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NOW Is the Time!

By F. H. Robbins

President, Columbia Union Conference

SOME morning in the future, if we should awaken and find our homes in ruin, our earthly possessions lost, our families separated, and no friend near by to help us in our distress, we should feel as if our lot were indeed hard. And if those who could send us aid would be indifferent to our cries, we should not be able to understand their Christianity. We have at this time many brethren and sisters across the seas who have suffered even more than the dark picture painted above. Their churches, missions, schools, and hospitals have been destroyed, in addition to their personal losses. They are stretching out their arms to us imploring us not to turn a deaf ear to their needs.

The following quotation from the January issue of the *Bible Society Record*, gives some idea of the destruction that is being wrought in the cities by this war:

"A few weeks ago a war correspondent, just returned from Europe, was telling a group of Detroit businessmen some things that every Christian should give heed to and ponder seriously.

"He said that during the height of the robot bombing of southern England, 14,000 homes were destroyed each day for a period of eighty days—that is to say, every day during that frightful time the

equivalent of a city the size of Peoria, Illinois, was wiped out."

Our own work has suffered tremendously during this war. The estimated replacement cost of buildings and equipment in China, the Far East, and northern, central, and southern Europe is about \$15,000,000. We must not be indifferent to this crisis. We are "rich, and increased in goods" compared to our brethren and sisters across the sea, and should we manifest a lukewarm condition when asked to contribute to their needs?

The General Conference brethren have set the date of February 3 to ask our people for an offering of \$1,000,000 for a rehabilitation fund. Every cent of this money will be spent for the upbuilding of our work and institutions that have been destroyed by war. This is a special offering, and the call is urgent. A great opportunity is given us at this time to help in a material way those who have been so unfortunate in the losses sustained because of war. Other Protestant denominations are setting goals for funds for rehabilitation that are many times what we are asking from our people. Some of them are seeking to raise twenty or twenty-five million dollars for reconstruction. A million dollars looks very small in comparison.

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The Challenge of February 3

By Roger Altman

THE threefold message of Revelation 14 carries a command to spread the truth in every land. There is to be no fading out of the gospel light, but it is to shine more and more unto the perfect day.

As the end approaches, difficulties will increase. The enemy will do his best to destroy the work and scatter the workers. The disasters of storm, fire, flood, and earthquake, the havoc and destruction of war, will be combined in an effort to seek to discourage the church in her world-wide task.

Never was this fact more apparent than now. Bombs and shells have blasted our schools, hospitals, sanitariums, printing plants, and churches. They have sunk our missionary ships. Our people are scattered or imprisoned, their homes looted, their lives imperiled and, in some cases, lost. The facilities built up by the earnest,

self-sacrificing labor of a generation have been entirely wiped out in some cases.

But we are not to be dismayed. Our task is still unfinished. As soon as we can resume our work in the lands now at war, we shall need all the facilities we had before, and shall have to plan for the rapid growth of a quickly finishing work. The extent of the destruction of our mission properties and equipment is not fully known, but a careful estimate gives the replacement cost for China, the Far East, parts of Europe, Burma, and the South Seas as \$15,000,000.

At present the General Conference is building up a fund of \$5,000,000, hoping to reach this goal by the end of 1945. In order

to do this, a special offering of \$1,000,000 is being received on February 3.

A number of institutions in the war zones we know have been entirely destroyed. Nearly all our properties in the Asian and Pacific theaters have been looted of fittings and equipment. Many others must be badly damaged, and there probably are additional losses of which we are not yet aware.

February 3 brings the greatest financial challenge ever presented to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A million dollars in one day! Yet this is only a fraction of what will be required.

Let us increase our devotion to the interests of God's cause and give with a liberality hitherto unknown, that the wounds of war may quickly be healed, and the day of final victory for the kingdom of God soon dawn.

NOW Is the Time!

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We are told in "Testimonies," Volume VI, page 450: "If there was ever a time when sacrifices should be made, IT IS NOW."

We pray for the truth to reach those who are honest, and then sometimes prevent it by our lack of self-sacrifice; we pray for the coming of the Lord, and then hold it back by not supporting the work with our tithes and offerings. God through His servant has spoken to us in the following words:

"When all are faithful in giving back to God His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message for this time. If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ; if every church-member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice; if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home or foreign missions. Our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God."

