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Those Theater Lectures

The three months of early spring were not very bright with promise for aggressive work with the College Fund, so the plan was devised of taking the lecture the writer has been giving on India and the Orient to the large cities of our Union, renting large theaters in eight cities. These meetings were by their nature expensive. When we first planned them we did not know that our country would be involved in the war with the uncertainty of the future and the prospects of war taxation looming up in the future. One main object in the lecture was to introduce that good book "Object Lessons," and through its sale secure means for the College Fund.

It is estimated that 13,000 people attended the lectures in the eight cities. The cash collections amounted to about \$1100. But the expenses were necessarily high aggregating about \$1500. About 2300 copies of "Object Lessons" have already been placed in the hands of our people; the most of which are already sold. The sale of these books will bring about \$200 towards this deficit on the operating expense of the theater meetings and still leave \$1 clear from each book to go towards the College Fund. 5000 "Christ's Object Lessons" have been ordered from the Review and Herald, and we are sure the good work will go steadily on until each book is sold.

In these lectures the work of Seventh-day Adventists has been brought in an interesting way before many thousands of the people of our large cities. Prestige has been given to our work, and many interesting parties have been found who are now further investigating the truth. The large number of "Object Lessons" sold have also made friends for us and some of these souls will be saved in the kingdom as a result. Many thousands of the April Watchman were also sold in connection with the effort.

The last lecture in Cleveland was interesting in many ways. About two thousand people were present. It was a striking sight to see the street lined on both

sides with automobiles which had brought this splendid audience to hear an Adventist missionary. But one of the most interesting features was the hearty response of the church in Cleveland which came forward gladly and subsidized the lecture gladly making up the deficit in the operating expense. The important committee meeting took me away from Cleveland that night, and it was with great regret that I was unable to spend the week with the church leading out in the sale of "Object Lessons." But Brethren Hooper and Christman remained right through the week, and a splendid work was accomplished. The camp-meeting season is now beginning and we are starting the big drive for the completion of our College Fund by September. As we pass from these theater meetings shall we, not pray that many of these thousands who for the first time learned of the work that the Lord is doing through this people shall still be numbered with the people of God and help in the finishing of His work on earth?

GEO. F. ENOCH.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

DuBois and Galeton

We are very thankful to be able to report the recent organization of two churches; one at DuBois, Pa., and the other at Galeton, Pa. The work at DuBois began with a tent effort conducted by Elder G. L. West and the writer last summer. The field was a very difficult one and the fruits slow to appear. During the past winter and spring hall meetings were held in the city and also in a small mining village nearby. Ten precious souls have been baptized, and others plan to be baptized at the camp-meeting. On June 2, a church of sixteen members was organized, and three others have since been added, making a membership of twenty-one. There are a number of deeply interested persons attending regular studies, and we hope to see several of these take their stand soon for the truth. We are looking forward to the coming camp-meeting, which we will give a great help to the work here. The position in this place has been very de-

termined and bitter, but we are thankful that the Lord has helped us to gather a company of honest and loyal souls to hold up the standard of truth in this important center.

One year ago last summer, the writer, assisted by Brother O. B. Kuhn, who is now in China, held a tent effort in the city of Galeton. Our work was new there and the prejudice was strong, and the prospects seemed very poor, especially as the writer's health was in a very precarious condition at the beginning of the effort. But in answer to prayer health was restored, and some precious souls were found in Galeton and vicinity. Five were baptized and added to the Jimtown Church. A Sabbath School was organized in Galeton, the Sabbath keepers there striving faithfully to keep the work going after they were left alone. Last fall Brother John Manuel was sent to follow up the work, and he and his wife did faithful, earnest work during the winter and spring. On June 9 and 10, I again visited Galeton. Nine precious souls were baptized at that time and a church of sixteen members was organized. We feel that God for His blessing, and also to express our appreciation for the hearty co-operation of the brethren and sisters in nearby churches, and the efficient aid of our co-workers which has helped to make these results possible. May the Lord continue to bless these new recruits in the Master's service, and make them efficient soldiers of the cross. Pray for the work in these new fields.

B. F. KNEBLAND.

News Notes

The first church of Pittsburgh gave their pastor a very pleasant surprise in the park, Sunday afternoon, June 24, both as a reception and in recognition of his work. The affair was very cleverly managed and kept a profound secret. He was taken out to the park in an auto to "address a meeting," and found the whole church assembled, and a sumptuous dinner prepared. Elder N. S. Ashton offered an appropriate prayer, and after all had done ample justice to the many good things provided, Elder Robbins in behalf of the church, in his best after din-

ner humor, presented Elder Harter with a splendid leather traveling bag, filled with many useful things for a gentleman's wardrobe.

The gifts aggregated about \$40. He responded in a feeling manner, expressing his deep appreciation of the kindness shown, and the co-operation given, without which the work accomplished would not have been possible.

