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Suppose It Should Happen Here

SUPPOSE, on picking up the morning paper you should read the headline, SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL GOES UP IN FLAMES, and upon reading further you should find that the academy which serves your section of the field had been burned to the ground, not only one building, but the entire group of buildings—dormitories, teachers' homes, industrial buildings, administration building, and everything else, and that even the bricks which composed the walls and foundations of the buildings had been carried away, nothing whatever being left. How would such an item of news make you feel, and how might it affect the young people of your family or church? Suppose there were no other such school in this country. Just how serious would such a loss be?

Would such a loss be as great to you and your family, to your

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church and to your conference, as was the loss of the China Training Institute at Chiaio Tou Djen to the China Division church members and their young people?

This large educational institution, with more than 400 young people enrolled, with excellent buildings, a good farm, a canning factory, and a factory for manufacturing metal furniture, beds, auditorium seats, and similar articles was completely destroyed as a result of the war and there is not so much as a brick to show where the buildings once stood. This was the only school for advanced training in all of the great country of China. Imagine, if you can, what its loss has meant to that field and its young people.

The loss of this fine educational institution is only one of the losses

sustained by this denomination in China, the Far East, Burma, the South Seas, and in Europe. We have lost schools, churches, medical institutions, and other property, all of which must be replaced either on their sites or elsewhere. Nowhere did we have too many such institutions. Instead, we needed many more in order that the work of God might be firmly established and advanced in these great sections of the world field.

We shall not have fulfilled our duty before God until we have replaced these greatly needed institutions and churches. To do this will take much more than a million dollars, but this is the amount which we are now asking our church members in North America to give in the offering that is to be taken on February 3, 1945. This amount will help prepare us to reënter the fields that are now

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Special Appeal to Our Colored Churches

God has entrusted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church the responsibility of warning the world of impending destruction and of making ready a people, from every nation, kindred, and tongue "prepared for the Lord."

For a hundred years we have gone forward, beginning in weakness, with only a handful of members. Today we can rejoice in knowing that the work has gone forward in 413 countries of the world, thus fulfilling the Scripture: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Isaiah 9:2.

Today, however, the work of God in the earth is confronted with an unprecedented crisis. The world is being swept by the elements of war and destruction. This global war has wrought a great calamity upon our work. Churches

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and institutions in many lands have destroyed. Congregations that gathered regularly for worship have been scattered. Millions of homes have been destroyed and those of our own people have not been exempt from this wave of destruction.

It is essential that we plan a definite reconstruction program. As a denomination we face a challenge. The standard of Prince Emmanuel must not be permitted to trail in the dust. We cannot delay our preparation until the storm clears. The work of securing means and holding ourselves in readiness must take place NOW. This gigantic task will call for loyalty and liberality on the part of our people everywhere, in this most favored land. We should all feel a great responsibility to

come "to the help of the Lord." Other denominations have set themselves to raise millions of dollars to rebuild their work.

The General Conference has proposed that an offering be taken in every Seventh-day Adventist Church, large or small, on Sabbath, February 3 (there should be no substitution of the date) to assist in rebuilding what war has destroyed. The work of sending the advent message to all the world, which began in 1844, must be finished in this generation. The goal set by the General Conference is \$1,000,000, to be raised in this offering. The financial prosperity that now exists makes it possible for each of us to be most liberal in our response to this call.

The General Conference has been exceedingly liberal through the years in appropriations to our work in the South, and in assist-

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The Great Neglect

By J. P. Neff

SPEAKING of the education of the children and youth, the Spirit of prophecy makes this emphatic statement: "It is a grievous offense to God that there has been so great neglect in this line. . . ."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 200. Notice that God is offended by our neglect of the education of our children, yes, *grievously* offended. It is not a light, passing matter. He must be talking about a real, actual condition, and He says it is a great neglect.

We have been doing something but not enough. What we have not done for them is called a great neglect and in this connection we are asked to repent and redeem the time. To redeem the time calls for extra effort. We are so prone to take one or two statements from the Spirit of prophecy or from the Bible and just dwell upon them and talk about them until we forget other and more important things. We lose our balance and become biased and one-sided.

So important is the education of the children that numerous and repeated statements have been made—the strongest that can be expressed in human language. "The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 166. Here we are told that words cannot express the greatness of our responsibility. About what other duty has so strong a declaration been made? Here are other statements: "Of all the institutions in our world the school is the most important."—"Fundamentals of Education," p. 226. "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 165. Are we talking and preaching and promoting and supporting the school, this greatest of all institutions, as if we really believed that nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children?

