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The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

A Soul Winning Campaign.

The Prospects are as Bright as the Promises of God."

We are now in the midst of a great campaign for the winning of souls. If possible, the enemy will cause you to remain idle while so many of your fellow-believers are busy among the people with the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Will you allow him to have his way with you?

Leaflets telling you how to organize your church for service, have been sent to every church elder and leader in this Union Conference. Before this reaches you, your church should have set its goal, both as individuals and as a church, and should have divided itself up into bands, with a live leader at the head of each band, who is now leading his or her forces to victory from house to house. If you have not done this, delay no longer.

You may feel that the people of your town are prejudiced—if so, this very paper is the very thing they need. It will remove their prejudice and open their eyes to the marvelous things God is doing out in the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit is now doing marvelous things and the majority of the people of earth know it not. One million papers placed in the hands of the people of North America this year will accomplish wonders at home—and at the same time provide at least \$100,000 for work in the regions beyond. Who can measure the value of such an effort?

Perhaps you yourself have felt a lack in your own spiritual life. Did you ever consider that God is nearest to that soul who goes out among lost men and works the most untiringly for their salvation? Your very failure to get out and DO something has brought leanness to your own soul. If the showers of blessing are to come to you, you must arouse from your lethargy and bestir yourself in behalf of those perishing about you. This then is your opportunity. Thank God for it and take courage.

This Harvest Ingathering Campaign may thus mean the salvation of at least three souls.

First, it will take the message of salvation in a striking and interesting way to every one with whom you leave a copy of this beautiful paper with its wonderful message.

Second, it will save that soul over in the dark, which otherwise would have perished, had you not solicited the money which became the bearer of the glad tidings of life across the seas.

Third, it will save your own soul, and bring to it the rich outpouring of His grace, because you aroused yourself before too late, and set out in earnest to save perishing souls.

This is, therefore, neither a campaign to sell papers nor to beg for money, but a campaign for the salvation of souls.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Since this is a soul-winning campaign, intercessory prayer must mark every step of the way. The leaders must pray; the committees must pray; each individual must pray before and as he goes from door to door. We must advance on our knees. Then success is assured.

Will not your church adopt Carey's motto, "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Our Saviour's word to each one is, "Have faith in God." "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

GEO. F. ENOCH.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

An Experience With the "The Signs of the Times"

While canvassing Shamokin, Pa., with the August *Signs of the Times*, I had finished one side of the main street with this magazine and some small cross streets, and had sold all but five. I was across the street from the post office in a small building and just as I started my canvass, a gentleman walked in and heard me give the canvass and saw the man purchase the magazine. He went out ahead of me and when I reached the entrance he was standing out in front of the doorway.

I had just pulled out one of the five which I had left, to give him a canvass, when he said, "I have just been waiting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?" I replied that it was

a dollar per year. Said he, "Come down to my office this afternoon and I will take it. My office is in the Masonic building; The Bell Telephone Company. Call for the manager." I did so. The young lady showed me in and a good seat was given me. Said he, "I am very glad to get that magazine. In the year 1914, two years ago, when I was in Philadelphia I was in a business office in that city when I saw that magazine on the table. I picked it up and read it and was impressed with the prophecies on the Eastern Question. I haven't seen one since and didn't know where to get it. Now I want a year's subscription to it. Begin it with the September number and I will purchase this copy." I called his attention to two books advertised in the magazine, "The World's Crisis" and "Armageddon." He took particular note of them.

Of course I went on my way rejoicing to think that the message would be before him every month for one whole year, a man who was interested in the Bible prophecies. He is president of The Bell Telephone Company of that city. A man of prominence and wealth I am told.

To show how wonderfully the Lord brings the message to souls, I will finish relating how he brought it to this man.

His office was on the opposite side of the street from where I was canvassing and I did not have any *Signs* to canvass on that side of the street, only five left which I was using on a very short business street. So the Lord sent that man up to that building just in time to get in touch with this last great message again, the first opportunity perhaps he has had in two years. I have been told that none of our magazines have been sold there in six years.

The Lord's ways are marvelous. I do thank the Lord for His leading and guiding me. Praise His holy name.

Notice

The new school building at Ariel, Pa., will open October 1, with 10 grades of work, lasting 8 months. Tuition \$1.00 per month; board and room can be supplied at \$2.00 per week, near school house. For further information address F. N. Stanley, Sec'y School Board, Ariel, Pa.

News Notes

The church at Ariel, Pa., now has a new church school building, and expect to begin school the first Monday in October. This undertaking has not been slow in development, as it is only a few weeks since the plan for a church school was suggested. It is to be hoped that other churches will follow this good example. Honesdale expects to be the first church to have that honor. A letter was received in the morning's mail asking about the prospects of securing a church school teacher, if they decide to begin school shortly. Our conference bookman, Brother Reichenbaugh, should have credit for bringing these churches to the decision for a church school. He is a church school enthusiast, and we are glad of it.

The church schools at Fairhill and Reading have begun with Mrs. C. D. Wolff and Eloise Williams respectively as teachers.

