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

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UNION

Offerings to Missions

We are very much concerned with reference to the outcome of our offerings to missions for the year 1912. We saw we were going to fall far short of our average of 15 cents per week per member unless November and December offerings far exceeded the average amount received each month, hence we endeavored to reach every member in the Union by letter a month ago. We have received encouraging returns from some conference. November's record is now made up and we wish you to see how we stand. Will give the results by conferences, December 1, 1912.

Offerings Rec'd.

Chesapeake	\$ 2,898.01	Short	\$1076.39
Dist. Col.	4,485.38	"	1199.02
East Penna.	8,066.69	Over	45.89
New Jersey	4,010.58	Short	669.42
Ohio	11,741.21	"	3378.69
Virginia	1,320.57	"	1602.53
West Penna.	3,262.44	"	2187.96
West Va.	915.69	"	229.11

The total shortage for the Union Conference to December 1, 1912 is \$10,207.22. The offerings paid to the church treasurers, or sent to the conference treasurers during the month of November have not reached the Union office as yet so are not included in the above figures. These offerings will materially lessen the shortages listed. There is urgent need, however, that the brethren and sisters throughout the Union give a liberal amount during December. Heavy demands are made upon the General Conference treasurer during December, as every worker in a mission field is anxious to close the year's record as it should be. This will be impossible unless each believer does his utmost in mission offerings. The annual offering should far exceed any amount heretofore given.

I believe our dear people sense the importance of transferring every dollar possible to the Lord's cause. The voice of the signs in the East speaks in no uncertain tone. Soon there will be no need of more offerings for the

work will have closed.

What will the record be December 31? We trust the shortage in every conference will be made up. To this end, we earnestly invoke God's blessing to rest upon each believer to enable each to share the promised blessing.

"Forego some of your luxuries, yea, even comforts, and help those who can obtain only the most meager food and clothing. In doing for them, you are doing for Jesus in the person of his saints. He identifies himself with suffering humanity. Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God." Test. 31, p. 147.

R. T. DOWSETT.

Interesting Items

The latest statistical report issued by the Statistical Secretary of the General Conference, H. E. Rogers, indicates that the third angel's message is being given in eighty-five countries, sixty-seven of which are non-Christian and non-Protestant.

The languages and dialects in which work is conducted orally by laborers under the auspices of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in non-Christian and non-Protestant lands, are as follows:—

Aimara	Kiruri
Amharic	Kisanaki
Arabic	Korean
Armenian	Lettonian
Armeno-Turkish	Lithuanian
Bengali	Malay
Bohemian	Mandarin
Burmese	Marathi
Bulgarian	Maori
Chasu (Kipare)	Persian
Cantonese	Polish
Chimanyika	Portugese
Chinyanja	Rarotongan
Chitonga	Rumanian
Croatian	Russian
Dutch	Samoan
Esthonian	Santali
Fijian	Servian

Finnish	Sesuto
French	Shanghai
Fukienese	Sintibele
German	Slavonian
Greek	Slovakian
Hakka	Spanish
Haklo	Swahili
Hawaiian	Syriac
Hindi	Tagalog
Hungarian	Tahitian
Japanese	Tamil
Javanese	Tigrinya
Java-Malay	Tongan
Italian	Turkish
Kafir (Xosa)	Urdu
Karen	Wageia
Kijita	Yao
Kikerewe	Zulu
Kikiden	Total, 73

Languages used in work in Christian lands, in addition to the foregoing:—

Danish-Norwegian	Swedish
English	Welsh
Icelandic	Yiddish
Laplandish	Total, 7
	Grand total 80

Publications are issued in seventy-one of these tongues.

An interesting work is reported in connection with the effort being conducted in German East Africa. Our missionaries found that the language of the Chasu people had not yet been reduced to written form. Their language was studied, and in time a grammar, portion of the gospel, and gospel literature were issued in the Chasu language.

Illustrating the difference in the situation of the work in Asia and in North America, if the entire population of each division were grouped into congregations, each worker now laboring in those divisions would have a congregation of the following size: In Asia, 1,830,138; in North America, 37,932. In other words, each worker in Asia has a congregation forty-eight times as large as has each worker in North America.

Are we doing our whole duty by Asia and by other heathen lands where the reapers are likewise few, and the harvest truly great? Are we really sacrificing that the millions perishing in darkness may hear the last message of mercy.

VIRGINIA

Norfolk

Our Harvest Ingathering campaign was a source of much blessing to the Norfolk church. We had arranged for the ingathering to take place on Sunday night, November 3. We began our services at eight o'clock. Most all of our members were present, and quite a few visitors. After a short talk by the writer on foreign mission work, we were favored with a very interesting program rendered by the members of the church, and the collection of the offering which amounted to \$20.25. We then had a praise meeting, every one testifying to the blessings of the Lord received this year.

Our Sabbath-school donations for the past quarter amounted to \$10, so we were glad to have \$30.25 to send to the conference treasurer, to be passed on to our needy mission fields.