There is a spirit of unity and good fellowship among the members of this congregation that is very gratifying to see, and it augurs well for the future of the work in this important center.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

The New Jersey camp-meeting began Thursday, June 28, with the largest attendance known since the conference has been organized. It is anticipated that this will be the best meeting ever held.

Elder G. W. Langdon is at the Washington Sanitarium getting ready for an operation for appendicitis. The prayers of the believers are requested for a successful recovery.

The new Slavish-Bohemian Church at Newark was dedicated Sunday, June 17. The building is a splendid one, and is a credit to the people who have erected it. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Elder Sandborn and the prayer was offered by Elder MacNeil.

Brother W. B. Plant had a very successful week canvassing in Morris County. In five days he took orders for \$50 worth of books, and this is simply an indication of what might be done by a score of other canvassers if proper effort was made.

Brother Butler, recently of Washington, will take up colporteur work in Hunterdon County after July 1. Brother Butler is an experienced canvasser, and will no doubt give a good account of himself in the rich farming territory of central Jersey.

The farmers in New Jersey have had a very successful season. The strawberry crop has been a bountiful one and the truck farmers are finding a ready market for all that they have produced.

Miss Lora Tarbell, who has successfully conducted the church school at Trenton during the 1916-17 period, closed the school last week and has gone to Maryland for a vacation.

Miss Ella Iden, who has been in charge of the Sabbath School and Young People's work in the New Jersey Conference for the past two years, will go to Takoma Park in the near future to connect with the Division Conference Young People's Department.

The workers' meeting of the New Jersey Conference convened June 18, and those who have attended have found it to be a workers' meeting in truth, as they have been working to the extent of their powers to get the camp in readiness for the people.

The tract society has the best display at the camp ground it has ever attempted to make. The tent is larger than usual and the stock so varied as to take in almost all the denominational literature.

Brother Gulick, who has been ill in Jersey City for a number of months, is now in a hospital in New York City preparing for an operation. It is hoped this will result in Brother Gulick being helped so that he may return to the work to which he has devoted himself, and be a means of bringing souls into the kingdom of God.

District of Columbia

Work in the Country

In response to an interest awakened by the sale of our books in Loudoun County, Virginia, I was asked to go to Waxpool and hold a meeting Sunday, April 1. The people gathered to the number of fifty in a private home, and, by request, I spoke of "The Agency of Good and Evil Spirits in the Plan of Salvation."

One week later, by invitation of the people, I spoke on "The Signs of Christ's Coming," in the community church at Arcola, four miles from Waxpool. The meeting had not been advertized, so there was a small attendance, but, by request of those present, I was asked to return and hold more meetings.

I did, and on the following Wednesday evening I began a series of meetings in the church, holding them every evening and Sunday morning, except the first Sunday morning, in the month of May. At times the Methodist people used the church. The attendance averaged about 30. People coming from two or three miles, some in autos and others on horseback, distance both ways. The meetings continued until corn planting time. The season was late and the meetings were hurried, making long days, and I was obliged to discontinue some of the meetings. I offered opportunity to do

more visiting among the people and to study with them in their homes.

I have tried to educate them to study the Word and know God for themselves. Some fruit has already appeared. One sister at Waxpool is ready for baptism and church affiliation, another sister at Arcola has been keeping the Sabbath several weeks and now her husband has decided to obey the Sabbath Command. Another family (a man, his wife, and eight children) have also taken their stand for God's Sabbath. A doctor who has a large country practice has, with his family, been very constant in attendance at the meetings, and has begun seeking God in prayer and studying the Word. The family altar has been erected in this home and help has been given to put aside the use of tobacco and coffee. It is hard for people who have been reared in an atmosphere of Calvinistic doctrine to break away and really understand that God has left every man free to choose his own course.

There are others still farther out in the country who are interested and making progress through the Bible studies I am holding with them.

There is another opening for meetings about four miles from Arcola but contagious diseases have broken out, so that for the present nothing can be done.

As always follows when the testing truths of God's Word are presented, opposition has been aroused. The Baptist minister at Waxpool and the Methodist minister at Arcola have both delivered sermons on the Sabbath question, which, to those who were desiring to find some excuse for Sunday observance, seemed conclusive. Still others were only concerned in their belief in the Bible Sabbath.

"Ah Lord God! . . . There is nothing too hard for Thee: Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." Jer. 32: 17, 19.

A. J. BRISTOL.

News Notes

We are confident that our readers will not find a monotony in the weekly statement that our tent efforts are progressing very encouragingly.

With the Washington effort the attendance continues steady and the interest is growing nightly. Last Sunday evening Elder Harter spoke on "The Millenium." It was necessary to place a large number of chairs around outside the tent in order to accommodate the large attendance. Monday evening one gentleman took a definite stand for the truth as far as it has been presented and stated his deter-

ination to follow the light as fast as it comes to him. Another mentioned privately his earnest desire for truth and confidence in the message so far presented, stating that it is what he has been looking for and that he is vitally interested. On last Sunday evening our collection was taken to be applied on the Red Cross Fund. It totaled \$22.68 and we were pleased to do a "BIT" by forwarding it to the local Red Cross Treasurer.