The following are some of our young people who are taking up work in the Washington College: Chas. and Laura Patterson, Miss Spencer, Miss Reeser, Mary Herr, Irma Baus, Idamae Master, Irma Gerhart, Sadie and Edith Detwiler, Harold and Kenneth Richards, Forest Washburn, Lee Warren, Robt. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gauker, Ralph Gauker, Stella Grube, Denton Rebok, and William Frizzell.

As heretofore, Sister Butts is the leading figure in our Harvest Ingathering. She now reports over \$100 for missions. Sister Butts began before the papers reached her; she used tracts and last year's papers. When these were not at hand, she used nothing at all only the plea for missions. These words are quoted from her last letter: "Oh, if we as a people, could realize what we can do in this particular line of His work, we would all take hold as never before."

Last Sunday night Elder Daniells repeated, for the benefit of the West Philadelphia tent effort the lecture he gave with such power at the Pitt Theatre in Pittsburgh. This lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views.

Elder Enoch also gave illustrated mission talks to audiences at both the North and West Philadelphia tents.

The Missionary Volunteer Conventions for Honesdale and Ariel have been postponed until a few weeks later, Professor Kern being unexpectedly called away.

Elder Richards' stay at the office has been so short that he did not find time to prepare any news items for us, but as he expects to be in from the field again for a few hours next week, we shall endeavor to hold him long enough to get a good report from the field. This much, however, we know that, during the last week, besides attending a meeting of the Union Conference Committee, he has visited the tent companies of Danville and Fleetwood, and is now visiting the tent company at Westfield. He will hold quarterly meeting services at York and Harrisburg and expects to visit Carlisle and Lancaster before his return. He will be at Wade (near Pottsville) from Friday until Monday, October 13 to 16, at which time the communion services will be held, and the new church dedicated. The dedication service will be held Sunday night at 7:30.

NEW JERSEY

Back in Jersey

Grandmother Brown sat rocking thoughtfully back and forth in her comfortable Boston rocker on the back veranda. It was a warm August day, and she had come out on the porch to enjoy the cool afternoon breeze that blew up from the bay. As she sat looking across the water her mind was far away. She was thinking of her old home back in New Jersey. It had been more than a year since she had left there to join her daughter in Nevada, but her heart was still with the old friends back home, and her thoughts often reverted to the bygone days. As she sat thinking and almost wishing herself back in New Jersey again, a step sounded on the gravel walk, and glancing in that direction she saw a tall, young figure approaching, hat in hand.

"Well, well, if it isn't Lynn Morton," she exclaimed heartily. "My, but I'm glad to see you. Sit right down here beside me and tell me all about the folks back home. I was just thinking of Jersey, and here you come as if in answer to my thoughts. How did you get way out here anyway?"

Lynn explained that he was on his way to the coast, and in passing through the state he couldn't refrain from stopping to see his old friend Sister Brown. Soon the two were visiting like the good friends they had always been, recalling old friends and old times, and the many good things that happened since their last meeting.

Grandmother's face was beaming as she listened to the news from home. Finally there came a lull in the conversation and she looked down smiling into her young friend's face. "Now Lynn," she said, "You have cheered me wonderfully telling

me about the friends back home; next I want to hear about the work in the conference. How are the Sabbath-schools getting along? and tell me what they are doing for the young people."

Always interested in what concerns the cause of God. I will tell you about the Sabbath-schools first. You know at camp-meeting time in 1915, we had 958 members in the Sabbath-school. We now have 1258, a gain of 300. We have eight new Sabbath-schools since the last annual report, which makes us at the present time 40 Sabbath-schools in all. Some of these schools are small to be sure; but their members are faithful. Why, some of these little home schools put some of the larger ones in the shade by their good reports from quarter to quarter.

At the 1915 camp-meeting several good resolutions were passed with reference to the Sabbath-school work, and would you believe it, every one has been carried out to some degree. That is speaking pretty well for the workers in the field, and for our Sabbath-school officers, isn't it? One resolution was there that we endeavor to get all the teachers and officers in our Sabbath-school to use that practical help, the "Sabbath-school Worker." Today we have 180 subscribers to it as compared with 66 a year ago—a gain of more than a hundred.

"That sounds fine," put in Grandmother Brown. "Some folks think that they can't get any help from the 'Worker,' as they know so much themselves; but I declare, I never saw the teacher yet who couldn't get some new thoughts from the Sabbath-school paper, the 'Worker.' Now how about the mission offerings? are they improving any?"

"Yes indeed, Sister Brown. Just look here," and drawing a paper from his pocket he showed her the following figures:

Offerings, 1914, \$3837.46, 1915, \$4350.27, gain, \$512.81. "And let me tell you something more," he went on. "For the first six months of this year we have gone more than \$500 over the amount raised for the corresponding period of last year. Elder Sandborn has said that the Sabbath-schools ought to raise \$5000 this year, which is \$700 more than we gave in 1915. At the rate the Sabbath-schools are giving, we will not only reach the goal, but will pass it by a hundred dollars or more. Do you know Sister Brown, our offerings remind me of a mountain stream. Each Sabbath-school is a little brooklet, which though small in itself, helps to swell the great stream of Sabbath-school offerings which is flowing out to bless the world. These Sabbath-school streamlets are fed in turn by living springs of faith and love which have their origin in the heart of every true believer.