"It is a terrible thing to neglect the education of children. Not only will they be lost in consequence, but the parents themselves, who have so far departed from God as to lose all sense of their sacred responsibility, stand in a very perilous position as regards eternal

life."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 204. Here the neglect of the education of children is said to be a terrible thing. It is said that parents imperil their eternal life by this neglect. But what about church members who are not parents? Here is a statement to the church: "The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not, in attending school or in any other association, be influenced by those of corrupt habits."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 193. We quoted above that the responsibility resting upon every church member is greater than words can express. So we see that the church is held responsible along with the parents. We are told that all should share the expense and that the church should see that the children attend our schools. "Let all share the expense. Let the church see that those who ought to receive its benefits are attending the school."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 217.

"The Lord of heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work He desires to have done for the children and youth. The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 197. The Lord Himself is looking down upon the church to find the very individuals who are doing the work He wants done. What a challenge this is to every church member! The neglect of the education of the children is not merely an omission, not merely a shortcoming, not merely a neglect, it is positive in its effect. It is turned from a sin of omission and made a sin of commission; because we are asked the question: "Are you by your neglect aiding in their destruction?"—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 196. The children are said to be in a "pitiable situation" in our day (Vol. VI, p. 196). What is more pitiable than to aid in the eternal destruction of the children? We read of the atrocities of this world war and of children's lives being destroyed; but the destruction of children by neglect of proper education aids in the destruction of their hope of eternal life.

"Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the

world."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 199.

The foregoing are not one or two isolated statements. They are all tied together, clear, strong, emphatic, and of the most serious moment. Shall we dismiss them? Shall we as leaders place them in a secondary place, as subordinate to other things? Shall we not place them at least on a par with any other endeavor of the denomination? Shall we not see that our system of Christian schools is given as much prominence and emphasis in our plans for promotion and for arousing our people to their duty and responsibility as anything else we are doing?

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closed to us because of the war.

We must not wait until the war ends before we make our preparations to reoccupy these countries. Were we to do this, much valuable time would be lost. We in this favored land must do something unusual in view of the unprecedented need which we face. This need demands unusual sacrifice on our part. Let us not fail to make it.

Special Appeal to Our Colored Churches

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ing our churches everywhere in their program of building and purchasing property. At the 1944 Autumn Council the General Conference made available \$326,060 in regular and special appropriations for the colored work, which includes new buildings for both the Riverside Sanitarium and Oakwood College. When Jesus

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sent out His twelve disciples to "preach, saying, the kingdom of God is at hand." He added, "freely ye have received, freely give." May this be your maxim.

We now urge our leaders to make definite plans that, on Sabbath, February 3, each church member, young or old, also our little ones, come prepared to have a part in this real sacrifice offering for the reestablishing of God's work in war-torn areas—an offering which will prove "a sacrifice to God, for a sweet smelling savour."

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Make wills and legacies in favor of the Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Carrying the Message to Others

THE parable of the rich man and Lazarus as recorded in Luke 16:19-31 has been given to God's people as a real lesson for these latter days. As we study this parable, we find the rich man represents the Jewish nation who were the favorites of heaven—rich in the mercies and blessings of the Lord. No nation in the history of time has been so highly favored as the Jewish nation, yet they failed to realize why they enjoyed such blessings. They had been chosen of God to preach the coming Messiah to a lost world, but instead of doing this they looked upon the Gentiles as dogs, willing only for them to receive the crumbs of truth as they fell from their table, while they were enjoying the real spiritual food coming from heaven.

Our hearts go out to the Jewish nation today because we know they have been cast out as a nation by God. This was brought about as a result of their failure to carry out the plan of God to such an extent that they hardened their own hearts and did not accept the Messiah when He came.

Today modern Israel (Seventh-day Adventists) is in the same dangerous position. We as a people have been blessed of God above all others in the earth, and we too have been given the command to preach the gospel of the soon-coming Saviour to all the world, but too many are enjoying the blessings of God while others are taken up with the cares of life and

are willing for the world to receive only the crumbs of truth as they fall from their table.

Every few days letters come to our office from people who have read our books and appreciate the message they contain so much that they want the privilege of selling them to others.

One letter coming to the office of the Publishing Department Secretary was answered by a personal visit to the lady's home. Upon entering the home and inquiring for the lady who had written the letter, the secretary was surprised when he was brought face to face with an elderly woman seated in a wheel chair both hands and feet crippled.

When asked how she would sell the books she replied, "I love the message in that book so much that I want everybody to know about it. I realize I can't go from home to home as others do, but I intend to carry on my work by writing letters and using my telephone."