The ruthless hand of war has deluged this world in misery, de-

struction, and death to such an extent that recovery or partial restoration will be effected only at a frightful price. Yet, God has many honest persons who are to be gathered out of this sin-cursed earth. He does not want us to lay off the Christian armor, but rather we should seize every opportunity in the future as quickly as the door opens to enter and build up the work again so all may be warned of the impending doom of the world and be given a chance to accept the third angel's message.

We need have no fears—God's truth is going to triumph gloriously, and we must do all we can to promote it in the reconstruction period. When the lawyer asked Christ which was the greatest commandment in the law, the first and great commandment was love to God; and the second, love to one's neighbor, He said, was like unto it. Our brethren in foreign lands need our support in a great measure, and God is letting a test come to us to see whether we really do love our neighbor as ourselves.

Let us think seriously and conscientiously as we consider the amount we shall give to this offering on February 3, and let us make it a liberal one, for Christ has promised that if we are faithful the interest will be "an hundredfold" (Matthew 19:29), and we shall inherit eternal life. For one soul, Christ would have died; in this

final crisis, when many whose souls are in the balance are seeking for a ray of hope, let us do our part in helping them attain a home in that land where peace and happiness abound and God is Ruler over all.

A Great Rally Day

LET us faithfully rally together in a united effort to answer these appeals from across the seas. May the Spirit of God impress our hearts to give liberally for the rehabilitation of His work wherever necessary in various parts of the world. Remember and plan for this offering on February 3.

—Editor

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Potomac Correspondence School

WE know that the correspondence method of soul winning must be successful because it rests upon the solid foundation of the word of God. We learn from 1 Peter 1:23 that men are born again as they study the word of God: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." When people sit down in the quietness of their own home to study the Bible under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, with the help of correspondence lessons, the Bible must have power to effect a change in the heart and life.

The letters we receive from our students at the office and the reports we receive from the Bible workers and ministers indicate that God is indeed doing a great work in the transformation of hearts by the correspondence plan. One of our workers reports visiting the state penitentiary in calling upon students, and found there a man who he declares has been transformed and made a new creature in Christ Jesus. The student bears every evidence of this, for he is working to help other prisoners come to see and to know Christ. He declares that he wants to establish a class of one hundred in the penitentiary, and our worker who called upon him says he believes he will do it. He is anxiously awaiting the time of his release in about a year and says he wants to devote the remainder of his life to teaching others the wonderful truth he has received.

He thanks God for his incarceration because he says, "This is where I found the truth and I might not have found it had I not been here." Let all faithful believers everywhere pray for such men as this for whom the Lord is miraculously working to convert and transform, that they may be used in the propagation of the gospel truths.

Truly the Lord blessed our correspondence school during the month of November. The students

sent us \$385 in offerings. In one week we received \$137 and the largest amount for one day was \$39. During the month 2,380 pieces of mail were received and 5,335 pieces of mail were sent out. In the month of October approximately 700 new students were enrolled and in the month of November, 800, making the student enrollment about 3,000.

For all this we give thanks, praise, credit, and glory to our great God and father of all, who reigns and rules in the hearts of men and who has power in His word to revolutionize a sinner and make him a saint.

DALLAS YOUNGS

Lay Preachers in Action

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

Moved into Dark County

Two of the members from the Sligo Church, Brethren Wright and Fischer, were inspired at the time when the Society of Missionary Men was inaugurated, to do missionary work for people in dark counties. They first sent out *Signs of the Times* to a large list in these unentered sections. About a year ago they bought homes and some farm land in Mineral, Virginia, and organized a Sabbath school in which three non-Adventist families meet each week. They now have about 20 members. They rejoice that God is blessing their sowing and preaching.

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

Week of Prayer at Shenandoah Valley Academy

ONE of the essential differences between Shenandoah Valley Academy and the high schools supported by public funds is the emphasis given to the needs of the spiritual life. It was the privilege of the Academy family to be ministered to during the fall Week of Prayer in respect to these needs by Elder C. P. Sorensen, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference. During the chapel services each morning the speaker presented the Saviour in the background of His Galilean home, environment, and times. Thus, in a practical way, the solution to youth's problems that are "common to man" was revealed.

During the evening services the speaker gave a brief review of the readings prepared for our churches for the Week of Prayer, followed by an adaptation of the topic to the lives of youth in this hour of crisis. At the close of the week an appeal was made for those who had not joined themselves to Christ by the ordinance of baptism to take this most important step. A number of youth responded to this call indicating their desire to enter the baptismal fount and be ready for the invitation to spend all of eternity in the world of endless joys and happiness. We solicit your prayers in behalf of these youth at Shenandoah that their resolutions may hold against the tide of evil sweeping our world of today.

