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

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U N I O N

The Work in Baltimore

We took occasion this week to visit our work and workers in the city of Baltimore. All three efforts,—the English, the German and the Colored,—have been greatly blessed of God.

Elder A. S. Booth has conducted two efforts during the summer which have resulted in the declaration of about 50 or 60 converts. Of these, already 23 have been baptized. The church building at Baltimore is already too small to hold the audience. They are talking some now of putting a balcony in the church. In addition to this they just paid off a note of \$500 on the church debt, plus \$90 interest, and had some means to spare. This we feel is of the Lord, as the church has been laboring very heavily of late under this large church debt. At the present time Elder Booth is carrying on an effort every Sunday night in one of the theaters in the city, seating in the neighborhood of 500. The expenses of his two previous efforts were entirely met by donations and he expects the same will eventually result in this new theater effort. The interest is good and Brother Booth is of good courage and looks forward to a further growth of the work in the city of Baltimore.

Likewise God has greatly blessed Brother G. P. Rodgers in his work amongst the colored. The church building which was purchased by this company, which with original cost and improvements amounted to \$7,000 is now too small to hold its congregation of nearly 300 members. Thus the colored work in Baltimore grew from nothing to its present large membership. In view of this Brother Rodgers has recently opened a colored church-school, which at the present time has an enrollment of 54. Many children have been turned away. God has so greatly blessed this school effort that even parents of the world are coming to Brother Rodgers and asking that their children be taken into this school. There are two teachers and the growth of the school seems to demand the employment of the third. Like as in the days of the schools of the prophets of old, the work is cramped, and they will need to take out their

axes, go into the woods, and make arrangements to accommodate the growth.

It was our privilege during the German effort to be present with Brother J. H. Wierts, and preach for him one night during the effort. The number of converts of course will not record so heavily as in the other two efforts. This is due to the great tendency of those who speak German to prefer English meetings to German meetings. Therefore the attendance usually is not very large and it takes considerable labor to search the German-speaking element out and altogether it is a much more difficult proposition. However, God has witnessed to the labors of Brother Wierts with a baptism already of eight. Others are to be baptized. Moreover, Brother Wierts also held an English effort at the close of the German, which resulted in interesting quite a circle of people.

Thus from every standpoint we see that the work in the city of Baltimore is onward, for which we are glad.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Two Golden Opportunities For Harvest Ingatherers

The time allotted for this important work is fast drawing to a close. The reports this year, generally, are above the average of past years. Commendable work has been done in organizing and carrying the work on, but we, as a Union Conference, are far from our goal,—"\$25,000 for Missions!" We may yet "redeem the time" by making the very best of present and future opportunities.

There are two golden opportunities knocking at the door of all our people, let us embrace them without a moment's delay. Here is one; the Lord has blessed the farmers with good crops and high prices throughout this Union, and they are the easiest people in the world to approach, and they respond very freely. All one needs to do is first to obtain the name of the one he wishes to approach, and say, "Is this Mr. Smith? My name is Mr. (or Mrs.) Jones. I am pleased to find you at home today. I am sure the Lord has blessed you with good crops this year, (yes); and also high prices for your produce, (yes). We are highly favored above the unfortunate people in the old

country, especially in the war zone of Europe. Thousands and millions over there are perishing and starving to death. Here is a copy of the Harvest Ingathering "Signs of the Times," which tells of the greatest missionary movement and of the great and needy mission fields abroad. It tells of over 3,000 missionaries who are sacrificing their lives, ministering bread to the hungry and the gospel to perishing souls. Truly we are highly favored above these poor people, aren't we? And I am sure you want to return a thank offering to the Lord for His many blessings to you." Here produce your card and say, "I am one of 80,000 who are out soliciting funds for these needy fields. You can see by my official card that the people are giving very freely. Please place your name and the amount of your offering on the card. A dollar or more would be a small offering in return for what the Lord has done for you, would it not? Thank you very much! May the Lord bless you. We know not how soon we might need help. Good-bye."

Don't be afraid to ask for the "dollar" and you will get it. The writer has not failed to get a dollar from each farmer solicited this year. Go to them, and to all, in faith, "nothing doubting." The Lord is just as ready to open the hearts of the Egyptians of the people today as He was in Israel's day, and He will. Ask Him.

The other opportunity is our foreign population. These people respond more readily as a rule, than Americans, though they can not read the special Signs. In approaching them, point to the many foreigners in the engravings on the front and back covers, and say, "This paper tells about missions in the old country—Russia, Roumania, Africa, India, etc. They are having very hard times over there. War makes everything bad. Thousands and millions are freezing and starving to death. (Here turn to the editorial page where there are two illustrations of the war. Point to them and say, "This tells what the Bible says about war. Everything is bad. We are getting money to send to missions in the old country, you want to help, don't you? Produce your soliciting card, and say, "Lots of people give; you will give a dollar or more won't you? Thank you!"

