

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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UNION

Some 1916 Encouraging Items

As we touch towards the close of the year 1916, there can be no doubt but what somebody believes this truth.

We have not yet made up the precise report of souls who have accepted the truth, but we note a splendid growth everywhere throughout the field.

The record of our funds is more immediately at hand. We shall come out this year as usual with flying colors on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund; then we shall have on hand something like \$80,000 to give to foreign missions.

In addition to this we have in cash and pledges something like \$35,000 on the new College building, which the Columbia Union is erecting for the college at Washington, D. C.

Yet with all this, we are pleased to tell our brethren throughout the Union that already for 1916 we see an almost remarkable growth in tithe. Whereas in past years our annual gain in tithe has been about \$10,000, already this year, for the first ten months alone, we have figures to show that our gain is \$30,000; no doubt for the year it will be a gain of \$40,000. We shall also have on hand this year between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to apply on the debt of Washington College, and we intend to make a refund of a nice little sum to the Virginia Conference, towards liquidating the debt on the Shenandoah Valley Academy. Thus God has blessed us this year on every hand.

In addition to this we held a large city effort in the city of Pittsburgh. We put a little more money into it than we usually put into city efforts. Some of the brethren trembled and were afraid, but the influence of that effort has been felt far and wide. It undoubtedly has helped our brethren throughout the Union, while Brother Parsons reports about eighty baptisms in the city of Pittsburgh for the first six months following the first meeting in the Pitt Theater. There is still a good interest there and we expect the reaping still to continue.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"They Rehearsed All"

"Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue or if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8. Then necessarily there must be "good reports in order for God's people to think of them, and be able to rejoice over them.

In the Bible, God has reported fully His work of creation, and re-creation-redemption, which are so inspiring to read and think upon. The disciples in the early rain, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, rehearsed "all that God had done" for, and through them. So much of the Bible is a report, or record of what God and His people did all down through the ages.

It cannot be that God intended that the acts or reports of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, and people should cease with the twenty-second chapter of Revelation. No, "What things are of good report" report them, that your brethren and sisters may "think on these things," and be provoked unto love and good works." What is more inspiring and uplifting than to hear what God has done for them?

Nineteen hundred sixteen has been the banner year for the Columbia Union Conference, in Home Missionary work, especially in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, as it has also been for the North American Division Conference. Now we are very anxious that every church member make out a full report of all home missionary work, done during the year, and hand it to their home church Missionary Secretary, that they may send in their reports to the Home Missionary Secretary, of the Conference as quickly as possible, so that they in turn, may report to the Union at an early date.

Whether you have done much or little, it is "good" and the Lord says "report" it. Sometimes that which seems a very small thing to you, may appear very great to others and may be the means of encouraging them to go out into the highway and hedges, and gain a rich experience. It is the many little things put together, that made the grand whole.

I fully appreciate the part that each individual has acted during the year that

is past, to help finish the work, and I wish all a larger experience and greater success during the year 1917.

Yours for the great gathering day, when we shall all meet on the banks of the river of Life, under the beautiful tree of Life, and there relate "all that God has done" for us. J. W. HIRLINGER,
Home Miss. Sec'y C. U. C.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Johnstown and Altoona

While we have been silent through the pages of the VISITOR with reference to our work in Johnstown during the tent effort last summer, and the binding off work this fall, yet we have been busy doing the Master's work. The Lord was with us, and we have the assurance that He was working with us and through us poor, feeble instruments for the salvation of souls. For wisdom we sought the Lord and His counsel and instructions were to us rain upon parched soil.

It was my privilege to have connected with me, the past summer, Brother and Sister R. M. Spencer, whose faithful services were much appreciated. Through our combined efforts, under the blessing of God, a number of souls were born into the kingdom of His truth.

Sabbath, December 9, was another Sabbath long to be remembered by the Johnstown Church, when eight more dear souls were buried with their Lord by baptism. A number of weeks before, eight others were buried with their Lord, making in all sixteen additions to the Johnstown Church. To God be the glory, for it is only through His grace that these things are accomplished. We are in hopes to see still others follow their Master all the way.

The Altoona Church also was privileged to witness another baptismal scene when one dear soul cast her lot with the remnant people of God, and we are in hopes, through the mercies of God, to see still others, who are coming to our services, take a firm stand for the Master and His truth. God is working and I feel that I want to do everything possible so God can work through me to the salvation of many precious souls.

CHARLES F. ULRICH.

News Notes

Elder Robbins returned from Washington last Friday, where he has been attending the Columbia Union Council.

A few days ago a company visited some of the nearby villages with the car, and returned with \$18.00 for missions. The Harvest Ingathering has been an enjoyable time for us. Many have received a new inspiration.

