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B. G. Wilkinson, Pres - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

### A Pentecostal Meeting

Sabbath morning, April 13, at the General Conference was one of the greatest meetings ever held in the history of the denomination. It started after some men had been on their knees all night.

Brother A. G. Daniells set forth, under the blessing of God, at the eleven o'clock hour the great unanswered calls from the foreign fields. The Spirit of God rested mightily on the congregation. There was an immediate and effective response to the appeal. Gifts ranging all the way up to \$9000.00 were made. Brother Daniells reported that one person previous to the meeting had privately made a gift of \$20,000.00.

It was an inspiring sight to see the lines of ushers moving toward the rostrum with the cash, the checks and the pledges. There was no excitement and no expressions or movements which would not indicate the presence of the Holy Spirit. Men did not promise to sell and give, but actually gave. It was like the days following Pentecost when men and women sold the properties and laid the price at the apostle's feet. In a few moments \$132,000. in cash and pledges were given.

The results of the meeting evidently was the fruitage of the prayers and consecration which had proceeded. The brethren of the Columbia Union who were not there can never know how Pentecostal was this gathering of the people. Such deep surrenders to God had been made that at times deep rifts were made in the visions of the future, showing how near was the Spirit of God to His people. We have many signs in the world which show that the coming of Christ is near, but we must not forget that God's people are also a sign. What happens among them is of great importance. And the fact that this Pentecostal meeting came at this time with such great fruitage indicates that God is mightily at work just now getting His people ready.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## San Francisco to Mount Vernon.

The trip from San Francisco, through Oregon to Vancouver, B. C., and thence the beautiful Rockies, over the Canadian Pacific Line to Chicago, and Mount Vernon, was a very inspiring and instructive journey.

The delegates had a special tourist car with all conveniences, even to the kitchenette. The Canadian Pacific is one of the best transcontinental lines and most scenic routes in North America. We were one whole day passing through the massive and varied Rockies. The handiwork of the Creator as witnessed during the journey will never be forgotten. But these wonders only make the Advent people of God long the more for the glorious new heaven and the new earth where there will be no visible marks of sin.

The writer had the pleasure of stopping off at Mount Vernon and spending a profitable and pleasant day at the Mount Vernon Academy. It was really inspiring to meet the faculty and student body again. The faces of all seemed to be filled with hope and courage. The response to the call to service on the part of the students was a grand sight.

Twenty-eight marched into the parlor at the close of the service and volunteered to be messengers of light and truth during vacation. They formed themselves into a band of magazine workers. A large band of colporteurs had already been formed. These two bands make a strong army of Christian young men and women, of which all may well be proud. May the Lord bless them with faith and courage and help them to make broad inroads into the ranks of the enemy. The spiritual atmosphere of the school is good. The blessing of God and His prospering hand truly rests upon this institution.

I am truly glad to get back to the home field and to get into the harness again.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

The doctor informs you that you need more "Iron in your blood." Two splendid articles are given in the June "Life and Health," with the information as to how to secure it without patronizing the corner drug store.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.  
R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

### Colonial Beach and Chiltons

Just a few lines as to the way the Lord is blessing in this part of the field. The missionary spirit is growing in nearly all the churches of the conference, at a rapid pace. Soon we hope that every member will become actively engaged in doing something to win souls to Jesus Christ. For he that winneth souls is wise.

We are now trying to get as many of the members of the different churches to take hold of the Magazine work, and in this way they can win souls to Christ, and at the same time earn a little missionary money. In getting literature into the homes of the people many will come to a knowledge of the truth, and will finally be saved in the kingdom of God. The spirit of the Lord has told us that this is one of the most important branches of the Lord's work. Many are having some splendid experiences as they go into the different homes of the people, and as they meet the people in the streets and highways. Some of the railroads will allow you to sell literature on the trains; wherever they do, we should take advantage of this opportunity and sell our good magazines and literature. The people are anxious to read this kind of literature.

I am just returning home from a trip to Chiltons, and Colonial Beach, Virginia. At Colonial Beach I had a splendid time unfolding the truth to the people. Our little church was not large enough to hold the people, so I went to the stewards of the Methodist church, and also the pastor, and asked them if I could not get the use of their church for a week, as the people wanted to hear the truths which I had to preach during the week. To make a long story short, they were all unanimous in letting me have the use of the church. The minister said that he wished it would be possible for him to attend all the services during the week; but it would be impossible for him to do so, as he lived about 45 miles from there, and had several other churches on his circuit. He seemed like a good man, and

the people say that he is one. Surely the Lord works in mysterious ways. Just three years ago this could not have been done. Nearly every one on the Beach was prejudiced against the truth and our people. When we left, the spirit was nearly all gone. Now I am glad to say, that nearly every one on the Beach attended the services, and seemed to enjoy each meeting. The spirit of the Lord was present, and nearly all desired to be ready when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven. The Methodist church was filled the last night of the meetings. The largest crowd that had been in the church for many a day. Many people asked me when I was coming back again. The local elder asked me to send him any literature I thought would be instructive to him. He also told me how he enjoyed every service, and only wished I would remain longer. He used to be very prejudiced and even prayed that the Lord would drive out our religion from the Beach and prayed that those who had accepted of it would see their mistake, and turn away from Seventh-day Adventism.

