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The Work in Pittsburgh

No doubt many of the readers of the VISITOR to whom these words will come, are still interested to know what was the outcome of the city effort in Pittsburgh. It has been our privilege to keep in touch with the work there off and on, although I myself personally had nothing further to do with the work after the last meeting in the Pitt Theater, May 12.

Elder Parsons has recently shown me the statistics of those who have been baptized since the first meeting was held in the Pitt Theater. Two weeks ago the labors of the workers showed that 72 had been baptized, and that following week eight more were to be baptized, making a total of 80. In addition to this there was quite a wide interest which will yet have to be followed up and results obtained.

There was one line of work which it was not possible to continue in a very connected manner and that was labor with the business men. During the big meetings in the Pitt Theater we found that business men whose leadership in the city was first, had attended the services,—bankers, manufacturers, lawyers, doctors, public officials, etc. We did some visiting with these as far as possible while the meetings were on in the theater. In fact it might be said here that out of three thousand names handed in for reading matter during the meetings, not 1500 of these were covered during all the efforts combined. After the last meeting in the Pitt Theater fully a month elapsed before the big tent was pitched. It was then pitched in another part of the city. I myself, of course, was unable to take part in the program which would have helped form a connecting link between the audiences of the Pitt and of the tent. So this difference in time, place and speakers, undoubtedly contributed to the inability to gather up all the interest aroused in the theater meetings. Especially was this true with reference to visiting more particularly the business men.

Only the other morning I went through the city of Pittsburgh, tired and dusty after a night's ride. It was the early hour when all the suburban residents were

coming in in large numbers to the offices. Going down the street I noticed a gentleman passing through the crowd, bowing to me. I turned to return the recognition and I recognized him to be the cashier in one of the leading banks in the city. Thus the meeting was remembered. We believe that yet fruit will continue to appear from that which was begun.

Nevertheless the work in the big tent was very ably followed up. Brother Parsons, Elder Robbins, and their co-workers worked faithfully and hard. Also Elder Durrant held a tent effort amongst the colored. So that all told, there seems to have been at least a baptism of eighty for the six months work in Pittsburgh, the Pitt Theater meetings and the tent effort included.

We are pleased to say that Elder F. A. Harter of Scranton, Pa., has accepted the call to Pittsburgh. As Elder Parsons was called from Pittsburgh to take the presidency of the West Virginia Conference, it will therefore be a great help to the future of the work in Pittsburgh, when Elder F. A. Harter assumes his new duties, January 15. B. G. WILKINSON.

I Will Fill This House With Glory

After the second temple had been built following the return of the Jews from Babylonian captivity, they were weeping and lamenting because of the second temple's inferiority to the temple built by Solomon. Then God spoke to the prophet Haggai, "The desire of all nations shall come and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts; the glory of this whole house shall be greater than of the former."

And it was so. The Lord Jesus Christ came to the second temple. If the shekinah of God's glory was lost when the first temple went down in ruins under the invading blows of the Babylonian army, a new shekinah greater than the first came to the second temple. This was the glory wherewith Jesus Christ, made flesh, filled the temple of Zerubbabel at the time of His first coming. Methinks that when the Lord Jesus Christ comes the second time He is going to fill with glory some monument of faith which His people have raised to Him. At least we can reasonably expect that with approving smile He will bless certain labors of our hands

which have contributed greatly to heralding throughout the world the certain message of His soon coming.

Many of our brethren have nobly contributed towards the new building for the Washington Missionary College. We have every reason to believe that God accepts of this gift and that He will fill with glory the work which has to be done by this building. Knowing that when the hour draws on when its walls should rise; knowing that the present chapel, now overcrowded away beyond convenience, demands very soon another accommodation for these youth whose honest, consecrated faces bespeak their acceptance of this message and their consecration to it, we feel it is with cheerfulness our brethren throughout the Union are giving to this enterprise. And as the hour draws on when the building should rise, we believe no urging will be needed but that with cheerfulness the cash representing the pledges will not tarry but will soon enable us to arise and build.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Our Annual Offering

According to appointment, our Annual Offering for the year 1916 is to be taken on Sabbath, December 9. Heretofore the Mission Board has looked forward to this final special ingathering for missions with considerable anxiety. This year we are more than anxious that there should be a very liberal contribution, in order that all of our plans for the work may be more nearly carried out.

Never before have we had so many new workers departing from North America for the foreign field as during the year now closing. Never before have we had so many touching and urgent appeals for additional laborers to be sent forth into the fields now white ready for the harvest. Never before have our forces in the foreign fields been so well organized for the directing of a large and greater work as at present. New workers and additional facilities call for more generous donations from our people in the home land. Our work can move forward only as the means is provided.

In view of these many calls from fields now white for the harvest, we appeal to our brethren everywhere for a most generous offering to foreign missions on December 9.

W. T. KNOX.

OHIO

Our First Roumanian Church

In company with Elder Steen Rasmusson, Doctor W. J. Venen, Brother John Klepe, it was my privilege to organize a Roumanian Church at Warren, Ohio, Sabbath, November 25.

Since Brother Klepe, our Roumanian minister, has been in the conference, he has divided his time between Cleveland, Youngstown and Warren. He has been doing considerable work in distributing foreign literature and in laboring with these people as best he could under the circumstances. In Youngstown, he has had the hearty co-operation of Doctor Venen, where a few of his nationality have embraced the truth.

As a result of this labor, it has been possible to organize a church of twenty members at Warren, and the prospects are that several others will join the church soon. Five others are already awaiting baptism who were not taken in at the time of organization. Brother Abram Galia was made elder of the church.

This company of believers has manifested an earnest missionary spirit, and they have been doing what they could to help in the various branches of work. While we have not a large amount of literature in the Roumanian and Hungarian languages, yet they are using such as we have in a thorough-going way. Brother Klepe is depended upon quite largely by the foreign department to do the work of translating the truth into the Roumanian language.

It was a pleasure to have with us Elder Rasmusson on this occasion, who is secretary of the Foreign Department of the North American Division Conference and we took occasion to enter into council relative to the needs and the best plans for the future of our foreign work.

I am sure that the believers in Ohio will heartily welcome this earnest company of believers and pray for them, that the work may extend to the many thousands of their nationality in our cities.

E. K. SLADE.

The Work in Cleveland

We rejoice to report the work of God onward in the sixth city. During the past summer we conducted two tent efforts for the people of this city and by God's blessing have seen good results.

The early effort of the summer was held on the west side and the fall effort on the east side of the city near our church. As a result of these meetings about fifty-eight dear souls came forward to take their stand to keep the Sabbath

and accept the light so precious to us.