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Home-coming Day

FORMER pastors, church members, servicemen, and those who were once members of the West Philadelphia Church; and others from distant parts of the nation and from remote corners of the earth turned their thoughts and their prayers toward their home church on Sabbath, December 30, as they joined us in celebrating Home-coming Day. This is the eighth year that the West Philadelphia Church has observed the day, and it is now accepted as a regular, annual event.

E. F. Collier, chairman of the committee, sent invitations to the above-named group and others to join in the day's activities. Telegrams and letters from those unable to be present came from many points in the United States, Europe, and the South Seas with expres-

sions of good wishes, and a deep, longing desire to be there.

Elder Floyd C. Carrier, Vice-Chairman and Secretary of the American Temperance Society, Washington, D. C., was guest speaker. He gave a stirring message at the morning service which evoked many expressions of appreciation.

The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Ada Paisley, gave splendid vocal numbers appropriate to the occasion. A very beautiful organ and piano rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" was offered by Mrs. Paisley and Mrs. Ethel Williams during the Sabbath school program.

Following the Sabbath, the evening was spent reading messages from friends afar, in speeches, and vocal selections by the choir. An impressive feature was a candle-light exercise in behalf of the boys in service. Seven children, with lighted candles, representing prayer, faith, love, hope, courage, sacrifice, and constancy, stood while Elder C. R. Gibbs, pastor of the North Philadelphia Church, offered prayer, invoking the blessings of God upon our servicemen.

Elder L. H. King, Conference President, said some very kind things about our Home-coming Day. He also remarked concerning the virtues of a friendly church, and commended the West Philadelphia Church for always maintaining a friendly atmosphere. A few remarks were made by the writer concerning the objectives of this church for 1945, and Frank Honicker closed this part of the program with a sketch of the lives of a number of members, and also concerning several of the ministers who have served the church. This feature was made quite humorous by personal incidents in the lives of the individuals, and by the use of stereopticon pictures. The evening closed with refreshments.

Home-coming Day has become a regular thing in the life of the West Philadelphia Church. This year the day was especially enjoyable, and as a result hearts were bound together in closer bonds of fellowship.

The day caused all to think of another home-coming day—the final gathering of God's people, when there will be no hindrances to bar our presence—the real home-coming from which we shall never separate.

H. W. WALKER

Pastor

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Precious Fruitage

THE following report from Eva L. Bruder, church missionary leader of the Cleveland Number One Church last year, is very interesting, and shows what a systematic follow-up plan of literature circulation will accomplish. Souls already won are an abundant reward, but many who have been influenced may later decide to follow truth.

"We began a systematic house-to-house literature band. For 20 weeks we gave out 350 copies of *Present Truth* on Tuesday of each week at the same time of day. This was followed up with personal contacts. During the 20 weeks we made many friends, and when someone said they did not want the literature anymore we always inquired why. In many cases they thought we were Bible students. Often, when told we were not, they would continue to take the papers. In the event they refused, we would just add another house to our territory.

"In due time five people started taking Bible studies. One dropped out after the first lesson, but she is continuing reading our books. A few weeks ago two dear, honest souls were baptized. We are expecting another lady to come in in the next baptism.

"About eight others are still being followed up. Nearly all of them have or are reading our large books and nearly all the crisis books. One is a Sunday school teacher in the United Brethren Church and uses our literature a great deal in his studies. I do feel that these dear souls will come into the truth. They are our friends, and I see to it personally that they are visited often. Do pray that they may soon see the light.

"Another sister in the church gave out 130 per week, and she has the promise of 19 to take studies later. Others in the church are giving out from 10 to 50 per week, and we are mailing 500 per week. I cannot say enough for the personal, systematic work with *Present Truth*. I am happy to tell you that another sister is ready for

baptism, from a personal call at her home.

"If our people would only do more house-to-house work, I am sure they would be blessed, and the Lord would see that we have stars in our crowns."

