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U N I O N

New Moves for Developing Our Colored Work

We know that the brethren throughout the Columbia Union are interested in all the plans and activities for increasing the spread of the Truth among our colored populations. Of late, through one event or another, the condition of both the Columbia Union Conference and North American Division has been called to the needs for further steps to be taken in this conference.

At a recent council held in the city of Washington, the brethren decided to appropriate some funds from different sources to aid Brother Rodgers in Baltimore in his effort to establish a school center for his large growing colored work in that city. He has a large congregation now every Sabbath, running up sometimes as high as 300. There are many children and young people connected with this, as well as those who would like to study our truth, so arrangements have been fully completed and an excellent school has opened there.

Then owing to the situation at Washington, where those who have given up the truth or departed from the organized work of the denomination are constantly going in and out amongst those who believe the truth and wish to remain true to the organized work, it has become necessary to practically abandon any efforts to develop our work in connection with the building that formerly housed both those who believed in the work of the organization and those who desired to depart from it. A clean separation has now been made. The brethren have decided to go forward in the securing of a suitable house of worship which will provide ample school facilities and be a center for our large and growing colored work in the city of Washington.

So request was presented by the District of Columbia Conference, stating their willingness to provide a certain sum of money toward such a building; that the local church would provide another sum; the request that a small amount be raised in the Columbia Union Conference; and finally a request for a larger sum from

the North American Division Conference. It being the hearty desire of the North American Division brethren to keep to the utmost in securing such a place and there being a similar request in from the cities of Mobile and Savannah; it was therefore decided that whatever funds would be returned from the important collection that will be taken for our colored work Nov. 18, should be given to these calls in proportion to the request demanded.

Now is the time to help in the advance of our colored work. Never before has the opening been so favorable, so opportune and so important. Therefore, we would earnestly beseech that all to whom these requests may come, if your hearts have a burning desire to give the truth to our colored brethren, that you will not only liberally contribute yourself but speak forth words of exhortation to others, that there may come in from different parts of the Columbia Union Conference a large offering for this line of work on November 18.

Sabbath, November 18, is the day set apart when this offering shall be given. Let us all join in doing something for the eleven millions of colored people in this country.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Another Tie to the Mission Fields

The Columbia Union Conference has a great many ties binding it to the mission fields. Representatives from the Columbia Union are in nearly every mission field and this is one reason why our dear brethren and sisters are so much interested in missions and are sacrificing so nobly in providing means with which to keep these and other workers supplied with the funds necessary for their work.

The Mission Board has had their eye on J. S. Barrows since connecting with the Review and Herald. They have extended to him and his wife a call and they have accepted it. By the time the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union read this article, Brother and Sister J. S. Barrows will be on the high seas, with the Philippine Islands as their destination. Brother Barrows will act as secretary and treasurer of that mission field.

The Philippine Islands is a most interesting field. The Lord is wonderfully

blessing the efforts of the laborers both native and foreign, and especially is this so in the distribution of the printed page. Those who will be connected with the development of the work in that field will not only enjoy some most precious blessings, but they will be greatly encouraged in seeing the work develop.

The prayers of the brethren and sisters in the Columbia Union will follow Brother and Sister Barrows as they have followed the other laborers who have gone from our field. What rejoicing there will be when these workers from the distant lands are gathered, with those who have sacrificed to support them, around the throne of God! Let us each in our sphere be faithful until Jesus comes.

R. T. DOWSETT.

OHIO

Some Facts that Should be Known Regarding Conditions in the Ohio Conference

There are many things that we would like to take time to present to our people at the time of our annual conference which the usual rush of business does not permit. While we are deeply interested in the reports indicating the advancement of the message, the addition of believers, and the organization of new churches, as well as the increase of funds and the growth of our book work, there are matters pertaining to the conference property and equipment that should be understood.

We wish especially to speak about this, since wrong impressions were received at the time of our conference when it was seen that some of our tent outfit was old and received severe damage. More than one remark has been made relative to how things were going to pieces in connection with our conference equipment.

First, permit me to speak about our tent equipment. A tent is naturally short-lived. In the damp Ohio atmosphere, we do well to keep a field tent that is pitched each year in good condition more than five or six years. Tents that are pitched only at camp-meeting time, of course, last longer. In our practice of

economy, we use every possible means of protecting them while they are in use, and of having them in good condition before they are stored away. When a tent becomes old and not so attractive, we are not inclined to throw it away as long as it is possible to pitch it. For this reason, you will see tents pitched on the camp ground that are not the best. One field tent pitched at the Newark meeting this year was destined to go to pieces at the time of the windstorm, because it had become so rotten from mildew that it could stand no strain. This tent had received the best of care and had been paraffined, but that did not save it from mildew. Our large pavilion that suffered so from the storm is now seven years old. We do not consider it altogether past its usefulness, although the texture is very much weakened. It is not to be thought that because we continue to pitch and use a tent when it is not the best that it is an evidence of neglect. Sometimes individuals who have been assigned to that work, will neglect to give proper care to tents, but the purpose of the committee is to utilize every particle of value in our tents and give them the best of care before we abandon them.