We have not believed it best to rush these people into church membership, but we are endeavoring to confirm them on every point of the truth, maintaining our high standard of church fellowship. The Lord has steadily added to our church such as shall be saved.

It has been the joy of the writer to see one hundred and one dear souls unite with the Cleveland Church during the eighteen months of labor in this city. This is God's blessing upon the faithful united effort of our church. Of this number seventy-two were baptized, fifteen united on profession of faith and fourteen by letter. At the present time there are approximately fifty Sabbath keepers whom we hope to see developed into faithful members of the church.

The donations of our first effort of the summer amounted to \$409.61 which was slightly above the total expense of the meeting, aside from the laborers' salaries.

God is greatly blessing us in our Harvest Ingathering work and we feel sure we will reach our goal of one thousand dollars. Our own hearts are watered as we labor for others and we earnestly desire and pray that God will increase our zeal for His cause.

R. S. LINDSAY.

Harvest Ingathering

Prayer, faith, and work is giving the victory in this campaign. Many have been the good experiences sent in to us, telling how the Lord has blessed in this work. The one idea that has been before all was the salvation of souls. Results have been beyond our expectation. In the past, the money side of this question has been talked too much. This year we have been working to give the message. As I went from place to place, the people would tell of their horror of selling papers. My aim was to say nothing about selling, but to talk about missionary zeal. When talking of the needs of the field, I received an inspiration, and this helped me to inspire others. When our people took hold with a burden for souls, the returns were greater. A letter has come to me that illustrates the proper way to work, and I believe this experience will be an encouragement to others, so I am taking the liberty to publish part of it. The writer has requested me not to publish the name.

"I am glad to inform you that we have reached our goal of \$100. At first this seemed very large to us, and we were afraid we could not reach it; for in the start we decided not to make a goal at all. I was not interested and did not believe in missions, but thought I would try to raise my \$5 as a duty. But how different I felt after hearing you present

the needs of the mission fields. I made up my mind to work, and felt it a privilege to do this for the Lord, and indeed the blessings were mine. It has brought me closer to my God, and that I might hasten His coming is a grand opportunity. Now I understand better than ever before Matt. 24:14.

At first I was wondering how I could raise my \$5, then that evening I set a goal of \$50. This seemed a great undertaking, but it was ever in my mind that, "We must have a mind to work." At first everything was against us. The business men would not listen to our appeals. They said we would have to go to the Chamber of Commerce for a solicitor's card of indorsement. We prayed over this, and here indeed we had to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves; for all the churches here are prejudiced against us. After much prayer I went to three of the leading business men, and used their names as references; for I knew they had influence in the Chamber of Commerce. The next morning I went to the office of the Chamber of Commerce with a prayer on my lips that I might be successful. As I walked into the office, the secretary was writing out my card. God certainly answered our prayers.

Then I returned to the very business men who would not listen to me at first and they gave me three five dollar checks, some three dollars, others two, and others various amounts. One sister had worked two weeks and secured only 70 cents, but after we received our cards we worked not quite two hours and she had secured over ten dollars.

"Our experiences varied. Nearly all the business men listened as we presented the truth, and quite a few said, 'We must admit that you people keep the right day.' Others were very angry and would have nothing to do with the work, but we have to expect this."

This experience shows that when we go out in the right spirit God will open the way. The little church where this sister is working has averaged over \$11 for the entire membership and is still working. When this people as a whole get the real spirit of service it will not take long to finish the work, and then the Lord will come.

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

Harvest Ingathering Notes

Again we must congratulate the little church of Elyria on leading out in the Harvest Ingathering work. They have doubled their goal of \$50 and have sent in another order for 350 more papers. This little company has averaged almost ten dollars per member thus far. We might mention that this is one of our newest churches. A good example to some of the older ones.

Quite a number of our churches are now nearing or reaching their goals. Cincinnati is the first of our large churches to reach the goal. Word comes that she has raised the \$300 and will try to add more to it. That is the kind of spirit we like to see.

We have been very much interested in watching many of our churches who have felt that it was almost impossible to do anything with the papers in their city, but would try. Hamilton was one of these places, but the church went to work, in faith believing that God would lead. They exercised their faith by setting a goal of \$100. Now they send in word that the goal is reached, the amount collected standing at \$111.86.

Liberty Center is a little country church, but the members felt that something should be done. Under the inspiring leadership of the missionary leader, the work was started and a goal of \$25 was set. The last report card shows a shortage of only \$1.77. We will expect to see this church be the next one to join those who have reached the top of the thermometer.

Springfield was late in getting started, so their first report has just come to our desk. We are glad to see that they have a start of \$37.21. This church will no doubt extend the time of working and in this way reach their quota.

We are glad to add the little company at Spencer to our list of reporting churches. There are but a few there who are able to work, but they send us a report of \$12.86.

Delta is another little company that has been doing all it can to help in this good work. Their few members have sent in \$12.10.

We are glad to send the good news on to our people that we have passed the \$2,500 mark on our thermometer for the state. The faithful efforts of our people are making it climb very rapidly these days. We hope to see it go to quite a high figure by the close of this month.

Remember you have until January 1 to work on this campaign. Use the month of December to finish raising your quota. That is what it will take if we reach our goal for the state.

Churches that have reached their goal.

	Members	Goal	Rec'd.
Elyria	12	\$50	\$100 00
Bucyrus	18	100	100 25
Hamilton	38	100	111 86
Cincinnati	77	300	305 00

News Notes

Elder Slade reports the work at Youngstown as progressing nicely with quite a congregation of believers, many of whom have recently accepted the truth. Doctor W. J. Venen, who has charge of the work there, has confined his labors principally to house to house work and cottage meetings. The importance of the city deserves a strong public effort, but as yet it has seemed impossible to conduct such an effort there. Through the earnest labors of Doctor Venen and those who are co-operating with him in the church, we hope to see the work continue to grow in that important city.

Have you ordered a Home Circle Library Prospectus? If not why not? This prospectus contains samples of nine different books which make splendid gift books for the Holiday season. Now is the time to take orders. Order your prospectus at once. Price 50 cents. Ohio Tract Society.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

The Honesdale-Ariel Missionary Volunteer Convention was well attended. Professor Kern, and Elder and Mrs. Richards were in attendance. The meetings were held in a hall, and the public invited. Although three sessions a day were held, we did not have time enough to consider all phases of the Missionary Volunteer work. The parts assigned to the members of the church were cheerfully taken and a good spirit of co-operation and study shown. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM

Honesdale-Ariel Missionary Volunteer Convention

November 17-18 19

Friday 7:30 P. M.

Sermon Professor M. E. Kern, Secretary of the General Dept. of the M. V. Work.

Sabbath, November 18

Sermon 11:00 A. M. Professor Kern
Convention 2:30 P. M.