Miss Madge Miller who has been teaching the Pittsburgh Church School, is visiting her parents for a few days. Soon she expects to enter the work in Virginia. Mrs. C. L. Mitchell of Mount Vernon will continue the school after the Christmas vacation.

One of the faithful colporteurs recently received a present of \$50.00 from the Review and Herald as a reward for working 1800 hours in one year. Two other canvassers will be entitled to prizes next week.

At the beginning of 1916 a \$20,000 goal was set for our book sales. By camp-meeting this mark was found to be too low. \$5,000 was added, and with the Lord's help, this \$25,000 mark is passed.

The vision given Sister White that the world would be warned by our truth filled literature is being fulfilled.

Elder Robbins recently visited the little company at Greensburg. He found the brethren and sisters there of good courage, and actively engaged in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. They have already reached their goal.

Dr. H. S. Brown spent Sabbath, December 30, with the Adah Church and held quarterly services.

Recently Brother Ray Spencer went under an operation for chronic appendicitis. We are glad to hear that the operation has been successful, and we hope he will soon be able to take up his work in Johnstown again.

Brother H. K. Christman is making a tour through the conference in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. A goodly number of the churches have reached their goal. Connellsville Church has almost doubled its goal.

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.

Elder C. F. Ulrich reports another baptism in Johnstown; December 9. This makes sixteen who united with the church there since the tent effort last summer.

An encouraging letter has just been received from Elder West who is laboring in Bradford. Several are keeping the Sabbath as a result of the meetings being held there. The manager of one of the theaters in the city has written him, offering to rent his theater at a very reasonable rate for Sunday night services. Elder West will hold services in the heart of the city during the winter, and we believe that much good can be done.

Elder D. A. Parsons, president of the West Virginia Conference, spent Sabbath December 30, with the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church. His words of encouragement were much appreciated.

WEST VIRGINIA

An Experience

Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. 1 Kings 19:18.

In canvassing territory that has been canvassed twice within five years, we find those who, like the people of Elijah's time, will not accept the vain theories and doctrine of man, but want the undiluted word of God. While canvassing one rainy day I came to a farmhouse, where, after introducing myself

was asked into the house, taking me for an agent of some kind and especially so after bringing forth my book. The man, a very intelligent, middle aged man, said he did not think he would be interested, but called in his wife, who he said would probably be more interested than he. While showing my book, "Bible Readings," I was impressed to dwell upon the point, "The Kingdom Restored." The lady said that was what she had often wondered, what will the next world be? Will we be real people and have real homes? She said she had asked ministers to tell her something about it, but they seemed to think she was seeking something that God did not want her to know, although they tried to tell her what they thought the next world would be like, and when they got through with the subject she was more in the dark than when they began." When I showed her how the book I had, brought all the texts from the Bible on the subject, she was more than glad to have it in her home, and asked her husband what he thought about it. She said to him, "If you do not buy the book I will." They gave me an order for a half morocco. On delivering the book, the lady was just as anxious to get it as she was to give the order.

I am glad to be an instrument in God's hands in bringing the light of truth to such homes.

T. M. BUTLER.

A Morning Watch Calendar for every Seventh-day Adventist in the Columbia Union Conference.

OHIO

A Report

It has been some time since I have written concerning my work. During the tent season Elder A. G. Haughey and myself conducted a series of meetings in Pioneer, Ohio. At the close of the meeting, after six weeks of hard labor, only one soul accepted God's message for today.

Our next place of labor was at Winchester, Ohio. At this place many hearts were stirred, but no one definitely took their stand for the truth, but we still have hopes that some will soon obey the truth. From Winchester we went direct to West Union. At this time it was getting late in the fall. Our effort therefore was cut short because of the icy breeze of the late Autumn weather. Here the Lord added His blessing to our effort and we feel confident that a good substantial church will be ready for organization ere long. I am now busily engaged in district work. Sabbath and Sunday, December 9, 10, 1916, I spent at Hicksville. Seven precious souls were baptised and united with the little company at this place. Our hearts were gladdened as we saw the young people taking their stand for the great truth of the message. We will hold another like service at this place a little later as others have decided to follow their Master. Lima, Lake View, Van Wert, Pioneer, Broughton, Wauseon, Delta, Liberty Center, Defiance and Grelton were the places I recently visited. Our people seem to be of good courage and may the Lord grant that we may all be faithful a little longer, and receive a crown of life when our work is over. Our work in Findlay is moving slowly forward. We trust unto final victory. Remember us at the throne of Grace.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

News Notes

The Mount Vernon Church enjoyed a good, rousing home missionary service last Sabbath, and at the close, one hundred subscriptions to the Signs of the Times were taken.