Always ask for a dollar but take less if

you can not get that amount. Begin your cards with \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 donations. Different members can use cards with the same name and contributions on. Have more than one card. If they cannot give \$1.00, show cards with 50 cents, 25 cents, and smaller donations on. The opportune time to meet the foreigners is on pay day, or the next Sunday after pay. I don't know but that Sunday is the best day. Have your churches organized with plenty of Signs to meet them right after pay and you will be astonished at your receipts. Go to them in companies of two. If you can get one of their number who has contributed a dollar or more to go with you, so much the better. Always begin your cards with large amounts. One can use names and contributions of past years. J. W. HIRLINGER, Home Missionary Sec'y, C. U. C.

Ingathering Notes

Six of the conferences have now exceeded the amounts received from 1915's campaign, their gains being as follows: Ohio \$1,005.17; District of Columbia \$344.50; West Virginia \$309.99; Chesapeake \$243.16; West Pennsylvania \$145.63 and Virginia 36.71.

We are pleased to see the black squares growing. West Virginia is the only conference having one-half her squares darkened. However, several more conferences are nearly to the one-half goal.

Ingathering Song

(Sing it! Pray it! Work it!)

Let us gather up the dollars
Lying all around our path,
For we need them—surely need them
To sustain our mission staff.
Let us find our sweetest comfort
Working for our blessed Lord,
With untiring voices asking
Dollars for the field abroad.

Chorus:

Then gather up the dollars,
Then gather up the dollars,
Then gather up the dollars,
For the mission fields abroad.

Strange we never heard those voices
Calling us so loud before,
Strange we never saw those faces
Cast such sad eyes toward our shore.
Jesus bids us now to hasten,
Just a little time is left.
Work, my brother,—work still harder,
Then will come eternal rest.

Tune 586 "Christ in Song"

(Pacific Union Recorder)

The vultures of sensationalism scent the carcass afar off.

Columbia Union Conference Harvest Ingathering Indicator. 1916 Goal, \$25,000.

	Full Quota	Rec'd
West Virginia	\$ 808 00	\$ 559 81
Virginia	1733 00	560 96
Chesapeake	2446 00	371 51
West Pennsylvania	2734 00	894 72
New Jersey	3059 00	1216 29
District of Columbia	3241 00	1550 33
East Pennsylvania	3884 00	717 57
Ohio	7095 00	2466 07
Totals	\$25000 00	\$8337 26

Each square represents \$200.

The squares indicate the full quota at \$200 each square.

The black squares indicate the amount received.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

Elder George F. Enoch, from India, who is working in this Union in behalf of missions and the Washington Missionary College, is spending a few days in East Pennsylvania, between his New Jersey and Chesapeake Conference appointments. Elder Richards was able to make arrangements for these lectures on our missionary work, to be given when the general public would have opportunity to learn what Seventh-day Adventists are doing in carrying the message to the great heathen countries of the world. At Danville a lecture was given in the church which our new company of Sabbathkeepers there has recently purchased from the Welsh Baptists. The church, of good size, was filled with interested listeners. At Harrisburg, our people having no building of their own, rented the First Baptist Church for \$5.00, and Elder Enoch spoke to a good audience. At Carlisle, the Assembly Hall in the Opera House was rented and a goodly number of strangers were in attendance, besides our own people. The largest and most encouraging attendance, however, was on Sunday night, Dec. 10, in the Hamilton Theatre, Lancaster, Pa. This theatre which seats about 1000 people, was quite well filled. Most of the people, of course, were not of our faith, as we have only a small company there. It certainly was encouraging to go into such a large and beautiful building and see that great audience so intensely interested in India

and the work the remnant people are doing in the heathen land. Elder Virbrook Nutter assisted Elder Enoch and sang at the Harrisburg, Carlisle, and Lancaster meetings, and will accompany him to Devault, where the brethren have rented the large Grange Hall. This lecture will be the last appointment in East Pennsylvania until Elder Enoch returns from the Chesapeake Conference. Scranton, Wilkes Barre, and other cities in this conference have been favored with Brother Enoch's lectures. The manager of the Hamilton Theatre at Lancaster, although a Roman Catholic by profession, was very friendly, and not only allowed us the use of his theatre at actual cost, but advertised the meeting from night to night on the screen and also prepared two good signs and placed them at the entrance of the building. He invited us to come again, saying, "I will try to do better for you the next time." He knows that we are Seventh-day Adventists. In all these instances, the churches co-operated faithfully by distributing printed invitations. We are sure these meetings have been a real encouragement to the churches, and wish that every church in the conference might enjoy these stirring missionary talks. Every effort will be made to secure the help of Elder Enoch again this winter and if so, he will be asked to visit those churches where he has not yet been.

Elder Richards was with the Harrisburg and Carlisle Churches last Sabbath for quarterly services.

For the encouragement of those who are faint-hearted in the Harvest Ingathering

ing work, we cite the following: A Catholic Hungarian woman visited our office yesterday, asking for Hungarian literature. She subscribed for the monthly paper and expressed a desire for a book on the life of Christ. When asked where she got our address, she said, in the Harvest Ingathering Signs that some one left at her door.

