

Harvest Ingathering Special Week Oct. 14-20

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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U N I O N

*Ask not to be excused,
There's earnest work to do.*

One Entire Week for God!

One week for souls, for the finishing work, for heaven! Is that too much? The nations have already given three years of their time, billions of their means, their strength, and their lives by the millions, as a sacrifice for the crumbling kingdoms of this world.

Take an inventory of your many blessings and of the sacrifice you are making for "An inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you," (I Peter 1: 4.) that kingdom which the God of heaven shall set up and which shall never be destroyed. Daniel 2: 44, 45. Compare the sacrifice you are making for God to save souls, with the appalling sacrifice the world is

"That all the Union Conference Laborers devote the entire week to soliciting, and in assisting the churches to reach their goal:

"We recommend that the laborers of the local conferences also make this week Special Campaign Week, and with the officers and members of the local churches spend the entire week in one united effort to reach our goal by October 14-20." "Let all the people say, 'Amen.'"

The Union Prepares for a Pull All Together

The reports from the different conferences of the Columbia Union indicate that God has greatly blessed the work within this territory. We have seen many victories, brethren, but now we must get ready to win this fall the greatest victory we have yet won.

Plans are being laid everywhere throughout the Union for our brethren to all

they put the automobile on its feet, and soon have it ready to start on its journey.

There are some tasks too big to be accomplished by any one person, but when all join together, and pull heartily at the same time, and at the same thing, the greatest of tasks can be accomplished. We ask our brethren especially to note the endeavor by striking all at once in the great Harvest Ingathering Week October 14-20. One brother said to me the other day, "At last I have learned a lesson. When I first started this Harvest Ingathering work, I went in for small amounts, and I got them. Now I have learned to ask people for big amounts, and I have found they will pay out big money just as well as little."

Year before last the Columbia Union collected in its Harvest Ingathering Work, \$8,000. Last fall, 1916, we organized the best we had ever been organized up to that date, and we started late. Someone prophesied we would not get much over the year before, possibly \$9,000. We act-

One Week of Special Devotion and Activity for God

making to destroy lives, then ask the Lord if it would be too great a sacrifice for you to give ONE ENTIRE WEEK—of the fifty-two—for the salvation of the souls of your friends, neighbors, and those in heathen lands.

The members of the Union Conference Committee recently passed the following resolutions:

"With an earnest desire to regulate the Harvest Ingathering Campaign that it may not interfere with other regular lines of evangelistic and missionary effort:

"VOTED, that the third week of October, beginning the 14th be made Special Campaign Week and that special efforts be made to reach the Union Goal of \$25,000 within that week:

start together on the signal for the great Harvest Ingathering Week, October 14-20. It will be the union of strengths for the accomplishment of a greater task. Do you see that big auto overturned in the ditch? A company of men comes along. One man says, "I am strong enough alone to turn that machine upright on its feet." So he goes to the over-turned vehicle and tugs, and tugs, and tugs with all his strength until he finally throws himself exhausted on the bank. Another man comes along and says he can do it. He also goes to the bank exhausted. A third man tries it with the same result. Finally the boss says, "Come, boys. Come, John; come, Harry. Altogether now, get ready, start at the word." With perfect ease

ually did get \$19,000. This year, 1917, we are organized better than we have ever been; there is a good spirit everywhere; God is stirring up the minds of all to work, and we are starting early. Brethren, how much shall we obtain from the good people of the world to hasten on the glorious Third Angel's Message? Shall we not all together say, \$25,000? I believe we can do it.

Pay careful attention to what is said in your church concerning the work of this week, concerning the leaflets, cards, etc., as equipment, concerning the date, and the early plans now being laid for all to start at once. With the blessing of God upon us, we are certain we shall hear ringing testimonies after the Special Har-

Every Member Working Every Day Oct. 14-20

vest Ingathering Week is over, saying, "What hath God wrought?"

B. G. WILKINSON.

Every One Will Vote

We can make the week beginning October 14 a very special blessing to ourselves and others if we will set ourselves about it. I realize that all can not devote their full time during this week to the Ingathering work, but many can, and others can make a special effort to give as much time as possible.

Let not the "high cost" of living scare us, for with good crops, good prices, and money, plenty in country and city, conditions are favorable for a bounteous Ingathering. With the earnest solicitation for the Red Cross and other needs occasioned by the slaughter of mankind, people are educated to give as well as to sacrifice, hence if approached in the proper way and spirit, these same people will give liberally to help to save life.

This is a time in which to do a great work for God. People are impressed with the seriousness of these times. With this awakening of the people at home, and the awakening in the heathen lands abroad, great opportunities are ours.

