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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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

The European Relief Fund

The brethren of the General Conference are preparing to move forward in the advancement of the truth throughout Europe inasmuch as the war is over. I know that all to whom these lines will come will hail this proposition with delight.

It was on the soil of Europe where the great war was fought. They know what it is to have their homes torn asunder; we have had no such sufferings. Both this condition and the war created a mighty obstacle for the advancement of the truth. It is greatly desirable now that work start immediately to preach again the Third Angel's Message in the Neglected Continent. We call it neglected, not in that it has actually been neglected, but we have been obliged to withhold our hand, due to the stormy scenes which are being enacted. The brethren now come together, asking that you will contribute liberally toward the Europe Relief Fund which is being raised to start again the work in Europe. The day for this offering is February 22. Will all to whom these lines may come keep this day in mind and come prepared for a liberal offering?

B. G. WILKINSON.

February 22 Relief Day

For Belgium and France

Could we be privileged to visit the war ravaged regions of Europe at the present time we could doubtless better appreciate the awful conditions existing there which were so tersely but forcefully depicted by President Wilson in his recent visit to the battle fields of France when he said: "No one can put into words the impressions I have received amongst such scenes of desolation and ruin." If Mr. Wilson could not put these into words, who could?

Men, women and children are returning to their ravaged farms and lots to begin again under the most distressing conditions, to reconstruct their homes. Wo-

men, whose husbands, sons and fathers have been killed or maimed in battle strive to construct a shelter over their remaining loved ones, while they themselves are often broken in health and destitute of means. Children, forlorn stragglers, wander back to desolate ruins to pull together what may be left of their once happy homes. Fathers, brothers, husbands, and lovers, maimed in battle, hobble aimlessly over weary wastes of ruin, seeking some evidence of lost loved ones. Children bereft of fathers, brothers, and often even all the family ties, seek the old homestead to take up the fight with poverty, famine and disease. What a time for good Samaritans! Where are they? Are Seventh-day Adventists priests and Levites, or good Samaritans on this Jericho way where wounded, robbed humanity lie stricken everywhere? Now is the time to help the distressed in France, Belgium, and other suffering countries.

The General Conference Committee, realizing the great need of aid in this awful time in Europe, have appointed February 22, Washington's Birthday, as War-Relief-Day, when a large donation shall be made by our denomination to help these bereft people. A special program has been prepared and published in the February "Missionary Readings," to be given in all our churches, at which time a collection will be taken for needy Europe. Let every man, woman, and child do his best to relieve these poor sufferers in these needy lands.

Doctor DeForest, superintendent of the Glend Sanitarium, writes regarding the needs of France: "We should have a thousand visiting nurses in France alone, whereas we have but two or three." What a work could be done just now by God-fearing nurses in that wasted land.

Remember February 22 with the largest donation of the year.

W. A. RUBLE, M. D. *Medical Secretary,
General Conference.*

Money, time, and strength are sacrificed for display and self-indulgence; but few are the moments devoted to prayer, to searching the Scriptures, to humiliation of soul and confession of sin."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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The Haynes Meetings

What is perhaps the greatest single operation for the salvation of souls ever conducted in the District of Columbia was opened in Poli's Theater Sunday afternoon, December 15, by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. The subject announced, "The Crash of Empires," brought out an audience of some 1500 people, who dissembled at the close of the service apparently much impressed by the message.

Unfortunately, our contact with the Theater management reserved to them the right to shift us from one house to another, and we were next directed to the Belasco where our next two Sunday afternoon meetings were held, after which we were instructed to use the Shubert-Garrick Theater, on F Street, near Seventh, where we have been allowed to remain, and where we have now completed our first series of eight meetings.

The interest continues remarkably steady, although our attendance has dropped off somewhat during the last two weeks during which the subjects were "The Christian Sabbath," and "Who Changed the Sabbath."

250 names of persons desiring literature were received one afternoon in response to a call, and our workers are following them up with personal visits and "Present Truth." Many good experiences are being reported, giving evidence that a large number are intensely interested and concerned over the light that has been presented to them.

A further evidence of this deep concern is the interest manifested at the evening Bible studies now being conducted each Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday, evening at Memorial Church by Elder Haynes, and known as the "Prophetic Bible Institute." A number of business men and a very intelligent class of people are attending regularly, averaging an average attendance of some 350, and many show signs of conviction, or definitely express themselves as convinced of

the truth of the message.

An inspiring song service at the opening and a very instructive question and answer service at the close of each meeting, both at the Theater and at the church, are attractions and add much to the effectiveness of the meetings.

The theater has been secured for another four weeks, with privileges of renewal, and several other prospects are offering themselves, one of which is a large Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Washington.

Your constant prayers are earnestly solicited that these meetings may be a complete success in bringing many precious souls to the Saviour.

R. C. TAYLOR.

News Notes

Our little invalid sister, Miss Annie Lee Jones, of Fairfax, Va., is rejoicing and giving the Lord the glory for her success in raising \$12.45 for Harvest Ingathering. Miss Jones is unable to leave her room, but through faithful effort by correspondence and prayer she collected and turned in that amount from the distribution of about three dozen papers. "Nearly all of it," she writes, "was solicited and collected by correspondence, and I am grateful for the privilege and opportunity to do even that much in the Lord's vineyard." We trust this will be an encouragement to some others who have felt that because of certain conditions they could do nothing.