And one of the blessings of giving is

that "he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

"Last winter we had seven Sabbath-school conventions in the conference, and one grand Sabbath-school Rally Day. While all these helped to create enthusiasm and interest, we find that eternal vigilance is the price of other things besides liberty. It is also the price of success in Sabbath-school work. To keep the ground already gained and attain still greater heights, will mean prayer and perseverance. But if the Sabbath-school officers will continue to give the splendid co-operation that they have so nobly given this past year, there is no limit to the good that may be accomplished in the year to come.

"Now just a word about our educational work. You know, Sister Brown, how difficult it is to wake our people up to the true condition of things along this line. In many of our conferences we are actually losing more young people every year than we are gaining converts to the truth through our aggressive efforts for the public. Think of it! Doesn't it seem inconsistent that while our people will gladly give their money to promote tent efforts among strangers—which is right—yet in the meantime they will allow their own children to drift away into the world largely because they have not been given the Christian education which God has instructed us to give them!

"Well, Lynn, don't get impatient," broke in Grandmother gently, "even though things aren't done as promptly as you think they should be. Good things come slowly, but untiring effort will accomplish a good deal in the end. Our people are beginning to see where they have failed in the past, and are coming to realize that "he who saves the children saves the church." I look for a mighty forward movement in our educational work in the near future."

"I sincerely hope so, Sister Brown," returned the young man. Anyway, I am glad that last year two new church schools were organized in New Jersey, and we have prospects of three more new ones this coming year, which will make us a total of eight in the conference. About one-third of our young people are in our own schools. How I wish that we might double this percentage by next camp-meeting time."

Just then the old clock in the hall struck the hour, and Grandmother Brown's visitor started up in surprise. "Can it be possible that I have been here two hours?" Really I must be going, if I catch that train."

"But Lynn, you haven't said anything about the young people's work. I shall be disappointed if you skip that. Are they doing much of anything?"

"Indeed they are. Our Missionary Volunteers are wide awake all right. Last year they gave away 47000 papers and tracts, they held 500 Bible readings, and made 2000 missionary visits. They are taking up the Reading Course by the score, many are reading the Bible through chronologically, and still others are studying for the Standard of Attainment. Good work is also being done with the Present Truth Series. There are about 275 members in our 20 Missionary Volunteer societies. Fourteen new societies were organized this past year, and our membership has made a gain of over 200. Here is the 1916 goal set for our young people this year, and here is what has been done so far in the first six months:

Goal for 1916

22 young people converted
11 Standard of Attainment certificates
22 to read Bible through
28 Reading course certificates
\$440 for Missions

Accomplished so far

20 young people baptised
8 attainment certificates
90 reading the Bible through
24 Reading course certificates
\$118.59 for Missions, with Harvest In-gathering season yet before us.

"Do you think we will reach the goal?"

"Just one thing more: I know you will be interested to know that we have started a conference Missionary Volunteer Library. We loan the books out to the young people in all parts of the conference, with no expense to them but the return postage. You know our young folks will read something; and how much better that it should be wholesome, uplifting literature instead of the popular stories of the day."

"Well, well, a conference library! exclaimed grandmother. "Now that is a good thing, I declare. I wonder if I can't have a part in helping to enlarge it? I have \$5.00 that I should be glad to see used for the young folks, if you think it would help any."

"Three cheers for you, Sister Brown. That money will buy six or eight good books for our library. The young people will thank you for it, I can promise you. I wish more would follow your example. We would soon have a splendid library. Now I must run to catch my train. Besides, if I stay much longer you will be ready to send me away so that you can have some peace."

"No indeed," was the hearty rejoinder. "It has done me all sorts of good to hear how the work is prospering. Good-bye Lynn, if you must be going, and a safe and pleasant journey to the coast." The two friends parted with a hearty handshake, and the tall young figure was soon lost in the gathering twilight."

Grandmother lingered a few moments in the evening stillness, musing over the unusual visit of the afternoon which had brought her so much cheer. "Good reports those were," she murmured to herself. "But, oh, how much more might be done if every one of God's people were to receive a new infilling of the spirit of the Master—that wonderful spirit of service and sacrifice."

ELLA A. IDEN.

OHIO

Cleveland Tent Effort

On September 10, Elder R. Lindsay again started his tent meetings and a good interest was shown; Sunday evenings the tent would be crowded.

It was evident that the Spirit of God mightily attended Elder Lindsay, as each evening he became more bold and the words came from his lips with power. Many felt the convicting power and took their stand for the Lord, saying, by the help of God they would keep His commandments.

