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

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UNION

"One Week for God."

"A United Front for 1917 H. I."

The disconcerted, untrained hit and miss efforts of God's people in the past will not be sufficient to meet and to conquer the hosts of darkness in this "last great crisis." "Every power in the church is to be actively engaged on the side of Christ. The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast fulfilling prophecies. . . . We are on the verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against Heaven." Vol. 9:43.

The following striking words from Elder I. H. Evans express clearly and briefly the importance of the present situation. President Wilson said:

"The world is on fire. Sparks are likely to drop anywhere. Things are getting more and more difficult to handle. When the world is on fire, how much time do you want to take to be ready? When you know that there are combustible materials everywhere in the life of the world, and in your own national life, and that the sky is full of floating sparks from a conflagration, are you going to sit down and say it will be time enough to do something about it when the fire begins?"

If men in high places sense the times in which we are living as President Wilson's words indicate that he realizes the evil days into which we have fallen, how much more should you and I appreciate them! And the President speaks not from the viewpoint of a student of prophecy, but as a statesman.

To us who believe the third angel's message, and who are trying to give this message to all the world in this generation, comes the duty of using every legitimate agency in preparing a people for the coming of Christ, and of warning the world of its impending doom.

Never before has the world listened to, or so earnestly sought for, a clear, thoughtful interpretation of Bible prophecy as now. "What do these things mean?" is the password between men in all walks of life today.

The Harvest Ingathering is one means of allowing others to help pass on the "key" to present world conditions. Last year about \$126,000 was received, exceeding the goal we had been trying to reach by \$26,000.

This year the goal has been raised to \$150,000. If we can pass last year's mark to the amount we passed the goal of last year, we shall have won. But last year not only went \$26,000 beyond the goal, but lifted the Ingathering from about \$79,000 to \$126,000. Should we pass last year's record as much as last year exceeded any previous year's receipts, we should reach about \$183,000. But the goal is only \$150,000. Let every church resolve to reach and pass this during 1917.

This means a united front. It means that every church member will do his duty and contribute his share of time and strength to the raising of this fund."

Members of the Columbia Union Conference Committee passed a resolution that the workers in the Union Conference shall assist the local conference workers during September in organizing all the church members in the Union into prayer and missionary bands, and in drilling and training them for the strongest united and most intelligent Harvest Ingathering Campaign this year, that our people have ever participated in.

They have recommended that all church officers and members heartily co-operate in this work of organizing and training. That all Union and local conference workers, church officers, and members actually devote one entire week of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign to soliciting. That that week be during the month of October. During that week all the workers and members will move out as an army—8,000 strong—into the highways and hedges of the Columbia Union and they will accomplish more in one week than has ever been accomplished in the past three months. The workers will serve as Generals and the people as soldiers, and all will "work together and see what can be done."

The conferences have been districted with a conference worker-General-over each district. These generals will organize and have charge of the work in their districts. All the members will be supplied with the Harvest Ingathering

Watchman and instruction leaflets. All should make a prayerful study of these and carefully follow the instructions of the general over their district. Let none go out with haste, hit and miss. Each member will be assigned definite territory.

"The Lord gave the word, great was the army that published it." Ps. 68. An army is drilled and trained before it goes to battle. They are assigned definite work and territory. They move together, they work together and that is why they accomplish so much. May the Lord's people be truly an army in the Lord's work, and every member a soldier, prepared to endure hardness. Watch for the "ONE WEEK FOR GOD" SPECIAL VISITOR.

J. W. HIRLINGER,
C. U. Home Miss. Secy.

Our Big Week

Because of our deliveries and other interests that had already been planned, all the conferences were not able to join in the "Big Week" in the Union August 4-11. Two of the conferences that boosted the "Big Week" have exceptionally fine reports, far ahead of any weekly report they have submitted this summer.

A \$2,500 Report

West Virginia leads with a \$2,500 report. This is the largest report, the work all having been done in one week, that has been sent in by any conference in the Union during the past two years and I believe I am safe in saying, the best in the history of our work in this field. The Chesapeake Conference reports \$445.70 which is far above any weekly report produced this summer.

Colporteur--Churches

West Virginia had some Colporteur-Churches during the "Big Week" and they did a great work. The Clarksburg Church, a church of about 25 members, sold more than 1100 copies of the "World War" in the two bindings; their total sales amounting to \$318.75. Clarksburg I believe holds the highest record in our Union in total sales of a subscription book for one week. Churches that did splendid work were Morgantown, Charleston, Huntington, and Chester. Other churches and individuals sold \$435.50 worth of subscription books which is reported under miscellaneous.

We Find Out What We Can Do

These special efforts show us what we can do. Let me quote from one letter on this point which came in with a "Big Week" report.