Brother V. O. Panches recently held a series of missionary meetings with the La Grange Church and will next visit the Canaan Church in the interest of the Home Missionary work.

Brother H. D. Holtom and family spent Christmas with relatives in Bellville.

The Colporteur's Institute is near at hand. Remember the date, Jan. 4-14.

Miss Bessie Acton is spending the holidays with her parents, Brother and Sister J. H. Acton, of Hicksville.

"Goal reached. Praise the Lord," was the way a telegram from Elder A. R. Bell of Toledo, read. Their Ingathering goal was \$500. Such determined efforts and success mean much to the work, a resource that cannot be estimated. Why not many others?

We have received word at the office that Elder and Mrs. D. E. Lindsey are comfortably located on a little farm near Richwood, Ohio, this winter, and are getting along nicely.

Order your Morning Watch Calendar from the tract society. Five cents each. Stamps will be accepted for one or a few, but why not speak to others and send in a large order.

A Morning Watch Calendar for every Seventh-day Adventist in our Conference!

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

At a recent meeting of the Union Conference Committee it was voted that Brother F. E. Hankins, our Field Missionary Secretary, should make the Virginia Conference his field of labor if the same met his mind. After carefully considering the matter and praying over it, Brother Hankins felt in harmony with the will of the Lord and he accepted the call. Our conference committee met last week to consider releasing him from his official position in the Chesapeake Conference. This was done by vote of the committee, although all felt sorry to have him go. Brother Hankins has been in this field for a little more than five years and he has made many friends in the conference. He left Chesapeake last Tuesday morning, December 26. Anyone desiring any information in regard to the colporteur work will please write to the tract society secretary, Miss Emma S. Newcomer, until Brother Hankin's successor is elected, which will doubtless be at the next meeting of the conference committee which will be held in a couple of weeks.

Some of the friends of Brother Hankins gave him a very pleasant surprise at his home on Saturday evening last. A company gathered at the church and in a body went to his home at 1611 10th St., Baltimore, Md. He was presented with a very nice easy chair. A very pleasant

evening was spent. There were some special selections by Brother G. Medairy and wife with guitar accompaniment. Several short speeches were made by those who have been associated with Brother Hankins in the work and by Brother Hankins.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Shaffer spent a few days in Baltimore last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hankins. Brother C. C. R. Hare also spent a few days here.

We were glad to see Brother O. C. Weller Sunday. Brother Weller brings a splendid report from the Frederick Church in regard to their Harvest Ingathering work. He says they have only about \$13.00 to make up and they will have raised \$100.00 on this fund. And only four of them have been working. This is a wonderful record. If only all our people had done as well we would have a much larger offering to turn over to the General Conference. And yet we are not discouraged with what has been done. We feel this is the best year we ever had, so far as this work is concerned. Other churches are making this their record year, too.

Elder Geo. F. Enoch spent Friday night and Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 1 Church. All thoroughly enjoyed his lectures. He spoke of the needs along medical lines in the far east in the Sabbath School and urged a liberal offering for next Sabbath. We feel that his talk was so impressive that we hope for the best offering of this kind we ever had.

Mrs. Hankins and family will remain in Baltimore for several months because of the church school. Our school is going along nicely.

Miss Alice Miller is home from the college at Washington for the holiday season. Elder Miller's daughter from Boston is visiting him.

Do not fail to get a Morning Watch Calendar for 1917. The texts are drawn entirely from the Psalms, and and bring to each one of us a rare opportunity for becoming familiar with that matchless collection of sacred songs.

A returned missionary said that twenty-five years ago he decided to observe the Morning Watch, and in looking back over his life he regarded it the most important decision he had made during the last quarter of a century. He considered his faithful observance of the Morning Watch one of the chief secrets of the success he had enjoyed in the mission field.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

The enthusiasm that has been running so high in the Paterson No. 1 Church for sometime reached its climax, and burst the thermometer last Sabbath. The goal set was \$400 which amount is considerably over the \$5 per member, but many who have received a blessing in doing the work, have expressed a strong desire to keep at it until \$500 is reached. Paterson will lead the conference on the basis of membership, their membership being about half that of Newark and Trenton. Some who have done remarkably well for this church are not yet members, but are awaiting baptism, others are new members. The following is a list of those who have reached the \$20 mark and over.

Elder Martin and family	\$27 02
Mrs. Wimmers	21 30
Mrs. Wilson	20 01
Mrs. Ellis	20 00
Mrs. Dolan	27 49
Mrs. VanDine	20 25
Mrs. Tullett (Miss. Sec.)	35 75
Mrs. Jenson	30 60
Brother and Sister Deitz	19 32
Sister Baker	19 75

Sister Baker has three small children and a baby in arms, yet she has found time to go out and labor for the Master, and surely He has blessed her. Her little daughter 6 years of age got several dollars.

