

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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UNION

Final Returns

Final returns from the Columbia Union Conference for 1916 are most encouraging. Never before have we been able to turn over to the General work so much money for the advancement of the General work. Our final check to the General Conference treasurer for the year 1916 was \$30,135.19! Our checks to the General Conference for the year show \$133,235.36, having passed from the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union to the General Conference. This is a gain of \$23,569.03 over the amount contributed during 1915.

Of the total amount contributed during the year the offerings to various missions represented by the twenty-cent-a-week fund amount to \$33,672.82. \$43,763.17 is the per cent of tithe given by the local conferences of the Union from their tithe receipts to the General work, the remaining \$5,800.00 are offerings from our brethren to miscellaneous enterprises outside of the Union.

Comparing with the income of 1915, the local conferences of the Union have had a gain in their tithe receipts of \$38,259.00, and a gain of \$10,099.78 in offerings to missions. The results in the outcome of the Harvest Ingathering is most gratifying. 1915 returns were a little more than \$8,000. We have doubled that amount this year and had a good start on another \$8,000.00. While we did not have the privilege of writing our check for \$25,000.00, we did write our check to include \$18,722.57 Harvest Ingathering money. A gain of more than \$10,000 over 1915! Some people were late in getting in their Harvest Ingathering money before the books were closed, so we would not be surprised if enough comes in during January on belated reports to show \$20,000 receipts on Harvest Ingathering instead of \$18,722.57. \$10,000 in cash has also come in for the Washington Missionary College Building Fund.

Other gains which can never be represented in cold figures are reported on every hand. Increased activity on the part of our church membership is most evident. Deep spiritual earnestness is taking possession of God's people. Un-

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

	Full Quota	Rec'd
West Virginia	\$ 808 00	\$ 911 38
Virginia	1733 00	923 29
Chesapeake	2446 00	1807 95
West Pennsylvania	2734 00	2488 74
New Jersey	3059 00	3034 02
District of Columbia	3241 00	2174 13
East Pennsylvania	3884 00	2370 92
Ohio	7095 00	5011 94
Totals	\$25000 00	18722 57

Each square represents \$200.

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

The black squares indicate the amount received.

Twenty-Cent-A-Week Fund

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916

Con.	Mem.	Amt. at \$10.40	Amt. Re'd	Amt. Sh.	Amt. Ov.	1915 Results	1916 1915	
							Av. per Mem.	Av. per Mem.
Chesapeake	725	7540 00	6656 13	883 87		†1000 05	.17½	.17
D. of Columbia	877	9120 80	9906 03		785 23	*105 89	.22	.20
E. Penn.	1150	11960 00	13621 66		1661 66	*64 17	.23	.20
N. Jersey	906	9422 40	9832 95		410 55	*652 28	.21	.21½
Ohio	2100	21840 00	26060 98		4220 98	*3121 17	.24	.22½
Virginia, Wh.	406	4222 40						
" Col.	108	842 40	5068 23		3 43	†2455 35	.19	.10½
W. Pa.	810	8424 00	9494 53		1070 53	*20 00	.22½	.20
W. Va.	240	2496 00	3032 31		536 31	*582 12	.24½	.25½
Union	7322	\$75868 00	\$83672 82	\$883 87	\$8688 69	\$4545 63	.22	.20
			Less Shortage		883 87	3455 40		
			Net Surplus		7804 82	1090 23		
			Total amount received during 1916		\$83672 82			
			" " " " 1915		\$73573 03			
			Gain in receipts 1916 over 1915		\$10099 79			
			* Amount over.		† Amount short.			

What thou wilt,
Thou must rather enforce it with thy smile
Than hew to it with thy sword.

—Shakespeare.

"Politeness has been compared to an
air cushion, which, although there is ap-
parently nothing in it, eases our jolts
wonderfully.

—Grace L. Carey.

ing efforts for loved ones, friends and neighbors is seen on every hand. Self-sacrifice in order that means shall flow into the treasury with which to send forth the living representative is witnessed in so many churches. Brotherly love and the cementing of hearts, and the interests of God's children is manifest, and consecration, deep devotion and the surrender of themselves and their all is taking possession of the brethren and sisters as the end rapidly approaches.

Now a word concerning the losses. Debts are fast vanishing. If the good work continues, soon it will take a powerful telescope to discover any. A few scars remain but with the new growth of beauty and development these will never be noticed. Interest—the word almost frightens us as we think of the horrible looking thing we found attached to our records. We found the creature in almost every book we opened. Well, we are glad to report no trace of them on some books now, and but little encouragement is given the miserable creatures in other institutions and soon we can report their utter annihilation. With debts and interest gone, criticism may soon be an unknown quantity.

With the magnificent gain in 1916 and the decrease of the undesirable, who can estimate the gain for 1917? We herewith give a detailed report of the mission offerings and Harvest Ingathering.