I am exceedingly happy and thank my dear heavenly Father that He has again permitted me to be able to help in this great work, as I have been able to open and close the meetings for Elder Lindsay.

Yesterday we enjoyed a blessed Sabbath, as Elder Lindsay buried 8 dear souls with their Lord in baptism after which they partook of the sacred emblems of the Lord's supper.

O, how heavenly it is when God's children profitably live together.

Our prayer is that before the close of the tent effort, a goodly number of dear souls may be won.

H. F. GRAF.

News Notes

Brethren Fairchild and Panches spent Monday delivering books in Union County for Miss Holder, one of our student colporteurs who is now attending Washington Missionary College. They report a successful delivery.

We are glad to see the success that is attending Brother Barto's work in Clinton County. The past week he sold \$63 worth of "Bible Readings."

Elder Slade made a short visit in Columbus in the interest of the work Wednesday.

Brother and Sister H. O. Kohr are at home for a few days, preparing to go to their new territory. They will take up the colporteur work in Cleveland.

Brother J. E. Carter, who has recently entered the colporteur field, has been having some severe trials; but he writes us of an experience that shows that God is directing him in his work. We take the liberty to print it.

"On Tuesday morning I started to a home quite a distance from the road. I could just see the man back in the field cutting corn. As the house looked as if there might be no one at home, I told God that unless He had a message for that home, it would be useless for me to go so far out of my way. As I prayed, I felt impressed that I should go, and when I was within about two hundred feet of the house, the man came in. As I showed him the work, he said it was just what he wanted, and he readily ordered the book. Then he asked me if I had called him. I told him I had not. I believe it was God calling to him as I prayed."

Brother P. A. Franks has finished his work in Wayne County and will move to Hancock County in the near future, and we trust that he may have the same success in his new field as he had in his former territory.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

We are glad to state that to date our conference has ordered 11350 of the Harvest Ingathering "Signs." This does not measure up to the number ordered last year, however, but we trust our people will work to bring in larger returns than we had last year. We believe the Lord will work for us, for it is time for the wealth of the Gentiles to flow in.

Two precious souls were baptized Sabbath Sept. 30 in the Baltimore No. 1 Church.

Elder Wierts closed his tent effort Sunday night, Oct. 1.

Prof. C. S. Longacre delivered a very interesting Temperance Lecture in the large pavilion, Corner Calvert and North Avenues, Baltimore, Md., Saturday night, Sept. 30. A large and very appreciative audience was present, even though the night was very cool. He was preceeded by two other speakers and although the meeting was late in closing, the people stayed until the close. Such a good impression was made that the Walbrook Superintendent of the temperance forces asked Prof. Longacre to come back to Baltimore Sunday, Oct. 8, and repeat the lecture.

Elder C. B. Haynes stopped over in Baltimore to see friends on his return to Washington from New Jersey, where he visited his mother. His many friends here were glad to see him again.

Miss Marguerite Tippet, who has been canvassing in West Virginia for the past year, was called home because of the serious illness of her father. He is improving, however, we are glad to report.

Miss Antoinette Tippet, a graduate of the Melrose Sanitarium is doing private nursing in Baltimore.

Elder S. T. Shadel is moving to Hagerstown, Md., where he will take charge of the church.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The time has passed for our Harvest Ingathering campaign to commence, and in a few days reports will be received from various parts of the field telling of the success many are having as they solicit the interest of the people in foreign missions. Several of the churches have been visited to date, and before the close of another week every one will have laid plans for their part in the work.

Leaders have been appointed in the churches already visited, and definite goals have been set toward which the members of the churches will work during the campaign. We are encouraged to see some of the churches set their goals this year four and five times higher than the amount they reached last year. We feel sure that with our forces well organized, and everyone working for a definite goal during this present month, we will be able to reach an average of \$5.00 per member.

It will be necessary for our people throughout the conference to put forth a special effort this year in view of the many additions that have been made to our work in the foreign lands. It seems we can almost hear these new recruits beckoning for us to "hold the ropes" as they enter the "pit" of heathenism and superstition in their chosen fields of labor. Let us rally to the standard, and do all we can during this time of opportunity to solicit from the outside world its offering in behalf of this important work.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

News Notes

Elder Robbins is conducting a short effort at Kushequa. He reports the meetings well attended. One family has decided to obey the truth for this time.

Last winter the people of Bradford ordered 300 copies of "Bible Readings." These truth filled books have stirred up many to investigate the truth. Elder G. L. West has located there to follow up the work.

The tent effort among the colored people of Pittsburgh resulted in a substantial gain to the church enrollment. The work, however, was so strenuous that Elder Durrant was compelled to take a few days rest in the Sanitarium at Washington. On Monday he returned to the city much improved in health.

Brother Christman, the Home Missionary Secretary, visited some of our churches last week in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering. He finds our people ready to co-operate in the work and by the additional orders for papers, it shows that God's people will be willing in the day of His power. The churches are being thoroughly organized into bands with leaders so that all may have a part in this glorious effort to secure means for our foreign fields.