"I am glad to report the biggest week I ever had in all my experience, so you may know that I am feeling very good over the success, and I am thankful to God for the blessings. I did the best I could and it has convinced me that more can be done if one puts forth the effort. I hope to make just as big a report from now on each week. I hope this will convince all members of the churches that they can do something for the Lord."

More Big Weeks for God

Carey, the Father of Modern Missions, once said, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." Let us adopt this motto, roll up our sleeves and go out into the field to accomplish great things with God this fall. So many times we are in the lowlands of discouragement when we might be on the mountain tops of victory. Thousands of homes await our bringing the "silent preachers."

"Just like the leaves of autumn we will sell the printed page

A work that every one can do regardless of his age,

Salvation to the purchaser, causes Satan rage,

While the truth goes marching on."

C. V. LEACH.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

Elder Sandborn met with the workers in Newark recently and found the tent company doing excellently. From 500 to 1000 people attend nightly and many are recognizing the great truths of the Message.

Brother and Sister Gibson have left their work in Trenton to assist as Bible workers in the Newark effort.

Brother Holman reports that splendid work is being done in Vineland. Five new members are keeping the Sabbath and several others are expected to take their stand soon.

Miss Iden has been on an extended trip through South Jersey looking after the school work there. She also spent several days in Jersey City and in the office at Trenton. Miss Iden is now employed by the North American Division Conference and has been arranging her work here preparatory to leaving.

Brother and Sister Mohr have been called to Philadelphia, where he is engaged as secretary and treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference. New Jersey feels the loss and Pennsylvania fully realizes the gain.

We are happy to report that Miss Ruth Sandborn is improving, and trust that she may continue to be strengthened during the beautiful autumn weather.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, who has been doing Bible work in Trenton, has returned to her home in Arlington, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Petty are rejoicing in the arrival of a new daughter. Miss Lilas was born on the 12th of August.

L. D. Warren of W. M. C., class of '17, is the new Educational, Sabbath School, and Y. P. M. V. secretary for the New Jersey Conference. Mr. Warren has been assisting Elder Baierle with the tent campaign in West Philadelphia.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

An Encouraging Experience

Miss Kimmell, one of our city Bible workers, has a class of students in an institution for old ladies in the city of Philadelphia, and while waiting for a car to return home, a lady came up to her and asked which car she should take to enable her to get home. Miss Kimmell replied, "You come with me, I am going the same direction." Both entered into a hearty conversation regarding the state of things existing in the world today, and Miss Kimmell showed her the "World War" which she was glad to purchase. After further conversation Miss Kimmell promised to send her some literature, and the following is a copy of the letter sent in return.

Ambler, Pa.,
Aug. 22, 1917.

My dear Miss Kimmell:

I have received the papers you so kindly sent me and read them with appreciation, but more than that, the thought that you have remembered the stranger you met and cheered on that "hottest day" has pleased me. How true is the saying "that the people we are to meet are coming from the ends of the earth to meet us, while the rest of the world goes by as ships that pass in the night."

You may be surprised to hear that I am expecting to come to the Home where

we met, for a time, as matron; if I do not see you before that time, I shall look forward to seeing you very often after October 1, and that we may spend some pleasant and profitable hours together.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Paul Paquin.

Let us all take advantage of these opportunities and speak a word for the Master. Someone may be helped, cheered, and possibly saved in the Kingdom of Glory.

T. H. BARRITT.
Home Miss. Sec.

News Notes

Lancaster Church is having some splendid experiences with their P. T. S. campaign.

Send in your order for the Anti-Tobacco number of "The Temperance Instructor." It is a splendid seller.

Everybody getting ready for a big Harvest Ingathering campaign. Remember our goal of \$5000. Every member at least \$5.

Elder J. W. Hiringer was a welcome caller at the office on Sunday last. He preached on the Sabbath at the West Philadelphia Church, and everyone enjoyed the message he had for them.

Elder D. A. Parsons is visiting Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Elkland and Stroudsburg.

Miss Acton is visiting Mohnton, Honesdale, Lake Ariel, and Reading in the interests of the church school work.

Harvest Ingathering will soon be here.

Let everybody be prepared.

Eastern Pennsylvania goal \$5000.

Individual goal not less than \$5.00.

Send in order for papers at once to tract society, through your church missionary secy.

Look out for the special campaign week:

Goal Dollar Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the Harrisburg Church. The earnest band of Missionary Volunteers had been working for days, selling

small books and magazines, that the offering for India might be worthy of the goal. The sixteen members brought together \$27 which showed the spirit that was working.

A new church school at Mohnton opens September 17. By earnest efforts and sacrifice, nice maps, blackboard, desks, and other necessities of the school life were procured for the band of children to be on hand for the service of the Master. Mr. H. C. Baumgartner is acting as teacher.