At the present time, our tent equipment is in the best condition that it has ever been in. We have gone so far in the matter of extreme care for the tents as to adopt the United States Government method of treating them with alum and sugar of lead. To our knowledge, no other conference in America has ever done this. Every tent has been put in repair, and most thoroughgoing work has been done in safe-guarding the tent property from deteriorating in value. When we are making calls to raise a tent fund, we feel that this knowledge should be had by our people.

Four years ago our warehouse was wholly inadequate to properly store our camp-meeting outfit. Since that time, two additions have been made to the store house which makes it possible now for every class of conference property to be stored away in such a manner as to greatly expedite loading and unloading, thus saving extra wear and tear, and also has the provision been made by which our canvas can be protected better than before. Not only has our ware house been enlarged, but it has been kept in excellent repair by the renewing of the roof and by coats of paint, in a way that no one could for a moment think that there was the slightest occasion for feeling that there had been any neglect. We feel that the Lord's property should receive just as good care as one's individual property.

We have sought to avoid extravagance but at the same time it has seemed to us that there should be sufficient facilities

for carrying on the work expeditiously. To this end, it was necessary to make additions to the conference office building. The growth of the work and the fixed purpose of the committee that we should make advancement as much as possible have led us to enlarge and increase our facilities. The installment of a multicopy machine proves a wonderful saving and a means of more rapid work. In the place of a few old, worn-out typewriters, we have now a good supply of up-to-date machines. In the place of no adding machine, we have a number one adding machine, which is a great time saver in the office. In the place of old and ineffective provisions for filing documents, we have in the various departments the most approved filing systems of moderate expense. As a means of greatly aiding in the work and at the same time lessening our expense, we have secured an auto-truck by which our own heavy mail, express and freight can be handled.

Not one item that relates to keeping our conference property in good condition is overlooked. The custodian of our conference property is giving most thorough attention to his part in this work. We are not saying these things to defend the men whose duty it has been to perform this line of work, but we are saying them that our people may understand and that it may be known that they are asked to co-operate, not in a careless management of the Lord's work, but in carrying it forward in the most approved and best way known to the Executive Committee. What we have said regarding the added supplies and room and the care given to our conference property is not to be interpreted that extravagance has been practiced, because in adding all of this it has been the constant study of the committee to keep within reasonable bounds and avoid extravagance.

We would be only too glad to have any of our brethren and sisters throughout the state look over the conference property and equipment and become thoroughly acquainted with conditions and know our needs.

In closing, permit me to say that we still need to have a liberal response in making up the amount that was called for at our recent camp-meeting for the city and tent fund. E. K. SLADE.

The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one,

May hope to achieve it before life be done,

But he who seeks all things, wherever he goes,

Only reaps from the hopes which around him he sows,

A harvest of barren regrets.

—Owen Meredith.

Zanesville, Ohio

It has been several months since I have reported through the columns of the Visitor; and feeling that the brethren and sisters of our local conference would be interested in the progress of the Lord's work in and about this city, I take pleasure in giving a brief report.

For some months we have talked of holding a series of meetings in some favorable location in this city hoping still to find a few honest-hearted souls, but believing that such an effort would be almost in vain without means to finance it properly on the start and make it self-supporting, and this means not being available, we have not yet thought it wise to make the venture. But even though we have been handicapped here financially, the Lord has made other openings for us in smaller places where the expense of the effort would not be so great. So this month I held a three weeks' meeting in a little community called Shannon, about twelve miles west of Zanesville. The attendance and interest were good throughout the meetings. At the close of the meetings eleven pledged themselves to keep the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and to walk in additional light as God revealed it. Four of these are men, one of which was a leader in Sunday-school work. Others are considering the Truth. This greatly encourages our hearts, and we thank our Heavenly Father for the manner in which the Holy Spirit has attended this effort.

I am planning on holding another series of meetings as soon as arrangements can be made. I want to say that my courage was never better and that I rejoice that God has called me to this great work.

RALEIGH E. FRENCH.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

West Pennsylvania Conference

I have had the privilege of holding a short series of meetings recently near Philipsburg and six persons signed a covenant to keep all the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. A number of others seem almost ready to step out and obey the truth. I sold four copies of "Bible Readings" to these interested ones and a few copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." We hope to see a good company established at this place. Brother E.W. Durkee will conduct services with them each week.

Sunday, October 29, we had the privilege of baptising two young people and receiving them into membership in my home church at Indiana.