We learn of other bodies recalling their missionaries, but Seventh-day Adventists are not discussing the recalling of the consecrated men and women sent out, but are planning upon "lengthening the cords" and sending additional workers in response to the command, "Go ye into all the world," and the invitation, "Come."

Think of what we individually did a year ago. Can we do better? What is our attitude to missions? Shall we vote—**Do Nothing**

We favor discontinuing all missionary operations.

Do Less

We vote recalling some missionaries, and a retrenchment of the work already begun.

Do the Same

We favor "holding the fort," but discourage any aggressive work.

Do Little Better

We vote not to send more workers, but continue the support of those in the field, and care for only a portion of their providential openings.

Do All Possible

We vote on God's ticket, become God's instrument to be used by Him in helping secure the money to support the ever increasing and developing work in foreign lands.

Three texts to remember in casting our vote:

Romans 9:28, "He will finish the work."

Romans 6:13, "Yield yourselves unto God and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

1 Corinthians 4:12, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

R. T. DOWSETT.

Do You Know?

That our first Harvest Ingathering Effort was made in 1908, and that almost a half-million dollars has been gathered in during the past nine campaigns?

1908	-	-	\$14,136 77
1909	-	-	41,183 46
1910	-	-	41,643 92
1911	-	-	32,654 45
1912	-	-	50,164 45
1913	-	-	56,282 99
1914	-	-	57,598 73
1915	-	-	78,333 25
1916	-	-	126,000 00

That because of the half-million dollars gathered in during the campaigns of the past, mission operations have been greatly extended, and as a result a multitude of souls in foreign lands have been brought into a saving knowledge of the truth, and that many souls in the Columbia Union and throughout the North American Division have been saved as a result of the work done in past campaigns?

That the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is an educational campaign? That it serves to acquaint your friends and neighbors—high and low, rich and poor, with our world-wide work? That it is one of the most effective means we have of breaking down prejudice?

That war conditions are no hindrance to the success of this work? After being in the war for more than two years, the Canadian Conferences last year were the first to raise their quota of Harvest Ingathering Funds. They also raised the largest amount per capita.

That the Harvest Ingathering Campaign primarily is a soul-saving campaign? Therefore, let all take part in this work with prayer and a real burden for souls.

That farmers are easy to approach and that they are most liberal? District the country territory carefully, and let those who have autos take the members out into the country and make a thorough canvass. You will be surprised at the results.

The result of the 1916 campaign in the Columbia Union Conference is as follows:

Conference	Amount Rec.	Per Capita
Chesapeake	\$1,807 95	2 49
Dis't. of Col.	2,174 12	2 32
East Penna.	2,370 92	1 78
New Jersey	3,034 02	2 80

Ohio	5,011 94	2 17
Virginia	923 29	1 45
West Penna.	2,488 74	2 53
West Virginia	911 38	3 09
	\$18,722 37	† \$2 33

†Average per capita

J. W. HIRLINGER.

OHIO

Another Opportunity for a Grand Work

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has established itself as one of the most effective means of hastening the closing work and its importance becomes more apparent year by year. It has been a means of quickening the spiritual pulse of thousands who have gone to their neighbors and friends in the interest of the cause that we love. It has placed before millions an opportunity to become acquainted with the progress of the Third Angel's Message. It has gathered in hundreds of thousands of dollars to support our work and workers in the foreign lands. It calls to every believer in Ohio to do his part toward making the 1917 campaign far exceed the effort of any preceding year.

Last year we began late, but through thorough organization and earnest effort we used 40,000 papers and raised \$5200, whereas we gathered in but \$1400 the preceding year. Do you not think we can go far beyond that this year? Some have thought we might set a goal of \$10,000 for this year. The more conservative among us feel that the goal would better be placed at \$8,000. I believe that we can raise that amount for missions in Ohio this year from the public and I purpose to join you in the task. What do you say? One church raised a thousand dollars last year, and another much smaller church raised five hundred dollars. These churches will doubtless do much more this year, and there is no reason why several other churches can not come up to them.

I do hope for a stronger work to be done in our country churches. Let the villages and country districts be so districted that every church and company may report splendid returns at the close of the campaign. Why should any be excused? Children have been very successful in this work. The aged, the feeble, and the crippled have accomplished good results. The business men and the professional classes have done and can do their part. Shall we not have our entire forces engaged in this work this year with all plans well perfected for a united effort? Every confer-

OUR UNION GOAL \$25,000

ence worker is planning to devote a whole week to the Ingathering Campaign to aid in reaching and passing the goal if possible.

Through the home missionary department we shall aid just as far as possible in planning, organizing, and furnishing supplies. The week beginning Oct. 14, is set as Special Campaign week. That is the time for a united and definite effort, but there are those who can devote only evenings and Sundays to the work. For such and any others the work can continue even to the end of the year if necessary, but let us aim to do this work early, for the holiday season is not nearly so good a time. Let every church order a good supply of papers early in harmony with plans that will be submitted to you soon.