We are planning to use one hundred copies of our magazines each month this winter. We beg the prayers of the readers of the VISITOR that Numbers 6:24-27, and Psalm 67 may be fulfilled in behalf of this church.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

Lynchburg

I have received a letter from Sister Anna Rice, our Bible worker at Lynchburg, and have taken the liberty of printing the following extract.—W. J. S.

During the last few weeks eleven of the members of our church have moved away, and this week another family is moving twelve miles into the country. The wife is a member of the church and the husband gave up a good position last week in order to keep the Sabbath.

Another family, which will take three members of the church and five from the Sabbath-school expects to close a deal to-day that secures to them a farm forty miles from here. They plan to move in a week or two so you see the Lynchburg church is getting very small, but those who are left are loyal and true Seventh-day Adventists, and I am glad to be with them. Brother Dick has charge of the Sabbath services. Our Wednesday night prayer meetings are attended by all the members in the city, and are precious seasons.

One afternoon each week is given to the sisters of the church instructing them how to give Bible readings, as all are anxious to do something. With

this we hold a testimony study. Tuesday night of each week, we have cottage meetings at the home of one of our sisters, and already there is a decided interest manifested.

I am doing a great deal of visiting and handing out literature. As I visit among the people and minister to the sick, I find that the circle is widening all the time, and that prejudice is being broken down.

Last week I attended two very sick children. In one case the treatment alone seemed to help after the doctor had failed. He said that he did not think that the child would live. The other case they had no hope for the child's life. I had prayer with them several times, and as I was leaving last Friday the mother begged me to come back and pray again. I did so and God healed the child. This is being noised abroad.

There is some interest here among the colored people, and they desire me to come and conduct a Sabbath-school with them on Sabbath afternoon. My health is very much better than it was before the camp-meeting.

ANNA C. RICE.

Spencer

I am glad to have a word of thanks to our heavenly Father for His love to us. He is still leading and the victory is His. We have had a long struggle here at Spencer, but the Lord has given us the victory.

Brother A. R. Shelton has been visiting his sick sister here and assisted us in meetings, which has resulted in five souls being baptized and added to the church. We held the quarterly meeting also.

I am thankful to know that the conference is planning for Elder Kinny to visit us once a month. It will be a great blessing and uplift to the work here. Pray for us that the work may still prosper at this place.

JANE WOODING.

Guinea Mills

The Lord surely is blessing the people at this place. We have a regular attendance at Sabbath-school every Sabbath, and every member was present last Sabbath except one dear sister, and she was kept away by sickness. We had an honor roll of the little folks for the quarter ending June 29th, and the readiness with which they responded clearly shows that much interest had been taken in teaching and training these dear little lambs for the Master.

Oh! what a comfort it is, that we as a little company of worshipers can assemble together for the sole purpose of worshiping God, studying His word and learning more of His blessed truth. May we all have on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Oh! that we would praise the Lord as we should for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. We do so long to do something to win souls to Jesus for he has done so much for us. What a blessed thing to have hope in the soon coming of our dear Saviour.

I desire that I and my little family may be among that number who will see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven with the great angelic host, and will look up and say "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him and he will save us;" and although satanic agencies are very busy, we will stand firm upon Christ the solid rock. May we as a little company press toward the mark of the prize (eternal life) and may we all have on the whole armor of God. May we never be weary in well doing. What a comfort it is to know that our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. MRS. B. L. FLIPPIN

Elder W. J. Stone spent Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 23 and 24 with the Bethel church near Ford, Va. This was his first visit to that church and all enjoyed his presence and labors very much.

Prof. J. P. Neff is spending several days this week with his brother, A. M. Neff, in this city.

Elder W. G. Kneeland is now holding meetings with the company at Rileyville. There seems to be a good interest to hear the Word.

Brother W. J. Pflugrad of Doswell, Va., was a caller at the office last week.

Brother W. B. Eekhout has moved from Portsmouth to Norfolk and is continuing in the canvassing work.

Sister Virginia I. Reames of Ford, Va., is spending several days in the city this week attending the State Educational Convention.

Elder Stone was with the Bethel

church last Sabbath and Sunday. Three public services were held and the brethren were very much encouraged by his visit and are anxious for him to come again.

Brethren L. O. Gordon and R. C. Gardner, have begun a systematic distribution of the "Autumn Leaves Series," distributing them among one thousand families each week in connection with their services at the church. They report that quite an interest is being awakened by the circulation of this literature.

On a recent Sabbath, Elder Stone spoke at the First Richmond church on the proper observance of the Sabbath. This is a subject that cannot be dwelt upon too much. The person who is careful in his preparations for the Sabbath, and who lays aside worldly matters on that day, will be more likely to be particular about his dealings with his fellow-men during the week.

The prayer-meetings are always considered a good thermometer to indicate the temperature or height of zeal and fervor of the church. If this is a true indication, the Richmond church is increasing in spirituality. With nothing special or unusual to interest or attract the members, there are usually twenty-five to thirty-five present at the Wednesday night prayer services, and they are interesting occasions.