The people with whom I have labored recently, at Indiana, Clearfield and Philips-

HARVEST INGATHERING

"EVERY MEMBER TO THE WORK; EACH TO DO HIS BEST."

Columbia Union Conference Leads the World

The brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union Conference seem to be alive to the possibilities of the work of the Harvest Ingathering. 153,567 Ingathering Signs have been ordered to October 20, 1916,—40,000 more papers than the number ordered by any other Union Conference.

THE RESULTS

If these papers are judiciously circulated, 153,567 homes within the Union will have been visited by them, thousands of personal visits where the stranger and the messenger are brought face to face in personal touch and on an average of only ten cents per copy \$15,356.70 gathered for missions. If at an average of but 20 cents per copy over \$30,000 will be realized. We must watch our average carefully, however, for God would have him who has ability to average \$1.00 per copy or even secure \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the papers distributed, do his best that 1916's campaign accomplish mighty exploits.

Eternity will reveal the number of souls reached and saved for the Kingdom through the personal visit or the reading of the paper and the harvest of souls gathered from the dark lands of heathenism. Truly it is a Harvest Ingathering. What has or will be your portion?

R. T. DOWSETT.

Harvest Ingathering

The brothers and sisters of Ohio have already placed in the hands of their neighbors and friends 34,000 Harvest Ingathering Signs. Orders are still coming in to the office. So many papers are being used that we had to wire a rush order for five thousand more so that we would be able to fill orders as fast as they come in. In this way we are able to fill orders immediately.

The people in this conference are determined to do their part in the completion of the work. I have just finished visiting most every district leader in the state, and I have never seen such an awakening as at this time. Most everyone is willing to work. This will insure greater results in the campaign. Our aim has been to present the soul winning

side of the work instead of simply collecting money. As a result greater returns are being received. When we take hold of this campaign in the right way God will cause the wealth of the gentiles to flow into the treasury.

At one church visited, after presenting the soul saving side of our work, a sister came to me and said, "This is the first time I ever heard a real reason given for working for missions. I never believed in missions before, but am now fully convinced, and feel that I can go right out and do a great work for God." This sister set a goal of \$50 and in two hours collected \$15 of it.

Most all who are working report that they never saw a time when the people were more willing to give than now. God is touching their hearts. One sister received \$60 for a paper. Another worker received \$12. Many are receiving \$5 and so funds continue to come in to the treasury. Even the children are catching the spirit of the campaign. One little girl of about seven years reports receiving \$1.25 for nine papers. The money is in the field if we will but go after it in the right way. Are you doing your part towards the going?

While we are glad for the results in dollars, yet there are other reports that interest us. Thus far word has been received of two honest souls being found who were hungering for the truth and are now attending meetings. Thus you see the double results of this campaign. Besides this the one who engages in the work receives a great blessing, so there is a reward for all who take part.

Ohio is going to do her part in reaching the goal. Our one aim is, "Everybody to the work."

V. O. PUNCHES, *Miss. Sec'y.*

News Notes

One dear old brother, writes of his success in the Harvest Ingathering work, says, "My goal set for the Harvest Ingathering work was \$100.00. I now have \$200 and am not through."

We are glad to note that some of the church elders are taking the part of real leaders in this campaign. From \$25 to \$28 has been collected by some of these leaders.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Harvest Ingathering work seems to be the talk of most of our church members now. Some were slow about entering into the work, but a few of the members went not and had such good experiences they could not retain it, but told their experiences to others who became so interested that they, too, wanted to have a part in the good work and to enjoy similar experiences. As a result, they are now entering the work. We feel sure it will not be long until nearly all of our members will be doing good work in this campaign. Prospects are bright for more to be accomplished through the Harvest Ingathering papers in West Virginia this year, than in the previous year. Have you received a supply of the papers, an Instruction Leaflet, and a Solicitor's Card? If not, just write to the Tract Society Secretary and she will see that you are supplied. When your supplies arrive do not wait—enter the work at once.

Last week Brother Kirk went to Wheeling with Sister Bertha Foggin and helped her get started in the colporteur work at that place. This week he is at Blakeley assisting Brother Seal.

Elder Hirlinger spent Sabbath October 21, with the church at Moundsville. He found the members there of good courage. There has been a little delay in the Harvest Ingathering papers reaching them, but they are planning on putting forth a vigorous effort with them. Brethren McElphatrick and Monroe have recently located at Moundsville and are canvassing in that vicinity. They will lend a helping hand in the Ingathering campaign.

Elder Redfield spent Sabbath, October 21, with the Clarksburg Church in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. He also spent the first days of the following week in assisting them in the work. He spent Sabbath, October 28, with the church at Morgantown.

Miss Georgia Welch, who recently underwent a serious operation in the Washington Sanitarium, returned to Parkersburg, last week. She is recovering nicely.