Opening Exercises

Special Music Mr. Leroy Long
Paper—"Why we need the M. V. Society" Miss Grace Kellam Discussion led by Mr. F. N. Stanley.

Paper—"The Morning Watch" Mr. G. M. Blum Discussion led by Prof. Kern.

Music Small children

Personal work Pastor H. M. J. Rich-

ards. General discussion

Report of Leaders Mr. A. Roberts, Miss Osgood

Recitation—"The Lambs follow the Sheep" Miss Elsie Donachy.

Music

M. V. Social 7:30 P. M.

Sunday November 19

10:00 A. M.

Opening Exercises

Special Music Double Quartette

Paper—"Standard of Attainment" Written by Mrs. G. M. Blum Read by Mrs. A. Roberts Discussion led by Mr. Frank French.

Paper—"The Bible Year" Mr. Quidlention Donachy Discussion led by Mr. Wm. Fuzzell.

Music Mixed Quartette

Closing Exercises

Afternoon Exercises

2:30 P. M.

Opening Exercises

Talk—"The Value of Goals" Pastor F. A. Harter Discussion led by Mrs. Richards.

Special Music

Question Box Prof. Kern

Closing Exercises

Sunday 7:30 P. M.

Sermon Prof. Kern

The hall was crowded at the closing service, and all were thankful for the privilege of seeing proofs of the forward march of the Missionary Volunteer work.

The Honesdale and Ariel church schools were visited by Elder and Mrs. Richards. The Honesdale school began work on November 9, the teacher being Brother Leroy Long, and is conducted in Brother French's house, Sister French gladly giving up her best room for the use of the school. Although held in a private house, everything is well arranged. There is plenty of light and blackboard space. The floor is oiled and school seats have been arranged according to the needs of the pupils. There are 9 pupils, at present. The patrons have supplied all the books needed by the children as well as desk books for the teacher's use. A new globe will soon be installed, as well as a dictionary. Good maps are greatly needed by this school, and the other schools as well, but as they are expensive, it may be sometime before we can secure them.

The Ariel school is nicely housed in the new church school building. Everything is spick and span. The building is the first church school building in our conference. It is 13x24, well built, and certainly a credit to the work.

The Fairhill and Reading schools are housed in additions built on to the church buildings, and used also for church and Sabbath School purposes, but the Ariel building is placed some distance from the

church with a good sized playground. The windows are placed a little higher than usual, thus saving the school from the many distractions incident to a much travelled road.

Miss Allen L. White is teacher. She has 7 pupils, and would like more. This part of our conference is very beautiful. There are many tourists here in the summer. Our Ariel brethren will gladly answer any questions sent by those interested in getting their children in the church school.

A prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, who heard Elder George F. Enoch give a missionary lantern lecture in the West Philadelphia tent, spoke of it to the officials of her church. The result was that they invited him to speak in their church, which he did, giving them a lecture on our mission work in India, illustrating it with stereopticon views.

Our members at Fleetwood have begun the erection of a new church building. The excavation is finished and the building operations will be rushed. Besides, they want more Ingathering Signs, having put out 1000 copies.

We reported that the new Danville Company was building a church. We were mistaken in this. They are not building but are purchasing a church already built by the Welsh Baptist people. It is a well constructed frame building about 30x50 feet in size, fully furnished with good pews, the interior of the building being ceiled with walnut. The location is central, and easily accessible to all the town. They are securing this valuable property for \$550, and have newly painted it and put in electric lights, new carpet, and an organ. We greatly rejoice with this new company over the Providence which has provided them so quickly with such a desirable place of worship.

Our faithful colporteur Brother W. B. Dunkenson, has already this year put in 1800 hours in canvassing.

Matthew Sterner, who was canvassing in Wayne County, has gone to South Lancaster Academy, where he is working in the printing office and attending school.

Elder Nutter visited the Lancaster Church on Sabbath, November 25, holding quarterly meeting.

Elder F. A. Harter is spending a few days home with his family in Kalamazoo, Mich.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Value of Individual Work

There are many of our people who can engage in holding Bible readings with their neighbors. This is a very important branch of missionary work which brings good results. By this means the worker is brought into personal touch with the people where he can present the sacred truths of the scriptures, and bring divine enlightenment to them. They can be urged to read and study for themselves. God will water the precious seeds of truth and cause them to grow in honest hearts.

Some hesitate to do self-supporting Bible work because they think they are not well qualified. But if they would begin, God would crown every humble effort with success, and they would develop into strong men and women for Christ.

Much patience, perseverance, and consecration is necessary to prevent one from becoming discouraged when first beginning. But many times the best results are seen from the humblest work. The influence of the Holy Spirit always accompanies the worker for Christ while the truth is being presented. Often the truth is more effective when given at close range around the fireside than when presented to large audiences. After the resurrection of the Saviour, He told the disciples to go and teach, and this is the best work a person can do. One can accomplish much good by sitting down in the homes, and let the people ask questions, and then in a humble manner, open the Bible and read the scriptures which will turn the current of their thoughts and find way to their hearts.

I am pleased to say that I have seen the results of faithful self-supporting Bible work which has been done by Sister H. W. Martin of Kushequa, Pennsylvania. She has been working for some time among her neighbors, and finally the interest demanded some public preaching. I had the privilege of holding a series of meetings there, last month, and as a result of Sister Martin's work and the meetings, nine have begun to keep the Sabbath, and a number of others are deeply interested. We expect to see some of them take their stand for the truth in the near future. Sister Martin has a nice little Sabbath school of about fifteen. While they are not all Sabbath keepers, yet there is the nucleus of a church.

I hope that others in the conference will follow her example by engaging in Bible work until an interest is aroused so that it is necessary to send a minister to

hold public meetings to help bind off the work. From now until the end of time, opportunities will open before us, and we must stand ready for service. We should lose no opportunity to make known to needy souls the unsearchable riches of Christ. If we fail to do our duty the Word of life may never be presented to them in a way that they will accept it. At such a time as this we dare not say "I pray thee, have me excused."

F. H. ROBBINS.

West Pennsylvania Conference

Quarterly Meeting Held in the District.

On Sept 29, 30, and 31, we met with the Meadville Church. This company is active and growing in every line. A good spirit was manifested in taking out the 500 Harvest Ingathering number.

Two new members were added at this time. On Oct. 7 the Erie Church held their regular quarterly meeting. Four grown persons were added to the church at this time, and four persons were baptized who are expecting to unite soon, making eight new souls in this field. To reveal to you the spirit of the Erie Church will say that for the year 1912 they paid in tithe \$418.45 and to missions \$234.82, but for the one quarter ending Sept. 30, 1916, they paid \$470.48 in tithe. Mission and other funds \$326.75, also 1000 Harvest Ingathering papers are being used and soon will be all out.