A very helpful and instructive Home Missionary Convention was held at Memorial Church January 20-21. Elder H. K. Christman was with us and many plans and much valuable information were gathered by our various missionary leaders and secretaries for the promotion of their work. Our great problem first is to get every church organized according to plan, for effective work, and not only work, but for effective soul saving.

Our church schools are taking a bulldog hold of the Honan Goal card plan. The Takoma Park school has set its goal at \$188, and has more than made up its quota for January. The other schools in the conference are correspondingly enthusiastic and the plan promises to be a financial success, and what is vitally more important, it bids fair to be a solid influence for good upon the lives of the children by keeping ever before them the "Missionary Idea."

Elder H. E. Robinson is planning a public effort in Alexandria. We trust that the Lord will lead, direct, and bless in the plan and work that souls may thus be saved in that needy field.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Stand Your Ground

Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13.

No translation of this text is more impressive or intensive than that given by Dr. Arnold Weymouth which reads,—"Put on the complete armour of God so that ye may be able to stand your ground on the day of battle, and having fought to the end, to remain victors on the battle-field." This text is summed up in one word "preparedness." Prepared, equipped, ready. Ready to take your place, not by the still waters and green pastures,—not to sit by the wayside in the shade during the heat of the day, but to stand your ground, facing the great foe of the soul. Standing your ground amidst the noise and the roar of the grand artillery of the common foe. Face to the foe,—Stand your ground.

The apostle, addressing the little band of believers at Ephesus, talks in such language as to convey his familiarity with the character and tactics of the enemy. He warns them of the "wiles of the devil," of the extraordinary subtlety of the warfare of the stratagems of these mysterious powers, of their traps and many devices, of their amazing ingenuities. We have seen the almost incredible refinement of material weapons of warfare, but could our eyes look into that invisible sphere and there behold the enemies of the souls under the guidance of a masterful mind, at work to snare, entrap, entice and overthrow the soul, we would cry with horror,—"Spare Thy people, O Lord."

These invisible agencies wage their fiendish warfare,—First: immediately or directly,—spirit influences spirit; mind without word or deed influences mind, either for good, (Rev. 1:10; Dan. 10:6-11) or evil (Deut. 18:10,11). Second: mediately or through indirect influences. Reflectory or even more specifically, by acts performed or expressed by those around us. Through that contagious power of society, or perchance through the psychological climate in which our lot is cast. Yet even these work upon the soul through the individual medium; through individuals who have been captured by the enemy and who are now being used by him as instruments for the spiritual, the moral, and physical destruction of the human race.

Nothing can save the soul of a man in the time of battle against these "wiles of the devil" but the whole armour of God."

LEE SUFFICOL.

News Notes

On the evening of January 29, the Auditing Committee sat in session at the conference office. Professor B. G. Wilkinson and Brother C. C. Pulver, President and Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, respectively, were present. After the auditing work of the conference, the Committee met to transact other important matters pertaining to the work here. Brother J. H. Ott of Phoenixville, Dr. A. J. Kistler of Philadelphia, and Brother F. Hankins of Sellersville were chosen as members of the Auditing Committee and were present.

Sister Mary Myles, who has been doing Bible work at Wellsboro, has now moved to Edwardsville, Pa.

The West Philadelphia Church enjoyed the presence of Elder Heckman, President of the New Jersey Conference, last Sabbath at the usual hour. The sermon was very timely and many have expressed their appreciation of his visit with them. They extend the invitation to return.

The false doctrine of the Return of the Jews to Palestine has been slowly creeping into the little company at North Philadelphia until last Sabbath, when a striking sermon by Elder Parsons was delivered. Many were surprised to know the facts pertaining to this false teaching, and have been greatly enlightened on the matter. There are many throughout this conference who would have been glad to hear this sermon, but this was utterly impossible, so an advisable thing to do is to order from the tract society one of those little pamphlets by Elder F. M. Wilcox, entitled "The Return of the Jews." Price five cents.

Brethren J. Wiley, Newton McGraw, and C. Haessler have recently formed a Pure Food Company and are establishing their place of business at 22nd and Pine Streets, Philadelphia. These brethren are members of the West Philadelphia Church.

In connection with the Pure Food store they will have a vegetarian cafeteria. Remodeling of their stores is now going on and they are expecting to open their business in a few weeks. We wish these brethren success in their labors and trust souls will be enlightened with a knowledge of health principles so much needed in these troublous times.

The Sabbath question has been presented at the meetings being conducted

by Elder O. F. Schwedrat in Philadelphia, and the interest continues. The meeting place is crowded every Sunday night and the collections manifest an interest on the part of the people attending to help support the effort. These meetings are in the interest of the German people.

Since the first edition of the 1919 Morning Watch Calendars, we have been unable to receive another supply, and as a result we have many orders waiting to be filled at the office. This delay is due to the epidemic, which has hindered the printing of the pamphlets at the college in Washington. We hope to have them soon. Then our orders will have prompt attention.

You can obtain at the tract society office a pretty selection of 12 Scripture Text Postcards for 15 cents. Send your order.

Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but—How much of God's money will I keep for myself.