R. T. DOWSETT.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Religious Liberty Day

To Our Brethren in the East Pennsylvania Conference

The Capital of the Nation is the headquarters of the work of Seventh-day Adventists. This is in exact accordance with the eternal fitness of things. For in this country is to be fought to a finish, the last great battle for the Word of God and liberty of conscience. We are there to enter against the final apostasy, a last mighty protest.

Now is the time to prepare for that final conflict that is so near at hand. The Religious Liberty program for February 24 will be found to be of thrilling interest. An offering will be taken at that time for this work.

This is the only offering for the Religious Liberty work taken during the year, and we earnestly request that every member of the church and every friend present at this special meeting give a liberal offering to this important work which is indeed a vital part of the Third Angel's Message. J. S. WASHBURN, Secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania Religious Liberty Association.

A Missionary Letter

Estacao Sao Bernardo,
Sao Paulo, Brazil,
December 16, 1916.

My dear Sister:

Actually I am going to write you a letter. A nice one was received from you a few weeks ago. I know I am very remiss, but the pressure of the work is my only excuse. I got so deeply into the children's work that with my patients and my Bible readers, I got so run down that I was forced to take a vacation. I never could have seen my way clear to do it if I could have kept on the warpath, but my heart got to beating strongly and flopping, it seemed all over my body, that the English Doctor packed me off to the hospital, where he treated me for two weeks. Nothing was the matter, only I was too tired to rest. I am resting here in the home of dear Sister Spies, who is a mother to us all. Now I have time to write you a letter of our joys and sorrows. In the first place, I received a letter from Sister Rice yesterday, telling that another visitor had come and no letter from me. I feel certain then that one or more letters to you have been lost. I cannot tell how long ago I wrote the last one, but long enough to have been published, when she wrote three weeks ago.

I have here with me my nice Spanish sister, who was a spiritualist and theophist. You remember she came to our tent meetings in our effort one year ago and I gave her readings in her home. She took care of me the six weeks I was on my back: A mother and nurse of the best kind; we are living together yet, but she is working in the printing office which is near here. I am able to do all my light house keeping now, (except my washing and ironing) and look after her three dear children. I wish you could hear these darlings sing. They know at least 200 hymns, most of them with our familiar American tunes. Of a great many of these they can sing all the verses without the book. They sing alone sometimes, standing up before the church with others or alone. They have rich, true voices; their ages are 7, 9, 11. The seven year old one does not read yet, but sings all the words. They treasure all their memory verse cards and write the verses in Portuguese on the back. This last quarter we have had the cards from the states, before that, the children helped me make them.

Laura, the 11 year old girl, is really a little wonder. I have read in children's story books how little girls, (whose mothers were poor and had to work for a living), cooked and cleaned house and washed clothes and took care of baby, but I never saw a real live one until now.

Laura does all the work except the mending, baking the bread and rubbing the clothes, although she can do the latter, too. She does all the cooking and has the meals on time too, without any help. I help most in keeping the other two up to their share of the work. They have a mania for climbing trees and playing with the goats.

Each one of the girls was given a 3 cent piece by Sister Carter in order to gain 10 of them for missions by Christmas time. Each planted a garden of lettuce and other things. Laura's things have done well and I have bought them for 10 pieces of money. The chickens got into the garden and ate Clara's lettuce all up. She is the nine year old girl. The goats (we have 10 of them), got in another day and ate all that Mercedes had. Clara has nevertheless earned her share of the offering, selling our truth filled paper and Mercedes has earned hers by being sweet and helping her sister. Of course, her auntie (I), sees that she does not get left behind. They have worked faithfully for 2 months to earn the money. I tell them that is the way their little sisters in America earn theirs.

Brother Brown baptized 10 or 12 here in the lake a month ago. 2 of my dear little girls went into the watery grave (not the Spanish girls) they were about 13 and 14 years old. I had 5 in my class, preparing for baptism, but the others are waiting for another time. I forgot to say that I have been teaching Laura to play the organ. She has mastered about 8 hymns that she can play for the others to sing. Before I got sick, she played during the church service in Sao Paulo and the other 18 or 20 sang. I was so proud of her and one mother said she was so surprised to see Laura seat herself at the organ, that she held her breath, expecting to see her break down every minute, but my Laura—no! no!—she went right straight through without a halt.

Sister and Brother Carter have come to live in Sao Bernardo. Brother Carter is our General Canvassing Agent. We gave Sister Spies a surprise party day before yesterday. Sister Brown was here, also Sister Hoy. We had the wide veranda decorated with greens and the sisters from the other cottages sent lovely bouquets of chrysanthemums and other garden flowers and we ate there a real adventist lunch. It was such fun. I had not relaxed enough since I have been in the truth to work for and enjoy a party. I felt like a child on the day that school closes for the summer. Afterwards the German sisters came up and we spent the afternoon singing.