On Oct. 13 and 14, meetings were held at Warren. Many isolated members came in at this quarterly meeting, and each took an active part in the meeting and in the Harvest Ingathering work. I am glad to report that three new persons are keeping the Sabbath in this field. The work at Cory, Pa., is still onward. A large quarterly meeting was held Oct. 15. The brethren and sisters came in from Clymer, N. Y., Jamestown, N. Y., Lowville, Spring Creek, and Cambridge Springs. 500 Harvest Ingathering papers are being used and a good interest is being manifested. Brother H. K. Christman assisted me at this meeting and gave them very valuable instruction along Missionary lines. In this last quarter three were added to the church and two baptized, and two are keeping the Sabbath who have not united as yet. At Albion, North East and Union City all are of good courage and taking an active part in this good work, for which we can praise the Lord. W. F. SCHWARTZ.

News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins was called to Calvary on Sunday, November 26, to conduct the funeral service of one of our isolated Sabbath-keepers, Sister Caldwell.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson delivered a stereopticon lecture on astronomy in the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church Sunday evening, November 26.

John Morley, who has been canvassing in Center County for a number of months, is now located at Oil City, Venango County. Brother Frank Moor of Raymond is planning to join him soon.

Brother E. A. Manry has been spending some time in the northern part of the conference assisting the churches there in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. He reports that the brethren and sisters in that vicinity are meeting with success, and having good experiences.

Brother H. K. Christman has been assisting the Altoona and Johnstown Churches in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

John Manual, who has been canvassing for some months, has moved to Galeton where he is doing Bible work, and caring for the little company of believers there. He reports that the brethren and sisters are of good courage, and are actively engaged in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Elder G. L. West is now located at Bradford. While out with Harvest Ingathering papers he has found persons who are interested in the truth as a result of reading books distributed by our canvassers there more than a year ago.

The church members at Warren were pleased to have Professor B. G. Wilkinson with them Sabbath, November 25.

Several days ago Sister A. N. Durrant was taken to the West Penn Hospital where she had to undergo a major operation. We are glad to report that she is getting along nicely.

An interesting workers' meeting was held in Pittsburgh two weeks ago with nearly all of the conference workers in the city present. Encouraging experiences were related by each one, and it was reported that Bible studies are being held with about 182 persons in the city.

Notice

Get Under the Mistletoe! Boost the Harvest Ingathering Fund by giving the Nashville Young People's Society your orders. Prices: One to three pounds, 75c per pound. More than three pounds, 50c per pound. Postpaid. The entire receipts will go to foreign missions. Get your friends to order. Send orders to Paul N. Pearce, 2119 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

NEW JERSEY

NOTICE

To All Our People In the New Jersey Conference

Knowing your interest in the Lord's work and your desire to help the officers of this conference to do their best in hastening this message to completion, I am free to place before you the following action taken by the Conference Committee:

Cash Basis for Tract Society

Since the accounts receivable for the Tract Society on October 1, 1916, amounted to over \$2800, and

Since the Society is having difficulty in meeting its obligations with the publishing houses every thirty days;

We Move That a cash-in-thirty-days policy be adopted, beginning January 1, 1917, and

That it apply to church societies, colporteurs and individuals, and

That no further credit be given unless a settlement is made at the end of each month, it being understood that books or supplies in hands of colporteurs be considered as cash. *Carried.*

I am sure you will recognize that this action will be a source of blessing to all concerned, because, by adhering strictly to this recommendation, and this will be done, both churches and individuals will be kept out of debt.

The time has come to take an advance step in the Lord's work, and I trust all will be ready to take it.

A. R. SANDBORN.

Harvest Ingathering in Cape May C. H., Ramah, Vineland, and Bridgeton

During the past week I have visited the above mentioned churches, and God has blessed in all the efforts put forth. In Bridgeton a party was out, including the school teacher and several reached the individual goal. In Ramah nine of the scholars of this school were out one morning and \$10 was realized.

Sister Mohr of Fairton, only 12 months in the truth, was anxious to have me call with her upon her old associates in the Presbyterian Church. All received us very kindly and gave liberally to this cause.

Elder Spies accompanied me to Vineland, and a very enjoyable day was spent here. Nurse Hangry introduced me to the Judge, several of the Doctors, and other influential people of Vineland. At

the prayer meeting at night we had many interesting experiences to relate, and a goodly sum to hand in to the cause.

On Friday I was happy to meet with Sister Whidden, who is the only Sabbath keeper in Mauricetown. Most of the people in this place are prejudiced, but we started in right next door, and during the day nearly all the place was worked, and we rejoiced in knowing that many papers had been placed in the homes of the people. This Sister is of good courage, and is going to keep right on.

Sabbath found me in Cape May C. H. and on Sunday a party journeyed to Wildwood, a summer resort, and \$17.50 was gathered in a very little while.

Monday was a beautiful day and a party of seven boarded the 8:30 train to Cape May. God certainly did shower many blessings upon us and by noon papers were gone and \$25 was realized. This made \$42 in two days for this little church.

One of the wealthiest ladies in town made me out a check for \$2, and while walking along the street I met the chief of Police and stopped him, telling him about this work. He handed me 25 cents and said "I have a wife home who likes to read such things as this."

Sunday and Monday meetings will long be remembered here, the testimonies were helpful to all, and we had just the kind of meetings the servant of the Lord said we would have if only we as church members become active and labor for the lost. At the meeting on Monday night, when I said to the church, "How much do you suppose we have gathered in for the Lord today," two of the young boys stood up and unrolled a string of \$1 bills, pinned together 25 in number. They reached right across the church, and it was surely an inspired sight.

I do hope and pray that every member in the conference is doing his and her best. Be sure and go out Thanksgiving Day, you will be greatly blessed by going.

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Sec'y.*

NOTE: Cape May C.H. Young People set their goal at \$20. They now have \$55.

Swedesboro Church has almost reached their goal, and in two weeks time they are planning on making another trip to the powder town, and they have \$50.00 in mind.

Will some churches now endeavor to go ahead of this record that has been set up by Swedesboro?

Elder Spies and Brother T. H. Barritt spent last Sabbath in Vineland and Bridgeton in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

Our Slavish-Bohemian brethren have sold their church in Newark, and have just purchased a lot in a much better part of the city and will commence building a Mission very soon. This building will be according to the instruction given in the Testimonies, with a basement practically above ground which will be used for a church school, class, and Bible study room. The building is to be 30x60. The Lord truly is blessing among the nationalities who will be able to use the building. We appreciate the help given by the Division, Union, and Foreign Departments to erect this building. The church is composed of Slavs, Bohemians, Poles, and Russians.