Sabbath, January 25, Brother H. G. Gauker met with the North Philadelphia Church in the interest of the "Signs Weekly" campaign. After speaking to them on the importance of all having part in the spreading of the message, a club of 150 "Signs Weekly" for one year was subscribed for. In the afternoon Brother and Sister Gauker met with the Sellersville Church. When the work was presented to this little company of only 22 members, a club of 50 "Signs Weekly" for one year was subscribed for. This is the way it should be. Let us all be willing to make some sacrifice to bring the truth before our friends.

The "Signs Weekly" does bring people into the truth. We cannot invest our money in a better cause. In the campaign that closed with the old year we called upon our people throughout the conference to ask their neighbors and friends to give for the mission work, and the majority responded. In the present "Signs Weekly" campaign, we beg of our loyal members throughout the conference to make a sacrifice themselves and send to some of those that showed such an interest in our mission offering, the "Signs of the Times." By taking a club of five, at the special rate of \$1.15 per subscription to individual addresses, it will mean a saving of 11 cents a week. I am sure that many are willing to spend 11 cents per week less upon themselves and thus send the silent preacher fifty times into fifty homes. Eternity alone will reveal the result.

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave.

Trenton

W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

News Notes

Brother G. H. Clark spent last week visiting the church in the southern part of the state in the interest of the Home Missionary work.

Elder Heckman spent Sabbath, February 3, with the church at Camden, and presided at the business meeting of the church on the following Sunday afternoon. The Camden Church made a splendid showing for the year 1918 going over \$3000 on their tithes, and over on the 25 cents-a-week fund, in all contributing over \$5,000. This certainly speaks well of the Camden Church.

The attendance and interest in the large Sunday night meetings held by Elder Bernstein in the Odd Fellows Hall in Jersey City are increasing every week.

Brother Warren spent the week-end with the Paulsboro and Swedesboro Churches.

The Sunday night meetings conducted by Elder Baum in the Newark Church are being well attended by outsiders. The outlook is very encouraging, indeed.

The meeting of the Conference Committee was held at the office last Thursday. All the members were present, including Dr. Wilkinson and Professor Pulver; also Elder Parsons from East Pennsylvania. Several important matters of interest were considered and discussed, and plans laid for future work in New Jersey.

Elder Heckman visited Sister Crane, one of our isolated Sabbath keepers at Branchville. While Sister Crane is one of the old pioneers in the message, being 85 years of age, she is of good courage in the Lord and her hope is bright.

Brother Holman visited the Cape May Court House Church for a few days last week, speaking on Sunday night February 2, to a very attentive audience. His help on the church building will materially aid in its rapid completion.

"Man will never rise higher than his standard of purity or goodness or truth." G. C., p. 555.

CHESAPEAKE

1901 Rosedale St.

Baltimore, Md.

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

Blythedale Church

At the close of our camp-meeting I was asked to take charge of the work in the Blythedale Church, also to follow up the work started in Oakwood, Md., where ten persons had begun to keep the Sabbath as a result of the efforts of Brother Diffenderfer, a lay member in the Blythedale Church. Beginning meetings November 17 in Oakwood, and continuing four weeks, the Lord so blessed, that an entire family of four members have begun to keep the Sabbath, three sisters belonging to the Friends Church are planning to do the same, together with the wife of a neighbor. A school teacher and his wife are greatly interested. I am reading with them each week. They also are Quakers. One young man who runs a garage is greatly interested. He has never made a profession of religion, but his mother is a Presbyterian, and called her minister to look after her son who is being led away into a terrible belief. This minister told him that he would be committing a great sin to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He said, "well, if I do not join that church I shall keep on as I have been living for I see nothing in other churches that I can prove my faith in." A little more encouragement together with prayer, and this young man will step out.

The prospects are bright and my courage is strong in the Lord that He will do great work in this part of His vineyard. Truly we can say "It is not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord."

Pray for the work, brethren, that God will add many more souls to this truth, for the harvest indeed is ripe, but the laborers are few. Wherever we turn, souls are enquiring of the way, therefore my earnest desire is, entire consecration to this blessed hope, as it can not be long till our Master's return. O what a joy it will be to meet Him in peace, with many, as well as few sheaves to lay at His feet. It calls forth these beautiful words as my desire—

"Wedded to Jesus! Can I speak
These mighty words of love and prayer?
Stay me with flagons, I am weak,
This wondrous weight of joy to bear.

Love draws a veil before my eyes—
I may not know, I dare not see
How these sweet words hold paradise
And all the bliss in store for me.

For I must wait, and labor still;
My Lord so patient is with me,
I would be moulded to His will
Whate'er that loving will may be."

G. MEDAIRDY.

News Notes

The auditing committee met at the conference office on January 30. We were privileged to have with us Dr. B. G. Wilkinson and Professor C. C. Pulver. The counsel of these brethren was much appreciated at this time. Besides these brethren and our conference committee, there were present, Brother Albertus Toms of Smithsburg, Brother D. C. Johnson of Salisbury, Brother Grant Franklin of Glenburnie, Brother Walter Coates of Baltimore, and Brother W. E. Strothers of Martinsburg.