Sister Butts has sent in her third \$100 for Missions, secured through the Ingathering, and says if anyone has reason to be happy and thankful, she is the one.

A visit was made by Mrs. Richards recently to our church school at Fairhill. This school is doing good work and an excellent spirit of co-operation exists between teacher and pupils. Although the Fairhill school is our parent church-school in this conference, its membership is small at present, most of the young people having finished the church-school grades. A number are now attending the Washington College, while others are out in the work. One in the foreign field—Mrs. Brown, (formerly Miss Gerhart), who with her husband, is at present in Honduras. Thus we are reaping the harvest of the early training given in our church-school at Fairhill.

OHIO

Toledo

The work is progressing nicely here. Every effort has been made on the part of the enemy of all righteousness to tear down and destroy, but the reckoning has been without God. Today we are all rejoicing in great victories gained. The Lord is blessing. A splendid spirit is present, and love and harmony prevails. Thus far Satan has been defeated at every turn. For this we praise the Lord; the glory belongs all to Him.

A word about the Harvest Ingathering. Our young people set a goal at \$100.00 a few weeks ago. Today they have reached their goal and are still reaching. They have to their credit about \$125.00. A splendid spirit to work has taken hold of the whole society and enthusiasm has been and still is the order of the day.

The whole church set a goal of \$500.00, and we are hoping, and struggling while we are hoping, to reach it. We have turned over to the treasurer of the church already about \$350.00 and from present indications it would seem that we will not fail in reaching the goal.

The writer is enjoying his work with the church, and reaching out after souls in this city. Many new faces are seen at our Sabbath meetings, and we believe that

the truth is doing its work in the hearts of a goodly number. A. R. BELL.

Notice

At our camp-meeting this past summer the writer was chosen as secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the conference. I shall be glad for the co-operation of every member of the Ohio Conference in this work. You can all very materially help by faithfully and immediately reporting to me any and every item of interest pertaining to this department. Marked copies of newspapers containing articles on Sunday enforcement campaigns, or Sunday prosecutions, or Temperance campaign items, please send to my address, as I desire to get into touch and keep in touch with every part of the field that God has committed to us as a conference. A. R. BELL, 852 Colburn St., Toledo, Ohio.

Missionary Farewell

It might be of considerable interest to our readers, to know of the enthusiasm and good interest toward the forwarding of the work by the Akron Church, shown by the disposition on the part of Brother and Sister L. J. Barrowdale, who were guests of honor at the home of Sister Chalmers on Tuesday evening of this week.

Brother and Sister Barrowdale have given their lives and all they have to enter into the promulgation of this message, and expect to leave on December 9, as missionaries for Puno, Peru, where they will enter into mission work, assisting Brother F. H. Stahl, who is laboring at the present time in that field. The Akron Church and particularly the Sabbath School, will miss Brother and Sister Barrowdale as associates and earnest workers here in Akron. However, we are proud in being able to furnish to the General Conference, from our church, as competent, conscientious and sincere workers as our Brother and Sister Barrowdale have proved to be.

The social evening spent together, will be one long to be remembered by the friends of Brother Barrowdale and the memories of the same will very likely follow them to their journey's end. The evening was spent with songs and several addresses of farewell and in conclusion, a liberal collection was taken of \$44 which enabled the purchase of a small organ to be donated to Brother and Sister Barrowdale as an assistance in their work in their new field.

C. E. WADE, Sabbath School Sec'y.

"Let pastors and church officers, read G. C., p. 493 beginning at 'Soon after the fall of Jericho,' to p. 498.

Colporteurs! Attention!

The Colporteurs' Institute will be held in Cleveland, January 4-14, 1917, in the S. D. A. Church, corner 55th Street and Hough Avenue, only two blocks from the Euclid Avenue Station.

If there are those who have been missed by letter, and are thinking of taking up this line of work, I shall be pleased to hear from them at once, and make the necessary arrangements for them at the above institute.

We would ask that all colporteurs bring their prospectuses to the institute, so as to make necessary changes in prices, etc. The Tract Society is arranging to have a good supply of all material for the colporteurs' outfit, such as prospectuses, daily record book, report blanks, order sheets, etc. Board and room will be furnished free to those who hold colporteurs' credentials, and to those who may not be otherwise provided for.

To those entering the work, car fare will be refunded after delivering and paying for \$150 worth of books, retail value.

If there are those who desire to obtain any small books as helps while at the institute, they should notify the Ohio Tract Society, so such helps may be shipped in time for the institute.

May all come with a prayer in their hearts and on their lips, that God, by the co-operation of each, will make this a profitable ten days' gathering.

C. R. FAIRCHILD.

News Notes

We are sorry to note the illness of Brother Syphers, one of our efficient colporteurs, which will keep him out of the work for a time, but let us pray for his speedy recovery.

The Lord is continuing to give Brother and Sister Fellabaum success even without much training in the colporteur work. What will they do after institute training? What are you doing, brother, for God?

I am getting a number of letters from persons who are thinking seriously of leaving good positions in the world, to enter the colporteur work, and thus see to it that no man take their crown. Are you doing more than think of it?