District of Columbia

News Notes

The day of fasting and prayer was observed at Memorial Church Sabbath, Sept. 1, Capitol Hill, Arlington, Ballston, and Mt. Rainier Churches uniting with Memorial Church in the service. The services lasted from 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Elder Philips, Brother Rees, and Brother Richards all gave interesting short talks and Brother A. J. Bristol conducted a Bible Reading. The baptismal service at 3:00 P. M. in which sixteen new believers were raised to newness of life, was perhaps the most important feature of the day. The church was crowded and the manifest presence of the spirit of the Lord brought to each heart present an experience long to be remembered. We hope to have more such meetings frequently.

The tent effort at Laurel, Md., began Thursday, August 30. Some opposition has already been met on the part of local ministers of other denominations and a lively time is a possibility. However, "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth," and some are becoming more interested in our meetings because of warnings given in their Sunday services. Attendance is as large as could be reasonably expected at the beginning and the interest manifested by those who attend is encouraging indeed. The weather is growing chilly for open tent meetings so Brethren Richards and Rees have now equipped the tent with stoves and a double wall, which enables them to make it very comfortable. They expect to defy the elements and continue their meetings throughout the beautiful Fall season to a successful finish. The prayers of all believers are solicited for the success of this effort and the establishing of the work in Laurel.

Another month has gone. Don't fail to send your report of Home Missionary

work for the month to this office or to the Missionary Secretary of the church where you hold membership. This is important.

The Harvest Ingathering time is here. We have a large supply of papers at the conference office and will be glad to supply you on request. Every isolated member should have a large part in this work. Write letters, mail papers, personally solicit from your neighbors, and see how wide publicity you can give our Foreign Mission work through the circulation of the Ingathering "Watchman," and how largely God will help you to assist it financially if you are faithful in doing your best in this great campaign. Write us for papers NOW.

We trust that all isolated members, as well as others, are planning to attend the camp-meeting at Takoma Park, September 13-23, or at least part of the time. These meetings will be an inspiration to you; they are arranged for your benefit as a member of this conference. You cannot afford to miss them. Such leaders as Elder S. N. Haskell, R. D. Quinn, and K. C. Russell are not always at hand and we want to profit by their assistance in these meetings as largely as we can. COME, and enjoy the greatest opportunity of the year for spiritual uplift, instruction, inspiration, and Christian fellowship. COME.

CHESAPEAKE

Big Week in Chesapeake

Poor Chesapeake, the only conference in the Union that only has one colporteur, made a desperate effort to make a showing for BIG WEEK. Our churches and magazine workers were appealed to with good results, for some came nobly to the front in their endeavor to have their part in this grand work.

Brother Weller, our only regular colporteur deserves credit, not only for his loyalty in the past, but for the GOOD work he did during BIG WEEK, taking orders for \$122.00 and delivering \$181.75 besides.

Sister M. J. Chapman, one of our faithful magazine workers, though past beyond her school days, helped wonderfully by swelling BIG WEEK sales to the amount of \$24.25, having single-handed sold 233 Magazines, a small book and took a yearly subscription for the WATCHMAN. I will say this sister sold 900 August magazines during the month.

Sister Barber has been working with the Present Truth Series and doing good work among and for, our soldier boys,

adding \$70.00 to BIG WEEK.

Sister J. I. Laurent, another one of our faithful magazine workers not only sold 300 Magazines, 37 small books and 2 Christ's Object Lessons, but rendered valuable help to the Wilmington No. 2 Church, by going out and training some of the sisters in the magazine work. This is much appreciated by the pastor of the church, and the Home Missionary Department.

Wilmington No. 2, though not having much experience along this line of work, have decided to sell magazines to raise money for their "Building Fund," and during BIG WEEK they sold 97 Life and Health. I wish to say, this church is beginning to grow along Home Missionary endeavors, and have already sold 195 Life and Health magazines and ordered 500 more.

Fords Store church, under the leadership of Sister Curlett, the Church Missionary Secretary, launched a WATCHMAN campaign during BIG WEEK, in the interest of their church debt, and not only added \$39.20 to BIG WEEK sales, but helped materially toward liquidating the church debt, to say nothing of the good that will result from the reading of the magazines.

Pondville Church; the church I like to speak of as "Our Little Mountain Church," though only few in number, were determined not to be left out of BIG WEEK, and by their efforts sold 20 World War. This church up in the hills of western Maryland, has set a good example in several things.

Baltimore No. 1 Church of course was not idle during BIG WEEK, (for they have not been idle in the past twelve months) and while they as a church do most of their work on Sundays, they report \$50.00 for just one day. Another church we should take for example. It might be well to note that Mrs. Barber and Miss Chapman belong to Baltimore No. 1.

I am sorry we did not hear from all our magazine workers and churches, for we have several that are doing GOOD work each week that I have not mentioned, because we did not receive a report from them, and do not know just what they did. I feel confident that Cambridge Church was not idle.