\$25,000 FOR MISSIONS BY NOVEMBER 30

burg are interested in the Harvest In-gathering work and will do all they can in that line. J. W. Watt.

Pittsburgh Colored Church Work Progresses

The past summer we conducted a nine weeks' tent effort in this city, which proved quite a blessing to our work here. Our work has been widely advertised and we are still receiving attention from the pastors of the large churches here, as they are enraged over our propaganda, which is resulting in many of their members accepting the message for today.

Besides printing handbills each week, I also wrote notes for two of the large Sunday papers, that devote space to colored people's news, and also a paid weekly advertisement in the "Courier," a weekly colored paper. As a result of an article I published in the latter, the pastor of one of the largest churches in the city, published, verbatim ad literatim, the contents of the tract, "Hard Nuts For Seven Dayists," by C. C. Cook, for our "consideration," without giving due credit to his author.

Thanks to those who responded to my request for a copy of this tract. I advertised that we would reply during three nights at the tent. The first night we had about four hundred people—our largest audience for the season, and at the close, the crowd voted unanimously that the "nuts" were satisfactorily cracked. I also wrote four columns for the same paper, in reply, for which we were asked only \$14.00.

As a result of this agitation a great victory has been won for the truth. The paper in question has a circulation of ten thousand weekly, and goes all over the country, and to Canada, and the Philippines, while it is read by prominent men, such as the city counselors.

Another Baptist minister told me that certain of their ministers began agitating at a weekly conference, that that body should take up the matter, and come to the help of their brother who entered the controversy, but it was opposed, and he was left to "swim out or sink," as he had entered on his own volition. The associate editor of the paper also told me that one of the leading Methodist preachers blamed the Baptist minister for opening the discussion, as by this means we were given a greater chance to propagate the Sabbath, and furthermore, "scripturally they cannot get around us, for we are right." The subject is still being talked even on the street cars, while many people bought the papers with our articles and are preserving them.

Thus far nineteen members were added during the summer, the majority being directly from this effort, and our Bible

work since. In other words, three of these came from other states as Sabbath-keepers. We still have several that we are laboring with, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath, these being some of the twenty-six at least that gave in their names to keep the Sabbath, not to say anything of the more than one hundred other names that desire Bible studies. To God alone we ascribe all the glory, for these blessings and open doors.

I would not be doing justice to Brethren Johnson and Wimberly, and their wives, colored students of Mount Vernon Academy, who rendered valuable help in creating this good interest, along with our church members, who worked heartily, besides placing more than one thousand dollars' worth of books and periodicals in the homes of the people. God will surely bless these pages with fruits later.

Our collections which amounted to about \$90.00, fell short of meeting all expenses of the effort; but we could hardly do any better, as our members are loyally lifting other obligations, as the following figures will show:—

Colored Tithes for July, August and September, \$397.03.

Offerings to missions about \$125.00.

Building debt and improvements on building, \$146.81, besides other funds gathered and spent along home missionary lines of work, and church expense.

We are now installing a coal furnace, as the gas heaters which were put in last winter, when we opened the building, were intended to be used only temporarily.

We are doing our best to keep ahead of expenses, but as the city has begun grading and paving our street, it means that a few hundred dollars will soon be added to our burden, while the property, will of course, advance in value. We therefore, would be very much encouraged if our brethren who pledged at the time of dedication last January, will endeavor to turn in the same promptly, through the regular channels; and those too, who made pledges during my visit to certain churches, in the summer of 1915, but have not yet paid it in, thinking that perhaps we did not need it, I will say, brethren, we need it yet, for we will have about \$500.00 to pay, after all dedication pledges have come in, and of course, I am not sure that all will come in; for a few are from outsiders, that we can not now trace. And before very long, we may soon have to enlarge the building; but before that is done, we would want to clear all present indebtedness.

Our people are loyal and of good courage, but we still ask your prayers for God's continued blessings on His workers here. A. N. DURRANT.

"As ever in my great Taskmasters eye."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

We are receiving some very encouraging reports in regard to the Harvest In-gathering work. Brother O. C. Weller of Thurmont reports \$7.45 for 34 papers. He says a one-armed man, with a large family, and who must work hard for a living, gave him \$1.50 for one paper. Other people have been very liberal. He further says, "The Lord is working upon the hearts of the people. I hope all our people will be encouraged to take up this good work, for now is the time."

Mrs. Weller reports \$8.40 for the papers she has distributed. She met a doctor who inquired about the points of our faith. He said he would read any literature she might send him, and if she could prove the points to be true he would accept them. Brother and Sister Weller have ordered one hundred more papers.

Sister M. C. Derr of Frederick says, "I have nearly \$20.00 collected but will hold it until I have the \$25.00, the full amount of my pledge, and intend to try to get even more."