Brethren Rees and Richards have been much encouraged by the the considerably increased attendance and interest taken in their meetings by the people at Ballston. They report an attendance of 90 last Sunday evening, many of whom were men. Several who have been attending the meetings are making an earnest search to find "Whether these things are so" and expressing deep appreciation that this new and important light on the old, old Gospel had been sent to them.

Brethren Willis and Seeney, in charge of the effort for the colored people, have been delayed in some of their arrangements, but have opened their effort Thursday evening, June 28.

Our colporteur work is progressing nicely. Our small field is practically covered with earnest workers, all of whom are turning in good reports and experiences. Brother Ralph Gauker, in Westmoreland County, writes: "I stayed at one house for an hour last week. The man there was an old Methodist and he asked me all sorts of questions imaginable. I answered them in the very best way I could. I was determined to get that order for he had a very good name I was told. He at first refused on any terms, but after answering and meeting all his questions and objections, he gave me a \$4.50 order. And he's good for it, too. For he said before he signed; 'I'll pay if I bargain, whether my wheat crop fails or no.' I have some very interesting experiences and expect to have good success next week. I at least managed to reach my goal this week. It is \$75 so I just about got there."

Brother A. J. Bristol came in Tuesday from Arcola, where he is conducting a series of hall meetings. He reports a good interest and is praising the Lord for a man and wife and eight children who kept their first Sabbath last week. Three others are already keeping the Sabbath of the Lord and some of the most influential people in the neighborhood are seriously considering the strange, but powerful light that has come to them.

VIRGINIA

Virginia

Another week of book work is passed and still reveals the blessing of the Lord upon His work in Virginia. It is intensely interesting here at the office these days to receive the reports from the field and see the success of each one. Surely the Lord has blessed Brother and Sister Trummer in Wise County with over \$500 in orders. We were constrained to just mention their Friday's work of that week. Some of the good book-workers feel that Friday is a short day and little can be done, but we notice on Brother Trummer's report for Friday alone \$134. Tuesday of the same week went to \$136. This is excellent and may the good work go on.

The Richmond tent effort began on Church Hill, Sunday night, July 1, with a good attendance. The tent was filled and a large company gathered about the outside. It is a good beginning and we shall hope the interest will increase as the meetings continue.

Miss Annie L. Watkins of Portsmouth is joining the Winchester tent company as organist.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder J. O. Miller spent Sabbath with the church at Cambridge, Md. He also visited the tent company at Salisbury, Md. He reports a good interest in the work at that place.

Elder A. S. Booth baptized five persons last Sabbath in the Baltimore No. 1 Church. The next baptism in this church will be in four weeks from last Sabbath.

Elder C. C. Stephenson spent some little time at the conference office last week in counsel with Elder Miller and Elder Rodgers, concerning the colored work.

The work in the tent effort conducted by Elder Rodgers is going along nicely. Although the rain came down in torrents last Monday night, 150 people attended the meeting at his tent.

Let every one plan for a liberal Midsummer offering. This offering is to be taken Sabbath, July 14. The cause is in great need, and now while the doors to the various countries are open and while the door of mercy is still open, let each one do what he can to help in this great cause.

The meetings conducted by Elder Booth still continue with excellent interest.

OHIO

Wheelersburg

Wheelersburg is one of our oldest churches in the little village that I have named down on the Ohio River. Since Elder Kennedy and his family and others have moved away from there, their membership has been reduced to a very small number. A part of the membership of that church reside in the city of Portsmouth about ten miles away. They continue to keep their meetings at Wheelersburg and the church property is in a good state of preservation, and looks neat and nice.

Sabbath, June 30, it was my privilege to meet with this church and hold three preaching services, a quarterly meeting service, and a baptismal service. The Lord was very near to bless us and encourage our hearts in these meetings, and it was a great pleasure to receive into church membership five by baptism. Brother Henry Pieper, who is the elder of the church is faithfully doing his part to help keep up the interest. He, with others, sent out a hurry announcement that I would speak on the war situation in the evening, and on this short notice we were permitted to speak to a crowded house of interested people. We have reasons to hope for advancement in the work in connection with this church.

E. K. SLADE.

An Earnest Appeal

In Volume 5 of the Testimonies, page 79, appears a most remarkable statement sent through the Spirit of Prophecy to this remnant church. Here it is. "The prevailing spirit of our time is that of infidelity and apostasy,—a spirit of pretended illumination because of a knowledge of the truth, but in reality of the blindest presumption."

Think of it brethren and sisters—think of it seriously. Do you wonder that Paul wrote as follows: "Brethren my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:1-3.

We as a people mentally are spiritual giants because of our great light and knowledge of present truth, but physically, we are spiritual weaklings—and

why? Because we have failed to submit ourselves "unto the righteousness of God" and do the work He has so lovingly committed unto us. In the face of impending and certain doom we find ourselves waiting, waiting—for what? A compelling power to take hold of us? My brother, my sister, God has given us no such promise.