Our dear Corine has been asked to go to Rio Grande de Sul, in the South, to help Brother Meyer. All our conference

people know him, he was pastor of the Philadelphia German Church before Brother Schwedrat. She feels very badly about leaving Sao Paulo, but like a true missionary she goes bravely to a new and untried field. She has the faculty of making friends wherever she goes and there are many who will not be able to keep back the tears when the 29th comes. She has been giving me hydrotherapy and massage the last few weeks and the treatments have helped me wonderfully. We are to have a male nurse and his wife from the Argentine San to do the health work here, so I am expecting more rest in that line when I take up my work again.

Sister Carter and Mabel Spies and I have a class here on Sabbath afternoons in which we are translating "Early Writings" for the sisters. How they enjoy it! just as we did when we read it for the first time.

I am sending you 3 memory verse cards which Clara helped me to make and which she has kept for many months. The one of the ark she made all herself. The lamp I made and she wrote the memory verse. You will see her name on the back. Her name would be "Clear Days" in English for "Clara" means "clear." The third card is to represent our talents, our time, friends, plays, heart, etc., and the picture of one of our pennies or the 3 cent piece (which is the smallest we have) you will see. These cards I thought perhaps the home little friends would like to see. It is evident that we are poor and paper is very expensive from the quality we have used, but the children here have never had or seen anything nice, so they are perfectly satisfied with this.

From what I have said of my three Spanish girlies you may think that they were born with sweet dispositions and have nothing to overcome like we at home. Now I will tell you how it really is. When I first knew the mother, she told me that Laura was so naughty that she could not do anything with her that she must put her in some family where she would be under discipline. I had her come to me (for I was living all alone) and she staid a month or more until we all moved into a house together. She was all right until she got back with her sisters and mother again, then she was constantly getting angry, slapping the younger ones and there was a general war all the time. I saw the difficulty, a hot temper, which must be overcome through much prayer and watching. Her willingness to overcome was soon gained, then the victories began soon to be gained also. Many times the little hand would go out as it was accustomed and hurt the sisters, but the head would droop with repentance and I knew she united with me in praying for forgiveness and

victories in the future. She is ever so much better now and shows a true desire to gain eternal life. Mercedes, the youngest, also gains her victories. One morning, not long ago, I called the children for morning prayers and Mercedes said, "I don't want to come." I replied, "All right, no one need come who does not want to, we are going to meet with our Father and He only invites those who wish to come. I am going to thank Him for giving me a good night's rest and my breakfast and you dear little children to live with me." With this I went in with the other two and left her in the back yard with the goats and the chickens. I opened the organ and turned around to get the hymn book, when there in the door stood Mercedes, shame faced, but repentant, waiting for another invitation to enter. I ran to her saying, "O Mercedes has gained a victory and made Jesus so happy" then carried her to her accustomed seat. LOUISE V. WIERTS.

News Notes

Miss Flora Briggs, of the Review and Herald, is helping us in the office at present. Her help is much appreciated.

Miss Selina Bishop of Scranton, has undergone a serious operation recently at the Jefferson hospital for removal of adenoids and tonsils. She is improving nicely.

Miss Loretta Taylor of New Jersey made the office a pleasant call on her way home from Washington.

Miss Emerson, our conference and tract society secretary and treasurer, and Brother Barrett, our new Home Missionary Secretary, are attending the Missionary Institute in Takoma Park.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE

A Colporteur's Institute will be held February 15 to 25 in Pittsburgh.

We fully believe the time has come for a greater work in our field, and as many have been impressed that they should be active laborers in this fast closing work, this ten day course in soul winning, will be a great benefit:

If God has spoken to your soul, please correspond with E. A. MANBY, *Field Secretary*, 7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

"On the great clock of time there is but one word—NOW."

CHESAPEAKE

Report of the colored work in the Chesapeake Conference

It has been quite a long time since we have been privileged to report the progress of the colored work in this field. As of old, the Lord has blessed in every department of the work and in every endeavor to enlarge the work among these needy people. Having some weak churches, we left Baltimore in June to hold tent efforts in Wilmington and Cheswold, Delaware, and the Lord blessed at both places. Our young worker at Wilmington reports several additions to the church there with a general revival of all the older members. We did not stay long enough in either Wilmington or Cheswold to fully develop the interest created, but aroused the interest, and because of the plan to begin the school at Baltimore, a report of which will appear later, left in the hands of the worker stationed at the church. At Cheswold we have baptized five loyal believers and there is a good interest among the people and a better regard for the truth than has been entertained for years. We did not wholly neglect Baltimore while these two efforts were going on, but returned every Sabbath and often Friday nights, and as the result of the summer's work in Baltimore, 33 were baptized, October, 1916. Brother Cox, who is now at Wilmington, Delaware, did faithful work with the church in my absence, visiting interested ones and establishing them fully in the message. During the year 1916 we baptized 61 into the Baltimore Church, some of these had united with the church during the later part of 1915 and were waiting for baptism, also there were 43 new additions to the church during 1916. To carry on the affairs of the church, (church expenses), there has been reported \$1590.84. \$1250.00 of this has been paid on the church debt. The balance for interest money and other incidentals. Our members have been very faithful with their tithes and Sabbath school offerings during the year 1916. The Baltimore Church reports as follows:- Tithes \$2005.68. This is the largest tithe ever paid by this church. In 1915 the tithe was \$1584.86, making the gain over 1915, \$420.42. With living high and times perilous, we believe the Lord has looked with favor upon us and we are indeed thankful. But our mission offerings were especially encouraging. During 1915 the third Baltimore Church reported \$ 575.09, and during the past year 1916, we report \$1092.08, a gain of \$516.99. With a