The outlook for the colporteur work is most encouraging. The brethren, who became interested through the Pitt Theatre meetings, are now carrying the printed page from door to door. The call to service came to them and they responded. Many others have heard the still small voice.

Down by the sea of mild Galilee,
The Saviour passed time and again,
Then from the shore of the sea,
He called follow me,
And I'll make you fishers of men.

He is calling today;
In the same sweet way;
He is calling for fishers again
And the brightest names known
Up around God's throne
Will be those who were fishers of men.

Special

"United We Stand"

Many letters bringing encouragement and the assurance of co-operation have been coming from those with whom we have been corresponding relative to the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital. Here are a few extracts:—

"We wish to thank you for acquainting us with this means of reminding the brethren and sisters of this important date, and if it is possible to send us about four hundred more of these stamps, we shall do our best to make good use of

them. It gives us pleasure to read what you say in regard to the progress of this cause and we trust the good work may continue until the completion of such a needy hospital. Thanking you for your kindness, and assuring you of our co-operation, we remain."

"We are much interested in the success of the work that you represent and our prayer is that God will wonderfully bless in the advancing of the Message through that department work."

"We feel in our hearts that if any institution of our denomination needs the support of the body, it is the Loma Linda Institution. It seems that the greatest need of our work today is Medical Evangelists dedicated for the work of the Lord who will love and practice the principles of Truth taught in the Spirit of Prophecy.

So we wish to do all in our power to help establish this institution for we believe it is ordained of God to be one of the principal factors in establishing the Truth in foreign lands as well as this."

We feel sure that all are interested and anxious to help. One faithful sister came to camp-meeting bringing a little box containing her gift for the Hospital. Her husband has no interest in our work but she had pledged five dollars. She took one of his cigar boxes, nailed it up and cut a small hole—large enough to admit a dollar—in one end. On one side she wrote, "Began May 15, 1916" and every cent or nickel or dime or dollar that she would otherwise spend for needless things went into that cigar box for the Hospital. When she brought it to us there were two dates on the side, the second one, "Ended August 15, 1916," and the box contained the five dollars she had pledged. Her interest is in the Hospital and its future work is surely greater because she has sacrificed something for it.

It was the Great Physician who said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." "I was sick and ye visited me" and "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

"Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital
Day Sabbath, October 14, 1916.

What Some Have Done

"Your letter only added fuel to the fire already burning in the heart of our church here. We are responding to the great call made by you and others for help our foreign missionaries all over the world in this time of need. We began our work on time and set for our mark the goal of one hundred dollars for our little company of twenty, at five dollars each. We have worked only three days and some report their five dollars already. Yes, with the Signs in our hands, and prayers in our hearts, we expect to reach the goal."

"Enclosed you will find five dollars on the Harvest Ingathering fund. I have not had time to work much with my papers, but have used about thirty-five papers and the Lord blessed me with five dollars and a start on another five dollars."

"A brother sent a paper with a letter to a Senator in his state, and received a donation of \$5.00. This shows that men in high places will respond if our work is presented to them properly."

"A sister of seventy-six placed forty-seven papers in the country and collected \$10.40, besides finding openings for missionary work.

"Another sister who is past eighty and quite feeble took ten papers and sent them out, with letters. She gathered in \$10.25. She says: 'Two I did not get anything for, but the Lord blessed me with the rest, and I praise His holy name.'"

"I used sixty copies of the Ingathering Review and received \$30.00. I received \$5.00 from a Catholic railroad man, also a good donation from a lawyer who asked many questions relating to the war. I sold him a *Watchman*, and gave him the tract, "Is it Armageddon." This work affords many opportunities for doing good."

"One sister reports \$2.20 and some good experiences for one hour's work with the Harvest Ingathering Signs."

"The elder of one church reports eight dollars received from thirteen papers."

"Four of the young people started out on Sunday morning and in a little while collected nearly eleven dollars."

"It has been my privilege to start quite a number in this good work. One day three sisters went out with me and in two hours we had distributed fifty-two papers and realized \$8.72."

What some members have done all can do if they have the same "mind to work." Let us set ourselves to work with a settled determined purpose to reach the goal.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Good Balance

This is the dominant characteristic of the November *Signs of the Times* magazine. It is not a war number, nor an eastern question number, nor yet a Religious liberty number, but it is all this and more. In addition you will find articles on the Sabbath, second coming of Christ, Christian Science, Higher Criticism, and various signs of the times. For example: Depravity in Dress; Heaping Up Riches; The Great War; Great Calamity Averted; Pleasure, Extravagance, Lust; Why God's Judgments Visit the Earth. Also two or three spiritual articles. Message filled and an excellent variety. Don't fail to see a copy. Surely you will want others for your friends and neighbors.

Mount Vernon Academy

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Truly the Lord's work is going forward today as never before. 1916 has marked an unprecedented increase in every department. Never were so many mission stations opened. Never were so many general efforts and tent meetings held, and such a response on the part of people to obey the laws of God obtained. The truth is going with leaps and bounds, yet God is keeping far in advance preparing the way.