„People seem anxious to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom, and of Christ's soon coming. Now is the time to work for the salvation of souls. Are we all doing all we can to hasten on the coming of Jesus? Calls are coming from the north, east, south, and west for some one to come and tell the people about this truth.

May God inspire each one of us to do more in the Master's vineyard, and save souls for the kingdom of Jesus, is my earnest prayer. FLOYD E. GIBSON.

### NEW JERSEY

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

### Newark

Sabbath, April 20, at a service conducted in the Newark Church by Elder G. W. Spies, six persons received the rite of baptism. The work in Newark is very promising, and many persons are manifesting a definite interest in the message being given. The English Church in this city has been without a pastor for three months, but the earnest work done by Bible workers and members of the church has resulted under the blessing of God in bringing conviction to the hearts of a large number of people. Thirty persons have been baptized during the last five months and a number of others have been admitted into the church on profession of faith.

A good interest is already awaiting the expected tent meeting during the summer, and it is believed this will ripen up and round off a number of those now in the valley of decision. This large city of al-

most four hundred thousand inhabitants is seemingly an outlying ward of Greater New York, and the same conditions prevail and the people are subject to the same influences. Those living in the great apartment house districts are hard to reach, but many honest, genial souls are found, indicating that the Lord has a people in these great centers. The prayers of the faithful are asked that the efforts of those sowing the seed may be rewarded by a harvest of souls in the reaping time. T. D. GIBSON.

### OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio  
E. K. Slade, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

### Changes Effecting Ohio

On returning from the General Conference I am giving my best attention to the closing up of my work and to turning it over to my successor as I pass on to another conference. About seven years ago, on the recommendation of the General Conference and the invitation of the Ohio Conference, I took up the work here. I came to the state with no knowledge of conditions existing in the Union nor of the task awaiting me in Ohio. My heart was made glad, however, by the hearty response on the part of the Ohio workers and believers as we laid plans for a united drive for advancement. The Lord's rich blessings were granted freely as we sought to strengthen each department of the work.

At that time our annual tithe receipts were about \$30,000.00. For the year just closed they were over \$70,000.00. Our annual mission offerings were about \$8,000.00 then, while for 1917 they were over \$33,000.00. During the past seven years we have added nearly 1200 souls to our churches. The same degree of advancement has been seen in all departments of our work. For this I am profoundly grateful to God who has greatly favored His cause in Ohio. These good results have been made possible by the free and hearty co-operation of our church members. It betrays a laudable love for God's work on the part of the Ohio people. As I pass on to another field, I do so with deep regret at being separated from the many friends and co-workers that I have learned to love. I solicit your prayers in taking up the greater responsibilities in the West Michigan Conference, which for years has had the distinction of being the largest conference in membership and the smallest in territory. Within its borders are Battle Creek with a membership of nearly 900, and a twelve grade school with 250 enrolled, Cedar Lake Academy, Berrien Springs College, and the Review and Herald Branch, and the Lake Union Con-

ference offices at South Bend.

By the vote of the Ohio Executive Committee, Elder F. H. Robbins of West Pennsylvania, has been chosen to the presidency of the Ohio Conference. Elder Robbins is not a stranger to most of the Ohio people. As he enters upon his new duties in this conference, I bespeak for him a hearty welcome and the freest co-operation on the part of all. By doing this you can make his work easier and the cause more prosperous. We are facing great problems in our future work and we must have God as our leader, and our strength, and our wisdom.

E. K. SLADE.

### Grading Papers

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

In my subject today I will endeavor to show forth some principles, in regard to the grading of papers, which have proven to be of value to me in my experience.

No system for marking papers has been devised that is free from objectionable features. Numerical marks are generally used to represent the value or the correctness of the result, but they usually put no value upon the effort required to obtain the result. Children are prone to compare one grade with another without taking into consideration individual differences in ability. When grades are given upon the quantity of work done in a given time, the gifted child will, according to our present system, receive a higher grade than the dull child, but the grade of seventy or eighty that the dull child receives may represent highly credible work for him.

Teachers generally complain because of the amount of labor required in marking papers. This labor may be unprofitable and even harmful to the teacher, but it is one of the necessary burdens of successful teaching. The examination of papers should give the teacher an index to the attainment of the pupils and, perhaps, indirectly, a measure of his or her efficiency in teaching, but the marks and criticisms given should serve as a certain stimulus and incentive to the pupils to work. The marks, checks, and criticisms given should not be looked upon as mere awards for effort or achievement, but as suggestions for improvement. Wherever they do not serve as educational stimuli, it is questionable if they should be used.

In the case of several of my pupils this year I find that the daily memorandum is a valuable help. Some marking is necessary for mere bookkeeping purposes. With a class of ordinary size it is more or less impossible for the teacher to remember the difficulties and needs of

each individual of the class. Instead of assigning grades at the close of the recitation, the teacher will find it more practicable and helpful if she keeps a memorandum in a book (I use the back of my class register) recording the entries for each child upon a separate page as follows:

Paul Johnson (in arithmetic)

Oct. 3. Seems uninterested but understands the principle.