This is the spirit that is needed in the life of every Seventh-day Adventist. Unless we have such a spirit we are apt to be like the Jewish nation, cast out because we failed to do the will of God.

The world is crying for a message of comfort, and hope for the future. Are we going to continue to try and satisfy them with the

Remember Institute Date

FEBRUARY 11 to 17, 1945

Place—Catonsville, Maryland

crumbs that fall from our table? In "Christ's Object Lessons," page 365, we read, "In the great judgment day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the judge of all the earth with those who did evil, they receive the same condemnation."

The Chesapeake Conference needs workers in the literature ministry, men and women who are willing to forget self and consecrate all to the Master's service.

Our annual colporteur institute will be held in Catonsville, Maryland, February 11 to 17. We invite you to attend if you can devote 20 or more hours to the Lord's work. Faithful service brings a true reward.

Will you not, dear believer, answer the call of God, that you may hear the words fall from the Saviour's lips: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"? If you are willing to answer the call or know of someone who is interested and should be in the work, please write James E. Curry, 24 Fusting Avenue, Baltimore 28, Maryland, for further particulars. J. E. CURRY

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Charleston News Notes

WE have now presented the Sabbath question in our church effort, and are grateful to the Lord that eight individuals have already made their decision to keep the Sabbath. Many more have requested prayer that they might have faith to take their stand and keep God's commandments.

About 15 lay Bible workers are giving strong support to this soul-winning endeavor. Mrs. R. W. Hines is being employed on a part-time basis by the Conference also, thus lending strength to the work. Brother and Sister D. S. Thurston, recently arrived from California to assume the leadership of the Huntington Church, have also been joining with us on Sunday nights, leading out in the music in a strong way.

We believe that the influence of these meetings is being felt throughout the city, and trust that you will remember Charleston in your prayers that God may bless our humble efforts to win souls in this capital city.

Sabbath, December 9, was a day that brought real encouragement to our believers here as the Sabbath school Investment offer-

West Virginia Colporteur
Training School

January 28 to February 4

Charleston Number One
Church

1534 E. Washington Street
Charleston, W. Va.

ing was received. A total of \$325, far more than ever before raised, was received. Of this amount the primary department, led by Miss Katie Geissinger, turned in \$109. The juniors raised \$60, with Mrs. H. H. Crites as leader. Most of this money was obtained through the sale of Christmas cards. We appreciate the loyalty of the entire Sabbath school, and of Mrs. J. A. Stewart, Investment secretary, who kept this worthy project before the membership.

We felt also that our people as never before caught the spirit of real sacrificial giving in the annual Week of Sacrifice offering received on November 25. Nearly \$350 was generously given. We believe the Lord recognizes the sacrifices made and will reward them from His bountiful store.

KENNETH H. WOOD, JR.

Pastor-Evangelist

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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Were You There?

If you were, you will say, "It was the best youth's congress we have had."

At 9:30 on December 16, in the beautiful Temple Church auditorium, the Sabbath school officers took their place on the rostrum. Edwin Reading presided as superintendent, and Amelia Gryzwa, as secretary. There followed a most inspiring program with young people participating.

At 11:00 o'clock, the vested Academy choir under the direction of Cecille Pierce proceeded from the rear of the church to the choir loft, singing, "Praise Him," making the arches of the Lord's house vibrate with their youthful voices.

Elder C. P. Sorensen, our Union M. V. Secretary, offered the invocation, the choir singing the "Amen." Charles Boyts, accompanied by the choir and Sgt. David Babcock at the organ, sang the beautiful selection, "O Lord, Most Holy." Elder Blandford, the pastor of the church, offered a most earnest and appropriate prayer. The Academy quartet rendered a selection.

Elder L. H. King, our Conference President, extended to all a most hearty welcome. He told of the magnitude of the work now in progress in our conference and assured the youth that they were no small part in the plans that are now in operation and to be in operation during the coming months.

The sermon was delivered by Elder A. W. Peterson. "The Challenge of the Hour" found a responsive chord in the hearts of youth who heard his stirring message. A call to consecration was answered by a host of youth.

The first meeting of the afternoon was one long to be remembered. Our boys in service were first in our thoughts, as stars on the flag were unveiled for boys who had entered the service since our last congress. A fitting tribute to Carl Goss, who paid the supreme price was written and read by Lawrence Pitrone. Two gold stars are now on our flag. The first one was for Fred Toll. Thirty-three silver stars gleam among the stars for our boys overseas. Sgt. David Babcock presided at the organ, and as he struck the chord for our national anthem, the audience arose and sang while S 2/c Clarence Long carried the stars and stripes to the rostrum. This part of the program was climaxed by Honey Karsch's sweet little voice singing, "Still Saying 'No' to Jesus."

