working of Satan, do not exhaust your God-given energies in idle lamentations but go to work for yourselves and for others. Awake, and feel a burden for those who are perishing. If they are not won to Christ, they will lose an eternity of bliss. Think what is possible for them to gain. The soul that God has created and Christ has redeemed is of great value because of the possibilities before it, the capabilities it may possess if vitalized by the word of God, and the immortality which through the Life-giver it may obtain if obedient. One soul is of more value to heaven than a whole world of property, houses, lands, money. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost. One soul won to Christ will flash heaven's light all around him, penetrating the moral darkness, and saving other souls.

"If Christ left the ninety and nine, that He might seek and save the one lost sheep, can we be justified in doing less? Is not a neglect to work even as Christ Worked, to sacrifice as He sacrificed, a betrayal of sacred trust, and insult to God?

"Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteneth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. We might have been in the place of the poor souls that are in error. We might have been placed among barbarians. According to the truth we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them.

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the gospel will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes

fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory." Volume 6:21,22.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

# Washington Missionary College

Columbia Hall was opened for the Friday evening prayer meeting, January 10. Dr. H. Miller introduced the speaker, Brother O. J. Gibson, who spoke of the work in China. Brother O. J. Gibson is at present on furlough from Honan.

Elder A. G. Daniells addressed the Sligo Church, Sabbath morning, January 11, on "The Spirit of Prophecy." This was the first church service held in Columbia Hall, and the auditoriam was well filled.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering from the College Sabbath School amounted to \$89.20.

Thursday, January 9, was selected by the faculty for Harvest Ingathering day. School was dismissed and many students went to the city soliciting funds. The goal set was \$550. It is reported that more than that was received.

Mrs. Frances Stratton recently spent a day in Philadelphia with Dr. Adam Geibel. Dr. Geibel is the composer of the cantata "The Incarnation," which is being studied by the College Chorus, and he has consented to lead this chorus at the college. The date has not yet been announced.

The College Orchestra is holding weekly rehearsals, and expects to give a series of concerts soon.

Recent visitors at the college were Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Simmons, nee Lulu Sellars.

The students enjoyed their first skating party Saturday night.

Professor C. M. Sorenson took his students in "Rome and Middle Ages" to the Library of Congress Sunday evening. The ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii made an interesting study.

Mrs. Eidson is spending a week with her daughter Evelina.

Mrs. Fred Brooke is spending a month with her daughter Elsie. COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE of the Seventh-day Adventists ISSUED FIFTY TIMES A YEAR BY THE Mount Vernon College Press Mount Vernon, Ohio Price, 50 Cents a Year in Advance

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#### Shenandoah Valley Academy

The first issue of the academy paper, "The Student Echo," came off the press on December 20, 1918. This is a new step in the experience of the academy but, as many express, a decided forward step.

The campaign for the first number was launched and the paper printed within ten days. The staff is: Editor, Mark Shanko; Assistant, Morris Robinson; Literary, Miss Clarene Stone; News, Miss Mildred Overacher; Manager, C. E. Overstreet; Circulation, Orion Lawrence; Treasurer, Walter E. Saunders; Faculty Adviser, C. L. Ross.

All who are interested in the academy and wish to keep up with its progress would do well to subscribe to "The Student Echo." Rate: ten numbers, fifty cents.

About three-fourths of the students spent their vacation at home. All returned except Mary Burns, who was detained because of a change of residence.

Bertis Hankins, a former student, visited the academy on his way to Gordonsville, Va.

Mr. Thomas Arnoldof North Carolina and Mr. Burkely Nelson of Takoma Park, have been added to the enrollment.

Although Shenandoah County, in which the school is located, has been quarantined and students outside the school home cannot attend, there is not a single case of influenza among the students at this time. We remember the Bible prophecy, "It shall not come night thee" and thank the Lord for His protection.

Messrs. Saunders, Maloney, Overstreet and Fauksley spent their vacation canvassing, and came back with interesting experiences. The skating pond near the academy has been a very popular place this last week. Some showed splendid talent in the sport, but others were putting on skates for the first time in their life.

Miss Cleora Wood and mother visited relatives in Pennsylvania during vacation.

Mr. Wallace Smith of Washington Missionary College visited the academy and friends nearby.

Miss Elizabeth Sanford was prevented from returning to school for a week because of influenza at her home.

Mr. Woods carried a jolly crowd to the top of the Manassanut Mountain in a large farm wagon. While he bought molasses for the academy, the crowd skipped off to a large rock on the mountain side and ate dinner. The trip was very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Thomas I. Zirkle, who was seriously ill, is now recovering.

Miss Minola Rogers, director of the Music Department, enjoyed her vacation with her parents in Takoma Park.

"We expect to have electric lights in the academy by April 15, 1919," says the president of the Students' Union. He already has divers plans and propositions for the realization of this project.

Brother Carson B. Neff, who was bedfast with influenza for about ten days, is now well again.

Elder W. C. Moffet called at the academy for a short visit recently.

# **Don't Forget**

That it is not too late to begin reading the Bible through now if you failed to commence January 1.

That the Bible Year assignments for daily reading may be found in three places this year, i. e., in the little Bible Year book by Mrs. I. H. Evans (65 cents), in the Morning Watch Calendar (5 cents), and in the Senior Bible Year leaflet (1/2 cent).

That all of these supplies may be secured from your tract society. That the "Bible Year" book will prove

That the "Bible Year" book will prove a valuable aid to you in the study of your Bible during 1919.

That those who have begun reading the Bible through several times before, but have failed to complete it, would do well to begin where they left off and finish, instead of starting all over again.

That only thoughtful, prayerful Bible reading benefits one.

That anyone who fails to read God's Word through from Genesis to Revelation at least once, will sustain a decided loss. That the Psalmist says, "Thy Word

That the Psalmist says, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

That ;you should read your Bible through during 1919.

# Solving Difficulties

There are so many disappointments in life at its best, it does not seem that any one would seek to increase them, yet many times we do things, or neglect to do them, which tend to increase our difficulties. Take for example, the person who sells literature every month, our popular monthly magazines. If you cannot order a yearly club, you can place a standing order with your tract society instead of ordering in the now-and-then fashion. The result will be less work and expense for your friends at the tract society and the publishing houses and far less bother and worry on your part. You will then receive magazines in the shortest possible order and have much longer time in which to dispose of them. You will also begin a good habit by becoming a regular worker for the Lord and the definite work you do will just as surely produce definite results. Therefore, let every one that possibly can, place a standing order with their tract society for at least ten copies of some of our splendid publication.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE.

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