Recently Elder Sandborn visited Newark, Dover, Paterson, Oakland, Franklin, and Camden in the interest of the work. He finds that the work in all of these places is onward and our people full of courage to help, especially is there a very decided interest in the Harvest Ingathering. Many who have never taken part in it before are doing so with enthusiasm this year.

Brother Albert Munson, who has been with us since last May, has just left for Washington, where he will take some training in dispensary work preparatory to going to his work in the Malay field. We were glad to have Brother Munson with us this summer, and the people in Newark, where he has been laboring, are very sorry to see him leave. We will be interested in his work in the foreign field, and feel drawn closer to the work in that part of the foreign field on account of his being with us.

Brother Holman is enthusiastic and pushing the campaign along in his district. Swedesboro members are all alive, and it is rumored that they intend to double their goal.

Brother J. H. Goodrich, Plainfield paid us a visit at the office last Tuesday. We were a little surprised at first to see Brother Goodrich as we do not have the pleasure of seeing many callers from that city. We are always glad to have company.

Elder Sandborn was called to Newark last Monday morning to look over the plans of the new church that is being erected in that city for the Bohemian-Slavish brethren and sisters. They expect to occupy their new building about the last of January.

The Newark Church is still on the march toward the goal—\$500. We now have \$333.03. Miss Bessie Haase, one of

our church school girls, stands at the head, \$25.09; Mrs. Langdon stands next \$25.05; Brother Chas. Haase has \$20.15; Walter Haase nine years old has \$5.05; with what Sister Haase has collected makes their family \$60.90. Sister A. Nilsson's family have \$35.00 on Harvest Ingathering. They stand second.

Brethren Wilson and Erickson have taken out companies on Sundays in automobiles, which has been greatly appreciated and made possible larger returns. More than half the church is in this good work of helping to carry the truth to the ends of the earth.

The young people of the conference are doing splendidly with the Harvest Ingathering, and one encouraging feature is, they are keeping right on.

The following Young People Missionary Volunteer Societies have reached their goals: Trenton, Newark, Plainfield, Paterson, Rockaway, Cape May C. H.

Others we have not heard from but are well on the way to reaching their goals.

All churches are not reporting each week as requested, so we cannot send a correct report. Those that have reported are as follows:

Newark, English	\$352
Paterson, English	331
Rockaway	134
Swedesboro	62
Cape May C. H.	75
Plainfield	94
Trenton	187

Brother Barritt has just returned from a successful trip through the churches in the southern part of the state, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

Several churches have almost reached their goals, and others will accomplish their task by the end of the year.

The Haase family of Newark have done real well, they already report \$70.10. We trust they will be able to reach the century mark.

It is real interesting to watch the race between the Paterson and Newark Churches. Generals Langdon and Martin are marshalling their forces and a great battle is being fought in the northern part of Jersey at this time. Newark leads by \$20.

Many have reached \$20, 25, 50.

Brother Barritt has reached his goal of \$200.

Trenton Church is contemplating making a raid on Princeton, the college town, on Thanksgiving Day. \$50 is their goal for the day.

Elder A. R. Sandborn has officiated at two funerals this week, one in Trenton and one in Burlington.

Glad to report that Brother C. E. Gulick is much better and is now able to walk a little.

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Canvasser's Institute

By invitation of the Stanley Church the Canvassers' Institute will be held at that place from December 26 to January 3. It is expected that students from New Market will be in attendance and that evening services will be held for the public. Dr. D. H. Kress, Elder W. W. Eastman and Brother C. V. Leach and workers from our local conference will be in attendance and in addition to the daily institution in canvassing work there will be special studies for the benefit of all our people who might attend, this instruction being similar to that given at our camp-meeting and a cordial invitation is extended to our members throughout the Shenandoah Valley to be present. Public services will be held for the outside public every night.

All who desire to attend the Institute and take up work should write to the Virginia Tract Society at once.

W. C. Moffett.

News Notes

Mrs. A. E. Serns has returned to Richmond from her visit with relatives in Michigan.

Elder W. C. Moffett is just getting over a severe attack of malaria, which has left him reduced in strength. He is spending a little time at the Washington D. C. Sanitarium, taking some needed rest and treatments.

The church schools all through the conference are having increased membership over last year's enrollment and are all reporting excellent progress.

Frank R. Wood is home from Washington Missionary College for Thanksgiving, and meanwhile is making his final delivery in Nelson County. Bennett Hamm from Green County is also working with Brother Wood, they having worked to-

Virginia Financial Report,

Ten Months of 1916

Church	Mem.	Tithe Oct.	Tithe 10 mo.	15 cents a week	20 cents a week	Goal 10 mo.	Per Capita.
Hamburg.....	4		400 00		501 00	34 57	2.91
Charlottesville ..	10	15 31	109 86		95 48	87 00	.22
Rileyville	12	5 48	50 30		113 99	104 00	.22
Richmond No. 1..	65	121 58	2022 69		563 97	563 32	.20
New Market.....	40	102 95	658 14		310 91	346 67	.18
Lynchburg	28	28 63	435 95		208 15	242 67	.17
Conference No. 1..	44	74 88	482 55		293 31	375 13	.16
Bethel.....	13	1 00	37 51		90 31	112 63	.16
Portsmouth No. 1.	25	47 32	381 80		168 78	216 65	.15
Newport News No.1	16	13 54	278 52		97 29	138 65	.14
Oak Ridge.....	20	70 52	382 44		124 93	173 32	.14
Roanoke	9	2 75	105 36		41 94	78 00	.11
Stanley.....	72	47 64	335 25		179 36	624 00	.06
Yale	36		148 57		81 48	300 89	.04
Guinea Mills.....	12		56 37		18 94	104 00	.05
Richmond No.2 ..	18	90 63	350 32	129 44		117 00	.17
Newport News No.1	24	38 23	240 52	133 39		156 00	.13
Norfolk No. 2....	16	17 44	189 45	63 46		104 00	.09
Conference No. 2..	4		80 12	15 39		26 00	.09
Portsmouth	21	14 97	161 00	70 34		136 50	.08
Danville.....	5	6 80	35 41	15 12		32 48	.07
News Ferry.....	7	3 55	35 45	15 09		45 50	.05
Spencer.....	6		12 65	8 36		39 00	.03
Thelma.....	7	1 50	18 97	7 08		45 39	.02
Totals	514	\$704 72	\$7009 20	\$457 67	\$2889 84	\$4203 37	

Per capita at 20 cents .16
 Per capita at 15 cents .10
 Per capita for entire Mission Money at 20 cents .15