My prayer is that a great blessing may come to the cause in Ohio, as we faithfully discharge our duty in this important campaign.

E. K. SLADE.

More Urgent Pleas

Harvest Ingathering time has come again and with it come more urgent pleas for help than we have ever known before. There is a great stir among the nations of the East that have been asleep for so long. Everywhere doors that were once closed are wide open. The world is ready and waiting for the Gospel. The great need of funds to carry on our ever growing work, should be a plea strong enough to set all of us to working as we have never worked before. We should each deem it a privilege to go to our friends and ask them to help us during the campaign this year.

Last year the results of the Harvest Ingathering work in Ohio were excellent. Our people all over the state responded nobly to the work of securing funds for mission work. We are glad that the young people could have a share in this work too.

This year larger plans have been made and it is hoped that this will be Ohio's banner year. The state has been divided into districts, each having a leader who is anxious and ready to help wherever and whenever he is needed. No efforts have been spared to make the work a success, and there is no doubt but that the goal will be reached if we each one do our part.

We trust that every young person in the state will plan to spend a good part of the week, beginning October 14, in the Harvest Ingathering work and that it will truly be "One Week for God."

GOLDIE HIXON.

NEW JERSEY

Harvest Ingathering

The expression 'Harvest Ingathering' is coming to be a patent one with Seventh-day Adventists, and with the blessing of the Lord upon this, it has indeed come to be a harvest for foreign missions and a seed-sowing to the homeland, in that it informs the world of the great work that is being done in this old earth by the Seventh-day Adventists.

In this conference there has been a steady growth in the amount of funds raised by our people, and last year we raised \$3034.00, which was above our share of the \$25,000 Union Conference goal.

We all rejoiced in the good work that was done by those who went out with the Harvest Ingathering paper. There were a greater number of our people engaged in this campaign last year than ever before; and so far it has been reported that several have accepted the truth as a result of reading the Harvest Ingathering paper.

And still the good work goes on. We believe the interest that is manifested in this state, to a great degree, could be credited to the work done by the twenty-five thousand Harvest Ingathering papers that were put out last year.

The campaign last year lasted for three months, and when the first of January came, we could not stop our people working, a goodly number of them continued to work.

This year, while the work is to be pushed during this time, yet there has been set aside one week, beginning October 14, when not only the laborers and lay members of this conference, but of all the Union, will unite; and when we stop to think that all over this vast Union, with its millions and millions of people, there will be hundreds of thousands of these good papers distributed in one week, it appeals to me that it will be a great inspiration and that, because of this united effort, a great blessing will come upon God's people.

I am sure that you, my brethren in New Jersey, will take hold of this in earnest, and as the laborers who have been appointed over the different churches come to your field to help you, you will take hold with a will, and that just as far as possible all other duties will be laid aside during this time, and that you bring not only courage to the heart of the worker who is helping you, but rejoice in the home and foreign field as a result of work you do.

Remember the week—October 14-20.

Pray that God will help you to become prepared for the greatest effort of your life at that time.

I would say to the foreign brethren in this field that you can get the Harvest Ingathering magazines in the following languages: French, German, Italian, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Russian, Bohemian and Hungarian. This being true, we can reach nearly all the people of this state.

The other thing I wish to mention is the success that came by working with the magazines on Sunday. Not only can your work be done among the foreigners, but with the Americans. I presume that half or two-thirds of the money raised on the first day of the week, following the Bible injunction "to go out and get the funds for the extension of the work of God and lay it by you." May the Lord prosper you so that you may be able to get a good large sum to turn in!

I pray that success may attend you in all your efforts.

A. R. SANDBORN.

VIRGINIA

Waiting for Us

"A few weeks ago a fine looking man called at our mission station at Yeng Cheng in Honan Province, China. Brother O. J. Gibson, a graduate of Mount Vernon College, received him and tells his story. The man was a Jew by nationality, but a Mohammedan by birth, educated in Cairo. Thirty years ago, as he was leaving Egypt, someone presented him with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, with the result that the man accepted Christ. He has read the book through seventy-nine times, but evidently failed to find the text that calls for the observance of the first day of the week, as he is a careful observer of the seventh day Sabbath, keeping it from sunset to sunset."

Migrating to the province of Kansu in the far northwest of China, the man has raised up a church of two hundred adult Sabbath keeping Christians with a regular Sabbath attendance of four hundred.