tithe of \$2005.68 it shows that heaven has blessed us with money to the amount of \$200568.00 that is, our poor members have earned over two hundred thousand five hundred dollars in the past year. To my mind this is wonderful considering we have but a few over 200 members, and should forever settle it in everybody's mind that God can and will take care of those, who, casting all upon Him, serve Him with the whole heart.

Every organization in the church is of good courage: the brotherhood is a splendid body of men, aiming to keep the men of good courage and to distribute tracts and do every kind of missionary work that comes to hand. They help the church considerably through their special offerings. For our other churches in this conference among the colored people, I must say that there is every evidence of advance. We have but one ordained minister to labor for our people and no Bible workers at the present, and but one missionary licentiate, Brother Cox at Wilmington. Before long we hope to have plenty of laborers for not only this but other fields, as our school will strain every effort to develop workers for the cause. At the present our church has sent out, two Bible workers, two missionary licentiates, who no doubt will receive ministerial license this year, and four church school teachers. Others are fast preparing and will be ready to do creditable work in a very short while.

It seems to be the burden of all our people that more must be done for the millions of colored people yet unwarned. It is heart touching when we know that these people will be loyal to the message, but as yet know nothing about it. Here in the Chesapeake Conference are 300,000 colored people and hardly 100,000 have heard enough of the message to even partly understand it. We have but four churches, we should have 40. My heart was sorely grieved when I heard of the amount of the colored offering here in our own conference. \$68.00 was reported last November and of that amount the third Baltimore Church gave \$44.00, notwithstanding there are 18 or 20 other churches in the conference. I ask the brethren who shall read this article to become burdened for these people. I pray that you may feel more and more impressed to help them by way of liberal contributions. We need better school equipment, church buildings, tent companies, etc. I ask all to help our loyal ministers to double and re-double their membership. The Cushite is to be among the remnant, Isa. 11:11 and when he takes his place in this message he will be faithful to his vows to God and assist mightily in

giving the message to those of other races.

From all our colored believers we have received during the year 1916 \$1408.77 for mission work. Tithe amounted to \$2793.01 or a total of \$4201.78 sent in to the conference treasurer. We are of good courage in the Lord and hope to see a greater advance in our work this year than ever before. We ask your prayers, that our few workers will be faithful and daily filled with the Spirit of the Lord.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

News Notes

The annual conference audit was held January 26. Besides the committee, Elder R. T. Dowsett, Dr. H. N. Sisco, and several other of the brethren were present.

Miss Emma Newcomer, the conference secretary, is in Washington at the present time attending the Bookmen's and Home Missionary Convention. H. E. Wagner, the assistant, attended the first week of the convention.

Elder Booths' meetings are progressing nicely. He spoke on the Sabbath question last Sunday evening, and after the lecture he made a call for those who would keep the Sabbath. About two-thirds of the congregation stood, signifying their intention. Pray for Elder Booth and his corpse of workers in Baltimore.

We regret to announce the death of one of our old members and a former Bible worker, Miss Josephine Frazier. She has been confined to her home for a number of years suffering with rheumatism. We are sure she sleeps in Jesus and shall come up in the first resurrection. No doubt the obituary will appear later.

Messrs. E. E. Hankins, H. F. Kirk and T. H. Barritt were in Baltimore Sabbath, January 27. We are sure all their friends were glad to meet them again. With them we say: "Forget me not. Time and absence cannot part the friendship that is in the heart."

OHIO

Notice

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, formerly of 2209 Lawn Ave., North Norwood, Ohio (Bible workers in Cincinnati), now live at Tujunga, Calif.

Are you up to date in reading your Bible through during 1917? Exodus should have been finished by February 1. Neat little slips, containing the outline for each month, have just been received. These are free. Send for one and keep it in your Bible so you can check up from time to time.

An enthusiastic Chinese Sabbath School planned a neat device to be used in encouraging offerings to missions. After they had used it successfully, it was sent on to Washington. Now copies have come in to our Sabbath Schools. We hope you will enjoy them and that the same spirit of service will be found in our ranks as was manifest in that distant land.