I have not room to relate the wonderful experiences some have had while out working for the Lord during BIG WEEK. We will mention one case which we are still praying will result in the salvation of a precious soul. One of our sisters offered a paper to a gentleman who refused it, but offered her the money. She said, "Sir, it is not your money I want. Unless you will take this good paper that has a message from the Lord for you, I will not accept the dime."

He was so impressed that he asked her the name of here religion, and for the address of the church, which he has since attended several times, including prayer-meeting, and seems very much impressed. One of the brethren is now holding Bible readings with him. Will the efforts of BIG WEEK be worth while if ONE SOUL IS SAVED IN THE KINGDOM?

I can hear some saying; "Why was not the Field Secretary out on the firing line?" He was, and the roads seemed unusually hot and dusty, especially when we climbed the mountain road. During BIG WEEK, I visited three churches in the interest of the Home Missionary work, selling \$48.50 worth of literature to our people. Also assisted a brother with his delivery and canvassing for four days.

My prayer is that BIG WEEK truly prove to be a BIG WEEK in the salvation of souls, as well as the sales of literature. M.S. PETTIBONE, *Field Mis. Sec'y.*

News Notes

The work in this field is moving along nicely. One new colporteur has been added to our ranks. This is Brother H.E. Donaldson of Wilmington, Del. Brother Weller is doing good work in Jefferson County, West Virginia.

If there are any others in the conference who feel impressed they should take up this line of work, please write to Brother M. S. Pettibone, Rock Hall, Md. Brother Pettibone is our Field Secretary, as well as our Home Missionary Secretary.

The Rock Hall Church is greatly rejoicing in the fact that they have entirely cancelled their church debt, and are singing the jubilee song of freedom from debt.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church is working hard to make another large payment on their church this fall.

The Wilmington No. 2 Church is busy with papers and magazines to secure \$300 by fall towards a church building.

A meeting of the conference committee was held August 28. Some very important matters were attended to. The College Fund was one of the points considered and our people are encouraged to contribute towards this fund. Our young people must be educated for the work, and we want to do what we can to help them.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign also received some consideration and it is

desired that every one in the conference shall do all they can on this splendid enterprise. The people of the world are liberal in their donations as has been proved again and again as our people have gone out with literature, and we see no reason why the various members of our conference should not unitedly raise our goal of \$2000 on this fund this fall.

Our tent efforts are still moving along well. It was voted by the committee that Elder Shadel return to Hagerstown to take up his work that he laid down last spring in order to go to Salisbury, and that Brother G. Medairy and family go to follow up the work there. Elder Shadel baptized three persons last Sabbath, and we are informed that there are a number of others very much interested who will be ready for baptism in a few weeks.

Elder Rodger's effort still continues with splendid interest and attendance.

Elder Booth moved his tent from Edmondson and Bentalou Streets to Washington and East 20th Streets. A splendid interest is being awakened in this new location, and excellent crowds are in attendance each night. Elder Booth has recently baptized thirteen and others are ready, and more will soon be ready for baptism.

Elder Stevens is doing good work in Wilmington, Del. He recently baptized five.

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the church in Wilmington.

Brother H. E. Wagner, our former stenographer, and who has been in Wilmington for the past few months, has returned to Baltimore and will go to Washington Missionary College this fall to prepare for the ministry. We are expecting to see our conference well represented this fall by young men and women at the college.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

West Penn. Conference

After our good camp-meeting, I returned to Erie and held quarterly meeting with the Erie Church. The attendance was large and the tithes and donations for the month of July were also large. Following that meeting I went to Greenfield, where an interest had to be bound off. While there I preached in the Greenfield Church. A baptismal service was also held and eight grown persons were bap-

tized in a beautiful mountain stream running through a large farm. From there I went to Russell, Pa., accompanied by my wife. An interest had been created there, and meetings were to be held in the U. B. Church in the vicinity of Russell, but they closed their doors against us, so we held a few meetings in Brother Adams' home; we then fitted up a large room in Mr. Young's home for church purposes. The room would not hold all the people, as the attendance was large, but God favored us with fine weather, so that some of the people could sit on the verandas and enjoy the meetings. While one church was closed to us, the U. B. Church in Russell opened its doors, and two meetings were held there, one being a union meeting, our brethren and sisters from several churches coming together at that place for Sabbath services on August 11. My wife assisted me in this effort by playing, singing and visiting. We had the privilege of baptizing ten persons at this place, eight of these being added to the North Warren Church.

ELDER W. F. SCHWARTZ.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Mrs. W. C. Moffett was operated on Sunday at the Washington Sanitarium. The latest report is that she is doing nicely.