For many years they have been praying that God would bring them in touch with the true church which follows the Bible. While returning from a trip to Singapore, this man purchased from a lady colporteur a copy of the Chinese "Signs of the Times," and to his joy saw that its teachings agreed with the Bible. Hence the trip to Yeng Cheng, with the result that he has requested us to send

\$25,000 FOR MISSIONS

missionaries to them, and he plans to attend the Yeng Cheng school this winter, although he is sixty-one years of age.

After passing our farthest out-post, he will have to travel thirty-five days to reach his home in far off Kansu—a province containing close to eleven million Mohammedans, the hardest of all people to reach.

Here is a providential opening. A people waiting and praying for us to come. How many such openings there are God only knows. To fail to do our full part as individuals or as a conference means to keep somebody waiting, means that souls will be lost while we are indifferent, burying our talents in earthly affairs.

An unknown Chinese lady colporteur, possibly illiterate, selling a copy of the "Signs" was the means of reaching these people. Her first knowledge of it may be when she meets that company from Kansu on the way to the New Jerusalem. If she had contented herself with the daily routine of home work, spent her spare time in tatting or tattling, and felt that she simply couldn't sell papers, this story would not be written.

How many waiting souls in the homeland at our very door—how many perishing souls in the regions beyond may be saved, if each of us will throw ourselves whole-heartedly into this Ingathering campaign.

Brother, sister, God calls upon you to do your part. Your own soul's salvation is at stake, for "There are many that are first that shall be last, and last that shall be first."

W. C. MOFFETT.

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Organized

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has come with us to stay. It has become a part of the great plan to send the Gospel of the Kingdom in all the world in this generation. The King's business demands haste. Messengers must be sent quickly to the streets and lanes of the cities.

This campaign opens up an avenue for every believer in this message to have a part. Not only will the cause be benefited financially, but the blessing that will come to the worker as he comes in personal contact with the people, and those who will be helped by his personal touch, can not be estimated.

There is nothing like concerted action when we have a work to do. The Lord said to Jehoshaphat, "Tomorrow, go out against them; for the Lord will be with you." And He promises to make us perfect in every good work to do His will,—

"An allotted task given with thorough competency to perform."

October 14 has been decided upon for the Campaign Week. The District of Columbia Conference is already organized, and we expect to marshal our forces on the day appointed, and continue the work until our goal is reached.

R. E. HARTER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

A Marvelous Work

"Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder." Isa. 29:14.

When our first periodical was published in 1849, few realized its far-reaching results. Today every nation, kindred, tongue, and people is becoming acquainted with Jesus through our literature.

The marvelous work mentioned in the above text is now going forward. God is baring His arm in the sight of the nations. During the past two years of the World War 32000 souls came into the truth in Europe and Asia. This is as many as were converted in the forty-nine years.

Many of these conversions were due to the fact that \$126,000 were raised in this country for mission work. Much more would have been accomplished, had more money been available.

1917 should be our greatest year in the Ingathering Work. The need is greater, time about ended, and Ethiopia and the Orient stretching forth their hands; while the great God of the universe is tending the hearts of His children in all lands.

Not only are we helping to finish the message in foreign fields, but every individual who receives a copy of the Ingathering Watchman had his attention called to the truth and has an opportunity to read of the marvelous work that God is doing in the earth.

E. A. MANRY.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

East Pennsylvania's Goal

To my mind one of the greatest blessings that can come to God's people at this time is the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. It brings sunshine into the soul, and makes one feel happy in the Lord. The people of God are not to wait for their friends and neighbors to come to them, but they are to go to the people

hunting as a shepherd hunts for lost sheep.

This pleasant work of the Harvest Ingathering affords a splendid opportunity for our dear people to become acquainted with their neighbors, take the message of the hour to their homes, and in addition receive donations for the hastening of the gospel in the foreign fields.

East Pennsylvania is to be organized into an army for God, and every conference worker and member is willing to do his or her part, and it is hoped that the conference goal of \$5,000 will be reached during the special campaign week.

I am glad to state that the West Philadelphia Church have set as their goal \$1,000, and all other churches are setting goals which they hope to attain with God's help.

We in this conference are looking forward to this campaign, and are determined to make it the best we have ever had, and as a result bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth, finally to be saved in the kingdom of God.

T. H. BARRITT.

Home Missionary Secretary.

CHESAPEAKE

Result of Work in Chesapeake Conference

With reference to the method suggested by our Columbia Union Missionary Secretary for work with the Harvest Ingathering Watchman, which plan suggests that each local conference organize its churches with a leader for aggressive work for one week in October, I wish to say to our various churches in Chesapeake Conference, that the same meets the hearty approval of my committee, and we suggest that as far as possible this be carried out under the supervision and direction of the missionary secretary of the Chesapeake Conference.