"The experience of the Israelites was written for the instruction of those who should live in the last days. Before the overflowing scourge shall come upon the dwellers of the earth, the Lord calls upon all who are Israelites indeed to prepare for that event. To parents He sends the warning cry, 'Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Get out of the large cities as fast as possible. Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education.' This is full of beautiful lessons, and if pupils make it their study in the primary grade below, they will be prepared for the higher grade above." Vol. 6, p. 195.

VIRGINIA

Strengthen Thy Stakes

When I arose on the early morning of January 8, after praying, these words came to me while at study: "Strengthen thy stakes." I remembered of seeing these words, or reading them, or hearing them, some where. So, I searched and found them recorded in Isa. 54:2-5. When I opened my Bible to read, I found that the leaf had been turned in over a part of these verses. (First and second.) Then joy came to me: because I had been directed to the scripture. Before this I prayed, saying, "Father I have seen these words some where." Soon I found them and I was made glad.

Then, I wondered what was the meaning of these words? I prayed again. I felt much impressed to read some thing from the "Testimonies" for the children at meeting the same night. I got the "Testimonies" to see what was communicated to the servant of the Lord. After

searching, I found recorded in Vol. 6, pp. 28-30, the instruction. I read each line carefully and noticed carefully the message given and took in the contents as I read. Then, coming to the 29th page, I noticed the middle paragraph. "The missionary spirit needs to be revived in our churches. Every member of the church should study how to help forward the work of God, both in—"home" missions—and in foreign countries. Scarcely a thousandth part of the work is being done that ought to be done in missionary fields.

God calls upon His workers to annex new territory for Him. There are rich fields of toil waiting for the faithful worker. And ministering angels will co-operate with every member of the church who will labor unselfishly for the Master." Vol. 6, No. 34, p. 29.

I quote from Vol. 9, p.226. "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them. Multitudes of men and women in this field feel their deep poverty and their need of uplifting."

My dear brethren and sisters, Christ is now saying to you: "Lift up your eyes and look on this southern field, for it needs workers—sowers of the seed, and reapers."

When I looked over the church treasurer's books for the preceding year, I found that the members had given at times more to the "foreign fields" than to "Homefields," even when the home field was in great need. This, I looked at carefully and thanked the Lord that it was so. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So with God's help we shall come along as the Lord helps us here.

We are greatly in need of a memorial in the city of Norfolk for my people, also Portsmouth. Especially Norfolk, where the work has been established for 15 years. Surely, a memorial in this city would add souls to the cause and enrich the treasury, and we could see double results where we see very little at the present.

Last Sabbath we met in the rooms of one of our sisters. The large room was filled, with some in the smaller. When we dismissed; it was very difficult to pass each other: for a stove, with the chairs and members, with visitors, would not allow us to do very much walking. We kept turning: at last reached the door.

Can we not bring this place on "Vantage ground?" W. H. SEBASTIAN.

"By the street of "by and by" one arrives at the house of "never"—Cervantes.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

Elder Sandborn has returned from the West.

The workers in New Jersey, who attended the institute at Washington, came home, loaded with good ideas for the advancement of the work in the conference.

Three persons in New Jersey received certificates for completing the 1915-1916, Sabbath School Worker's Training Course. They are: Mrs. Andrew Hausen, Mrs. Anna Clayton, Miss Ida Paulson. May there be at least 100 who will successfully complete the 1917 course. It is a valuable one.

Brother L. A. Newgard left Trenton, January 27, to take up work in Indiana. Sister Newgard and little son Louis will join him in a few weeks. We are sorry to lose these friends from our conference.

The New Jersey Missionary Volunteer goal for 1916 was more than doubled in every point, and on mission funds the young people raised \$800 more than their goal called for. The goal assigned was:

1916 M. V. GOAL

- 22 young people converted
- 22 to read the Bible through
- 11 attainment certificates
- 28 reading course certificates
- \$440 for missions

RESULTS REACHED

- 50 young people converted
- 50 finished Bible year
- 25 attainment certificates earned
- \$1250 for missions

Cape May Court House Volunteer Society earned 22 reading course certificates during 1916. Will your society do equally well this new year?

The Sabbath School offerings for 1916 amounted to \$5500 as compared with \$4300 in 1915.

The death of Sister Rambo of Fairton, leaves a vacant place in many hearts and in the work in South Jersey that only the kind Father in heaven can fill. The school at Ramah will continue as before, with Miss Rambo and Miss Whitcomb in charge. Pray for the work there.

Are you planning for the March Standard of Attainment examination? You

have six weeks yet. If you cannot prepare for both Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, concentrate your efforts upon one of these subjects and resolve to "pass" with honor. Then you can have all summer to prepare for the other subject which may be taken at the September examination. Resolve to be an attainment member by the close of 1917!

Dont forget the Trenton Missionary Volunteer Convention, February 8-11. Elder Mac Guire will be with us.

A Home in Sunny Florida

"Desiring to be more free to do gospel work, I am offering for sale at a sacrifice my beautiful country home and valuable farm of 115 acres, two and one-fourth miles northwest of Bowling Green, on the Atlantic Coast line Railroad.