"A continual chopping will lay the tree low." We see Brother Nelson is getting some large chips loosened. This week his report looks good.

Elder E. K. Slade left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., to attend the Union committee meeting there.

Mrs. H. D. Holtom and little daughter, Grace, made a short visit in Bellville at the home of her parents, Elder and Mrs. H. H. Burkholder, this week.

Have you ordered your quarterlies and Memory Verse Cards for next quarter?

Harvest Ingathering work; Yes it is not too late to reach your goal if you have not already done so. We have ordered a liberal supply of papers and have planned for your rush orders. Please order your final supply at once.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Experiences in Westfield

At the present time opposition to the truth seems to be at the its zenith. Three churches have combined in order to oppose our work. Already five sermons have been preached against us and according to announcements a number more are to follow. But with all the opposition our work is still growing and people are inquiring about the truth. Fourteen precious souls are obeying the message as a result of our effort here. A large number are very much interested and we ask our readers to join us in praying for a company of at least twenty-five to uphold the banner of truth in this new field.

The evangelistic effort planned to counteract our work proved a complete failure. The evangelist was quoted as saying that unless something was done to stop the work of Seventh-day Adventists they would be the most influential religious body in Westfield. He evidently supplied the pastors of the town with the material they are now using to combat the truth. From the beginning of our work here we have had much opposition but as we look upon our present results we are persuaded to believe that the enemy can do nothing against the truth but for it. In dealing with those filled with bitterness we appreciate the instruction given for us to follow as we find it in the Testimonies.

Sister White has been held up as a false prophetess and her writings have been misrepresented and presented as ridiculous; their main attacks being against the testimonies and the Sabbath. While attending one of these services, the minister asked me in public why I did not attend his services when he did not preach on the Sabbath question. He never mentioned the Sabbath but said Seventh-day Adventists and their work were surely of the Devil. He then added, "I notice our Advent brother is busy writing; say brother, if you want to write

come up here to the table. I like to spread out when I write."

After the discourse I arose and asked for the authority in references for the statements he made in his lecture. He answered, "It is child's play to ask for references when a minister gets his sermon out of a magazine. If you do not know your own doctrine you better go home and study it."

Both ministers gave their audiences a terrible misrepresentation of our truths but said very plainly that what they had to say, they wanted it to be understood, was not debatable.

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 12: 17.

"For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Rev. 19: 10.

HOWARD J. DETWILER.

Report of General Meetings at Coudersport

On Nov. 3, the meeting at Coudersport opened with Elder Chas. F. Ulrich and the writer in attendance. The church was well filled, and the good attendance continued during the meetings. A good spirit prevailed among the people, and many renewed their consecration to the Lord, while others desired to be prayed for. Mrs. Schwartz being present rendered a number of spiritual songs. The meetings continued three days, brethren and sisters coming in to attend this meeting from Port Allegany, Wrights, Raymond, Gold and Sweden Valley. Brother Fred Shaw, the elder of this church, and his wife, with the members of the church, did all in their power to make it pleasant for those who were present. Brother Manry, our Field Agent, was very busy getting new persons lined up in the good work. The Grace Hospital that is conducted by Sisters Denny and Hendrickson, was full of patients, and the Lord is blessing the hospital and its staff of good nurses in their Christian work of love.

From this place we went to Raymond, Pa. The elder, Brother Moore, had advertised the meetings well, and the opening meeting which was held in the school house, was largely attended. The following afternoon we held a meeting at the home of one of the sisters, which was also well attended, and in the evening the school house was again filled. At the second afternoon and evening meetings Mrs. Schwartz sang a number of solos which were appreciated. We then went to Galetton, Pa., where Elder B. F. Kneeland and wife had been working. We found a number of good sincere

families, and a neat little meeting room. They had thoroughly appreciated the meetings, and I have found this to be an ideal center to draw in all the small companies that live in the near-by places. These families that are living out the truth, desire baptism, and we hope they will soon be sheltered within the fold. This company expect the service of Brother Manuel and wife, and they are looking forward with courage to the help that is coming to them.

The Shinglehouse Church had the next appointment, and we stayed with them three days. At this place the brethren and sisters came in from the Bolivar and Olean, N. Y. Churches. We had the privilege of meeting many who were once in our conference. In all these meetings the spirit of consecration took hold of those present. Each line of work received its attention, and in some places we saw the reviving spirit take hold of members who had not been faithful in missionary lines, and in tithes and offerings; backsliders were reclaimed, and many desired to be prayed for. From Shinglehouse, we went to Bradford, Pa., where Elder G. L. West is now located and is getting hold of the work in a very successful way; the church is arising with new courage to finish the work. Five meetings were held at this place, and the spirit manifested by those present was all that we could desire. From this meeting Elder Ulrich returned to Altoona, his field of labor, and the writer and his wife returned to Erie. In the meetings held with these five churches, we can praise the Lord for His ever present spirit, and for the attendance and pleasant weather with which we were favored.