Centralized work, with hearty co-operation on the part of all, has always made its mark with satisfying results. While we in Chesapeake have been making gains each year with what is known as "The Harvest Ingathering Papers," we are being moved by a determination to be more active this year than ever, believing as we do, that we are nearing the end of the race for eternal life, it behooves each one to put forth greater efforts than heretofore, that we each may have a part with our heavenly Father in the finishing of the work.

Who knows but this may be the last campaign of the kind that we may have the opportunity to labor for means to

\$25,000 IN ONE WEEK--LIFT!

carry the saving Gospel to those in foreign as well as home lands?

Chesapeake Conference has placed its goal at \$2,000 this year, and our faith in the brethren and the Lord, leads us to believe we will not only reach it, but go beyond the goal. The Lord has worked wonders for the Chesapeake Conference the past twelve months. Our membership has increased over 140, the tithe has constantly increased, some of the debts are vanishing, others decreasing, mission offerings much above those of previous years. Our prayer is, that while some of the churches have already sung the doxology, we may all soon join in singing the Jubilee.

J. O. MILLER.

A Voice From Chesapeake

We have again come up to the time of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign; a campaign in which every member of the church can have the PRIVILEGE of acting a part. Is it not a blessed privilege to be able to have a part in this grand harvest? the harvest of souls as well as the wealth of the Gentiles. This is truly a three-fold blessed work; bringing a blessing to the one at home who receives this special Ingathering number, a blessing to the heathen in the distant lands, because of the dollars that YOU gather in; and a blessing to you because of the rich experiences that will be yours, as you labor together with God.

We are taking this means to appeal earnestly to you to make October 14-20, a week of Special endeavor. Will not each officer and member plan to this end centering all your energies on this week, and do all you can to enlist every one for active service during Special Week? While the Harvest Ingathering Campaign will not officially end until December 31, yet why not plan to reach our goal in the special time.

There are great possibilities, when we all center our forces at one time, and it is an incentive to know that every conference in the Union is straining every nerve to accomplish this result, of reaching their goal in ONE WEEK.

Those who had a part in past campaigns need not be urged. They know the blessed experiences that were theirs, but it is to those who have missed this blessing that I appeal: Come and join the Lord's Army, marching forth to VICTORY.

Let every one pray and work, and work and pray, until our goal of \$2,000 is reached.

M. S. PETTIBONE.

"Every youth and every child has a work to do for the honor of God and for the uplifting of humanity."

Special

A Special, Special, Special!

The last three months of 1917 are the three months devoted to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The month of October is the SPECIAL month of the three months, and the third week of October is the SPECIAL WEEK of the present campaign. In all modern warfare the united "big drive" is the stroke that counts. The word to pass along to the front now is, "get ready for the big drive."

If all the missionary volunteers would, this year, make as earnest an effort as the best of them did in 1916, and if the best ones of last year would outdo the past as far as the times are more strenuous than before, then the good campaign papers would be placed in the hands of the people, the money would be sent on to missions, and the missionary volunteers would more than reach their financial goal for 1917.

Our missionary volunteers are becoming a real factor in the Harvest Ingathering as well as in many other lines of missionary activity, and I wish to appeal to you to go out every day of this Special Campaign Week. This is the time to bravely shoulder your part of the responsibility. While there is a great need of funds to push the mission enterprises, and while the people greatly need the good literature this will place in their hands, yet the greatest need is the need of the soul refreshing, auto-inspiring reflex-illuminating work which will call us to the mercy seat and to the soul hunger of the world.

When the boy or girl returns from a day of this sort of seed sowing, his tongue is made free to give his experiences, his face is aglow with a new light, and his heart is warm with the thought of having done something for "one of the least of them." Angels are waiting to co-operate and surely the demand of this hour is that Volunteers shall volunteer.

C. L. STONE.

Attempt Greater Things for God

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." The spreading of this gospel by every means available, to hasten the coming kingdom is the great burden and joy of every true Seventh-day Adventist.

Our great Harvest Ingathering problem is, What plans for organization and effort will produce, with the blessing of God, the greatest returns for the support of this all-important work.

Last year our new plan of goal setting and districting territory had much to do with the establishing of our great precedent, \$126,000 for missions, when the goal set was only \$100,000. In the light of recent accomplishments in other lines, we feel that results far beyond what we have dared hope are possible with more thorough organization.

It has been suggested that we make a superhuman effort, enlisting abundant aid from the Divine, to raise our 1917 goal of \$25,000 in a mighty ONE-WEEK DRIVE, leaving the balance of the year to bring what it may by a continued steady effort.

By having a definite time set, we believe postponements can be largely avoided, and in case any are unable to work their territory, it can be assigned to others who are in position to care for it within the allotted time.