"Oh, how few know the day of their visitation. How few, even among those who claim to believe in present truth, understand the signs of the times, or what they are to experience before the end. We are under divine forbearance today; but how long will the angels of God continue to hold the winds, that they shall not blow? Among the people of God there is blindness of mind and hardness of heart, although God has manifested inexpressible mercy toward us. How few there are who are truly humble, devoted, God-fearing servants in the cause of Christ, whose hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving because they are called to act a part in the work of God, being co-laborers with Jesus Christ, partakers with Christ of His sufferings. Today there are few who are heartily serving God. It is only as God sees His professed people eager to be laborers together with Him that He can impart to them light and grace; for then they will make every interest secondary to the interest of His work and cause. With such workers the heavenly intelligences will co-operate. Peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place; and if the church is not asleep, if the followers of Christ watch and pray, they may have light to comprehend and appreciate the movements of the enemy.

"This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented that this state of evil may be healed. Let the church awake, let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called."—An Appeal

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1. For "every believer educated or uneducated can bear the message." Test. Vol. 9, p. 26.

C. E. HOOPER.

"It is trying to carry both ends of the load, God's as well as our own, that makes our burden so heavy. If only we were content to do our part, and trustfully leave the rest where it belongs, we should lose our chief burdens—weariness and discouragement."

News Notes

Miss Daisy Wheeler, who is canvassing in and around Willoughby, sent in a very interesting report of an experience she had with a lady while canvassing last week. Sorry space will not permit us to pass it on to the reader. Miss Wheeler was one of the younger students at the academy last year, and now is doing nicely in the colporteur work.

Brother Fred Hannah writes of his work in Belmont County that he is sure of a good harvest of souls for his efforts in that county, and says one whole family have accepted the truth through a book he placed in their home, and are planning to attend camp-meeting this year. Brother Hannah sends in some very encouraging experiences every week.

The week ending June 22 was the big week for Ohio this year, and the Lord gave us His blessing in a marked manner. It was the best week Ohio has ever had in the book work, however, we do not expect it will be as good as some weeks in the future, for we are in the time when the Lord is putting His hand to the work to finish it.

We are getting some good reports from the Misses Mooy and Hannah, who are working in the western part of Knox County, also our lady students in Fulton County are enjoying their work very much; these are the Misses Haughey, Holder, and Cassell.

Have you noticed the reports of the new colporteurs, and how the Lord is blessing them? One of the chief reasons for the success they are having, is the faithful time spent in the field, and, by the way, our old "Veterans" are doing fine along this line, and are sharing in the reward of faithful service, if good reports are an indication." Keep your eyes on the "Visitor."

I find "World War" has a very ready sale these days. Many of our young people are making big records with very little effort. I feel sure there are many others who would be happily surprised at what the Lord would do through them if they once get started. Why not try?

Mr. Louis J. Kolb and Miss Agnes St. Clair were united in marriage in Newark, July 3, Elder E. K. Slade officiating. The wedding took place in the church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion, and was participated in by about one hundred guests.

Brother Elmer French spent the "fourth" at home in Mount Vernon with his people.

Brother P. A. Franks has been spending some time with Brethren Kline, Carter, and Alexander, and letters from these workers indicate his services have been very much appreciated.

Special

Second Quarter's Report (1917) of the Present Truth Mission

G. A. R. Hall, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Sunday night, July 1, the leader of the Present Truth Mission made his report of the work done for the second quarter, to an eager corps of workers and a number of outsiders.

After reading the "Third Angel's Message" as recorded in Rev. 14: 9, 10, the leader remarked in part as follows:

"I wish to refresh our minds as to the purpose of the establishing of this mission in Mount Vernon, and to remind us anew what we are here for. We are here for the purpose of enlightening the people of Mount Vernon as to the meaning of the scripture I have just read. What is the meaning of this terrible warning against the worship of the beast and his image and the reception of his mark? What is the beast, what is his image, and what is it to receive his mark in the forehead or in the hand; and what is his mark?" And with still greater emphasis the speaker asked, "Of all the churches in Mount Vernon which of them are telling the people about this terrible warning found in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation? Have any of you ever heard a single preacher in any of the churches tell the people what this beast is and what his image is and what his mark is," and with one accord all heads shook No! "Now then," said the speaker, "if no one else is telling the people of this warning you can see the import of our mission and why we are here, for we are here to tell the people just these very things.

Having laid before the mission workers anew the purpose of the mission the financial report was read as follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1 to June 30

RECEIPTS

April 1, Balance on hand from last quarter	9 96
June 30, Total S. S. Don.	27 63
" " Sunday night col.	11 71
" " Individuals, and other sources	3 25
Total for quarter	\$52 55

DISBURSEMENTS

May 20, Needy family	1 25
" 22, Tracts	25
" 26, Song Books	12 42
June 4, A man who had house burned	50
June 14, Little books for Kind- ergarten	50
Rent for 2nd quarter	21 00
Bill for Little Friends	8 75
Total for quarter	\$44 67
Balance on hand with all bills paid	\$7 88

The speaker then remarked, "In addition to the financial report there is another phase of our work we feel to praise the Lord for, and that is the spiritual and temporal help we have given to many who have come in contact with the mission and its workers from time to time.