Elder L. O. Gorden spent a few days at the Washington Sanitarium last week where he went for a physical examination. He is at present in very poor health.

Brother W. H. Jones spent a day at Yale, Virginia, where he was called to anoint Brother John Olenick who has been very ill.

The Richmond tent effort closed last Sunday night with a good attendance. There is a fine interest and we look for a number to step out in obedience to God's law.

The Shenandoah Valley Academy, which is looking for an overflow attendance this year, plans to open Wednesday, September 12. We understand that the Quarantine for Infantile Paralysis in that section of the state will soon be lifted.

The opening of the second tent effort at Newport News is reported as having an attendance of 400 and 300 the following night. Let us remember these different efforts that God's servants are putting

forth, and pray that God may richly bless their efforts.

Brother R. F. Farley is conducting a tent effort at Ford, Va.

The Richmond tent having gone to Ford, Elder Gordon plans to hold Sunday night meetings in a hall on Church Hill in Richmond.

Elder Moffett, who has just helped Elder Bidwell repitch his tent in another part of Winchester, reports an excellent interest, and that a good class of people are attending the meetings.

Sister Moffett is rapidly recovering from her operation, and expects to be home in ten days.

OHIO

Colporteur News Notes

Brother Ed. Searles of Bucyrus has again connected with the colporteur work and is having excellent success selling "World Crisis Series" in Crawford County, Brother Searles is handling them in sets of six in a box made up as follows: "World War," "Shadow of the Bottle," "Armageddon," "Other Side of Death," "Christian Sabbath," and "The Return of Jesus." We believe this is a splendid way to get the truth before the people who will not purchase the large subscription books. Are there not others who are wondering what they can do to help carry the message, that would like to handle the small books in this way? If so, I will be glad to correspond with same. C. R. Fairchild, Field Sec'y.

We are glad to report that some of our new believers are answering the call of God to give the message through the sale of our grand subscription books, and will soon be devoting all their time to it in the field. May God's people not forget to hold these new workers up before the throne of grace during the family worship hours, and also pray that God will send more workers into His vineyard.

Reports of 100 percent delivery are coming in from the field this week, and others almost as good.

Brother W. H. Smith will soon go to his new field, Jackson County, where Brother D. McCarthy will join him. Brother M. B. Ingersoll, who has been working in Huron and Erie Counties, will make Vinton County his place of labor. We wish them success.

Brethren Harvey and Pinnicks went

from the camp-meeting with renewed energy and zeal to finish Trumbull County, where the Lord has been giving them good success taking orders for "Bible Readings."

Special

Universal Training and Service

In the closing days of the great struggle between the forces of good and evil—a very definite call to arms is to be expected. This will be true on the part of both generals. Universal training—universal service is the word. Have you heard the command of our great leader: "Come into line." "Let the gospel ring through our churches summoning them to universal action." Vol. VII, page 14.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19. "The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vow are thereby to be co-workers with Christ." Desire of Ages, pages 322.

"The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God, filled with the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, perfected in sympathy with Christ, and therefore bending every energy, according to his entrusted ability, to the saving of souls. Christ requires that every one who would be called by His name, should make His work the first and highest consideration, and disinterestedly co-operate with heavenly intelligences in saving the perishing, for whom Christ has died." An Appeal, page 28.

This responsibility is so clearly stated that it needs no comment: "In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied, and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people." Education, page 269.

We feel very gratified indeed for what has been accomplished during the past few years in the direction of training and enlisting the laity, but we feel that very much more must be done, and that right early.

This call to universal service is a call

to consecration and this will lead to personal effective service.

"Consecrate yourselves wholly to the work of God. He is your strength, and He will be at your right hand, helping you to carry on His merciful designs. By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls." Vol. IX, page 41.

We must not stand idly by waiting for some great work. Take hold right where you are. Get acquainted with your neighbors. Strive to win them by your practical sympathy. Let no one underestimate the value of little things in the work of winning souls. We call upon you my brother, my sister, young or old to enter His service and become a real soul winner for God. F. W. PAAP.

Return of an Old Friend

Good Morning, Missionary Volunteers! Here I am again with my pack of Reading Course Books, and right glad I am to get here. "Have a hard trip," do you ask? Well, I should say I have. I thought at one time I should never be able to reach you on time, for the reason that those who made up my pack were so particular that it should please you that they would not let me be off. But, you may be sure, now that I am here, I bring you a very fine assortment of good things. Just sit down here by my side and take a look at my treasures.

Here is a bundle for you, ladies and gentlemen, of the Senior Reading Course, comprising:

Luther: The Leader	50
Good Form and Social Ethics	75
Life Sketches of Ellen G. White	1 00
Ventures Among the Arabs	1 00
Club Price, postpaid	\$2 75

This is Senior Course No. 11.

To be sure, you boys and girls were not forgotten. Just listen to this!