It is hoped that the work of Brother J. B. Mallory in Richmond can be so arranged that he can spend a few weeks assisting Elder Muntz in a series of meetings at Norfolk in the near future. This should be done for the good of the work at Norfolk. When Brother Mallory came to Richmond it was with the understanding that after the work was well started at Richmond he would return to Norfolk for a time.

Elder W. G. Kneeland from Jersey City, whose wife is matron of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, is now in Virginia, and will hold meetings with some of our churches. Those who desire meetings held in their church will please write Elder Stone, stating their choice of time for these services. He is now holding meetings at the Rileyville church. Pray that these efforts may be profitable in winning souls to the Master.

Misses Fannie A. Nixon, R. A. Graves, and Sallie Christian, who attended the colored institute last winter here at Richmond, have been doing good work in Richmond during the summer, in the way of holding Bible readings, giving treatments, and working as the way opened in connection with the tent effort held by Brother Mallory. The colored believers have doubled in number during the past year.

A letter from Sister Rice tells of a number of the members of the Lynchburg church moving to the country, from ten to forty miles. We cannot help but feel sorry to see the church there weakened by these removals, but this may be the means of spreading a knowledge of present truth more widely. We shall hope this will be the result. Those who remain are not discouraged, but desire to press together and do more efficient work for Christ.

The work in Richmond can be said to be making progress in the efforts both for the white and the colored people. Elder Spicer, secretary of the General Conference, was in Richmond, and spoke to the white church in the forenoon and to the colored church in the afternoon. His talks were timely, and very encouraging. He took up the experiences of the children of Israel at the exodus, contrasting God's dealings with them with the tests that will be brought upon God's people in the last days. He dwelt at some length, also, upon the progress of the message throughout the world. The church was well filled and all greatly appreciated the subject presented.

We are now ready to fill orders for the "Autumn Leaves Series," which it was voted at our recent conference to publish. This is a neat leaflet, and better in its makeup than we had expected. It has taken longer to get them out than we had anticipated, but we now have numbers 1-8, and trust that our people will begin a careful distribution of these leaflets, beginning with number one and following them up systematically. These leaflets are ten cents a hundred with postage added if sent by mail. The titles of those published are "The Bible," "A Present Truth Message," "The Book of Revelation," "Christ a Medical Missionary," "A Judgment Message," "A Commandment Keeping People," "False Worship," and "The

Second Coming of Christ." Send all orders to A. M. Neff, 2705 West Main St., Richmond, Va.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS OCTOBER, 1912

Bethel.....	\$ 3 20
Buena Vista.....
Danville.....	6 20
Hamburg.....
Lynchburg.....	43 05
Mt. Williams.....
New Market.....	15 30
Newport News No. 1.....	61 60
Newport News No. 2.....	9 92
News Ferry.....	8 16
Norfolk.....	35 45
Portsmouth.....	32 47
Richmond.....	186 36
Richmond No. 2.....
Roanoke.....	27 06
Spencer.....	5 05
Stanley.....	48 84
Guinea Mills.....	11 00
Rileyville.....	5 00
Individuals.....	6 00

TOTAL..... \$ 504 66
A. M. NEFF, Treas.

WEST VIRGINIA

Brother F. E. Gibson reports that the series of meetings which was being held at St. Albans, West Virginia, closed Sunday, December 1. There are fifteen members who have promised to keep the Sabbath and walk in all the light which is given them. A home department of the Sabbath-school was organized at this place with an attendance of twenty-two.

Brother J. W. Marshall of Romney, West Va., has been called to Uniontown, Pa., on account of the serious illness of his mother. We trust that she will have a speedy recovery, and that Brother Marshall will soon be back in the canvassing field again.

Miss M. M. Osborn, our Bible worker for the colored people in Charleston, reports that the prospects are very good for the work there, and they hope soon to have a company of faithful believers.

At the home of Brother and Sister I. D. Richardson congratulations are being received on the occasion of the arrival of Theresa Marguriete, a fine 6½ pound girl. We rejoice with them that their Thanksgiving guest has come to stay. Mother and child are doing nicely.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Among the Churches

A series of meetings was held at Adah, Fayette county, November 20 to 24 by Elder W. A. Westworth and the writer, during which a new church was formed, and the work in that section strengthened by organization. The meetings which were held each evening at the Brethren church were quite well attended, and good interest was shown in the presentation of some of the vital themes of our message. On Sabbath, after an impressive sermon by Elder Westworth on the meaning and duties of church membership, twelve adults were united together in church covenant. Six of these joined on baptism and profession of faith; the others came from other churches.

A full corps of officers was elected and installed, and the new church starts out with good courage. Some of the number are already planning to enter the work actively. As these dear brethren and sisters solemnly avowed their faith in the various doctrines taught in this great three-fold message and pledged themselves to devote their lives to the service of Christ as members of His body, the church, the vows of former days came to mind. How much more would be done to forward the work of the last message of mercy to the world if all Seventh-day Adventists would be faithful in giving to God what belongs to Him of our time, our means, and our talents.