The Newark Church only lacks a few more dollars to burst their thermometer, their report to date being \$455. By the time of the publication of this issue, they will have passed the goal \$500.

This has been by far the best campaign in the history of the conference already \$2,300 has been sent on to Washington, and prospects look good for nearly \$3,000.

All the German churches in the conference have reached their goals. Sister Von der Schmidt of the Jersey City German has \$50, and Sister Ebert of the same church has \$53.

The Morning Watch Calendar helps all who use it. It gives to all a good thought for the day.

Mathilda Thaler Christensen was buried here in Trenton where she accepted the truth. Elder Sandborn spoke words of comfort, pointing us forward to the glad day when Jesus will call forth those

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	46	13	39 00	8 00	47 00	
H. O. Kohr,		A					105 00	105 00	105 00
W. H. Smith, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	41	10	35 00	7 25	42 25	
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	40	6	25 00	2 30	27 30	2 30
Geo. Carter, Warren Co.		BR	4	34	6	18 00	2 25	20 25	2 25
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.		BR	5	32	6	23 00		23 00	
Chas. Carter, Warren Co.		BR	7	64	14	43 00	3 00	46 00	
L. C. Metcalf, Licking Co.		BR	5	31	7	24 00	3 00	27 00	
P. A. Franks, Hancock Co.		BR	5	31	14	45 00	1 60	46 60	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	3	30	1	3 00	3 50	6 50	6 50
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	4	28	8	26 00	4 50	30 50	3 50
Will Price, Toledo		BR	5	28	6	32 00	6 50	38 50	2 00
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		BR	4	25	1	3 00	10 50	13 50	8 50
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.		BR	4	24	7	24 00	2 50	26 50	10 50
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield		CK	4	24	13	19 50	5 75	25 25	3 45
Clara Weber, Springfield		CK	4	22	7	11 50	7 10	18 60	8 50
J. D. Fellabaum, Clark Co.		BR	4	22	5	18 50	2 25	20 75	13 50
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		BR	4	21			21 25	21 25	21 25
G. W. Yingling, Salem		BR	4	21	6	19 50	8 35	27 85	50
W. S. Syphers, Clark Co.		BR	2	20					77 00
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		BR	4	19	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	1 50
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	4	17			4 85	4 85	35 45
N. Oancea, Akron	Foreign Books	5	29				11 80	11 80	11 80
Anna Oancea, Akron	Foreign	5	28				12 00	12 00	12 00
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.		BR	2	14	4	15 00	1 50	16 50	
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.		BR	2	14	1	3 50	7 50	4 25	7 50
Mrs. Fellabaum, Springfield		BR	3	12	1	4 00	1 50	5 50	
C. G. Douglass, Akron		BR			10	38 00	6 75	44 75	
Totals	27 Agents		108	717	153	\$483 50	\$245 25	\$728 75	\$318 60

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	10	100	42	142 50	16 30	158 80	62 75
A. Brownlee, Wash. Co.		PPF	5	43	12	58 25		58 25	21 10
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.		PPF	9	55	47	73 50	7 20	80 70	
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.		BR	3		3	9 00	14 15	23 15	20 65
W. H. House, Elk Co.		BF	5	40	23	36 00	2 50	38 50	
Ivor Lawrence, Cambria Co.		BS	5	41	47	35 25	1 50	36 75	29 00
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	9	47	31	111 00	8 00	119 00	2 00
G. Rager, Cambria Co.		BF	7	48	30	44 80	50	45 30	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	5	46	2	4 00	25 00	29 00	44 20
Totals	9 Agents		58	420	235	\$514 30	\$75 15	\$589 45	\$179 80

West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916

W. A. McElpatrick, Marshall Co.		BR	2	10					56 90
J. S. Seal, Blakely		BR	2	13	19	46 50	5 90	52 40	1 10
G. E. Snyder, Marion, Co.		BR	5	45	7	16 50	12 60	20 10	4 50
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BR	5	44	10	40 00	12 25	52 25	4 25
John McHenry, Mc Dowell Co.		BF	5	37	57	120 00	16 45	136 45	11 95
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	5	36	29	58 00	2 10	60 10	2 10
Bertha Hoffman, Wheeling		COL	4	21	3	3 75	3 50	7 25	49 05
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Mist	4	12	40	38 00		38 00	29 50
Totals	8 Agents		32	218	157	\$322 75	\$52 80	\$375 55	\$159 35

Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916

Harry Wright, Bedford Co.		BR	2	12	6	18 00		18 00	340 00
S. N. Wilmer, Giles Co.		BR	4	36					210 00
C. A. Carter, Caroline Co.		BR	2	18					192 00
Bennett Ham, Nelson Co.		GC	2	17					36 00
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond		OSD	6	30	245	61 25		61 25	61 25
Totals	5 Agents		16	113	251	\$79 25		\$79 25	\$839 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 15, 1916

J. E. Jones, Harper's Island Md.	BR	3	16						140 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.	BR	4	21	14	49 00	50	49 50		50
C. C. R. Hare, Cecil Co. Md.	PPF	4	24	9	22 50		22 50		
W. H. Wilcox, Baltimore Co.	HM	4	27	4	10 00	75	10 75		3 85
Totals	4 Agents		15	87	27	181 50	1 25	\$82 75	\$144 35

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

Lee Mase, Tioga Co.	GC	5	46	5	15 00	9 50	24 50		
Wm. P. Hess, Chester Co.	BF	4	31	14	21 00		21 00		
Wm. Frizzell, Honesdall Co.	PPF	4	18	4	10 00	1 75	11 75		
Chas. Booth, Northampton Co.	DR	5	32	2	8 00	1 50	9 50		
Miscellaneous					40 00		40 00		
Totals	4 Agents				\$94 00	\$12 75	\$106 75		

District of Columbia, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

Mrs. Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	18	21	65 00		65 00	85 00	
Windon Welch, Montgomery Co.	BR	6	35	12	40 00	2 50	42 50		
F. T. Feutz, Washington	BR	5	30	13	41 00	3 00	44 00		
S. N. Brown, Loudoun Co.	BR	2	14					101 00	
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	3	21					160 00	
Otto Westerhoff, Washington	BR	6	35	4	12 00	3 45	15 45	8 25	
Chas. Dunham, Washington	GC	4	20	1	3 00	15	3 15	29 65	
Miscellaneous	Misc				27 40		27 40	27 40	
Totals	7 Agents		30	173	51	\$188 40	\$9 10	\$197 50	\$411 30

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Mrs. H. M. Cleveland	20 00	Janet Morris	10 50
Rachel Salisbury	10 00	Mrs. Westerhoff	60 00
Miscellaneous	8 00		
Total			\$108 50

New Jersey, Week Ending Dec. 8, 1916

W. B. Plant, Morris Co.		4	23	5	17 00	2 75	19 75		
W. W. Jennings, Salem Co.	SP	3	12			4 65	4 65		
Totals	2 Agents		7	35	5	\$17 00	\$7 40	\$24 40	

Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 22, 1916

Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	BR	5	50					95 00	
H. C. Nelson, Springfield	BR	5	46	6	23 00	6 00	29 00	4 50	
R.H. Patterson, Greene Co.	BR	5	45					326 75	
P. A. Franks, Hancock Co.	BR	4	40					253 65	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.	ES	4	40	3	10 00	5 90	15 90	15 90	
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.	BR	5	40	5	16 00		16 00	38 25	
L. C. Metcalf, Licking Co.	BR	4	34					160 50	
J. Fellabaum, Springfield	BR	5	33					92 00	
George Carter, Clinton Co.	BR	3	32					190 20	
Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.	BR	3	31					213 00	
W. S. Syphers, Clark Co.	BR	3	30			2 25	2 25	106 25	
M. B. Ingersoll, Huron Co.	BR	5	26	6	23 00		23 00	3 50	
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.	BR	3	24					87 45	
G. W. Yingling, Salem	BR	4	20	7	24 50	50	25 00	161 35	
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.	CK	4	20					42 00	
H. W. Barto, Clinton Co.	BR	2	20					214 50	
E. C. Alexander, Adams Co.	BR	3	18	3	11 00	3 25	14 25	15 50	
Will Price, Toledo	BR	3	15	3	9 00	3 00	12 00	30 00	
Mrs. Yingling, Salem	BR	3	12	2	6 50	3 00	9 50	19 50	
H. J. H. Albright, Madison Co.	BR	1	5					32 50	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.	BR							210 00	
Totals	21 Agents		74	581	35	\$123 00	\$23 90	\$146 90	\$2267 30

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 22, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Chester Co.								82 25	
W. B. Dunkinson, Lacka. Co.								15 25	
C. F. Booth, Northampton Co.								114 75	
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.								164 00	
C. F. Booth, Northampton Co.	DR	4	19	2	7 00	3 00	10 00		
W. P. Hess, Chester Co.	BF	3	29	17	22 50		22 50		
Totals	5 Agents		7	48	17	\$29 50	\$3 00	\$32 50	\$376 25

who fall asleep in him. Mathilda was a faithful worker in the cause she loved. For years she labored as a church school teacher and Bible worker, having attended South Lancaster Academy to prepare her for the work. On October 23, 1916, she was married at Mount Vernon, O., and in less than six weeks' time was taken ill with pneumonia and died within a week. Those who knew her are deeply grieved at the loss of this useful young life, but feel confident that when the great Lifegiver appears she will hear His voice.