In proportion as the work has grown, the demand has increased for competent stenographers, bookkeepers, secretaries of tract societies and conferences, and in fact men and women who have had enough of a business training to enable them to intelligently manage a department in a conference. Every young man who aspires to become a successful minister, or a conference president, will find his ability for such a position greatly increased if he has obtained a knowledge of bookkeeping. The same is true of young women who desire to prepare themselves for Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries, or similar positions. The calls for workers of this class are greatly in excess of the supply. Young people of the Columbia Union, NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY to prepare yourselves for useful work in the Lord's vineyard. This is an age of preparedness, and the consecrated young man or woman who today seizes upon this opportunity can be assured that there will be a place for him when he is ready to fill it.

The COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT of Mount Vernon Academy was established for the purpose of providing our young people an opportunity to obtain a thorough business education, which is so essential for our office workers, and those who hold responsible positions in the Cause. Our Department, in its equipment and facilities, is second to none among those of our schools that offer commercial courses. Many have availed themselves of this excellent opportunity to receive just the training that will fit them for clerical work in our sanitariums, publishing houses, tract societies, and conferences.

We know there are others in the Columbia Union who should also be with us. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR: write us NOW if you are at all interested. Our Stenographic Course, which is especially adapted to the needs of our work, should be taken by many. New classes in bookkeeping and other subjects will be formed from time to time.

HAROLD L. GRAHAM.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY MUSIC NOTES

The only universal language, and the most beautiful of all, is music. Genuine music—written from the heart—inspires the hearer, plants noble thoughts within the mind, and appeals to the better nature. It is always an inspiration to listen to good music, for tone reflects the color of the mind, the sentiments of the heart, the passing thought: as water reflects cloud and sky, trees and flying birds. Great art comes from God. It should lead back to Him. Reject and shun the counterfeit which has spread over the land and continues to sap the nobility from the whole nation. It is the right hand of Satan who well knows that music has more power than electricity.

Music has always been an important factor in God's work in the earth, and He has given talent to many that they might join hands with Him in this closing message. Has this golden vein of talent shown itself through the dry ground of your own little world without the use of pick and shovel? Then you have ample proof to know where you belong. With this gift comes the desire to develop it.

Hunger is said to be the salt for a good feast. If you are hungry for music, Mount Vernon offers you a feast of good things that will prove beneficial and uplifting to you. A large number have already begun, and others are seeing their needs and doing likewise.

HAROLD A. MILLER.

Elder Enoch addressed the student body in chapel last Tuesday morning. He spoke concerning the Washington Missionary College and Mount Vernon Academy Fund. Already more than \$30,000 have been pledged while only about three-fourths of the territory has been covered. He also brought out the point that our schools were "West Points" and mean to our denomination the same that West Point means to the United States. It is a place to train young people to be Generals, Leaders and Officers.

Mr. George Lipscomb of Elyria, Ohio, spent several days at the academy visiting his sisters Pearl and Ruby and his brother Paul.

Mr. Joseph Craig enjoyed a visit in Cleveland last Sunday.

Miss Opdyke spent Sunday at her home in La Grange, Ohio, and her brother, Eber, accompanied her to the academy to visit old friends there.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Sept. 29, 1916									
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.		BR	5	48	11	42 00	3 50	45 50	3 50
H. W. Barto, Clinton Co.		BR	5	45	15	62 00	1 50	63 50	1 50
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	4	45	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	3 60
Geo. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	5	44	7	23 00	5 25	28 25	3 00
C. F. Wilcox, Columbiana Co.		BR	5	43	9	29 00	4 55	33 55	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	4	40	4	13 00	6 75	19 75	
E. E. Goodrich, Franklin Co.		BR	5	40	7	24 00	75	24 75	
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	37	17	55 00	75	55 75	6 75
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	36	2	6 00	3 25	9 25	174 00
H. C. Nelson & Wife, Athens Co.		BR	4	34	8	26 00		26 00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	4	33	15	23 50	4 00	27 50	40 00
C. F. Wilcox, Columbiana Co.		BR	4	32	10	34 00	2 25	36 25	
Frank Fufts, Adams Co.		BR	4	26	8	26 00	2 75	28 75	1 50
H. O. Kohr, Licking Co.		DR	3	26					30 00
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	4	24	18	27 00	1 75	28 75	4 60
Mrs. Geo. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	4	24	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	
G. W. Yingling, Salem		BR	4	22	12	38 00	9 00	47 00	
Will Price, Toledo		BR	2	12	6	18 00	5 50	23 50	2 50
Totals	17 Agents			75	611	161	\$482 50	\$56 05	\$538 55 \$270 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 29, 1916									
A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.		PPF	5	44	16	34 00	25 15	59 15	37 60
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.		BR	5	44	9	28 00	3 50	31 50	71 60
Mrs. Dunn, Allegheny Co.		OD	8	23	71				75
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.		BR	5	26			11 45	11 45	55 45
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.		BF	5	40	22	34 50	6 40	40 90	14 00
J. Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		HW	10	83	56	13 70		13 70	13 70
John Morley, Center Co.		BR	2						313 60
John Manual, Jefferson Co.		BR	6	48	8	29 00	11 70	40 70	
E. Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	5	32	13	42 00		42 00	
R. L. Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	5	34	22	76 00		76 00	
Mrs. Smith, Allegheny Co.		OD	6	21	35	13 50		13 50	
Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.		OD	5	13		1 00	1 30	2 30	2 30
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	4	35	8	16 00	7 75	23 75	8 35
Totals	13 Agents			71	443	250	\$287 70	\$67 25	\$354 95 \$517 35

West Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 29, 1916									
G. E. Snyder, Marion Co.		BR	8	92	18	65 00	17 50	82 50	14 25
W. A. McElpatrick, Marshall Co.		BR	4	33	7	21 00	12 20	33 20	3 70
S. J. Monroe, Marshall Co.		BR	4	30	15	45 00	5 70	50 70	1 45
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.		BR	5	37	11	33 00	1 65	34 65	1 65
J. W. Brando, Pocahontas Co.		BR		80					141 10
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BF		42	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	132 75
Totals	6 Agents					\$173 00	\$38 55	\$211 55	\$295 10

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 29, 1916									
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.		PPF	5	46	8	17 00	5 05	22 05	
Wm. Frizzell, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	33	8	17 00		17 00	
Wm. Frizzell, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	33	11	25 00	1 00	26 00	
M. M. Sterner, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	28	16	37 00	9 00	46 00	
M. M. Sterner, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	26					41 00
Wm. P. Hess, Chester Co.		BF	5	46	26	41 00	1 75	42 75	
Miscellaneous						16 95		16 95	
Totals	4 Agents			26	212	69	\$153 95	\$16 80	\$170 75 \$41 00

Chesapeake, Week Ending Sept. 29, 1916									
J. E. Jones, Taylors Island Md.		BR	5	36	17	52 00	24 25	76 25	
F. E. Moore, Washington Co.		BR	4	40	14	45 00	18 75	63 75	
B. G. Hohensee, Somerset Co.		DR	3	23	17	55 00	1 25	56 25	
Totals	3 Agents			12	99	48	\$152 00	\$44 25	\$196 25

Grand Totals: 43 Agents Value of Orders \$1249 15 Deliveries, \$1124 40

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending September 2, 1916

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Value	1915
West Pennsylvania	16	1242	2963 10	1830 77
West Virginia	14	1500	2667 60	848 85
Virginia	11	1471	2299 60	3138 10
Ohio	26	2264	2006 72	1163 10
District of Columbia	11	686	1200 05	363 10
Chesapeake	12	1145	1276 70	1557 10
East Pennsylvania	16	1180	1235 46	1700 57
New Jersey	5	505	532 90	886 25
Total	101	9993	\$14282 13	\$11487 74

It was necessary for Miss Zita Hannah to go home on account of her mother's illness.

Elders Geo. F. Enoch, W. W. Miller, R. Lindsay, A. R. Bell, G. C. Quillen, and Dr. R. R. Hilborn visited the academy last week.

The missions class was just studying India and were pleased to have Elder Enoch tell them some things concerning that country.

He dwelt on the book of Acts and brought out many interesting points concerning it. He said the book of Luke tells what Jesus began to do while in the flesh and the Acts tell what He continues to do and teach.

What Jesus taught had its effect upon the hearts because of what He did. The book of Acts rightly named should be the "Acts of the Holy Spirit through Human Instrumentalities."

The 28th chapter of Acts does not finish the work of Paul, but continues all the way through. Hundreds and hundreds of chapters have been added to that book since, in the heavenly record. There-markable thing about the first generation was not so much the great preachers nor the twelve apostles that were ordained, but Christ Himself put the great thing in the records of that early church, a church in which the lay-members were workers. We should be interested in missions and people because of the great commission in Matt. 28:18-20.

He also spoke concerning the language and illustrated characters, comparing them with our alphabet. We felt that the class period was profitably spent.

He also spoke in the students' prayer meeting on Tuesday evening.

Miss Jeanette Walls of Cincinnati, Ohio, has come to Mt. Vernon to take the nurses' course at the hospital.

Mr. Arthur Gregg of Detroit, Mich., arrived at Mt. Vernon last Wednesday, to attend school.

Elder Enoch spent Tuesday evening with the Mount Vernon Church, laying plans for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. He said in part that never have we experienced such experiences as in the apostolic days since the day of Pentecost. The people of the world are coming forward and are giving large sums of money, that the work might be finished. The aim of the North American Division is to put out one million papers in one month and gather in \$100,000 and the work will be accomplished by faith in God.

Mr. E. N. Shepherd of College View, Nebr., has come to us last Tuesday and will take charge of the carpentry.

The new laundry is now in use and the carpenter shop is nearing completion.

Mrs. Marcellus Andre and her daughter Mabel, of Mansfield, Ohio, visited Ethel, who is attending school.