B. F. KNEELAND.

From an isolated family comes the following good report:—"We are doing all the outside work that our time and strength will permit, holding six Bible studies and meetings a week. There are 25 persons now taking Bible studies each week. We can see evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit, for some are leaving off bad habits and becoming interested in their souls' salvation. One prominent business man, whose wife has already been keeping the Sabbath for several months, is becoming much interested, is adopting healthful living, and attends readings twice a week. One class is composed of school teachers and some of the best educated people in Ridgway. We are praying for a harvest of souls in this place".

Another sister writes:—"I have been canvassing a little among my neighbors. I spent part of two days and sold 8 copies of "Ministry of Heal-

ing," 15 "Gospel Primers," and 2 "Best Stories." I will be 75 years old in a few days, and as the weather has turned so cold, and I live over a mile from the village, I shall have to wait till the weather moderates. I do not understand how so many of our young and middle-aged people can keep from canvassing if they believe this blessed truth. I will try to do more if my health will permit when it gets warmer".

Bible Work in Pittsburgh

Thinking that many are interested in the progress of the work in the Pittsburgh field I am glad to be able to give a brief report through the columns of the VISITOR. The workers in the city are unable to fill the calls for readings and Bible studies that are coming from people who are deeply interested; and the prospects for the future are that these calls will increase as the work develops. Several have accepted the truths taught, and others are making the decision. We greatly feel the need of more of the power of the Holy Spirit. In no other way can the work ever be finished in these great cities. We have many precious experiences which encourage us by showing that God has not forgotten us, and that we can safely trust in His love. We desire to be specially remembered in the prayers of our brethren and sisters, during the prayer season that is just ahead of us. MRS. MARY MATSON

We hope that the annual offering for missions, which is to be taken up on Sabbath, December 14, will be the largest ever given in this conference. The shortness of time, and the needs of the field make a most powerful appeal to our liberality and should prompt us to sacrifice for the advancement of the work.

Elder Kneeland spoke to the church at Erie last Sabbath while on a short visit to the city.

Elder J. P. Gaede visited Buffalo, N. Y., one day last week, where his brother, Elder G. P. Gaede labors.

Kindly remember to hand in all the money at once which has been secured in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The church treasurers should also be prompt in sending in all cash which should go to the conference or the mission fields, as we must close our books with the end of the year.

A number of our Sabbath-schools and Young People's Volunteer societies have held Harvest Ingathering exercises this year. Reports of very interesting meetings of this character have come in from Pittsburg, Indiana, and Six Mile Run. We are glad to see the children and young people taking hold in these places.

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1913 has reached the office and is the best yet gotten out. There are a number of valuable features, which will make it a continual source of inspiration and a valuable companion. The daily texts have been specially selected as true spiritual keynotes, and the hour of the morning watch should be the holiest and dearest of the day. How often we fail in time of temptation because we start the day wrong and leave Christ out of the morning hour. The daily record for personal missionary work and the sunset calendar are other features of special value, which will be appreciated. Not only should every young person in the conference have a copy of the Morning Watch Calendar and make daily use of it, but parents, church officers, Sabbath school workers, and all who are trying to get nearer to God in their daily lives will find this a splendid aid. The price is only five cents a copy, postpaid, and it should be ordered early through the conference office.

The Sabbath School lesson quarters for the first quarter of 1913 are at the office, and should be secured at once by our schools.

NEW JERSEY

Report of German Work

The German foreign born population of New Jersey is, according to the 1910 census 122,986. Newark is the largest German city in the state. It has a population of 22,177 foreign born Germans. We must enter this field soon. Jersey City has a German foreign born population of 16,421. The German foreign born population of Patterson is 5,741. Some work has been done among the Germans in the two last named cities. We have now two German churches in the New Jersey Conference, one at Jersey City, and the other at Patterson.

The Jersey City German Church has thirty-five members. The tithe for the last quarter was \$9.66 per capita, and the offering for foreign missions was over 17 cents per mem-

ber. This church takes a club of 75 *Christlicher Hausfreund*, and a club of 115 *Zeichen der Zeit*. They make use of our missionary papers.

The Patterson German church was organized May 18, 1912 with 14 members. It has 19 members. The tithe for the last quarter was \$4.48 per capita, and the foreign mission offering was nearly twelve cents per member. Brother Carl Wortz is laboring now at this place in the interest of the German speaking people.

I am now conducting a series of Sunday night lectures in Bernhardt's Hall, Hoboken, N. J. The attendance is fair. We need a good German Bible worker to assist in this and other efforts. The members of the Jersey City German Church are doing all they can to make the effort in Hoboken a success. Our courage is good, and we intend to press onward until the victory is won. Pray for us.

J. G. HANHARDT.

Atlantic City

The work in Atlantic City and Pleasantville has been very difficult, yet even in that pleasure loving district there are souls who appreciate the truth for this time. Six such were added to the Pleasantville church on November 9, and three more on the previous Sabbath.