"During the past quarter we have assisted with clothing and shoes at least eight or ten persons and families.

"The spiritual help the mission has rendered those who have attended our meetings from time to time cannot be computed by any one but the dear Master, who will not forget or permit to go unnoticed the cup of cold water given even in the name of a disciple.

"In the distribution of literature the mission workers have not been idle. We have distributed by selling and by giving away, at least 150 magazines and other periodicals and not a few tracts.

"The mission also donated to a school in North Carolina 25 chairs which we had on hand clear of debt.

"We have held three meetings a week with an average attendance at our Sunday night meetings of thirty-eight or forty persons, and at our Sabbath meetings of about forty-five or fifty.

"It might be added that the leader of the mission conducts a Sunday school class at the Ohio State Sanatorium every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, and holds a cottage meeting every other Sunday afternoon in South Vernon.

"I appeal to you, my beloved co-workers, to thank God and take courage and let us unite our weakness with the Master's strength and determine to make the quarter upon which we are entering tonight the banner quarter of all our three years' work."

H. S. WEAVER, *Leader.*

"The great penalty of insincerity is that by and by we cannot be true even to ourselves. We lose the power to be sincere. Sophistries and pretenses become the habit of the mind, and we cannot distinguish between what we really believe, and that which we are only trying to make ourselves believe."

Some Ways in Which Tracts Are Being Used

Tracts have been the means of saving many souls, not only in this message, but in earlier gospel work. They are still being used for that purpose and many members are having good success with them as the following experiences will show:

"I received the tracts and must tell you the good they are doing. I gave some of them to one of my neighbors and they sat up till three o'clock in the morning reading them and comparing them with the Bible. I am so glad, and I know you will be happy to hear of this."

"About ten years ago while a woman was waiting at a station, she took a leaflet from a tract rack and read it to pass away the time. She was not a Christian at the time. Not very much was read, but what she read impressed itself upon her mind. In substance it was that the New Testament taught that the seventh day, commonly called Saturday, was the Sabbath. That Christ was crucified on the sixth day and rose the first day and that the Sabbath came between the two, therefore, it of necessity must be the seventh day. She said to herself that it was so, and that if she ever became a Christian she would keep the true Sabbath.

About three years later sorrow came into her home and as a result she gave her heart to the Lord. She started to keep the Sabbath and has kept it ever since. Within the past six months seven of her relatives have joined with her in the message."

"The tract, 'The Sabbath of the Bible,' was handed to my husband. I read it and was convicted of the truth. For two years I kept the Sabbath alone. I had been seeking to know God's will more perfectly for some time."

"In one of our small western cities lives a sister who is a semi-invalid, shut in. She has a bright little boy of five years, who said to her a few days ago, 'Mama, why don't we take all the tracts and give them to the neighbors? We know all about the Sabbath and will never forget it.' 'Well, son,' she said, 'I want certain tracts to go to certain people, and it takes some time.' 'Well, you sort the tracts, and tell me the neighbors you wish to have them, and I'll take them to them.'"

"For some weeks I have been distributing 'Family Bible Teacher' and other tracts to a number of families. One lady became so interested that she ordered tracts of me with which to do missionary work for others. She waits with interest for the weekly visits of the pages of truth as they have proved to be good for her soul. She bought 'Ministry of Healing' of me, and says she appreciates this good

book very much. This lady was much impressed with the tract 'Some One Cares for Your Soul,' and sent it to a friend who had lost his Christian experience."

"I have given away a large number of the 'Charlie Coulson' tracts, which tell of the conversion of a Jewish doctor, and have left them on the trains wherever I went. One day I started to give away my tracts as soon as my ticket was taken. The car was full, and as I reached the end, the trainman said to me, 'Keep right on going,' and opened the door to the next car. I offered him one, but he said, 'No, I picked one up the other day on the train. They are needed in the next car.' I passed on, and found the whole car full of Jews going to a Jewish convention. I gave all the tracts I had with me, and went to my seat for the rest and had just enough to give each one. I had intended making this journey the day before, but was prevented from doing so. If I had I would have missed those Jews.

"When I went back the trainman said, 'Did you have enough?' I answered, 'Yes,' and he said, 'Good, they are all right.' His face showed how earnest he was, and I believe mine shone, for I was so happy."

"A brother left some tracts on the porch of a house and the man and his wife read them eagerly, and as a result both of them were convicted of the truth and soon united with the church."

"Here is an abstract from a letter received recently:— 'Mrs. has been leaving at my house for sometime "The Family Bible Teacher" and I have become deeply interested in them. No. 10 on the "Millenium" is just fine, therefore I want to continue the study. Enclosed find 25 cents for a copy of "Our Paradise Home," and send a list of your publications. Hoping to be in the first resurrection, I remain,

"The church to which this sister belongs has been having a campaign with the "Family Bible Teacher," and this is one of the results. I called up the sister who has been leaving the leaflets and she said she did not know that the family was at all interested."