F. N. JOHNSON, *Treas.*

Virginia Summary, Sabbath School Work

Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1916

Schools	Membership	13th Sab. Off.	Total Contribution
Bethel.....	24	1 93	18 02
Charlottesville ..	8	1 54	7 56
Danville	13	50	3 49
Doswell	14	11 21	22 69
Guinea Mills	26	59	5 59
Lynchburg	24	7 77	42 19
New Market	34	7 23	45 13
Newport News No. 1.....	19	1 27	14 27
Newport News No. 2	27	3 01	28 63
Norfolk No. 1.....	24	2 25	21 45
Norfolk No. 2.....	20	1 67	14 56
Oak Ridge	30	8 11	32 83
Port Republic.....	19	20	2 20
Portsmouth No. 1	22	10 16	28 51
Portsmouth No. 2.....	39	1 85	9 22
Richmond No. 1	88	23 03	71 44
Richmond No. 2	30	12 75	44 67
Rileyville.....	33	27	3 09
Stanley	80	8 34	33 74
Thelma	9	14	2 14
Wytheville.....	7	2 25	4 25
Yale	53	6 20	22 40
Home Department.....	6	1 75	7 60
Total	649	\$114 02	\$485 67

MABEL MOFFETT, *Secretary.*

gether during the summer. Harry Wright and S. N. Wilmer are now finishing up Bedford County and getting ready to open up a new county after the Canvasser's Institute.

Virginia Financial Report

In another column we are presenting the financial report for the ten months past. I am sure it shows excellent work

on the part of most of our churches, and a good study of the results obtained will bring help and courage for the final result which will mean the whole goal for missions. We have two months now in which to work for missions this year. We will need to put forth increased effort to bring up our average to the required twenty-cents-a-week. Some churches and companies have gone beyond this amount, but those who are behind have pulled down this average till we are quite a bit short. Let it be remembered that the twenty-cents-a-week fund is made up of all mission money such as Sabbath school offerings, First day, Week of Prayer, Harvest Ingathering, and so you have a wide opportunity to help, and let us all press into the work and not miss our opportunity. F. N. JOHNSON.

Life Sketch of David Paulson M. D.

(Concluded)

This was the beginning of a mighty religious revival in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, a revival the greatest which that institution ever knew. It reached all classes of workers from the highest physicians to the lowliest helpers. Classes were organized amongst the nurses, the workers in the culinary department, and even amongst the call boys. This spiritual influence spread to the patients, many of whom became converted. Associated with Dr. Paulson in this work were Doctors Daniel and Laurretta Kress, and Dr. Howard Rand. The precious influences started as a result of that effort, are living today and only a few weeks before his death, Dr. David received a letter from an old Battle Creek nurse containing the following words:

"I know too, doctor, that many can make the same confession as I, that your Bible studies we used to have in East Hall on Sabbath mornings, were the stepping stones which developed right principles and came at the time when our minds were receptive and our eyes quick to see. I haven't done any wonderful work, but I think what I might have been if Dr. Paulson had not taken an interest in me."

Those were mighty days in the life of Dr. David and in the life of the old Battle Creek College and the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The great power of God attended the studies. Hardened, backslidden helpers would rise and confess their sins and fall upon the rock Christ Jesus and be broken. In a short time the entire atmosphere of the institution was totally changed. Everybody began to build according to God's plan. Then it was that workers began to go out to carry

the tidings of what God had done for their souls into the cities and the highways and byways of the world and to cast their own lives into the furrow of earth's need. These men and women were fired with a great zeal to spread the real principles of medical missionary work and they laid the foundation for a large number of sanitariums which in after years became noble contributors to unselfish missionary effort.

In year 1895 there was founded in Battle Creek, Mich., the American Medical Missionary College. Dr. David Paulson in connection with Dr. J. H. Kellogg, superintendent of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, was largely instrumental in bringing it into being. The object of the school was to train young men and women as physicians who would devote their lives to unselfish medical missionary work.

On December 15, 1896, Dr. David Paulson was united in marriage to Dr. Mary Wild. The ceremony was performed by Elder Lycurgus McCoy and was approximately the first service ever held in the new chapel which had just been erected for the benefit of patients and helpers at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

By the time the year 1899 was reached the revival in medical missionary work which the labors of Dr. David Paulson had inspired in the hearts of so many connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, began to bear fruit and brought about a situation which was destined to the foundation of the crowning work of his life.

Some forty-four of the Battle Creek Sanitarium nurses became anxious to dedicate their lives to labor amongst the poor and uncared for of the earth. It was decided that an experience working amongst the humble classes in the poorer districts of Chicago would be of infinite value to them. The management cast around to find someone who would be willing to accompany them so as to watch over and properly train and mold them in their work. It was finally decided to ask Doctors David and Mary Paulson to undertake this task.

In a way, to human sight, it looked as if to do this was to relinquish position and material prospects for themselves. Dr. David Paulson at that time was the sanitarium specialist in nervous diseases and Dr. Mary Paulson also held an important place. To leave the great institution with all the possibilities that lay before them for scientific medical work was undoubtedly a heavy cross. But a mightier voice than that of any earthly institution was speaking to their innermost hearts, and with that quiet dignity and self-sacrifice which had ever marked his life, and with his young wife willing to do anything which would forward the Master's

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Ohio, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	49				115 00	
W. H. Smith, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	46	11	34 00	1 50	35 50	1 45
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.		BR	5	40	8	27 00	1 50	25 50	4 50
R. DeGarmo, Medina Co.		HM	4	38	8	16 00	5 50	21 50	
P. A. Franks, Hancock Co.		BR	5	37	18	61 00	75	61 75	75
H. C. Nelson, Athens Co.		BR	4	37	2	6 00	75	6 75	5 00
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	36	5	19 00	6 85	25 85	2 35
J. D. Fellabaum, Clark Co.		BR	5	34	11	35 00	4 75	39 75	
W. S. Syphers, Clark Co.		BR	5	33	6	20 00	6 00	26 00	7 50
L. C. Medcalf, Licking Co.		BR	5	32	7	25 00	5 25	30 25	
Mrs. Smith, Ironton		CK	5	31	18	27 00	16 10	43 10	8 00
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.		BR	5	31	12	43 00	2 25	45 25	1 50
H. W. Barto, Clinton, Co.		BR	4	30	12	40 00	1 50	41 50	
H. C. Albright, Co.		BR	4	28	11	39 00	1 50	40 50	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	5	28	8	25 00	3 00	28 00	3 75
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield		CK	5	27	23	37 00	10 85	47 85	4 50
Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	3	27	8	25 00		25 00	
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.		BR	3	27	9	28 00	17 50	45 50	
Geo. Carter, Clinton Co.		BR	3	26	4	13 00	3 75	16 75	2 25
Will Price, Toledo		BR	5	25	8	26 00	13 75	39 75	7 50
Clara Weber, Spingfield		CK	3	20	1	1 50	2 35	3 85	14 75
Mrs. Fellabaum, Springfield		BR	3	19	2	6 00	9 50	15 50	
G. W. Yungling, Salem		BR	3	15	8	26 00	8 65	34 65	7 75
Mrs. Geo. Carter, Wilmington Co.		BR	3	12	2	7 00		7 00	
Miscellaneous						3 00	6 00	9 00	
Totals	24 Agents			102 728	202	\$586 50	\$129 55	\$716 05	\$186 55