We appeal to church boards to arrange for a systematic literature campaign in your church for 1945. The above experience gives evidence that systematic literature distribution yields PRECIOUS FRUITAGE. For further particulars, address: *Home Missionary Department, Box 831, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.* ANOL GRUNDSET

Notice

I AM informed by Mrs. Mabel Hunt, president of the Central Ohio Dorcas Federation, that the next meeting of the Federation will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at Newark, Ohio. The place—Y.W.C.A. rooms on North Second Street. Representatives from all the Dorcas societies comprising the Federation are urged to be present. ANOL GRUNDSET

Cheering News From Cleveland

WE have completed our fourth month of meetings in our Euclid Avenue Church here in Cleveland, holding services on Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings. The attendance is good. Especially is this true of our Sunday night meetings. People not of our faith are coming to hear the message from all sections of this large industrial city and suburban towns.

This is the third consecutive year that evangelistic meetings have been held in this church. Our hearts rejoice as we see these dear souls coming out to listen to the stirring messages presented by Elder T. A. McCoy. The people know they are coming to a Seventh-day Adventist church, as that has been advertised from the beginning in all our announcements and in the newspapers.

A number are keeping the Sabbath and are coming to Sabbath school and the church services.

In connection with our meetings we advertised our Bible correspondence course in the three large city papers. This has brought us up to 205 active students at the present time. We

send out from 150 to 200 lessons a week. You would enjoy reading the letters that come from those taking the course. I quote one business man:

"It is with heart-felt gratitude and deepest appreciation that I send you this letter and Thanksgiving offering, and, too, I pray and hope you will look upon it as such.

"And may I say further that I have enjoyed every day of my life more fully since I have started to connect this course with my daily Bible study, and, too, I think that the little booklet titled, '*Jesus*,' is just wonderful; so much so that I have read it over and over again. I am looking forward to when I can send you another card telling you I am ready for the next lesson."

"Hoping that you may be able by this and other contributions to continue to carry on this noble and wonderful work, which, as I look upon it, is an instrument or tool designed for the extension of His kingdom."

The following letter comes from a ministerial student:

"Your lessons have been a great help to me and I can hardly wait till I get my next lesson, as you probably notice. I send in the answers soon after I receive my lessons. . . . It sure was a blessing to have found your ad in the paper. . . . I do not read the papers much, as I study a lot. I am at present preparing for the ministry. I feel obligated to you for the course. How may I help?"

A prominent judge enrolled in the Bible course. He has served on the common pleas bench for 15 years and also served two terms in Congress where he introduced the first Prohibition bill ever offered in either branch to make the District of Columbia dry. Four outstanding books have been written by this man and he is in "*Who's Who in America*." He became interested as the result of passing the church and seeing the sign on the front of the building, "Prophecy Speaks! Hear it here, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday, 7:45 P. M." He then addressed a letter to the minister of the church.

Nearly a thousand dollars worth of literature has been sold or given away during the last four months. We are thankful to God for His guidance and blessings in the work here and are confident that God will give us a harvest of souls. Will you join us in praying for the work in Cleveland?

ALFRIDA P. LARSON

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Asbury Park Number One Debt-Free Dedication

A LOVELY dedication service was conducted in the Asbury Park Number One Church on December 2, 1944. The building had been recently decorated inside and out. New, inviting concrete steps and other structural improvements, with shrubbery, combined to present a very pleasing appearance.

On the inside, flowers and music created a delightful atmosphere for the dedicatory sermon of Elder H. J. Detwiler, who served the New Jersey Conference as president when the church was built in 1931. Elder Detwiler's message outlined God's plan and purpose for His church since the sanctuary was built by Moses. It also pointed forward to the glorious destiny of God's people. Heaven seemed to draw very near and make its influence felt as the prayer of dedication was offered by Elder M. G. Conger. All present were inspired toward more devoted Christian living. In the second phase of the service former pastors answered to the roll call with written messages, and M. H. St. John answered in person. The church history, prepared and rendered by Mrs. Bertha Parmentier, a charter member, revealed a unique and providential beginning growing out of a book sold in the neighborhood of the church by a colporteur, F. D. Myers. The well-located lot was donated as a result.

A fire burning over the pulpit of a church may not be a common sight, but it is nonetheless desirable, whether in the heart of a spirit-filled minister or burning a mortgage in the hand of a treasurer. Thus ended the mortgage, burned by C. M. Paden, Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference.

Special appreciation was expressed for the lovely and appropriate voluntary gift by a recent convert from the Newark evangelistic effort. The heavy maroon drapes, and matched rug which so richly adds to the appearance of the rostrum, were a fitting token of the deep love this sister has for the message even apart from her own home church. A further fea-

ture, an appeal for consecration, was the poem, "The Passover," rendered by John Bargfrede; our local elder.