Brother C. V. Leach, Field Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, with our own Field Secretary, Brother J. W. Siler, visited the German Church in Baltimore Friday night, the No. 1 Church of Baltimore on Sabbath morning, and the No. 3 Church on Sabbath, afternoon, February 1. Their visit to Baltimore was very greatly appreciated and we feel sure the people of these churches have a higher conception of the colporteur work than they had before. They went to Wilmington, Del., on Sunday, and met with the No. 1 Church there Sunday afternoon, and with the No. 2 Church Sunday night. We believe these churches will be much more active in the book work than they have been before.

The Queen Theater was well filled again Sunday night as Elder Booth expounded the scriptures.

Brother G. Medairy is quite encouraged over the outlook in Cecil County.

The Chesapeake Industrial Institute is going along nicely with an enrollment of 52 boys and girls. The grades are from 1 to 9 with from 2 to 15 in a grade.

A mistake was made in reporting the number of members uniting with the newly organized church at Salisbury. We have been informed that the number is twenty-one instead of fourteen as we reported last week. We are glad to make this correction.

Good reports are coming from the work in Hagerstown. A Young People's Society has just been organized, and everything seems to be moving along encouragingly. They are working hard on their church

debt, and hope to make quite a decrease in the amount this year.

Elder M. C. Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church telephoned to the office Monday morning, saying they had had a \$630 rally at their church the night before, or Sunday night, February 2. * This clears off the debt of their church, and they are ready to sing the jubilee song of freedom from debt. This church has paid off a debt of \$1600 in one year.

OHIO

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

News Notes

Elder Robbins spent a little time at the office last Tuesday. He still reports a rousing interest at the Columbus meetings.

Brother Hershberger spent last week in the northwestern part of the state, visiting Cleveland, Akron, Ravenna, and Canton.

Brother Numbers, our new Home Missionary Secretary, stopped at the office last week and laid plans for the Home Missionary work. He and Brother Hackman will spend the month of February organizing the churches in the southwestern part of the state.

As a direct result of his canvassing work, Brother Harvey, one of our faithful colporteurs, has had the joy of seeing two of those to whom he sold books just recently begin the observance of the Sabbath; accordingly, a Sabbath School has been started there by means of which they will endeavor to extend the work.

In Vol. 6, page 322 we read that Satan is employing every means at his command to get the colporteurs to take up some other line of work, but that his plans were to be reversed by God's calling them back to the work. We are glad to report many responding to this call. Sister Charles Carter, and Brother Edward Searles are the most recent examples. Sister Houck, a new recruit, is working with Sister Carter in Toledo. Brother Searles will continue his work in Crawford County, where he has already seen a number accept of the message through his labors.

The future for the colporteur work in Ohio looks very bright indeed. Brother Shidler has the names of eighty who are

contemplating attending the institute to be held in Cleveland March 6-15. Besides these, forty of the Ohio students in attendance at the Mount Vernon Academy joined the colporteur class, in contemplation of entering the work next summer. Should a very large percentage of these actually get into the field, Ohio's goal of one hundred colporteurs would not be so far from attainment this year. Keep on praying.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Allegheny Churches

It has been some time since a report has been sent to the VISITOR from this particular part of the field, so I feel that now I must give a brief report at least of our work in connection with the Allegheny Churches for the year just past.

While the past year, in a way, has been an undesirable one because of war, famine, and pestilence, yet when we look upon the brighter side, we find that it also has been a year of signal blessings from God, who has crowned our efforts with success. This was the year of our good general conference where we received inspirations and aspirations as pertaining to missionary endeavors. The time spent at the conference was more than made up in enthusiasm and energetic work. Our work here has been carried on in a single handed way. We had no tent effort last summer, nor any special public effort, partly because of the depressing influences of the war, and partly because of the influenza ban that was on all public meetings, yet the Lord has blessed us with souls and with means for the missions beyond.

Sunday, December 20, a good representation of both churches met at the grand Natatorium for baptism. Sister Anna Schmidt, who was home from school during the holiday vacation, led in the singing, while eight were led in the water, one by one, and were baptized. The scene was impressive and it has been remarked that it was the nicest little baptism held there. Twenty-seven were baptized and added to the church during the year. And the total amount of money raised in both churches is \$9629.76. Nearly \$750 were raised with the Harvest Ingathering papers, so that the per capita to missions is over 21 cents. This is more than has ever been raised in previous years by these churches. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessings of the year, and for the spirit of liberality that has taken hold of our people.

Here we give a comparative report of the two churches:

Allegheny No. 1	
Tithes	\$3128 17
Missions	230 80
Sabbath School	497 91
Harvest Ingathering	259 37
Church Expense	214 65
Misc.	77 92
Total	\$4402 79
Allegheny No. 2 (Ger.)	
Tithes	\$2915 99
Missions	200 72
Sabbath School	432 62
Harvest Ingathering	465 75
Church Expense	134 05
Misc.	353 75
Total	5226 97
Grand Total	\$9629 76