"The dwelling is a ten-room house—bathroom, four bedrooms, sitting rooms, etc. A few rods from this house, there is a second house, with eight rooms; very comfortable and suitable for help or renters. Two large barns, small packing house, excellent for storing, etc. Near large dwelling is one of the finest wells in Florida, of pure soft water.

"Very valuable orange and grapefruit grove of 12 acres, planted twenty years ago, and now in full bearing. Ten acres of excellent grove land could be easily planted to increase the grove.

"Also about 5 acres of the very best kind and quality of grafted pecans, rapidly coming into bearing. Pecans are fully as valuable per acre as orange groves.

"Upwards of 50 acres are fenced and in cultivation. Soil, much better than the average Florida soil. There are 20 acres of muck land,—muck,—from one to eight feet deep. When drained, cleared, and cultivated, very valuable for gardening and truck land, requiring far less fertilizing than ordinary pine land. It can be easily drained.

"A nice spring pond near the barns, for watering stock. A fine stream of water flows across part of the place, affording facility for irrigation if desired. An excellent quality of hay readily grows on the place, sufficient to fill the barns.

"The place is excellent for raising horses and other stock. Ideal for poultry and bees.

"Two immense magnolia trees in front yard (I have never seen finer), with other ornamental trees, oak, chestnut, camphor, etc.

"The orange and pecan groves of 17 acres alone are cheap at \$10,000; but that we may be free to do ministerial work we are offering the entire place for the sum

of \$10,000 cash.

"We heartily invite visits and personal inspection. Write to the owner at once, at Twin Magnolias, Bowling Green, Fla."—From *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

Mount Vernon Academy

News Notes

Miss Juanita Fairchild, a former student, visited Miss Ruth Fairchild for several days.

The dormitory girls entertained the boys last Saturday night. The dining hall was decorated with blue and white and the boys were ushered in. The girls all wore white middies and blue ties and marched in, singing, "Jingle Bells," a song composed by Miss Florence Ashley. Recitations were rendered, games were played and refreshments were served. The boys also had the privilege of visiting the girls' rooms.

Miss Iva Harkins, one of our last year's girls, spent several days at the academy, visiting with the Misses Hazel Read and Rose Craig.

Miss Adeline Ernst, of Mansfield, Ohio, spent the week end with Miss Ethel Andre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dotson of Elyria, Ohio, were on their way to Hannahdale, W. Va., and stopped off at the academy to visit Miss Malena Williams.

A senior class of seventeen graduates was organized last week. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Otto Hershberger; vice president, Mr. Earl Hackman; secretary, Miss Ethel Andre; treasurer, Miss Bernice Coe.

Mrs. J. E. Phillips of Sandusky, Ohio, brought her son Travis to the academy last week. We welcome him into our midst.

Mrs. E. J. Stipeck visited at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

W. J. Walter, secretary and treasurer of the Wisconsin Tract Society, visited his daughter, Miss Wilma Walter, last week. We were pleased to have him conduct morning worship for the young ladies and also to address the students in chapel on Wednesday morning. He emphasized especially the "New Birth" and "The Victorious Life."

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 26, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	45	20	75 50	7 50	83 00	6 00
E. C. Alexander, Adams, Co.		BR	5	39	12	46 50	3 75	50 25	27 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Huron Co.		BR	5	36	4	16 20	50	16 70	8 50
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		BR	5	34	2	9 00		9 00	24 50
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	34	4	13 00		13 00	14 00
R. H. Patterson, Springfield		BR	5	33	13	48 50		48 50	
D. McCarthy, Mahoning Co.		BR	5	33	11	38 50	1 50	40 00	3 50
J. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	33	10	37 00	4 25	41 25	75
Mrs. Kelley, Springfield		CK	5	31	7	16 00	3 50	19 50	32 00
Clara Weber, Springfield		CK	5	28	10	10 00	25	16 25	19 00
W. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		BR	5	27	2	8 00	25	8 25	25
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	25	16	59 00	6 00	65 00	
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	3	25	3	11 50		11 50	
J. D. Fellabaum, Springfield		BR	5	20					37 00
E. E. Goodrich, Champaign Co.		BR	3	16					51 25
Mrs. Nelson, Springfield		BR	3	15	4	14 00		14 00	
Totals	15 Agents			74	474	118 \$408 70	\$27 50	\$436 20	\$224 25