There is often a tendency to feel that nothing more can be done when our territory is worked. We believe that definite plans can be employed which will overcome such an idea. If the territory can be covered systematically during the one week, our members may then feel free to enter any territory and canvass friends, associates, and business acquaintances, often securing good contributions whether the original solicitor secured anything or not. We know of cases where individuals have been canvassed as many as four or five times, contributing something each time.

Last year the writer wrote six letters to relatives and friends, securing in return \$14.50. We believe this is one capable of producing infinite results if it can be systematically planned and encouraged.

From these and similar instances we are convinced that we are falling far short of the possibilities of our great Ingathering work. Shall we not go forward, "Attempting GREATER things for God, and expecting GREATER things of Him" than we have even dared dream in the past?

R. C. TAYLOR.

Concentration of Effort

There are greater results to be accomplished in concentration of effort in our work than we have ever dreamed. Uncle Sam sets his stakes to raise \$2,000,000,000 in a specified time; and when the last day of the period is reached, his fund is over-subscribed, by many millions. A colporteur starts out to make, with the blessing of the Lord, the greatest record ever made in the publishing work. The result,—the phenomenal report of eighty hours' service and \$859 worth of orders in a single week. A small church of

\$25,000 IS THE GOAL

twenty-five members sets its goal at 1,000 "World War" placed in the homes of the people *in one week*,—result, 1,145 copies sold, amounting to \$318.

Why should we scatter our efforts in the Harvest Ingathering when most of us can do our bit in one week's time? To be sure, there will be some who will not get through in a week, and there will be others who will not be able to go out during the Special Week, but the majority of us can plan to go the same week, thus getting this important work out of the way, enabling us to take up other duties awaiting our attention.

It is the consensus of opinion that our colporteurs will find it to their advantage to do their work on Sundays, as this plan will not interfere with their regular work. Sunday is a splendid day to work in most localities. We believe in this "Special Week" idea in the campaign, and expect to see the greatest amount of funds gathered for God during this week that has ever been collected in the same period of time in any Harvest Ingathering effort in our Union.

C. V. LEACH.

A Neglected Warning

Years ago the servant of God sent messages to us, warning us, that what we failed then to do in a time of peace and favorable surroundings, we would have to do under most forbidding circumstances. For years many of our people have been contented to sit idly by and make little use of the favorable opportunities within reach to give this message to a lost and perishing world. Today Satan is bidding for human souls and he is buying them very cheap—thousands of lives are being sacrificed daily, many are going into Christless graves. And now it is coming close to our homes and many of our young men are being called from us. Have we been faithful? if not perhaps our own sons will have to go with them in order that they may have an opportunity of hearing the message, and can you imagine the forbidding circumstances under which they will then labor? How much easier it would have been to have visited them when they were in our neighborhood. This privilege is still ours, however, and an excellent opportunity is afforded us during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Let us not delay any longer, but determine that we will visit every home in our neighborhood while we have the privilege, taking with us a copy of the Harvest Ingathering Watchman. This work is of threefold value, it will help those in heathen darkness, and in eternity we shall receive a reward, for "He that soweth righteousness shall reap a sure re-

ward." Let us no longer delay, but heed the long neglected warning, and let every person in our ranks take an active part in this Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and hasten the coming of our King who will put an end to all strife. W. H. JONES.

My Opinion of the Harvest Ingathering Movement

In behalf of the young people of New Jersey, I will say we do not wish to be behind in developing any gift, and the people of New Jersey will take firm hold of this movement and help bring it to a triumphant close. I believe that this is an inspired work, and we shall cheerfully assist in thus disseminating the words of truth, at the same time bringing a golden harvest into the Lord's storehouse.

This is a work in which every individual may have a part and the fields to be worked surely need these individuals.

When the time for work is left indefinite very many lose their incentive, and by procrastinating, fail to have accomplished anything when the time is past. It is the only opportunity some have of doing practical missionary work, and every member should experience the joy of having accomplished some good.

The plans for this year's campaign seem the most efficient and systematic that have yet been laid. The field is made accessible to all. It is a cause demanding the earnest co-operation of every live Seventh-day Adventist. We are happy in supporting it.

L. D. WARREN.

"Be Diligent in Your Efforts"

"In following any plan that may be set in operation for carrying to others a knowledge of present truth, and of the marvelous providences connected with the advancing cause, let us first consecrate ourselves fully to Him whose name we wish to exalt. Let us pray earnestly in behalf of those whom we expect to visit, by living faith bringing them, one by one, into the presence of God.

"To all who are about to take up special missionary work with the paper prepared for use in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, I would say: Be diligent in your efforts; live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Add daily to your Christian experience. Let those who have aptitude work for unbelievers in the high places as well as in the low places of life. Search diligently for perishing souls. O think of the yearning desire Christ has to bring to His fold again those who have gone astray!