Oct. 4. Work may be uninteresting because it is too easy. Give special problems.

Oct. 12. Some improvement. Problems may be too abstract. Try more concrete ones.

Oct. 14 Likes to make his own problems; but does not know prices well enough to make his problems harmonize with business procedure.

John Smith (in History)

Nov. 2. Seems very much interested but does not understand the principle of topic recitation.

Nov. 4. Tried outline. Some improvement.

Nov. 9 Continued outline. A marked improvement.

Nov. 12 Topic recitation good. Assign longer lessons.

Such records as these would be of great value to the teacher at the close of the term (in determining the grades of students.)

In order to get the best results from a written exercise, the papers should always be marked and handed back to the pupils. Ordinarily the teacher should mark, but not correct the mistakes. To correct only means added work and furthermore that is the pupils' duty. However, the notes of the teacher should be clear enough to enable the pupils to correct the errors intelligently. It is well to remember that calling attention to a fault or mistake once does not mean that it will be corrected. Attention must be called to it repeatedly until the pupil habitually gives the right form. A clear distinction should be made between errors due to ignorance and those due to carelessness. Again, not all the faults can be corrected at once. The most serious mistakes should be overcome first; the minor ones should be taken up later. Perfection is attained by gradual growth.

JOSEPH P. BEACH.

Do you find yourself laboring under difficulties all the time because you were "born under disadvantageous circumstances." If so, is it necessary for you to remain so? Splendid advice is given in the June "Life and Health" by Dr. Crawford. Noted examples are given of those who have "won out" in the struggle. It may help you to read and follow the instructions.

## CHESAPEAKE

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

### News Notes

May 12 to 18 is BIG WEEK, and we hope that everyone in the Chesapeake Conference will do all they can to sell magazines, and small books, and take orders for the larger books. We especially appeal to those who have in past years had a part in spreading our truth-filled books, to buckle the harness on for BIG WEEK, and see if the Lord will not bless them richly with orders. We have a number of old canvassers that we would love to see take up the work for just this one week, May 12 to 18. Let every one who can go out during BIG WEEK, be sure and do so, and kindly report as soon after the close of the week as possible, to our field and home missionary secretary, M. S. Pettibone, Dover, Delaware, and tell him just what you were able to accomplish.

We are sorry to report the sad news of the death of Sister Annie R. Jones. She was the widow of Elder John F. Jones. For many years they labored faithfully together in the Chesapeake Conference. It will be remembered that Elder Jones died several years ago in Oregon. Sister Jones died in Colorado and was laid to rest in Oregon. We have no particulars in regard to her illness.

We are glad to report a growth in our colporteur list since last week. Our brethren are having splendid experiences.

A number of our people are handling our smaller books. These are doing well. One aged sister in the Baltimore No. 3 Church sold sixteen of the twenty-five cent books last week. She has only been in the church since October, but she said, "When we learn these good things it is not right that we should keep them all to ourselves, but we must go and give them to others." She left the conference office yesterday with twenty copies and will doubtless be back for more in the near future.

Remember the date for camp-meeting, September 6-16. Begin now to plan to be there.

Elder M. C. Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church has returned from the General Conference, delighted with the splendid meeting, and the most excellent spirit which prevailed. He says he received wonderful inspiration which will go with him for a long time.

The Hagerstown Church has become filled with a spirit of earnestness and determination to pay off their church debt. The bands are hard at work with literature to collect funds, and they are doing splendidly. Elder Shadel writes that he is very much encouraged.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Temperance Campaign

Harrisburg Temperance campaign is now launched, and it was the privilege of the writer to start some of the Y. P. M. V. S. in the good work. Seven were out, and by noon nearly \$14.00 were gathered in. Quite a number gave me twenty-five cents for the magazine and I would suggest to all who are out in this work to ask for liberal offerings for this worthy cause, especially when the profit is being given to some fund in the church, such as is the case with the present campaign in Harrisburg.

Last Sabbath the city was districted and the church divided into six bands, each band having its leader, and its respective territory. The following is a list of the bands with their leaders:

No. 1 Bro. Jamieson, Leader.

Sr. Herr  
Sr. Bechtel  
Bro. Bechtel  
Bro. Ebersole  
Bro. Bartell  
Bro. Flasher  
Sr. Zimmerman

No. 2 Bro. Hollenbaugh, Leader.

Bro. Shirely  
Bro. Ray Smith  
Bro. Hoffman  
Sr. Green  
Sr. Cole

No. 3 Sr. Waer, Leader.

Sr. Fry  
Sr. Andrews  
Sr. Sanders  
Sr. Donkel  
Sr. McKillips  
Bro. McKillips

No. 4 Bro. Brooks, Leader.

Bro. Shakespeare  
Bro. Stock  
Bro. Shipley  
Sr. Brooks  
Sr. Geo. Rahn

No. 5 Sr. Schradley, Leader.