Martin of Mansfield	60
Fifty Missionary Heroes	1 00
Topsy-Turvy Land	65
Elo the Eagle	1 00
Club Price, postpaid	\$2 35

This is Junior Course No. 10.

And this year my pack is bigger than ever, for to it has been added a package for the wee tots,—Primary Course No. 1:

Uncle Ben's Cloverfield, Postpaid 75
 I also bring a bundle for my German friends.
 German Course No. 6:
 Life Sketches of Ellen G. White 1 00
 Luther Album 1 00
 The Dawn in China 50
 Club Price, postpaid \$2 35

And for my Swedish friends, Swedish Course No. 3:
 Uganda's White Worker 60
 Martin Luther 45
 (If both books are ordered at one time, they will be sent, postpaid, for \$1. Order from Broadview Swedish Seminary, R. F. D. 1, Box 30, La Grange, Ill.)
 Life Sketches 1 00
 Good Form 75

Possibly you will think that partiality has been shown to my Danish-Norwegian friends, for their package contains all that my first bundle contained, and one book more:

Peeps at Many Lands: Norway. (Price 60 cents, postpaid. Order from Pacific Press, Brookfield, Ill.)

This is the Danish-Norwegian Course No. 3.

I find many new faces watching for me this year, for old and young have heard of the good things I bring in my budget, and I am scheduled to make at least three thousand calls; so you will understand that I have no time to waste and must hasten on. Here are two little cards for you to fill out. Do so at once, please, and mail just as directed.

God bless you, dear Missionary Volunteers, and fit you for a larger service in His cause.

Ohio Tract Society, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Please send to the address given hereon _____ sets books comprising the _____ Missionary Volunteer Reading Course for 1917-18, for which I enclose _____ (draft or otherwise) to pay for the same.

[Name] _____
 [Street] _____
 [City & State] _____

Missionary Volunteer Secretary _____

[Address] _____

Please enroll my name as a member of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course to take Course No. _____ I will make an earnest effort to read the books prescribed.

[Name] _____
 Address] _____

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 31, 1917									
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	5	46	10	36 00	11 75	47 75	
T. H. Barritt, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	35		163 00		163 00	
Geo. Caine, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	21	11	38 50		38 50	
Wm. Frizzell, Montgomery Co.		BR	7	50	48	180 00		180 00	
W. Garrett, Lackawana		GC	8	56	22	83 00	6 75	89 75	7 00
J. L. Gerhart, Northampton Co.		BR	4	34	15	58 00	8 00	66 00	
E. E. Gloor, Dauphin Co.		BR	10	76	36	145 00	3 00	148 00	
W. P. Hess, York Co.		BR	5	43	16	64 00	5 75	69 75	5 75
F. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.		GC	4	22	10	39 00	2 00	41 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.			6	26		15 00		15 00	34 15
L. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	4	40	12	49 00	2 00	51 00	
W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co.		WC	4	32		27 00	1 00	28 00	1 25
C. E. Reichenbaugh, Schuylkil Co.		BR	5	35	24	107 00	1 50	108 50	
Totals	13 Agents		70	516	204	\$1004 50	\$41 75	\$1046 25	\$58 15

West Virginia, Week Ending September 1, 1917									
T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.		BR			33				126 00
C. G. Mays, Monroe Co.		BR	5		50				205 00
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	1	8	5	7 50	1 75	9 25	1 75
C. E. Wills, Elm Grove		PPF	4	32	4	10 00	9 85	19 85	19 50
Paul Johnson, Elking		CK	1	8		6 00	1 00	7 00	1 00
E. R. Corder, Beckley Co.		CK	5	40	45	90 00	10 00	100 00	75 00
Guy Corder, Beckly Co.		CK	5	42		101 50		101 50	105 00
Miscellaneous						394 30		394 30	394 30
Total	7 Agents		21	213	54	\$619 30	\$22 60	\$631 90	\$927 55

Ohio, Week Ending September 1, 1917									
Elsie Haughey, Miami Co.		BR	4	39	21	78 50	1 75	80 25	
Mary Holder, Miami Co.		BR	4	39	11	41 50	1 50	43 00	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.	W. C. Series		4	37	181	48 25		48 25	
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	4	32	20	77 00	1 50	78 50	
Martha Hottes, Dayton, Ohio		BF	4	31					69 00
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	8	35	2	7 00		7 00	196 50
Elsie Haughey, Seneca Co.		BR	4	19					278 00
G. W. Yingling, Warren		BR	3	16	2	8 00	1 50	9 50	89 00
Mrs. G. Yingling, Warren		BR	3	14	1	3 50		3 50	54 50
N. Oancea, Akron		Foreign	2	6		1 25		1 25	
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	1	10					147 25
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton Ohio.		BR	1	6	1	3 50		3 50	
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.		BR	1	1					10 50
Totals	13 Agents		43	339	240	\$267 50	\$6 25	\$273 75	\$845 25