Elder Paul Wickman, a returned missionary from Africa, gave in his inspiring talk "The Challenge of Missions."

Mr. Edward Stivers, General Vice-President of the Associated M. V. Societies of the Philadelphia area, proved an able chairman at this meeting.

The next session began at 3:00 under the chairmanship of Ira Mills, president of the association.

Elder C. R. Gibbs, pastor of the North Philadelphia Church, offered an earnest prayer. This was followed by a cornet solo by Larry Shores, a violin solo by Carl Bauer, and an organ number by Sgt. David Babcock.

One of the outstanding features of the congress and one that was most appropriate was "The History of the First Young People's Society" acted out in dialogue form, the two leading characters being Luther Warren and Harry Fenner, represented by Byron Logan and Gordon Blandford, respectively. The aims and pur-

poses of the young people's movement were clearly set forth in the formation and signing of a temperance pledge and organizing for missionary activity. The consecration of their youthful lives and talents for the Master's service will ever be a challenge to youth of our day in all parts of the world.

Elder Sorensen gave briefly a challenge to youth's leaders of today. To this challenge six leaders and Sgt. David Babcock, representing work to be done in army camps, responded. Their inspiring talks gave the inspiration to do a more effective soul-winning work in the new year.

From such a meeting there can come no other conclusion but that the youth of the advent message are upon the stage of action for no other purpose than to spread quickly the third angel's message to all parts of the world in this generation.

During the open forum, many questions were answered that have been very perplexing to youth. It is not likely that we shall find the solution to all, but the youth cannot help feeling that those who are laboring for them are interested in them and are doing their best to smooth the way, making possible greater victories in each individual life.

The evening was well provided for by Dan Cornforth and his assistants. Moving pictures, games, and marches gave relaxation to

Colporteur Training School

Six million judgment-bound souls in East Pennsylvania can never be reached by the minister alone. Those who feel the call of God can prepare for an active soul-saving ministry by attending the coming Gospel Sales School, January 7-14, at the Temple Church, 18th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" — "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 33.

Make all arrangements for attending with—

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those who had stayed from morning until evening in one session after another of another wonderful youth's congress.

SYBIL M. KING
Conference M. V. Secretary

Bethlehem Anniversary Baptism

OVER the Christmas week end the Allentown and Easton Churches joined with the Bethlehem Church in celebration of the tenth anniversary of its organization by Elder William Robbins, then Conference President, and Elder B. E. Miller, pastor.

On Friday night the young people of the Bethlehem Church under the direction of Mrs. Florence Laubach and Miss Ethel Davis rendered a Christmas program emphasizing unselfish service for those in need as the source of true happiness.

On Sabbath morning the church clerk, Mrs. Charles Lapp, gave the history of the church. Starting with 19 members, it now has a membership of 69. In 1939 the way opened for the purchase of a fine church building well located on Broad Street. The main part of the above-ground basement was converted into a fine church school room which has continued in successful operation, serving Allentown and Bethlehem. A new furnace and a baptistry have been installed, and the interior of the church redecorated. The members are engaged in a campaign to clear away the indebtedness, which is down to \$2,250.

Following the anniversary sermon by Elder L. H. King the members joined in reconsecrating themselves for a closer walk with God and more earnest soul-winning endeavor.

The church is organizing into soul-winning teams, and four projectors are being secured for use in lay Bible readings and cottage meetings. One of the church elders, Brother Martin Heller, with his team, is having as many as 25 in attendance at cottage meetings in outlying communities. Following a service in which Brother Maynard Nickum was ordained a deacon, six candidates were added to the Allentown and Bethlehem churches by baptism and profession of faith, bringing the total so added to 84 since we took over the district.

W. C. MOFFETT

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War Relief Clothing

FULL packing instructions are in hand for shipping our gathered stocks of clothing for needy European brethren. They are to be sent to the Eastern Warehouse, which has been established and named as an emergency measure by the General Conference as a shipping point. Every package, box, or barrel must be clearly addressed to Mr. Adolph Dorn, Agent, 898 Washington Street, Peekskill, New York, "SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST WAR RELIEF CLOTHING WAREHOUSE," and sent prepaid by express, parcel post, or freight, according to size and weight. Type of contents should be listed on the reverse side of the address tag, furnished by the

Wanted—Warehouse Assistants

THE officers of the General Conference have requested ladies of the Dorcas societies of greater New York and northern New Jersey to assist in some of the routine work in the Eastern War Relief Clothing Warehouse on certain days of the week by arrangement with Brother Adolph Dorn, the agent. The warehouse is located at 898 Washington Street, Peekskill, New York.