Sr. Smith  
Sr. Kepford  
Sr. Oren  
Sr. Lutz  
Sr. Foster

No. 6 Sr. Fickes, Leader.

Sr. Ebersole  
Sr. Shipley

Sr. Lenker  
Sr. Stock  
Sr. Butts

Y. P. M. V. Society to be organized into 3 bands by the leader, Sister Nutter.

All are enthusiastic, and just as much interest is being manifested in this campaign as in the Harvest Ingathering.

Further reports will appear week by week. T. H. BARRITT, Home Missionary Secretary.

### Some Interesting Experiences

Recently while giving a canvass on "Bible Readings" to an elderly woman in a farm house, she interrupted me by saying "I bought a book eight years ago from a young man which is similar to the one you have. My daughter became so interested in it, that she lost many nights of sleep. One day our minister called, staying long enough to investigate the book. Before leaving he advised me to burn or lay the book away for the sake of my daughter's health. I think the book is still where I put it." She got up and went in search of the hidden book. After looking through a pile of logs cut in stone lengths in an old fashioned wood chest, she found the book entitled "Daniel and the Revelation" in half morocco binding. The silent preacher by God's protection escaped being destroyed by fire, and patiently endured the abuse of heavy logs being thrown upon it for many years.

It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. This book did not have even the privilege of being on the parlor table or shelf, but still God watched over the seed that was sown and we have the promise that some day it will bring forth fruit.

MATTHEW STERNER.

Last week a young lady came to the office and, to the surprise of those present, asked for some free literature. Her plan was to have the tracts for free distribution. After a little talk with the lady, she informed us she was a Presbyterian Sunday School teacher at one of the large churches in Philadelphia. Not knowing what tracts she wanted the tract holders were shown her with a full display of our leaflets. She then remarked, "My you have such an assortment and splendid topics I am afraid I cannot decide. Can't you make a selection for me?" We showed her one of the special 25 cent tract packages of assorted tracts and told her she could have that as our selection. From her expression and words it could be seen our donation was very much appreciated. She then had a lengthy talk on the condition of the world and one could see there was a bur-

den on her heart for lost souls.

The same day, a gentleman stepped in asking for literature on the Sabbath question. He did not know just what he wanted, but said "I would like something in pamphlet form dealing with the Sabbath question in general." The little 25 cent book "The Christian Sabbath" by Elder Haynes, was handed him, informing him that this was about the best and it was written by the same man who wrote "Return of Jesus." The man's face seemed to brighten and lose the look of confusion that was caused by not knowing just what he wanted, and he exclaimed, "That is just the book I want, I will take both."

Truly people are looking for our message-filled literature and if we do not arouse to spread these silent preachers, God will use other means.

### News Notes

The effort in Harrisburg is still continuing with good success, and a goodly supply of our small books is being sold.

Brother Barritt delivered a "World War" and "Return of Jesus" to an official in the Capitol Building, and two "World Wars" to the matron of the Harrisburg Hospital.

An invitation has been extended to Elder Nutter and Brother Barritt to visit the Home of the Friendless to hold a meeting.

Sister Wm. Myers of Harrisburg underwent a serious operation two months ago and is still confined to her bed. She is progressing, but slowly, but is hopeful of attending the coming camp-meeting in June, with her family.

Let every family of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference place upon their tables at each meal a missionary box, and place in the box a penny for each meal. You will be surprised to see how your Sabbath School offering will grow. Try it.

Brother Ray Smith, superintendent of the Harrisburg Sabbath School, has been confined to his bed with spinal trouble. We are glad to say he is improving and expects to take up his duties again this week.

Orders are still coming into the office for cottages and tents. Have you ordered yours? From all indications this will be the largest camp-meeting ever held in East Pennsylvania.

S. J. Mack has recently moved from Northumberland to Sayre and will make

Bradford County his future field of labor.

Elder J. S. Washburn, who has labored in Philadelphia for a number of years, has been called to take up work in Portland, Me.

C. E. Reichenbaugh, our field agent, who has been confined to his home for a few days because of a severe cold, is again able to be out.

We are all glad to welcome Elder Parsons and Miss Acton back to the office again after their trip to General Conference.

### VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

### Virginia Camp-meeting

Our people will be pleased to learn that Elder A. G. Daniells has given his promise to be present for a part of the Virginia camp-meeting at Richmond. Elder Daniells has visited almost every part of the world-wide field, and none can afford to miss his inspiring addresses on the work that God is doing in the regions beyond.

Added to this is the opportunity to hear Elder S. N. Haskell, now well past his three score and ten, preserved to keep before our people the old landmarks of the message. Other successful workers, both general and local will be in attendance.

We are especially anxious that our people should receive special help from God at this meeting. Let everyone pray daily to this end. As the perils of the last days thicken about us, we need to come together to seek the Lord. Remember the date and place, May 24 to June 2 at Richmond.

Tents with floors can be rented for \$3.00 for the ten days. As only a few are available, those who desire them, should place the order promptly with the Virginia Conference, 12 West Main Street, Richmond. W. C. MOFFETT.