The Morning Watch calendar for 1917 is going to be a jewel. Have you ordered one yet? 5 cents. There is nothing more helpful to a Christian than to begin the day with a verse of Scripture in mind. Surely it is worth many times what it costs. This year as we learn the Psalms we will be storing up priceless treasures. Won't you join us?

Brother Benebt of Rockaway writes: "We are doing nobly with our Harvest Ingathering. The church is pressing the \$200 mark which we expect to reach next Sunday. Of this more than half has been gathered by the young people. A crowd of us went out yesterday and in a little over four hours eight of us gathered in over \$31. God wonderfully blessed us, and we came home rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

Sabbath, December 23, the Harvest Ingathering report brought the thermometer of the Newark Church to \$497. One in the congregation then donated \$3 to complete the \$500 goal. Of this amount the young gathered \$185.78. The church school \$80.80. After the reports the congregation united in singing, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Let one of your New Year resolutions be to observe the Morning Watch during 1917. Satan will urge you not to make such a resolution. He knows very well how hard it is for him even to discourage those who take time to begin each day alone with God and His word, praying earnestly for wisdom and strength to do right in all things today. But make the resolution and keep the little calendar where it will remind you each morning of your appointment with the Master and then use it to guide you in your reading.

Order the Morning Watch Calendar from your tract society. Price five cents per copy.

Washington Missionary College

News Notes

Mrs. G. W. Caviness spoke at the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon, December 9.

The Week of Prayer brought many blessings to Washington Missionary College. Elder Wilkinson met with the students at chapel several mornings, and conducted the revival services on Tuesday and Thursday. At these meetings nearly the entire school renewed their consecration vows. Several for the first time gave their hearts to the Lord, and some who had gone backward in their experience took a new stand.

Mr. Hugh Miller and wife, representatives of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Korea, recently visited the school. During the chapel hour on Wednesday morning, Mr. Miller conveyed to us the greetings of Elder Butterfield and his associates. Mr. Miller has spent seventeen years in Korea, and has witnessed the development of Western civilization in that country which had for so long shut itself off from outside influences. The circulation of the Bible has been one of the chief factors in bringing about a new era in Korea.

Elder A. R. Sandborn, of New Jersey, recently visited his daughters, Mrs. Renninger, and Miss Neva Sandborn.

The Christmas vacation began Thursday, December 21. A large number of students went home to spend the holidays.

Twenty-eight seniors met for class organization Thursday, December 21. The following officers were elected: president, Charles Patterson; vice-president, Rachel Salisbury; secretary, Jessie Evans; treasurer, Thomas Little.

Mrs. John Dimock has returned home after spending several months in Canada.

Mrs. William Myers, of Harrisburg was the guest of the Misses Gerhart and Masters from Friday until Sunday of last week.

The Review and Herald Band rendered a programme in the Sanitarium Natorium, Thursday evening. Clarence Palmer and Eldon Lockwood, students of the College, are members of the Band.

Chesapeake, Week Ending, December 22, 1916

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Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending October 28, 1916

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Value	1915
Ohio	23	2489	2299 45	2305 78
W. Pennsylvania	15	1215	1511 65	777 00
W. Virginia	6	751	1072 15	787 35
Virginia	6	565	1007 45	918 80
Chesapeake	6	430	799 85	793 30
E. Pennsylvania	8	556	528 00	188 10
District of Columbia	5	69	328 98	489 68
New Jersey	6	313	247 80	181 75
Totals	75	6388	\$7795 33	\$6441 67

Dr. Mitchell Carrol (George Washington University) gave a stereopticon lecture to the students, the evening of December 14, on Athens, Rome and Washington.

Dr. Carroll explained that archeology was only a story of what the ancients had left for us, and showed that even in old Athens education and culture flourished. Besides this, it was the aim of the Athenians, especially during the "Golden Age of Pericles" to make their city beautiful. In comparison, Dr. Carroll spoke of Rome, with its great public buildings, its broad streets and its forum, into which thousands of people gathered to hear the speeches of the orators. One-eighth of the city was converted into parks where the throbbing city life could find breath. And lastly, he pictured Washington, as it is, and afterward what it will be when present plans for beautifying it are completed.