Special

The Donation for Our Colored Work

The Division Conference Committee has set apart Sabbath, November 18, as the day when a collection shall be taken in all our churches to be used in the prosecution of our work among the colored people. There are about eleven millions of these people in this country. More than one-tenth of the entire population of the United States and its island possessions belong to the Negro race. These people have been freed from slavery but about one generation. They have made remarkable progress, and are rapidly availing themselves of every opportunity of schooling, trades, agriculture, etc., within their reach. No class of people respond more heartily to help than the Negro race.

We need at the present time to enlarge the work which we are doing for this people. More schools must be established; churches must be built for this people in various places, and more evangelists, Bible workers, and teachers must be employed to meet the demands made upon us. Our people have generally responded with a liberal donation for this needy work. We trust that this present

year will bring the largest donation we have yet made for the advancement of the work for the colored people. It is true that we must do much for the heathen abroad, but we have a responsibility to this dear people near at hand, to bring to them the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

We trust that there will be a hearty response to the call for help at this time in behalf of this needy people. In many places the Lord has greatly blessed our people with means, and it will not be a great tax to make a liberal offering. Remember the date when the donation is to be taken, Sabbath, November 18.

I. H. EVANS.

Plea for the Colored Work

November 18 has been set apart by the Division Conference for the annual collection for the colored work. This collection is necessary in order to provide funds with which to carry forward the work for the colored people.

Appropriations to this department have been so materially shaved in the past years that the work has really suffered. We have need of appropriations to conduct mission schools, but have had to close a number of them for the lack of funds, and we have been unable to provide workers and facilities to give the truth to this people who are hungering and thirsting for the message God has given us for them.

We shall never perhaps have a more opportune time to carry the message to this race. Will you not take time to pray over this call and respond to the same by giving a liberal offering on Sabbath, November 18? In behalf of ten million Negroes I appeal to you to do so.

C. B. STEPHENSON, *Sec'y Negro Dep't.*

Extracts from a Missionary Letter

The forty-two missionaries who left San Francisco on the Steamship China, made their first stop at Honolulu and were shown a very pleasant time by the brethren there. A trolley car was chartered and they were taken through that beautiful city to see the sights. A picnic was also arranged and their lunch was spread under an immense banyan tree in a very beautiful park, where many varieties of native fruits were enjoyed. They were also favored with music played on the Ukalele (the native musical instrument) and hymns sang in the native tongue.

A storm at sea, termed mild by the captain, was one of the features of interest. Some having opened the port holes to receive a little out door air into their state rooms, were awakened by the rain

coming in upon their beds and they were obliged to crawl out.

Time did not hang heavy upon their hands, as there were many things to attract their attention. Every morning at 9 o'clock all gathered in the parlor for worship, Elder Porter conducting same. He also instructed them how and what to do when they reached their respective fields, thus making the meeting very interesting.

At 3 o'clock every afternoon, Elder Cottrell taught the language to those who were booked for China.

They spent three days at Yokohama and by riding around in jinrikishaws, were able to visit many of the native stores and places of interest.

In closing they said they would be glad to get to their "home" and their address will be Swatow, China.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE MORRIS.

Washington Missionary College

News Notes

A Ministerial Band of thirty members has been organized with the following officers: Charles Patterson, president; Max Trummer, vice president; L. A. King, secretary; and Joe Chesnutt, assistant secretary. At their last meeting they considered, "What to Preach in Our Tent Meetings." The topics presented were: "The Doctrines," by Harold Richards; "Evangelistic Sermons," by Joe Shellhaas; "Evangelistic Music," by Julian Tvedt, and "Temperance," by William Scharffenberg.

Last Sabbath was Loma Linda Day at the College. Dr. Miller, at the morning service, spoke of "The open doors for medical missionary work." An offering was taken for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital.

The September-October number of the "Sligionian" is out. It contains reports from several former students, who are now in the mission fields.

Elder Meade MacGuire recently underwent an operation at the Washington Sanitarium. He is reported to be convalescing.

Elder M. N. Campbell, President of the East Canadian Union Conference, spoke to the students, at chapel, one morning last week. He told of the difficulties connected with work for the French people of Quebec, closing with an appeal for students to enter that field next summer.

On the morning of October 19, Bishop Harris, of Japan, spoke to the students on missionary influences in Japan.

Harold Harter, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, at the Sanitarium, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobson spent a few days at the college en route to Porto Rico. They sail from New York, October 28, in company with Brother William Steele, who has been attending the Fall Council in Takoma Park.

Last Thursday morning, Isaac David, an Assyrian from Persia, told the students of the sufferings and persecution experienced by the native Christians in Persia. Opportunity was given for students to aid him in a relief fund. Mr. David accepted the Truth a short time ago, at the M Street Church in Washington.