J. P. GAEDE.

Work among Colored People in West Pennsylvania

A brief word concerning our work here will reveal that the hand of Providence has been over us during the past year, in spite of the severe tests brought to us in various ways. We feel profoundly grateful to God for the way He has blessed our humble efforts. We had no public efforts during 1918, but thirty-one members were added, twenty of these by baptism, so that our membership now stands at about one hundred thirty. The finances of the Pittsburgh No. 2 Church are as follows: Tithes \$3,858.97 as against \$2,264.31 in 1917. Foreign mission offerings through Sabbath School, Harvest Ingathering, camp-meeting pledges, week of prayer offerings, etc., \$1,471.87, as compared with \$794.07 the previous year. To Oakwood school \$109.10; church expenses and debt paid, on building and all other local offerings \$1,080.33. To the above must be added from the McDonald Company of eighteen, tithes \$581.77, an increase over the previous year of \$71.22; foreign mission offerings \$359.43 as against \$145.92 the year before; and for home work \$24. Thus it will be seen that our colored membership of both companies contributed for the year the total of \$4,440.74 tithes, and foreign missions \$1,831.30, and all local expense, and home missions, \$1,104.33, or a grand total of \$7,376.37, for the one hundred forty-eight members. Six and one half years before, our tithes (combined) were not more than about three hundred dollars and Sabbath School offerings as low as twenty-two cents a Sabbath. But with the few faithful members we found on coming here, we started in the fear of God, and now our hearts rejoice to see how the good Lord has blessed our feeble efforts, especially in view of our many mistakes.

In three years after we took charge, a fine, but small house of worship was

built in Pittsburgh at a cost of about \$5,500. As I write today (January 16) the third anniversary of its dedication, I greatly rejoice that I am able to report that the debt of more than twenty-two hundred dollars then, has been reduced to about six hundred, and also that the place has now become too small. It can seat two hundred people, but we are actually confused at certain times to manage our Sabbath School classes and, at quarterly meeting occasions. This is one other case to demonstrate that it is profitable, from every viewpoint to build and encourage aggressive work among the colored people, even in the large cities.

Now with our enlarged membership, it has become an imperative need that certain neglected phases of our work be considered, as for instance, the church school work. Though we have among us some twenty-five or thirty children, we have no school. We are now preparing to launch one, but the present building being unsuited altogether for this, we realize that we must look for other quarters soon. Then too, there are many other cities in our conference with large colored populations, that we must work for. And so with trust in God for future help, we humbly ask Him to pardon our past mistakes and accept our all again for better and continued service, while we earnestly solicit the prayers of all interested. Truly we feel to accept the following lines as our hearts' sentiment.

"My spirit on Thy care, Blest Saviour I recline;

Thou wilt not leave me to despair, For Thou art love divine.

In Thee I place my trust, On Thee I calmly rest;

I know Thee good, I know Thee just, And count Thy choice the best.

Whate'er event betide, Thy will they all perform;

Safe in Thy breast my head I hide, Nor fear the coming storm.

Let good or ill befall, It must be good for me,

Secure of having Thee in all, Of having all in Thee." A. N. DURRANT.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Does it Pay?

To many who receive the call to enter the colporteur work comes the pertinent question, "Does it pay?" In answering this question there is only one side from which it may be viewed with any kind of doubt. From a spiritual or purely mental angle, there can be no question that

to be engaged in doing practically the same kind of work that Jesus did when He was here upon earth, teaching the people the truth, speaking kindly words, carrying to them the good cheer of the gospel of the kingdom, is to derive great blessing and to receive some of the peace that He knew. So there can be only one question as to whether it really pays to engage in this work in the Master's vineyard, and that is as to whether there is enough financial remuneration to justify one to undertake this work in these times of economic straights.

Many times I have been importuned to take up the sale of our denominational literature, and there would oft arise the question, "Will it pay me a living?" After having sixteen months experience with the sale of our books in the state of West Virginia, I am happy to say the living question the easiest solved in any undertaking in which I have ever engaged. To me the Lord has proved that it is not only possible to make a living, but after being for more than twenty years in a governmental service, and in a commercial selling line for six years, I can candidly say that the opportunity for lucrative pay is greater in the sale of our books than in most other selling propositions, and the faithful colporteur who puts in the same number of days per year and hours per day as in another avocation can make more money, because the Lord is in the work to help us succeed. Our small books provide abundantly all our daily needs, so in this regard we can be as free as the birds, knowing He who feeds the little brown sparrow and clothes the lily of the field will likewise supply all the needs of the faithful colporteur carrying our truth-laden books from door to door, and leaving them where God knows best they will be a blessing and a light unto salvation to those who read and obey.

For four weeks in September, working sixteen days, one hundred twenty-nine hours, the Lord blessed me with orders to the amount of \$873.50; and in six days, forty-seven hours, the first of October, \$306. The last four weeks I worked eighteen days, one hundred twenty-four hours, with \$777.30 worth of orders.

This is the financial side, and if we look only to this we reap but the dross part of our success. The Lord more abundantly blesses with His Spirit, and in our experience of meeting and being a help to the people, all who engage in this important work at this opportune time, praying each morning to go where God would have us go, do what God would have us do, say what God would have us say, there comes to us the hope which is above price, and the assurance of the Saviour's promise that at our dear Redeemer's soon return we shall hear

from His lips, "Well done." And in the earth made new we shall hear others say, "We thank you for coming to our door, for it was you who first invited me here, and I am saved because of the books you brought me."

Does it pay? The Master says today, "Go work in My vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will pay you." We can confidently rely upon that.

N. D. FISHER.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffett spoke to the students at the academy twice on the first Sabbath in February. A number of the students took their stand for Christ and it is planned to have a baptismal service soon.

Elders Moffett and Hottel met with the new company at Lacy Springs, following the service at New Market. The efforts broken up by the influenza will be resumed after workers' meeting.