As a climax of good things throughout the service, our Conference President noted and summarized the many manifest tokens of love and labor represented on the occasion, then sighted us to new heights of attainment for God. Greater accomplishments for God through His people are just before us. His house is to be filled with His Spirit and His heritage.

J. LEE NEIL

Hackensack Church Dedicated Free From Debt

NINETEEN years and eleven days after it was organized, the present Hackensack Church dedicated its beautiful building to the Lord with special services on Sabbath, December 23, 1944. The dedicatory address was delivered at the principal morning service at 11:30 o'clock by Elder W. G. Turner, President of the North American Division. He commended the members of the church for their outstanding work of the past, and called upon them to continue their faithful efforts for God in the future. Following this inspiring message, a beautiful dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder M. G. Conger, President of the New Jersey Conference.

The service in the afternoon at 3 o'clock contained many items of interest. A complete history of the church, read by Brother Isaac Schleifer, showed two phases to the Hackensack Church. It was first organized 40 years ago, but because of a lack of members it was finally disbanded in 1919. On December 12, 1925 it was again organized—this time permanently. The present building was erected in 1937, the first service being held there on June 5 of that year.

One of the outstanding features of the day was the burning of the \$3,000 note which was turned over by the church treasurer, Elsie Steuer, to Brother C. M. Paden, Treasurer of the New Jersey Conference. For seven years the church worked to liquidate this debt, and finally realized its hope in May of 1944. From May to December the members raised and contributed over \$2,000 to renovate the church completely, inside and out, for the dedication.

Included in the afternoon serv-

ice was the dedication of a new flag, presented to the church by the Men's Missionary Society, followed by responses from former pastors of the church. The service was fittingly concluded with a message from Elder M. G. Conger, President of the New Jersey Conference. Throughout the day special musical selections were rendered by Ralph de Wolfe, Mary Hathaway, Charles Proske, and Elder J. Lee Neil.

Since its organization in 1925, the Hackensack Church has raised a total of \$138,302.50. Of this amount \$105,907.30 has been forwarded to the New Jersey Conference, while \$32,395.20 has been used for local work. One of the outstanding accomplishments of the church has been the leading of the North American Division for a number of years in per capita Ingathering funds.

In dedicating their church, the Hackensack members have also rededicated their lives to the finishing of the preaching of the third angel's message in the great surrounding metropolitan area of New Jersey.

STEPHEN PAULLY

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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of any organization in the Conference is the liability outstanding against the three churches for the Pittsburgh Junior Academy, and plans are under way to care for this before the end of the year.

With courage we can face the future. Surely the blessings of God will be poured out in great measure to finish the work. At the return of our Saviour let there be no stain of debt to mar our joy, for there will be no stain of sin to ruin our record, since Christ has paid our debt in full.

M. E. LOEWEN

You Are Invited

BEGINNING January 28 and continuing until Wednesday night, a series of lectures on the "Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers," will be given by Elder L. E. Froom of the General Conference Ministerial Association, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, Race and Sterrett Streets, in Pittsburgh.

Elder Froom has spent years in the preparation of this material and has succeeded in bringing to-

gether some thrilling revelations of the beginning of this movement. Every Adventist will be stirred by this message. You will want your neighbors and friends to hear this stirring portrayal of the second advent message from the days of Christ to our time. All our members and their friends are cordially invited to attend these lectures by Elder Froom.

These meetings are to be held in connection with the ministerial institute which the workers of the West Pennsylvania Conference will hold from January 28 to 31. All the members of the Ministerial As-

sociation of the General Conference, Elder C. S. Longacre, and Elder Paul Wickman, with Elder F. H. Robbins and workers from the Columbia Union Conference will be present. We invite all our members in the Pittsburgh area to attend these meetings.

M. E. LOEWEN

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Colored Conference	Feb. 18-Feb. 24

From Our Men . . .



in the Service

By CHRIS P. SORENSEN

ELDER BENTON has sent us another list of names of Columbia Union men whom he has contacted in England. He writes for us to please tell the nearest of kin that these young men are well and that they attend church regularly—as regularly as their duties permit them to. We trust that those of our readers who have sons or husbands in the service stationed in England will not fail to send us their names and complete addresses. We shall in turn pass them on to Elder Benton. We have sent him hundreds of names and we know he will visit many more of our boys. Here is the list received this week from Elder Benton:

William F. Shobe, Takoma Park, Maryland; William H. Bergherm, Takoma Park, Maryland; Richard Kribs, York, Pennsylvania; Shirley Bigney, Luthersburg, Pennsylvania; Richard Christoph, Erie, Pennsylvania; Richard Fredricks, Toledo, Ohio; George Fredricks, Toledo, Ohio; and Leon Miles, Takoma Park, Maryland.