Atlantic City and Ocean City were quite perceptibly shaken recently by an earth tremor. A portion of Atlantic City seems to have settled some what, and appears to be in danger of settling beneath the level of the sea. The time hastens on apace when these resorts, as well as other wicked cities, with their myriads of blood bought souls, will sink out of sight. It suggests the importance and necessity of laboring for these souls now.

A number of persons of more or less influence and business standing have become interested in our work here of late, and we expect to labor especially for them, and if possible bring some of these to accept the Saviour and his precious truth. Remember the work in Atlantic City and vicinity when you are seeking the Lord for his blessing upon his work.

G. W. SPIES.

Our pioneer missionary paper into 50,000 homes for the year 1913, is certainly a modest desire. It ought to be several times that many. Shall not each one take hold for from one to five copies of the new series commencing with the issue of January 7?

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

To Our Friends in Pennsylvania

On November 5 we left Philadelphia for Mississippi, and safely arrived in Jackson two days later. Our household goods failed to come until four days after our arrival. However, we were sheltered by kind friends who took pains to make us comfortable until our things came.

We are rather agreeably disappointed upon coming here. We had strange ideas about the South. We were told nothing would keep, no potatoes, no apples, and no canned fruit, and that there is no bread but cornbread and biscuits. The first meal that we ate here Mrs. Wiest unconsciously said, "Well, I see bread anyway." Our short stay reveals to us that one can live on about the same things in Mississippi as he could in Pennsylvania. And the climate this time of the year seems exactly the same. We have been sleeping under as much cover as if we would be in Pennsylvania. It has been necessary for fire every morning. Jackson, where we are living, lies 540 feet above sea level, and appears quite a healthful place. There is a large yard around the conference building, and a beautiful small oak grove next to the house on one side. This makes the surroundings very pleasant.

The canvassing work is a live factor in the conference. During the month of October our canvassers took orders to the amount of \$1409.60; and delivered the same month \$2013.05, besides magazines and Bibles amounting to \$118.70. If anyone has a burden to canvass away from home, look to Mississippi, you will find the grass very green.

The needs are many in the South. We have in this conference eight white and nine colored churches, with one ordained white minister besides the president, and three colored ministers. The colored work is far from self-supporting. The white brethren pay a tithe of \$18.71 per capita. Our resources are not large and thus we must be content with a limited aggressive effort unless some soul out of the largeness of his heart will encourage us by a donation. We are told that the work is first to close in the South. But I hope a great work will yet be accomplished before the open door will be closed.

Some may remember the sickness of our baby boy at camp-meeting. To-day he is healthy and robust, and

the change has been a help to him. Our girl had a fractured arm which she received the first Sunday we came here by a very simple fall. It is fully healed now and she is again able to use it. We need the prayers of all our friends that the effort we put forth may bear fruit for the kingdom.

C. S. WIEST,

932 Union St., Jackson, Miss.

A good report comes from the general meetings at Allentown, Fairhill, Wilkes Barre, and Scranton. At the latter place a large attendance was noted at every meeting. One sister came bringing sixteen of her friends, and a good interest was manifest on the part of all. There is a call for more meetings in Scranton, which we would be pleased to see answered.

Brother J. H. McEachern recently visited the colporters in Wade, Williamsport, Sayre, and Scranton. At Sayre he held service with the company on the Sabbath.

Elder S. D. Hartwell and family are now occupying the house at 4910 Arch Street, in which the conference office is located, until such time as a permanent office is secured.

The Ingathering services of the West Philadelphia church were held last Sabbath, November 30, occupying the usual church service hour. The exercises by the children were appreciated, and \$13.40 was raised.

Mrs. Clara Burns, of Port Providence, met with a severe accident, falling about five feet from the porch of a store in which she had been doing some trading. It being dark at the time, her fall was not witnessed by any human agency and for about an hour she lay unconscious where she fell. After reaching home, and medical assistance being summoned, it was found that she has suffered the fracture of several ribs, a dislocation of the thigh and many minor bruises. She feels that it was only by the special interposition of Providence that she escaped with her life.

No preventing Providence, Elders Underwood and Richards will meet with the Williamsport church on Sabbath, December 14, though the general meeting appointed for that time and place has been indefinitely postponed, waiting the completion of the new house of worship being erected by our people there.

The new record books for church treasurers have been ordered to all the treasurers in the conference, that they may begin the new system, which by vote of the executive committee has been adopted to take effect January 1, 1913. Should any fail to receive them a line to this office will be appreciated.

Elder R. E. Harter returned to Philadelphia from the Scranton general meeting on Monday, to conduct a Bible study with interested ones, and will remain in the city all the week, uniting with Elders Underwood and Richards in the meetings at Sayre and Cherry Flats.

S. D. HARTWELL, *Conf. Sec.*

Colporters' Testimony Corner

The bookwork in this conference is onward. Last week we had reports from twenty-two canvassers. Our force of workers is as large as during the student campaign in the summer. The days being so short, and many of those now in the field being inexperienced our reports are not so high; but we are thankful for the spirit of consecration and courage manifested by every canvasser.