The brethren suggest that if the sisters in the society are willing thus to donate their time to this missionary enterprise, the church to which they belong should care for the travel expense.

We hope that several societies will volunteer to have a part in this work, perhaps giving one day a month. Will those who are interested either write to Brother Dorn at the above address, or to the Home Missionary Department at the Conference office to arrange for time mutually best for all?

C. R. FRENCH

Home Missionary Department upon request. As opportunity presents itself, they will re-ship these stocks to our European headquarters for distribution. *No package should be sent to the warehouse under any circumstances until after all the contents have been thoroughly checked and re-conditioned by the Dorcas society or other group appointed by the church to do this work.* Detailed shipping instructions have been sent to all pastors, and 1944 church elders, missionary leaders, and secretaries, as well as to all Dorcas leaders.

The need of our European brethren for clothing of all kinds, sizes, and weights, and for shoes and bedding is most urgent. This type of merchandise has not been manufactured in most countries of Europe for years, and many of our own people are literally destitute. The fullest cooperation is requested of every New Jersey member in collecting, soliciting, and personally sacrificing every possible item which will help to alleviate this need. Hand all such articles gathered for this purpose to your church Dorcas leader or missionary secretary. *Act now while the need is great!*

C. R. FRENCH

A Timely Suggestion

THE *Present Truth*, a periodical long acclaimed as one of our most consistently soul-winning and economical publications, has just published its list of topics for 1945. Within the limits of 24 issues the editors are giving a well-rounded presentation of Bible truths in their logical, convincing order, calculated to bring readers to the point of decision. The publishers state that a new allotment of paper is available for this new series which will make it possible to fill the orders. Yearly subscriptions will be given preference over the bulk orders in the event of a shortage.

Someone has described a series of *Present Truth* as a "tent effort in print." We believe this is true. For only 50 cents a year you can give our entire message in this way to a loved one, friend, or acquaintance. Compose a large list of such individuals as one of your soul-winning endeavors for 1945.

Later in the year we plan to circularize each person receiving the *Present Truth*, inviting them to

enroll in the Bible Correspondence School being conducted by the Conference. When those who thus enroll reach a certain point in the course, their names will be turned over to some Conference worker for final follow-up work and baptism. In this way, all the soul-winning forces at God's command in the Conference will be yoked with you in your efforts to save souls. Turn your list of names with the money over to your church missionary secretary early so that this work may get under way at once.

C. R. FRENCH

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Purpose of Our Schools

"OUR schools have been established that in them the youth may learn to obey God and His law, and become fitted for service."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* p. 264.

Some have been inclined to feel that this statement from the pen of inspiration applies only to our youth in the academies and colleges. Fathers and mothers have hesitated and even refused to give their consent to their children in our church schools when they requested baptism.

But parents and teachers should always encourage and instruct the children to give their hearts to God; for the messenger of the

Lord gives us this plain yet definite instruction: "God wants every child of *tender age* to be his child, to be adopted into His family. Young though they may be, the youth may be members of the household of faith, and have a most precious experience. They may have hearts that are tender, and ready to receive impressions that will be lasting. They may have their hearts drawn out in confidence and love for Jesus, and live for the Saviour. Christ will make them little missionaries."—*"Counsels to Teachers,"* p. 169. What precious promises!

We are glad to report that recently Brother Carl Anderson has baptized a number of the

church school pupils of the Eldred school, and Elders Carman and Hill have baptized students from Pittsburgh Junior Academy. Thus we may see that our schools are fulfilling the purpose for which they have been established.

Before this school term closes may every teacher in this conference have the joy of seeing his or her boys and girls fully yielded to Christ. "We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them."—*Counsels to Teachers,* p. 172. Teachers, let us claim this promise.

ERNESTINE R. HOCHSCHORNER
Educational Superintendent, West Pennsylvania Conference

From Our Men . . .



in the Service

RECENTLY you were informed of the fact that Elder R. L. Benton had been sent to England by our General Conference to help our British brethren contact our boys from the States who are over there. We previously reported through this column the names of four Columbia Union men whom Elder Benton had visited and found them well and of good courage. We have just received another list of men whom Elder Benton has met and he reports that they are well and getting along fine. This list reads as follows: John H. Mann, Jr., Worthington, Ohio; Earl C. Martin, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Roy H. Shobe, Elida, Ohio; William Kanka, Warren, Ohio; Prentice W. Savage, Chestertown, Maryland; Joseph D. Anderson, Washington, D. C.; Walter H. Robinson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Merrill Wall, Takoma Park, D. C. (son of Dr. Wall at Washington Missionary College); and Charles H. Snyder, Takoma Park, Maryland.