Virginia, Week Ending August 31, 1916									
V. L. Hankins, Madison Co.		HM	3	25	27	68 25	5 75	74 00	
J. Revens, Louisa Co.		BR	4	36	7	25 50	3 00	28 50	
Malena Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		BFL	9	74	15	34 00	2 75	36 75	
Hilda Rockey, Franklin Co.		BFL	4	31	6	17 00	2 75	19 75	
Margaret Chambers, Franklin Co.		HM	3	18	2	5 00	1 75	6 75	
Glenna Mears, Shenandoah Co.		BR	4	29			3 00	3 00	1 00
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	4	28	4	14 00	5 25	19 25	
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond, Va.		Misc.	8	40	240	60 00		60 00	60 00
Totals	8 Agents		39	281	301	\$226 75	\$24 25	\$251 00	\$61 00

District of Columbia, Two Weeks Ending September 1, 1917									
Ralph Gauker, King George Co.		BR	6	58	6	23 00		23 00	108 00
F. T. Feutz, Fauquier		BR	7	57	4	12 50	10 00	22 50	5 50
C. A. Carter, Prince William		BR	5	46	29	106 50		106 50	
Total	3 Agents		18	161	39	\$142 00	\$10 00	\$152 00	\$113 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 1, 1917

Earl Hackman, Crawford Co.	BR	5	40	7	26 50	7 90	34 90	
C. Kelly, Crawford Co.	BR	3	16	6	23 00	3 00	26 00	
S. G. Graff, Beaver Co.	BR	3	21	3	10 50	2 00	12 50	
J. D. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	1	8	2	7 00		7 00	8 20
J. A. Heaton, Huntington Co.	PPF		16	6	16 00	6 00	22 00	
Miscellaneous					25 00		25 00	
Totals	5 Agents	12	110	24	\$98 00	\$18 90	\$126 40	8 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 1, 1917

O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.	BR	1	12					84 00
H. E. Donaldson, New Castle	BR	10	45	24	88 50	15 75	104 25	6 00
Totals	2 Agents	11	57	24	\$88 50	\$15 75	\$104 25	\$90 00

Virginia, Week Ending August 24, 1917

E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.	BR	55	55	62	260 00	55 25	295 25	29 00
S. N. Wilmer, Madison Co.	BR	3	76	19	68 50		68 50	
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	22	5	19 50	8 00	27 50	
J. Revens, Louisa Co.	BR	3	25	4	14 00	4 00	18 00	
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.	BR	2	8					10 50
Glenna Mears, Shenandoah Co.	BR	4	24	3	10 50	4 25	14 75	
Carrie Sims, Irma Gerhart, Frederick	BR	20	156	39	142 50	4 50	147 00	428 40
Mrs. A. Walker, Nottoway Co.	BR	1	3					6 00
Totals	10 Agents	92	369	132	\$515 00	\$56 00	\$571 00	\$474 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, August 24, 1917

Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	38	10	39 00	7 00	46 00	1 75
C. Booth, Franklin Co.	BR	8	75	10	37 00	50	37 00	224 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh Co.	BR	9	85	26	84 00	8 50	92 50	
Eugene Gloor, Dauphin Co.	BR	9	75	12	56 00	3 00	59 00	553 00
Arthur Hill, Berks Co.	BR	10	73	7	26 50	25 75	52 25	
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.	BR	2	19					186 00
Miss H. Leach, Berks Co.	BR	4		10	41 00	13 75	54 75	3 75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	10	81		70 65		70 65	79 55
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	2	19	9	34 50		34 50	
Totals	9 Agents	59	465	84	\$388 65	\$58 50	\$446 65	\$1048 80

West Virginia, Week Ending August 25, 1917

T. M. Butler, Alderson Co.	BR	4	35	16	64 00	3 00	67 00	3 00
C. G. Mays, Alderson Co.	BR	2	5					75
J. Paul Johnson, Elkins Co.	CK	3	20	10	21 00	1 00	22 00	1 00
John McHenry, Graham Co.	BF	2	26					264 00
W. A. McElpatrick,	COL	5	43	55	82 50	14 00	96 50	7 25
Totals	5 Agents	16	129	81	167 50	18 00	185 50	276 00

Grand Totals: 75 Agents Value of Orders \$3517 70 Deliveries, \$3788 95

District of Columbia, Month Ending August 31, 1917

J. I. Butcher, Northumberland	GC	12	117	69	247 50	1 50	249 00	115 50
O. Westerhoff, Stafford	BR	6	48					110 50
E. T. Feutz, Fauquier	BR	19	150	18	60 00	30 85	90 85	207 10
D. Atchison, Fauquier	BR	5	43	4	14 00		14 00	55 00
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	9	81	33	120 00	1 00	121 50	120 00
Ralph H. Gauker, King George	BR	6	58	6	23 00		23 00	108 00
Mrs. Suder, Washington	WC					17 50	17 50	17 50
Miscellaneous					22 50		22 50	22 50
Totals	7 Agents	57	497	130	\$487 50	\$50 85	\$538 35	\$756 10