Portsmouth No. 1 led in the Ingathering work last year with an average of \$10 a member. Special mention is due Sisters Burns and Conwell who were greatly blessed in soliciting.

Newport News No. 1 dedicated its new church school building, Sabbath February 1. A report of the service will appear later.

Brother Harry Wright with the assistance of Brother Hankins has just delivered over \$400 worth of books in the mountains of Buckingham County, twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad station.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

We were pleased to have with us on January 28 and 29, Brother C. V. Leach. He occupied the chapel hour both mornings, and organized the Canvassers' Band.

Mrs. Brown of Washington, D. C., is visiting her daughter, Mary.

Mr. Herbert Kissman of Erie, Pa., joined our ranks recently. His mother and aunt accompanied him and spent several days here.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
West Virginia, Week Ending January 31, 1919									
Roscoe Bee, Gilmore Co.		OD	4	30	5	12 50	18 60	31 10	6 10
B. P. Wright, Charleston		BR	3	13	4	16 00	29 90	25 90	38 20
F. Bentz, Charleston		GC	4	22	8	33 00	11 95	44 95	2 85
W. T. Dishman, Gauley Bridge		OD	4	30	35	98 20	71 50	169 70	22 50
C. E. Will, Gauley Bridge		OD	4	30	42	121 00	60 95	181 95	32 00
Ivor Lawrence, Garrett Co.		BR	4	32	11	51 00		51 00	55 00
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BR	6	54	44	237 00	13 25	250 25	138 15
Totals	7 Agents		29	211	139	568 70	186 15	754 85	294 80

Ohio, One Week Ending January 31, 1919									
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	4	90	65	140 50	10 00	150 00	80 70
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	5	60	28	76 00	6 55	82 55	77 85
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		BR	5	43	13	56 00		56 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	34	14	30 00	17 45	47 45	25 20
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	4	32	14	40 50	7 85	48 35	23 85
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	5	32	9	14 50	4 30	18 80	13 05
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		OD	5	32	10	25 00	2 85	27 85	15 35
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		OD	5	30	17	44 50	8 50	53 00	35 50
H. O. Kohr, Columbus		WW		30			80 00	80 00	80 00
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	5	21	13	34 50	6 50	41 00	38 00
Mrs. Chas. Carter, Toledo		WP	5	19			29 00	29 00	29 00
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	5	19	11	27 50		27 50	
Buelah Houck, Toledo		WP	5	18			18 00	18 00	18 00
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	2	70	7	13 00	8 90	21 90	
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	1	6	1	4 00	85	4 85	1 60
Mrs. C. E. Lackey, Jackson		OD	1	3					18 00
Totals	16 Agents		58	389	133	506 00	180 75	706 75	456 10

New Jersey, Week Ending January 31, 1919									
Allen Boynton Jr.		OD	4	19	28	87 00	1 75	88 75	
John F. Clark		BR		51		85 00	3 36	88 36	
Norman Haye		BR	2	13	14	54 50		54 50	4 00
Fred Krall		OD	3	24	11	29 50	2 75	32 25	
Esher Lull		Misc.	9	64	56		24 50	24 50	24 50
C. L. Moore		BR	6	36	11	33 00	3 75	36 75	12 25
Wm. Schmidt		Misc.	2	14		85 05		85 05	38 75
Otto Westerhoff		BR	6	36	11	24 75	6 50	31 25	31 25
E. G. Wrigley		OD	4	27	11	31 50	1 25	32 75	1 25
Fred Zimmerly		BR	5	35	13	67 00	4 50	71 50	4 50
Totals	10 Agents		41	319	155	497 30	48 36	545 66	116 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 31, 1919									
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	37	25	106 00	1 65	107 65	4 15
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	34	9	42 00	18 20	60 20	39 65
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	32	7	29 00		29 00	46 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	5	40	11	50 00	1 00	51 00	
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia		BR			10	48 00		48 00	
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	4	37	8	20 00	5 00	25 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	5	23	4	20 00	1 25	21 25	50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BF	5	22	7	14 00	12 30	26 30	3 00
R. M. McAllister, Camden, N. J.		OD	1		1	2 50	13	2 63	
Misc.						63 20		63 20	
Totals	9 Agents		34	225	82	394 70	39 53	434 23	93 30

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 31, 1919									
W. E. Strother, Berkley Co., W. Va.		OD	12	91	68	157 50		157 50	
Grand Totals 43 Agents						Value Orders 2124 20		Deliveries 960 70	

Elder F. O. Gaylord of Battle Creek, Mich., former Bible teacher here, visited here last week. He spoke to the students in chapel on Wednesday morning.

We are glad to see Mr. Richard Hall around again. He was seriously ill for

several weeks, during which time his mother came from Washington, D. C., to visit him.

Miss Florence Eusey of Millersburg, Ohio, visited at the home of Mrs. Fidelia Eusey, during the illness of her little son,

Jack. We are glad to report that he is better.

The students of M. V. A. enjoyed the privilege granted them of attending a debate three nights last week. Elder N. S. Ashton was challenged to debate with a Mr. McVay of West Virginia. The proposition was whether the ten commandment law is binding today.

Miss Ruth Behner of Ravenna, Ohio, has been visiting the Misses Marion Sauder and Lora Weakens recently.