"Watch for souls as they that must give an account. In your church and neighborhood missionary work, let your light shine forth in such clear, steady rays that no man can stand up in the judgment, and say, 'Why did you not tell me about this truth? Why did not you care for my soul?'" MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The Home-Foreign Field--and Its Opportunities

Special Harvest Ingathering magazines are being issued this year in the following languages: French, German, Italian, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Bohemian, Roumanian, Russian, and Hungarian.

The foreign population in the Columbia Union Conference territory is 7,000,000. There are 1,806,267 in Pennsylvania; 1,024,393 in Ohio; 777,797 in New Jersey; 191,838 in Maryland; 57,638 in West Virginia; 45,000 in the District of Columbia; 37,943 in Virginia, and 25,873 in Delaware. Here is a ripe, fertile field for Harvest Ingathering and regular missionary endeavor.

The Lord has brought these needy souls to our shores, yea, to our very doors, that we may teach them the Third Angel's Message; and He bids us, "Go ye therefore and teach all (these) nations . . . to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19,20. It is being demonstrated by those working among these foreign people, that they are easy to approach and that they respond more freely and liberally than do the English speaking people. They are always grateful to know that their English friends remember them and that they have a tract, paper, magazine, or book for them in their own language. Often they will give many times what is asked, when they are told that it is for missions and to help their own people in the old country. In soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering work, if they should ask how much they should give, say, "A dollar, five dollars, anything you choose to give." Do not be afraid to ask for large amounts.

Sunday is the very best day to solicit from foreigners. The men usually receive their pay on Saturday, and one is apt to find them home on Sunday. It would be well if the members in the Columbia Union would set apart each Sunday to reach and teach them the truths for these last days. Come close to these people and study them and their needs. Visit them regularly, get acquainted with them, love them, and win them to Christ. Learn to salute them in their own language, and learn as many simple sentences as possible. Carry on an educational campaign among these people and when they return

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Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending September 7, 1917									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	68					330 00
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	44	8	29 00		29 00	124 50
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		BR	2	18					230 00
Harry Wright, Nelson Co.		BR	10	40	27	95 00		95 00	526 00
H. G. Leland, Tazwell Co.		BR	6	20	15	65 00	4 25	69 25	501 00
D. W. Percy, Giles Co.		BR	8	90	56	141 00	1 75	142 75	221 50
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	72	50	202 00	10 25	212 25	170 00
Carrie Sims, Frederick Co.		BR	7	56	14	52 00	1 50	53 50	
Glenna Mears, Shenandoah Co.		BR	4	29	4	14 00	2 00	16 00	3 50
Totals	9 Agents			52 437 174		\$598 00	\$19 75	617 75	2106 50

Ohio, Week Ending September 7, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	10	90	1	3 50	9 75	13 25	60 00
Mary Holder, Miami Co.		BR	4	42	21	78 50	11 50	90 00	
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton Ohio.		BR	5	35	13	47 50	7 75	55 25	23 50
Clara Weber, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	34	9	34 50	3 60	38 10	41 85
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	27	6	22 00	8 50	30 50	26 65
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co. W. C. Series		BR	3	26	133	34 75		34 75	3 00
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	2	24					212 25
Mabel Cassell, Fulton Co.		BR	14	72	2	7 00	75	7 75	115 00
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	3	24	8	28 00	3 25	31 25	338 25
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	2	20					56 00
J. D. Fellabaum, Findlay Co.		BR	2	20					75 75
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	2	18	5	18 50	3 00	21 50	2 50
F. E. Wagner, Barberton Foreign				6	18	31 25		31 25	31 25
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.		BR	2	15	2	7 00		7 00	169 25
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana		BR	2	14	3	10 50	7 75	18 25	2 00
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	2	10	1	3 50		3 50	15 00
Totals	16 Agents			66 484 71		\$327 50	\$54 85	\$382 35	1172 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 7, 1917									
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	35	16	65 00	2 00	67 00	2 00
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland		WW	5	55	250		62 50	62 50	62 50
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland		WW	5	50	200		50 00	50 00	50 00
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin		SP	5	39	24	26 25	4 50	30 75	4 50
Margaret Schmidt, Pittsburgh		Mag.		71			254 50	254 50	254 50
G. W. James, Westmoreland		WW		27	119		29 75	29 75	29 75
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SP,SD	5	47	19	29 50	24 40	53 90	63 30
H. Scharnweber, Erie		HM	3	20	7	13 50	2 50	16 00	1 50
Totals	7 Agents			27 344		\$134 25	\$430 15	\$564 40	468 35

District of Columbia, Week Ending September 7, 1917									
J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland		GC	4	43					345 00

MAGAZINES

J. M. Harris								10 00	
Grand Totals: 33 Agents	Value of Orders	\$1059 75	Deliveries,	\$4092 10					

Results of Organized Effort In India

In India previous to 1916 the work of the Harvest Ingathering was but lightly attempted. At best from \$100 to \$150 being collected in each year. In 1916 an organized effort was made, the papers arriving enough to make possible work in the Hill Station as well as the plains and cities. In consequence \$1,000 were collected, all the papers were used, and the church members enthused with the knowledge of the possibilities of the campaign. For 1917 double the number of papers have been ordered for use, and definite organization for work perfected.