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	5	43	10	33 00	6 75	39 75	1 25
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		BF	5	30	16	24 00	3 80	27 80	3 80
Solomon Diehl, Center Co.		CK	3	26	10	12 00		12 00	15 00
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	3	12	6	18 00	3 85	21 85	30 10
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	3	18	9	28 00	1 50	29 50	
Ivor Lawrence, Cambria Co.		BS	2	11	12	9 00		9 00	27 50
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	5	29	12	36 00	4 00	40 00	1 00
G. Rager, Cambria Co.		BF	4	30	12	18 00	2 00	20 00	
Mrs. Smith, Allegheny Co.		OSD	4	13	5	2 50	3 20	5 70	3 20
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	2	22	12	23 50	9 00	32 50	8 00
W. H. House, Mercer Co.		BR	5	40	18	27 00	8 15	35 15	7 50
Totals	11 Agents			41 274	122	\$231 00	\$42 25	\$273 25	\$97 35

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 17, 1916

G. E. Snyder, Marion, Co.		BR	4	42	16	28 00	5 35	33 35	
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	38	8	25 00	33 25	58 25	3 50
Henry Waggoner, Independence		BR	1	11					36 00
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.		BR	2	17	5	17 00	4 00	21 00	17 13
J. S. Seal, Putney		BR	4	23		68 00	10 35	78 35	1 75
John Fahrner, Upsher Co.		GC	2	10	6	19 00	2 75	21 75	75
Bertha Hoffman, Wheeling		COL	5	21	8	10 00	5 90	15 90	
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, North View		Misl	5	14	44	35 35		35 35	75
Totals	8 Agents			28 176	87	\$202 35	\$61 60	\$263 95	\$59 88

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Chester Co.		BF	3	24	9	13 50	3 25	16 75	98 10
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.		GC		45	8	25 00	5 25	30 25	
Chas. Booth, Northampton Co.		DR	4	32	7	3 00	1 50	4 50	
F. W. Stanley, Wayne Co.		DR	4	20	5	13 00	6 00	19 00	
F. W. Stanley, Wayne Co.		DR	5	25	5	14 00	9 00	23 00	
Wm. Frizzell, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	22	33	69 00	75	69 75	
Wm. Frizzell, Wayne Co.		PPF	4	20	10	20 00	1 50	21 50	
Totals	5 Agents			24 189	70	\$157 50	\$27 25	\$184 75	\$98 00

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916

J. S. Seal, Putney	BR	4	19	12	39 00	9 45	47 45	4 20
W. A. McElphatrick, Marshall Co.	BR	5	35	22	72 00	19 25	91 25	
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BR	5	32	7	21 00	32 15	53 15	
John Fahrner, Berkley	GC	4	30	4	12 00	3 50	15 50	
Bertha Hoffman, Wheeling	COL	4	18	9	11 25	9 20	20 45	
Totals		5 Agents	22	132	54 \$155 25	\$74 15	\$229 40	\$4 20

Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916

S. N. Wilmer, Bedford Co.	BR	3	25	14	44 00	1 75	45 75	
Edward White, Halifax Co.	BR	5	40	7	21 00		21 00	
Bennett Hamm, Nelson Co.	GC	4	34					75 00
Frank R. Wood, Nelson Co.	GC	4	31					72 75
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond	OSD	3	21	100	25 00		25 00	25 00
Eva Chandler, Richmond	Arm			12	3 00		3 00	3 00
Totals		6 Agents	19	151	133 \$103 00	\$1 75	\$104 75	\$175 75

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Eva Chandler								19 20
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New Jersey, Week Ending Nov. 24, 1916

Geo. Blinn, Hunderton Co.	BR	4	39	12	36 00		36 00	
C. W. Coyne, Essex Co.	BR	5	15			13 40	13 40	
W. W. Jennings, Passaic Co.	BR	3	16			50	50	24 00
Totals		3 Agents	12	70	12 \$36 00	\$13 90	\$49 90	\$24 00
Grand Totals: 62 Agents of Orders					Value \$1471 60		Deliveries, \$645 73	

Cause in the world, Dr. David turned his back upon all earthly prospects and the material professional advantages which a great institution offers and with his little band of nurses, came down to the great city which from that day down to this was destined to be blessed by his unselfish labors.

The headquarters for the work were at 1926 Wabash Avenue. There were no comforts and but little money with which to carry on the work. In those early and hard days, Dr. David's constant companion and fellow-worker was Mr. W. S., now Dr. W. S. Sadler. Together they labored to train their band of workers to carry on a medical missionary effort amongst the poor of the great city. Toil and hardship was their lot, but the work grew and prospered.

Dr. Sadler had already founded the *Life Boat Magazine*. After he went to California, the conduct of this paper which has brought comfort and hope into the lives and hearts of so many thousands of the unfortunates of earth, fell to the lot of Dr. David who has been its editor and manager ever since.

In the month of March, 1904, he became deeply impressed that God would have him found a sanitarium in one of the suburbs of Chicago. The late Mr. C. B. Kimball nobly assisted him in this project by placing a part of what is now the Hinsdale Sanitarium property at his disposal. With Dr. Mary and a few faithful helpers, Dr. David began work in a barn on the Hinsdale premises which was altered and rebuilt so that it made a

fairly comfortable though very humble home for the first few patients, and in that lowly place they opened the work of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and laid the foundation for the institution as it now is. Those were days of great hardship and toil and privation. Ever a philanthropist working for the meager wages; and giving away to the poor and needy the larger part even of what little he had, Dr. Paulson never saved money or laid up anything for himself and when any of his friends or relatives would remonstrate with him concerning his conduct, in this matter, his reply would always be, "If I will take care of God's poor, God will take care of me and give me friends in my day of need." The concourse of deeply sympathetic friends who are here today abundantly proves the fulfillment of his faith in this matter.

The Hinsdale Sanitarium soon became known as a place where not only good scientific medical work was carried on for the sick, but where also mighty prayers were offered to God in their behalf. To this many men and women and noted physicians bear testimony. A few weeks before Dr. Paulson died, one very noted Chicago surgeon remarked to the writer, "There has many a man and woman been brought to Hinsdale to die whom Dr. David has prayed back to life again."