At the close, Dr. Carroll asked for our support to make Washington the most beautiful city in the world, to which every student gave loud acclamation.

The students who remained here are enjoying games or marches nearly every evening.

Friday evening the students attended the Park Church to hear an address by Elder C. S. Longacre on "The Two Crowns."

Mrs. Votaw entertained her Sabbath school class at her home Saturday evening. After the program, which consisted of music and games, refreshments were served; and all found presents awaiting them on the Christmas tree.

Christmas eve a program, consisting of music, games, and a reading by Mrs. Caviness, was given in the dining room. Nearly every one had put a ten cent present on the Christmas tree; so in turn was entitled to draw a present. In due time Santa Claus appeared and distributed the presents.

Prof. Votaw's mother, Mrs. Votaw of Ohio, is spending some time with him here.

Former students of Mount Vernon College and Academy, enjoyed a reunion at Professor Butler's home, Tuesday evening, December nineteen. A varied program was rendered, a special feature of which was a number given by the Old Mount Vernon Quartet. Light refreshments were served.

OBITUARIES

VINTERS.—Mrs. Amanda Vinters died of heart trouble in the Jersey City hospital December 15, 1916, aged 61 years. The deceased, whose maiden name was Amanda Millward, was married to William Louis Vinters, May 18, 1880, he died February 4, 1914. Sister Vinters was one of three remaining charter members of the Jersey City No. 2 Church, having become a convert to the truths of the Third Angel's Message about twenty years ago. Her courage in the Lord was firm to the end. She sleeps waiting to hear her Saviour's voice. C. E. GULICK.

WOODS.—On December 21, 1916, Mrs. Ada C. Woods departed this life at her home near New Market, Virginia, after having suffered from the infirmities of old age for

the past several years, aged 78 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

The deceased was twice married. Her first husband was Mr. John Kingree by whom she had one son, Mr. Frank Kingree who resides near the home place. Her second husband was Mr. Simeon Woods who died February 12, 1879. They had five children—two sons and three daughters. Of this number the following survive: Mr. Carl V. Woods and Miss Sadie F. Woods at home; and Mrs. E. S. Parrott (Eltie), of Battle Creek, Michigan. Their daughter Mary died in 1878 when about two years old; Mr. Robert L. Woods died February 14, 1894, at Battle Creek, Michigan, in his 24th year.

Forty years ago, together with her husband, Mr. Simeon Woods, Mrs. Woods became one of the charter members of the first Seventh-day Adventist Church organized in Virginia, under the preaching of Elders Corliss and Lane. She remained a faithful and consistent member till the time of her death. She was laid to rest in the family graveyard near by, the funeral services being conducted by the writer from Romans 6:23.

R. D. HOTTEL.

ANDRE.—Olive Blanch Andre, youngest daughter of Isaac and Hannah Kaufman, was born in Morrow County, O., July 30, 1864. On October 19, 1887 she was united in marriage to Marcellus Andre. To this union were born, Mabel H. and Ethel M. who were a great comfort to their mother, especially so during the last few years of her life when in a state of declining health. When she was but seven years of age, her parents united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which she became a member a few years later, remaining faithful until she fell asleep in Jesus, December 8, 1916. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, two daughters, one brother, two sisters and other relatives. She will be missed in her home, in the church, and in the neighborhood where she lived. After a funeral service at the home conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder N. S. Ashton, we laid her to rest a little while under the benediction of heaven "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

An Important Matter

The *Liberty* magazine for the first quarter of 1917 contains the decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, granting full religious liberty to our people. It contains the arguments which were made before that court, setting forth our views upon religious liberty. This is the first decision of a supreme court which has recognized our religious rights under the Constitution to work or carry on merchandising on Sunday. This important decision ought to be placed in the hands of every judge and lawyer in the country.

In Tune with God

All stringed instruments quickly get out of tune. The action of the atmosphere, and the constant vibration in playing, relax the strings so that they need to be retuned very often, sometimes many times a day.

"Man is like a violin. He soon gets out of tune with God. The wear and tear of life, and the demoralizing atmosphere which sin creates, so affect his disposition that he needs to be brought into harmony with God every morning. It is not surprising, when we consider the subtlety of sin and the weakness of the flesh; rather it is 'strange that a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long.'

"Nothing else will bring the believer into touch with God so soon as a little taste of the divine Word. For devotional purposes the Psalms are perhaps the best, because they cover so wide a range of experience. Here we find aspiration and confession, joy and sorrow, adoration and praise. Here we behold the calm confidence which grows out of a sublime faith: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Again, we meet the bitter anguish which comes from ingratitude or unrequited love; or the ecstasy of sins forgiven, as in Psalm 32; or the passionate plea for mercy, in Psalm 51; or the shout of triumph, in Psalm 68. It is doubtful whether there is any experience in life for which we cannot find a duplicate in the Psalter, and, noting how the man after God's own heart behaved in similar emergencies, we are unconsciously led into the same feeling."