Washington Missionary College

The number of students enrolled up to September 30 is two hundred forty. The year promises to be one of special benefit to all.

Among the new features of the college curriculum for this year are a commercial department and courses in the History of Philosophy and Political Economy.

We are glad to have with us this year Mrs. H. R. Salisbury, who has recently returned from India. She is teaching the classes in French, Latin, and Physical Culture. Professor Smith, from Berrien Springs, is to take charge of the work in the commercial department, in addition to the work in the printing office. We appreciate these new members of our faculty.

The annual reception for the students of the college will be held in the dining room, Thursday evening, October 5.

The first meeting of the Students' Association was held during the chapel period on Sunday morning, September 23. Brief reports were given of the summer's work, and a special effort was put forth in behalf of *The Sligonian*. The students and teachers heartily responded when asked to increase the circulation by sending the paper to their friends.

On Thursday evening, September 28, the young ladies of the South Hall and Dining Hall dormitories met in the dining room, where games were enjoyed during the evening and candy was served.

The Misses Gradye and Marian Brooke received word last Sabbath of the sudden death of their brother. They left at once for their home in Alpharetta, Ga.

Miss Alice Miller '16 recently called at the college and Sanitarium to visit old friends.

Miss Nellie Porter, a former M. V. C. student, is among the number entering the nurses' class this fall. Misses Mary Whilden and Edith Kimber, who were with us last year, are also entering the class.

Miss May Harkins was called to her home in Alliance, Ohio, last week on account of the death of her uncle. We are glad that she has been able to return.

Elder F. M. Wilcox delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the 1916 nurses' class, consisting of ten members, at the Takoma Park Church on Sabbath, September 30. The Sligo Church united with the Takoma Park Church for the service. The commencement address was given by Elder C. A. Longacre in the new gymnasium building on Tuesday evening, October 3.

It pays to attend the College Sabbath School, for Professor John, with his good corps of teachers, always has something of special interest for the school. The attendance and donations are still on the increase.

Mrs. Bruce, who has returned from India on furlough, is serving as preceptress in South Hall this year. Mrs. Griggs, who had the work last year, accompanied her husband on his trip to the Orient.

In the Young Peoples' Meeting of last week, the time was largely given to "Echoes of the Summer's Work." Future programs promise to be increasingly helpful and instructive.

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Miss Edna Trout of Philadelphia, visited the College recently. Miss Trout was a member of last year's Junior Class.

It seems rather natural to the former Union College students who are attending Washington College, to be associated again with "Daddy" Reed. Mr. Reed had general oversight of the buildings and grounds of Union College for many years, where, because of his faithfulness and readiness to help at all times, he had become a father to all.

The Senior class this year is the largest so far ever enrolled. At the first meeting of the class, twenty-six were present.

North Hall is a pleasant place to live in. During the summer, the building has been renovated throughout; and, under the supervision of Mr. Gauker, the preceptor, is kept in a tidy condition.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

WANTED.—Seventh-day Adventist brother with knowledge of photography to conduct studio on partnership. Address, H. T. Murphy, Cameron, W. Va.

WANTED.—A young man who has a fair knowledge of printing (job and straight composition and press work) and who desires to earn a part of his way through Mount Vernon Academy. Correspond with H. S. Weaver, Mount Vernon, O., care of The College Press.

The Study of Modern Languages Through Correspondence

The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C., desires to announce the completion of arrangements for the study of German, French, Spanish, and Italian through correspondence, either with or without the phonograph. For particulars and the "Nutshell Catalog," address as above.

E. C. LEWIS, Principal.

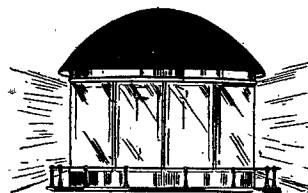
In the "VISITOR" of September 28, page 4, under West-Virginia notes, an error was made by dividing the paragraphs of the article by Mrs. R. E. Stephens into News Notes. EDITOR.

Notice

Church School Teachers

The Arithmetic Manual outlining the use of Stone and Millis Arithmetic for grades four to eight, which has been prepared by Mrs. H. E. Osburn, at the request of the Educationl Department, is now ready, price 30 cents. Order of the Tract Society office.

You have noticed during the past few weeks, items in the VISITOR concerning the "Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital," to be erected in Los Angeles, California. God has made plain through His servant that the medical work will be the only means of reaching the people in the last days and we trust that all will remember the date of October 14, and lift mightily for this cause.



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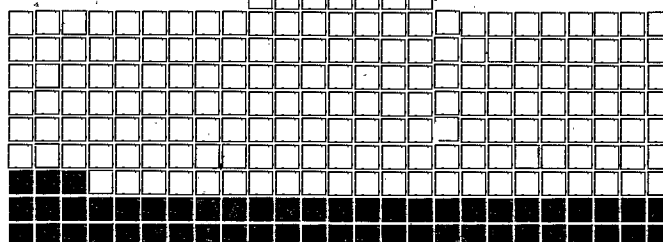
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