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 19, 1917									
C. G. Mays, Moundsville		BR	5	19	3	12 50	75	13 25	
W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville		BR	5	21	8	28 00	5 75	33 75	2 35
J. S. Seal, Cedar Grove		BR	4	21	17	62 50	6 00	68 50	75
John Fahrner, Cedar Grove		BR	5	31	9	32 50	27 25	59 75	10 75
T. M. Butler, Salem		BR	5	40	9	36 50	6 00	42 50	92 00
G. E. Snyder, Harrison, Co.		BF	5	40	8	30 00	2 25	32 25	26 85
John McHenry McDowell Co.		BF	5	41	32	64 00	11 45	75 45	139 95
W. E. West, McDowell Co.		BF	5	38	35	73 00		73 00	59 85
Totals	8 Agents			39	251	121 \$339 00	\$59 45	\$398 45	\$332 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 26, 1917									
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		PPF	5	39	16	40 25	37 40	77 65	30 30
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co		BR	5	36	14	53 00	2 75	55 75	50
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Somerset Co.		BF	5	22	16	32 00	4 20	36 20	
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	8	37	14	10 00	13 10	23 10	
W. H. House, Elk Co.		BF	5	38	9	21 50	20 00	41 50	9 00
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		HW	10	52	72	26 40		26 40	26 40
John Morley, Venango Co.		BR	5	30	19	69 50	7 00	76 50	
Ray Powelson, Allegheny Co.		BR	3	11	1	1 50	3 25	4 75	4 50
Mrs. R. Powelson, Allegheny Co.		HW	4	20	16	9 25		9 25	14 00
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.		Mag		9			7 50	7 50	7 50
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	5	40	10	22 50	41 00	63 50	26 75
Totals	11 Agents			55	187	\$285 90	\$136 20	\$422 15	\$118 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 26, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.		BR	5	37	15	54 50	8 75	63 25	4 25
C. C. R. Hare, Carroll Co.		DR	3	21	5	18 50			
Totals	2 Agents			8	58	20 \$73 00	\$8 75	\$63 25	\$4 25
Grand Totals: 36 Agents of Orders						Value \$1106 60	Deliveries, \$679 90		

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Last Quarter, 1916
OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

Ohio	30	3360	3046 05	1982 40
District of Columbia	7	584	1438 55	533 75
West Virginia	7	787	1266 30	618 53
West Pennsylvania	13	1173	1161 70	832 14
Virginia	9	671	1008 46	779 00
East Pennsylvania	7	705	472 95	729 75
New Jersey	4	215	217 55	495 03
Chesapeake	6	400	442 75	476 55
Totals	83	7865	\$9154 31	\$7448 62

DECEMBER

Ohio	30	2866	3311 80	1050 10
West Pennsylvania	12	1495	1588 60	1480 35
West Virginia	10	832	1412 80	1754 90
District of Columbia	8	262	558 45	588 95
Virginia	8	283	433 75	388 65
Chesapeake	8	353	323 45	439 50
East Pennsylvania	6	303	220 70	471 60
New Jersey	3	56	52 40	216 95
Totals	85	6450	\$7903 00	\$6391 00

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.

FOR SALE.—A 30 acre, well watered farm, 25 acres under cultivation, small orchard, 1/4 acre in strawberries, 5 room house, barn and other necessary buildings 8 miles from city; price \$1000. For further information address Alonzo Snider, R. F. D. No. 2, Cumberland, Md.

WANTED.—A young woman to do general house work on farm; good home, and references can be given. Address Wilford Swope, R. No. 5, Hagerstown, Md.

Atlanta Dairy Farm for Sale—A Bargain

There has been donated to the Southern Junior College, the new central training school for the Southeastern Union Conferences, a good dairy farm in the edge of Atlanta, Ga. This farm is to be sold and the proceeds to be used in building up the new school. The farm is described as follows:—22 1/2 acres; 12 acres good bottom land; about five acres upland in small grain, and the rest in beautiful pine grove; good three room house, barn, well, splendid stream of water (running); 20 minute walk to car line; 20 minute walk to church school and Curtis Sanitarium. A most healthful location. Just the thing for family desiring to have church and church school privileges and yet live in the country. Suitable for dairy or general farming. Price \$4,850.

Every dollar goes to the school. It is needed now.

Write the Southeastern Union Conference, 169 Bryan St.; Atlanta, Ga., for particulars.

Notice

Old clothing and shoes for adults and children can be used to great advantage if sent now to W. H. Sebastian, 812 1/2 High Street, Portsmouth, Va. Prepay freight.

OBITUARIES

RAMBO.—Anna E., was born Aug. 31, 1863, and died of pneumonia, at the Bridgeton, N. J., hospital, after a nine days' illness, January 12, 1917, at the age of 53 years. During thirty years of conference, church and church school work, Sister Rambo made a large number of friends and acquaintances, all of whom, with the husband, two daughters and relatives, which survive her, sincerely mourn their loss.

She had been a leader in the church, a friend to the needy, a counsellor to the perplexed, and a mother to the motherless. Forty children and young people have, at different times, found a home under her hospitable roof,—a roof which was "never too small to shelter a homeless child" or youth. Such as were confronted by high ideals, their capabilities were studied, and their talents trained for the service of God.