In one division the work in 1916 was practically completed in a fortnight; and with better organization, even this will doubtless be improved upon this year.

S. E. WELLMAN.

Experiences

Backslider Converted

"The Lord has enabled me to collect \$312 already this year, and I expect to receive more. I praise His name for the blessings received."

"Brother Lee placed a paper with a man who proved to be a backsliding Adventist. The man took the paper to his room, read a part of it, and became so deeply impressed that he had to bow before the Lord in repentance. A short time afterward he came to the writer and requested baptism. We had a long talk and study. The next morning he was baptized and is now rejoicing anew in the truth. Thus we see some immediate fruit of the Harvest Ingathering work."

A Patient

"An elderly sister, who was recently at the Hastings Sanitarium for treatment for rheumatic ailments, reports having collected \$35.30 on fifty Harvest Ingathering papers. She wrote: 'I have been over the town. I am weary and don't think I shall solicit any more.' However, a few days later we received \$2.00 more from her, making \$37.30 in all."

Foreigners

"We should not pass the Japanese and Chinese by in the Ingathering work, for they will help if the matter is presented to them. I have had good success with these people."

Among Farmers and Small Towns

"Sister Butts has sent in her third \$100 for missions, secured through the Ingathering this year, and says if any one has reason to be happy and thankful, she is the one." Sister Butts lives in the country.

to their native lands, they will teach the truth to their friends and neighbors who are now sitting in darkness. Meet them with kindness and you will find them courteous.

Each church should ascertain how many foreigners there are in the city or country

where the church is located, and then order as many of the different foreign Harvest Ingathering Specials as can be used to advantage. J. W. HIRLINGER.

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth."

"We Will All Work Together" and Raise \$25,000

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Finds Truth Seekers

"Sister _____, of Albany, writes: 'If you have a few more Harvest Ingathering papers, I should like fifty of them. I reached my goal, which was \$110, before December 1. I now have \$128. I enjoy the work more this year and love to meet the people. I have four who want me to give them Bible studies. I am going to try to do it with the help of the Lord. Pray for me.' The Harvest Ingathering helps to find those who are searching for truth."

Busy Mother Uses Mail

"I am a busy housewife with several small children, so my work in this line is quite circumscribed, but I always take a few Harvest Ingathering papers each fall and mail to friends, asking their aid in this work, and in this way receive several donations. Among the ones from whom I have solicited is a life-long acquaintance, a man of means who believes the truth but makes no profession. My sister and I have sent him papers and invitations to help for three successive years. The first year we received two hundred dollars, which was far beyond what we expected, although we had made the matter a subject of earnest prayer before extending this friend an invitation to help. Last year he sent us three hundred dollars, and this year we have just received four hundred dollars for Harvest Ingathering and an extra hundred dollars to be used in our own church."

An Isolated Member

"One of our ministers visited one isolated member, at whose home a meeting was held, which was well attended. This sister has nearly reached her fifty dollar

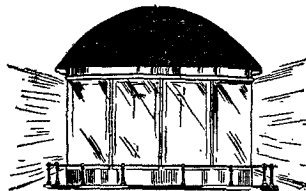
Harvest Ingathering goal, and says she will reach it and more."

Camp-Meeting Dates

Virginia:—Richmond (Colored) September 20-30.

"Will the World Cry, 'Mad?'"

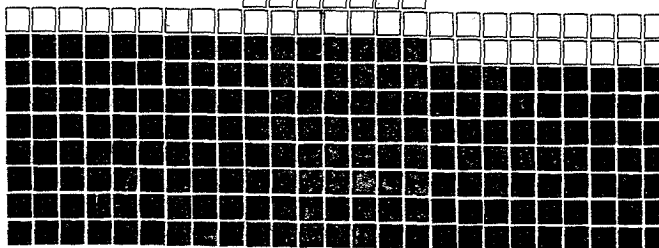
I would be mad—such madness be my joy!
For thrice it blesses: First my own cold heart;
Then glorifies my God; and plucks, perchance,
My sin-stained brother from the jaws of death."



"For a light of the Nations and for salvation to the ends of the earth."

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