W. F. SWARTZ.

NEW JERSEY

Paterson Reached Her Goal

Sabbath, December 9, was a day of great rejoicing for the Paterson Church, they having reached their goal on the Harvest Ingathering. At the beginning of the campaign, the church set its goal at \$400.00 which was considerably over \$5.00 per member, for the actual membership of the church, which of course, would be more than the assessed membership; because of those who have been added during the year. Some thought this was too high a goal and that it could not be reached with our membership, but the workers, 42 in number (six of these not yet members of the church, but will be after next Sabbath, God willing) got at the job like heroes and pushed the figures up to \$418.36 last Sabbath. There are nearly 200 papers left and they declare they will not stop until they are

all gone, and hope that they may reach \$500.00. This is surely the right spirit, that has taken hold of the believers in this city.

Many of the workers reached the \$30.00 mark. Some of the new believers were in the lead, going as high as \$20.00 and \$25.00. One sister, who is not yet baptised, gathered over \$28.00, another passed \$20.00.

All of those who worked passed the five dollar mark, some of the sisters receiving that amount for one paper.

It will be observed from the way that the new believers are working, that the Paterson Church is training up her children in the way they should go, so that when they get old they will not depart from it. Many of the little children, young in years, had a noble part in this campaign.

It is only fair that I should state, that a great part of the success of this campaign is to be attributed to the labors of our faithful and energetic Church Missionary Secretary, who gathered over \$30.00 in about three weeks herself. The Conference Home Missionary Secretary, Brother T. H. Barritt, rendered valuable assistance for the few days he was with us. We thank the Lord for this victory, and a part in His work.

R. H. MARTIN.

Harvest Ingathering

The Newark Church is nearing its \$500 goal. It has now \$460.89. Brother Chas. Haase and family have \$100.00, Brother Haase has \$34.00, Sister Haase \$19.00, Walter \$12.00 and Bessie \$35.00. She stands at the head in the church. One gentleman came to the church last Sabbath to whom some one gave a Harvest Ingathering paper last year. He became interested, went over to New York City Branch and bought 50 "New Testament Sabbath" tracts and distributed them. He is a vocal and piano teacher.

G. E. LANGDON.

Convention! We see this word in almost every paper we pick up. Why? Because it spells progress. Don't fail to be present at the Newark Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Convention to be held December 21 to 24 in the Newark English Church. Rockaway, Plainfield, Paterson and Jersey City Churches are included in the convention, but "who-soever will" may come. Remember the date.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

The conference committee and the secretary of the conference met with the

Dover Church on Tuesday, November 28. Some important matters were discussed that we trust will be for the betterment of the work in the capital of the state of Delaware.

Elder Wierts visited Whiteleysburg, Millington and Marydel in the week of prayer services. He reports a good spirit in each of these places.

Elder Whitmarsh is visiting with the Cambridge and Dover Churches. Elder Miller and Elder Shadel are spending their time with the churches in western Maryland.

Our people are doing nicely with the Harvest Ingathering papers, although few definite reports are being sent in.

Mrs. W. C. Witt, church school teacher at Rock Hall, spent a few days in Baltimore last week, visiting relatives. The church school is making good progress there. Good reports are coming from the other schools in the conference also. We are glad to be able to report six schools in the conference this year.

The work in Baltimore is onward. The interest is increasing in all three churches and we look for a good harvest of souls as a result of the work of the summer.

Good reports are coming to the office concerning the Week of Prayer. Brother J. E. Cox, Wilmington, Delaware, says, "We had good meetings at Cheswold, and here also. We are having quite an interest. The week of prayer gave us one more soul."

Quite a live interest is manifested throughout the field in the Harvest Ingathering work. Elder Shadel says, "We sent our thermometer up to \$135.00 last (Sunday) night." Various members of the Hagerstown Church went out on Sunday and collected \$22.50. They are so anxious to have more papers that they have telephoned to the office for them. Two sisters in the Frederick Church have now reported \$40.00. This is a small church so far as members are concerned, but they are workers. Four of the members have thus far reported on this campaign \$71.35.

Elder J. O. Miller, Mrs. Miller and their little grandson spent last week with the churches and relatives in western Maryland.

Elder F. W. Paap spent a few days in Baltimore last week. He visited the Baltimore No. 1 and the Glenburne Churches during the week of prayer.

Two new colporteurs have entered the field lately. They are E. Barber of Baltimore and John H. Ware of De Haven, Va.

Brother C. W. Jenkins writes that he will return to the work very soon, but that for good and substantial reasons he had to discontinue his work for a time.

Special

Our Colporteurs Gospel Workers

Our colporteur work has become so well established among us, that no right-minded Seventh-day Adventist questions its utility as a divine agency for reaching the millions of earth's inhabitants with the message.

Much instruction has come to us through the servant of the Lord concerning this work,—who should engage in it, and how it should be conducted. It is said that rightly conducted "it is missionary work of the highest order," and that "it is ordained of God as a means of reaching many that otherwise would never be impressed with the truth." It is, therefore, to be conducted "from a missionary standpoint," and never as a commercial enterprise. It is an evangelizing agency, and none should have a part in it whose hands are defiled with sin and whose hearts are not right with God, but only those who have a deep love for souls, and are willing to engage in a self-sacrificing work in order to reach them.