We trust that those of you who have husbands or sons in the service in England will keep us informed here at the Union office of their latest address so that as Elder Benton goes from camp to camp he will be able to contact as many of the Columbia Union men as possible.

This week we wish to share with you a letter which came to our desk just yesterday. It is from a young man, a member of the Norfolk, Virginia Church and he is a "medic" in the 541st Parachute Inf. Regt. He is stationed at one of the camps in this country but expects soon to be sent overseas. He is just a young lad and a former student of Shenandoah Valley Academy. We quote:

Well, today I managed to get to a typewriter and since for sometime I have been wanting to drop you all a line and believing that with the aid of this machine you'll be able to read it, I'm doing so.

I have often thought back to the Sabbath at Shenandoah Valley Academy when I had such a pleasant visit with you, your wife and all the folks there. I believe you will be able to imagine how much it means to all of us in the service just to be with fellow believers and be strengthened by such associations.

When I got back to camp I was all set to hit the water. We had our bags all packed but then just about three days before shipping our orders were changed and some of us were sent to this camp. It is very nice for me because I'm able to get home frequently. I live just 260 miles from here. I was at home three days for Christmas. It was a great joy to be able to attend Sabbath worship in my home church again.

Coming back to camp I was a couple of hours late and so am restricted this weekend but the First Sergeant (he's a regular fellow) did let me have a pass from Friday evening till Sunday. I went to Raleigh for services. Last year I was introduced to some folks from Raleigh so I was not a total stranger there. They have a very

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Notice

COLPORTEUR TRAINING
SCHOOL COMING

Jan. 21-27, 1945

"CANVASSERS are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books on present truth which the people need. There is need of men of deep Christian experience, men of well-balanced minds, strong, well-educated men, to engage in this work."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* p. 22-23.

Write the undersigned if interested.

ARVA NICKLESS

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

"This is the work the Lord would have His people do at this time."—"C. E.," p. 5.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16, 1944 S. L. CLARK, UNION PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

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W. H. ATHERLY, P.D.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORD.	DEL'D
G. R. Tutt	40	70.90	31.30
Mary Reid	38	39.30	31.30
C. L. Braxton	17	7.80	39.00
J. G. Vasko	14	50.50	43.70
G. R. Tutt	40	97.00	9.60
C. L. Braxton	37	43.40	54.35
Mary Reid	28	136.25	133.65
Wm. Woodford	25	52.10	51.10
Arnold Blevins	32		124.50
Part-time worker	25	251.50	84.50
H. C. Wilcox	25	65.25	43.25
W. Raymond Ricks	20	150.95	
Hazel Ricks	13	6.50	50.00
Marvin Oliff	2	5.25	10.50
Alvan Graham	55	155.30	
Marina Price	35	208.00	30.00
Walter Young	28	84.50	55.50
Alvan Graham	23	46.50	
C. H. Spurgeon	20		300.00
Alvan Graham	14		55.00
Marvin Oliff	10	16.25	48.00
E. MacFarlane	9	96.95	132.75
Ella Robinson	9	49.50	43.25
Mrs. R. Fore	2		10.50
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mottie Davison	24	59.75	59.75
Nettye Wingo	9	83.65	71.70
Mary Speidel	5		10.75
Nettye Wingo	12	64.75	64.75
Ena-Beth Nielsen	7	8.00	14.75
Sylvia McKinney	44	54.35	54.35
Queen Adams	20	44.00	44.00
Margaret Youngberg	15	50.00	50.00
P. Tutt	10	20.00	20.00
L. J. Cummings	8	24.90	24.90
A. Colporteur	5	27.50	27.50
Virginia Smiley	15	12.00	
Panzy Corbin	6	8.40	8.40
Totals	741	2084.00	1832.60

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ARVA NICKLESS, P.D.S.