Messrs. Byron Buss and Clifford Hubble are taking up work in the printing department.

Elder J. E. Shultz addressed the students' prayer meeting last week, speaking of the wonderful experiences of a certain Russian brother.

Brother J. E. Lippart spoke to the Honor Men at the State Farm last week on the subject, "The Greatest War in History." The men were deeply interested and are anxious for more meetings.

OBITUARIES

SAXTON.—George Elmer was born at Mackleysville, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1851, and died at Indiana, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1919, of Bright's Disease. About ten years ago Brother Saxton first heard of and accepted present truth under the labors of Elder W. F. Schwartz at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and became a member of the Lock Haven Church. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and a little daughter, one brother, and one sister, Mrs. N. J. Schwartz, of Niagara Falls, New York. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from I Cor. 15 and I Thess. 4.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

TAYLOR.—Jennie Harriet Mantle, wife of Elder Harry F. Taylor, died at the Glendale Sanitarium, Los Angeles, California, December 22, 1918. Mrs. Taylor was born in Hartford, Mich., June 18, 1881. December 22, 1902, she was united in marriage with Harry F. Taylor. Shortly after their marriage they accepted the Third Angel's Message. Since that time Mrs. Taylor has faithfully worked for the cause. She lived a beautiful and consistent Christian life. Although she suffered much all her life, she was always patient and bore all with great Christian fortitude. Her many friends feel that they have lost a great friend in her passing. We, however, know that she will be ready when the Saviour comes to gather His own. In the fall she and her husband left Jersey City, their place of labor, for the West, as Mrs. Taylor's health was failing. She was getting along nicely when she was taken ill with Spanish Influenza. Pneumonia developed and she could not rally, as her heart was too weak. She leaves to mourn her husband, parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mantle, a sister, and two brothers, besides a host of friends.

F. F. STOLL.

THOMAS.—Geo. H., was born Jan. 19, 1883, in Baltimore, Md., and died of pneumonia at his home in Edgewater Park, N. J., December 5, 1918, leaving a wife and a daughter. Brother Thomas and family accepted the truth in 1916 under the labors of Brother C. E. Gulick. He was an earnest and active Christian, and while he will be missed from our midst, yet we look forward to that day when Jesus will call His faithful ones from the tomb, and our brother will hear his voice and come forth. Elder W. H. Heckman conducted the service at the house, and the body was then sent to Baltimore for burial. Elder C. E. Andross conducted the service at the grave.

SARAH E. LONG, Clerk.

HADDIX.—David was born in Barbara County, W. Va., July 11, 1849, and died at his home in Parkersburg, W. Va., January 12, 1919. Since 1883 he had been a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He leaves a wife, two daughters, two sons, and a step son.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

BATTERSBY.—Hazel Lillian and her sister, little Alice Meredith, both died of pneumonia following whoopingcough. Hazel was fifteen years and seven months old; little Alice five years and nine months. It was a very sad scene. The dear Lord sustained the sorrowing parents. A father, mother, a brother and sister are left to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken by a local minister assisted by Elders West and Manry.

E. A. MANRY.

HOAG.—Loel James died in Buffalo, aged 49 years, 4 months, and 1 day. His death came suddenly. He leaves to mourn a father and mother, two brothers and five sisters. As no public funeral was allowed on account of the epidemic, words of comfort were spoken to the friends and relatives at the undertaking rooms.

E. A. MANRY.

WEIMER.—Dollie Ethel, only daughter of Jake and Florence Weimer, was born near Donnelsville, Ohio, March 15, 1887, and died of pneumonia in Columbus, December 2, 1918, aged 31 years 8 months, and 17 days. Sister Weimer had been afflicted for several years. Many relatives and friends were present to pay their last respects. Her remains were taken to New Carlisle for burial. Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Cor. 1:3, 4.

W. W. MILLER.

SEARLES.—Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Searles of Bucyrus, Ohio, was born June 22, 1904, and died December 6, 1918, aged 14 years, 5 months and 14 days. He was reared in this message and was baptized August 11, 1917, at Bucyrus, Ohio. He was buried in the Monroe Street Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

D'MILLER.—Mary Elizabeth, was born in Lyons, N. Y., January 23, 1861, and died at Philadelphia, Pa., January 31, 1919, after a short illness. She and her daughter, Ethelyn, were baptized and accepted into the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Trenton, N. J., in the summer of 1913, by Elder A. R. Sanborn, then president of the New Jersey Conference. At the time of her death she was a member of the Burlington, N. J. Church. She leaves behind a husband and daughter. She passed from this life with the assurance of seeing Jesus at His coming, and was confident that she would be among the redeemed.

O. F. SCHWEDRAT.

An Important Issue of the Liberty Magazine

The current number of the Liberty magazine is just off the press. Its contents are of such importance just at this time that it ought to have a very wide circulation. The first two articles, especially,—"The Termination and Achievements of the Great War," and "The League of Nations," are nicely illustrated and attract public attention. The following are the topics treated in this important issue of the Liberty magazine:

The Termination and Achievements of the Great War.

The League of Nations.

Shall We Merge Pulpit and Legislation?

The Legal Aspect of Sunday.

Serious Dangers before the American Ship of State.

The Los Angeles Sunday Law Defeated Two to One.