Truly "a voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping," because a mother in Israel is not. But she shall come again from the land of the enemy; and her work shall be rewarded. Jer. 31:15-17. The educational work which was carried on by the deceased at Ramah, N. J., will be continued by the daughter, Elizabeth, and Miss Marion Whitcomb. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home of Sister Emma Behler, 115 Oak

Street, Bridgeton. Our sister sleeps in Jesus, in the Broad Street cemetery, hidden "as it were for a little moment until the indignation be overpast."

GEORGE W. SPIES.

STEVENS.—Sarah J., widow of the late Charles Stevens, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Judefind, Rock Hall, Md., January 16, 1917, aged 67 years. She leaves to mourn their loss of her loving presence and ministering care, a son and a daughter, five brothers and two sisters. She is missed and mourned by many friends and neighbors.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Shadel, assisted by the Methodist minister, Mr. Prettyman.

FRANCIS.—B. B. Having been a regular subscriber and an interested and faithful reader of the "Review and Herald" from the time of its beginning in the "Present Truth" form up to the time of his death, January 27, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio, is the remarkable and faithful record of Brother B. B. Francis, whom we laid to rest in Newark, Ohio, January 30, 1917. It is said that his subscription to that publication never lapsed till his death.

Brother Francis was 84 years and 2 months old when death took him. He was born near Black Hand, Licking County, Ohio, November 27, 1832. In 1855 he was married to Mary Iden, and to this union were born four children, of whom three survive. Following the death of his companion in the year 1888, he was again married, this time to Adeline Gregory. In 1876 he took residence in the city of Newark, Ohio, where he lived for 25 years. During nearly the entire last 15 years of his life, he resided in Bowling Green, Ohio. Besides the widow, he is survived by two sons, R. I. Francis, Newark, Ohio, John S. Francis, Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter, Mrs. Nora Fleming, Toledo, Ohio, and one brother, D. T. Francis, near Black Hand, Ohio. 58 years ago, under the labors of Elder M. E. Cornell, he accepted the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, and 18 years later united as a charter member with the Newark Seventh-day Adventist Church. To his lot fell the responsibility of leadership in the church, and for 25 years he served as its elder. To his initiative and oversight is due the erection of the church building wherein the Adventists now worship in that city. Rarely did he miss a camp-meeting. The ministration given him up to the time of his death revealed a strong indication that he was prepared to die and that he now sleeps in Jesus till in a short time from now he shall awake at the call of the Life Giver. The sermon text was Matt. 22:31, 32.

H. A. WEAVER.

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A young girl sat reading one night
By the lamp with rays shining bright:
A story book of modern thought.
Ah! little good that fiction taught.

The story's fascinating power
Caused her to read till a late hour.
It aroused emotions intense;
Pleasure, excitement, and suspense.

It fired imagination,
Filled the mind with strong sensation;
Exhausted all her nervous force,
Leaving her poor brain weak, of course.

She read until her tired mind
No peace, rest, or quiet could find,
And then knelt down this wretched girl
To pray with her head in a whirl.

But alas! her poor tortured brain
Was in agony from this strain.
I'm going mad! she wildly said,
And called her father from his bed.

A man so true, devout was he,
And full of faith as he could be.
He prayed for her, and peace returned.
A sad lesson his daughter learned.

Now the dear youth who read this rhyme
Of great peril are warned in time.
Shun literature that's not true
And stories that will injure you.

—Mary Judefind.

"Who cannot but see often times how strange the threads of our destiny run! Oft it is only for a moment the favorable instant is presented. We miss it, and months and years are lost."

Religious Liberty Day

February 24, the last Sabbath in February, will be devoted to the Religious Liberty work by all churches. Special programs are arranged for that day and the annual offering will be received at that time.

We hope that a liberal offering will be sent in, as this is the only source of revenue which the Religious Liberty Department has. Opportunity will be given at this time to renew subscriptions for the *Liberty magazine* and to receive new subscriptions. Price twenty-five cents per year to individual addresses.

May every church elder be impressed with the importance of this great work and carry out the program which will be sent to him.

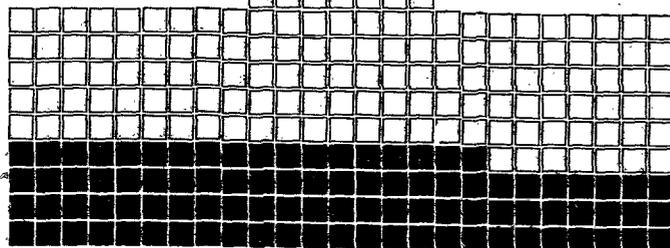
CORRECTION

Please refer to page 1, under heading, "Big Evangelistic Effort Planned in Philadelphia" and column 2, paragraph 1, which reads: "The price of the subscription for eight weeks will be 50 cents;" this should read: "The price of the subscription for the first four weeks for 50 cents." B. G. WILKINSON.

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West Pennsylvania		3915 25
West Virginia		1584 50
Chesapeake		722 66
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