To such as enter the work with the right motive, heavenly angels, though unseen by mortal eye, become their helpers and companions. The work is of heavenly origin, and consequently the heavenly intelligences are intensely interested in its success.

We cannot explain the marvelous growth and prosperity of this department of our work on any other basis than that it is God's work. Many are the souls rejoicing in the light of present truth through the effort of the godly colporteur, and though he may not have the joy of meeting them personally and seeing the fruit of his labor in this life, he will, if faithful, ultimately enter into the fullness of that joy in the kingdom of God.

In the "Review" of November 5, 1914, Sister White penned these significant words, "The success attending the efforts of ministers in the field is due in a great degree to the influence of the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people and removed prejudice." This is in harmony with the words of the Saviour in John 4:36-38. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true,

one soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: another man laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."

Thus the minister and the colporteur are co-partners in the work with God, who after all must give the increase, and when the work is finished will rejoice together. W. W. EASTMAN.

Washington Missionary College

The Week of Prayer at Washington College

The Week of Prayer has brought rich spiritual blessings to the students and teachers of Washington Missionary College. Dr. Wilkinson has had general charge of the revival services. The readings have been presented at chapel exercises by one or other of the instructors. There has been an excellent response thus far. Not only have a number of the students taken their first stand for God, but many who were backslidden have been encouraged to make a new start. At the meeting Tuesday morning, which lasted more than three hours, a large majority of the entire school went forward for prayers, and many special victories were gained.

Again on Thursday morning there was a good response. The feeling is general that this week of prayer is one fraught with special blessing for all connected with the school. Dr. Wilkinson's addresses have been of great service in emphasizing the fundamental principles of Christian education, and pointing out anew the vital issues for this time.

M. E. OLSEN.

Louis Ahrens had his tonsils removed at the Sanitarium Wednesday, November 29. He is reported to be doing nicely and will soon be back in school.

Misses Miller, Harkins, Atwell, and Comstock spent their Thanksgiving vacation in Baltimore with relatives and friends.

Norman Kimble, who has been ill for some time, has returned to his home in New York.

Francis Parrish was suddenly called to his home in New York State on account of the illness of his sister with typhoid fever. We trust that he will be able to return to his studies soon.

A large company of students and faculty enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner in the school home. The dining room was appropriately decorated with green and yellow crepe paper, and the thirty young people who served, wore caps, col-

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916									
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.	ES	5	50	5	16	00	9 40	25 40	19 40
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	5	45	22	78	50	3 00	81 50	
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	5	42	10	31	00	6 00	37 00	11 75
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.	BR	5	40	15	60	50	2 25	62 75	
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.	BR	5	39	10	38	00	3 00	41 00	3 00
L. C. Medcalf, Licking Co.	BR	5	38	16	60	00	7 75	67 75	75
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.	BR	4	36	7	24	50	6 75	31 25	
J. D. Fellabaum, Clark Co.	BR	5	36	12	44	00	3 00	47 00	
P. A. Franks, Hancock Co.	BR	5	35	13	39	00	3 75	42 75	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.	BR	5	34	12	38	00	75	38 75	4 75
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.	BR	5	30	1	3	00	10 15	13 15	
Mrs. Smith, Ironton	CK	5	29	17	25	50	7 25	32 75	23 50
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield	CK	5	26	10	17	00	13 75	30 75	6 75
Clara Weber, Springfield	CK	5	24	10	15	00	3 55	18 55	3 00
W. S. Syphers, Clark Co.	BR	3	23	9	35	50	75	36 25	75
Will Price, Toledo	BR	4	22	6	21	00	6 25	27 25	8 75
Mrs. Fellabaum, Clark Co.	BR	3	20	5	18	00	1 50	19 50	
Frank Fultz, Adams Co.	BR	3	18						11 25
G. W. Yingling, Salem	BR	4	15	7	25	00	6 75	31 75	8 00
Mrs. Yingling, Salem	BR	3	12	6	19	50	3 50	23 00	
Totals	20 Agents		89	614	193	\$609 00	\$99 10	\$708 10	\$101 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.	PPF	5	47	6	14	00	14 00	28 00	91 00
A. Dunn, Allegheny Co.	A	3	9	10	7	50		7 50	2 25
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	4	22	23	73	00		73 00	
W. H. House, Elk Co.	BF	4	31	18	27	00		27 00	4 50
Mrs. Smith, Allegheny Co.	OSD	1	3	4	2	00	70	2 70	1 50
Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.	OSD	4		21	15	50		15 50	6 25
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	GC	3	29	2	3	50	25	3 75	15 00
Totals	7 Agents		24	141	84	\$142 50	\$14 95	\$157 45	\$120 50