It will be of interest to each of our canvassers as well as to the people of this conference in general to know the location of those who are spreading the printed page.

Grace Swingle and her brother, Glenn, of Ariel are working Sayre with "Coming King" and "Great Controversy." They have just finished an excellent delivery. Brother Swingle did not lose an order, and Miss Swingle only one. It shows the good work that is being done in connection with Brother Baum's very successful evangelistic effort in this place.

Brethren Willruth and Phillips continue to do a good work in Scranton, and there are indications that others of the Scranton church will enter the work.

Miss M. J. Partington of Wilkes Barre has resumed her labors with "Great Controversy" in Plymouth.

Miss Stella Grube, who recently accepted the truth under the labors of Brother Baum and her devoted aunt, is doing all she can to spread the light of truth in Coopersburg and Quakertown by the sale of "Coming King."

Brother G. F. B. Unger of Vera Cruz continues faithful under trying circumstances, devoting all the time possible to the sale of "Daniel and the Revelation."

Canvassers' Reports

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 29, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*Mark Hale, Schuylkill		CK	9	105	27	47 00	6 15	53 15	20
*Harry Hale, Schuylkill		CK	9	89	24	38 00	2 40	40 40	1 20
S. Burkhart, Franklin		CK	2	16	5	8 00	1 50	9 50	
Lucy Dicks, Williamsport		CK	3	15	9	14 00	1 60	15 60	
Stella Grube, Lehigh Co.		CK	2	12	5	8 00	3 95	11 95	
J. Pyle, Chester Co.		CK	3	17	4	6 50		6 50	
Edith Hale, Schuylkill		PG	4	39	10	33 00	3 25	36 25	3 00
*Laura Endy, Schuylkill		PG	8	53	8	24 00	3 60	27 60	
W. Dunkinson, Franklin		PG	4	26	1	3 00	7 05	10 05	
Mrs. Dunkinson, Franklin		PG	4	13	1	3 00	1 95	4 95	
Grace Swingle, Bradford Co.		CK	2	7	1	4 00	5 35	9 35	
R. Towne, Chester Co.		GC	4	29	2	7 00	13 05	20 05	
G. Swingle, Bradford Co.		GC	3	20	5	12 00	5 50	17 50	3 50
G. Unger, Lehigh Co.		DR		38	2	7 00	2 25	9 25	26 00
Mrs. H. Gerhart Northampton		BS		20	16	6 75	4 70	11 45	
Mary Diener, Allentown		BS		2			4 75	4 75	
R. Sterner,		BS		19			4 25	4 25	
Totals			57	530	120	\$221 25	\$71 30	\$292 55	\$33 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 29, 1912

M. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	4	22	31	52 50	10 50	63 00	
T. Barritt, Rock Hall	DR	4	20	11	30 00	17 75	47 75	36 20
G. Lawrence, Perryville, Md.	DR	4	27	11	22 00	1 80	23 80	
J. Jones, Wilburen Md.	GC	5	30	21	43 00	21 60	64 70	
Irena Coleman, Rock Hall	BF	2	8	1	1 00	18 00	19 00	3 25
Anna Seeney, Baltimore, Md.	BF	5	20					26 76
Alverta Rodgers, Baltimore	BF		15					16 50
Alma Hohensee, Baltimore,	Mag.							14 00
Totals		28	157	75	\$148 50	\$69 65	\$218 15	\$96 71

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending November 29, 1912

A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	36	77	31 25	3 00	34 25	20 00
J. Rambo, Camden	CK	7	34	33	45 50	10 75	56 25	15 25
G. Blinn,	BR	5	40	8	24 00	50	24 50	
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	8	48	7	13 00	1 25	14 25	42 25
R. Stagg, Butler	PPF	5	38	9	15 50	5 75	21 25	
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	4	24	2	5 00	10 50	15 50	12 50
L. Kikkert, Paterson	Mag				1 50		1 50	1 50
Totals		35	220	139	\$135 75	\$31 75	\$167 50	\$111 75

Ohio, Week Ending November 29, 1912

L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	36	14	22 50	24 30	46 80	2 30
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	5	26	7	20 00	2 00	22 00	20 75
L. Swallen, Stark Co.	CK	4	29	6	10 00	5 75	15 75	
W. Sellers, Miami Co.	CK	2	10	2	3 00		3 00	
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	7			2 85	2 85	
Lillian Keyler, Cincinnati	CK	1	5		3 00		3 00	
Elsie Haughey, Trumbull Co.					13 35		13 35	
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR					9 50	9 50	
J. Reichenbach "	Mag.	4	19			36 15	36 15	
Totals		23	132	29	\$58 50	\$99 65	\$158 15	\$23 05