Elder Papp spoke at the morning service, Sabbath morning, October 28, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Mount Vernon Academy

Mr. Jessie L. Smith and Miss Vesta Jane youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Punches, were united in marriage at high noon at the home of the bride's parents in Academia, Ohio, on November 1, 1916. The ceremony was performed in the presence of twenty invited guests by Elder H. H. Burkholder.

Mrs. A. E. Graham, who had been doing Bible work at Washington, D. C., visited her son Harold L. Graham, head of the Commercial Department, last week. She has gone to Newark, N. J., where she will engage in Bible work.

Brother C. V. Leach came to Mount Vernon last week and we were pleased to have him speak to us in our Friday evening prayer meeting. He spoke about doing the things that God has appointed us. He also occupied the chapel periods on Monday and Tuesday, giving us the statistics of the student colporteur work during the summer and the connection of literature with the Reformation.

Brother and Sister H. K. Christman are visiting at the home of Brother Christman's mother. We were glad to have him speak to us in chapel on Thursday, about our purpose in life.

A musicale was given by Professor H.A. Miller and Miss Ruth Cassell, assisted by Mrs. N.S. Ashton, on Saturday night, October 28. It was enjoyed by all.

"If prayer is anything it is everything." "Prayer is the greatest power in the universe." The students of the home recognized this and as a result, prayer bands have been formed throughout the school. Already many victories have been won and we hope for many more before the close of the school year.

VIRGINIA

Shenandoah Valley Academy

News Notes

Elder W.C. Moffett spent Sabbath and Sunday, October 7 and 8, with the academy family.

The students were glad to welcome back to their midst Miss Annie Walter and Mr. M. A. Maloney.

Brother W. H. George spent a few days with the school in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

Miss M. Alice Miller came last week to take up the work of matron. Miss Mary Crampton, the former matron is now connected with the business department of the Mount Vernon Academy.

The academy has two cows for the winter and the students are rejoicing over the milk and butter.

The winter coal supply has been purchased and is being hauled.

The Richmond colored church has just purchased a desirable piece of property for their services an account of which will be given later.

Elder J. B. Mallory was called to New York City, having received a telegram of the sudden death of his mother.

Elder W. C. Moffett and family are busy this week getting settled in their new home at Gordonsville.

Mrs. A. E. Serns left last week for Chicago where she met her father, Elder Johnson, of Seattle, Wash., who was attending special committee meetings there, and is now spending a few days with her sister in Battle Creek, Mich.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	48	13	40 00	13 10	53 10	16 75
R. DeGarmo, Medina Co.		HM	9	92	21	42 00	49 50	91 50	
W. S. Syphers, Clark Co.		BR	5	45	6	19 00	6 75	25 75	5 25
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.		BR	5	45	18	66 00	8 10	74 10	
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.		BR	5	41	16	58 00	3 00	61 00	75
P. A. Franks, Hancock Co.		BR	5	40	15	49 00	1 50	50 50	
W. H. Smith, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	40	9	27 00	11 60	38 60	1 00
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.		BR	5	39	4	13 00	8 50	21 50	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	5	36	11	36 00	1 50	37 50	3 75
H. C. Nelson, Athens Co.		BR	3	34	2	7 00		7 00	
H. O. Kohr, Akron		Arm	8	46			97 00	97 00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	5	30	8	12 00	1 85	13 85	50 00
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	8	40	17	26 50	16 25	42 75	23 00
Will Price, Toledo		BR	5	25	7	23 00	4 25	27 25	4 25
G. W. Yingling, Salem		BR	4	23	5	16 00	14 00	30 00	12 25
Clara Weber, Springfield		CK	4	22	15	22 50	3 90	26 40	75
Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	2	20	4	13 00	2 25	15 25	1 50
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		BR	3	20	4	12 00	4 00	16 00	25
H. W. Barto, Clinton Co.		BR	2	19	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	1 50
Geo. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	2	18	4	12 00	2 25	14 25	
Miscellaneous			5	40		24 00	5 00	29 00	27 75
Totals	20 Agents		100	763	183	\$532 00	\$255 80	\$787 80	\$245 75

District of Columbia, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

Chas. Dunkem, Washington	BR	9	40		131 50		131 50	13 00
C. A. Carter, Washington	BR	2	11		40 00		40 00	
Mrs. Earl Wilcox, D. C.	BR	3	18		84 00	1 00	85 00	1 00
Miscellaneous					72 48		72 48	72 48
Totals	3 Agents		14	69	327 98	1 00	\$328 98	\$86 43