Ella Hillyer	30	25.55	66.00
Clark Dilts	26	92.65	5.00
Floyd Hollis	23		64.40
Fred Cermak	31	35.75	14.50
Myrtle Justice	8	36.60	5.50
M. L. Howard	8	36.90	54.00
Selton Cobb	8	18.70	29.40
Edgar Campbell	30	25.00	16.00
Floyd Hollis	12	5.00	25.20
Lloyd Lener	7	51.25	28.00
George Buttermore	5		19.50
Eldora Miles	3		34.00

Magazine Workers—

Mary Lucas	15	16.25	16.25
Mrs. A. L. Pangborn	11	10.45	10.45
Lillian Keenan	6	7.80	40.20
Ralph B. Moore	5	24.00	24.00
Mrs. A. Bonda	3	18.30	18.30

Totals 231 404.20 465.70

WEST VIRGINIA

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, P.D.S.

Carl Calfee	94	202.99	
T. R. Carlton	22		90.80
Steve Pantili	18	31.80	26.40
George Missbaugh	22	126.00	104.00
George Missbaugh	20	52.00	
H. M. Jones	8	23.00	23.00
Nora Ratliff			2.00
Hazel Callahan	4	14.00	14.00
Hazel Callahan	3	9.24	9.24

Totals 191 459.03 269.44

CHESAPEAKE

JAMES E. CURRY, P.D.S.

L. Jones	44	316.10	316.10
Wm. Henson	41	166.70	164.85
A. Bannister	34	65.00	65.00
A. Thomas	30	144.20	58.15
C. Pindell	30	30.60	
A. Thomas	16	153.50	40.50
L. Best	16	48.45	70.05
Wm. Henson	10		
Paul Cummings	25	40.50	53.00
L. Ward	20	9.50	9.50

Magazine Workers—

A. worker	40	150.00	150.00
M. Johnson	25	42.90	42.90
J. Armstrong	25	34.10	34.10
S. Williams	25	20.00	20.00
D. Bookhart	20	15.00	15.00

CHESAPEAKE (Continued)

JAMES E. CURRY, P.D.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORD.	DEL'D
V. Montgomery	20	10.80	10.80
B. Barber	12	45.00	45.00
M. Holland	10	7.00	7.00
Totals	443	1299.35	1101.95

December "Dorcas Letter"

OUTGOING, incoming, and re-elected presidents of Dorcas federations and leaders of Dorcas societies should not fail to receive a copy of the *Dorcas Letter* for December, which is now ready. The contents of this publication are as follows:

"Spirit of the Early Church"

"He Touched Her Hand"

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From Our Men in the Service

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nice church and a fine spirit. Best of all they were having Communion Service. Since I have been in the Army (19 months) I've only been blessed with the privilege of taking part in this service three times. It was a great joy and blessing to me.

They had a testimony meeting and I was inspired by hearing the folks tell of their faith and hope. I was happy that I could say that by the grace of God I was present and that I know that my God is a God of salvation. It is no nice that no matter where we go to church there are always folks who have an interest in us. It surely is a help.

Last Thursday we made another jump. I was number two man, the Major number one. We stood up in the door for about seven minutes before the jump. The Major and I began to talk. (He gives me every Sabbath consideration.) He knows that I hope some day to be a minister. Before we jumped we mentioned a thing or two about religion. He said that when I get out of school he will have to come to my church. Then he made his jump and I went after him. It was a nice jump except that I landed in a tree. I didn't get hurt but I did rip up a new pair of trousers.

I believe this is about all for this time. Do pray that I may be true to God's Holy Truth.

Pvr. D. G. S.

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the texts from their lesson. When the closing bell rang, the superintendent said, "I believe that Mr. Nestler has the real light on this subject. Will you come forward and give us additional information?" Brother Nestler then told what he could and is following this interest up with Bible studies.

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Baltimore, Md.	6:04	6:12
Cleveland, Ohio	5:19	5:27
Columbus, Ohio	5:25	5:33
Cumberland, Md.	6:13	6:21
Parkersburg, W. Va.	6:16	6:24
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:54	6:02
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:13	6:21
Richmond, Va.	6:12	6:20
Toledo, Ohio	5:27	5:35
Trenton, N. J.	5:53	6:01
Washington, D. C.	6:06	6:14

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES

Ohio	Dec. 31-Jan. 6
East Pennsylvania	Jan. 7-Jan. 14
Potomac	Jan. 14-Jan. 21
West Virginia	Jan. 21-Jan. 27
West Pennsylvania	Jan. 27-Feb. 3
New Jersey	Feb. 4-Feb. 10
Chesapeake	Feb. 11-Feb. 17
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Dedication of the Winchester Church

SABBATH, November 11, 1944 will long be remembered as an outstanding day by the members of the Winchester Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through the faithful efforts of Elder and Sister Percy W. Manuel, the church labored untiringly over a four-year period, looking forward to the time when this great occasion (the dedication of the Winchester Church) could actually be realized. A beautiful church building in a very desirable section of the historic city of Winchester, one of the oldest cities in the Old Dominion state, has been built—an edifice of which the members may ever be proud. This is another memorial to God's cause in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley.