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 29, 1912

T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	5	36	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	
W. McElphatrk, Clay	DR	8	41					133 00
Hazel Leach, Braxton	PG	10	69	17	52 00	63 00	115 00	200 00
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	2	20					96 00
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	3	18	4	14 00	4 00	18 00	
Totals		28	184	25	\$78 00	\$70 00	\$148 00	\$516 00

West Pennsylvania Week Ending November 29, 1912

S. N. Brown, Pittsburg	CK	5	19	19	24	50	2	50	27	00	14	00
C. Guenter, Potter Co.	BF	4	30								47	65
F. Hall, Pittsburg	CK	4	22	1	1	50	4	00	5	50	74	25
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PPF	5	27	1	3	00	3	00	6	00	3	00
I. Lawrence, Bedford Co.	PPF	3	23	3	4	50	1	75	6	25	34	50
W. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	3	12	5	3	00	1	75	4	75		10
R. Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	4	21	20	13	50	4	00		17	50	
J. Perkins, Pittsburg	CK	3	18	23	36	50		25	36	75		
J. Paden, Pittsburg	CK	4	25	12	18	00	4	75	22	75	23	50
E. Rogers, Fulton	PPF	3	22	1	1	50	5	35	6	85	1	00
Totals		38	219	95	\$106	00	\$27	35	\$133	35	\$198	00

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1117 70

Deliveries, \$979 41.

Brother G. R. Hawthorne of West Chester has begun to work with "Daniel and the Revelation." Brother J. W. Pyle has also started at Chatham with "Coming King."

Sister Schmitt continues to do all she can with "Coming King" in Philadelphia.

Sister Chas. Pierce of Phoenixville, together with her son and daughter, are devoting their spare time to the work, at the same time furnishing a home to Brother R. A. Town of Washington, D. C., who is doing earnest work with "Great Controversy" in Chester County.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hale, Harry Hale, and Laura Endy are working Schuylkill County. Their territory is largely Catholic, but God is leading them to the honest in heart.

Brother and Sister Dunkinson are working Chambersburg with "Practical Guide to Health," and Brother S. L. Burkhart, who recently accepted the truth under Brother Hirlinger's tent effort, is meeting with success in the sale of "Coming King" in Waynesboro.

Daisy Ott and Lucy Dicks, although frequently ill, continue faithful in Williamsport.

Brother W. P. Hess has responded to the call of the Virginia Conference to become their field missionary secretary. We shall miss Brother Hess but we rejoice to pass on our best workers to more needy fields.

Brethren, pray for these dear workers that they may, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, continue steadfast in the work all winter.

J. H. McEACHERN.

The Message every six months is the standing plan of the *Signs Weekly*. A most helpful way of presenting the Message to our friends. The next series commences with the issue of January 7, and names should be sent in to the tract society at once.

CHESAPEAKE

Annual Offering

As the close of the year is rapidly approaching, we are reminded of God's goodness to his dear people scattered over the face of the earth. The Lord anciently taught his people to bring an offering when they came together for worship, and more especially upon important occasions when large gatherings of his people took place.

It seems very fitting that during the week of prayer when God's people daily meet together for prayer and Bible study, the great needs of the harvest field, should pass in grand review before them. No one can seek the Lord in earnest prayer but he feels the burden to see the work move forward.

At the very close of the week of prayer, Sabbath, December 14, is the time for the annual offering. We will have been the recipients of great and manifold blessings from the Lord in granting us good health and the ability to work for him, in giving us some loved ones who may as yet be out of Christ, and in helping souls interested to embrace the truth. Then why not make an offering to the Lord for what he has done for us, not that we can buy salvation, but that we may receive the blessing there is in store for those who sacrifice to hasten on the work, by giving of their means, and thus make a deposit in the Bank of Heaven.

There are some of our churches in arrears in the amount they should give toward the fifteen-cent-a-week fund. Remember that the annual offering will apply on this fund, and those who know they are in arrears have another opportunity to come up with a good offering next Sabbath and redeem the time. Let all plan

now to sell something that you can do without and give the price to the Lord. Let the money that is often spent for Christmas and New Year's dinners, be given to the cause at this time.

Brethren, it seems to me we ought to rally to the demands of the present hour that the work in the regions beyond, may be quickly finished and the Lord of glory come.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Notes

The general meetings at Rock Hall were well attended, the church being crowded every night. At the close of the meetings there were ten persons baptized by Elder Baer. These will unite with the church.

The general meeting at Fords Store was successful and many discouraged ones renewed their covenant with the Lord. The young people were encouraged to give themselves fully to the Lord and to prepare themselves for His service.

The conference committee recommended that every church be visited by a worker during the week of prayer. We hope this prayer season may be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Our canvassers and colporteurs are enjoying their work and some good reports are coming in. Those who put in 40 hours per week are sure to succeed.

Elder R. T. Dowsett, from the Columbia Union Conference, has been assisting in the general meetings. His labors were appreciated by all.

Miss Elsa Marie Hueggelmeyer and Mr. Walter Coleman were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother in Baltimore, Md., on Thanksgiving night, Elder T. L. Thuemler performing the ceremony. They will reside at Mt. Vernon, the home of Mr. Coleman.