### News Notes

Brethren S. N. Wilmer and W. E. Saunders, who have been canvassing around Culpeper, Va., have recently located in Wise County, where they expect to canvass during the summer.

We are now located in our new office quarters at 12 W. Main Street, Richmond. In the front of our office is a large show window where we can display our many books and papers. May many souls be led to the truth by this means.

Sister F. E. Hankins and children, Vertis, Beatrice, and Lavera, are visiting relatives in Oakland, Ohio.

Elder L. O. Gordon spent a few days with the church at Republican Grove this week.

Brother Reuben T. Fultz reports a good opportunity for someone to open a harness and repair shop at New Market, Va. The Shenendoah Valley Academy located there will afford excellent opportunity for the education of youth. Anyone being interested may correspond with Elder R. D. Hottel or Professor Forshee at New Market, Va.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg  
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.  
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

### News Notes

G. Earl Snyder is visiting relatives and friends in Ohio, this week.

Brother McHenry is spending this week assisting colporteurs in the northern panhandle.

Two more colporteurs have taken up the work in West Virginia, this week. They are working in Mingo County.

Mrs. John Meredith of Berea, is spending a few days in Parkersburg and Elizabeth.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger stopped off at Parkersburg, and visited the office on his return from the General Conference.

The West Virginia camp-meeting will be held in Sistersville, June 6 to 16. Do not fail to attend this good meeting.

A. T. Halstead and family who have been spending the winter in Mount Vernon, have returned to their home in St. Albans, W. Va.

Mr. Cornforth's Conservation Recipes in the June "Life and Health" are worth using. Try them and pass on the information to your friends.

Are you able to do the right thing, in the right way, at the right time, and in the right place? If not, you ought to read the splendid articles on "True Education," in the June "Life and Health."

## SPECIAL

### The Periodical Work

*What will it help to accomplish?* "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelistic ministry of the Word in our books and *periodicals*." Vol. 9, page 61.

*All can aid in its development.* "All can aid the cause by furnishing means for the publication of tracts and *periodicals* scattered among the people and disseminate the truth." Vol. 4, page 118.

*Calls for best among us.* "God calls for earnest, unselfish laborers in His cause, who will keep up the various branches of the work; such as obtaining subscribers for the *periodicals*." Vol. 2, page 628.

"In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected, not from the floating element in society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else and have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability." Vol. 4, page 389.

*Some in every church.* "We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their abilities in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our *periodicals*." Vol. 4, page 391, last paragraph.

*Attempting larger things and working for permanent good.* "A mistake has been made in soliciting subscriptions for our *periodicals* for only a few weeks, when by a proper effort much longer subscriptions might have been obtained. One yearly subscription is of more value than many for a short time. . . . With a little more tact and perseverance, yearly subscriptions might have been obtained. . . . Canvassers should not go over the ground in a careless, unconcerned manner." Vol. 5, page 399.

*More important than supposed.* "The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it, and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry." Vol. 5, page 405, last paragraph.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our *publications* before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." Vol. 4, page 390.

Place it where you can see it, then rest easy. Three meals a day planned for you in the special menus of the June "Life and Health." Well balanced—healthful—and moderate priced meals are suggested. Be sure to secure a copy.

## Getting Started

Many want to work for the Lord, but never get started.

When God told the children of Israel to cross the Jordan, He required a test of faith. The waters did not recede until the feet of the priests were placed directly in them. Unless we start, thus placing ourselves where we are wholly dependent on God, He does not have opportunity of fulfilling His promise.

### She Hadn't Started

A sister in a Missouri city—one offering a great field for missionary work—consented to take six copies of the *Signs Magazine* and go to her near neighbors with them. The very closest neighbor she had—one to whom she had taken nothing for months—was pleased to get the magazine, and referred to the *Signs* she used to bring her. In speaking of the experience, the sister, with tears in her eyes, referred to those months which had gone by without a thing having been done for that neighbor.

### Starting Will Give This Opportunity

Couple with your feeling of fear that you can not succeed in this work, the text, "Without Me, ye can do nothing." Your feeling of helplessness places you where God can add His strength and work through you. *This thought helps in starting.*

### The Experience After Starting

A young man in Colorado after a week's experience with the magazine, made the statement: I know of no work which enriches one spiritually like this. If I were engaged in something else, I should want to spend some time each month with the magazine for the blessing it would bring to me in my Christian experience." His sales averaged five copies an hour in residence work.

START. Matt. 21:28.

## Catholic Priest Buys Signs

One of our leading and enthusiastic magazine workers related the following experience at a recent Home Missionary institute:

"While passing through a train selling magazines a short time ago, I approached a Catholic priest sitting in the rear end of the coach. He wanted to be real nice so bought a copy of the "Signs Magazine," and then to manifest his further generosity he handed the magazine to a lady sitting across the aisle, who received it with a "Thank you, Father." I thought nothing more of the incident until a few weeks later when a tent company located in — wrote me, asking me whether I remembered having sold that magazine to the priest and seeing him hand it to the lady. The worker stated that the lady had just been baptized and taken

into the — S. D. A. Church. This lady says that she would not have bought a magazine nor read one without the priest's permission, but inasmuch as he purchased it and handed it to her, she took it for granted that it would not injure her to read it. While reading it she became so interested that she decided to secure more copies of the "Signs" and other literature on present truth, with the result that she became convinced of the truth and therefore decided to be baptized and join the church."