West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	5	44	2	10	00	27 50	37 50	112 50
G. E. Snyder, Marion, Co.	BR	5	45	1	3	00	8 85	11 85	38 75
J. S. Seal, Blakely	BR	5	56	6	23	00		23 00	250 00
John McHenry, McDowell Co.	BF	3	17		51	50	6 25	57 75	5 25
W. E. West, McDowell Co.	BF	3	14	17	37	00	3 30	40 30	3 85
Bertha Hoffman, Wheeling	COL	3	18						43 55
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg	Misl	2	12	24	26	25		26 25	40 35
Totals	7 Agents		26	207	50	\$150 75	\$45 90	\$196 65	\$494 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	2	21						166 41
W. H. Wilcox, Baltimore Co.	HM	5	55	16	47	00	75	47 75	107 00
Edward Barber, Carroll Co.	HM	3	19		45	00		45 00	
J. H. Ware, Morgan Co. W. Va.	PPF	2	11	5	13	25	75	14 00	
Totals	4 Agents		12	106	21	\$105 25	\$1 50	\$106 75	\$273 41

Grand Totals: 38 Agents of Orders Value \$1017 10 Deliveries, \$965 01

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending September 30, 1916

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Value	1915
Ohio	21	2030	1599 85	2120 85
W. Pennsylvania	16	996	1067 85	1379 15
Chesapeake	7	748	960 20	1082 75
E. Pennsylvania	8	717	930 20	669 25
Virginia	9	700	800 00	881 50
New Jersey	6	436	583 92	284 20
District of Columbia	3	136	501 90	309 10
W. Virginia	9	546	276 90	980 30
Totals	79	6310	\$6720 82	\$7707 10

lars, and aprons of corresponding colors. After dinner speeches were made by Congressman Powers, Elder G. W. Caviness, Professor Butler, Professor Salisbury, and Professor Sorenson. Professor Machlan acted as toastmaster.

Miss Myrtle Robinson, a former student and at the present time engaged in Bible work in Virginia, recently spent a few days with friends at the College.

On account of poor health Gordon Bollman has been compelled to give up his school work and return to his home in Chicago.

The second number of the Lecture Course was given Thursday evening, November 23, by Mr. Wyche. His subject was "Southern Folk-lore Stories."

Mr. Eastman spoke to the students during chapel last Sunday morning. Among other interesting items in the canvassing work, he told us that Washington Missionary College leads all of our schools in the number of students that canvassed the past summer.

Doctor Olsen went to New York Wednesday, November 29, to attend a Convention of teachers in English.

Elder Spicer spoke to the students in chapel Tuesday morning, November 28. We were glad to have him with us again before leaving for Europe.

A recital was given by the music students on Thanksgiving evening.

At the Thanksgiving service held in the chapel Wednesday evening, November 29, the students brought their donations for the poor of the neighborhood. The Christian Help Band took charge of distributing the articles.

The chapel talk given by Professor Prescott last Thursday morning was much appreciated by all the students.

The November Sligionians were distributed during the chapel period on Thursday morning, November 23.

Mount Vernon Academy

The Young Men's Ministerial Band

It has been a long time since anything has been said about the young men's Ministerial Band that I thought perhaps a few words would not be amiss.

At the beginning of the school year, when the band was organized, we had several members who formed a nucleus for this year's band. We now have an organized band of about thirty members and new members are being added every

week. As a constantly growing band, great things can be expected of it.

The first quarter is one of organization and little work is done except to lay a foundation for the work of the school year. As in times past, a school house or a place to hold meetings was the objective. At first we were not successful in securing a meeting place and we had few calls for Bible Readings. Now our prospects are just the reverse. We have charge of two prayer meetings, both in the city, and two preaching services, one at the State Farm every Wednesday night, and one every other Sunday afternoon in the large auditorium at the Sanatorium. This auditorium can hold quite a large audience. We also have one Bible Reading given every week, besides sending one of our number to review the Sabbath School lesson at the Mission. Then too, every Sabbath something is prepared by our members, such as short talks on Bible topics, which are beneficial to all.

We feel that we have much earnest work to do, and we know in our own strength we can do nothing, so we ask those interested in us to pray for our work, so that we may have success. We are thankful for many blessings as a band and for these wonderful openings and we are of good courage. JAMES LIPPART.

We were pleased to have with us during the Week of Prayer Professor Prescott. He had charge of all religious services commencing with the chapel period on Wednesday. On Tuesday morning Elder Ashton led the meeting and nearly every individual took his stand for the first time or reconsecrated himself to God. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifest in our meetings.

The evening worship was conducted by various leaders, the young men and young women having separate meetings. We believe that the memories of this Week of Prayer will be treasured throughout the year by all the honest in heart.

Miss Ethel Andre was called home on December 6, on account of the illness of her mother, who passed away on December 10. We greatly sympathize with Miss Andre at this time of sorrow, but we are glad that she has returned to school again.

OBITUARIES

DENSMORE.—Mrs. Mary F. Densmore, was born at Evansville, W. Va., March 24, 1852, and died at Carlos, Md., November 23, 1916.