Could any words be more appropriate as an introduction to another admonition to procure a Morning Watch Calendar and form the Morning Watch habit? For your own soul's sake, and for other's sake, we again invite you. For the joy and comfort, for the strength and victory, and for the added power for service that will come to you we urge you to make haste.

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,

"Or others, that we are not always strong? True, the year has already begun. Wait till next year to begin? Wait? Does anyone dare say that? Another year without the joy of daily fellowship with Him? To some who read these lines, it is "now or never."

M. E. KERN.

Love and Duty

Let those who have a tendency to sympathize unduly with evildoers who happen to be their kin read Testimonies Vol. 3, pp. 195, 196 and see whether you really love your Saviour better than your kin-

dred or not. He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me is not worthy of Me. Matt. 10:37,38.

Do you sympathize for the sake of peace? if so, then read the preceeding verses 34-36.

Patience

James 1:4

Let patience have her perfect work,
That ye be perfect and entire;"
The dross must all be purged away,
And gold is purified with fire.

Thus firey trials off' are sent
By our dear Father in His love;
To purge away all earthly dross,
And fit us for our home above.

More precious in our Father's sight
Than earthly gold or treasures rare,
The soul, that, purified from sin,
Reflects the Saviour's character.

Thine image, Lord, we would reflect,
Of Thy sweet will we more would know,
Thy patient spirit would possess,
And in Thy grace and knowledge grow.

O, teach our souls submission Lord!
Though Thou mayest purify with fire
Purge Thou the dross of sin away,
And make us perfect and entire.

—Mary E. Mount.

How Many?

Do you know how many Morning Watch Calendars are being printed for 1917? Australia is planning an edition of 20,000; England, China, Japan and other countries are printing for their own use; Spain is printing for the Spanish fields. But it is the American edition that concerns you most. Last year the Review and Herald published 35,000.

For 1917 a large edition has been printed, and other editions will be printed as fast as necessary.

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Just this morning a letter came from a nurse who is in the Red-Cross service in Bulgaria. She regrets very much that she failed to get the Morning Watch Calendar for the present year and says, "Please send me one when they come out." The Calendar is helping thousands in their endeavor to live the victorious life. It will help all in your community who will use it; then will you not try to get all of them to obtain copies of this little daily reminder that it may help them in their personal devotions?

Some Excellent Literature Cheap

The publishers of *The Watchman* have on hand a quantity of back numbers of *The Watchman* magazine which have accumulated during the past two years. In order to clear their shelves of these magazines they are offering them as long as they last at \$1 per hundred, postpaid. We think this is a splendid opportunity for our people to get some exceptionally good literature at an exceedingly low price for free distribution among their friends and neighbors. Most of these magazines have been issued since the European war and contain some very valuable and interesting matter.

Those desiring some of these magazines should order from their tract society at once. No doubt there are some of our ministers and other workers who will want a good supply to use in their work. These magazines contain the truth in *The Watchman's* own live and interesting style.

Truth Never Dies

Truth never dies; the ages come and go; The mountains wear away, the seas retire, Destruction lays Earth's mighty cities low; And empires, states, and dynasties expire, But caught and handed onward by the wise, Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the years,

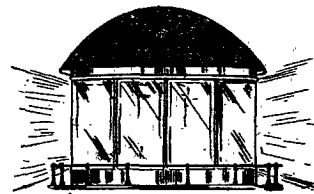
Though made the butt of ridicule and jest Though held aloft for mockery and jeer; Denied by those of transient powers pos-

sessed, Insulted by the insolence of lies, Truth never dies.

Truth answers not; it does not take offence, But with a mighty silence abides its time, As some great cliff that braves the elements, And lifts through all the storms its head sublime,

So truth unmoved, its puny foes defies and never dies.

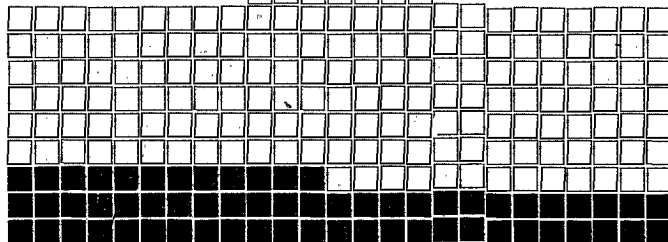
(This poem was composed recently by J. N. Watros, Norwalk, Ohio, soon 94 years of age.)



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