"This again illustrated the fact that it pays to circulate magazines everywhere. Just think of one copy leading to the conversion of a Roman Catholic, who today rejoices over the fact that she has been brought out of darkness into the glorious light of the Third Angel's Message!

Why not circulate more magazines?

A young lady magazine worker wrote of an experience she had in Boston. We quote:

"One was purchased by a gentleman engaged in an office. He carried it into his place of business, and, stopping a moment at the desk of a lady assistant, remarked that he bought the magazine to help some young person attend school and she could have it to read. It lay there unnoticed until a friend of the clerk was attracted by the beautiful cover design and asked to read it. The outcome was that this friend who read it accepted the truth."

Encouraging, isn't it? And we plan to make the "Signs Magazine" cover designs more and more attractive, as well as the contents, to catch and grip the attention of other business men.

### Suggestive Magazine Canvasses

*Be brief.* Choose one that appeals to you. Do not use the same one always. The following cover the points in the magazine in a general way:

1. "The 'Signs of the Times' shows the trend of world events, social, political, and religious, and gives their real meaning. The price is only 15 cents."

2. "I am circulating a magazine giving the meaning of present world conditions, and throwing light on the dark questions that perplex many today." (Price.)

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## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Virginia, Week Ending April 19, 1918</b>									
Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.		OD	5	45	59	181 00	1 00	182 00	
Luther Williams, Gloucester Co.		OD	5	44	74	162 00		162 00	
R. E. Pleasant, Amherst Co.		OD	5	39	52	133 00		133 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.		BR	5	27	27	120 00		120 00	
W. E. Saunders, Lee Co.		OD	5	28	35	76 00		76 00	
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.		OD	5	35	25	58 00	12 50	70 50	
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White		OD	5	39	28	61 00		61 00	
W. A. Toler, Elizabeth Co.		OD	5	25	21	48 00		48 00	
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.		OD	2	19	11	22 00	4 50	22 50	
J. Thompson, Elizabeth Co.		OD	5	23	42	106 50	4 50	111 00	
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Warwick Co.		OD	1	1	3	6 00		6 00	16 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>973 50</b>	<b>18 50</b>	<b>992 00</b>	<b>16 50</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 19, 1918</b>									
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	59	17	75 00	85	75 85	85
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	5	47	19	87 00	7 25	94 25	14 35
E. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	45	22	105 00	3 00	108 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	45	23	103 00		103 00	14 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	44	15	64 00	10 75	74 75	
M. M. Sterner, Carbon Co.		BR	5	40	11	51 00	1 50	52 50	12 50
Wm. Frizzell, Scranton		BR	5	40	25	128 00		128 00	31 00
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	10	76	63	152 85		152 85	80 80
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	4	39	16	22 00	2 00	24 00	
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	4	33	10	46 00		46 00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	2	9	5	20 00		20 00	
Misc.						82 00		82 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>935 85</b>	<b>25 35</b>	<b>961 20</b>	<b>153 49</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending April 19, 1918</b>									
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	4	32	6	24 00	9 15	33 15	8 80
Martha Ross, Huntington		BR	5	24	5	22 00		22 00	
Daisy Rollins, Huntington		BR	5	24	7	30 00		30 00	
Norman Haye, Cumberland		BR	1		1	5 00		5 00	48 00
W. A. McElphatriek, Cumberland		COL	2	8					36 05
C. E. Will, McMechen Co.		PPF	5	48	10	26 00	12 85	38 85	48 05
Louisa Russell, Clarksburg		OD	4	16	8	19 00	1 00	20 00	
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	3	24	12	24 00	2 05	26 05	77 25
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.		OD	4	33	23	58 00	10 20	68 20	2 95
Wm. A. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	5	29	40	99 00	1 75	100 75	75
N. D. Fisher, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	4	26		40 00		40 00	40 00
H. J. Fisher, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	4	25		49 45		49 45	49 45
Dale Reed, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	4	27		24 20		24 20	24 20
Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co.		OD	4	32	33	85 00	9 90	94 90	4 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14 Agents</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>505 56</b>	<b>46 90</b>	<b>552 46</b>	<b>339 75</b>
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 19, 1918</b>									
J. Mary Stocker, Hooversville		HM	3	20	12	34 00	11 75	45 75	
J. Manuel, Jefferson		BR	3	25	10	47 00	6 60	53 60	80 40
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Hooversville		HM	4	26	34	90 00	8 00	98 00	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	30	2	8 00	3 90	11 90	111 90
Myrtle Bateman, Pittsburgh		OD	9	48	38	77 00		77 00	34 00
A. H. Snyder, DuBois		BR	1	8	4	20 00	2 50	22 50	32 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	4	21	27	59 00		59 00	8 00
Geo. McKnight, Wilkingsburg		OD	5	33	19	42 00	1 00	43 00	
Nrs. G. C. Buttermore, Davison Works									6 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>377 00</b>	<b>33 75</b>	<b>410 75</b>	<b>272 30</b>
<b>Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending April 19, 1918</b>									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	5	45	11	41 00	27 05	68 05	
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	30	12	50 00	20 60	70 60	52 55
C. R. Hare, Somerset Co., Md.		PPF	3	24	23	58 50	4 10	62 60	3 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>149 50</b>	<b>51 75</b>	<b>201 25</b>	<b>55 80</b>