This case should be an encouragement to those who do not see much interest manifested by those for whom they are working. Here is another similar case:

"A lady wrote to the publishing house asking for a complete catalogue, and saying that she had been reading some of their literature, had gloriously enjoyed it and hoped that many others would feel the good in it as they read it. This letter was referred to the church near where the lady lives. A sister from that church had lent the lady a package of tracts. On account of bad weather, she did not go to call for them for over two weeks, and

them stopped off for just a moment on her way to church. She told the lady she had called for the envelope, and asked if she would like another one. She said she would as she had enjoyed that so much. The sister who lent the tracts said, 'I was much encouraged to know of her interest, as you have written, for I had not learned from her that she was so deeply interested, and I have hoped and prayed that some one might be led to study the message for this time. I shall go on distributing the tracts each week.'

"One of our isolated brethren and his wife are determined that those living near them shall have a little of the message to read. They sent us an order for six tracts to be sent to each of one hundred persons living in their vicinity, and \$5 to pay for the tracts and mailing."

This is a plan many of our people could follow and thus get the truth into a number of homes.

"I accepted the message by reading tracts. They were lent to me and I accepted the truth without hearing a sermon."

"For some time one of our brethren has been in the habit of leaving tracts in the railway carriage while on his way to business. One morning on leaving the train a gentleman accosted him, saying, 'Excuse me, but did you leave a little tract on the signs of Christ's coming in the train yesterday?' Our brother told him he did, upon which the gentleman expressed himself deeply interested in the subject and requested more literature bearing on the same subject. Morning after morning they traveled together, both being engaged in business in the same district. Our brother was thus afforded the opportunity of passing on more literature and verbally bearing witness to the truth. The result is that this gentleman acknowledges the message for these times and is deeply impressed that he should render obedience to all the requirements of God."

While many of our people are making good use of tracts, large numbers of them are evidently doing nothing with them, as is plainly shown by the home missionary reports, and tract society sales. The plan of lending them from house to house is an excellent one. A package containing one complete set all ready in the lending envelopes can be obtained for 25 cents, four sets for \$1.00 and twenty-five sets for \$5. The latter is the most economical for a fair sized church. All these packages contain more tracts than can be bought separately, and the envelopes can be used several times, just as long as they keep clean. This is an inexpensive way to do systematic work in any locality and is a very fruitful method of work.

The "Kings Pocket League" plan of always carrying tracts in the pocket or

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help ^m	Total	Del	
Virginia, Week Ending June 29, 1917										
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	78	108	455 50	46 00	501 50		
H. A. Wright, Nelson Co.		BR	4	39	53	196 50	3 00	199 50		
H. G. Leeland, Tazwell Co.		BR	10	88	69	251 00	4 00	255 00		
H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co.		BR	5	32	26	98 00	7 00	105 00		
Elden Lockwood, Tazwell Co.		HM	5	45	43	108 00	8 75	116 75		
E. M. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	36	15	54 50	4 50	59 00		
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BR	5	36	16	59 00		59 00		
B. F. Purdham, Rockingham Co.		BR	4	23	10	36 00	1 40	37 40		
Annie Childs, Frederick Co.		BR	3	29	8	30 00	3 25	33 25		
Elsie Nelson, Clark Co.		BR	5	43	10*	35 00	2 00	37 00		
Malena Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	5	45	14	28 00	2 75	30 75		
Hazel Leach, Pittsylvania Co.		BR	5	42	12	42 00	1 75	43 75		
Edith Nelson, Warren Co.		BR	4	26	8	28 00	75	28 75		
Irma Geheart, Frederick Co.		BR	5	37	15	53 50	75	54 25		
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		BR	5	50	16	58 00	5 60	63 50	3 15	
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.		BR	5	49	26	93 00	2 25	95 25	1 75	
Hilda M. Rokeby, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	5	36	17	34 00	2 00	36 00		
Agnes Walker, Nottoway Co.		BF	1				1 50	1 50		
Mrs. Fussell, Henrico Co.		WC WW	10	50	205	51 63		51 63	51 63	
Totals	21 Agents					96 789 671	\$1711 63	\$97 25	\$1808 78	\$56 53