We share with you this week parts of two letters which came to our desk this past week. The first is from one of our boys from Defiance, Ohio; the second is from a member of the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Church.

Somewhere in the Aleutian Islands I've been receiving the subscriptions for the *Review*, *Instructor*, and the *Quarterly* for several months now. I surely enjoy

them. These papers have meant more to me since I've been away from contact with our people. I have much to be thankful for. The angels have encamped around me and kept me from danger more than I'll ever know. I know the folks at home are constantly praying for us. Thank you again for our papers. I do look forward to them each time the mail comes in.

Sincerely yours,
Sgt. R. A. H.

Thank you for the *Review* and *Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, and the *Quarterly*. I do want them so badly. P—R— and I are attending church with our French brethren. Elder L. A. Matby, our pastor, has also enjoyed the few copies of our periodicals that we have so far received. He was won to the truth about 40 years ago by Elder Wilkinson (Dr. B. G. Wilkinson) when he was in charge of our work here. Elder Matby is teaching us French. We meet at his home twice a week.

There is a great need for French books here. Could you get us the French "*Steps to Christ*" and "*Great Controversy*" and some other books? I believe I can get four Adventist boys in this neighborhood to cooperate in paying for these.

I have not done much teaching. It was only a case of helping a fellow soldier to learn to read the Bible. He progressed nicely and we had many interesting discussions about the things we were reading. The last time I saw him he was able to help himself in the reading of the Bible.

I am continuing my studies with the Home Study Institute. I hope to enter college after the war and prepare for the ministry.

Thank you for remembering us in your prayers. We need help and are receiving it notwithstanding the prevailing evils and in being true to God. I shall never regret that God saw fit for me to be put in the service of our country.

May God's blessing be upon you in your work to help us.

Sincerely yours,
Sgt. C. L.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

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

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Mrs. I. Dunnihoo	33		88.00
C. C. Brown	29	86.20	137.20
J. A. Neff	27	108.00	130.25
E. C. Alexander	24	45.80	36.30
J. A. Neff	23	19.50	73.75
F. Brandstetter	23	40.00	40.50
William Schnoebelen	20	54.00	54.40
M. Sulen	18	40.30	
Beulah Brunton	16	28.65	21.10
J. A. Neff	15		19.00
E. A. Miller	13	11.25	11.25
R. Kegley	11	24.25	27.25
Mrs. C. H. French	9	1.40	
M. Matthews	9	14.10	79.40
Mrs. Fralick	9	20.20	20.20
H. Schelies	4	3.25	35.75
M. Matthews	3		22.70
Mrs. C. French	5	8.00	36.40

Magazine Workers—

Mabel Looker	40	142.00	56.00
Alice Draper	35	172.00	172.00
Bertha Daarud	35	111.30	111.30
M. Pullen	35	55.90	47.80
Bertha Daarud	29	100.85	100.85
Alice Draper	28	59.25	66.85
Edith Hanvey	21	96.60	76.40
E. O. Collins	17	11.40	11.40
Alice Draper	14	51.00	49.00
Marie Miller	20	59.75	59.75
Miss Pangborn	10	31.50	31.50
Hester Alston	9	11.95	11.95
Lotte Julien	5	12.00	49.00
Esther Oldham	4		
Marie Miller	5		
Maisie G. Heise	5		
Mrs. H. C. Lilley	2	59.75	68.64
Mrs. C. L. Warner	2		
Mrs. A. Spicer	35	82.00	82.00
Georgia Corbin	30	12.00	12.00
Providence Jenkins	50	13.40	13.40
Mrs. F. C. Gee	21	31.55	31.55
Ruth Spicer	15	15.00	15.00
Mrs. F. Swadener	12	15.00	15.00
Annie Underdew	10	10.00	10.00
Part-time workers	50	30.00	30.00

Totals 1513 3588.14 3461.28

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ARVA NICKLESS, P.D.S.