Ohio One Week Ending April 19, 1918

Robert Kline, Knox Co.	BR	5	49	22	101 00	38 50	139 50	19 50
Fred Hannah, Barnesville	OD	5	40	14	30 00	1 85	31 85	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.	BR	5	37	7	32 00	2 25	34 25	35 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati	BR	5	31	4	17 00		17 00	73 50
H. N. Nelson, Springfield	OD	5	31	12	24 00		24 00	12 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont	OD	4	30	9	19 00	5 60	24 60	18 35
F. E. Wagner, Barborton	OD	4	28	21	43 00	2 50	45 50	17 00
E. C. Alexander, Winchester	BR	3	25	11	46 00	2 80	48 80	2 80
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson	OD	4	23	14	30 00	5 10	35 10	
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.	OD							151 00
Mrs. C. Carter, Bowling Green	WW	2	5		12 26			12 50

Totals 11 Agents 44 299 114 342 00 58 60 400 60 342 15

District of Columbia, Week Ending April 19, 1918

D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	5	35	15	68 00	21 25	89 25	
S. L. Christie, E. Wilcox, Mont. Co.	OD	10	50	61	125 00		125 00	75 00

Totals 3 Agents 15 85 76 193 00 21 25 214 25 75 00

Virginia, Week Ending April 12, 1918

R. E. Pleasants, Campbell Co.	OD	6	30	39	94 00		94 00	169 60
F. E. Butler Jr., Elizabeth Co.	OD	5	27	40	93 00	75	93 75	35 00
L. Williams, Gloucester Co.	OD	3	25	34	60 00		60 00	
Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.	OD	3	16	16	49 00	1 25	50 25	
W. A. Toler, Elizabeth Co.	OD	5	18	23	49 00		49 00	

Totals 5 Agents 22 116 152 \$345 00 2 00 347 00 204 60

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending April 12, 1918

Chas. Dunham, Washington, D. C.	OD	10	50	46	91 25		91 25	40 00
W. D. Culveyhouse, " "		4	21			13 35	13 35	13 35
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	1	12	4	20 00	5 85	25 85	2 85
S. L. Christie, Montgomery Co.	OD	5	22	33	66 00	3 00	69 00	25 00
W. M. C. Students, Washington, D. C.								
Thos. Beamsderfer	BR	1	3	3	16 00		16 00	
Mr. McKnight	BR	2	9	5	22 00		22 00	
John Neff	Helps	1	5			6 25	6 25	6 25
Glen Morton	Helps	2	10			17 75	17 75	17 75
Mr. Hill	Helps	1	1			2 50	2 50	2 50

Totals 9 Agents 27 133 91 215 25 48 70 263 95 107 70

Grand Totals: Agents 76 Value of Orders \$4036 66 Deliveries \$1567 29

one or two sentences. This is often sufficient to sell the magazine. But continue, if necessary opening to the most striking article or illustration, thereby riveting the attention of the prospect on one or perhaps two features. *Don't gorge him.* Some make the mistake of trying to show all, causing a confused idea of the actual contents. Be specific. This course is more likely to create interest. We believe in *short canvasses*, but *urge* thorough understanding of the contents of the paper before starting out, for it may be necessary to save some *reserve talk*. It begets confidence.

**Do You Want A Part in Reaching Other Soldiers and Sailors as We Have This One?**

Letters from a Soldier Boy Who Happened to Read a "Life Boat" in the Y. M. C. A. on Paris Island, S. Car.

"Will you help me to become a Christian? I am in need of friends, Christian help and encouragement. I have no friends and I am ashamed to say so. I am now trying to become a Christian, and I find it hard. I was a sinner in the

sight of God and men. My folks had turned against me and everything seemed to go wrong. I would appreciate it very much if you would help me to become a Christian."

After receiving our answer to his letter, he wrote:

"I have received your letter and I am glad that I have found a friend, for I have been in need of a friend who would kindly help me to carry this burden.

"I am now only waiting until pay day so I can subscribe for *The Life Boat* magazine for I know that the magazine is worth reading and it is a great help. I just received a copy of the magazine in our West Y. M. C. A. on this island.

"Before I received your letter I did not understand why we should confess our sins. I thought it was all foolishness to confess what we have done or to even let a friend know what we have done, so I have kept all things I have done quiet.

"I was at one time one of the unarmed bank robbers, but I am not now, for I want to be one of God's followers.

"I wrote to one of the boys who was to help me, to become a Christian, some time ago, and told him what I am doing and he wrote and told me that it was of

no use, I have gone too far, but I am willing to try and see what I can do.