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Mrs. Cleveland	32	20	Edna Bell				28 60
Irma Gearhart	5	00	Eva Chandler				10 00
Rachel Salisbury	7	30	Sadie Detwiler				5 00
Mabel Goger	5	00	Janet Morris				4 00
Miss Master	5	00	Miscellaneous				13 00
Total							\$115 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.	PPF	5	43	27	57 00	27 10	84 10	27 10
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	4	33	24	77 00	6 95	83 95	75
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	CK	4	45					59 00
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	5	39	30	92 00	17 75	109 75	9 25
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.	BR	3	26	6	9 00	12 75	21 75	7 75
John Manual, Jefferson Co.	BR	3	22	8	25 00	10 70	35 70	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	GC	5	46	16	32 00	37 75	69 75	12 85
Totals	7 Agents		29	244	111	\$292 00	\$113 00	\$405 00

West Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

J. S. Seal, Blakeley Co.	BR	5	29	31	100 00	39 85	139 85	7 95
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	5	47	11	42 00	12 50	54 50	3 00
G. E. Snyder, Marion Co.	BR	5	40	13	45 00	8 00	53 00	
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.	BR	5	45	15	46 00	5 55	51 55	4 45
S. J. Monroe, Marshall Co.	BR	5	41	18	56 00	5 75	61 75	3 25
Totals	5 Agents		25	202	88	\$289 00	\$71 65	\$360 65

Virginia, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

Harry Wright, Craig Co.	BR	5	44	46	152 00	3 65	155 65	
S. N. Wilmer, Craig Co.	BR	5	44	32	100 00	6 80	106 80	
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	2	12	3	4 50	2 20	6 70	10 90
Mrs. Fussell, Henrico Co.	WC	5	40	120	30 00		30 00	30 00
Totals	4 Agents		17	140	201	\$286 50	\$12 65	\$299 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Chester Co.	BF	3	24	11	19	50	19	50	161	50
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.	PPF	5	42	13	30	00	3	75	33	75
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.	GC	3	30	9	31	00	2	25	33	25
Chas. Booth, Northampton Co.	DR	5	52	15	47	00	9	50	56	50
Grace Swingle, Lackawana Co.	NCL	5	22		17	50		17	50	
Totals	5 Agents		21	170	48	\$145 00	\$15 50	\$160 50	\$161 50	

Chesapeake, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	6	46	26	77	00	2	75	79	75	8	85
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co. Md.	BR	4	26	9	30	00	35	75	65	75		
W. H. Wilcox, Ann Arundel Co.	PPF	5	41	18	38	00	80	38	80			
Totals	3 Agents		13	113	53	\$145 00	\$39 30	\$184 30	\$8 85			

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New Jersey, Week Ending Oct. 27, 1916

C. W. Coyne, Morris Co.	BR	5	14	1	1	00	8	80	9	80		
W. W. Jennings, Passaic Co.	BR	3	17	2	6	00			6	00	36	75
Geo. Blinn, Hunderton Co.	BR	5	48	21	63	00			63	00		
Totals	3 Agents		13	79	24	70 00	8 80	78 80	36 75			

Grand Totals: 50 Agents Value of Orders \$2087 48 Deliveries, \$ 715 53

East Pennsylvania Conference Report

First Nine Months, 1916

Church	Mem.	Total	Tithe	1916 Twenty-cent-per-week Fund	Local Union & Gen. Funds
Allentown	48	1354 15	910 25	413 80	30 10
Ariel	24	244 07	165 52	77 55	1 00
Bloomsburg	6	89 54	66 33	23 17	
Blossburg	23	90 06	61 06	19 00	10 00
Carbondale	10	190 19	85 29	97 69	7 21
Carlisle	15	277 32	231 05	43 08	3 19
Cherry Flats	18	43 16	38 92	4 24	
Covington	34	1182 55	1056 75	125 80	
Fairhill	38	1113 31	929 58	175 79	7 94
Fleetwood	8	394 54	307 19	87 35	
First German	53	1389 64	911 44	309 45	168 75
First African	33	299 16	186 05	113 11	
Hanover	6	65 67	24 15	41 52	
Harrisburg	59	1065 26	800 30	252 33	12 63
Honesdale Hawley	29	606 54	385 00	212 90	2 64
Kulp	5	103 18	65 22	12 21	25 75
Lancaster	27	641 62	372 92	262 08	6 62
Lebanon	44	863 71	508 57	340 34	14 80
Lorenton	8	13 55	7 60	5 95	
Lehighton	7	126 25	107 39	18 86	
Mifflin	8	167 92	143 00	22 10	2 82
North Philadelphia	68	1704 31	1326 21	368 81	9 29
Northumberland	33	420 82	312 32	103 25	5 25
Orwell	31	292 82	235 53	57 29	
Phoenixville (Com)		261 20	191 17	70 03	
Reading	134	1920 20	1246 00	652 93	21 27
Roaring Branch	29	387 30	321 44	59 41	6 45
Sayre	28	321 98	231 01	87 49	3 48
Scranton	85	1577 49	1233 38	255 51	88 60
Shunk	28	60 61	46 62	13 74	25
Shimersville	25	350 33	246 31	96 22	7 80
S. Canaan	7	116 49	86 90	29 59	
Stroudsburg	24	271 52	215 37	52 98	3 17
Tunkhannock	20	43 08	15 70	27 38	
Towanda (Com.)	5	11 06		11 06	
West Philadelphia	230	6470 03	4804 68	1008 45	656 90
Wade	17	1305 54	714 71	486 23	104 60
Wellsboro	10	290 00	31 00	234 00	25 00
Wilkes-Barre	71	1350 47	1045 47	256 05	48 95
Williamsport	34	578 68	377 00	193 42	8 26
York	6	95 01	66 86	24 35	3 80
Conference		775 91	394 70	378 21	3 00
Millerton		51 24	28 55	22 19	50
Totals		\$28971 44	\$20534 51	\$7146 91	\$1290 02