Seed Thought

You may never know what place you are training a child for, only train him for God, and He, in His love and mercy, will find the proper place; even as he did with Timothy whose grandmother and mother trained him in godliness long before Paul's voice was heard proclaiming the gospel at Lystra. 2 Tim. 1:5. H. S. WEAVER

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"Tis well to walk with a cheerful heart
 Wherever our fortunes call,
 With a friendly glance and an open hand,
 And a pleasant smile for all.
 Since life is a thorny and difficult path,
 Where toil is the portion of man,
 We should all endeavour, while passing along
 To make it as smooth as we can."

OHIO

Eastern Question Engages Mind of the World

Many who have known the truth for a term of years have, with deep interest, watched the shaping of events and the development of conditions that in any way served as way-marks indicating the approach of the end. They have been thrilled with joy by the multiplied evidences of the nearness of the kingdom, but that which we have been witnessing during the past few months has certainly surpassed all other events, indicating a speedy close of the Gospel Age. Scarcely a newspaper or a writer of any class speaks about the war now in progress in the East without having it appear as the foregone conclusion that the Turk will ere this war closes be driven from Europe into Asia. The eyes of all nations are just now centered upon this unique situation which means so much to us and which seems so strange to all. I wonder if we as a people sense how much it all means to us and to all the world.

Nearly all prophecy is fulfilled and our thoughts have always reverted to this prophecy when we have thought about the nearness of the end. We had not looked for anything so sudden and decided. I feel, my dear people,

that the time to perform the work committed to us and for our own preparation is very short. It is time for each of us to be right with God and rightly related to his work.

There are thousands all about you who would read literature relating to the Turkish situation. This is the most opportune time owing to the interest all have to know about the sick man of the East and the need of light shining on their way before the great King stands up to rule.

Why not send to the tract society for a good supply of the little tract on the "Eastern Question" which can be secured at \$1.00 a hundred. Who would fail to read that tract now and how easy it would be to understand it. This is the time. Talk it up among the brethren and send for a supply of the tracts and use them. One should be placed in every home in the state of Ohio. What will you do about it?

E. K. SLADE

Brother Jay Chrisman, who is connected with the *Review and Herald* office at Tacoma Park was visiting friends here last week. He reports that his mother, Mrs. W. H. Chrisman is rapidly recovering from a recent operation for goiter.

Brother H. A. Weaver sends us a neat little announcement which is being circulated in Newark advertising a series of meetings which he is conducting in our church at that place.

Sister McCullough, who for several years has been a nurse in the Takoma Park Sanitarium, has returned to New Philadelphia to her parents' home for a time.

Brother R. J. Minesinger has moved from Empire to Steubenville, Ohio, and opened a bakery.

The Canaan church school opens Dec. 2nd with Ira Rickett as teacher.

Notice

The Washington Sanitarium will start a new-nurses' training class the first of January, 1913. Young people of deep Christian experience, with a desire to become true medical missionaries, who are of sound body and of sufficient preliminary education, are requested to write to the Superintendent of the Washington Sanitarium Nurses' Training School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Application blanks will be sent on request.

H. N. SISCO, M. D., Supt.

No Issue December 25th

The next number of the VISITOR will complete the 1912 volume of fifty numbers, so that there will be no issue Dec. 25.

A New Disease

We are living in a time when new and unheard of diseases are taking hold of the human family. Among the most recent are those of "appendicitis," "hookworm," and "pellagra." There is another equally to be dreaded because of its fatal results. It is known under the name of "Moribus Sabbaticus," or a disease peculiar to church members.

The attack comes on suddenly every Sabbath. No symptoms are felt on Friday night; the patient sleeps well and wakes feeling well; eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes on and continues until the services are over for the morning. Then the patient feels easy, and eats a hearty dinner. In the afternoon he feels much better and is able to take a walk, talk about politics and read the daily paper; he eats a hearty supper and retires early; sleeps well and wakes up in morning refreshed and able to go to work and usually does not have any symptoms of the disease until the following Sabbath.

The peculiar features are as follows: It always attacks members of the church; it never makes its appearance except on Sabbath, unless it is a slight attack on prayer meeting evening. The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the sleep or appetite; it never lasts more than twenty-four hours; it generally attacks the head of the family; no physician is ever called; it always proves fatal at the end—to the soul; no remedy is known for it except prayer; religion is the only antidote; it is becoming more prevalent and is sweeping some every year to destruction.—*Selected.*

OBITUARY

TRICK—Magdalena Trick, widow of the late Christian Trick, died at the house of Brother G. A. Keppler, Hamilton, Ohio, Saturday evening Nov. 23. She was born in Baden, Germany, May 9, 1840. She accepted present truth and united with the church in Hamilton in 1905. The testimony of the church was that she was faithful until death. She is survived by four sons and five daughters. We laid her to rest at Foyd Knobs, Indiana. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isaiah 57:1.

W. W. MILLER