"One of the boys I was with was hanged in Portsmouth, Wash., for bank robbery and the other two are waiting for a trial and I am now the only one free and may be later I will be caught, but I hope God will save me. Do you think He will?"

"The tracts you mailed me were very interesting and I do not see why I can't win as well as the rest. I want to make a new name for mother instead of lowering it.

"I shall be glad to let you know if I am accomplishing anything toward drawing near to God, and I pray for all who are doing wicked now as well as myself."

Ten dollars will send 250 Special Patriotic *Life Boats* to the training camps. Do you want a part in this work? If so, write the editor of the *Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5.

Just the thing to help the worried housekeeper, is the special Conservation Menu number of the June "Life and Health" Magazine. A whole week's menus of three meals a day are given.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

**OBITUARIES**

**McMILLEN.**—Martha Hansen was born November 1840, and died March 28, 1918, aged 78 years. She gave her heart to God early in life, and united with the M. E. Church, but when the light of the Third Angel's Message was shown her, she embraced the same, twenty-five years ago. She was loved by all who knew her, and was noted for her deep Christian piety. She was continually helping others, and sacrificing for the good of others.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

F. H. HENDERSON.

**EIFERED.**—Mary was born in Ireland 1852; and was united in marriage December 25, 1877, to Nicholas Eifered, who is left to mourn, but not without hope, as she gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized June 4, 1916. She lived a humble Christian life and fell asleep March 26, 1918, having her trust in a soon coming Saviour. She was a member of the Wilkesbarre Church, C. S. BAUM,



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**REYNOLDS.**—Wilbur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elkanah Reynolds, was born in Logan County, Ohio, August 6, 1900, and died April 8, 1918. From the time of his birth this young man had been sorely afflicted. As he grew older, the affliction increased in intensity until epilepsy seized him and completed the work of destruction of his entire mental and physical being. His death occurred while he was being cared for in the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics at Gallipolis, Ohio. His father, mother, two sisters, Marie, and Ruth, and one brother survive. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Protestant Church, Lewistown, Ohio, April 12, Rev. Custis, pastor of the church, assisting. H. A. WEAVER.

**BEARD.**—Jacob Edward, son of William and Mary Beard, was born in Jay County near Portland, Ind., December 15, 1858, and died April 13, 1918, at the age of 59 years, 3 months, and 29 days. He was married to Elizabeth Potts, September 10, 1890; no children were born to this union. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife and a host of friends. Brother Beard was baptized by Elder Olmstead and taken into the Seventh-day Adventist Church June 17, 1911, and remained a faithful member until death. He fell asleep in Jesus and in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from I Cor. 15.

JOSEPH SHELLHAAS.

**DAVIS.**—Caroline was born in England, July 4, 1843, and died at Port Carbon, January 10, 1918. She united with the Wade Church May 18, 1906, and has been a faithful member. Sister Davis always closed her store on the Sabbath day, which was a witness to that town. She awaits the call of the Life-giver. C. S. BAUM.

**Mount Vernon Academy**

Elder J. W. Hirlinger occupied the chapel hour on Monday morning and Elder W. C. Moffett on Tuesday. They both brought us very encouraging and inspiring reports of the General Conference.

Miss Iva Harkins left school last Monday to accept a position as stenographer in the Northern Wisconsin Conference office.

Miss Ruth Stevens, accompanied by Miss Gladys Zedaker, spent the week end at her home in Galion, Ohio.

From the date of this paper there will be only two more weeks of school, class night coming on May 16, and commencement on May 20:

The Bible Workers' Band prepared a good program for young people's meeting Sabbath, April 20, showing the different phases of work carried on by the band.

Brother V. O. Panches and family of South Lancaster, Mass., visited relatives in Mount Vernon. Sister Panches spent some time here while Brother Panches attended the General Conference, he stopping again on his return.

Professor O. M. John of the Washington Missionary College spent the week end at Mount Vernon. The students appreciated his good chapel talk on Friday morning and also the Friday evening prayer meeting at which he spoke.

Mrs. E. F. Tebbe of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting relatives and friends in Mount Vernon.

Brother Orvie Gibson attended General Conference after his return from China before coming to Mount Vernon where both Brother and Sister Gibson's parents live. He was a former student here, and after spending seven years in China, he was as glad to attend chapel exercise again as we were to have him speak to us.

Mrs. Helen Holquist, who has been here for several weeks, returned to her home in Norwich, Pa.

Brother George Carter was the speaker at the State Farm last Wednesday evening. The Ministerial Band presented the prisoners with three New Testaments and a "Ministry of Healing."

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Amount Required	\$50000 00
Pledges	
District of Columbia	7016 00
Ohio	15374 00
New Jersey	6343 60
East Pennsylvania	8276 14
Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	45482 15
Cash Paid	30,744 00

**Camp-Meeting Dates**

Virginia	May 24-June 2
West Virginia	June 6-16
East Pennsylvania	" 13-22
West "	" 20-30
Ohio	Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake	September 7-17
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21
New Jersey	June 27-July 7

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