He was ever solicitous for the spiritual welfare not only of the patients but of the nurses and institutional laborers.

About ten years ago Dr. David became president of the Anti-Cigarette League,

aiding Miss Lucy Pag Gaston in her noble work. He travelled extensively in this and other lands, lecturing upon this and other health and temperance topics.

Dr. Paulson was never strong or robust. His entire life was a battle against a naturally frail constitution. He always knew and thoroughly understood that Providence had not endowed him with any great degree of physical strength or endurance.

On the 14th of February of this year (1916) he was taken very ill with a raging fever and pronounced toxemia. He did not make the recovery that his loved ones and friends hoped that he might and even after the acute condition had subsided, other symptoms began to develop. He was loathe to quit the post, but finally agreed to spend a while resting with some of his oldest friends in the sunny Southland at Madison, Tenn. He improved there slightly and returned home, and in the month of June, went to Boulder, Colo. In certain ways he showed improvement while in that salubrious climate, but the altitude affected his heart and he desired to return home to the scene of his love and labors at the Hinsdale Sanitarium. On the whole however, he rapidly grew worse.

On September 24, accompanied by his wife and his brother, Mr. Julius Paulson, he journeyed to Asheville, N. C., where it was hoped that the mild climate would be of material benefit in his case. For a while he seemed to rally, and then a change came for the worse.

Even those days in the valley of the shadow were not without their stars of comfort and hope. Many earnest seasons of prayer were engaged in for the doctor by his friends, all of which brought peace and blessings in their train. Old friends, some from among the noted of the earth journeyed hundreds of miles to visit the sufferer in his humble cottage.

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 15, at fifteen minutes after three o'clock, without a struggle, he quietly yielded his life into the hands of the kindly God whom for so many years he had so faithfully served and to whose fold he had been the instrument of leading so many souls. A great life had passed to the great beyond, and while now we see through a glass darkly and cannot fully understand the providences of the One who keepeth Israel and numbers the very hairs of our heads, our hearts blend together in the words of one of the greatest of Bible characters, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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Mount Vernon Academy

Mrs. J. Shreck, of Pittsburg, Pa.,
visited her daughter Hazel, during the
Thanksgiving vacation.Mr. Vernon Lipscomb, of Elyria, Ohio,
spent several days at the academy, with
his sisters Ruby and Pearl and his brother,
Paul.A number of students went home dur-
ing the Thanksgiving vacation, but
those who remained enjoyed the day
equally as much. A good dinner was
served on the American plan and the
dining room was beautifully decorated,
making it seem very home-like.Mr. Clyde Purdham, of Stanley, Va.,
spent some time at the academy, visiting
his sister, Miss Grace V. Purdham.A Harvest Ingathering program was
well rendered by the Sabbath school
children on Wednesday evening. They
had received talents sometime ago,
which they increased, some ten-fold, some
twenty-fold and some thirty-fold, or even
more. One of the sisters gave fifty
dollars and together with the offering
received that evening, over one hundred
dollars were gathered in.Professor H. A. Miller went to his home
in Batavia, N. Y., during the Thank-
sgiving vacation.Last Tuesday we had our last chapel
exercise and Elder Ashton brought out
many good thoughts on the Thanksgiving

season, in his talk. He said that we should be thankful as a Nation, because of the peace that we are enjoying while many other nations are engaged in war. We should be thankful as a School, because we have been kept free from sickness and have the privilege of preparing for the Lord's work and getting an education. We should be thankful for Health, as we little appreciate what good health means until we have been afflicted with illness and suffering. We should be thankful for Liberty, because we have freedom to think, speak and act. Little do we realize what a great boon and blessing this is to us and only those who have been brought up under oppression can appreciate Liberty. We should be thankful for our land of enlightenment and as a student body, that God has permitted us to be here and get an education.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

News Notes

The teachers and students have been out two days, visiting the nearby towns and country districts with the Harvest Ingathering Signs. Quite a degree of enthusiasm was manifested among some of the people, while others desired the paper but were too poor to make a donation. Many rich experiences were gained, and it is believed that some good has been accomplished. So far, nearly fifty dollars have been solicited.

We were pleased to have Professor and Mrs. C. L. Stone and their little daughter Margaret, visit us a few days ago. The talk given in chapel by Professor Stone was most inspiring.

The readers of the *Visitor* will be interested to know what the Shenandoah Valley Academy Ministerial Band has been doing since it was organized a few weeks ago. Two meetings have been held: one at Quicksburg in a Union church which was well attended; and one last Sunday night in the town of New Market. We had been told that there was no use of making an effort there, but we have learned differently.

Brother C. E. Overstreet and the writer rented a small hall in town, and announced the meeting in the paper, besides asking the superintendents of the different Sunday schools to announce it in their churches, which they all did, and notwithstanding the rain, between one hundred ten and one hundred twenty outsiders came and all seemed interested in the meeting. Brother Overstreet spoke on "Blasting at the Rock of Ages; will it Stand."

The Band has now been offered two churches and a school house in which to

hold meetings. We solicit the prayers of God's people that the seed sown will bear fruit to the glory of God.

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—A strong man for assistant cook, one having had considerable experience preferred. Favorable opportunity for advancement. Apply to the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D.C.

WANTED.—John Dowling's *History of Romanism*, 1870 edition. Anyone having a copy of the above, please write to the *Visitor*, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

FOR SALE—9 acres good land very convenient—6 room house with pantry, water in kitchen and on porch, basement barn and and chicken coops. Bargain at \$2600.00 Mrs. Hamilton, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Route 1.

Notice

We would call the attention of the readers of the *Visitor* to the fact that many subscriptions will expire the end of the year and we would appreciate your renewal now. Let the church officers bring this matter before the people.

The issue of December 14 will be a "Colporteurs' Special" at which time the regular copy will be omitted. There will be only one issue of the *Visitor* following that this year and we would be pleased to have copy arranged accordingly. This paper will be published on December 21.

To Our Friends

Having secured paper stock for several months in advance at the former low price, we are pleased to announce to our friends that the subscription and sales prices of *The Watchman Magazine* will not increase with the January issue. Therefore the present rates to agents now in force will remain unchanged.

The publishers and the editors have made important changes in the magazine that will greatly improve it in make-up and style. It is our desire and aim to make *The Watchman* second to no other magazine of its class. We want to make it a household name in every family. It will be better than ever in 1917. We are going to make it so interesting that its readers will never wish to be without it again.

Write your tract society secretary about the ten special offers now being made on *The Watchman*. They are worth investigating and they are only good for sixty days. Send him a line today. J. L. McCONAUGHEY, *Circulation Manager*.