Ohio, Week Ending June 29, 1917										
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	53*	26	114 00	5 25	119 25	9 75	
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	45	8	28 00	5 25	33 25	16 25	
M. B. Ingersol, Erie Co.		BR	5	44	11	42 00	2 25	44 75	10 25	
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	4	44	17	63 50	2 25	65 75	2 25	
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	4	41	15	57 50	3 75	61 25	2 25	
Mary Holder, Fulton Co.		BR	5	40	22	79 00	1 00	80 00	1 00	
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	5	37	6	25 00	11 35	36 35	52 25	
Elsie Haughey, Fulton Co.		BR	5	34	14	51 50	1 50	53 00	1 50	
Martha Hottes, Dayton		BF	4	32	10	22 50	1 00	23 50		
Mabel Cassell, Fulton Co.		BR	4	32	8	29 00	75	29 75	4 50	
J. H. Stafford, Columbus		BR	3	30	9	36 50		36 50	8 00	
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	4	30	16	60 00	3 25	63 25	7 00	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	4	30	9	33 00	4 25	37 25	11 50	
Daisy Wheeler, Lake Co.		BF	5	28	5	11 50	3 75	15 25	3 50	
Elmer French, Champaign Co.		BR	4	28	17	59 00	2 75	61 75	2 00	
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton		BR	4	28	5	17 50	7 50	25 00	8 00	
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	5	27	32	122 00	3 35	125 35	7 00	
Clara Weber, Dayton		BR	4	25	6	22 00	3 00	25 00	4 75	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Portsmouth		BR	5	22			8 40	8 40	27 70	
G. W. Yingling, Warren		BR	4	14	7	27 50	7 00	34 50	2 50	
Mrs. G. Yingling, Warren		BR	3	11	4	13 50	2 00	15 50		
K. W. Blaylock, Cleveland		Mag	2	20			29 40	29 40	29 40	
Miscellaneous		BR			23	81 50	1 00	82 50		
Totals	22 Agents					93 695 270	\$996 50	\$110 00	\$1106 50	\$211 35

District of Columbia Week Ending June 22, 1917										
C. A. Carter, Stafford		BR	5	46	18	64 00		64 00		
E. T. Feutz, Fauquier		BR	4	37	19	67 50	13 60	81 10	3 00	
D. Atchison, Fauquier		BR	3	33	16	56 00	9 80	65 80	2 45	
J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland		GC	5	48	19	67 50	2 25	69 75	2 25	
Ralph H. Gauker, Westmoreland		BR	5	43	21	75 00	50	75 50	50	
Miscellaneous		Misc				40 00	9 00	40 00	49 00	
Totals	5 Agents					22 207 93	\$370 00	\$35 15	\$405 15	\$57 20

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A. S. Rees								2 50	
Alma Kibler								3 00	
Miscellaneous								16 50	
Total								\$22 00	

District of Columbia, Week Ending June 29, 1917

D. Atchison, Fauquier	BR	3	18	5	17	50	5	50	23	00	5	50
F. T. Feutz, Fauquier	BR	3	23	8	28	00	2	00	30	00	1	00
Ralph Gauker, Westmoreland	BR	5	40	14	56	00	1	75	57	75	1	75
J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland	GC	5	40	25	90	50			90	50	3	50
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	4	42	20	72	00			72	00		
W. C. Welch, Prince Geo.	BR	3	18	1	3	50			3	50	42	00
Miscellaneous					20	00	3	35	23	35	23	35
Total	6 Agents		23	181	73	\$287 50		\$12 60	\$300 10		\$77 10	

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Miss Alma Kibler	25	00
Mrs. F. T. Feutz	5	10
Mrs. Annie Straub	5	00
Miscellaneous	12	50
Total	\$47	60

District of Columbia, Month Ending June 30, 1917

D. Atchison, Fauquier	BR	6	51	21	73	50	15	30	88	80	7	95
F. T. Feutz, Fauquier	BR	7	60	27	95	50	15	60	111	10	4	00
Ralph Gauker, King Geo.	BR	18	161	63	228	50	9	00	237	50	9	00
J. I. Butcher, King Geo. Co.	GC	15	139	67	239	50	6	50	246	00	10	00
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	16	138	71	254	50			254	50		
W. C. Welch, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	3	18	1	3	50			3	50	42	00
O. Westerhoff, Stafford Co.	BR	7	62	38	138	00	7	00	145	00	7	00
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	3	30	1	3	50			3	50	142	00
Chas. Dunham, Washington	WW	10	70				41	25	41	25	31	00
Miscellaneous					90	00	62	40	152	40	152	40
Total	9 Agents		85	729	289	\$1226 50		\$157 05	\$1283 55		\$408 35	

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Augusta Iloff	10	00
Alma Kibler	41	50
Edna Bell	120	00
Mrs. Hattie V. Purce	5	00
A. S. Rees	2	50
Mrs. F. T. Feutz	5	10
Mrs. Annie Straub	5	00
Miscellaneous	48	70
Total	\$237	80

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 29, 1917

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	4	39	18	72	00	5	25	77	25	4	00
Totals	1 Agents		4	39	18	72 00		5 25	77 25		4 00	

New Jersey, Week Ending June 29, 1917

W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BR	5	40	12	45	00	8	00	53	00
Borton Veinot, Passaic Co.	WW	4	27		35	00			35	00
Total	2 Agents		9	67	12	\$80 00		\$8 00	\$88 00	

Grand Totals: 66 Agents Value of Orders \$4744 13 Deliveries, \$757 78

handbag is another excellent way of using tracts. No soldier would go out when on duty without ammunition. The Christian soldier is always on duty and needs to carry his ammunition with him. Packages of assorted tracts can be obtained for this purpose. They are as follows: one on the Second Coming of Christ, one on the Immortality Question, one on the Sabbath, and one containing a miscellaneous assortment. The price of each package is 25 cents, four for \$1.00.