Richard Lange	42	77.50	66.10
Charles Key	25	9.25	46.25
Floyd Hollis	17	81.60	
M. L. Howard	16		77.00
Myrtle Justice	16		40.60
Fred Cermak	7	10.80	
Maggie Jackson	1		11.95
Sylvia Slagle	42	89.92	18.00
Clark Dilts	38	178.75	31.55
Clark Dilts	32	162.25	31.75
Edgar Campbell	25	15.00	6.00
David Reid	19	45.00	25.50
L. Zimmerman	11	22.10	22.10

Magazine Workers—

Emma Hershelman	23	18.30	18.30
Lillian Keenan	20	76.45	33.65

Totals 333 786.92 428.75

WEST VIRGINIA

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, P.D.S.

Carl Calfee	59	107.10	
T. R. Carlton	59	368.05	180.50
O. S. Harrell	15	57.40	35.90
Steve Pantili, Jr.	21	200.10	31.80
Mrs. E. R. Bays	1		10.00

Totals 155 732.65 258.20

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

L. A. WARD, P.D.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORD.	DEL'D
Ralph Paules	41	177.10	91.90
R. Guinyard	39	115.80	82.60
E. S. Achenbach	36	41.70	61.40
M. L. Haas	36	111.40	44.50
Ralph Paules	36	160.20	122.40
William T. Smith	36	96.00	48.00
O. C. Weller	25	81.60	81.60
E. S. Achenbach	14	14.70	10.54
O. C. Weller	10	43.40	43.40
George Yoder	10		
Claire Smith			18.40
M. L. Haas			67.90
Lewis H. Wagner	74	367.40	151.35
Mrs. Trautmann	25	127.80	127.80
Mrs. M. Martin	23		8.50
Ethel Davis	20	75.00	189.75
Mrs. B. Griffin	20	27.55	40.50
M. D. Hollenbaugh	18	22.30	107.50
Mrs. M. Martin	18		4.50
M. S. Smith	18	45.00	45.00
Mrs. G. Knight	16	60.00	60.00
A worker	16	29.05	
M. D. Hollenbaugh	16	46.50	52.40
S. L. Keiter	15	24.90	9.00
Mrs. A. Parkins	15	30.00	72.00
Ethel Davis	14	89.00	
A worker	13	39.55	
Mrs. Moser	12	61.50	102.75
S. L. Keiter	9	15.25	6.75
Ethel Davis	8	39.40	246.80
W. B. Parkins	8	14.00	22.00
Emil Moesch	7	10.00	10.00
Mrs. M. Tyler	2	28.50	28.50
Emil Moesch	5	5.50	5.50
Mrs. V. Siegel	5		19.30
Mrs. Shirley	4		100.00
Mrs. Moser	2		28.95

Magazine Workers—

R. O. Schroeder	38	123.30	123.30
Mrs. E. L. Miller	12		32.50
Mrs. Hampton	25	45.00	45.00
John Moore	20	29.00	29.00
Mrs. C. Wright	15	16.00	16.00
Miriam Justason			29.60

Totals 776 2213.40 2381.89

CHESAPEAKE

JAMES E. CURRY, P.D.S.

J. Russell	37	231.70	85.80
C. Pindell	30	45.70	33.70
J. Russell	30		
Wm. Henson	26	147.40	94.50
A worker	40	150.00	150.00
M. Johnson	34	73.00	73.00
M. Johnson	30	67.40	67.40
T. Mainor	30	27.90	27.90
M. Rowe	25	45.00	45.00
J. Armstrong	25	30.90	30.90
D. Bookhart	25	19.30	19.30
F. Boone	18	13.80	13.80
M. Rowe	17	95.45	95.45
D. Price	35	110.00	110.00
S. Williams	25	35.00	35.00
S. Williams	25	20.00	20.00
N. Cooper	25	17.50	17.50
B. Sudler	25	17.50	17.50
B. Hickerson	20	17.50	17.50
B. Russell	10	5.00	5.00
M. Holland	10	17.50	17.50

Totals 542 1187.55 976.75

NEW JERSEY

CARL DORNBURG, P.D.S.