L. P. EMERSON, Treas.

R. F. Farley and C. E. Overstreet are holding meetings at Forest Depot, near Lynchburg where there seems to be a good interest. Brother Overstreet will later attend the academy at New Market.

OBITUARIES

ROSSIN.—Zella nee Lee passed peacefully away Sept. 28, 1916, at the home of her mother, in Uniontown, Pa., the cause of her death being tuberculosis.

Having joined church at an early age, she enjoyed a bright experience with the Baptists until August 1912, when she and her husband answered the call of the Third Angel.

Until death she kept bright hope in the soon coming Saviour, and in the hour of her trial the twenty-third Psalm was her comfort.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Thompson, of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, he using the comforting words recorded in Rev. 20:6. **H. A. ROSSIN.**

HALEY.—Daniel S. was born in Ireland. Sept. 25, 1856. He died Sept. 1, 1916, aged 59 years, eleven months and six days.

Brother Haley was brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, and remained a member of that church until October 23, 1877, at which time he united with the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Wilmington Delaware, being a faithful and highly esteemed member at the time of his death.

He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. We confidently believe that our brother sleeps in Jesus, soon to arise at the resurrection of the just.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Ps. 116:15.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

FAIRCHILD.—Henry J. was born near Warren, Trumbull, Co., Ohio, March 4, 1831. He died Sept. 25, 1916, aged 85 years, 6 months and 21 days.

At an early age he, with his parents, moved to Hancock Co., Ohio. June 14, 1855 he was united in marriage to Sarah J. Francis. To this union were born nine children. For more than 61 years, Brother and Sister Fairchild traveled life's pathway together. She and all the children survive.

The deceased served during the Civil War in Company K, 65th Regiment O. V. I. A part of this time was spent in Danville, Libby and Andersonville prisons.

About 35 years ago our brother accepted present truth under the labors of Elder O. F. Gilford and ever remained loyal to the faith so dear to him. We laid him to rest with a confident hope of his hearing the call in the first resurrection.

J. J. MARIETTA.

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HENNAGE.—A. Cornelia Hennage was born in Westmoreland Co., Va., April 15, 1845, died Sept. 27, 1916, near Rockville, Md. She began to observe the Sabbath in 1898, and later became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which she was a faithful and consistent member until she died.

Funeral services were held at her old home in Virginia, Sunday, October 1, 1916. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13 H. W. HERRELL.

SUTTON.—J. J. Sutton was born in Millcreek Township, Coshocton Co., Ohio, in the year 1831, and died Oct. 22, 1916, at his family home in Coshocton, Ohio. His last years were years of suffering, but while he never united with the church, several months prior to his death, he gave his heart to God, and fell asleep in hope of a part in the first resurrection. He leaves an aged widow, who is a charter member of the Coshocton Seventh-day Adventist Church, several children, grand and great grand children, to mourn. Words of admonition and comfort were spoken by the writer from texts found, in Psalms 90:12, and 1 Cor. 15:51-55. G. C. QUILLIN.

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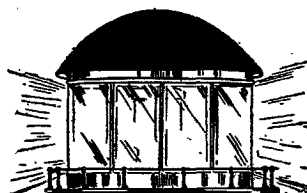
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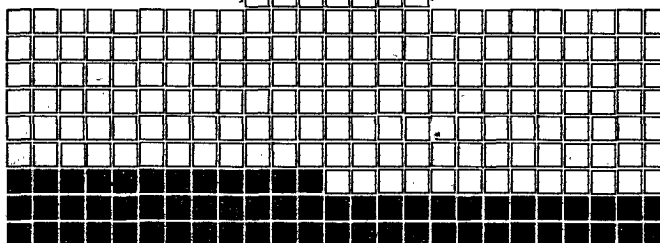
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