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EDITH M. GRAHAM.

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WANTED.—Men to work in factory who can handle tools or do carpenter work. Address J. M. Reightler, R. R. No. 1, Hagerstown, Md.

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON.—Benj. B. was born in St. Lawrence, N. Y., February 26, 1827, and died near Canfield, W. Va., June 4, 1917, at the age of 90 years, 3 months and 18 days.

He was united in marriage to Harriet N. Hayford, February 26, 1850. To this union were born eight children. In 1855 Mr. Johnson moved to Wisconsin and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company F., 32nd regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers, serving his country three years.

In 1882 Mr. Johnson and wife accepted the truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Fort Howard, Wis., dedicating their means and life to the work of the gospel. They located in West Va., in 1884 where they remained until death, Mrs. Johnson having preceded her husband in death. Mr. Johnson is survived by two sons, one daughter and two brothers.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder G. A. Stevens from Rev. 14: 13.

ROSE.—Mrs. Martha Icie was born November 25, 1884, at Hicksville, Ohio, and died May 26, 1917, aged 32 years, 6 months and 1 day.

She accepted the truth held by this people and was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Hicksville. She leaves to mourn, a husband, four children, her parents, two sisters and one brother. We laid her away to rest until the morning of the first resurrection. May the Lord bless those who are left to mourn. F. M. FAIRCHILD.

"Precious in the Sight of God is the Death of His Saints."

Dear little sister so silently sleeping,
Blest is thy rest while others are weeping.
Precious thy death thus God's word hath spoken,
And promise of His, hath never been broken.

Frail, oh so frail at our very first meeting,
Yet cheerful and happy her kind words of greeting.

Giving of kindness an overweight measure,
Studying ever to give others pleasure.

Born of a love that was sweet to behold
Yearning to mother, the Lambs of her fold;

Yet peacefully saying, "The Lord knoweth best,

He will care for my children while I am at rest."

This is the peace our God giveth ever.
A peace which the world from us may not sever.

A dear quiet sunset, a bright golden glow
That lendeth its halo to all things below.

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So lived this our sister, though tortured and pained,
Until reason faltered and consciousness waned;

The while,— though it saddened,— this stilled mother-grief,
Her sleeping in Jesus came as a relief.

The Father of Mercy in accents of love
Has given us comforting words from above.
Dear grief-stricken ones, remember His word!

"Blest be the dead which die in the Lord."

And again, lest the spirit in weakness yet faints,—

"Precious to God is the death of His saints."

—ROSE B. MURPHY.

Mount Vernon Academy

Elder R. T. Dowsett spent a few days at the academy auditing the books.

Professor W. H. Teesdale returned from his work among prospective students in West Virginia.

Mrs. M. V. Eusey of Columbus, Ohio, is making her home in Mount Vernon.

The academy family enjoyed a pleasant time at the riverside on the Fourth of July.

Notice

Anybody wishing to dispose of old "Signs of the Times," "Life and Health," "Youth's Instructor," or "Liberty," for distribution in missionary work, please send them to Mrs. F. C. Hightower, 364 S. Belmont Ave., Springfield, Ohio.

Notice

August 25 has been set as the date of M. V. Goal Dollar Day. It is hoped that the program for that date will be entered into with zest, and that everywhere the Missionary Volunteers will make this a day when the mission offerings will bring the goal in sight.

C. L. STONE.

Camp-Meeting Dates

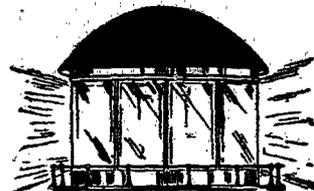
West Pennsylvania:— Du-Bois, July 5 to July 15.

Ohio:— Bellefontaine, August 16-26.

**WANTED
Names of Medical Workers**

We desire the name of every Seventh-day Adventist doctor, nurse, treatment room worker, and any others engaged in medical work, to place on our mailing list for matter of special interest to such workers. Just now we wish to send sample copies of the "Sanitarium Quarterly" to all who have not received it. This journal is now printed in this country, and is to be a departmental medium of communication, containing much matter that cannot well be published in our other papers.

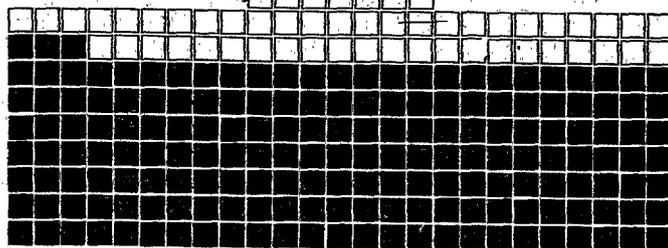
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Cash Paid	17844 68



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