The week-end program was arranged by Elder Manuel. On Friday night, the A Cappella Choir from Washington Missionary College, directed by Minnie Iverson-Wood, rendered to a full house a program of sacred music which was greatly enjoyed by all. Sabbath afternoon at the time of the dedicatory service every pew was occupied and 150 additional chairs were used.

After the invocation by Elder R. E. Griffin, Elder L. E. Froom,

Secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Ministerial Association, read Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple mentioned in 1 Kings 8:22-53. In a worshipful spirit of prayer the congregation then arose and sang, "O Worship the King."

Since it was Armistice Day, a brief but impressive service in honor of the flag and our boys from the Winchester Church who are now in the service of their country was conducted by the writer. After the names of the boys were read, the congregation stood while Private Herbert Copenhaver, a member of the Winchester Church, came forward and saluted the flag, repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. Elder H. J. Detwiler with a few remarks presented the outstanding principles for which our country stands and of which the flag is a symbol. Elder J. E. Edwards, the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, offered a prayer of dedication to the flag, remembering especially our boys in the armed services.

The history of the Winchester Church was given by Edward White, the local church elder. He recounted the growth of the church from its earliest days. Provision has been made for a church school also, but school furniture, a school library, and other necessary church school items must still be provided. When this fact was presented to the congregation by Elder Manuel, a good offering amounting to more than \$400 was received for this purpose.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Elder F. H. Robbins,

President of the Columbia Union Conference. His address was most interesting and inspirational. Elder H. J. Detwiler offered the prayer of dedication. After the singing of a very appropriate duet, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carey, Elder B. E. Manuel, the father of Elder Percy W. Manuel, pronounced the benediction.

Saturday night the people came together again and enjoyed a most unusual lecture on the "Life of Christ," a screen presentation in color and sound by Robert N. Eldridge, staff artist of the Review and Herald.

The concluding meeting of the dedicatory services was conducted by Elder P. W. Manuel Sunday evening at which time he presented a stirring message, using motion pictures of recent world events in the light of Bible prophecy.

It is a real privilege to be located in Winchester and to work with such a loyal and devoted church membership. With God's help, I purpose to carry forward the responsibilities that were so well discharged by Elder and Mrs. Manuel. I earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people that the work of the cause in Winchester and the surrounding community may move forward with continued success.

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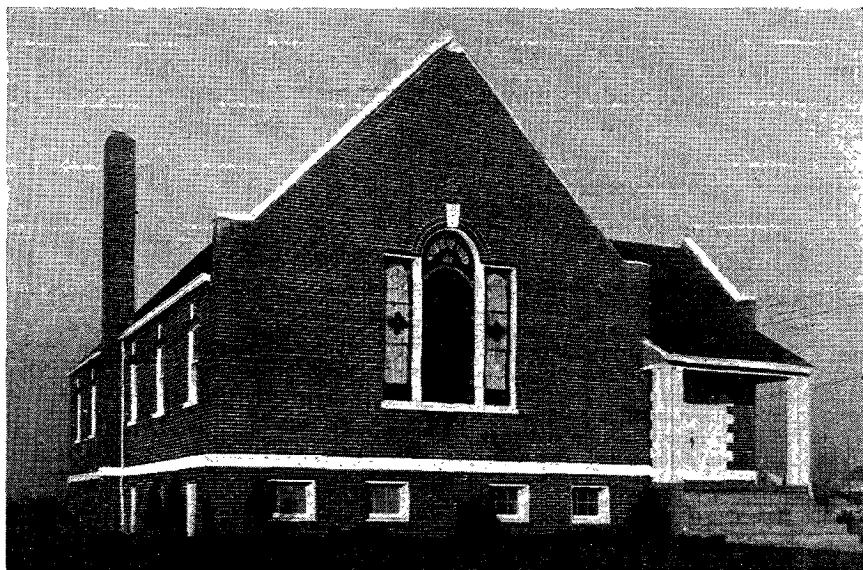
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Lay Preachers in Action

(Each week one experience as related at our recent Lay Preachers' Institute will appear in this column.)

In Sunday School

ONE Sunday morning Brother Ralph Nestler felt impressed to visit a Sunday school. When he stepped into the door, the Sunday school superintendent had been praying for light on the lesson based on Mark 13. He requested Brother Nestler to teach the class. Here was a wonderful opportunity to tell of Christ's return, and quote

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