A Confession of Injustice by Religious Jugglers.

Puritanical Tendencies of Local Authorities, Lay and Ecclesiastical, in the Later Tudor and Early Stuart Period.

Health and Sunday Observance—How Related.

Guard Against Religious Legislation.

Is Sabbath Rest Physical, or Spiritual?

Not for My Opinions, but for the Right to Have My Opinions.

The Issue.

Sabbath Legislation and Liberty.

"Gasless Sunday."

National Reformers Demand Sunday Legislation.

Order Without Sunday Laws.

Etc. Etc.

The cover design of the magazine represents a human Statue of Liberty, photographed in a mass formation of officers and soldiers at Camp Dodge, Iowa. This in itself makes the magazine very attractive.

Copies can be secured at the rate of 50 for \$2. It is important just at this time that the public have the information which is contained in this issue, and it is hoped that each church will order a sufficient supply for general circulation in the community.

C. S. LONGACRE.

The 1919 Temperance Annual

The 1919 Temperance Instructor has come out printed in its usual attractive style, with two color cover and sixteen pages, filled with temperance matter appropriate for this time of national temperance reform.

The gospel cannot enter a liquor-soaked heart. Such a heart has no will power—it's a slave. National prohibition rescues through imposed abstinence by force. Temperance education enthrones absti-

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nence by choice; therefore, when national prohibition is fully secured, it will mean an open door for "the entering wedge" work—the time in which to make the principles of temperance, keys to the great store house of gospel truth.

National prohibition can no more mean the end to temperance work than to temperance living. It means the time has come to educate to the point of temperance by choice, rather than by force. The 1919 Instructor Temperance Annual is a temperance educator, the entering wedge for The Third Angel's Message. Its circulation should be revived and greatly extended. Orders should be sent in now.

Health Sunday

Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States public health service has asked that "Health Sunday" be observed in all churches of the country February 16, 1919.

Already many leading pastors of the country, say newspaper reports, are planning to cooperate with the department in this work.

Health is an important matter. This meeting affords an opportunity to bring to the attention of many people our health magazine, "Life and Health." Bulk rates are five copies, 5 cents each; fifty or more copies, 4 cents each. Send orders to your conference tract society.

Read Them All

One day a busy young woman in New York City said to me, "I've read all the volumes of the Testimonies while going back and forth on the subway." Day after day, week after week, and month after month one of the volumes was her traveling companion to and from work. In about a year the last volume was completed. She made those hours of confusion on the jammed subway her oppor-

tunity for studying the instruction that the master has given in the Testimonies to help us build characters for eternity, and to help us to become successful in soul winning work.

It would seem a Herculean task for one as busy as she to read all the volumes of the Testimonies in one year. But by reading some every day she found that before long she had read more than 4000 pages. Thousands of others who travelled with her on the subway wasted hundreds of hours that year. And the New York subway is not the only place where busy people fail to improve their time and thus fall needlessly short of reaching the goal set up by their good resolutions.

Do you not think that many other young people could read the Testimonies through in one or two years if they would make the reading a part of their daily program, just as this lady did? It is now a year since the Testimonies reading course was launched. Quite a large number enrolled to read all the volumes in two years. The time is half gone—is the reading half done?

"Our worst foes are not belligerent circumstances, but wavering spirits," said Helen Keller. If Helen Keller with all the "belligerent circumstances" that surrounded her made such a confession, dare we, as a rule, charge our failures up to hindering circumstances? Let us audit our record for 1918. If we enrolled in the Testimonies reading course last January, is the reading half done today? If not, why not? How much of the failure must our candid investigation charge up to "wavering spirits"? The Testimonies are written for our instruction. We need the help they give; but the enemy of souls will try every conceivable way to keep us from getting it. He will provide the "belligerent circumstances," but by the grace of Him whom we serve we can find time for such study as He directs. Shall we not try to complete our reading of the Testimonies during 1919?

MATILDA ERICKSON.

Advertisements

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

WANTED.—A competent Christian blacksmith. Give references and price. The Farm Sanitarium, Reeves, Ga.

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STUDY AT HOME.—If you can not go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The president of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—To correspond with several good Christian girls relative to taking the Nurses' Course in our institution. Address Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio.

FARM WANTED.—A new Sabbath-keeper in one of our eastern cities desires information relative to securing a farm either by rental or purchase in a community where church school privileges are offered. Address C. C. Pulver, 411 Cedar Street, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—Farm to work on shares or by month, with stock and tools furnished. Church school privileges desired. Chas. L. Nicholas, 2030 Detroit Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

WANTED.—An experienced man with family to operate 130 acre farm on shares, with help to take care of cows and general work. Sabbath keeper preferred. For further information address S. M. James, Stahlstown, Pa.

WANTED.—Permanent home on farm after March 1, by healthy, middle aged man who thoroughly understands all kinds of farm work, also poultry, bees, and small fruits. Address A. B. Burkholder, Washington, W. Va.

A Home where there is no Winter

After years of labor in South and Central America Elder and Mrs. A. N. Allen are now in the States to educate their children, and wish to sell their home in Cuba. It is located near the center of the island and consists of twenty acres with a good house. It is only three-eighths of a mile from the station and will make a good home for some one wishing a home in a mild and pleasant climate. For further particulars write Elder A. N. Allen, 2006 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.