John Liming	9	9.35	9.35
C. Hagar	34	14.40	74.80
Ray Simons	8		10.20
Mrs. Earl Harris	6		22.20

Magazine Workers—

Mrs. Capewell	9	18.25	18.25
Dora Mitchell	6	3.50	3.50

Totals 72 45.50 188.30

Union Totals 3391 8554.16 7645.17

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SUNSET CALENDAR

JAN. 19 JAN. 26

Baltimore, Md.	6:12	6:19
Cleveland, Ohio	5:27	5:35
Columbus, Ohio	5:33	5:41
Cumberland, Md.	6:21	6:28
Parkersburg, W. Va.	6:24	6:32
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:02	6:10
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:21	6:29
Richmond, Va.	6:20	6:26
Toledo, Ohio	5:35	5:43
Trenton, N. J.	6:01	6:08
Washington, D. C.	6:14	6:21

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Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-
day Adventists.

Baptism

ON Sabbath, December 23, a baptism of ten precious souls took place as the result of the labors of Brother and Sister Doyle in the Spencerville and Upper Marlboro area. Most of these newly baptized individuals will become members at Spencerville. One will become a member of the Conference Church until such time as a church is organized at Upper Marlboro. We are very happy to see this splendid addition to Spencerville. We are also glad to see another member added to the Upper Marlboro group. We sincerely hope that the day is not very distant when there will be sufficient members in the Upper Marlboro area for the organization of a new church.

Frederick Rally

THE Frederick Church, meeting in the hall where they have assembled for so many years, had another important church fund rally on December 30. The weather was very bad, ice and snow covering the road and streets, and as a result the attendance was not large. However, the enthusiasm of those present and the results obtained were most encouraging. The brethren and sisters had set as a goal \$4,000 to be raised for the new church building in 1944. When the figures were all in, it was found that they had attained this objective.

The membership at Frederick is not large, only 40 members. So, this means that the church has brought in during 1944 a sum equal to \$100 for every member. Thinking of the total amount raised in another way, it means that the church raised \$100 a week for 40 of the 52 weeks of the year.

The pastor and his wife, Elder and Mrs. William F. Schmidt, worked most earnestly and took a strong lead in raising the funds. Many of the members were not able to give large personal sums,

but worked most earnestly among neighbors and friends and brought in large amounts.

The Frederick Church now has more than \$6,000 in hand toward the new church building, which they are hoping to erect in 1945. The believers in the Frederick area have met in the same third-floor hall for many years. It is not a desirable place, but is the best there is available in Frederick.

The erection of the new church building in a good location we believe will mark a new era for the work in that section of the Conference. We anticipate a steady growth of membership and look forward to the time when these 40 members will have grown into a church membership of 100. Let all the members in the Conference pray for the pastor, Elder Schmidt, the faithful lay leaders associated with him in the task, and the rank and file of this membership, to the end that their objective may be realized in the near future.

Books

HERE at headquarters we are cheered with the splendid circulation of denominational literature in the Chesapeake Conference during 1944. Our bookmen have distributed almost \$75,000 worth of truth-filled literature. Just a short time ago we were delivering from five to ten thousand dollars worth of literature a year, but the record for 1944 indicates that this important phase of evangelism has been greatly accelerated during the past twelve months.

We have need of many more men and women to enter the colporteur work. The colporteur institute will convene February 11 to 17. We trust that every worker who has heard the call to service in this field of evangelistic endeavor will be present at this meeting.

This is a very opportune time to distribute the literature that has been provided for us. Many precious souls will hear the message from these silent preachers who will have opportunity to hear it in no other way. All who plan to attend the institute should contact Brother Curry, the Publishing Department Secretary, before completing arrangements.

C. V. LEACH

President

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West Pennsylvania Free of Debt

THE believers of West Pennsylvania will rejoice in the success of their efforts to free the Conference from debt.

This campaign was conducted only during the last three months of the year. As the year drew to a close we were fearful that perhaps the entire goal might not be reached; and then the Lord impressed several brethren to give substantial offerings and pledges which have enabled us to pay off all notes. This is a forward move, an occasion for rejoicing.

Our most heartfelt thanks are extended to the General Conference and the Columbia Union for the generous help given to this end, and to the others who supported this project with their offerings and their prayers.

All indebtedness has been cleared from the books of the Conference, and Association, and the Book and Bible House.

On January 6 the Altoona Church was dedicated free from debt. This means that all the church buildings in the West Pennsylvania Conference are free of all mortgages. The only obligation

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Colporteur Training School

God is calling for men and women to help give the last message to a perishing world. He is calling for you.

We are giving the training you will need to do His work. Our school will be held in Pittsburgh January 21-27, 1945. The address is 6309 Marchand Street, Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania.

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ARVA NICKLESS

Plan for the Important \$1,000,000 Offering February 3