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Alma Kibler	25 00
Hattie V. Purce	5 00
Augusta Iliff	2 60
Miscellaneous	26 00
Total	\$58 60

Wedding Bells

Mr. J. Norman Kimble of New York and Miss M. Alice Miller were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, September 5. A very simple, but beautiful wedding was held in the academy chapel, Elder E. K. Slade performing the ceremony. The entire church was invited and refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Kimble will make their home in Washington, D.C., where he will assist in the Science and Mathematics department in Washington Missionary College, and we wish them heaven's blessings.

Field Notes

In thirteen months the dear Lord has permitted me to baptize and take into the church 146 souls for whom He gave His precious life, 76 of these were in the city of Denver, Colorado, 35 in Dayton, Ohio, and 35 in Hamilton, Ohio.

Following the close of the camp-meeting in Denver, Colorado, June 1916, we pitched our tent and opened services just about the fourth of July, the company consisting of Henry DeFluter, chorister, Brother Albiem Wearner and wife who cared for the tent, Miss Lowe and Miss Dunkin, Bible workers, while D. E. Robinson and the writer were the speakers. At the opening of the school year Elder Robinson was called to take up work in Campion Academy and Brother and Sister Wearner returned to the school to resume their studies.

Feeling that the time had come to strike a more decisive blow, we rented the city Auditorium and with Brother Burgan as press agent, added to our small staff of workers, we launched out to take the city and God gave us 76 souls with many interested at the close of eight months' work.

Our faces were next turned toward Dayton, Ohio, where with two Bible workers, Miss Gibson and Miss Meck, Elder Marietta, business manager and L. C. Metcalf chorister, we opened services in the Memorial Hall, Sunday night April 1. The Lord gave us 35 souls with many other interested ones. Elder Marietta and Miss Meck followed up this interest, while Brother Metcalf, Miss Gibson and the writer opened a series of meetings in the tent at Hamilton, Ohio, Sunday night, June 17. Brother C. O. Metcalf and wife cared for the tent and assisted in the music. At the close of 8 weeks we had harvested 35 souls for the kingdom, with 15 others keeping the Sabbath and scores of others interested.

Having been called to the Presidency of the West Virginia Conference, it seemed necessary to leave Hamilton, but Miss Gibson is following up the interest there in house to house work.

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We are now located in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and as we take up the responsibilities of the work in this needy field, we earnestly solicit the prayers of those who read this report. We feel to praise God for the blessings of the past, for the glory is all His. We are glad for a little part in His vineyard and consecrate ourselves anew for the finishing of the work which He has given us to do.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

OBITUARIES

MARGRAF.—Elizabeth, quietly fell asleep in the Lord on August 10. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 12, 1857. At the age of fifteen years she gave her heart to the Lord and united with the Presbyterian Church. The message of our Lord's return and the commandments of God came to her and on March 4, 1916 she united with the church of this city. Her faithful life left its imprint upon all who were associated with her. One sister and one brother remain to mourn. She fell asleep in hope of our Lord's soon return and having a part in the first resurrection. J. H. BEHRENS.

BAKER.—Eliba J. Baker, aged 8 years 10 months and 2 days died at the home of his parents 42 Second Ave., Paterson, N. J., July 21 after 16 weeks illness. He was a good boy, a pupil in our church school, from which he will be missed. His mother is a member of the Paterson Church, also both of his grandmothers have been members for years. Words of comfort were spoken to the sorrowing parents and friends from Zechariah 8:5 and other scriptures by the writer; after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairlawn cemetery to await the call of the life giver at the resurrection morning.

R. H. MARTIN.

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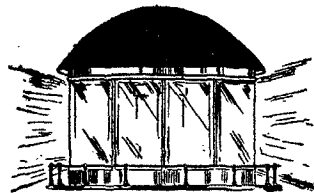
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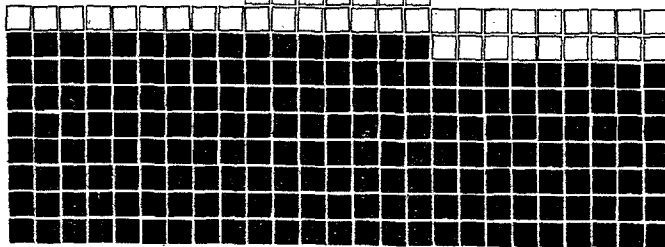
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