The writer was able to learn nothing of her early life; but about ten years ago she

accepted Present Truth under the labors of Elder Traugh, who held a tent effort in the little mining village where she lived. Her Christian life was an especially bright one, although, surrounded by an unbelieving world and godless relatives she continued faithful to the end, although, physically a great sufferer for several years.

Before falling asleep she gave the directions for the conduct of the funeral: choosing the writer to take charge, and the songs to be sung, one of which was, "It is Well with my Soul." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13 and John 10:10. ELDER F. M. FAIRCHILD. Cumberland, Md.

JENKINS.—Little Josephine Jenkins was born March 10, 1916 and died November 28, 1916, aged 8 months and 18 days. Her death was caused by her little brother, who threw a lighted match which set her dress afire, causing fatal burns. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

H. A. ROSSIN.

FAHRNER.—Gottlieb was born in Randolph County, W. Va., April 7, 1875, and died in Randolph County, W. Va., Sept. 26, 1916.

When 30 years of age he went to Farmville, Va., where he was married to Miss Frances Blanton, Oct. 25, 1905. To this union were born four children, one of which preceded his father in death. He was converted eight years ago and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Guinea Mills, Va., where he lived for ten years, after which he returned to his old home with his family, where he lived until his death. He leaves a wife, three sons, an aged mother, six brothers and four sisters.

SEWELL.—Solomon Sewell was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 26, 1835. December 24, 1863, he was united in marriage to Mary C. Keltz, who died three years ago. Ten children were born to them, seven of whom survive.

About twenty-three years ago, Brother Sewell embraced present truth, under the labors of Elder H. H. Burkholder. He was much devoted to these principles and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

After an illness lasting but a few hours, he passed away at the age of 81 years, 4 months, and 2 days with a confident hope of a resurrection unto eternal life.

J. J. MARIETTA.

CALDWELL.—Elizabeth Caldwell died November 24, at her home in Callery, Pennsylvania. She was in her seventy-sixth year. She embraced the Third Angel's Message about five years ago, and died happy in the truth. Those left to mourn are one son, three daughters, and three sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. F. H. ROBBINS.

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BISEL.—George Bisel was born in Bedford County, Penn., December 1, 1834 and died at the M. and S. Sanitarium, Mount Vernon, Ohio, November 15, 1916, aged 81 years, 11 months and 14 days. On December 24, 1854, he was united in marriage to Sarah Algire. To this union seven children were born, three sons and four daughters. May 26, 1875, Sister Bisel was summoned to her final rest. Under the labors of Elders I. D. Van Horn and R. J. Lawrence, Brother and Sister Bisel united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church October 23, 1869, continuing steadfast in this faith until called to rest a little while in the grave. Brother Bisel was very conscientious and zealous in his belief, and until incapacitated by age and health, he served as elder for many years, the local organization where he held his membership. He will be remembered by many as one who helped to pioneer the Third Angel's Message in Ohio. We shall hereafter miss him from our ranks, but we believe he will come forth at the resurrection of the just to share in the promised inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us. A public funeral service was held in the Christian Church close by the burying-ground, where we laid him to rest, conducted by the writer. Text used 2 Timothy 1:10. **H. H. BURKHOLDER.**

KERSEY.—Mattie R. Kersey died Dec. 6, 1916, at the age of 30 years, in Jericho (near Wenonah), N. J., from tuberculosis and other complications. Sister Kersey was laid to rest in the Jericho cemetery. She had just accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and died with a firm hope in Jesus, admonishing her friends and relatives to walk in the light of God's truth. Brother J. H. Barrett assisted the writer in conducting the funeral. **G. W. SPIES.**

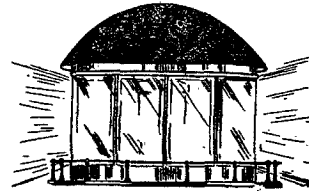
PAYNTER.—Lucy A. Paynter was born in Dividing Creek, N. J. Feb. 28, 1841, and died at her home in Bridgeton, N. J., Nov. 23, 1916, at the age of 75 years 9 months and five days, of pneumonia, after an illness of nine days. Sister Paynter was one of the first members of the Bridgeton Church, which she served in various capacities for a number of years. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, a sister, a brother and a son. She fell asleep in the hope of having a part in the first resurrection.

G. W. SPIES.

"I was naked and ye clothed Me." Matt. 25:36. The answer: "Lord, when saw we Thee naked and clothed Thee?" Jesus answers: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25:38,40.

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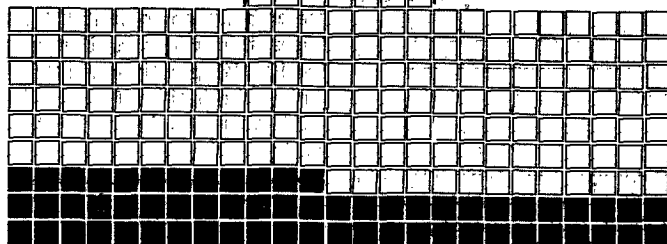
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